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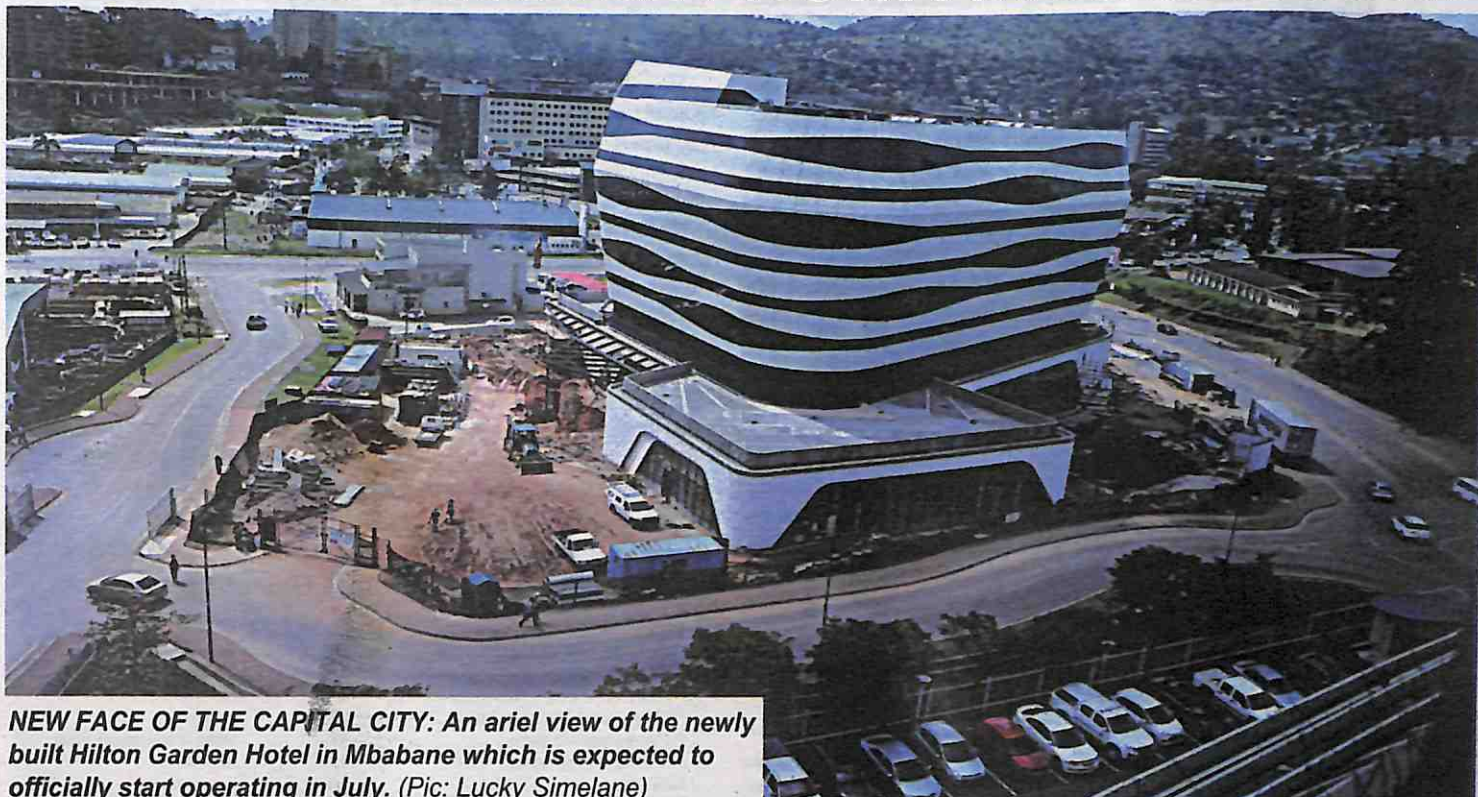
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MPs TO CHARGE PM WITH CONTEMPT

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Lobamba

MEMBERS of Parliament (MPs) want to charge Prime Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini with contempt of Parliament.

The legislators wanted to move this yesterday through a motion (Motion 02/2018) that seeks to force the premier to show why he should not be charged with contempt of Parliament. The motion was supposed to be moved by Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini.

According to the motion, the prime minister was supposed to show cause within seven days after passing of the motion why he should not be charged. The prime minister, in the motion, was accused of infringing on the Privileges and Immunities of Parliament as enshrined under Section 130 (1) and (2) of the Constitution Act of 2005, read together with Sections 3 and 9 of the Parliament Privileges Act of 1967.

The prime minister, according to the



TO BE CHARGED: Prime Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini.

motion, attacked an MP, through a letter dated February 5, 2018. This was after he threatened the very same MP on a matter debated in the House of Assembly on December 11, 2017. However, the motion could not be moved yesterday because the prime minister was not present in Parliament.

It is expected to be moved today.

The matter at hand dates back to December last year when MPs were debating about a statement said to be have been made by the prime minister at Sigwe in the Shiselweni region. The prime minister was reported to have stated that the new elderly people should register to get their elderly grant payments. He allegedly further told them not to listen to those whose agenda was to cause confusion.

During the debate in December, many MPs expressed their disgruntlement over what was allegedly said by the PM. They said his message incited people not to listen to them as MPs, as representatives of the people. The MPs further said it was difficult to campaign.

The Nkwene MP said the PM's actions showed that he wanted to usurp powers of the arms of government. He said he wanted people to listen to him, not MPs. He also submitted that the PM did the same thing back in 2002 when he issued what was known as the November 28 statement.

Some MPs feel sabotaged by the Bill

THERE is a feeling among other MPs that Cabinet is using this Bill to make sure that some do not win elections this year.

This was said by Zombodze Emuva MP Titus Thwala yesterday, after learning that his inkhundla was not included in the first phase of the probase project.

Thwala suspected that a third force could have been involved in deciding on the tinkhundla that were supposed to benefit from Phase One of the project.

He called upon the MPs to appoint a select committee to find out on the criteria used to benefit certain tinkhundla from the first phase of the project.

He further submitted that it was known that the ministry of public works and transport had made their own list of tinkhundla to benefit, but Cabinet changed that.

This was done to ensure that certain MPs do not win elections to be held later this year. What was even worse for him was that his neighbouring tinkhundla, like Maseyisini

and Shiselweni I benefited from the first phase, while his was not even included in the second phase.

Thwala was seconded by Matsanjeni North MP Phila Buthelezi, whose inkhundla was also not among the beneficiaries.

He said the list of the beneficiaries of the project came from Cabinet. He even mentioned that the probase project was introduced to the country by the late Swaziland High Commissioner to Malaysia Zanele Mdluli, who hailed from Maphungwane, under Matsanjeni North. He also called for the committee to be appointed.

Mtfongwaneni MP Mjuluko Dlamini opposed the motion moved by Thwala. He said some tinkhundla had hospitals while others did not. No one complained when other development projects were implemented in other constituencies.

He called for his colleagues not to complain because they would also get their opportunities in the probase project. In the end, the loan Bill was passed.

Below are the places and Tinkhundla that are set to benefit from Phase One of the project

ROAD	DISTANCE (KM)	INKHUNDLA
D118 LaMgabhi-Gobhola	14.3	Hhukwini/Mbabane East
D11 Msumpe-Mashobeni	17.8	Ntfontini/Timphisini
FR KaNcesi-Mtjopane (Malandzela Clinic)	12.4	Nkhaba
FR Somnjalose-Mvutshini School	1.2	Lobamba
FR Mpolonjeni-Mbabane	7.5	Motshane/Mbabane West
D20 Buhleni-Herefords	3.9	Mayiwane
KaMchoza	2.1	Lobamba
D98 Ngwane Park-Sidvokodvo	21.8	Manzini
South/Mtfongwaneni/Nhlambeni		
D81 Torgyle Primary School-Mhlambanyatsi	15.5	Mhlambanyatsi
FR Sigombeni Primary School-Mndlangwe	15.2	Ludzeludze/Hhukwini
D10 Luve-St Florence High School	18	Mkhiweni/Maphalaleni
FR Mahlanya-Bethany	6.9	Lobamba Lomdzala
D8 Ntandozi-KaNdinda	10	Ntandozi
Sidvokodvo-Zamani Primary and High School	7.7	Mahlangatja
Mhlaleni-Ludzeludze	5.3	Kwaluseni/Ludzeludze
Ezulwini-Elangeni Primary School	6.7	Hhukwini
D44 Malindza-Dvokodvweni High School	9.2	Dvokodvweni
D90 Msuzaneni-Zindndweni Primary School	9.8	Matsanjeni
South/Somntongo		
D57B Ngwane College-MR11 (Nhlango-Lavumisa junction, via AMITOFO orphanage)	10	Maseyisini
D48 Masiphula-Mkhwakweni	4.7	Shiselweni I
	Total 200km	Tinkhundla affected = 26

This was not well received by MPs from these tinkhundla, who called for the Bill to be changed so that

their tinkhundla could also be included. Unfortunately, they were not successful.

MPs approve E1.2Bn probase loan Bill

MEMBERS of Parliament approved a USD 100 million (around E1.2 billion) loan Bill that will enable gravel roads to be paved.

The Bill, through which government will borrow the E1.2 billion, is known as the Probase Swaziland (Upgrading of Unpaved Roads) Loan Bill No. 18 of 2017. The project will only cover 200km of the country's unpaved roads and will take about three years to be finished.

This would be done using the chemical soil stabilisers, commonly known as probase. It will cost E5 million per kilometre, as opposed to tar, which costs up to E40 million per kilometre.

Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo, when motivating MPs to pass

the Bill, stated that the project would be done in five phases. The first phase, which was supposed to be carried out during the 2017/2018 financial year, would cover the 200 kilometres, with the second phase (2018/2019) covering 415 kilometres.

The third phase (2019/2020) would cover 400 kilometres, while the fourth phase (2020/2021) would cover 485 kilometres.

The fifth phase (2021/2022) would cover 500 kilometres, making up a total of 2 000 kilometres.

Khumalo mentioned that the E1.2 billion was passed for the implementation of the first phase only. Loan Bills for the following phases would be tabled in Parliament in due course.

He further stated that the first phase

would be done in a space of three years, but this did not mean the other phases would be done after the first phase was finished.

He promised that even before the end of this year, MPs would be calling for a loan Bill to be tabled so that the second phase could be carried out, mainly because the first phase had already run out of time.

He mentioned that some constituencies were not included in Phase One of the project. The constituencies would be included in the other phases of the project. Constituencies like Nkwene, Matsanjeni North, and Zombodze Emuva have not been included in the first phase.

What was even worse for Zombodze Emuva was its exclusion even on phase two of the project. This means the people of this inkhundla could start breathing a sigh of relief in 2020, if not 2021.

Exactly how our City Council sees things



MESSAGE SENT: Even though the No Parking sign was wrongly printed, it still carried the message outside the Miller's Mansion building. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Masimula wins, to stay with his fed up uncle

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

THE Masimula circus over arguments on where murder suspect Themba Masimula should be kept pending his trial at the High Court is over.

This was yesterday noted by High Court Judge Sipho Nkosi after the murder suspect's lawyer Noncedo Ndlangamandla withdrew an application she had filed over the debacle on where Masimula should stay after his uncle indicated that he wants to withdraw as surety.

Judge Nkosi stated that the circus has taken far too long and ordered that Masimula, who allegedly murdered his wife in cold blood, should go back and stay with his uncle.

However, Judge Nkosi advised his uncle that in the event he has serious problems with the suspect, he is at liberty to file an application and that the suspect might be eventually kept at Sidvashini Correctional facility pending trial.

A teacher by profession and also a Pastor, Masimula was admitted to bail by the High Court and confined to house arrest at his mother's place in Nhlango.

However, his mother raised concerns before court as she wanted out as surety after alleging that Masimula is threatening her and throws parties at her homestead.

Surety

After his mother's withdrawal as surety, his uncle Mveli Masimula offered to take over as surety and that he could stay with him at Nkomanzi in northern Hhohho.

However, his uncle appeared before Judge Nkosi about a month ago and raised fears for the worst as the murder suspect, who was placed under his care, is no longer predictable and his family is now living in fear of the unknown.

The old man who had offered to take care of the suspect told the court that he and his family cannot take it anymore as the suspect is now acting strangely and would at times escape and sneak out of

the homestead, a concern that was even raised by the Pigg's Peak police.

When Judge Nkosi pronounced that the matter would be postponed for the next two weeks, Masimula senior wondered from the court as to where would be Themba all these days.

However, Judge Nkosi ordered the police to keep a close eye on Masimula and monitor his every move and that he does not harm Masimula senior's family as he also noted that Masimula would have to be kept at the Matsapha Maximum facility since he is alleged to be now sneaking out, much against the conditions of the bail and house arrest.

He is charged with murder in that he allegedly killed his wife Funekile Mdluli while travelling in their family car before burning her lifeless body near Nkhaba along their way home.

Before he was released on bail and house arrest, Masimula expressed his desire to see his children whom he said he hadn't seen for a long time.

April 10 is deadline for donations towards 50/50 celebrations

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane



BRING THE DONATIONS: 50/50 celebrations Resource Mobilisation Committee led by chairperson Cleopas Dlamini has encouraged companies and individuals to bring the donations by next Tuesday. This was during a press conference held at PSPF boardroom yesterday. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

THE Resource Mobilisation Committee has given companies and individuals who want to make monetary donations towards the King's Birthday and 50 years of independence celebrations, which will take place in 15 days, until next Tuesday to make these donations.

Speaking during a media briefing, Chairperson of the committee Cleopas Dlamini encouraged all those who wanted to make these donations to do so in the next six days. He said this would in turn give the ministry of home affairs, which is putting the event together, time to pay suppliers and also follow through

on orders that had already been paid.

"We are pleased with the response we

have received from the public and we would like to encourage all those who

had indicated they would make monetary sponsors and further made pledges to kindly deposit the money into the Standard Bank account created specifically for this project. We kindly request that all these donations are made by April 10, that is the deadline for making monetary donations. We have set a deadline because this money will go mainly towards preparing for these celebrations, that is venue preparations, entertainment, amongst others and most of these things are delivered upon full payment, hence we need the money to be given to government so all these things are done," he said.

Dlamini said so far there were around 50 companies that had made pledges and also made the donations.

He said this was an impressive response

from the public and further urged more individuals and companies to also lend a helping hand. "We appreciate the response we have received from the public and further urge others to come forward," he said. Dlamini pointed out that individuals and companies that made the donations did this from the goodness of their hearts not because they had been coerced like some people purported.

Meanwhile, members of the public who would like to give His Majesty King Mswati III gifts for his birthday will get a chance on a date to be announced.

"We know that there are those who want to make specific contributions like birthday gifts to His Majesty; they will have a chance to hand the gifts to him on a date that will be announced. The date, however, will be after the celebrations and it will be communicated to the public," he said.

BUSINESSMAN KILLS HIMSELF AFTER SMASHING WIFE WITH A HAMMER

● The angry Mtfupha is said to have asked to be excused by everyone who was in the house on the day and asked to be left with his wife. He went for a hammer he used to smash his wife on the head several times until she was unconscious. With his wife lying unresponsive on the floor, Mtfupha panicked, assuming that she was dead and he drank the weevil tablets to end his life.

COVER STORY

By Observer Reporter
Mbabane

A 63-year-old businessman from Mpolonjeni, Mbabane tragically ended his life after brutally bashing his wife and leaving her for dead following cheating suspicions.

Ishmael Mtfupha, a former head teacher at Mayiwane High School, who owns shops at Mpolonjeni and his home area at Ka-Gasa, drank three weevil tablets and mixed them with another toxic substance suspected to be plant food after an argument with his wife Vuyisile Dlamini-Mtfupha that turned ugly.

The incident happened over the weekend. The argument is said to have been triggered by intimate WhatsApp messages found on Vuyisile's phone, something that did not go down well with Mtfupha.

Apparently, the former was cheaply giving her phone to her young son who went through the messages. A source

revealed that the messages didn't sit well with him and he confronted his mother about them with the hope that she will refrain from her unbecoming act.

"Upon realising that his mother was not giving up on her cheating ways, he informed his father about the messages and that was the beginning of trouble," said the source.

Mtfupha is said to have told his wife that he was selling the store they were co-owning at Mpolonjeni to return to his first wife who is at Ka-Gasa to avoid doing something that he would regret.

Vuyisile is said to have frowned on what her husband was suggesting and she put her foot down, something which fuelled the anger of her husband.

The angry Mtfupha is said to have asked to be excused by everyone who was in the house on the day and to be left with his wife.

He went for a hammer he used to smash his wife on the head several times until she was unconscious. With his wife lying unresponsive on the floor, Mtfupha panicked, assuming that she



TRAGIC: Ishmael Mtfupha who assaulted his wife before taking his own life.

was dead and he drank the weevil tablets to end his life.

The people whom Mtfupha asked to vacate the house witnessed through windows as the ordeal unfolded but there was little they could do as the doors were locked. Police and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were called and they attended to the scene only to find Mtfupha dead while his wife was still unconscious. She is currently admitted in hospital where she is recovering well.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (PICO) Khulani Mamba confirmed the matter.

Mob kills suspect dagga thief, dumps body in river

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

AS dagga wars rage on in the country, a man from KaGucuka identified as Mgobo Vilakati (33) was beaten to death allegedly by a mob that accused him of dagga theft.

Growing or trading in dagga remains illegal in the country.

The brutal incident is said to have happened on Tuesday night or in the early hours of yesterday since Vilakati's lifeless body was discovered by community members dumped next to Mbuluzi River yesterday morning. According to a community member of Gucuka, an area under Prince Malamba in the Northern Hhohho region, a mob believed to be composed of dagga growers attacked Vilakati who later succumbed to death owing to the serious injuries he suffered at the hands of his assailants.

"After realising that Vilakati had succumbed to death due to his injuries, the mob dumped his lifeless body at the banks of Mbuluzi River," alleged the community member.

He said Vilakati, with an unknown crew, came to a certain Dlamini family and demanded the dagga.

"The gang terrorised the Dlamini family and were able to take the dagga

which was stored in one of the houses," alleged the community member. It is said Vilakati was unlucky because the Dlamini members were able to identify him. "The mob then went to look for him and found him. They demanded their dagga, which he told them it was not with him but with the friends he was with," alleged the community member. According to the Dlamini family members, Vilakati confessed liaising with other friends and stealing the dagga. It is said Vilakati tried to flee but the mob proved vigilant and quicker and they caught up with him. "We assume he was tied up with a cable while allegedly being assaulted all over his body with sticks" said the source. A family member who preferred to speak on condition of anonymity told this publication that his family (Vilakati) also does not have details of what transpired. He only confirmed that he was found dead along the Mbuluzi River banks. "We are still shocked of what happened and are waiting for the police to give us feedback on what happened," he said, further adding that it is alleged he was beaten by a mob who accused him of stealing their dagga.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba confirmed the matter.

Peacemaker's lip bitten off by his neighbour

By Nondumiso Mkhonta
Mbabane

A peacemaker's Easter Monday turned sour when his lip was bit off whilst trying to intervene in a lovers' squabble.

A heated argument started around 9pm on Monday after the husband, who is employed at one of the popular companies in Matsapha, suspected that his wife was having an extra-marital affair with a local man.

In fear, the wife then fled in full sprint from her marital homestead heading towards the neighbour's (Elias Khumalo's) homestead.

The infuriated husband followed her with pliers (lidlavu) that he used to torture his wife.

Upon arriving at Khumalo's homestead, he continued to beat his wife with the pliers until she fell in front of Khumalo's house.

Khumalo reacted and attempted to take



LIP SERVICE: Elias Khumalo.

the pliers from the angry man, which is when he met his ordeal.

"I was lazing around the house when I heard a woman's voice screaming for

help.

I came out and found that my neighbour was repeatedly hitting his wife with pliers and after seeing that I couldn't speak any sense to him, I tried to take matters in my own hands and pulled him back, which is when he retaliated. I fell and then he jumped for me and bit off my lip," he said.

Khumalo says he managed to pick the bitten lip which was lying on the ground with the hope that doctors will be able to stitch it back.

The Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) rushed him to Mkhuzweni Health Centre where he was later transferred to the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital where he was advised to dispose the portion of the lip, as the doctor rendered it off no use. Khumalo is due for surgical operation today.

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

Khumalo's wife, Mumcy, also confirmed the case and that her husband was due for an operation.

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CONSORTIUM STARTS EFFECTING 100% FOR SOME STUDY LOAN BENEFICIARIES

Stories by Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

AS per the promise of the Scholarship Loans Recovery Consortium and the ministry of labour, beneficiaries of the government study loans programme who have failed to make study loan repayment arrangements have forfeited the 50 per cent cut-off.

They will now be expected to pay back a 100 per cent of the loan they received from government.

This follows an announcement made by the Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Thulani Mkhali, two weeks ago at a press conference that as of April 1, beneficiaries who have failed to make repayment arrangements with the consortium would forfeit the 50 per cent cut off.

Prior to Mkhali's announcement, the consortium in consultation with the ministry shifted the deadline in November 30, 2017 by two months to January 31, 2018, to give sufficient time for beneficiaries to come forward and make repayment arrangements before the full repayment is effected.

News of making the full repayment of government study loans were not well received in many quarters especially beneficiaries.

They said their study loan agreements did not have a clause which stipulated that they would be required to make full

...As of Tuesday, beneficiaries who were contacting us for the first time were made aware that they would be making repayment arrangements of the total award of their study loans. The consortium will not be taking any excuses from beneficiaries who purposely failed to respond to our call in the last couple of months



NEXT STEP: Project Manager of the study loan consortium Khanya Magagula.

repayments.

Project Manager of the Consortium Khanya Magagula confirmed that moving forward, beneficiaries who would be visiting the consortium would be repaying the full total study loan they received.

"As of Tuesday, beneficiaries who were contacting us for the first time were made aware that they would be making repayment arrangements of the

total award of their study loans. The Consortium will not be taking any excuses from beneficiaries who purposely failed to respond to our call in the last couple of months," he said.

Magagula said contrary to word on the street, that the consortium and government were bridging the study loan agreement by enforcing the full repayment, they were acting on an Act which supersedes the agreement.

"Everything that we are doing is governed by the Study Loan and Scholarship Agreement Order of 1977. It allows government to implement the full repayment in the event a beneficiary fails to adhere to some of its provisions that include reporting within three months after gaining employment," he said.

Magagula said though this would not be welcomed in some quarters, it will however come as good news to beneficiaries who took the call by the consortium seriously from last year March, when it (consortium) was launched.

He said some beneficiaries were already voicing out their dissatisfaction at the

A search for reluctant beneficiaries to ensue

PROJECT Manager of the Consortium Khanya Magagula said the Consortium is aware that now that the full repayment is being rolled out, fewer beneficiaries will come forward to make repayment arrangements.

As a result, the Consortium will embark on an exercise in search for beneficiaries who have failed to come forward.

"These beneficiaries will be served with letters of demand and they will be given a specific period to respond to the consortium. Beneficiaries who will fail to honour the contents of the letters of demand will be handed over to our attorneys for prosecution," he said.

He said the consortium will be working around the clock to have the identified beneficiaries start making the study loan repayments.

He said the consortium already has systems in place to enable the mammoth task of reaching beneficiaries who have been shying away from the consortium.

way the consortium was executing its work.

"Some beneficiaries have been complaining that while they did the honourable thing of coming forward when advised to do so, some

"If you are in employment in the country whether under the public sector, private sector or self-employed, we know where to find you. No one will run from the long arm of the law," he said.

Magagula added that some beneficiaries inquired about the study loans from the consortium but never completed the whole repayment process for various reasons.

He called upon them to finish off the repayment process before they are treated as beneficiaries who have never shown interest in making repayment arrangements.

"The consortium will handle each case differently and thoroughly investigate each delay to enable us ascertain if the beneficiary falls under the 50 per cent repayment or the full repayment. Beneficiaries who signed their consent and acknowledgement forms are urged to submit the documents to their employer for deductions, to avoid being amongst non-compliant beneficiaries," he said.

did not and no measures were taken against them.

"We can therefore not retreat from our word and make the compliant beneficiaries regret their good deed," he said.



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MBABANE

CONDOLENCES



The Municipal Council of Mbabane is saddened by the untimely passing on of the former Mbabane Mayor, **Vincent Sipho Mazibuko**.

The Councillors, Management and Staff of the Municipal Council of Mbabane would like to express their deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends during this time of loss.

There will be a memorial service on **Saturday the 7th of April 2018** at Mbukwane in Nhlanguano and thereafter there will be a short prayer service at **Dups Funeral Parlour (Manzini)** at **2:30 pm** before cremation.

Rest in Peace Mwelase

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Study loans team clarifies E1.8m payment

SVNet will sell the designed loan recovery system to the Ministry of Labour and Social Security for E1.6 million and E200 000 is for commission.

Offering clarity on the issue of E1.8 million that government is expected to pay the company Project Leader Khanya Magagula said the E1.8 million they would be receiving from government was for the system that they were assigned to design.

This system will help government track down students who benefited from the government scholarship loan programme and further recover funds in the near future.

Magagula stated that the system would cost government E1.8 million which would also be a once off payment.

"It is a once off payment that we will be receiving from government towards the system," he said. Magagula asked not to get into

detail on the payments they were expecting from government stating that it was between the two parties.

Magagula offered clarity on the matter after the Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini on Tuesday failed to tell Senators if this was a once off payment or one of many instalments.

The minister had this item on his Supplementary Portfolio schedule but failed to explain the type of payment. This didn't sit well with Senator Prince Kusa who had asked for clarity on the matter.

The senator who wanted to probe the matter further was stopped by the Senate President Ngom'uyayona Gamedze who said this question should be directed to the minister of labour in the form of a motion.

SVNet was contracted by the ministry of labour to recover scholarship loans from beneficiaries of the government scholarship programme.

Out with the old, in with the new...



COMPETITION: With reduced mobile phone rates, the public is slowly losing interest in using pay phones. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

NO COMPENSATION FOR INJURED GAWUZELA'S SON- SWAZI RAILWAY

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

EVEN though Gospel artist Mduduzi 'Gawuzela' Simelane's son Zweli Simelane has been involved in a train accident that has left him permanently disabled after he had one of his legs amputated, the Swaziland Railway line company will not be offering him any form of compensa-

tion.

This is because Swazi Railway does not have an instrument or a fund meant to cater for victims who are injured by trains while using the railway lines.

Information

This is according to information shared by Swaziland Railway's Corporate Communications Specialist Sive Manana yesterday.

Manana said the Railway Act does

not allow Swazi Railway to offer any form of compensation to victims of train accidents.

Manana said it was known that the money used for such processes by MVA comes from fuel levy tax.

Train

Simelane's son was run over by a train on Monday at Phuzamoya.

It is still not known what he was doing on the rail line at night.



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INYANGA ARRESTED FOR RAPING PATIENT (16)

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A man claiming to be a traditional healer has been arrested for raping a minor (16) who was his patient.

Sibusiso Dlamini* from Ndzingeni is alleged to have raped the minor at his homestead after promising to "cleanse" her of bad luck in order to secure employment. This was said to prepare the young girl in time for when she completes her high school education in the year 2020.

The arrest happened last Wednesday but due to the fact that the case is still being investigated by police, this publication has been asked to withhold the perpetrator's identity for now.

Speaking to this publication after the arrest, the affected family from Ndzingeni admitted to have contacted the traditional healer to come to their homestead to treat the whole family spiritually.

"Dlamini, who is a close family friend, has been coming to treat our family spiritually since 2017. At first our healer would sleep at our homestead in a room we prepared for him and this would happen about twice a week.

Then as time went on the traditional healer said all the children at the homestead had spiritual problems and they will not get employment once they had completed their education

Frightened

This frightened us adults as we have four children, two are in high school, these being a girl and boy while the other two minors are still in primary school," he said.

The source added that the traditional healer said since their money was not enough he would treat the children for free and that they must go to his homestead and spend some time with him.

"Due to the fact that we trusted him, we then allowed the two older children to visit the healer's homestead. After four

weeks our children started sleeping at the traditional healer's home and about three weeks ago the girl said she was sexually abused by the traditional healer on three different occasions.

"After hearing this, we as a family, went to the Pigg's Peak police who first investigated the case and then later made the arrest," added the source.

Meanwhile, a policeman at the Pigg's Peak Police Station said Dlamini was suspected to have raped three other minors in the area sometime ago.

"Dlamini is being investigated for three different rape encounters including the aforementioned rape. We are trying to compile as much evidence as possible to make this case concrete before the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court," he said.

Meanwhile, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the arrest of Dlamini.

(*Not real name of the alleged rapist)

Mbabane Government Maternity ward woes continue

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

CONTRARY to what Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane said, the Mbabane Government Hospital maternity ward renovations have still not begun.

The minister had initially said renovations would take place immediately and would only take a week before the situation was restored to normal. However, that was three weeks ago and construction has not commenced yet.

Having taken over two years from 2014 while undergoing renovations, the ward had to be closed and patients, precisely pregnant women, were transferred to other hospitals like Raleigh Fitkin Memorial and Good Shepherd among other hospitals after floods damaged the ceiling and left it flooded over a fortnight ago.

However, sources revealed that construction had not begun at the ward and that pregnant women were still being transferred to other hospitals.



CONFIRMED: Ministry of Health Director Dr Vusi Magagula.

The Hospital's Administrator Cebile Dlamini said they have engaged stakeholders who helped renovate the ward in 2014 and they are the European Union, World Bank and the HIV/AIDS programme who are currently working on an assessment plan.

"Minor renovations which needed no contractors were done on the ward last week but contractors to look into the damage

are yet to be taken into service," she said.

Dlamini added that they expect an influx at the maternity ward in other hospitals as it has been previously reported.

Preferred

"Mbabane Government Hospital is a preferred health facility by patients from across the country and even though we don't have the statistics but we do expect other hospitals to have an influx especially at the maternity ward," she said.

Ministry of Health Director Dr Vusi Magagula confirmed that they indeed engage the stakeholders as the ward had a warranty upon its renovation. "We are yet to discuss the matter further and we will inform the public on the way forward," he said briefly.

Minister Ndlela could not be drawn for comment on the matter as her phone rang unanswered when contacted yesterday.

The closure of the maternity in September 2014 was to make way for renovations whose purpose was to create a bigger and more upgraded facility.

Emergencies referred to Ward 6

EXPECTANT women who are at the stage of urgent emergency at the Mbabane Government Hospital are referred to Ward 6.

This was revealed by the Hospital Administrator Cebile Dlamini, who also pleaded with the public to bear with them and go to other health centres around the country

for maternity purposes.

"Pregnant women at the hospital are only admitted in cases of emergencies but we still urge the public to consider going to other hospitals for the purposes of maternity as our ward remains closed," she said.

Patients are referred to hospitals like Raleigh Fitkin

Memorial, the Good Shepherd Hospital, Mankayane and Pigg's Peak Government Hospital among others. All the above health facilities complained of influx in their respective maternity wards which is partially due to the closure of the maternity ward at Mbabane Government Hospital.

Two women busted with E344 000 worth of dagga

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

TWO women of Maguga in the Northern Hhohho have been arrested on separate incidents with dagga worth E344 070 while in Maguga area.

The two women, aged 64 and 39, respectively were arrested on Tuesday morning at about 06:00 hours by Mliba police.

"The women were arrested and charged for being found in possession of dagga without a licence or permit on separate incidents," said Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba.

On the first incident, a 64-year-old woman of Maguga was found in possession of dagga weighing 278.35 kg with a street value of E167 010 without a licence or permit while at Maguga.

"During the police operation,



a 39-year-old man of the same area was also found in possession of dagga weighing 295.1 kg with a street value of E 177 060 without a licence or permit while at Maguga area," said Mamba.

He said the women appeared before the Magistrate's Court yesterday, where they were expected to answer for their charges.

Meanwhile, Mamba said last Friday, another young woman of Matsamo in the Northern

Hhohho was arrested after police found her in possession of dagga worth over E250 000.

The 23-year-old woman of Matsamo was arrested at around 7am while at her home in Mibhindzi. She was found with bags of dagga weighing 316.81 kg with a street value of E253 452 without a licence while at Mibhindzi.

The Pigg's Peak police team found bags of dagga in the woman's home while doing home raids.



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CLOSING DATE: 16th April 2018

63 000 PEOPLE TREATED FOR DIABETES IN SD

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

STATISTICS have revealed that over 63 000 people are treated for diabetes in Swaziland annually.

This was revealed by Executive Director of Diabetes Swaziland Dumsile Mavuso during a Regional Vusela function held at the University of Swaziland, Kwaluseni Campus yesterday.

The executive director revealed that failure to test for diabetes has resulted in a very high number of people with diabetes not being treated while on the other hand, some have died due to ignorance about the condition.

Mavuso said the exercise held yesterday was the third lap of such exercise aimed at sensitising all corners of Swaziland about diabetes in order to curb unnecessary deaths and worsened conditions such as amputation of limbs.

She added that in addition to information about the condition, Diabetes Swaziland wanted to educate and promote testing deeper community levels and homes.

"There has also been the misleading belief that diabetes attack only the elderly people of which such notion is not true, that is why we want to sensitise, inform and educate," said Mavuso.

The gathering was treated to testimonies by some people who are also members of Diabetes Swaziland. Mavuso, who is also the founder of the organisation, said many people had died without diabetes being diagnosed in their bodies yet it was the cause.

She further added that many more would die unless dissemination of information about diabetes is embarked on speedily. She said some of the people who have died due to diabetes were mistaken for those whom some would say were bewitched by evil spirits.

During the event, those who attended were informed that people with diabetes can live longer only if they have tested, continue testing and eating in a correct manner, the right food.

Mavuso advised that proper eating includes avoiding eating lump sums of each food category, such as reduced starch, reduced carbohydrates and always

inclusion of vegetables in meals. She revealed that currently, her organisation was working towards establishing a diabetes centre and diabetes rehabilitation clinic in the country in order to reach out to all.

Mavuso, who was also once diagnosed with diabetes, told her story to the gathering saying after discovering that she had diabetes, she made sure that those close to her were tested too. In a bid to sensitise the nation on diabetes Mavuso said she ended up forming a diabetes organisation.

Among those who gave their testimonies was a young woman from Manzini who is also a member of the organisation.

The young woman informed the gathering that she experienced stigmatisation and marginalisation at school due to her diabetic condition.

She said one of her school mates committed suicide due to being marginalised and stigmatised, adding that it was necessary for the organisation to spread its wings into schools, colleges and universities.

Suspended UNISWA students' enquiry begins

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

THE enquiry into the strike action that saw 25 students suspended at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) has commenced.

The 25 students were suspended by the institution for allegedly violating the institution's regulations for students' discipline.

The students were suspended when the institution reopened its two other campuses Luyengo and Kwaluseni which had been closed indefinitely following a class boycott.

Information gathered from well-placed sources was that the students had started appearing before the enquiry.

Registrar of the institution Dr Salebona Simelane was quoted saying the case was not clear cut and the list of 25 was inconclusive.

He said they would be sure after the enquiry if it was indeed the 25 that needed to be charged or more students would be revealed.

The boycott in the two campuses saw students vandalise property and even after a passionate plea by the Vice Chancellor Professor Cisco Magagula that students return to class, they continued with their action.



UNCERTAIN: UNISWA Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane

On the very day, Senate ordered that students return to class by 2pm or the university will be forced to suspend classes.

Only Mbabane Campus students took heed of this directive as they returned to class before the 2pm deadline, hence they were the only campus that remained opened while the other two had their classes suspended for two weeks.

Swaziland National Union of Students (SNUS) has blasted the institution for the manner it handled the suspensions, noting that it was in a very weird fashion, unheard of in disciplinary procedures and absolutely contrary to law of nature.

Late Prince Gabheni dragged into Asian's citizenship mess

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

YET another Asian has been dragged into the citizenship mess as he was arrested for allegedly forging the King's signature in the khonta documents in order to allegedly attain citizenship.

Patel Sajid Abbas of Indian origin has filed an urgent application at the High Court, where he wants to be admitted to bail pending his trial.

According to a citizenship certificate annexed to his bail application, the name of then Minister for Home Affairs, the late Prince Gabheni, appears in the document.

His arrest follows that of an official from the ministry who was arrested in connection with giving Asians such documents.

Abbas has been charged with five counts comprising fraud, uttering, forgery, contravening the Immigration act and contravening the Citizenship Act.

In his bail application, he submitted that he is not guilty of the offences and will plead not guilty during trial.

Through his lawyer Linda Dlamini, Abbas submitted that his documents were confiscated by the police during his arrest.

The urgent bail application was yesterday before Judge Titus Mlangeni.

Abbas of Liqaga flats is alleged to have misrepresented to the Citizenship Board's Paul Mphostoli Shabangu that a khonta certificate was authentic, knowing very well that it was formed amongst the charges.

A number of Asians were rounded up by the police last year in connection with such offences before officers at the immigration department were last month arrested.



DRAGGED: The late Prince Gabheni.

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'FINANCE BILL TO ENHANCE GOVT REVENUE'

By Mbono Mdluli
Lobamba

THE Finance Bill of 2018 tabled in Parliament will help government to finance the current E21.6 billion budget.

This was said by Minister of Finance Martin Gobizandla Dlamini when he addressed MPs in the House of Assembly during budget debates.

Dlamini said this in response to a question posed by MP Jomo Mfanawemakhosi Dlamini. "In line with His Majesty the King's Speech from the Throne, can the ministry safely say that the E21.6 billion 2018/2019 budget will be fully financed?" MP Jomo asked.

In response, the minister said government kept the current budget at minimum levels by considering the most critical expenditure items in order to ensure that it was realistic and largely financeable. "This will be further enhanced by



IMPROVE: Minister of Finance Martin Gobizandla Dlamini.

the passing of the Finance Bill, which seeks to supplement government's revenue," Minister Martin said.

The minister further stated that over and above

the revenue measures proposed through the Finance Bill of 2018 presented together with budget estimates, there were some measures put by government to reduce the country's over-reliance on the Southern African Customs Unions (SACU).

Currently, the country is relying on SACU for generating revenue. However, there is a concern that in the future, the reliance on SACU could be a problem because free trade is now encouraged, which means products could be entering countries without having to be paid for.

The minister went on to state that government was reducing the SACU over-reliance through: introduction of special economic zones, which would encourage foreign direct investments (FDI); industrialisation, to promote investment; and infrastructure development (construction of roads, dams, factory shells), to promote trade and investments.

He further told the legislators that government

had established a fully-fledged Financial Intelligence Unit. This was part of the finance ministry's efforts to fight money laundering and counter-financing of terrorism. The ministry was closely working with commercial banks by supporting the implementation of programmes like the Know Your Customer (KYC) policy recently implemented by banks. The government was also raising awareness campaigns on cash limits when travelling across borders.

In addition, the ministry was working towards promulgation as well as formulating an Anti-Money Laundering Policy Strategy to curb the malpractice of money laundering. The minister also stated that the government had taken a firm stance on containing the wage bill, which included the freezing of all new posts and not filling any vacant positions. The government, Minister Martin said, considered applying cuts on personnel allowances and that would contribute on reducing the wage bill.

Man wanted for Correctional jobs scam

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

SIFISO 'Godo' Mabuza of Logoba, who is out on bail for other cases, is now wanted by Manzini police for theft by false pretences cases.

According to Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba, Mabuza was wanted for cases of theft by false pretences in areas like Manzini, Matsapha and other surrounding areas. Mamba said the suspect has been promising members of the public jobs at His Majesty's Correctional Services for the coming intake. "Sifiso Mabuza of Logoba is currently out on bail for other cases and has allegedly committed some theft by false pretences cases. He has been telling members of the public that he is recruiting people for the correctional service," he said. Mamba said cases of theft by false pretences have opened and a warrant of arrest has been issued. He, therefore, requested anyone who might have information that may lead to the arrest of Mabuza to kindly call Manzini Desk Officer Madlopha at 7605 7428 or Inspector Shabangu at 7604 3738.

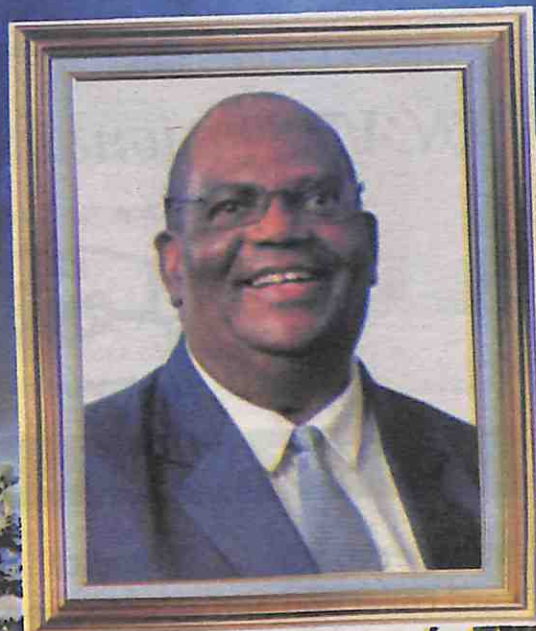
"Alternatively, members of the public can call Manzini police at 2505 2221 or 999," he said.



MOST WANTED: Sifiso 'Godo' Mabuza.



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The Board of Directors Management and Staff of the Swaziland Communications Commission wish to convey heartfelt condolences to the family and all business associates of Dr Gideon Mahlalela, in Swaziland and beyond.

Dr Mahlalela has diligently served in the SCCOM Board from its inception, July 2013 till the day of his passing. His extensive business expertise and understanding of fundamental business principles made him an invaluable resource in the building up of the Communications Commission. The Kingdom of Swaziland, the Region and the International community has lost a key resource in the passing of Dr Mahlalela.

May God in heaven comfort his family, relatives, friends and colleagues, with whom he served in the many boards he was currently serving.

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10 NATIONAL NEWS

GANG OF SIX BLOCKS BUS FROM PASSING THROUGH COMMUNITY

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A gang of six men from Letindze area did the unthinkable when they blocked a public road using logs, preventing a fully loaded bus from passing through the community.

Their argument was that the bus, which was ferrying commuters to Siphofaneni, was unknown in the area. The incident is said to have caused a delay to the commuters who were forced out of the bus and ordered to wait for another public transport which was known to be servicing the area.

The situation had to be calmed by traffic police who were called to the scene.

The six men, namely; William Mamba (33), Nhlanhla Mkhali (30), Majuba Nhleko (48), Gcina Mamba (24),

Siboniso Mamba (30) and Senzo Mamba (29) appeared before Magistrate Durnisani Mazibuko after their arrest.

They were charged with contravening the Road Traffic Act of 2007.

The accused persons were said to have wrongfully and unlawfully placed wood logs on a public road passing through Letindze area for the purpose of blocking traffic.

Accused

Particulars of the charge included that the accused persons hindered and caused obstruction to Mahle'emakholo Bus Service which was driven by one Nhlanhla Ginindza by blocking the road and further forcing the bus to turn back with the passengers on board. Their conduct was said to have caused frustration and fear to the driver and passengers.

Furthermore, the act of the accused

persons is said to have been capable of causing serious or fatal danger to other road users. When the charge sheet was read to the accused persons, each of them pleaded guilty to the charge.

When asked by the court on their motive of the act, the accused persons stated that they blocked the bus because it was not allowed to use that route as it was unknown to them.

Interestingly, the court learnt that the accused persons were merely community members who were not even involved in the public transport business.

In fact, each of the accused persons told the court that he was unemployed. They were accordingly found guilty of the charge. Each of the accused persons was sentenced to six months in a correctional facility with an option to pay E500 fine.

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

FORMER University of Swaziland (UNISWA) lecturer Dr Jim Yoder from the United States of America, has retired from Hesston College after teaching chemistry and astronomy for 50 years.

In 1979, Yoder and his family took a two-year assignment for Mennonite Central Committee and were seconded to UNISWA.

Expatriates

Yoder's task was to aid the school's chemistry department change from a two-year programme into a four-year programme. Yoder found that though there were Swazi administrators at the university, expatriates were the professors.

"They, and rightly so, instituted a kind of policy that, over the years, it was

Former UNISWA lecturer retires at Hesston College

going to become Swazi-administered and Swazi-taught," Yoder said.

Yoder found the University of Swaziland was much different when he won a Fulbright scholarship to return there in 2007. After the 28 years that had passed, 75 per cent of the school's professors were Swazi.

"A half dozen of those people came to me and said, 'I was your student back then,'" Yoder said.

Yoder was also able to satisfy his interest in drama by being a professor.

"Teaching is a kind of performance. I can perform, day after day, and that's the way it's turned out," he added.

Yoder said transferring between schools had its advantages and disadvantages,

but it primarily taught him to persevere.

"I wouldn't trade that experience, but I wouldn't particularly recommend it, either," he said. Yoder got his doctorate from Indiana University and went directly from there to teach at Hesston College.

Yoder was born in California and he was determined to follow in the footsteps of his father, who helped found Westmont College and was a history professor and academic dean there.

He started at Taylor College, staying there a year before transferring to Hesston College for a year and then transferring again to finish his undergraduate work at Goshen College.

WHO to immunise 15 000 children

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

WORLD Health Organisation (WHO) has taken an initiative to ensure that everyone, everywhere in the country receives fundamental health services without facing financial hardships, especially children.

The organisation will be celebrating 70 years of existence during the World Health Commemoration Day on Saturday at Prince of Wales Sports Ground.

The event will see health workers from different health facilities situated in different stalls and giving health care to people. This was revealed by WHO Communications Officer Winile Mavuso during a media briefing held yesterday.

Children will be vaccinated for different health conditions, checking their cards to know if they have vaccinated, providing immunisation on Vitamin C and also deworming while adults will be screened for different health conditions like eyes, sugar levels, BP, HIV and many other conditions. The objective is for primary prevention of diseases.

Event

"The event will begin with a high level breakfast meeting to celebrate the organisation's 70 years of existence at the Happy Valley on Friday and then the main event will be on Saturday at Prince of Wales where we will begin with a walk around town before people are screened for health conditions," she said.

UNICEF Communications Specialist Nonhlanhla 'Noni' Hleta-Nkambule said the Africa Vaccination Week was part of the World Health Day which would be commemorated on the 7th but the child health days and Africa Vaccination Week would be held on the last week of April (23rd to 29th) to complement the work started on the 7th April.

...as 50/50 gift to His Majesty the King



CONFIRMED: UNICEF Communications Specialist Nonhlanhla 'Noni' Hleta-Nkambule.

"UNICEF and WHO will support the ministry of health to reach out to hard to reach communities to provide immunisation services, especially in Lubombo and Shiselweni regions where immunisation rates are low. Immunising our children and keeping them healthy is the best gift for the King and country as we celebrate the 50/50 milestone," she said.

The theme is 'Vaccines work, do your part' and an estimated number of 15 000 children is targeted.

Hleta-Nkambule said there were sections of society who refuse modern medicine for many reasons, some of which are religious.

"We need to reach out to these people for them to understand the importance of immunising children and the danger that unimmunised children pose to other children," she added.

The immunisation rate in the country stands at around 81 per cent which is below the WHO standard of 90 per cent.

Attempted murder convict sentenced to 3yrs

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

A man who shot another with his father's gun was yesterday sentenced to three years in prison for attempted murder.

Sipho Magagula of Magubheleni area near Mankayane had the sentence wholly suspended though after making the final and full payment of E30 000 as compensation to the victim Mbuso Hlatjwako. As a result of the incident, Hlatjwako was partially paralysed after being shot at the back of his head by Magagula. Judge Sipho Nkosi, when passing sentence, observed that Magagula had shown remorse in compensating the victim. He, however, warned him not to do what he did again as this might find him languishing in jail and wished him well as he went back home a free-man yesterday morning. Magagula was all smiles as he walked out of the dock after being told that he was a free man as his sentence had been suspended.

Initially, Judge Nkosi had ordered that the compensation be in a form of cows, but due to trans-



RULING: High Court Judge Sipho Nkosi.

port constraints, the cash was opted and it was deposited in the registrar's account while the victim will have the money deposited into his account in installments for his upkeep.

The victim was from picking up sugar cane when he passed by the shop owned by Magagula's father when he was shot.

DESTITUTE FAMILY APPEALS FOR FUNDS TO BURY DAUGHTER

By Thando Dlamini
Mnjoli

A destitute family of Mnjoli is pleading with the public for assistance in the burial of their deceased daughter.

In an effort to lay their beloved daughter to rest, the Mamba family is now running helter-skelter in search of funds to carry out the burial ceremony.

This comes after Sibusiso Mamba, who is an uncle to the deceased, sought the assistance of the constituency through the bucophu and Member of Parliament but to no avail.

It is on that premise that the destitute family decided to seek the assistance of the public to bury their loved one.

Their daughter, who was aged 22, died on

Monday and the family has not been able to solicit funds to bury her as the deceased's guardians are all unemployed and the community at large is not providing much assistance in this regard.

Mnjoli is in a rural area located in the Lubombo region under the Hlane Constituency.

Contacted

When contacted for comment, Hlane Member of Parliament George Maseko said he has no information regarding the situation with the Bucophu Mfaniseni Maseko stated that he was aware of the matter, thus urged the Maseko family to go public with their plight.

Sibusiso Maseko is now pleading with the public for any form of assistance that can help ease the situation and he may be contacted on his mobile number, which is 1866 or 7673 9841.



OOPS! WRONG SPELLING: Something should be done to correctly spell the word "BUHLE" on the Bunye Betfu Buhle Betfu building. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

CASTELLO LOSES E5M SUIT AGAINST GOVT

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

...Judge Ticheme Dlamini dismisses action with costs in which Vilakati sued police for shooting him after he allegedly set his dogs on them

A Beverly Hills resident who was accidentally shot after setting his dog at the Police at his home yesterday lost his E5 million claim against government.

High Court Judge Ticheme Dlamini ordered that the action by Musa Castello Vilakati against the Swaziland Government in the E5 million suit, fails and is dismissed with costs.

Vilakati had been actually claiming the sum of E5 610 000 from government following the accidental shooting by the police.

On the night in question, the police who were on patrol tried to stop Vilakati but he however ignored the signal to stop and drove straight to his house at Beverly Hills.

It was there that he set the dog at the police officers who were trying to talk to him near the gate to his house.

When handing down judgment Judge Dlamini found that the plaintiff (Vilakati) disregarded the police when they stopped him as he refused to stop.

Judge Dlamini said he was satisfied on the evidence before court that the police did all they could to stop the vehicle driven by the plaintiff but he refused to heed to their call to stop.

"I find it opposite to mention that refusing or failing to comply with the directive of the police when signaling to stop the plaintiff contravened Section 7(1) (b) read with Section 11(a) of the Road Traffic Act which empowers police in uniform to require the driver of a motor vehicle to stop," Judge Dlamini stated.

Judge Dlamini observed that the plaintiff was being stopped by members of the Royal Swaziland Police who were in uniform and driving a police car with police colours. "For the foregoing, the action by the plaintiff fails and is dismissed with costs," Judge Dlamini pronounced.

According to Constable Patson

Vilakati's claim was made of the following:

■ Hospital and medical expenses	- E160 000
■ Future medical expenses	- E250 000
■ Loss of income	- E200 000
■ Estimated future loss	- E300 000
■ General damages, pain and suffering, loss of amenities of life disablements	- E2000 000

The total claim was E5 610 000



PRESIDING: High Court Judge Ticheme Dlamini.

Mbhamali, who gave evidence, he was on duty and patrolling at around 1am with constable Makhanya at the Mbabane Golf Course.

Armed

He stated that they were driving in a police vehicle registered GSD 596 PO which has a police flasher light on top and both armed with R4 rifles.

Whilst patrolling they received a report about a robbery committed at Pine Valley through the emergency line 999 and proceeded there.

However, near the Khula Guest House, they were overtaken by a white vehicle at high speed and they were suspicious hence they pursued the car head-

ed to Beverly Hills where the driver stopped by the gate of a house.

The driver opened the door to his car, alighted, heading straight into the gated homestead, however Mbhamali noticed that the driver was in fact Vilakati, whom they identified as Castello and called him by name but he ignored them, running straight to the homestead.

Soon after, Vilakati according to Mbhamali came out with a brown huge dog which he unleashed and set on them. They warned him to calm the dog down and stop it from attacking them, but he did not instead continued setting it at them.

Even when they threatened to shoot it Mbhamali said Vilakati failed to stop the dog which proceeded to bite him leaving his uniform torn before a shot was fired at it accidentally hitting Vilakati.

However, Vilakati's version was that he was driving back home from the Theatre Club, where he was playing a game of pool and on arrival at home he opened the remote controlled gate and his dogs came out.

He stated that when he looked back he saw two police officers nearby and the dog attacking them.

He alleged that he then stopped the car and tried to assist the officers where he got shot.

After, the police offered to take him to hospital. His family refused and called paramedics who eventually took him to hospital.

Parly to approve E1.2bn loan for probase

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

PARLIAMENTARIANS want government to borrow E1.2 billion to upgrade a 200km-stretch of unpaved roads around the country.

This follows the tabling of a report by the House of Assembly Finance Portfolio Committee.

In the report, government, through the ministry of finance wants Parliament to allow it to borrow USD 100 million (which is around E1.2 billion) to upgrade unpaved roads in rural areas using chemical stabilisers, commonly known as probase.

The report now awaits being debated by members of Parliament (MPs). Once the MPs approve, they will pass the loan Bill to borrow the money.

Once senators debate and approve, the Loan Bill will be passed as an Act of Parliament.

Minister for Finance Martin Dlamini said government would continue to maintain roads in a conventional way.

Dlamini was informing MPs who are members of the Finance Portfolio Committee during a debate of the Bill at committee stage.

He said the ministry of public works and transport had explored the option of using chemical stabilisers as a means of upgrading the unpaved roads.

This started with a pilot project at Etiyeni Road, Ezulwini.

The works ministry would like to extend to other roads in the country.

Hence government wanted to secure the E1.2 billion loan.

The works ministry, according to Dlamini, conducted an exercise to explore other technologies in the market.

This was carried out using open tender procurement processes. This

led to the selection of Probase Swaziland (Pty) Ltd to carry out the project in the country.

Upgrading the 200 km of unpaved roads would take about three years, as opposed to much longer construction period using conventional methods.

The main contractor would engage local contractors so that more than one road can be upgraded at a time to ensure that the project was completed within the three years to avoid cost escalations.

The roads would be maintained by Probase Swaziland for a period of 12 years, after which, the government would take over. Local contractors would be trained on the technology being used during the upgrading to ensure that they are able to maintain the roads in the future.

Probase Swaziland also committed to train government engineers to build capacity to maintain the roads infrastructure, after the project has been handed over to government. Probase Swaziland is

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expected to finance and implement the project.

Government would pay back the USD 100 million over a period of 15 years in 30 semi-annual installments.

Government would be charged an

interest rate of labour plus one per cent of the amount due for every late payment and an overdue late payment interest for three months or more at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, applicable to the relevant interest period.

At the moment, government is sitting at around E12.6 billion in terms of debts. This is equivalent to 21.6 per cent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP).

Dlamini said the country's overall debt stock was still sustainable and was below the critical level of 35 per cent.



MONEYWISE: Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini.

12 NATIONAL NEWS

Owen implements E5m projects in Manzini South

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Manzini

MANZINI South Member of Parliament (MP) Owen Nxumalo has implemented development projects worth E5.7 million in nearly five years.

This was said by Nxumalo when he reported about development progress to the Manzini South electorate at Zakhele Sports Ground in Manzini on Easter Monday.

The MP, who is also the Minister for Public Service, was reporting back in style as he was also handing out food parcels mainly to the elderly people of Manzini South, who were over 1 000. Some members of the youth from the constituency also graced the event.

Nxumalo reported that when his constituency team got into office in 2013, they embarked on bridge-construction projects, which cost E2 million. Two bridges were constructed at Moneni and a place known as Ncome. The MP also commended the community for initiating the construction of a hall at Ngwane Park.

He acknowledged the commitment showed by the community of Ngwane Park which he said was demonstrated by the construction of the hall. The inkhundla council, led by Nxumalo, led in

the construction of the hall which cost E700 000. He also highlighted that when they got into office, the people of Lwandle and surrounding areas complained about the state of the road that led to Manzini Clinic.

This was a pain in the neck for Nxumalo's team, hence they saw a need of improving the state of the road in that area. The road was paved for E2 million. However, there is also a need for further improvement on the road for the people to move easily. Ngwane Park Primary also benefitted from the development projects which the inkhundla embarked on since 2013. An office block to the tune of E1 million was built in that school and the working conditions of the teachers are said to have improved.

Nxumalo assured the electorate of his constituency that their plans had not ended there.

They were still to implement other development initiatives under the area. He made an example of one project that was still going on at Mhobodleni.

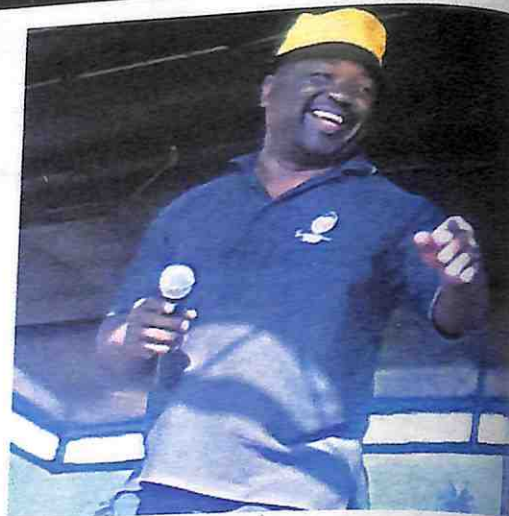
He told the people that such developments in that area were through the efforts of His Majesty King Mswati III. People were not settled in an acceptable way in that place. The King saw it fit that the area should be developed and some people were given plots to settle on.

However, there were some challenges that need-

ed to be addressed as other people were still situated next to the roads, for example. The MP said they were going to sort out the issue to enable the lives of the residents to improve. A toilet project worth E700 000 was also in the pipeline at Mhobodleni.

The event at Manzini South was sponsored by Magaye Business Investment and a financial investment firm known as JM Busha.

HAPPY MAN: Manzini South MP Owen Nxumalo smiles during the dance competition on Monday at Zakhele Sports Ground in Manzini.
(Pic: Mbono Mdluli)



Manzini Council gives out money to elderly

MANZINI councillors, led by Mayor Mxolisi 'Waxola' Mabuza, donated money to Manzini South elderly people in the form of a competition.

The money was given out by Zakhele councillor Sandile Bhembe, who was the programme director of the event. Bhembe would ask certain questions related to Manzini South and the city of Manzini in general.

The aim was to find out if the elderly people knew about the city and constituency they lived in. Some elderly people were invited to dance for certain songs, mainly from the Soul Brothers and would be given E10 to E100 notes for dancing and giving correct answers to questions asked.

Mabuza thanked the people of Manzini South for inviting him to be part of the ceremony at

Zakhele Sports Ground

He told the residents that he was a passionate person when it came to health matters, as he was a nurse by profession. He said he would just be a phone call away for those who wanted assistance in health matters, especially elderly people.

He said there was nothing good than seeing that the Manzini South people had chosen someone who did not forget to report back to them on development in their area.

Mabuza was seconded by Deputy Mayor Bongani Shongwe, who said such events were memorable to most people. However, it was sometimes difficult for such events to occur.

The Manzini South people should be lucky that they had such events. It showed that they elected a person who had their interests at heart.

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Nature of Assignment	:	Assessment of Adolescents and Youth friendly services in Swaziland
Location	:	Swaziland
Duration	:	30 days
Start Date	:	01 May 2018
End Date	:	30 September 2018
Reporting to	:	Chief Youth & Adolescent Development

Title: Assessment of Adolescents and Youth friendly services in Swaziland health facilities	Type of engagement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Contractor	Workplace of Consultant: Home based with internal travel for assignment-related tasks.
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Purpose of Activity/Assignment:

The Government of Swaziland, through the Ministry of Health (MoH) remains committed to the improvement of sexual and reproductive health status of adolescents and young people, especially young girls aged below 20 years, through provision of Adolescents and Youth-Friendly Health Services (AYFHS). For most young people in the country, access to modern forms of contraception, condoms, STI/HIV testing and counselling or HIV treatment is severely hampered by the knowledge and attitudes of health care providers in managing adolescents' health needs. Training service providers (e.g. nurses, doctors and community health workers) on issues related to adolescents and maintaining overall quality standards in mainstream services is key to scaling up and maintaining adolescent and youth-friendly services in Swaziland. The Sexual and Reproductive Health Unit (SRHU) under Ministry of Health (MOH) has over the years embarked on building the capacity of service providers on the provision of quality adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health services, to attract adolescents and youth to access healthcare services and so that all the healthcare facilities are made youth-friendly.

The MoH recently adapted the WHO global standards for the provision of Adolescents and Youth-Friendly Health Services, by developing National ASRH Quality Improvement Guidelines/ Standards. The SRHU is working towards implementing AYFHS standards in all healthcare facilities. Implementing these standards will enable MoH to carry out its commitment which per the National SRH Policy 2013 is the provision of quality adolescents and youth-friendly services incorporating comprehensive sexuality education, information and integrated HIV and SRH services to all adolescents and young people at all levels of health care delivery systems and other relevant settings per their age and needs. The SRHU does not have baseline information on the status youth friendliness of healthcare facilities vis-a-vis the national standards to improve the health and well being of adolescents and youth. The proposed AYFHS assessment will determine the extent to which all health facilities in the country meet the standards, and provide structured recommendations to the standard of care for adolescents and youth in general.

UNICEF Swaziland is seeking the services of a consultant to supporting the Ministry of Health SRH Unit in: a) conducting a baseline assessment, data analysis, report writing and validation of findings; b) organizing national validation meetings; and c) development and validation of the baseline report in collaboration with the Ministry of Health.

Minimum Qualifications required:

☐ Bachelors ☒ Masters ☐ PhD ☐ Other

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Knowledge/Expertise/Skills required:

- Demonstrable experience in leading and actively participating in a health/HIV survey/assessment or research involving health facilities
- At least 5 years of work experience in conducting research, analysis, and technical assistance to governments and organizations, in the areas HIV and Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health in Swaziland.
- Demonstrated experience with research and participatory methods, involving adolescents and youth and health service providers.
- Knowledge and experience in conducting similar analysis
- Strong writing and analytical skills (in adolescent HIV and sexual & reproductive health service provision) for quality report writing (a sample of recent analytical report will be requested)
- Knowledge of Swaziland health system and health facility operations.
- Strong presentation and communication skills in English (fluency required)

Submission Guidelines

Interested National candidates should apply using the link below:
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Strictly no hand delivered application letters.

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GENERAL NOTICE
NO. 5/2018.

International Calls challenge

The Commission has noted that there is a challenge regarding international incoming calls. Some mobile users are receiving international calls from numbers starting with 00676 or +676. At times, the calls go through but do not reflect the correct country of origin. Further, the call quality is often compromised - tainted by strange sounds, and the caller being unclear.

Our considered view is that this problem rests with third parties who carry International call traffic from Swaziland to other countries and do not have much control of this situation since the call routing happens outside the country. However, we continue to investigate this matter and engage all relevant stakeholders for a speedy resolution of the challenge.

We kindly request mobile phone users to bear with us as the matter is being investigated. We also advise the Public not to answer calls from suspicious numbers as we suspect that this is part of an illegal sim-boxing/fraud scheme. The Commission will keep users updated as we try to resolve the issue with affected operators.

Mvilawemphi Dlamini
Chief Executive

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The Southern African Customs Union (SACU) has adopted a Vision and Mission statement and a new Work Programme for promoting sustainable development and deeper integration within the SACU region. The SACU Secretariat hereby invites suitably qualified and experienced citizens of the SACU Member States to submit their applications for the following positions.

VACANCIES

1. Job Title For the Position: Chief Legal Officer (Ref: CLO)

Main Purpose of the Job:

To provide of effective legal services to the organs of SACU, the Secretariat and Member States,

Key Areas of Responsibilities:

- Prepares for and coordinates the establishment of effective SACU institutions, including the Tariff Board and Tribunal, and monitors effective implementation.
- Ensures the effective operationalization of SACU institutions, and provides ongoing legal support.
- Advises on matters concerning legal interpretation, implementation and application of SACU legal instruments and the obligations of Member States under agreements binding upon them.
- Monitors implementation and compliance with international obligations including compliance by third parties.
- Performs in-depth research and analysis on regional and international legal topics and delivers opinions, technical papers for discussion or publication as assigned.
- Coordinates the harmonization of Trade policies across Member States.
- Scrutinizes and sanctions the negotiation, drafting and implementation of international agreements, including all trade related legal instruments, and assists in their incorporation into the national law of Member States and their domestic implementation.
- Ensures effective monitoring and compliance with international obligations including compliance by third parties.
- Evaluates legislative and operational demands arising from SACU member states/SACU activities, and assigns appropriate legal resources to address these.
- Scrutinises and approves Service Level Agreements with service providers to ensure effective service delivery.
- Oversees legal aspects of the Secretariat's property management and other corporate responsibilities.
- Represents or causes to represent SACU at legal proceedings.
- Develops, prepares and drafts Legal instruments.
- Discharges depository functions of all SACU Legal Instruments.

Educational Qualifications Required:

- § Postgraduate Degree in Law
- § Qualified legal practitioner
- § Qualification in International Trade law would be an added advantage

Relevant Work Experience and competencies Required:

- Minimum 10 years relevant experience
- Experience with a regional or international organization
- Experience in dealing with International Trade Law issues
- Policy formulation and implementation experience
- Experience in report writing
- Computer literate in MS Office
- Attention to detail

2. Job Title For the Position: Trade Facilitation Specialist (Ref: TFS)

Main Purpose of the Job:

To provide technical support and advise in the area of trade facilitation, taking into account the policies and operational tools required to strengthen collaboration and to enhance border efficiencies in SACU.

Key Areas of Responsibilities:

- Provides technical support to implementation of the SACU Trade Facilitation Work Programme.
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- Contributes technical inputs on Trade Facilitation to the work of the Directorate as and when required, including weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual reporting to the SACU Secretariat and the SACU institutions.

Educational Qualifications Required:

- Postgraduate Degree in any of the following: Economics, Law, Social Sciences, International Trade, Trade Policy, Transport and Logistics, Trade Facilitation, or related fields.
- Relevant Master's degree would be an added advantage

Relevant Work Experience and Competencies Required:

- At least 5 years' experience in trade facilitation at a senior level within a public, private or regional organization
- Knowledge and experience on Regional Integration and regional and global policies that affects trade facilitation
- Computer literacy in MS Office package including Excel
- Experience and exposure to writing official documents, technical papers and reports
- Good analytical skills

Applications must be accompanied by a detailed CV, e-mail and telephone contact details, certified copies of ID, educational qualifications and at least 3 contactable references. Quote the reference number and job title. Applications must be submitted to Human Resources Manager, SACU Secretariat, Private Bag 13285, Windhoek Namibia Windhoek Namibia or send by e mail to: Applications@sacu.int.

The closing date for applications is 20 April 2018.
For further information, please visit our website at www.sacu.int.

Should you have received no response within 4 weeks of the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful in this instance, as correspondence will be limited to shortlisted candidates only.

FINANCE MINISTER WANTS MONEY CONTROLS IN GOVT

Stories by Lungelo Nkambule
Senate

IN a bid to decrease the budget deficit, Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini has called for more controls in government departments to curb diversion of funds.

Responding to submissions made by Senator Princess Phumelele on Tuesday when he tabled the Supplementary Appropriation Bill of 2018, Dlamini said there was need for more controls in the various government departments so that in instances where budget allocations are diverted, it is flagged and halted.

The minister said diverting funds was rife such that at some point, government drafted the Public Finance Bill, which was enacted into an Act by Parliament in a quest to curb this problem. "Budget allocations are diverted by Parliament when they transfer funds to Head 60 and/or by ministries themselves. It was discovered that ministries and government departments had a bad tendency of transferring funds that had been allocated for other things and reallocated them for travelling mostly which is where the Public Finance Act comes to play. This Act is against the reallocation of funds outside Parliament. However, government still has to put in place more controls, apply a tighter grip on issues of this nature. This will



CONTROL: Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini.

stop people from buying unnecessary furniture and renovating offices willy-nilly," he said.

Princess Phumelele making her submissions wanted to know from the minister as to who played an oversight role that is normally played by Parliament when the monies are diverted in the different ministries and departments.

She said there was so much that was not being done right adding that this was evident in people buying new furniture for their offices at the end of financial years, things that were not budgeted for.

"Where is Parliament involvement when ministries divert funds? Who plays the oversight role? The problem is these unbudgeted for expenditures

that come at the end of the financial year, when people buy new furniture for their offices and you wonder where that money came from. Also I want to know what is being done about the Central Transport Administration (CTA), I heard that government vehicles were grounded because it had run out of petrol yet we sat here last year and allocated the department a budget," she said.

Responding to her, the minister said he too had been wondering as to what was going on there.

"On Fridays you find many cars there refueling and you wonder where government vehicles are going on a weekend," he said.

He said he was shocked when he heard that the department had run out of petrol because government always paid for petrol. "We do have cash flow problems but petrol is amongst the things that we always pay for by hook or crook," he said. Dlamini further pointed out that if government was to decrease the budget deficit, they had to stick to His Majesty's directive that budget allocations must be done using already available revenue not what was expected. "As we speak, the budget deficit has decreased from eight per cent to 6.2 per cent because of His Majesty King Mswati III's wisdom that we must base our budget on already available resources. If government sticks to this then the budget deficit will be decreased even further," he said.

Govt wants elderly grant fund

GOVERNMENT is in the process of creating an elderly grant fund that will generate its own funds so that the Deputy Prime Minister's office no longer relies on the mainstream budget for elderly grants.

This was revealed by the Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini who was responding to questions posed by senators on Tuesday when he tabled the Supplementary Appropriation Bill of 2018.

Senator Menjeni Mahlalela making his submissions, said it was shocking that amongst the funds that were in the Supplementary Bill were for programmes whose budget had been allocated.

He said he found it shocking that amongst those were funds that had been allocated for elderly grants.

He said government must explore means of generating an elderly grant fund.

"It is shocking that amongst the items in the Supplementary Bill there is also elderly grants which I believe were budgeted for, it is shocking to realise that in fact that allocation was diverted. It is high time that government needs to the call by parliamentarians that there are means that can be put together that will help in generating funds specifically for elderly grants," he said.

He further called for an investigation into the budget deficit that government faced every year hence the supplementary budget.



FUND: Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini.

The minister responding to Mahlalela said there had been a miscalculation in the Deputy Prime Minister's Office, hence there were elderly people who had not been catered for and this money would help correct that.

He added that in conjunction with different ministries, the office of the DPM was exploring ways for government to generate elderly grants without relying on the mainstream budget. He said they had received a grant from the European Union which would go into forming this fund.

"Government is currently working around the clock to create a social security fund that will generate its own funds so that we always have readily available elderly grants. We have received funds from the EU that will go to the DPM's office and start-up this fund," he said.

Farm Dwellers Bill about to be passed

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

FARM dwellers will heave a sigh of relief as a Bill to protect them might soon be passed to an Act.

This follows that the House of Assembly portfolio committee of the ministry of natural resources and energy has tabled a report on the deliberations they held at committee stage. The Farm Dwellers Control (Amendment) Bill No. 8 of 2017 seeks to protect farm dwellers from being treated in an unfair manner by farm owners.

The legislation is set to amend the Farm Dwellers Control Act of 1982.

Sometimes, farm dwellers are evicted without notice by farm owners.

Farm dwellers, who made submissions when the matter was deliberated by the committee, urged MPs to ensure that the amended piece of legislation also considered them as farm dwellers.

They wanted the legislation to also include a proper structure where they would register their grievances when they countered situations of illtreatment from farm owners.

They wanted to use such structures to help them intervene when faced with any form of intimidation.

They asked that the contents of the legislation should consider all stakes in a fair manner.

They added that they also wished that



OVERDUE: Minister for Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama.

the structures to attend to their needs be made up of farm dwellers only. Farm owners should not be included as they would be biased. They also argued that their generations had dwelt on the farms which were given 100-year lease agreements.

Their question was had the 100 years elapsed.

They called for clear records which state the farms had reached the 100 years.

Farm dwellers also called for clear records of how and when farm owners took over the farms and if people were moved, they should be moved with provision of equal and better structures, especially those that had dwelt on the farms for over 60 years.

The MPs explained to the farm dwellers that the Bill sought to address concerns and protect farm dwellers, not squatters.

It was explained to the dwellers that farm dwellers were the people who had a right to live in farms, yet squatters had no such right.

The Bill also sought to establish a fund for farm dwellers to be able to buy the land they would be occupying.

Farms would be sold to dwellers upon reaching an agreement with farm owners. Minister for Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama, whose portfolio is responsible for farm dwellers/owners issues, said the amendment of this legislation was long overdue.

She said the time for farm dwellers to be protected had come because some farm dwellers were living under very appalling conditions.

Some were evicted without notice and some were served with eviction letters without explanations.

These situations caused hatred, inhuman treatment, and ultimately death.

TEACHERS ACCUSED OF THROWING AWAY PUPILS' FOOD

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

PARENTS of pupils from Manzini Central High School are livid after learning that teachers throw away food items bought by the learners from street vendors.

Allegations are to the effect that teachers are claiming that the food bought from outside the school is the main cause of littering in the school. The teachers claim that the learners come back with food stuff such as nick-naks and potato chips wrapped in plastic bags and once they are done with the food items they then dispose the plastics in the school yard.

According to a concerned parent who preferred anonymity for fear that her child might be victimised, said she was shocked when she learnt that the money she gives to her child goes to waste.

She said she was informed by her child that whenever they buy food items from street vendors who ply their trade outside the school gate, they are not allowed to take such inside the school premises.

A street vendor who sells chips just outside the school gate, con-

firmed that teachers at the school throw away the items that they sell to learners.

Phumzile Seyama said the learners are refused entry to the school if they have bought items from them.

She mentioned that when pupils are caught with such food stuff inside the school premises, it is taken and thrown into a dustbin by the teachers.

It was also revealed that the principal of the school at some point, tried to ban street vendors from plying their trade next to the school gate. This is something that did not go down well with the street vendors as they sought intervention from the area's member of Parliament Jan Sithole.

They said after they raised the matter with the parliamentarian, he helped them as he engaged in talks with the school administration and they sorted out the issue and allowed street vendors to operate. Some of the street vendors who chipped in stated that it would seem that the school didn't want them to operate their businesses near the school hence by refusing to let pupils buy from them, the school is trying to put them out of business.

Soldier threatens to shoot elderly woman over land

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

AN elderly woman of Mpolonjeni got the shock of her life when she was threatened with death by a member of the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) who was trained to safeguard civilians, especially the defenceless elderly.

Sisekelo Masango (58) allegedly threatened to shoot and kill Thokozile Masango (63) during a heated argument which is said to have emanated from a land dispute.

The complainant told the Swazi National Court that she was not related to the accused person while on the other hand, the accused claimed that the complainant was actually his aunt.

The elderly woman told the court that earlier on the day of the incident, she received a report to the effect that the accused person was chasing after her son while armed with a gun.



At the time, her son ran past the homestead while fleeing from the accused person who was in hot pursuit.

Complainant

The complainant said it was then that she approached the accused person and questioned him on why he was chasing after her son.

Apparently, the elderly woman stated that it was not the first time

she had a confrontation with the accused person and his relatives.

She alleged that there was a long standing land dispute which would trigger misunderstanding between her and the accused person's family.

Instead of explaining why he was chasing after the young man, the accused person is said to have then started hurling insults and threat-

ened to shoot the elderly woman.

Complainant

The complainant said she was shocked to the marrow by the threat as the accused person kept one of his hands in the pocket, indicating that he would withdraw a weapon at any moment.

"Knowing that he is a soldier, I believed that he was capable of shooting me right there as he kept one of his hands in the pocket," she said.

The accused person admitted though to having insulted and threatened to shoot the elderly woman.

He told the court that he did not mean every word he uttered, saying he was only trying to scare the woman away.

The accused person was eventually found guilty by the court.

He was warned against going around threatening people with death, especially because he was entrusted with their safety.

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

Residents to march over rifle cops' shooting

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

RESIDENTS of Maseyisini want to march to the Nhlanguano Police Station to deliver a petition following incidents of shooting in the area.

It's said the residents are planning to hold a meeting where they will discuss how they can organise the protest march to complain about the police who allegedly had become trigger happy.

The residents said the recent cases include that of a young man who was supposedly gunned down after being fished out of a rented house of her girlfriend and just recently, another man who was found in a shebeen was also shot on the leg

and is still recovering in hospital.

Towards the end of last year, one Siboniso Madlopha was allegedly gunned down by police who were investigating a case of possession of a firearm.

Need

They thought Madlopha was the suspect. A few days ago, the police allegedly opened fire at a shebeen and shot at Sizwe Ndlamandla, who is still recovering from the bullet wound.

Thulani Mbuyisa, who is related to the other young man who was gunned down by the police, said there was need to have the police authorities made aware that as residents they no longer felt safe as police who should be protecting them had resorted to 'killing' them (residents).

"We do not condone crime and

we fully support police when carrying out their work by arresting criminals. However, it is worrying to see the police opening fire anyhow.

We are talking of two incidents, one where a life was lost because of them.

Just a few days ago, the same police opened fire at another young man they found at a shebeen.

He is in hospital as we speak," said Mbuyisa.

Mbuyisa said as residents, they now feel the police are declaring war against them.

"In both incidents, police opened fire anyhow and never used the skills they were trained in carrying out their work.

They are trigger happy and this has to stop," claimed Mbuyisa.

Samkeliso Ndlamandla, who

is also a resident in the area, said as a family of one of the victims, they were equally concerned because of the manner their relative was shot.

"We are still deliberating as a family on what action to take.

We feel no one is safe in the manner police are doing their work," said Ndlamandla.

On the other hand, police mouthpiece Superintendent Khulani Mamba said if the residents had any grievances; it's their right to seek help from the relevant authorities but should follow all the procedures."

If they want to march, there are procedures they have to follow.

As a country, we have laws and are not a lawlessness state.

The residents should follow all the procedures," said Mamba.

Paramedics offices ready at Sandleni

By Starsky Mkhonta
Sandleni

A building to be used as offices by paramedics under Sandleni Inkhundla has been completed and is now ready for occupation. Sandleni Inkhundla Member of Parliament Jameson Simelane disclosed that the project has been partly financed by MSF (Doctors without Borders).

He said the paramedics had been using a caravan for quite sometime now.

He said the new structure would be officially opened next Monday, a ceremony to be graced by the Minister of Health Sibongile Simelane. It has been built near Dumako Police

Post.

Delighted

"We are delighted that the paramedics will now have a proper structure to use when going about their work.

It's been a challenge as the caravan was not ideal for such work but it served the purpose even though at times it was not to everyone's satisfaction. We are thankful to MSF for funding this project of such magnitude," said the MP.

The MP said during the official opening of the building, an ambulance is expected to be presented adding that they also anticipated that the number of paramedics would be increased.

"Presently, there are 14 of them and we are still to hear how many will

be brought as now we have a fully fledged office. Furniture and all other equipment will be delivered before the end of this week," said MP Simelane.

Cover

The MP said the team of paramedics would also cover even the other neighbouring constituencies such as Mtsambama, Ngudzeni as well as part of Kubuta and Hosea.

"Sandleni is at the centre, but the paramedics will service more than four constituencies.

It will be a relief to all the community members as those who would need first aid before being taken to hospital, such a service will come in handy.

Health service is brought to the doorsteps of people and this is the

right direction towards Vision 2022," said MP Simelane.

About the cost of the project, MP Simelane said it was not easy to estimate it but initially, the construction work was somewhere close to E50 000.

"It's likely that the money pumped into building is more as there have been other additional designs and other necessities to make it a fully fledged office.

This is a project that will also add value to the inkhundla. We are thankful to government for partnering with MSF and other stakeholders to see this project implemented. Construction started early this year and we are proud that in such a short space of time, the building is now ready for use," said MP Simelane.

Education ministry overrules High Court on Mphundle case

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

IT appears that the case of a dissolved parents' committee of Mphundle High School is already testing the courts' superiority over other quarters of the society.

This is the case which saw four committee members namely; Mpholi Anthony Ndzimandze, Phambanisa Maziya, Jerome Matsenjwa and Jabulani Maziya removed from their positions after failing to meet certain obligations.

They were initially elected into office in February 2015 during a parents' meeting.

Apparently, the four members were said to have recorded the late Chief Loyiwe in their admission forms instead of Chief Maliwa Maziya.

It is known that a fraction of Maphungwane, where the school is situated, has repeatedly defied to accept Chief Maliwa as the leader of the area.

Consultations

The dissolution of the committee was facilitated by the regional education office, which was headed by then REO Wellington Mduli after consultations with the regional administration office.

At least on two consecutive instances, the dissolved committee successfully challenged their dismissal at the High Court where they were represented by Advocate Lucas Maziya.

The last order issued by the High Court in October last year was to the effect that the committee be reinstated into office.

Court papers which are also in possession of this publication indicate that an appeal by the ministry of education and training was thrown out by the Supreme Court.

The committee members have, however, been denied access to the school to date.

On Tuesday, the aggrieved committee members were at the regional education offices to demand clarity on their reinstatement which has been delayed.

They were issued with a memorandum purporting to have been signed by Under Secretary Macanjana Motsa, who is also the schools manager.

Reinstated

The memorandum, which was directed to the Lubombo REO, stated that the dissolved committee cannot be reinstated, much against the court order.

The schools manager stated that they have since sought advice from the attorney general (AG) on the position of the dissolved school committee.

"On the incessant demand by the Ndzimandze-led committee for their reinstatement, the AG advises that the demand cannot be acceded to, now that the committee's term of office has expired because their term was effective for three years from February 11, 2015," reads part of the memorandum.

Meanwhile, the dissolved committee argues that they cannot accept that their term of office has expired while they have not been in office throughout the term.

Ndzimandze said they were still looking forward to calling their first meeting with parents.

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INHLONHILA INJECTS E24 000 TO MAHAMBABA HIKING

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

INHLONHILA Swaziland private equity firm has donated E24 000 towards this year's edition of the Mahamba Gorge Hiking.

The fifth edition of the hiking will be taking place on Sunday.

The donation was handed over to Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku at Inhlonhla boardroom on Tuesday.

Inhlonhla Managing Director Mbuso Simelane said E18 000 would be directly contributed to the committee of Mahamba Gorge while E6 000 would be used to cater for the chiefs and people with disability in the Shiselweni region.

Simelane said it was encouraging to see lives of people changed through the hiking initiative.

He said in all the three years they had sponsored the event, many have benefited.

Sponsor

"As a company, we have made it a point that we sponsor this event that changes lives of many people in the Shiselweni region," he said.

He said they wanted to see the initiative grow and help more needy people of Shiselweni.

"I am also impressed by their financial reports as they are very clear and accurate," he said, adding that many companies were struggling with such.

He encouraged the committee of Mahamba Gorge to continue putting the money into good use.

Meanwhile, Shiselweni RA Themba Masuku thanked Inhlonhla for the sponsorship that would go towards this year's hiking. He said in all the four years the event had been held, many have benefited.

"Inhlonhla's contribution towards the Mahamba Gorge Hiking brings a lot of Swazis together.



BIG CHEQUE: Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku shakes hands with Inhlonhla Holdings MD Mbuso Simelane during the donation of E24 000 towards the upcoming Mahamba Gorge walk. Looking on are the Inhlonhla Holdings staff members. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



THANK YOU: The Shiselweni RA stresses a point while Simelane listens attentively.

People get to meet the Shiselweni region's traditional leaders," he said. He also invited the members of all the media houses in the country to support the initiative as he believed the media played a critical role in disseminating information to the public.

From last year's event, under the vulnerability category, they managed to build three houses for the needy and

this took place at Magele near Hlatikulu, Nsalitje at Matsanjeni South and another beneficiary at Mangwaneni in Nhlanguano. "We also sponsored the youth from Nhlanguano where we provided them with braai stands for a chicken dust business," said Masuku.

Masuku then announced that this year's event would be held on Sunday, which is the fifth edition.



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SWAZILAND JUSTICE AND PEACE INSTITUTE HOSTS PEACE CONFERENCE

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

TODAY, the Swaziland Justice and Peace Institute will host a peace conference at Mountain Inn.

It will start at 0830 hours and is expected to finish at around 1530 hours.

Executive Director Isaiah Hlophe said their main focus would be on how to embrace the concept of peace with justice.

He said the event would also dedicate time for prayer for peace in the country against the increasing cases of males killing their lovers.

"The institute regards this increasing phenomenon as evil driven and, therefore, deserving our collective efforts to curse it and pray for peace to dwell abundantly among all sectors of our society," he said. Hlophe said the event would bring together all sectors of the

society to discuss and share ideas of how best the nation could cultivate the culture of peace with justice for all, regardless of colour, religion, social status, political affiliation and nationality. "We have invited churches of all denominations, other faiths, namely Muslims, African religion, Buddhists and others."

He said they also invited trade unions, Lutsango LwakaNgwane, Women and the Law in Southern Africa Swaziland Chapter, other civic organisations, all diplomatic missions resident in Swaziland and business associations as well as members of the Legislature. "Each organisation is expected to bring not less than five delegates.

This event is the first among many which we have planned for the next three years."

He said each for delegation, one member shall participate on panel discussions on how they could entrench the culture of peace with justice for all in their country.



FEATURES & OPINION

REFRESH WHAT YOU THINK...

MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELO MAHLALELA

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APRIL 2018 will go down in history as a month like no other in the history of our proud Kingdom of Eswatini, as it will see the 50th double golden jubilee celebrations for the birthday of his Majesty King Mswati III and the country's independence.

On the 19th April, the nation will gather at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre (with others gathered in designated regional venues around the country, to watch live feeds on electronic screens) the celebration of the 50th birthday of His Majesty King Mswati III, as well as the country's milestone 50 years of independence from British rule. The celebrations dubbed the "50/50 celebrations" will run under the pay-off line.

It is often said that the wealth of a nation is its health. As the nation prepares to celebrate the achievements in the 50 years since independence, the ministry of health will on April 7 at the Prince of Wales, lead the nation in commemorating "World Health Day." The ministry of health intends to use the 2018 World Health Day commemoration to start an aggressive campaign on promoting health and well-being. It is envisaged that this campaign will ignite focus on mobilising individual and community action for preventive interventions that reduce the risk of ill health and increasing public awareness about the importance of primary prevention of diseases.

WORLD HEALTH DAY

World Health Day is used to commemorate the founding of the World Health Organisation (WHO) which was founded on the principle that all people should be able to realise their right to the highest possible level of health. Since then, "Health for all" has been the guiding vision of WHO, and this 70th anniversary year, the organisation aims to support countries in moving towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC) - ensuring that all people have access to needed promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative health services, of sufficient quality to be effective, while also ensuring that people do not suffer financial hardship when paying

for these services.

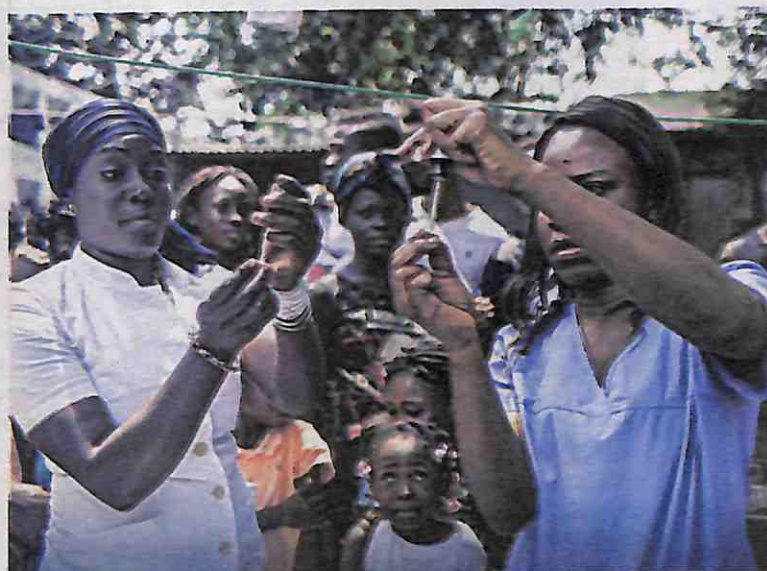
The global theme for the 2018 World Health Day therefore is "Universal Health Coverage: everyone, everywhere". As experience has often illustrated that UHC is achieved when political will is strong, WHO (starting with the 2018 World Health Day and beyond) is calling on world leaders to live up to the pledges they made when they agreed to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015 and commit to concrete steps to advance the health of all people. With the adoption of the SDGs, world leaders unanimously set the target, by 2030: achieve universal health coverage, including financial risks protection, access to quality essential health care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all.

Universal Health Coverage has emerged as a key strategy to make progress towards other health-related and broader development goals. Access to essential quality care and financial protection not only enhances people's health and life expectancy, it also protects countries from epidemic, reduces poverty and the risk of hunger, creates jobs, drives economic growth and enhances gender equality. However, to improve access to services, universal health coverage efforts will need to remove many barriers, including: stigma and discrimination, poor quality of care, low capacity and other resource limitations undermining health service provisions. Lifting these barriers requires significant political commitment and improved performance and delivery from government and other critical service providers.

Throughout 2018, WHO aims to inspire, motivate and guide all stakeholders to make commitments towards universal health coverage. WHO will inspire by highlighting policy makers' powers to transform the health of their nation, framing the challenges as exciting and ambitious, and inviting them to be part of the change; Motivate by sharing examples of how countries are already progressing towards UHC and encourage others to find their own path; and guide by providing tools for structured policy dialogues on how to advance UHC domestically or supporting such efforts in other countries (e.g. expanding service coverage, improving quality of services, reducing out-of-pocket payments).

The focus of the 2018 World Health Day is on mobilising individual and community action around preventive

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THE HIV RESPONSE AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

Without universal access to quality health care, millions of people die unnecessarily every year, and preventable diseases including AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria continue to ravage families and communities. The HIV response has to date, embraced many of the principles of universal health coverage and contributes significantly to its goals. Investment in HIV and TB promote quality health services of all kinds, as well also strengthen health systems with a powerful multiplier effect that can improve a community's overall health status, as well as its economic and well-being. Focus on removing gender and human rights related barriers and on strengthening community action on health, is critical to improving access to health services for vulnerable and excluded groups.

Over time, the delivery of prevention, treatment and care programmes have evolved to provide a range of services - not just focused on HIV and TB. Through the provision of integrated services, the HIV response attempts to address people's multi-

ple health needs at different points in their lives, improving overall health outcomes and resulting in more a cost-effective and efficient approach. In integrating HIV and TB services, barriers that traditionally prevented TB patients from being tested for HIV, or HIV patients from receiving prophylaxis against TB, have been broken; while the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV programme has been integrated into antenatal and post-natal care platforms.

There are however, still opportunities to refocus the HIV response using the universal health coverage framework, to address some of the key short-comings in the response so far. Universal health coverage can focus greater attention on promoting health equity, improving the quality of services, ensuring financial and social security, strengthening health and community systems, building coherence across different health areas, addressing the social and economic determinants of HIV and guaranteeing human rights.

THE "KNOW YOUR HEALTH NUMBERS" CAMPAIGN

Specifically, World Health Day aims to promote health and well-being of people through engaging and empowering individuals and communities to engage in healthy behav-

iours and make changes that reduce the risk of developing chronic diseases and other morbidities. This involves creating an enabling environment for adopting healthy behaviours, health education and communication. The focus is on primary prevention of diseases, which includes implementing interventions that are applied before there is any evidence of disease or injury.

This is aimed at changing the stereotype that is a result of that over the years, health interventions in many African states were mostly based on curative approaches, which has contributed to an increased burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), further contributing to the ever-increasing numbers of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis (TB) and HIV. Swaziland has not been spared here and the challenges faced, need a change of focus - there is need to ensure that preventive messages are well crafted and communicated to the populace.

In line with SDG 3 and the focus on prevention, the country has adjusted the 2018 World Health Day theme to "Health Access for all" with the slogan, "Know your health numbers". For the commemoration day, the ministry of health has earmarked a health promotion and wellness campaign. The campaign will provide awareness and encourage lifestyles that will help in preventing illnesses (especially non-communicable diseases), with build-up activities mainly targeting workplaces.

The emphasis is increased access to communicable and non-communicable disease screening services, immunisation, high impact child survival interventions, family planning, antenatal care, education and counselling for risk factors for diseases - for example, smoking and harmful use of alcohol cessation, physical inactivity, and unhealthy diet. The overall goal of the campaign is to get more people to seek promotive and preventive health services, to reduce morbidity and mortality related to both communicable and non-communicable diseases.

On Saturday there will be a walk and run from specific locations to the Prince of Wales, where there will be a "Health Market" model where various preventive health care services and information will be provided. Everyone has a part to play on this day - even if it is providing stimulating conversations with the health-care providers on-site - so clear your calendar at visit the Prince of Wales. You can take the lead!

ON THIS DAY

...APRIL 5

1242 - Russian troops repelled an invasion attempt by the Teutonic Knights.

1614 - American Indian Pocahontas married English colonist John Rolfe in Virginia.

1621 - The Mayflower sailed from Plymouth, MA, on a return trip to England.

1792 - US President George Washington cast the first presidential veto. The measure was for apportioning representatives among the states.

1806 - Isaac Quintard patented the cider mill.

1827 - James H. Hackett became the first American actor to appear abroad as he performed at Covent Garden in London, England.

1843 - Queen Victoria proclaimed Hong Kong to be a British crown colony.

1869 - Daniel Bakeman, the last surviving soldier of the US Revolutionary War, died at the age of 109.

1887 - Anne Sullivan taught Helen Keller the meaning of the word "water" as spelled out in the manual alphabet.

1892 - Walter H. Coe patented gold leaf in rolls.

1892 - In New York, the Ithaca Daily Journal published an ad introducing a new 10 cent Ice Cream Specialty called a Cherry Sunday.

1895 - Playwright Oscar Wilde lost his criminal libel case against the Marquess of Queensberry. Wilde had been accused of homosexual practices.

1908 - The Japanese Army reached the Yalu River as the Russians retreated.

1919 - Eamon de Valera became president of Ireland.

1923 - Firestone Tire and Rubber Company began the first regular production of balloon tires.

1930 - Mahatma Gandhi defied British law by making salt in India.

1933 - The first operation to remove a lung was performed at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

1941 - German commandos secured docks along the Danube River in preparation for Germany's invasion of the Balkans.

1951 - Americans Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death for committing espionage for the Soviet Union.

1953 - Jomo Kenyatta was convicted and sentenced to seven years in prison for orchestrating the Mau-Mau rebellion in Kenya.

1955 - Winston Churchill resigned as British prime minister.

1984 - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (Los Angeles Lakers) became the all-time NBA regular season scoring leader when he broke Wilt Chamberlain's record of 31 419 career points.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Jidenna (RNB SINGER) - APRIL 5, 1985, (33 years)



Lily James (TV ACTRESS) - APRIL 5, 1989- (29 years old)



REVIVAL is biblical, sometimes I am asked the question "why do you preach about Revival, and teach about Revival, pray about Revival, write about Revival and talk about Revival and dream about Revival?"

I want to give you several reasons why I believe in Revival. First and foremost, I believe in Revival because it is biblical. The Bible clearly describes Revival as a valid and legitimate experience for God's people. Revival is not to be classified as something abnormal or sub normal. Revival is based solely on Biblical teachings. Once we have established that fact, we can see in the Bible pictures of Revival, pattern of Revival, promise of Revival, prayers for Revival, principles of Revival and even prophecies of Revival.

Pictures of Revival in the scripture; let's look first of all at pictures of Revival in the Old Testament. There was a wonderful revival in the time of Samuel (1 Samuel Ch. 7: 2-13). Samuel called for the people to repent before the Lord and there followed a blessed time of returning to the Lord. In the time of Elijah the prophet, there was a remarkable revival (1 Kings Ch. 18). On that occasion the fire of the Lord came from heaven and burnt up the sacrifice and the altar of sacrifice.

In the time of Assa the King, there was a wonderful time of returning to the Lord (2 Chronicles Ch. 14 - 15). Again, in the time of King Josiah there was another time of Revival (2 Chronicles Ch. 24). One of the most outstanding times of Revival in the Old Testament was in the time of King Hezekiah, King of Judah. The account of that revival actually covers (2 Chronicles Ch. 29 - Ch. 32). In the time of Josiah, the young King, there was a time of discovering the law of God and turning back to scripture, (2 Chronicles Ch. 34 - 35.) then when God's people came back from Babylonian captivity, there was a blessed time of renewal and Revival in the time of Ezra.

These are the seven of the Old Testament Revivals. I want to give you a key to the study of these Old Testament revivals. Each Revival has a leader, and each leader stresses a particular aspect of Revival. For example, Samuel stressed repentance. Elijah the prophet emphasised the repairing of the altar of God and the fire of God coming down from heaven consuming the sacrifice. Assa stressed seeking the Lord in humility and brokenness. Josiah stressed giving to the Lord. We could call it "project temple" He encour-

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SEVEN REASONS WHY I BELIEVE IN REVIVAL



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We could call it "project temple" He encouraged God's people to give liberally.

Hezekiah is the King's whose emphasis was the cleansing of the temple. When we consider ourselves as the temple of God today, this particular passage 2 Chronicles 29 has a lot to say about cleansing the temple for God. Josiah led God's people in reading and obeying God's law. In the time of Ezra, he stressed the confession of sin.

As you study these Old Testament Revivals, you can approach them from their different aspects.

There are also pictures of Revival in the New Testament.

In the time of John the Baptist, there was a remarkable movement of God's people returning to God for repentance. In John Ch. 4, there was an amazing movement of God through one woman, the woman we call "the woman of Samaria". She went back to her town and shared what Jesus had done for her, and that triggered a great awakening in the city of Samaria.

Then on the day of Pentecost, there was a wonderful Revival that spread out from Jerusalem into Judea and Samaria and onto the uttermost parts of the earth. A Revival is like dropping a stone into a lake and seeing concentric circles of blessings going out to the corners of the earth.

Patterns of Revivals that are described in the scriptures have a pattern of what takes place in a Revival for example, the cleansing and the consecrating of the temple in the time of Hezekiah gives us a pattern as to how we should go about cleansing the temple. Our hearts are God's temple; the church is God's temple. We need to know how to undertake the cleansing of the Lord's temple.

Promises of Revival; Let me give you just one of the precious promises of Revival "for this is

what the high and lofty one says, he who lives forever whose name is Holy, I live in a High and Holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite." Isaiah 57 verse 15. There is only one qualification to being revived and it is right here "lowly and contrite in heart".

Prayers for Revival; "Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?" Psalm 85:6 tells you the whole reason for praying for Revival is not simply to see our churches blessed, our missionaries sent out, or a witness being taken to the ends of the earth. The reason for Revival is that we might rejoice in God. He is the goal of Revival. He is the one in whom we need to rejoice, not simply in the results of Revival.

Principles of Revival; many of the passages in the Old Testament concerning Revival in their original context were given to Israel. We must learn to identify the underlying principles of these promises given to God's people and then apply them to our own situation, to the church today and society in general.

Promise

Prophecies of Revival; in Acts 3:19, there is a promise and prophecy of Revival. Peter is speaking to God's people, and he says "repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out". When God deals with sin, what comes after? "The times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ who has been appointed for you even Jesus." Do you want a definition of Revival? Revival is a time of refreshing from the Lord. The Greek word for refreshing carries the idea that after a really hot day, a cool breeze springs up and you feel refreshed by the cool breeze. That is the word that Peter uses "times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." That's Revival. That is what we ought to be praying for times of refreshing from the presence of God.

Join us for "The Nations Pray" monthly revival prayer this month, we will be at the Zoe Christian Family Centre in Matsapha 28th April past the Eteteni Engen starting from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Please also visit our Facebook page. The Pentecost Ministries International Trust and your feedback is also welcome to the revolutionarymandate@gmail.com.

How Home Affairs has been ignoring two court orders, putting asylum seekers at risk

IN July 2012 the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) closed its Refugee Reception Office (RRO) in Cape Town. Despite two court orders to do so and devastating consequences for asylum seekers, it has failed to reopen the office.

The most recent court order of September 2017 mandated the DHA to reopen the RRO by March 31, 2018. Despite being in contempt of court, there is no indication from the DHA that they are working urgently to do this.

South Africa currently follows global best practice by allowing asylum seekers awaiting refugee status freedom of movement and the right to work.

Expensive

The more expensive and less humane alternative would be housing asylum seekers at camps.

Currently, asylum seekers must register at one of three RROs located in Durban, Musina and Pretoria. Asylum seekers are granted temporary permits, which must be frequently renewed

(every three to six months). With the RRO in Cape Town closed, asylum seekers living in the Mother City must travel every few months to Durban, Musina or Pretoria (1 455km, 1 633km and 1 923km away from Cape Town, respectively). The DHA is meant to process an asylum seeker's claim for refugee status within six months, but due to lack of resources and endemic corruption at the DHA, however, the process more often takes up to five years or more. This situation puts an enormous financial and emotion-

al burden on asylum seekers, who cannot return to their homelands for fear of persecution or death.

For certain types of asylum seekers, such as unaccompanied minors, the disabled or the elderly, the journey is almost impossible. Many asylum seekers are forced to let their permits expire, which makes life here in South Africa even more difficult and dangerous for them.

Without proper documentation, asylum seekers cannot open bank accounts, access health care at hospitals or register their children for schools. News24

There are currently thousands of asylum seekers living in South Africa with expired permits. News24



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AN ACCIDENTAL POLITICIAN

FORMER Kwaluseni Member of Parliament Stella Lukhele had undoubtedly entered politics by accident as it is widely considered as a men's territory in a patriarchal society.

After Kwaluseni community failed to get a candidate of their first choice; her husband, Leonard Lukhele, to stand for the national elections, she then became the second best candidate. This community was looking for an educated person to represent them in Parliament. Leonard could not stand because he was employed by the Examinations Council of Swaziland. He then recommended his wife to the four men requesting him to stand for elections.

Purpose

Without knowing the purpose of the first visit, Stella received the four-man delegation to their home in the absence of her husband. She was surprised by their request to stand for the 1998 elections. This came as a shock to her because she did not harbour any political ambitions. Worse still, she loathed doing something she was not trained to do. As a qualified teacher, she would have been happier if it was just teaching.

However, she could neither grant nor reject their request without prior consultation with her husband. Culturally, it was beyond her to take such a crucial decision just on her own without the head of the family.

"I didn't object because I saw it as an opportunity to serve my community. But I first needed *babe's* consent. But I had already started working with women in the community involved in income-generating projects. In their motivation, they recognised me for all the community projects that I was involved, including a bridge that was swept away by heavy floods in the area."

Leonard did not object to the community's request because he was the one who had referred the men to her. With his blessings, she accepted her nomination by the Kwaluseni community.

She had already served as *bucophu* in the 6th Parliament under Kwaluseni MP William Msibi, a neighbour in Mbikwakhe area.

"I used to work closely with the late MP William Msibi who used to share with me his parliamentary papers. The then Deputy Prime Minister Sishayi Nxumalo educated us about the functions of the Tinkhundla system. He explained how we should work closely with *imiphakatsi*."

It came as no surprise during the 1998 national elections when the Kwaluseni people voted for her which saw her winning with a landslide. When Prime Minister Bamabas Sibusiso appointed his Cabinet, Stella was first appointed as Minister of Housing and Urban Development. She was shunted later to the ministries of tourism, environment and communication as well as agriculture and cooperatives within the turbulent times of her five-year term in the 8th Parliament.

Asked how she was able to cope with juggling her demanding two jobs, she said nothing beats time management. She created time to perform her ministerial and inkhundla responsibilities. She would take off Thursdays, known as the Women Prayer Day, to meet and consult with her electorate at Kwaluseni Inkhundla. As a result, at no time

her electorate had complained about being neglected and abandoned by their MP. She worked hand-in-hand with the *indvuna yenkhundla*, whose main task is to receive the people's requests for projects.

In her capacity as Kwaluseni Inkhundla MP, Stella addressed community needs like roads, bridges and collection of solid waste. She was behind the construction of two roads, bridges and a foot-bridge and solid waste collection points around Kwaluseni

Inkhundla. She laid the foundation of the collection of solid waste by the tractors.

Concerning Women challenges on the road to Parliament, she attributes everything to social, economic and cultural constraints. Culturally, a woman is regarded as minor. Some men, who are family

heads, discourage their wives to stand for elections. Likewise, the community is obligated to seek their husband's permission should a constituency decide to nominate a married woman.

Socially, women are their own worst enemies because they have a bad tendency of not supporting each other.

Once elected to Parliament, they say, a woman turns her back on the other women. She becomes proud and arrogant because she is now rubbing shoulders with the high and mighty in society. Such women think that they are a better thing to happen in their communities. Men tend to fear powerful women because they tend to bully them.

Stella's message to the aspiring women candidates in 2018 elections is that: "Women must develop their self-esteem to conquer the cut-throat world of politics."

They must stop despising other women which make them prefer men to women candidates. Education and reading is very important to know the issues and procedures in the august House."



ACCIDENTAL POLITICIAN: Former Kwaluseni Member of Parliament Stella Lukhele.



● "Accept who you are. Unless you're a serial killer." — *Ellen DeGeneres, Seriously... I'm Kidding*

● "I did not attend his funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." — *Mark Twain*

● "It's not true that I had nothing on. I had the radio on." — *Marilyn Monroe*

● "They love their hair because they're not smart enough to love something more interesting." — *John Green, Looking for Alaska*

● "Everyone should be able to do one card trick, tell two jokes, and recite three poems, in case they are ever trapped in an elevator." — *Lemony Snicket, Horseradish*

● "When life gives you lemons, squirt someone in the eye." — *Cathy Guisewite*

● "Once you can accept the universe as matter expanding into nothing that is something, wearing stripes with plaid comes easy." — *Albert Einstein*

● "A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on." — *Anonymous*

● "It's not because I want to make out with her." Hold on." He grabbed a pencil and scrawled excitedly at the paper as if he'd just made a mathematical breakthrough and then looked back up at me. "I just did some calculations, and I've been able to determine that you're full of shit" — *John Green, Looking for Alaska*

● "If a book about failures doesn't sell, is it a success?" — *Jerry Seinfeld*

● "I came from a real tough neighbourhood. Once a guy pulled a knife on me. I knew he wasn't a professional, the knife had butter on it." — *Rodney Dangerfield*

● "That's why they call it the American Dream, because you have to be asleep to believe it." — *George Carlin*

● "Don't be so humble - you are not that great." — *Golda Meir*

● "I thought I'd lie on the floor and writhe in pain for a while," he grunted, "It relaxes me." "It does? Oh - you're being sarcastic. That's a good sign probably." — *Cassandra Clare, City of Ashes*

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Inflation Rate	4.7%
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Mortgage Rate	10.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E12.40 per litre
Replacement	E12.45 per litre
Diesel	E11.60 per litre
Paraffin	E 8.85 per litre
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Swazi MTN, Swazi Mobile warn customers on scam calls

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

LOCAL cellphone users have been receiving calls from these numbers 006766869030, +6766869061 but the callers on the other end do not say anything.

This has led to a public outcry over these strange calls which have been hounding both Swazi Mobile and Swazi MTN subscribers. Both Swazi MTN and Swazi Mobile have cautioned their customers on these calls which have been identified as being spam.

"We note that some of our valued customers are receiving strange calls from unknown international numbers. Swazi MTN advises that you



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don't receive/take or return them because they are spam calls. As an interim measure, an effort has been made to block these numbers while exploring a lasting solution to this challenge. Please do receive sincere apologies for the inconvenience caused by these spam calls. Be vigilant. #BrightMoves# MTNCares," Swazi MTN said on the company's Facebook

account.

Swazi Mobile issued a statement on the company's social media page also alerting their customers on the strange number that was calling.

"It has come to our attention that some customers are receiving strange calls from 006766869030, +6766869061. It's a spam number; and we are making means to block

these unknown calls. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you. #WeWork," the company said. Swazi Mobile describes spam calls as an on-going challenge. "This is a cyber-challenge and we are trying to block these numbers before they infiltrate mainstream."

According to community.digi.co security warning. "If you receive a missed call with numbers that begin with the code 0067 don't dare call back, let alone pick it. This is an ongoing Nigerian scam. They target those who are tempted to call the numbers back, and thereafter are capable of accessing some personal information they later use to steal their monies from their bank accounts."

E100 000 up for grabs in RSSC youth entrepreneurship competition

INTEREST RATES CHANGES

In accordance with the Central Bank of Swaziland's interest rate change, SwaziBank announces new interest rates with effect from 04 April 2018.

Prime Lending Rate: 10.25%

Savings up to: 5.50%

Rates for deposits above E1 million are negotiable.



THE Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC) has again opened an opportunity for the youth at Mhlume Inkhundla to turn their business dreams to a reality.

The company is inviting young people between the ages 18 and 35 to be part of the second edition of the RSSC Youth

Entrepreneurship Support Competition.

The invited youth are from five areas under Mhlume Inkhundla, namely; Tshaneni, Mhlume, Vuvulane, Tambankulu and Simunye.

RSSC Group Public Affairs Manager Sifiso Nyembe said: "Swaziland has a high level of unemployment, and this

gap is bigger among the youth. As a company, we have learnt that sustainable job creation is through entrepreneurship because entrepreneurship has the ability to create more jobs for the people."

Nyembe also said the company continues to fulfil its mandate of being an active contributor to the socio-economic development of the country, therefore, was constantly seeking opportunities to assist government's efforts to alleviate poverty.

He added that plenty of ideas among the youth go untapped because there are not enough platforms that can harvest these ideas and the available platforms mostly succour the youth in urban areas. "The youth from the mentioned areas should not let this opportunity of a lifetime pass them," he said.

RSSC partnered with Junior Achievement Swaziland for this programme as JA is an extremely experienced entity around youth entrepreneurship.

Apart from the prize money, RSSC has also invested in training and mentorship for all 30 candidates shortlisted from the initial pool of applicants. This way, all participants benefit from being exposed to this programme somehow.

The programme will benefit a total of 30 young people from all the five areas. Realising the need and shortage of jobs in the country, RSSC decided to assist the youth start their own businesses rather than waiting to be employed.

The deadline for entry submission is tomorrow while entry forms are available at RSSC public affairs and security offices.

The programme is expected to run until November, when the winners will be announced. The first prize is; E50 000, E30 000 for second and E20 000 as the third placed entry, which will all be injected into the different ventures as start-up capital.



Swaziland Environment Authority

PROPOSED IMPORTATION OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED MAIZE FOR COMMERCIAL MILLING

The Applicant:

The National Maize Corporation
P O Box 1775
Matsapha

Wishes to import genetically modified (GM) white maize for the purpose of commercial milling. An application for the permit to "import for food, feed, processing and placing on the market" has been submitted to the Swaziland Environment Authority.

The importation is proposed to be carried out with effect from March 2018. Further information can be obtained from the Office of the Biosafety Registrar, at The Swaziland Environment Authority.

Any person who wishes to object or comment to this importation of GM white maize for commercial milling may do so within 28 days from the date of first publication of this notice. Objections and comments should be mailed, emailed or hand delivered to:

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Swazi MTN promises to stop flooding SMSes into people's phones

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

PRODDED into action by irate customers, Swazi MTN has promised to resolve the flooding of messages into subscribers' mobile phone inboxes by introducing phone calls to promote products instead of short mes-

sage services (SMS).

In a statement, Swazi MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Luphondvo assured customers that the company was innovatively moving away from sending the many short messages subscribers received on a daily basis as the company's digital section was now using calls to promote the use of different services. "For a while now, Swazi MTN cus-

tomers have expressed discomfort at the number of short message services (SMS) which almost flood their mobile phone inbox communicating, and promoting the use of different services," he said.

In the meantime, he explained that the advertising of products and services is divided into three: (start of call notification (SON), end of call notification (EOC), and outbound dialing (OBD).

He said the first test was being run to promote Magic Voice—one of the company's products.

"Our customers will be called by 3310, and on picking up, the service will be explained and the customer has a choice to subscribe, or decline.

Where a customer cuts the call midway, s/he will be unsubscribed to the service," he said. Once a cus-

tomers declines, s/he will not be called again for that service. In the event a customer is interested, s/he will be subscribed accordingly. All these calls come at no cost to the subscriber. On a different note, Lufundvo announced that Mobile Money tariff increases have been pushed to May 1. He said further logistics regarding revised rates for the different products and services would be communicated in due course through different mediums.

Swazi hawkers optimistic AcFTA will help them trade across Africa

Stories by Hlengiwe Ndlovu

THE recently launched African Continental Free Trade Area (AcFTA) was received with mixed feelings from different quarters as those who are for it herald it as the much needed instrument to stimulate intra continental trade while those who are against it wonder if it will ever work.

Local hawkers, however, are ecstatic about the AcFTA as they feel it will help them pull free from limitations which have bound them to date. Most hawkers in Swaziland buy their wares either from South Africa or Mozambique and nowhere else.

A handful of hawkers and boutique owners have recently made the discovery of overseas hubs like China as they travel afar to purchase clothes and other commodities not ordinarily found in the local market.

Chairman of Butimba BemaSwati Hawkers Association Isaac Masombuka feels that hawkers are constrained by many things such as the lack of choice in the goods they purchase. The association comprises about 270 men and 470 women hawkers, whose source of income is buying goods in South Africa and Mozambique to sell them in Swaziland.

He said South Africa, for instance, was regarded as a hawkers haven, when in reality, all that country mostly has to offer are China produced goods for the average Swazi hawker and very little else. In Masombuka's view, apart from the made-in-China products, South Africa has a good range of upmarket products which



FLEA MARKET: Hawkers and buyers at the Manzini flea market. The clothes found in this market come from the neighbouring countries. (Pic: Zwelethu Dlamini)

are mostly too expensive for the target market in Swaziland.

Basis

Local hawkers normally travel to South Africa in groups by bus or in mini-buses on a weekly basis where they purchase goods such as clothing, bedding, jewellery, household wares and other items to sell in local markets or to individual customers in Swaziland.

Masombuka said as far as he understands it, the African Continental Free Trade Area would give hawkers like himself the opportunity to explore other African countries apart from South Africa and Mozambique with ease to get diversified products which they can introduce to the local market.

He was also optimistic that this new trade agreement would open up the Swazi market for other African countries to come and experience pure Swazi products like the Swazi Secrets range of beauty products made from

Marula fruits.

Masombuka also spoke about aloe which grows naturally and organically in large quantities in some parts of the country.

"In my view, when the new trade agreement starts working, perhaps people living in communities with a lot of aloe will wake up and realise that they literally have gold in their neighbourhood which can be processed into many fantastic medicines and beauty products.

Some African countries do not have aloe and I think there is a lot we can do with ours to sell to our brothers who do not have it in their backyards or mountains," he said.

One other often overlooked organic product that sells well in South Africa is incense (*imphepho*) which grows naturally in rivers and mountains. "I am not sure if *imphepho* grows naturally in South Africa like it does in Swaziland, but people there just love our *imphepho* and many

Swazi women make good money from this organic product in South Africa.

Who knows maybe people in other African countries would also fall in love with it and the trade agreement would help us export it with ease without attracting hefty duties and customs payments in borders".

Masombuka's main worry though is the fact that even though the AcFTA is now in place, he still barely knows what other countries in the SADC region let alone those in the broader African region have to offer. "As far as I know, Swazi women make the most amazing handicraft which is in demand not just in South Africa but in overseas countries lately.

But my big problem now is I do not know what Zambia, for instance, has to offer to the Swazi market. Yet, surely, they do have something to offer," he said.

Masombuka fears that even though the AcFTA is now in place, big companies and corporations will get the greatest benefit because they are in a better position to scan different markets while budding business people barely have the information on at least what other countries have to offer. More than 40 African Heads of State signed the AcFTA in the Rwandan capital Kigali to create the world's largest market after the World Trade Organisation.

It is envisaged that the AcFTA will progressively eliminate tariffs on intra-African trade, making it easier for African businesses to trade within the continent and cater to and benefit from the growing African market, said the African Union.

'Can Africa run when it can barely walk?'

AFRICAN countries are good at signing charters with fancy words like the African Charter on Youth, Human Rights Charter, Democracy Charter and others but seriously lag behind in implementation.

These were the words of Quscondy Abdushalfi, an activist and human rights pioneer from Sudan. Speaking in an Al Jazeera talk show last week where he and other panellists debated the newly launched AcFTA, Abdushalfi wondered: "How can Africa run if we are not walking?"

He based his argument on the numerous trade agreements that African countries have, some of which have not materialised yet the continent has now set an ambitious plan through the AcFTA to bolster intra-continental trade.

"We are misled that these agreements will spur development when in actual fact what Africa needs is a radical, visionary and strong plan for industrialisation.

We cannot remain as a raw material producing continent forever but we need to start to process our own goods," he said, further arguing that African countries have no problem in signing deals but fail to pay attention to the finer details.

Panellist Mukhtar Ainashe from Somalia shared similar sentiments as he said Africa should concentrate on making trade blocs work first then graduate to the free trade agreement.

"Why jump to such a big thing when we have many smaller problems to solve?" he wondered. In the same vein, Ainashe expressed confidence that when it becomes fully functional, the AcFTA would be of great help to women as 70 per cent of people involved in cross border trade in Africa at individual level are female.

The AcFTA is not just expected to look into trade issues but eliminate travel barriers as well. Ainashe expressed concern that to travel from Somalia to Ivory Coast, one still has to go via Europe or Asia as there are no flights linking the two countries.

Professor Landry Sagne shared an optimistic perspective of the AcFTA as he said a continental free trade area would be more manageable than regional trading blocs. "About 42 per cent of intra African trade is related to manufactured goods.

The FTA will help develop the manufacturing industry," he said. The professor further argued that the AcFTA would place Africa in a better position to negotiate for better deals with major markets such as China, the USA and the European Union.



ARTISTIC: Handicraft on display at Buhleni during the marula festival earlier this year.

RSSC's OSM gaining strength in its second year

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation is continually improving as the company's Office of Strategy Management (OSM) is showing signs of strength in its second year of existence.

This has been displayed in the company's 2017 integrated report and projects the company is engaged in. OSM is established to facilitate and measure performance against strategic targets and objectives and to drive a culture of continuous improvement throughout RSSC. "An important ongoing effort at the OSM was to communicate the underlying motivation of Simama 20-20—the aim is to reduce the com-

pany's unit cost by 20 per cent by 2020. Throughout the programme outlined, all participants were measured in terms of this contribution and while weightings may have varied, every employee was included," the report said.

Retained

Furthermore, the company mentioned that dipstick surveys were undertaken in order to establish what the company's employees had retained with regard to Simama 20-20.

"Our Simama 20-20 of reducing the unit cost by 20 per cent by the year 2020 hinges on increasing cane supply and milling capacity, which are key in ensuring sustainable profits in the business," RSSC Out-

growers Development Manager Tim Shongwe said.

Mentoring

The company, on another note, has again measured up as an active contributor to the socio-economic development of the country. The company is mentoring two sugar cane growing projects to benefit nearly 500 families in the community. Both projects are under the Lubombo region and they are situated at Mnyangombili, a community in Mafucula, while the other is at Mbombowendlovu, an area near Nkambeni.

The projects are strategic for RSSC towards expanding its production in the face of increasingly tough pricing conditions in the EU mar-

kets.

Funding

"After the funding from EU, RSSC's duty is to facilitate the project and make sure that it yields positive results. We also have projects beyond growing sugar which are going to benefit the two communities," Managing Director Nick Jackson said.

"One of the projects is to provide potable water for more than 365 homesteads at Mnyangombili, fence the sugar-cane fields at both sites, and build semi-detached teachers' houses, one at Tsambokhulu Primary (Mnyangombili); another one at Madzanga High, Mangedla Primary and Zwide Primary all at Mbombowendlovu," Shongwe said.

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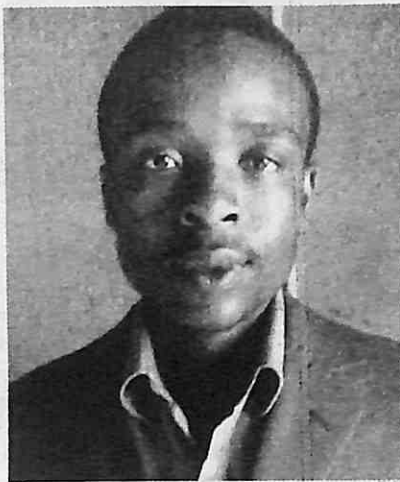
Enactus Students Thankful for Old Mutual 'On The Money' Training

Following the launch of the partnership between Old Mutual and Enactus Swaziland on financial education, Enactus students have expressed their gratitude for the 'On The Money' financial education training that is currently being conducted in all participating Enactus institutions.

The training has already been rolled out at VOCTIM, SCOT, AMADI and SANU Faculty of Education. Here is what the students had to say:

Enactus AMADI CEO Lungelwa Khumalo,

"The training was definitely insightful and very thought provoking. Personally, I felt that everyone in the room, no matter how good their money management skills, needed to hear this. Money management is a common problem for everyone. We mostly think that these are challenges for older people because they go to work and earn money, but the problem often begins at an early stage, when young people are used to getting money they haven't earned knowing that when the reserve dies out it'll be replenished. Targeting youth with money management skills is such a



Lungelwa Khumalo.

bright and clever way that definitely nips the problem at the bud."

Enactus SCOT member Sonnyboy Nkibande

"I especially loved how they used the Lion to show that one must eat first and then the rest shall follow. What I got from that is no matter how big or small one's money is, make sure to EAT first (set aside for savings), then the rest can be spent knowing that you are good for the next coming years. I would love to thank



Mcolisi Ndzimandze.

the Old Mutual team for reminding us how important saving is and for encouraging us to keep on dreaming and having goals, but at the same time, to invest in those goals and not just hope for miracles. As much as we are all destined for something, in the long run we create our own destinies with the choices that we make."

Enactus SCOT member Nkhosingiphile Mabuza

"The training was great and gave



Nkhosingiphile Mabuza.

me many things to think about. I had the realisation that what if I get to retirement and live for another 20 years, how will I survive if I hadn't been saving?

The most helpful information was to not live life to please or impress people but do what makes you happy. As young people we have the tendency to care most about 'bantfu batotsini' (what will people say) and that leads us to spend more and forget about the future. When I start working, the first thing I will do is



Sonnyboy Nkibande.

insure my life and my loved ones lives with Old Mutual."

Enactus VOCTIM CEO Mcolisi Ndzimandze

"The most helpful piece of information I learned was the principal of prioritising and saving. I have learnt to use alternative ways to reach my goals, for instance not to use expensive ways when there are cheaper ways to reach that goal. The training was good and they must come back again so that we can learn even more."

'Brics to prioritise digital economy'

JOHANNESBURG - Brics countries - led by South Africa - are going to prioritise the digital economy in the development of cheaper, quicker and faster digital and mobile technology.

Brics comprises five major emerging national economies - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

The incoming Chairman of the Brics Business Council, Dr. Iqbal Survé, said the "4th Industrial Revolution (4IR)" was characterised by dramatic and disruptive change in the ways societies are run.

He said that if the third Industrial revolution was associated with the rise of computer technology - the 4IR would be associated with supercomputing, blockchain technologies, and artificial intelligence.

"[This] is fundamentally different to the previous three revolutions because for the first time that which was a figment of our imagination can begin to happen - humans can be replaced in virtually every sphere of productive life," said Dr. Survé, in his address at the Brics Business Council 2018 Midterm meeting held in Shanghai, March 27.

"At its most promising, the Fourth Industrial Revolution is an unprecedented opportunity for the Brics countries and Africans, who have hitherto been largely excluded from the 4IR tidal wave, to embrace and fully participate in the technology metamorphosis, to co-create Africa's own digital future and assist its people to move from low to moderate prosperity and better living standards."

"African News Agency

'What you did not know about the property titan'

CAPE TOWN - As South Africa mourns the passing of property and real estate mogul, Pam Golding, we take a look at the woman behind the successful empire.

Golding was born in 1928 and died on Monday at the age of 90 at her Wittebomen home in Constantia.

She attended the University of Cape Town.

She was married to the very private Cecil Golding for the majority of her life. The property tycoon had three children: Peter and Andrew and Jilly. Andrew studied medicine at UCT and is the current CEO of Pam Golding Properties. Andrew is the ex-President of International Real Estate Federation (FIABCI), a board member of ooba and the current President of the Institute of



NO MORE: Pam Golding.

Estate Agents of South Africa (IEASA). Peter Golding went to the prestigious St Andrews College in Grahamstown. He went on to study accounting at the University

of Stellenbosch and is the current CEO of Pam Golding Commercial.

Peter has had a significant involvement in community work via the Property Foundation.

This work is directly and indirectly connected with interests in Education, Business and Music, according to the CEO.

Golding started her company, Pam Golding Properties in 1976 and grew her business to what is now considered one of the largest real estate groups in SA. In an interview with The Independent in 2009, Golding described the beginning of her property powerhouse. She started her company with a clear vision in mind, to enter the property market and eventually brought her two sons on board too. "I just got this idea one day. We (her husband Cecil) and I were a typical, young married couple with two small children."

BUSINESS REPORT ONLINE

BankservAfrica processes record 89m transfers in March

JOHANNESBURG - BankservAfrica said yesterday it had processed a record 89 million electronic funds transfers (EFTs) amounting to R847 billion in March.

BankservAfrica, Africa's largest automated payments clearing house, said most of these were for EFT credit payments, representing 51 million in volume and a value of R778 billion. "The significant activity can be attributed to the South

African Social Security Agency's grant pay-outs that were processed by the South African National Treasury through BankservAfrica," said Martin Grunewald, Chief Payments Officer at the company.

BankservAfrica is based in Johannesburg and processes transactions for clients including banks, the retail sector and government.

In 2017, BankservAfrica embarked on a project to modernise payments. African News Agency (ANA)

M&R bags R3.7bn in new mine contracts

JOHANNESBURG - Murray & Roberts (M&R), the listed multinational engineering and construction group that is the subject of a hostile takeover bid by German-based private investment holding firm Aton, has been awarded further new underground mining contracts valued at a total of R3.7 billion.

The company reported yesterday that it had been awarded these contracts for projects in the sub-Saharan, North American and Australasian

markets. It said these awards included projects for diamond, gold, copper, salt and platinum mines that were to be delivered over a period of two to three years. These contract awards follow M&R reporting last month that it had been awarded new underground mining contracts in the North American and Australasian markets worth a total of R3.8bn, that would be delivered over a period of up to four years. BUSINESS REPORT ONLINE



World News

Chaos during shooting at YouTube's offices

SAN BRUNO - Gunfire erupted at YouTube's offices in California on Tuesday, leaving three people wounded and sparking a panicked escape before the suspected shooter - a woman - apparently committed suicide.

California news outlets late Tuesday said she appeared to be a vegan-themed content creator who has raged against YouTube on her personal website for what she saw as censorship of her videos.

"There is no free speech in the real world and you will be suppressed for telling the truth that is not supported by the system," read a post on a website identified as hers by the San Francisco Chronicle.

"There is no equal growth opportunity on YouTube or any other video sharing site."

Police had yet to formally release the name of the apparent shooter or confirm a motive. Amid a chaotic scene in the city of San Bruno, a woman believed to be the shooter was found dead at the scene of the Google-owned video sharing service. "We have one subject who is deceased inside the building with a self-inflicted wound," San Bruno Police Chief Ed Barberini told reporters. "At this time, we believe



TRAGEDY: The woman who shot three people before killing herself with a handgun at YouTube's California headquarters has been identified as 39-year-old Nasim Aghdam.

it to be the shooter." Officers arriving to numerous calls for help saw employees running from the building, and found a person out front who appeared to be shot in the leg, according to police. Four people, three suffering from gunshot wounds, were taken to local hospitals, police

said. The fourth person hurt suffered a sprained or broken ankle. "I know a lot of you are in shock right now," Google Chief Executive Sundar Pichai said in a message to employees shared by the company on Twitter. "I am grateful to everyone inside and outside the compa-

ny for the outpouring of support and best wishes." He thanked emergency workers for springing into action to help, and said that he and YouTube Chief Susan Wojcicki were focused on supporting employees in the aftermath of the violence.

AFP

Prince Philip in hospital

JOHANNESBURG - English Queen Elizabeth's husband, Prince Philip, has been admitted to King Edward VII Hospital in London.

The Daily Mail reported on Tuesday that Philip, 96, was to undergo hip surgery yesterday.

Today, Philip was to have appeared with his 91-year-old wife at the Royal Maundy Service at Leicester Cathedral in central England and attend a reception and lunch afterwards.

However, he did not attend because of trouble with his hip. Philip retired from public life last year but has since appeared several times at royal engagements alongside the queen. At a ceremony commemorating Britain's war dead in November, he appeared to be having trouble standing and leaned against a wall. *ENCA*



Trump vows to deploy military to Mexican border

NEW YORK - US President Donald Trump vowed to deploy the military to the border with Mexico, something he described as a "big step."

Cultivating his tough-on-migration image during a White House meeting with Baltic leaders, Trump said "we are going to be guarding our bor-

der with our military" as he lashed out at his predecessor.

"President Obama made changes that basically created no border," he claimed, without elaborating.

Trump has raged at Mexico for allowing around 1 500 demonstrators from Central America to walk toward the US border.

Like each of the last five years, they set off from the southern Mexican state of Chiapas for the US border, where many hope to apply for asylum.

Spurred on by right wing media, Trump has leapt on the "caravan" as evidence of the need for a border wall.

"If it reaches our border our laws are so weak and so pathetic... it's like we have no border." "We need to have a wall that's about 700-800 miles" of the border, he said. *AFP*

'Trump under investigation but not criminal target'

NEW YORK - US President Donald Trump is under investigation by Special Counsel Robert Mueller but is not currently considered a criminal target, The Washington Post reported on Tuesday.

Mueller is investigating possible collusion between Russia and Trump's campaign, a probe the president has denounced

as a "witch hunt".

The newspaper, quoting three anonymous sources, said that Mueller considers Trump a subject of the investigation, meaning there is currently not enough evidence to bring criminal charges.

Additionally, Mueller told the president's lawyers that he is preparing a report on Trump's

actions and possible obstruction of justice, the Post said. Mueller, a former FBI director and federal prosecutor, was named last May to investigate possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia.

US intelligence agencies say Russian President Vladimir Putin himself was behind a hacking and disinformation effort to disrupt the election and boost Trump's chances of winning.

AFP

BRIEFS

4th bomb blamed on blackmailer

MUNICH - German police on Tuesday said they had successfully defused a parcel bomb in Berlin that was "in all likelihood" sent by the same DHL blackmailer who caused the evacuation of a Christmas market last December. It is the fourth parcel bomb in recent months blamed on the blackmailer, who has demanded \$12 million worth of bitcoins from the parcel delivery service DHL. The latest parcel containing explosive material was sent to the Berlin Chamber of Crafts and "can in all likelihood be attributed to the DHL extortionist or extortionists," a Potsdam police spokesperson said.

AFP

Extradition of ex-leader request

BERLIN - German prosecutors filed a request to a regional court on Tuesday for the extradition of former Catalan president Carles Puigdemont to Spain, where he faces charges of rebellion over the region's campaign for independence. Puigdemont has been held in a detention centre in the northern German town of Neumuenster for just over a week after he was arrested in Germany March 25. Prosecutors in the state of Schleswig-Holstein said Spain's extradition request was admissible because accusations of rebellion included carrying out an anti-constitutional referendum even though violent clashes could be expected. *Reuters*

'largest ever' crystal busts made

BANGKOK - Thailand has made one of its largest crystal methamphetamine busts, seizing 700 million baht (R262-million) worth of the drug, police said on Tuesday, as the United Nations warned Southeast Asia was being flooded with illegal drugs from the "Golden Triangle" region. Police said 700 kilogrammes of the drug, known as ice, was seized March 28 in southern Chumphon Province and were destined for Malaysia. The drugs were produced in the Golden Triangle region, where the borders of Thailand, Myanmar and Laos meet. Two Thais and two Malaysians were arrested in connection with the bust.

Reuters



Truck kills 1 elephant, injures 4

MADRID - Authorities in southern Spain say an elephant has died and four others are recovering from injuries after a circus truck tipped over on a major highway, provoking an outcry among animal rights defenders. The truck overturned on the highway linking Albacete with Murcia after overtaking another long vehicle, said Albacete's Civil Guard spokesman Jose Amado. He said the movement of the five female elephants could have destabilised the truck. The driver wasn't injured, the spokesman said, but one of the elephants died on the spot. The four surviving elephants — three of them with minor cuts, and one with injured legs — are being treated by veterinarians in a public facility before being moved to a clinic in coming days. Animal rights groups say the accident is the latest example of how circuses are a danger for wild animals.

AP

Focus on SA scene

SA traditional leaders mourn Winnie Madikizela-Mandela

JOHANNESBURG - The National House of Traditional Leaders says it has learned of the passing of the late Winnie Madikizela-Mandela with "a profound sense of loss and deep sadness".

In a statement late on Tuesday, the Institution of Traditional Leaders said it holds the late Madikizela-Mandela in high esteem as the freedom fighter, icon and stalwart of the anti-apartheid struggle.

"The House values many things she did as the servant of the people. She fought valiantly against apartheid and sacrificed her life for the freedom of the people.

She also championed gender equality," said the statement.

Madikizela-Mandela passed away on Monday. She had been hospitalised at the weekend. Since then, messages of condolence from South Africa and elsewhere continue to be recorded for the fallen icon. Flags are flying at half mast in the country and embassies abroad.

Traditional leaders said in their statement that Madikizela-Mandela "dedicated most of her adult life to the freedom of the people and for this was known far and wide as the mother of the nation, apart from that she was very passionate of cultural issues". The statement added:

"The Institution of Traditional Leadership will surely miss her, as she was also part of the Institution through the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa.

"The House thus, on behalf of all traditional leaders in the country, wishes to convey words of sympathy and deepest condolences to the bereaved family, the Mvezo Traditional Council, the African National Congress (ANC), Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa, the Government of the Republic of South Africa, and the people of South Africa in general." The struggle icon will be laid to rest next Saturday. *African News Agency*



'THE HAWKS HAVE NOT SPOKEN TO ME'

PRETORIA - Prophet Shepherd Bushiri says he has only learned indirectly about an apparent investigation into his affairs by the Hawks, but he is willing to show police his financial records.

"Ordinarily, we refrain from issuing rebuttals, but it has become important to set the record straight, since in this case, silence may no longer be golden.

"While there hasn't been any official communication from the Hawks or other related government agencies to this effect, Prophet Bushiri largely welcomes this inquest, to put to rest the wild allegations that have been making the rounds, often promoted by some faceless group, who are bent on dragging the name of the church and the man of God in the mud," the church said in an official statement.



NOT AWARE: Prophet Shepherd Bushiri.

Last weekend, the Sunday World reported that the Hawks are investigating the charismatic preach-

er, after members of the church leadership claimed he was sending an estimated R15-million a

month to Malawi, his country of birth. The money is allegedly transported out of South Africa in Bushiri's private jet and other vehicles. Hawks spokesman Hangwani Mulaudzi was quoted as confirming that they have launched a money laundering probe into the prophet, known as the 'Major One,' but did not confirm the amounts. Mulaudzi told the newspaper that the investigation is still in its "infancy stage" and no further information could be released about the matter. The church rejected the report. "The report, which is clearly a figment of the imagination of the authors, oscillated from alleged investigations by the Hawks to 'claims by members' of the ECG... Needless to say these allegations fall flat when put to the test... We are not ignorant of the clandestine moves by some groups and individuals but we take solace in the established fact, which says that, no matter how far falsehood travels, it would eventually be overtaken by truth. The truth will surely prevail," the church said. "We are committed to working with any government agency who so wish to look at our books".

Times Live

Graça Machel lauds Winnie's 'extraordinary life,' mourns her passing

JOHANNESBURG - Nelson Mandela's widow, Graça Machel, says she is struggling to deal with Winnie Madikizela-Mandela's death.

In an open letter, Machel refers to Madikizela-Mandela as her 'big sister'.

Machel celebrated Madikizela-Mandela's commitment to the country and, noting that Madikizela-Mandela provided hope during dark times, said she took solace in the fact that the struggle icon had "risen to become one of the brightest stars in the sky".

Machel thanked Madikizela-Mandela for her "brilliant wisdom, fierce defiance, and stylish beauty."

eNCA

Children, adults killed in Nyanga shooting

CAPE TOWN - Western Cape police are searching for three suspects who shot and killed four people in Nyanga, Cape Town, late on Tuesday.

"The circumstances surrounding the murder of four people aged 28, 19, 13 and 12 are being investigated following an incident last night in Browns Farm, Nyanga at around 21:00. Three suspects opened fire at the victims, who were sitting in a Toyota Avanza, and fled the scene," said police spokesperson André Traut.

He said a fifth victim, also a child, was wounded and admitted to hospital.

"The motive for the attack is yet to be determined and the suspects are yet to be arrested. Any person with information regarding the incident, is kindly requested to contact Crime Stop on 08600 10111," Traut said.

eNCA

Don't become a landless ancestor - warns Malema

JOHANNESBURG - The Economic Freedom Fighters have a message for the reckless: Don't risk dying before the land is won. Drive safely and carry a condom.

On Good Friday, EFF leader Julius Malema offered words of advice to people embarking on trips over the long weekend. In the two minute clip, Malema, in the company of party national spokesperson Mbuyiseni Ndlozi, advised people to stay safe on the roads.

"Safe long weekend, guys. Be responsible, don't drink and drive. Don't speed on the road, be patient

with one another please," Malema told his followers.

People's Bae Ndlozi, seated next to him, chipped in, "For those doing the holiday destination, safe sex."

To which Malema added, "Please, please, carry a lot of condoms. We don't want you to die. The revolution needs you, guys. The land is coming. Don't die before you get your land, you are going to be a landless ghost." The pair appears to be enjoying their downtime over the long weekend, delivering a strong message with a touch of humour. *Times Live*

SA supports independent probe into Gaza killings

TSHWANE - The South African government yesterday condemned the "latest act of violent aggression carried out by Israeli armed forces in Gaza" which has led to the deaths of at least 17 Palestinian citizens and many others injured.

"South Africa reiterates its view that the Israeli Defence Force must withdraw from the Gaza Strip and bring to an end the violent and destructive incursions into Palestinian territories," International Relations and Cooperation Minister Lindiwe Sisulu said. She said South Africa maintains further that the violence in the Gaza Strip will stand in the way of rebuilding Palestinian institutions and infra-

structure. "The actions of the Israeli armed forces present yet another obstacle to a permanent resolution to the conflict, which must come in the form of two states, Palestine and Israel, existing side-by-side and in peace," Sisulu said. "South Africa aligns itself with those members of the United Nations calling for an independent inquiry into the killings, with a view to holding to account those who are responsible." Last week, tens of thousands of Palestinians marched near the border between the eastern Gaza Strip and Israel - marking the first in a series of six-week-long planned protests. *African News Agency*

Baby with a football-sized head awaits life-changing surgery

PAKISTAN - A baby boy who suffers from a condition that has caused his head to grow to almost the size of a football is awaiting life-changing surgery.

Nine-month-old Muhammad Hammad, from Khuzdar in Pakistan, has hydrocephalus - a build-up of fluid inside sufferers' skulls.

Muhammad's head, which measures 25 inches in circumference, has left the infant immobile and unable to eat or

● *Muhammad Hammad has a fluid build-up in his skull as a result of hydrocephalus*

sleep properly.

After Muhammad's parents took their son more than 260 miles by bus for treatment, they were told the youngster is suffering from a urine infection and cannot have surgery until it has passed. Muhammad's father Shafeeq Hussain, 33, who earns around £100 a month

working in a textile factory, worries his family will be forced to return home soon as they are running out of money and his pregnant wife's due date is approaching. He said: "Doctors have told us there are [just] remote chances of our son getting normal but miracles do happen." *Daily Mail*



FAITH: Muhammad Hammad, who suffers from a rare condition that has caused his head to grow to almost the size of a football, is desperately awaiting life-changing surgery.



RARE INFECTION: Muhammad's head measures 25 inches in circumference and has left the infant immobile.



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MBABANE

TENDER No. 180 OF 2017/ 18 and 20 OF 2018/ 19
PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) OPPORTUNITIES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

- The Municipal Council of Mbabane (MCC) hereby invites suitably qualified Developers to submit proposals for the Development of the following pieces of land;
 - A Portion of Remainder Farm 75 (Old Abattoir).
 - Plot 898, Mbabane Township (Checkers, along Sozisa road).
- More details on the developments are provided in the Request for Proposal (RFP) Documents, which may be purchased from the Municipal Council of Mbabane's Civic Offices for a non-refundable fee of E1000.00 per copy. The method of payment shall be cash or bank guaranteed cheque payable to the Municipal Council of Mbabane or swiping.
- Enquiries can be directed to the Public Private Partnership Office of the Council, tel.: +268 2409 7090.
- A Developer may be selected if their Technical Proposal fully complies with the Terms of Reference and is financially viable.
- Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and deposited into the Tender Box located next to the Council's revenue offices at the following address;

Municipal Council of Mbabane
P.O. Box 1, Civic Offices, Mahlokohla Street, Mbabane

Not later than 1200 noon Swaziland time on Monday, 2nd July 2018 at which time the proposals will be opened in public. The outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked with the land parcel the Developer is proposing to develop.

GIDEON MHLONGO
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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TENDER NUMBER: UBO 005/2018 AGRIC

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR SPRING REPLANT LAND PREPARATION

Ubombo Sugar Limited (USL) has secured funding from the European Union - Swaziland Sugar Facility under UISDD Project 3 2015/354-053 to implement Ubombo Integrated Small Holder Development Project in the Ubombo cane supply area in Swaziland. Ubombo Sugar Limited (USL) now invites suitably qualified Local and International contractors to tender for: Spring replant land preparation. Tender documents are obtainable from the Purchasing & Inventory Manager's Secretary (Mill stores) Ubombo Sugar Limited, from 04 April 2018 up to the day of compulsory clarification meeting and site visit upon payment of a non-refundable cash amount of E300.00 (Three Hundred Emalangeni only) which excludes courier delivery cost, payable at the Cashier's Office located at the Ubombo Sugar Limited Main Office, P.O. Box 23, Big Bend.

Contractors and sub-contractors that have their origin in G20 countries (including South Africa) are not eligible to tender, but materials that have their origin from South Africa can be supplied by eligible contractors and sub-contractors. Please note those materials that originate from other G20 countries (except South Africa) are not allowed. Contractors are supposed to submit proof that they are registered in eligible countries.

Signed and completed tenders should comprise the following: Complete Tender Forms, Valid CIC certificate, Original Receipt, Copy of a valid Trading License, Copy of valid Tax Clearance Certificate, Copy of a Labour Compliance Certificate, Form C & Form J, Tender guarantee (E2,000.00), Signed site inspection certificate.

The completed tender documents must be delivered in sealed envelopes showing only the project name and the tender number to the address below;

Ubombo Sugar Ltd, Main Office
Portion Farm 161, Old Main Road, PO Box 128, Big Bend, Swaziland
Telephone +268 2363 6927/8, Fax: +268 2363 6924

The deadline for submission of tenders is 23rd April 2018 at 1100hrs, local Swaziland time.
A compulsory site inspection will be held on the 6th April 2018 at 0900hrs.

Information pertaining to the site visit be directed to the Replant Coordinator, Themba Nkonyane at tnkonyane@illovo.co.za copied to the Project Engineer, Justin Mutiro at jmutiro@illovo.co.za and to the Project Manager, Peter Oldham at poldham@illovo.co.za and nkambule@illovo.co.za Tel: +268 23636 927/8.

Late, telegraphic or faxed tenders shall not be accepted. The tender shall be valid for a period of 90 days with effect from the closing date of the tender.

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WINNIE MADIKIZELA-MANDELA: REVOLUTIONARY WHO KEPT THE SPIRIT OF RESISTANCE ALIVE

NO other woman – in life and after – occupies the place that Winnie Madikizela-Mandela does in South African politics. A stalwart of the African National Congress (ANC), she nevertheless stands alone, and at times on the side, the part.

Her iconic status transcends political parties and geographical boundaries, generations and genders. Poets have honoured her, writers have immortalised her and photographers have adored her.

Her life has been overburdened by tragedies and dramas, and by the expectations of a world hungry for godlike heroes on whom to pin all its dreams, and one-dimensional villains on whom to pour its rage. Yet perhaps it is in the smaller and more intimate stories of our stumbling to make a better world that we are best able to recognise and appreciate the meaning of the life of Madikizela-Mandela.

In her particular life, we may see more clearly the violence wrought by colonialism and apartheid, the profound consequences of fraternal political movements to whom women were primarily ornamental and, yes, the tragic mistakes made in the crucible of civil war.

Her political power stemmed from the visceral connection that she was able to make between the everyday lives of black people in a racist state, and her own individual life. State power, in all its vicious dimensions, was exaggerated in its response to her indomitable will – and in its stark visibility, personified.

Fearless in the face of torture, imprisonment, banishment and betrayal, she stood firm in her conviction that apartheid could be brought down. She said what she liked, and bore the consequences. Her very life was a form of bearing witness to the brutality of the system.

A LIFE OF MISRECOGNITION

Many obituaries will outline the broad sweep of her life; few will mark the extent to which her revolutionary ideas were shaped before she even met Nelson Mandela. To most of her social circle in the 1950s, for a long time into the 1980s, and certainly for Nelson Mandela's biographers, Madikizela-Mandela was a young rural naïf who charmed the most eligible (married) man in town.

This way of seeing her as primarily beautiful, and not as an emerging political figure, has coloured both contemporaneous accounts of Madikizela-Mandela (for she was surely too young and beautiful to have a serious political idea) as well as scholarly accounts of the period (which focused on the thoughts and actions of men).

This misrecognition resonated in the ANC, which had no way of accommodating Madikizela-Mandela's political qualities other than by casting her in the familiar tropes of wife and mother. Astutely, she embraced the role of mother and wife of a political leader and fashioned it into a platform for her own variant of radicalism, drawing on recent memories of the forcible dispossession of land and its impact on the Eastern Cape peasantry, and black consciousness.

She kept those traditions alive in the

ANC, especially in the everyday politics of the townships, when the leadership of the party was crafting new forms of non-racialism and at times vilifying black consciousness. Even though she was not part of the inner circle of the black consciousness movement, being older than the students leading it at its height, she was an ally in words and spirit.

In the tumult after the 1976 uprising, she built a bridge between different political factions. In the early 1990s, when Nelson Mandela was urging armed youths to give up violent strategies, it was Madikizela-Mandela they called on (along with the then leader of the South African Communist Party Chris Hani) to defend their change in tactics.

She played a similar role in brokering between moderates and radicals in the ANC and its breakaways up until her death. This was a form of gendered politics made possible by her status as mother of the nation, uniting warring sons and holding together her political family, even if peace was maintained only in her presence.

WHITE POWER AND BLACK SUFFERING

Winnie Madikizela was born in a rural Eastern Cape village called Bizana in September 1936. Her parents, Columbus and Gertrude, were teachers and her childhood was marked by the stern Methodism of her mother and the radical Africanist orientation of her father.

Rural life, with its entrenched gender roles, shaped her childhood. Not only was she aware of her mother's desire to bear another son, but she and her sisters were expected to care for their male siblings. She was barely eight when her mother died months after giving birth to Winnie's brother. Her childhood was cut short, and she had to leave school for six months to work in the fields and to carry out, with her sisters, all the daily chores of the household, from preparing food to cleaning. In her large and rambunctious family in which her parents upheld discipline with physical punishment, she learned to defend herself with her fists, if necessary.

Her rural background made her aware of land dispossession as a central question of freedom. By her own account, she learnt about the racialised system of power early in her life. From her father, she learnt about the Xhosa wars against the colonisers, and later would imagine herself as picking up where her ancestors had failed:

If they failed in those nine Xhosa wars, I am one of them of them and I will start from where those Xhosas left off and get my land back.

She was to retain the theme of land dispossession by colonialism throughout her political career. Associated with this was the idea that race was central to colonialism. Taught by her grandmother that the source of black suffering was white power, her framing of politics was defined completely by the ways in which her family understood the relations of colonialism, and by their personal experiences of humiliation.

As with many other ANC members



with Eastern Cape roots, she did not think of urban struggles as the only space of resistance, or workers as the only agents of change. She warned, in 1985, that "The white makes a mistake, thinking the tribal black is subservient and docile."

MILITANT TO THE CORE

After six short years together, Madikizela-Mandela's husband, Nelson, was sentenced to life imprisonment. By this stage, she too was inextricably involved in the national liberation movement, politics with single parenting. She was attuned to the mood of people, and was more of an empathic leader than a theorist or tactician.

She was an effective speaker, and had a gift for winning over an audience. Adelaide Joseph, a friend and fellow ANC activist, recalls that "when she made her first public speech... right on the spot, while she was speaking, the women composed a song for Winnie Mandela. And they started to sing right in the hall."

She joined the ANC Women's League and the Federation of South African Women, and participated in several

campaigns. She was militant to the core. On one occasion, when a policeman arrived at her house with a summons and dared to pull her arm, she assaulted him and had to defend herself in court for the action.

She was far from being a bystander, or a passive wife patiently waiting for her husband's release from prison. In her autobiography, Madikizela-Mandela credits several other women for influencing her politically. Among these were Lilian Ngoyi, Florence Matomela, Frances Baard and Kate Molale, all leaders of the federation.

For her, they were the "top of the ANC hierarchy" although at the time no women were in fact in any formal leadership positions in the ANC. The ANC only allowed women to become full members in 1943, and during the 1950s, women were locked in an intense battle for recognition within the movement.

In the ANC Women's League and in the federation, she held positions as chairperson of her branch in Orlando, and was a member of their provincial and national executives. In the 1970s, with her close friend Fatima Meer, she formed the Black Women's Federation.

It was a short lived organisation with few campaigns, but signalled an adherence to the new township based politics that was sweeping the country.

BANISHMENT AND BRUTALITY

If the apartheid state had hoped to break her, they failed. She was fearless in the face of the state's attempts to silence her. Her home was repeatedly invaded and searched, and she was arrested, assaulted and imprisoned several times. Then, in 1977, in an act of extreme cruelty, she was served with a banishment order to a place in the Free State called Brandfort – a place she had never heard of nor had she ever visited.

It was a horrendous uprooting from her family and community in Soweto, a form of exile that she described as "my little Siberia". Madikizela-Mandela grasped very clearly the power that could derive from associating actions against her with actions against the nation. As she put it,

"When they send me into exile, it's not me as an individual they are sending. They think that with me they can also ban the political ideas. But that is a historic impossibility... I am of no importance to them as an individual. What I stand for is what they want to banish."

But although the state did not break Winnie, by her own account it did brutalise her. Talking about her long period of solitary confinement and torture in 1969, she told a journalist that, "that imprisonment of eighteen months in solitary confinement did actually change me... We were so brutalised by that experience that I then believed in the language of violence and the only way to deal with, to fight, apartheid was through the same violence they were unleashing against us and that is how one gets affected by that type of brutality."

The consequences were awful, not just for her but also for Paul Verryn, and especially for the families of Stompie Seipei and Abu Asvat. This period in her life, and in South African politics generally, is one that will not only occupy our moral energies, but also shape the ways in which narratives of violence in the 1980s are written. These were dark times in a country weighed down by states of emergency and militarised control.

The exaggerated quality of Madikizela-Mandela's life had to bear, too, the nightmares of our nation's struggles to free itself.

The ANC could barely contain the nature of leadership that Winnie represented. Like many women in the movement, she was marginalised from its powerful decision making structures. Unlike male leaders, her personal life was constantly under the spotlight (no doubt aided by a zealous security machinery that kept her under constant surveillance), and she was judged harshly and unfairly for her private choices. Although she was a masterful player of the familial categories of wife and mother, she felt reduced by them too.

By Shireen Hassim



WITH: Simon Shabangu

CHURCH NEWS



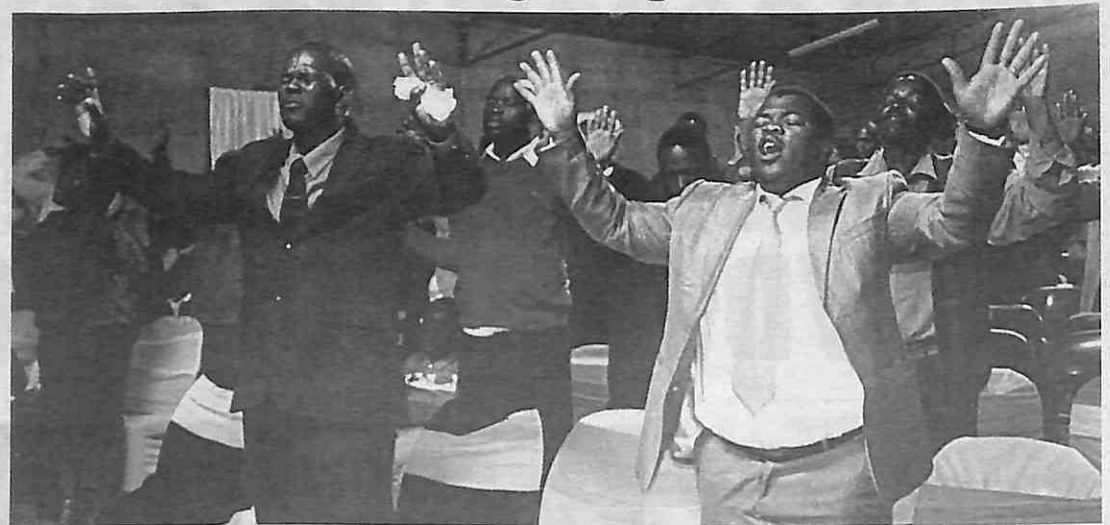
Nation lucky to have God-fearing King - Pastor Jethro

PASTOR Jethro Mabuza of Movement Evangelical Church has said the Swazi nation is lucky to have a God fearing King that leads by example by publicly worshipping God with the nation.

He said as a nation we must follow on the footsteps of the King and Her Majesty who have shown over the years that they honour and appreciate God's greatness. He said the fact that the King takes time of his busy schedule to join the nation in prayer means a lot for the people of the country. He said the fact that the Christian community is allowed to freely worship God in the country was a sign that the leadership was God-fearing.

"It is a blessing for us as the Christian family to have a leadership that honours and fears God.

"We have seen the King on annual basis fellowship with his people and also personally preach to the nation. We must take this seriously and worship God in truth and appreciate Him for His greatness"



LUCKY NATION: Pastor Jethro Mabuza and Pastor Bheki Mazibuko of Movement Evangelical Church in prayer during Easter Services.

he said.

He said his church also joined the nation in observing Easter, a time which is very important to the people because Jesus Christ died for their sins. He said they hosted services for a week where all the branches under his church gathered at

Mhlaleni which is their main branch.

He said they gathered for the sole purpose of celebrating God for the gift of Jesus Christ who was crucified on this day. He said the nice thing was that the country all over was gathered on the same goal of honouring Jesus Christ.

"We have to honour God because the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ brought freedom to human kind.

"Jesus did something no one could have done so we must make it important and take pride that he died for our sins" he added.

KING LEADS BY EXAMPLE

...during celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ

HIS Majesty King Mswati III and Her Majesty Indlovukazi joined the nation and the world in commemorating the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ during the Easter Weekend services.

His Majesty led the fully packed stadium in singing 'Wahamba Nathi', a song made popular by South African Gospel Artist Solly Mahlangu. The King then delivered his sermon in which he said the nation must thank God for what he has done for the country in the last 50 years.

He said not many countries got the opportunity to celebrate 50 years of peace and stability which comes with prosperity and happiness like Swaziland. His Majesty said the country had a lot to be grateful for stating that the song 'Wahamba Nathi' was just perfect for the country's situation. His Majesty said this was the song every Swazi must have in mind when reflecting on what God has done for the country.

"God has really carried us through many hardships as a nation and we remain loyal to him and we will continue to honour him," he said. A number of churches hosted services where they gathered for the Easter Services with the sole purpose of appreciating God for His only begotten Son who died for our sins. Her Majesty Indlovukazi also joined the nation at the service. Her Majesty was at the forefront preaching to the people at the National Church at Nkanini in Lobamba on Friday. The mother of the nation touched on a number of issues which she said the Christian community must observe in their quest to seek eternity when they die. Her Majesty preached against hypocrisy something which she said is prominent among Christians. "Asingabi Makholwa Mbumbulu" Her Majesty commanded.

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Mondays Couples 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Thursday Bible Study 6.00pm

Mbabane FEA below Mbabane clinic, Contacts 24045807/76572977 Email: mbabanefea@swazi.net

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Saturday Women 2.00pm-3.30pm

Sundays English Service 8.30am - 10.30 am

Siswati Service 11.00am - 1.00pm

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Contacts 2404 0979

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Sundays- Teachings 9:30-10:30am

Main Service 10:30am - 1pm

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Sundays- Service 10am - 1pm

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Siswati Service - 1100hrs - 1300hrs

Every Monday Prayer: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

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Every Friday Youth Services: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

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Wednesdays 6pm - 7.30pm

Fridays 6pm - 7.30pm

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Maid service 10.30am - 1.00pm

Contact 76638622/76471717

Host; Pastor N.T Dlamini

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BY: Rev Msibi

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'ONE GOSPEL' TO COVER NDUDUZO MASTE'S LIVE CD/DVD RECORDING

By Simon Shabangu

THE Live CD/DVD recording for Nduduzo Matse is getting bigger and better by the day, as South African Leading Gospel Channel 'One Gospel' will cover the event on the night.

The event slated for April 21 at the newly built E25 million Metropolitan Evangelical Church will see over 20 local and South African artists sharing the stage with SABC Crown Gospel 'Best of Africa' Award winner.

This was confirmed by Matse yesterday. Matse said, "The new developments excite me, this are the most exciting news for me because I have been trying to secure the deal for some time and the fact that it has come through is an exciting thing for me."

Matse continued, "The host and presenter of Out and About, Sebolelo Mokoanyane and her crew will be coming through on the night to cover the event. The programme covers mainly events like these happening all over South Africa and this will be their first time shooting in Swaziland for this program."

Local gospel music lovers will also have a chance to be featured on the South African Channel which commands a huge following locally and in many other countries. The deal will also help push the project through as it will get exposure and create the hype before it even starts."



FEATURED: Gospel artist Nduduzo Matse and TV host Sebolelo Mokoanyane.

Nduduzo added that the cream of the crop in SA Gospel scene including Benjamin Dube, Takie Ndou, Thina Zungu, Jaycee Radebe and Lebo Segobela to name a few will be featured in the project.

Meanwhile Matse said preparations for the show were on point, as I have also secured services of the video production house which recorded the latest Live DVD recording for Reverend Benjamin Dube.

"The aim is to come out with a production of international standard which will not only be appreciated in Africa but also beyond the continent. I am also engaging professional producers for the night to ensure that we come out with the best on the night. We are also in the process of getting a professionally designed stage which will be custom made. This will be

an exciting night, something that has never been seen before in the country" he added.

A number of local artists including Shongwe and Khuphuka, Frans Dlamini, Nothando Hlophe, Sipho Makhabane, Banele Dlamini and Police Gospel Messengers will also share the stage with the award winning artist.

...About One Gospel

One Gospel is a 24-hour Christian music channel with over a million viewers in South Africa alone.

It has been broadcasting since 2007 and can be found only on DSTV channel 331.

The channel is about music, from all genres, all spheres, all denominations uniting people from all walks of life through inspiring music and key driven content.

Nadia Nakai on 'AdrienneBCardiFoo' Remix

By Ayanda Dlamini

Nothing will stop local talent from shining in neighbouring countries.

Swazi Jive Entertainment's first lady Adrienne Foo recently released a remix of 'AdrienneBCardiFoo' from her 'In My Head' EP where she features South African Nadia Nakai.

According to one of Adrienne's Executive Producers, Lihle Dlamini, Nadia loved the original version of the 'AdrienneBCardiFoo' song; hence she approached the Swazi Jive team and asked to be featured on the song.

"That is when we came up with the idea to make 'AdrienneBCardiFoo' remix and feature Nadia on it," said Dlamini.

According to Dlamini, the song is basically about a young powerful lady who knows her worth and it is the first song on the 'In My Head' EP which was released early this month.

"Just like the whole EP, it is about women empowerment. It has 12 tracks featuring L O (me), Smokey and Wigo, L o u i Frankenstein, Beast and Nadia Nakai," Dlamini added.

Adrienne Foo's suc-

cessful break in the industry was marked by two award nominations at the MTN SWAMA music award show. She was nominated for 'Best RnB' and 'Best Music Video'.

Adrienne Foo won Best Music video for her debut visuals for the single 'Dangerous'.

Adrienne Foo made her first full-length performance, at Swazi Jive's Hipnotik Festival. She recorded music for over a year and released a seven track project called "Imagine" which included the hit song 'Dangerous'. The Dangerous music video released in 2016 went on to get over 100 000 hits on YouTube setting her up perfectly for the year 2017.



Metallic Boyz booked alongside SA's Winnie Khumalo

By Lusito Tsela

UPCOMING duo of spinners Metallic Boyz will be on the same stage as SA's legend Winnie Khumalo.

The young spinners will be perform-

ing at The Flamingo Sports Bar/Restaurant and Night Club in Johannesburg on April 9.

The show will also see live performances from Winnie Khumalo, Mr. Zasha, Dr Younger, Slick Knowledge, Checkmate, Ezase Mnazi, Mafi, Justin,

Checkmate and Caysoul Music.

The duo of Trixie and Maq 94 recently launched their EP in a show held at the Cloud 9, former White House in Manzini on Saturday.

Trixie said, "This is a big step for us, opportunities like this do not come too

often; hence when they come, one has to grab them with both hands. This will be a great platform for us to market the recently launched EP beyond the borders of the country," he said.

The spinner added, "As artists, we know that whenever we are performing outside the country, we are working to raise the country's flag high, in a bid to

market the arts industry as a whole."

The spinners have promised the best performance in the neighbouring country as they are out to make a name for themselves.

"South Africans already know that Swazi artists are good; thus we will live up to the expectations and not let the country down," he assured.

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BLACK COFFEE COMING TO SOLANI'S ON APRIL 28

Stories by Ayanda Dlamini

INTERNATIONALLY acclaimed DJ/producer Black Coffee will be in the country on April 28.

The DJ is scheduled to perform at Solani's Shisanyama for the first time in 2018.

This is according to his gig guide which he released on Tuesday on his social media pages; Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, respectively.

Local urban house fanatics were thrilled, with some reposting the spinner's gig guide. The spinner is one of the

Only limited pre-sale tickets for the show

DUE to the hype around Black Coffee's show, Solani's Shisanyama Entertainment Manager Mbekezeli Dlamini yesterday revealed that they will only have a limited number of pre-sale tickets and none will be sold at the gate.

"The hype is there already and

unfortunately, it will be a first come first serve kind of situation as we have a limited number of pre-sale tickets," Dlamini said.

Pre-sale tickets will be available as from Monday and supporting acts will also be revealed next week.

highest paid DJs, not only in South Africa, but in Africa as a whole.

According to the superstar's gig guide, he will be making his way to the kingdom after attending a famous show called Coachella Valley Music Arts and Festival in California, where he will be playing alongside international music icons like Eminem and Beyonce, who will be the headliners of the show.

Solani's Shisanyama Entertainment Manager Mbekezeli Dlamini confirmed the show.

"We booked Black Coffee a few months back, and we will be releasing flyers on Monday," he said.

Black Coffee last played in the country in 2016 at Esibayeni Lodge where he was hosted by SwaziBoy Entertainment.

About Black Coffee

CONSIDERING his meteoric rise to fame, it would be easy to stereotype Black Coffee as just another black diamond, a BEE beat magnet out to mine the insatiable upwardly mobile urban house party market.

But as he proved on his South African Music Award winning album 'Home Brewed,' this DJ and producer defies convention.

Sidestepping Afro-house clichés and stage-managed highs in favour of restrained sophistication, Black Coffee's penchant is for true Afropolitan house: home-brewed but fresh and future-focused. Expect almost sculptural balance and beauty.

2005, the same year as the release of Black Coffee's powerful debut album 'Black Coffee' saw the birth and formation of Soulistic Music, Black Coffee's wholly owned 360° corporate structure, his team's home base and the jump-off point for himself, and as time has evidenced for many others too.

In 2009, Black Coffee dropped his third offering, titled 'Home Brewed', featuring Ringo Madlingozi, Zonke, Hugh Masekela, Zakes Bantwini and others, and at the South African Music Awards in 2010 he scooped two awards in the categories 'Best Urban Dance Album' and 'Best Male Artist'.

In addition to that, he launched the Black Coffee Foundation Scholarship. Both 'Pieces For Me' and the debut album single 'We Dance Again' featuring Nakhane Toure triumphantly laid claim to the number one spot on iTunes, thereby obliterating any doubt that from family, to community, to clan, to culture, to country, to the world.

All set for Mdura's Siteki tour

By Lusito tsela

ALL is set for well-known comedian Mdura's tour to Siteki tomorrow.

After this publication revealed that he will be heading to Siteki for his next national tour, the comedian confirmed that he will be dishing out hilarious jokes at Siteki Hotel tomorrow at 7pm.

"For the first time, I will be taking my comedy to Siteki, and I look forward to a positive feedback.

This is the second installment of the national tour and there will be fireworks.

I will be dishing out hilarious jokes to comedy fanatics in line with the theme of the tour, 'Based on a true story'," he said.

The comedian is on a quest to bring comedy closer to people in the outskirts of town with his national tour.

The first installment of the national tour was held in Nhlanguano on March 9, where over 200 comedy lovers were left in stitches. Mdura said he has nothing but love for the Swazi nation, as the nation continues to show him love and appreciation for his comedy; that being one of the many reasons he decided to go all the corners of the country doing what he loves the most.

The comedian has earned himself respect and recognition in the industry.

'Mdura' ascended to fame during the LOL comedy competition and despite losing, he has never looked back.

The comedian, who is on a fast track to conquering Africa, has performed in South Africa, Lesotho, Namibia, Botswana, Nigeria and Ethiopia, to name a few.

'Mdura,' who has earned himself international recognition, is also the brand ambassador of mobile communications giant MTN Swaziland.

Mdura's Manager Larry Mhlanga said he was very happy with the support they have been getting from various stables around the country as they conduct the national tour.

"Siteki residents should come in numbers because this tour is one of a kind and they will be left in stitches as Mdura is the best in what he does; hence he will be dishing out only the best," Mhlanga said.

On the other hand, Mfundu Mbhamali said: "We are so much happy to partner with Mdura's comedy tour. "We urge fun lovers, Siteki residents and Lubombo people as a whole to come in their numbers and enjoy themselves. Mdura will also be supported by Kool Swazi duo spinners (Deepmotion vs Freestyle), he said.

Tickets to the show are available at Siteki Hotel at E50 per head.



Dr Shakes joins Mdura for Nhlanguano gig

By Ayanda Dlamini

FELLOW comedian, Bonginkhosi 'Dr. Shakes' Dlamini has joined hands with Mduduzi 'Mdura' Dlamini for his 'Based on a true story' tour for Nhlanguano this weekend.

Known as the doctor with no PhD, Dr Shakes will be the supporting act in Mdura's second installment of his Nhlanguano edition tour that is anticipated to be a continuation of rib cracking evening after one that was held in March at the Ngwane Teacher's College.

The show will be held at the Nhlanguano Casino Royale at 7:30pm. This was revealed by Mdura yesterday where he once more invited all comedy lovers to the show, adding that this would be a hilarious show. "As they say, laughter is the best

medicine so people ought not to miss this show as we have added the doctor with no qualification who will be giving out the best medicinal jokes, come Saturday," said Mdura. On the other hand, an elated Mdura sent his appreciation to the organising team of the tour, particularly for taking comedy out of town.

He said: "This tour is breaking barriers in the sense that it is taking comedy to all parts of the country, contrary to what is normally the case that comedy shows are held between Manzini - Mbabane corridor."

Dr Shakes added that this really showed growth in the industry and he believed that for it to grow further, it begins with being united and supporting one another, therefore, confirming that he will be in Nhlanguano on Saturday to support a fellow comedian and brother in Mdura.

Songbird Thandwa thrills at P&Z session

By Nomfundo Sifundza

THE vocally gifted Thandwa Dlamini did her absolute best on Sunday at P&Z Lodge in Siphofaneni.

P&Z Lodge is perfectly located in a secluded, tranquil area right by the Lubovana Dam.

The singer was hosted by a company called Inspired Creations. She performed alongside talented wordsmith Beko the

Storyteller, Gabriel and Nkosi Sibanda. People from diverse cultures converged at the lodge and were treated to a relaxed setup and serenaded by the talented soulful artists.

Atmosphere

While the adults enjoyed great entertainment, good food and a vibrant atmosphere, the young ones were kept entertained with a variety of activities on the day like face painting, jumping castle, and an Easter egg hunt.

Their host Inspired Creations is a communications company that focuses on using the arts to promote both the arts and businesses in Swaziland.

The lodge boast a family friendly environment, which includes accommodation, access to the dam where boat owners can launch their boats and enjoy a boat cruise or fishing, dipping pool, vast space to host a variety of events, as well as the most exquisite Portuguese flavoured cuisine.



SOULFUL: Songstress Thandwa and her colleagues Gabriel D, Beko the Storyteller and Nkosi Sibanda going through their paces on Sunday at P&Z Lodge in Siphofaneni. (Courtesy pic)

International
Celebrity News

Teen Mom's Amber Portwood pregnant

LOS ANGELES - There's a lot of change in store for Amber Portwood.

For starters, the 'Teen Mom OG' star is expecting her second child, a baby boy, due next month on May 13. "His name is James Andrew Glennon," the reality star revealed to E! News. His due date is "the day before my birthday." If all goes according to the birth plan, Portwood will ring in her 28th birthday as a mother of two. In her beau Andrew Glennon by her side. As fans of Portwood well know, the expectant parents met on the set of Marriage Boot Camp last year as Glennon was working as a member of the crew. *Eonline*

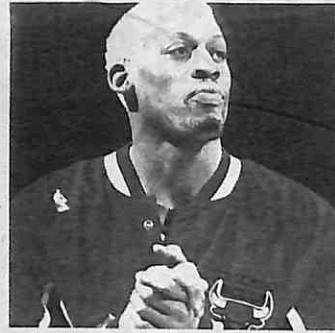


EXPECTING: Amber Portwood.

Dennis Rodman rips into LiAngelo Ball

LOS ANGELES - Dennis Rodman is going in on LiAngelo Ball.

He told TMZ Sports the dude sucks at hoops and has a snowball's chance in hell of making the NBA. "He's not good at all," Rodman says, "He's awful." TMZ pointed out that LiAngelo dropped 72 points during a game in Lithuania on the day he announced he'd be entering the 2018 NBA Draft, but that didn't seem to impress Rodman one bit. "Teams over there [in Lithuania] just pretty much suck." Still, Rodman says he gives LiAngelo a 10 per cent chance at getting drafted "just



FURIOUS: Dennis Rodman

because of social media." On a positive note, Rodman says he's still sober and feeling great. *TMZ*

Drew Brees sues over \$8 million ring, jeweller fires back

LOS ANGELES - Drew Brees claims he was scammed out of MILLIONS by a jeweller who sold him an \$8 million diamond ring, but the jeweller is saying Brees has no one to blame but himself.

The New Orleans Saints QB has filed a lawsuit against Vahid Moradi who runs the Charles jewellery shop in San Diego, the city where Brees began his NFL career. Brees claims he's been buying jewellery from Moradi for years and has dropped roughly \$15 million on some insane pieces including watches, earrings and rings. Problem is Brees claims he recently had his jewellery independently appraised and was told his collection is worth \$9 million



SCAMMED: Drew Brees.

less than he paid. In his suit filed on Monday, Brees says Moradi had insisted his jewellery was a solid investment that would definitely go up in value over the years and feels he was lied to the entire time. *TMZ*

Tyga and 5-year-old son sued for unpaid rent

LOS ANGELES - How often do five-year-olds get sued?

Well, Tyga put his and Blac Chyna's son, King Cairo, in a position to be sued after listing his name on the lease of the house he's renting.

The house belongs to make-up artist Mezghan Hussainy, who is also America's Got Talent judge Simon Cowell's ex-fiancée.

According to TMZ, Tyga moved into the Beverly Hills house in March last year and paid the monthly rent of \$40k (R473k) timeously until he stopped in January this year. Mezghan is now looking to get Tyga evicted from her property and wants to get all of the rent



SUED: Tyga and son.

back, and in the lawsuit five-year-old King Cairo is listed as "other defendant". *TMZ*

SA Celebrity News

Former Generations star Thabiso Mkhethi reveals dark history

JOHANNESBURG - Talented actor and TV presenter Thabiso Mkhethi's role as Musa on e.tv's Rhythm City does not only tackle relevant issues that young women face daily. It also adds to a broader narrative by shining the spotlight on rich men who use their wealth and influence to prey on young and vulnerable women and use them as drug mules in exchange for money and lavish lifestyles. "Musa is dark and corrupt; he comes across as an angel but is actually the devil. He shows that not all that glitters is gold," said Mkhethi. The 'it's Gospel Time'



REVEALS: Actor and TV presenter Thabiso Mkhethi.

presenter said he enjoys playing the character because it's not like other roles he has played before. *Tshisa LIVE*

SABC waits for report on silencing of Sakina

JOHANNESBURG - The SABC is still waiting for a report on who pulled the plug on Sakina Kamwendo during her last show on SAfm last week. The station is in hot water after Kamwendo's mic was cut off during a live broadcast and she was replaced by music during the remainder of her show 'Forum at Eight'. Rumours are doing the rounds that former Talk Radio 702 host Stephen Grootes has been tipped to replace Kamwendo in the slot. Kamwendo has not spoken out on the matter yet.

SABC spokesman Kaizer Kganyago was tight-lipped on Grootes joining the public broadcaster.



SILENCED: Sakina Kamwendo.

He said the station was expecting a report from everyone who was present in the studio on Good Friday. "We want to know what happened and why. We will take action against people who are found in the wrong." *Tshisa LIVE*

Mseleku on why his 'healing powers' don't work on MaKhumalo

JOHANNESBURG - Musa Mseleku has responded to a barrage of questions surrounding why his apparent 'healing powers' has not helped MaKhumalo, who is unable to have children.

Musa told TshisaLIVE that even though he would give anything to be able to "heal" MaKhumalo, it was out of his hands as his powers were controlled by God.

"People will be shocked to discover that MaKhumalo herself has a spiritual gift and a gift doesn't always allow you to enjoy or have things that you want the most, especial-



RESPONDS: Musa Mseleku.

ly if you don't accept it. So I can't just super impose my beliefs on her." *Tshisa LIVE*

Trevor Noah explains Vicki Momberg racist incident

JOHANNESBURG - A video clip of Trevor Noah explaining the sentencing of convicted racist Vicki Momberg to jail has gone viral.

The Daily Show uploaded a clip of Trevor between scenes talking to members of the audience.

He gave the background to the story and said most Americans would say that her reaction falls under free speech. "You gotta understand in South Africa, after apartheid ended, like, white people were never punished, right. It's not like the government was like, 'we're going to send white people to jail and we're gonna take white people's houses and we're taking white people's



CLARIFIES: Trevor Noah.

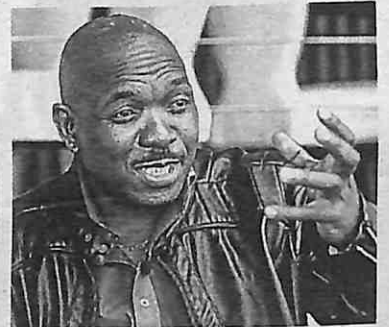
money and things white people stole.' Government was like, 'no, let's move forward okay. Clean slate'. *Times LIVE*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

MaKhanyi does not trust Pleasure and decides to do her own spying. Samson gives Iris a piece of his mind. Gloria starts to suspect Ngwebedla. Judas wants Beauty to make the deal.



DEAL: Judas.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Kgothalo surprises Sechaba when she releases him from his contract and wishes him well with the hotel. Mmakgosi says something that makes Kgothalo realise she has unresolved issues with her mother. Wendy reminds Lalage that her children are all grown up and now it's time for Lalage to make herself happy.



IT'S TIME: Wendy.

Muvhango

TODAY

Azwindini takes Livhuwani and Ndiwanga to a secret ritual at Mulimisi's hut. James tries hard to bring peace and harmony to his dysfunctional household. While Imani dreams of white wedding, Ranthomeng is giving in to his side-chick's seduction on the other side.



RITUAL: Azwindini.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



BONDING: Rene.

Cuba meets a man in the internet. Rene bonds with a fellow captive. Bongi moves on her plan to end Bash's life.

What actually happens vs how I'm going to narrate the story...



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Ever since Saturn moved into your sign four months ago, no goal has felt too lofty for you. But wait - is that the sound of a needy and "neglected" loved one playing a tiny violin? Today, as Mercury retrograde in your emo fourth house disrupts Saturn's agenda, you could be drawn into the rescuer role. Now is not the time to drop everything just to prove your love.



waterfall today.

Cancer June 22 – July 22

Nurture your loved ones, Cancer. Tonight feel free to escape into a fantasy world with the object of your desire. Make plans to set your wildest fantasy into motion. Let your imagination lead the way. You'll never get where you want to go until you head in that direction. Have confidence that you can turn your dreams into reality.



Leo July 23 – August 22

Keep those luscious lips of yours zipped, Leo. Mouthy Mercury, which is retrograde in your candid ninth house, gets in a tangled angle with stern Saturn in your critical sixth house. You're only trying to be helpful, but your words could be taken WAY out of context, despite your attempts at diplomacy.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

Playing hard to get, Virgo? With your ruler, meticulous Mercury, retrograde in your erotic eighth house, you may be sending interested parties mixed signals. As flattering as the attention may be, you don't want to lead anyone on—or, conversely, throw a good one off your trail. With realist Saturn challenging Mercury today, make sure your intentions are clear.



Libra September 23 – October 23

There's a price to be "nice," Libra, especially if you've been swallowing your true feelings with a smile on your face. Today, as Mercury retrograde chips away at icy Saturn's reserve, faking it is no longer an option. While you might think that you're preventing a conflict by withholding your opinions, you're actually driving a wedge between you and a loved one.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Wearing one too many hats, Scorpio? With Mercury retrograde scrambling signals in your sixth house of efficiency, it's hard to stay on top of all your commitments. And today, a challenging beam from Saturn in your cooperative third house calls you out for being a control freak. Throw yourself a life raft, Scorpio, and call for backup.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

It's easy to get sucked into other people's affairs, especially when you're feeling overwhelmed by work and life. And with Mercury retrograde in your fifth house of theatrics squaring strict Saturn in your work zone today, you're easily driven to distraction. Warning: Falling down the Facebook rabbit hole or taking that call from your dramatic friend could hinder your productivity even more.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

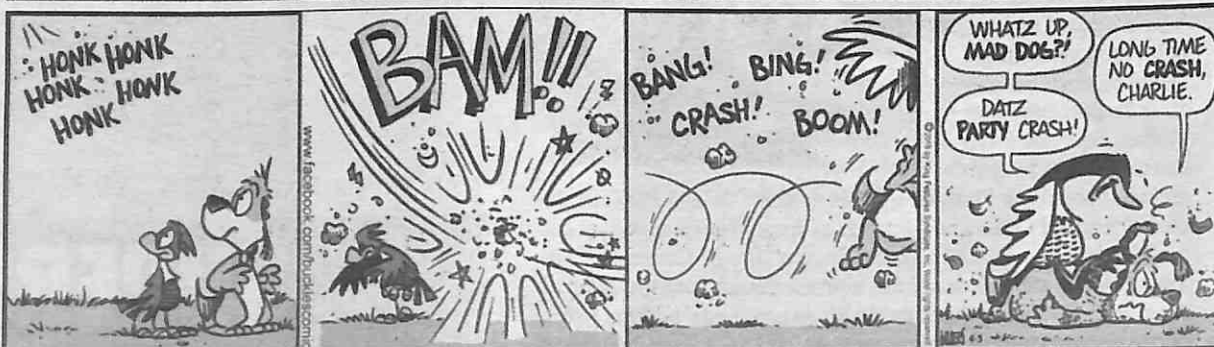
You could be teetering between the real world and a fantasy realm, Gemini. The fantasy world is more than likely the one that wins out, but that doesn't mean you should lose all touch with reality. If anyone can bridge these two worlds, it's you. You'll probably find yourself drawn to art, which can wonderfully bridge the two. Indeed, your creative juices are gushing like a



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BLONDES

Why did the blonde get so excited when she finished her jigsaw puzzle in only six



months?

A: Because on the box it said "From two - four years."

USELESS FACTS

1. A whale's penis is called a dork.
2. Because of the rotation of the earth, an object can be thrown farther if it is thrown west.
3. The average person spends 6 months of their life sitting at red lights.
4. In 1912 a law passed in Nebraska where drivers in the country at night

were required to stop every 150 yards, send up a skyrocket, wait eight minutes for the road to clear before proceeding cautiously, all the while blowing their horn and shooting off flares.

5. More Monopoly money is printed in a year, than real money throughout the world.

BRAinteasers
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's brainteasers

1. Rabbits like to eat me When I grow in a field This orange vegetable Tastes best when it is peeled
Answer: Carrot
2. I am sometimes made of sugar And sometimes of oatmeal Chocolate chip ones taste so good You might find that you squeal!
Answer: Cookie

Today's brainteasers

1. I'm red and have seeds And I am also round Sliced up in salads Is where I can be found
2. In a bowl you use a spoon On a cone you give a lick This frozen dairy dessert Many flavors you can pick



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HIGHLIGHTS

Biggie: The Life Of Notorious B.I.G.

Directed by Mark Ford, *Biggie: The Life of Notorious B.I.G.* is the first biography to be authorised by the rap legend's estate, and will be the most personal and revealing documentary about the late Christopher Wallace. Interviews with those closest to him



include his widow Faith Evans, his mother Voletta Wallace, his close friend Lil Cease and members of Junior Mafia as well as cultural icons Sean 'Diddy' Combs, Shawn 'Jay Z' Carter and Nas. Twenty years after his death, this intimate documentary also focuses on Faith Evans, as she embarks on an emotional journey to reconcile her own turbulent memories. At 20:15 CAT on the History Channel.

What on Earth?

The proliferation of satellites orbiting our planet has put more eyes on Earth's vast, unexplored areas of land and sea than ever before. Today, more than 4 000 satellites circle the planet, uncovering baffling anomalies that defy explanation. Using state-of-the-art technology, this



enlightening series exposes the mysterious phenomenon these satellites discover every day from space. Starts tonight at 20:00 CAT on the Discovery Channel.

Angie Tribeca Season 2

She's back and ready to work - even after being in a coma! Rashida Jones returns as the leading LAPD detective in this hilarious spoof of police procedurals. This season, Angie and her squad of misfits must investigate the murder of a sushi chef and a singer from a boyband. Starting on Saturday 20:00 CAT on Comedy Central.



Last Rampage

'The Escape of Gary Tison': Based on a true story, this dark and unsettling crime drama unpacks the infamous prison break of a convicted murderer. Catch it on Saturday at 21:00 on M-Net.



Hunter Street II (New Episodes)

At first there were five foster children, now there are six! The Hunter siblings welcome a new member to their family in season two, and they have a new case to crack. Their father, Erik Hunter, is accused of a crime he didn't commit and it's up to these resourceful siblings to clear his name. From Monday, April 9 at 12:55 CAT on Nickelodeon.



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could be big, especially as Babaloki Thebe and Isaac Makwala are poised to battle it out for the 400m gold.

Great expectations from Nigeria's Glasgow star, Okagbare, will be steel-eyed as she looks to defend her sprint double, while Kenya pins hope

on twin-force Helen Obiri (5 000m) and Consensus Kipruto (3 000m)

Four dedicated DStv channels - SS11, SS12, SS13 (Family package) and SS14 (Access Package) - are all set to share moments of the Commonwealth Games.

11 brand new shows

THERE are 11 new titles for DStv customers to look forward to this week, from reality and cooking shows, to new dramas and telenovelas.

Tune in to DStv, or set your recordings and enjoy:

Grapevine is back with season two and even more interesting conversation and advice. Catch it every Tuesday, at 22:30 on Zambezi Magic.

Join FOX Life as we watch Chef Lawrence Page strive to make his soul food restaurant

the next big thing in Brooklyn's culinary world on 'Hustle And Soul' every Tuesday, at 19:10.

Don't miss young talented chefs baking it out on 'Koekedoortjie season one' every Wednesday, at 20:00 on kykNET.

Did you know You Can't Lick Your Elbow? Let Discovery Family blow you away with all sorts of interesting facts and finds about the human body every Tuesday, at 16:50.

Don't miss a second when

Hollywood 'Medium With Tyler Henry' returns to E! Entertainment today, at 20:00.

England was rocked by a scandal in the 1970s when an MP was tried for the murder of his ex-lover, find out more on 'A Very English Scandal' from today at 22:00 on M-Net.

Let SJA de Villiers teach you all her culinary tricks on 'Kook & Geniet season one' today, at 20:00 on kykNET & Kie.

EVA brings you a fresh new novela to satisfy your needs for drama and deception in 'My Three Daughters' from today, at 19:00.

Ever wondered where the

tomb of the Dracula might be found? 'What On Earth' begins its fourth season answering just that on Discovery Channel from today, at 20:00.

'Let The Child Is Mine' intrigue you with a story of two queens battling for the parenthood of one special girl today, at 20:00 on Africa Magic Epic.

Five former couples travel to a remote island to break free of their toxic relationships forever in 'Ex Isle on FOX Life'. On the very first night, jealousy pushes one of the exes to snap. Don't miss it from tomorrow, at 19:10.

NEW TITLES ON DStv THIS WEEK

THERE are 12 new titles for DStv customers to look forward to this week, from series and movies to documentaries and to animation to watch and enjoy on DStv Now.

Remember when John Wick avenged the death of his puppy and murdered all the men? He's back to do more of the same in 'John Wick: Chapter 2' on M-Net. An idealistic doctor has to learn the hard way about the good and bad of modern medicine on 'The Resident on FOX'.

How did you feel after you watched Mel Gibson's blockbuster, 'The Passion

Of The Christ'? 'Changed Lives: Miracles Of The Passion' explores the aftermath of the film and how audiences were affected. (TBN) Lightning McQueen finds himself fighting for glory against new comers in 'Cars 3' on M-Net.

Explore the intricacies and wonders of our planet in 'One Strange Rock' on National Geographic Channel. Things go boom and other general action related stuff in this star studded film starring Anthony Hopkins, Felicity Jones, Nicholas Hoult and Ben Kingsley in 'Collide' on M-Net.



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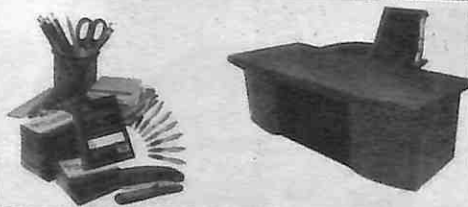
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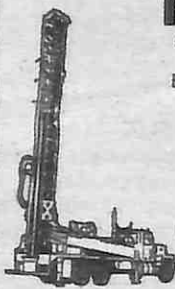
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DEATHS

Sarah laSiwela
Gembe

Funeral: 07/03/2018
Vigil: Friday
Place: kaDvokolwako

Relatives and friends of Mrs Sarah laSiwela Gembe (born Khoza) are notified of her passing away. A memorial service will be held at Methodist Church (Black Mbuluzi) 4:00 pm. She will be laid to rest on Saturday 07/04/18 after a night vigil on Friday on 06/04/18 at her home kaDvokolwako (Sivalo-Edamu). The morning service starts at 5:30 am. Announcement by the Gembe family.

R/N 200219 Dx 07/04/18

Mrs Josephine Ndlovu
nee Tsabedze

Funeral: 08/04/2018
Vigil: Saturday
Place: Nkutjini

Relatives and friends of Mrs Josephine Ndlovu nee Tsabedze of Matsenjani Nkutjini are notified of her demise. She will be laid to rest at her home on Sunday 08/04/18 after a night vigil. Announcement by Charles Ndlovu on behalf of her family.

Dr. Dumsile G. Nkambule
nee Vilakati

Funeral: 08/04/2018
Vigil: Saturday
Place: Motshane

Nkambule family of Motshane, Vilakati family of Mbikwakhe and Nkiliji and Ndwandwe family of Nkambeni kindly notify relatives, friends and workmates at UNISWA that Dr. Dumsile G. Nkambule nee Vilakati (DG) has answered the Lord's call. Memorial service is on Saturday 07/04/18 at 12 noon at JCWC Matsapha followed by a night vigil at Motshane. Funeral service is on Sunday 08/04/18 at 5am at her marital home Motshane. Announcement by Noah Nkambule on behalf of the families. Rest in peace Phephetse

R/N 200245 Dx 07/04/2018

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.

Vinah Velephi
Vilane nee Hleta

Funeral: 08/04/2018
Vigil: Saturday
Place: Mdayane

Kwatiswa tihlobo taka Vilane ka Hhohho e Buhleni, nebasekhakhakhe ka Bhinkhosi nawo wonke umndeni kutsi Vinah Velephi Vilane nee Hleta akasekho emhlabeni. Umlindzelo ungeMgcibelo ufihlwa ngeliSontfo ekhaya lakhe ka Bhinkhosi (Mdayane). Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni

Ntombie Ribbon
Makhubu

Funeral: 07/04/2018
Vigil: Friday
Place: Mhobodleni

Friends and relatives of Ntombie Ribbon Makhubu are notified of her sudden demise. There will be a Requiem Mass at the Manzini Cathedral on Friday the 6th. There will be a night vigil at her parental home Mhobodleni. She will be laid to rest on Saturday morning at kaKhoza. Rest in eternal peace Shobane.



Nhlanhla Dlamini



Funeral: 07/04/2018
Vigil: Friday
Place: eThunzini

Kwatiswa bantfwabeNkhosi baseThunzini nase Nkamazi kutsi Nhlanhla Dlamini akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo ekhaya kubo eThunzini kuLudzeludze. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni leMalanngeni.

Nomfundo Palesa
Dlamini

Funeral: 08/04/2018
Vigil: Saturday
Place: Ntongozi

Friends and relatives of Nomfundo Palesa Dlamini are notified of her passing away. Night vigil on Saturday and funeral on Sunday at her parental home at Ntongozi, Mkhumbane. Announcement by her father Patrick Bheki Dlamini

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THE DAYS AHEAD
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FOREVER HOLD
IN
YOUR HEART

Sidumo Lucas
Shongwe(Sdiga)

Funeral: 07/04/2018
Vigil: Friday
Place: eNtabamhloshane

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Sidumo Lucas Shongwe(Sdiga) kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo 07/04/2018 ekhaya kubo emva kwemlindzelo eNtabamhloshane. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu babe wakhe egameni lemndeni.

Isaiah Mfanawemphi
Ndzinisa

Funeral: 07/04/2018
Vigil: Friday
Place: eNyakeni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa Isaiah Mfanawemphi Ndzinisa kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kulindzelwa ngaleSihlano mhlaka 06 April 2018 afihlwe ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 07 April 2018 ekhaya lakhe eNyakeni esigodzini saseVusweni. Kwatiswa baka Nkhosi indlu ya Ntjempe eNhlabeni nebekhakhakhe ka Mavuso naka Hlatjwako nebaka Ndzinisa kuNkomo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni waka Ndzinisa.

Wilson Ngilazi
Masilla

Funeral: 07/04/2018
Vigil: Friday
Place: Lomahasha

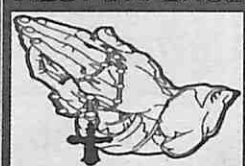
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Sibongiseni Sox
Gumedze

Funeral: 08/04/2018
Vigil: Saturday
Place: eNkamanzi

Relatives and friends of Sibongiseni Sox Gumedze are notified of his sudden death. He will be laid to rest on Sunday 08/04/18 at Lavundlamanti. Memorial service will be on Saturday 07/04/18 at eNkamanzi A.A.F.M Time 1pm. Transport available at Nkamanzi at 5pm E70.00 per person. Announcement by family

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Though He slay me,
yet will I hope in him:

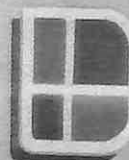
I will surely
defend my ways to
his face.

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



May the gates
of heaven
open up to
reveal
strength and
comfort in
your times of
trial and
sorrow
God will
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Allegri wants Chelsea job after Blues end Enrique hunt **EXCLUSIVE**

LONDON - CHELSEA expect to appoint Massimiliano Allegri as their new boss this summer - but only after running out of patience with Luis Enrique.

And Starsport understands Allegri was the man they really wanted BEFORE they brought in Antonio Conte two years ago.

Conte is on his way out after a nightmare season, but Chelsea have been forced to shelve plans to bring in Enrique as his replacement.

Blues Director Marina Granovskaia had been working on a deal to partner

Enrique with former Chelsea full back Juliano Belletti as director of football.

But despite weeks of talks, former Barcelona boss Enrique refused to give them any cast-iron commitment.

The 47-year-old is now thought to be the main target of big-spenders Paris St-Germain, who are set to axe Unai Emery at the end of the season.

Arsenal - who could be ready to end Arsene Wenger's 22-year reign - also inquired about Enrique, but are understood to have been rebuffed.

And a top source claims Allegri is now "nailed on" to join Chelsea, despite sign-

ing a new contract last summer to stay at Juve until 2020.

Another football insider told Starsport that: "Allegri was the candidate before Conte."

He would become the fifth Italian to coach Chelsea in the Roman Abramovich era, following Conte, Roberto Di Matteo, Carlo Ancelotti and Claudio Ranieri.

Allegri has already revealed that he was already thinking about life after Juventus and wants to leave Italy, saying: "Certainly I will go abroad. In Italy, finished."

Daily Star

Steven Pienaar named Everton ambassador

CAPE TOWN - Former Bafana Bafana captain Steven Pienaar has been named as the first ever International Ambassador for English side Everton, the club announced.

Pienaar, who amassed more than 200 appearances for the Toffees, will be taking up an ambassadorial role that will see him focus on supporting commercial activities for the club and its official partners, as well as helping to continue to build the profile of Everton across the globe.

The skilful winger, known as "Schillo" represented Bafana Bafana on more than 60 occasions - captaining the side handful of times - and was a key player in South Africa's World Cup squads in 2002 and 2010.

Speaking about his new role, 36-year-old Pienaar said: "I have felt enormous affection for the club since the day I first signed and I am both honoured and delighted to become an official International Ambassador."

"Everton Football Club is very special to me and I look forward to further developing our unique bond in my new role and helping to spread the word of its fantastic work. This is a very proud day for me and I am delighted to be returning to a club that made me feel so welcome as a player."

Alan McTavish, Head of Commercial at Everton Football Club, said: "Steven was one of the club's most exciting players across the last decade. He had a great relationship with the Everton fans but



also entertained fans of the Premier League for many years. He is one of the most recognised African players with continental and international appeal and we are excited to start work in collaboration with both Steven and our commercial partners for the benefit of

all concerned.

"This agreement sees us welcome one of the club's great players back into our Everton family and we are all looking forward to working together to support the ongoing growth strategy of the club."

SPORT24

Lallana could return before end of season

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool midfielder Adam Lallana's hamstring injury is not as bad as initially feared and he could still play before the end of the season, Manager Jurgen Klopp has said.

Lallana suffered the latest injury setback after coming on as substitute in Liverpool's 2-1 Premier League victory over Crystal Palace last Saturday.

"Thank God, that's not as bad as we thought - a number of weeks," Klopp told the club website <http://www.liverpoolfc.com>.

"There is a little hope, of course, that we can maybe use him again this season but we have to wait; it is absolutely not the time to bring

any rush into the situation.

"It is not the Adam Lallana season so far. It makes the season so far even more special when you think that we have played the season without him."

Lallana, who sat out the first half of the campaign after suffering a pre-season thigh strain, has started just one league match this season.

The 29-year-old featured for England at Wembley against Italy last week but faces a race to be fit for the World Cup in June.

England boss Gareth Southgate has to name his final 23-man squad for the tournament in Russia by June 4.

Reuters



SPANISH RETURN: Rafa Benitez.

Rafa Benitez targeted for return to Spanish football

NEWCASTLE - Rafa Benitez is wanted by Real Sociedad.

The Basque club, currently just 15th in Spain's 20-team top flight but safe from relegation, hope to convince the Newcastle boss to come home and lead them up the table.

Their interest is likely to strengthen Benitez's hand this summer as he pushes for the finances to make his Magpies more competitive in the Premier League.

The former Liverpool and Chelsea chief has already started manoeuvring for transfer cash, insisting that the acquisition of players to plug gaps in his squad during the winter window is the reason behind their improved form since the turn of the year. Newcastle signed winger Kennedy from Chelsea on loan in January and his composure, goals and assists have been key as they have lost just two of their 10 league games in 2018.

Keeper Martin Dubravka also arrived from Sparta Prague as a loanee and has been superb - he is yet to concede a goal at St James' Park in three appearances.

Benitez also wanted a striker.

Feyenoord's Nicolai Jorgensen was beyond them, but they ended up borrowing Islam Slimani from

Leicester - who made his debut after injury as a sub in last Saturday's six-pointer win over Huddersfield.

The 57-year-old Spaniard says he hasn't got to spend huge money to get an uplift, but does expect his plan to be followed.

He said: "It's not always a question of money. That doesn't always make the difference when it comes to signing the players you need. In January, when we were talking, we said we need a goalkeeper, a winger and a striker."

"That is what we did, and you can see the difference. It is about doing the right things at the right time."

Once Newcastle - now seven point clear of third-bottom Southampton with seven games to go - have guaranteed their Premier League status for next season, Benitez will plan his summer recruitment.

Jorgensen is expected to remain a target to land quickly, for £18m, when the window reopens. Dubravka's loan deal is set to be made permanent for £4m, with Benitez praising his impact.

He added of the Slovakian: "It is not just that he makes saves, it is because he talks to the defenders and he organises the defence. That is crucial for any team."

Mirror

Mourinho was right about Manchester U failing in Europe

MANCHETSER - Jose Mourinho's right, your Champions League record is, well, perhaps not all it should be.

We can all argue about the timing of the Jose Mourinho's comments on how poor Manchester United have been in the Champions League of late and how they were designed to deflect attention from his failure against Sevilla last month - but it's hard to argue with the facts.

Manchester United are consistently underperforming in the world's elite club competition. Real Madrid, a club which boasts similar income, are far ahead of them. Barcelona are also significantly better, as are Bayern Munich, who though they enjoy the comfort that domination of the Bundesliga provides also pay their players far less than United.

United's relatively poor record is demonstrated factually if you plot the records of the European super clubs, over the past 20 campaigns, since 1997-1998 until last season.

This is a period that favours United. They would fare much less well, obviously given recent travails, if we had a ten-year or 15-year cut-off point. The period chosen includes their 1999 and 2008 wins, which come in their two golden periods in modern history, from 1997-2003, when they always made the quarter finals at least, and from 2007-2011, when they made three finals.

So this table is not skewed to make United look stupid, but it does point to the fact the management of United, which since 2005 has been the Glazers, has not maximised the potential of the football club. The table plots the past 20 campaigns to gain a measure of where United might expect to be. Given that any European heavyweight ought to aim to make the quarter-finals at least, that is considered par for the course.

Daily Mail

YOU WERE RIGHT: Manchester United Manager Jose Mourinho.

RONALDO THANKS JUVE FANS AFTER STANDING OVATION

TURIN - Cristiano Ronaldo thanked Juventus fans for the standing ovation he received at the Allianz Stadium after scoring a sensational bicycle kick in a 3-0 Real Madrid win.

Ronaldo grabbed the opening goal in Turin after just three minutes and added a second on the hour with a sensational overhead bicycle kick, taking him to 14 goals in this season's competition.

The Portuguese superstar surpassed himself with a breathtaking overhead hit from inside the box to help put holders Real Madrid closer to the semi-finals.

"One of the most beautiful goals in the history of football," said Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane.

The jeers of the home fans turned to applause and earned him a standing ovation after 64 minutes when Dani Carvajal crossed back into the area where Ronaldo connected with an outrageous bicycle kick.

Ronaldo responded by putting his hand to his heart and giving a slight bow of gratitude to the crowd.

"Obviously people are talking about my second goal... it was a spectacular goal, possibly the best of my career," he said. "This was one of the nicest moments. To be applauded by the Juventus stadium, where so many great footballers have played, is a top moment for me."

"It's something that stays in your heart... I want to thank all the Italians who were here in the stadium and applauded me."

Ronaldo admitted he had been trying to score a goal as spectacular as that "for a long time" as he scored his 13th and 14th goal in the Champions League - five shy of his record 17.

"I scored once for the national team with a bicycle kick, which hit the post and went in, but this was a bit better. I had been looking to score a goal like that for a long time but it depends on the circumstances of the match. Sometimes, it doesn't work,



PLEASED: Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo.

but you always have to try. I tried and I scored. "Great goal. What can I say? Fantastic."

I didn't expect to score that goal but let's speak about the game. I think

the game was amazing, we scored three goals against Juve - a great team. We played nice and of course I am happy I helped the team, I scored two goals. A great night." *Sport24*

Ex-England captain Wilkins dies

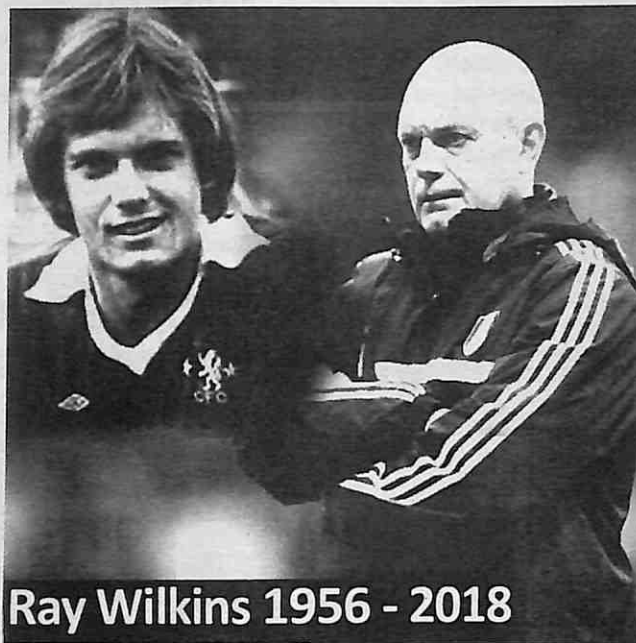
LONDON - Former England and Manchester United midfielder Ray Wilkins has died at the age of 61 following a cardiac arrest, his former club Chelsea announced yesterday.

"Everybody associated with Chelsea Football Club is devastated to learn of the passing of our former player, captain and assistant coach, Ray Wilkins. Rest in peace, Ray, you will be dreadfully missed," the club said on Twitter.

Wilkins played 84 times for England between 1976 and 1986.

His playing career also took him to AC Milan, Paris Saint-Germain, Glasgow Rangers and Queens Park Rangers.

He coached QPR, Fulham and Jordan as well as becoming caretaker manager at Chelsea when Luiz Felipe Scolari was sacked in 2009. Wilkins, who had been employed as a TV



Ray Wilkins 1956 - 2018

pundit, also worked alongside Guus Hiddink at Stamford Bridge and was assistant when Carlo Ancelotti took over.

Manchester United tweeted: "The thoughts and prayers of

everyone at Manchester United are with the family, friends and colleagues of our former midfielder Ray Wilkins, following his tragic passing."

AFP

I still believe Seville can beat Bayern - Montella

SEVILLA - Sevilla coach Vincenzo Montella downplayed his

side's chances of making the

last four of the Champions League following their 2-1 quarter-final first leg home defeat to Bayern Munich on Tuesday, but said he still believed they could turn it around.

Deflected efforts from Franck Ribery and Thiago Alcantara

gave the German champions the win after Pablo Sabarria had given Sevilla the lead, meaning the Spaniards will need to win at the Allianz Arena if they are to progress. Speaking after the match, Montella remained positive, although he admitted that his team have a mountain to climb when asked about their chance of pulling off a shock in the second leg next week.

"Not much, but we're going to play with the same pride as tonight, and some more," he replied. "Things are possible if

you believe, and I still believe. The percentages might be low, but we've got to play them."

The Italian then went on to bemoan Sevilla's bad fortune.

"We didn't have any luck. I'm grateful to my players for playing an excellent game against a really high-level opponent."

"The team deserved more. We had a perfect tactical shape in the first half. The first goal on the counter was a shame. It didn't demoralise us, but we lost inertia."

Sport24

Eymael humbled by Chiefs' interest in him

JOHANNESBURG - Free State Stars coach Luc Eymael has denied speaking to either Kaizer Chiefs or SuperSport United about joining them at the end of the season.

The Belgian mentor told Phakaaathi that for now news of him leaving Ea Lila Koto next season remain just rumours.

"I have just read about it and fielded calls from journalists all wanting to know if I am joining either of them next season. But none have spoken to me. What I know is that I have a two year deal here at Stars," he said.

Eymael also revealed that he has a buyout clause on his contract and said any team who wish for his services can speak to Stars Chairman, Mike Mokoena.

"I have a buyout clause on my contract. Anyone who wants me can speak to the chairman and if they agree then they can talk to me and we will see what happens," he added.

Eymael said he was humbled that his work has done so much talking for him that big teams are said to be interested in him.

"I am not a person who likes to talk about what he has done but I like it when my work speaks for me. It is an honour if such teams look at my work and think highly of it," he said. *Citizen*



HUMBLED: Free State Stars coach Luc Eymael.





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MBABANE SWALLOWS 0-0 GREEN MAMBA



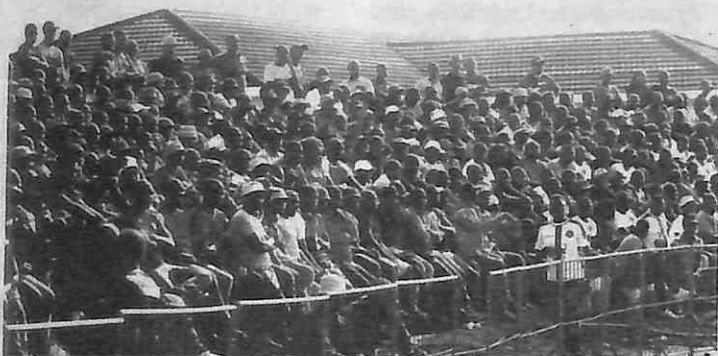
NO: Mbabane Swallows fitness coach Siyabonga Bhembe reacts during his side's MTN Premier League match against Green Mamba at the King Sobhuza II Stadium on Easter Monday. The match ended goalless. (Pics: Sibongiseni Zondi)



WE CAN FLY: Swallows players greet their supporters before the start of the match.



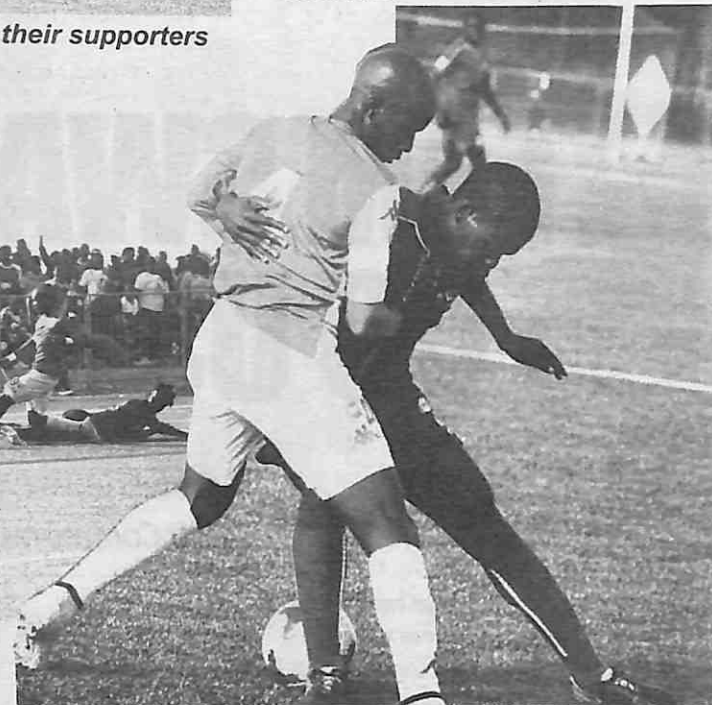
TURN: Green Mamba midfielder Njabulo Tfwala tries to turn Swallows defender Stanley Umukoro.



BIRDS: A section of Swallows supporters watching the match.



SAVE: Mbabane Swallows goalkeeper Sandanezwe Mathabela saves from Green Mamba's Musa Dlamini.



TIGHT: Swallows midfielder Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu and Green Mamba's Sanele Tshawuka fight for the ball.

MALANTI CHIEFS 2-1 MONENI PIRATES



CONTROL: Malanti Chiefs striker Charles Molopo controls the ball ahead of Moneni Pirates captain Menzi 'Magaw'gawu' Simelane during the two sides' MTN Premier League clash at King Sobhuza II Stadium on Easter Monday. Malanti won the match 2-1. (Pics: Sibongiseni Zondi)



THERE: Malanti Chiefs coach Humphrey Mlwane gestures during the match.



GO: Malanti's Senzo Dlamini invades the danger zone with the ball while Pirates' Mbuso Mabuza chases.



MR REFEREE: Malanti's Charles Molopo spots a foul.

3rd Ingwenyama Cup Anniversary

BRANDING GONE WRONG: An SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup billboard was visible during two MTN Premier League matches at the King Sobhuza II Stadium.



GOAL: Malanti players join Charles Molopo in celebrating their second goal.



BATTLE: Pirates' Mbuso Mabuza and Malanti's Senzo Dlamini in a battle for the ball.



By Dumisani Ntiwane
(SNSRC Media
Officer)
Shukuma Swaziland!



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SWAZILAND



**Gold Coast
2018**
XXI Commonwealth Games
QUEENSLAND



REPRESENTING: Team Swaziland before it departed for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia.

TEAM SWAZILAND: DO US PROUD

SHUKUMA Swaziland!

Greetings. Welcome to yet another edition of your favourite column, Shukuma Swaziland.

As a country, we can hardly wait for our national heroes to participate at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

This year's games, as most are already aware will be staged in the Gold Coast in Australia.

Anticipation is at an all-time high, as sports fans eagerly wait to see Team Swaziland 'shine' amongst the more than 6 600 athletes that will be sweating it out to raise their nation's name at the largest sporting event to be staged in Australia this decade.

As mentioned, The Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) will welcome more than 6 600 athletes and team officials from 71 Commonwealth nations and territories to the Gold Coast and event cities Brisbane, Cairns and Townsville to share in the celebration of sport, entertainment and culture.

The good news is that the kingdom will be represented. However, this time Team Swaziland has not just gone there to add to the numbers but to compete fully and effectively. It is high time we stand up and be counted as a country.

Worth noting is that we have the athletes to come back home with medals.

We have a relatively balanced team that can defy the odds and stun the world. Although Team Swaziland will definitely be amongst the small-

*...Our very own will aim to shine at the Gold Coast
2018 Commonwealth Games*

Team Swaziland

Athletics Team
Phumlile Ndzinisa
Sibusiso Matsenjwa
Thandaza Zwane
Mcebo Mkhalihi
Boxing Team

Zweli Dlamini
Thabiso Dlamini
Cycling Team
Muzi Shabangu
Mduduzi Zwane
Gcina Banda

est teams in these games, there is hope we will do well as a country, especially when considering the preparations ahead of the games.

In athletics, team Swaziland will be represented by the likes of sprinters Phumlile Ndzinisa and Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa. These two carry the hopes of the nation on their tiny shoulders. Much is expected from them.

Participated

They have the necessary experience to cause an upset, having participated in such high profile games before.

The duo has been to the Olympics Games and will certainly not be overawed by another big stage in the Commonwealth Games.

Thandaza Zwane and Mcebo Mkhalihi complete the athletics team. They too have the potential of doing well.

Two of the country's best pugilists in Zweli Dlamini and Thabiso Dlamini will be hoisting the flag in boxing. The duo has what it takes as well to at least reach the medal bracket. Boxing is one of the fastest grow-

ing sports in the country and the two will be tasked with proving to the whole world that a sleeping giant in Southern Africa has finally awakened.

The cycling team consists of Muzi Shabangu, Gcina Banda and Mduduzi Zwane. This trio is surely one for the future but one cannot rule them out and the possibility of upsetting the applecart by bringing back home a medal or two.

The trio is fresh from participating in the African Championships in Kigali, Rwanda, where even though they were outclassed, they gained invaluable experience. It is this experience that will come in handy in the tough Commonwealth Games.

We will be hoping for the best from our team. However, in the event for some reason, our tea fails to perform to expectations, it should still be noted that winning is not just about the medal.

As long as our athletes perform to their best and better their own personal records, there will be a reason to celebrate.

Shukuma with a difference in 2018

AS per this column's assurance early in the year, the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC)'s flagship programme Shukuma will take a new twist this year.

This programme, which primarily advocates and promotes participation in sport and physical activity by all Swazis for health benefits and other intrinsic benefits, will now be much bigger and better. It will be improved and enhanced.

The dynamic SNSRC team has already hosted two very successful Shukuma already in Mkhweni

and Sigwe. This column assures you that the next one, which will be the third will be the biggest ever seen.

Although the column is still playing cards close to the chest, we can hardly wait to share the good news regarding our new partner. Yes, we have partnered with one of the giant companies for the Shukuma initiative. However, details of the historic partnership will be unveiled in due course, as both parties are still fine tuning the agreement. Just watch this pace! Shukuma will never be the same again!



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Quote of the week

"Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does."

It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create

hope where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than government in breaking down racial barriers. It laughs in the face of all kinds of discrimination." – Nelson Mandela, May 25, 2000.
Till next week, Shukuma Swaziland!

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SwaziBank Cup Kit Presentation

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WESELI: Manzini Wanderers striker Mfan'futhi 'Taribo' Bhembe receiving his side's kit from SwaziBank MD Zakhele Lukhele while NFAS Vice President Comfort Shongwe looks on. This was during a kit presentation held at SwaziBank headquarters in Mbabane yesterday. (Pics: Sibongiseni Zondi)



SMILES: Green Mamba's Siyabonga 'Msholoji' Mdluli and Malanti's Siyabonga Nkambule hold up the trophy.



BATTLE: Highlanders' Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze and Matsapha's Siphamandla Dhlamini get a feel of the trophy.



HUB: Manzini Wanderers' Mfan'futhi 'Taribo' Bhembe and Manzini Sundowns' Reagan Charles exchange pleasantries.



DERBY: Young Buffaloes' Nkosingphile 'Nyandoro' Tsabedze and Royal Leopard's Sikhumbuzo 'Chaka' Ntimane pose with the trophy.



SMILE: Malanti Chiefs' Siyabonga Nkambule smiles as he receives his club's kit.



BULL: Mbabane Highlanders captain Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze receiving his side's kit.



MAMBA: Green Mamba captain Siyabonga 'Msholoji' Mdluli receiving his side's kit.



KAPPA: Manzini Sundowns' Reagan Charles receives his club's kit.



STAFF: SwaziBank staff following proceedings.



LUCKY FAN: Delisile Vilakati receiving her prize from SwaziBank MD Zakhele Lukhele.



WINNER: Winner of last week's SwaziBank Prepaid card competition Khetsiwe Ngcamphalala receiving her prize from the bank's MD Zakhele Lukhele.

BUILD-IT SPLASHES E470 000 ON FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

Stories by Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER – BUILD-it hardware continues to prove their commitment to football development in the country as they will fork out E470 000 for this year's edition of the Build-It Under-13 football tournament.

This was revealed by the company's Operations Manager Lida Pretorius during the launch of the finals at the newly opened Sigwaca House auditorium yesterday.

The finals are scheduled for next Saturday at the country's soccer Mecca, Somhlolo National Stadium.

When making her remarks, Peterson further explained that the company was proud to lend a helping hand to Football Development in the country, and noted that the tournament had earned the crown as the best development programme in Southern Africa.

"I would like to thank the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) for their support in the partnership. Our relationship has been fruitful and the results are there for all to see. We have been running this tournament for the past 11 years and the impact has been noted in the whole region."

She said this tournament has been



DONE DEAL: Build-it Swaziland Chairman Sam Essa receiving a signed Sihlangu replica from FA President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa. (Pic: Sibusiso Dlamini)

labelled the best development programme in the Southern African region, which showed they were really making a difference.

Pledge

"I would like to pledge Build-it South Africa's support in the programme and we hope to have a great event next week (finals)."

Meanwhile, the NFAS President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa thanked Build-it for their continued support, stating that their main objective as an association was to develop foot-

ball in the country. He further added that half the players in the national team were products of the Build-it tournament.

"I don't have a lot to say than to just thank the company for their hard work and their contribution to the development of local football in the country. This tournament has played a huge role in grooming future stars as at least half the players in the current national team have turned out for this tournament, not to even mention the Under-17s and the Under-20s," he said.

Malawian media raves over Lwethu's performance

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER – MANZINI Sundowns goalkeeper Lwethu Simelane's star continues to shine bright as the youngster's performance earned him raves from the Malawian media.

Simelane's phenomenal performance during the national Under-20 soccer team's outing against the 'Young Flames' of Malawi in the first leg of the Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers got tongues wagging.

Reporting on the match, the Nyasa Times, one of the leading publications in the country, described Simelane's performance as 'world-class excellent' and the only thing that stood between the team's vic-

tory. "The Junior Flames were themselves to blame for not punishing the visitors, having dominated both halves and created numerous scoring opportunities. However, lack of the final touch coupled with world-class excellent goalkeeping from Swazi goalkeeper Simelane Lwethu denied them the much needed victory. The Swaziland goalkeeper was deniably the busiest customer on the field of play, unlike his counterpart Charles Thom who had an easy afternoon, making just one crucial save throughout the match."

Speaking during the post-match interview, head coach Dumisani 'DU' Makhanya hailed his charges for standing their ground and sticking to the plan.

"I am satisfied with the result. We

knew Malawi would come hard on us and our plan was to frustrate them, which is exactly what the boys did. We will go back to the drawing board and plan for the return leg," he said.

Meanwhile, his Malawian counterpart Meck Mwase lamented the missed opportunities but was quick to point out that the race was still on.

"We did everything to win this game but sometimes you need luck to win a game of football. Luck was not on our side. But the battle is still on and anything can happen in the second leg," said Mwase.

The local side will host the 'Young Flames' for the return leg in a fortnight and the winner of this two-legged tie will face Angola in the second round.

Seychelles referees for Sihlangwana / Malawi return leg

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – REFEREES from the Seychelles have been assigned to officiate during the AFCON Under-20 2019 qualifiers return leg between Sihlangwana and Malawi slated for the weekend of April 20 possibly at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

The officials assigned by the continent's mother body CAF are Nelson Emile Fred, who will be assisted by his two fellow countrymen in Gilbert Lista and Gerard Pool.

The Dumisani 'Du' Makhanya-led side returned home on Sunday morning following their goalless draw during the first leg encounter played at the Kamuzu Banda Stadium in Blantyre last Saturday.

National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe asked to be called later on the day as he was busy with other errands of the organisation when reached for comment. Sihlangwana now needs a 1-0 win in order to advance to the next round of the competition where they would take on Angola.

The national Under-20 side is on a mission to qualify for the finals of the continent's youth showcase to be held next year in Niger.



SHINES: Lwethu Simelane.



● Chelsea expect to appoint Juventus boss Massimiliano Allegri as their new manager this summer - but only after running out of patience during talks with former Barcelona boss Luis Enrique. *(Star)*



● La Liga strugglers Real Sociedad want Newcastle boss Rafael Benitez as their new manager. *(Mirror)*

● Real Madrid are deliberating whether to make a summer move for Chelsea's £100m-rated Belgium forward Eden Hazard, 27. *(Evening Standard)*

● Former England midfielder Gareth Barry, 37, has reached a target of games this season to earn a new West Brom deal, but his future is uncertain after a number of off-field incidents. *(Telegraph)*



● Chelsea have stepped up their interest in signing teenage Turkish goalkeeper Berke Ozer, 17, from second-tier side Altinordu. *(Sun)*

● Manchester City have made a bid to sign Barcelona's 15-year-old Robert Navarro, with the La Liga leaders yet to make the midfielder an offer. *(Sport)*

● West Ham want to keep Manager David Moyes beyond the end of the season after the former Everton and Manchester United boss guided the Hammers away from the relegation zone. *(Mirror)*

● Newcastle midfielder Mikel Merino, 21, has told the club he wants to join La Liga side Athletic Bilbao. *(TeamTalk)*

● Bournemouth, Leicester and Championship side Aston Villa are monitoring Southampton striker Charlie Austin, 28, should the Saints be relegated this season. *(Mirror)*



● Stoke winger Ramadan Sobhi, 21, is "hoping to do well at the World Cup", to improve his chances of leaving the club in the summer. *(Stoke Sentinel)*

● Leicester Chairman Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha is marking his birthday celebrations by giving away 60 season tickets to supporters at this weekend's Premier League fixture with Newcastle United. *(LCFC.com)*

● Former Everton midfielder Steven Pienaar has become the club's first international ambassador. *(Liverpool Echo)*

WANDERERS' SUPPORTER WINS BIG IN DEBIT CARD PROMOTION

Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER - MANZINI Wanderers supporter Khetsiwe Ngcamphalala is E1 500 richer after winning in the Swazi Bank Debit card promotion.

Also winning big in the promotion were Tinyosi's Mbuso Dlamini, who went home with E1 000 while Mbabane Highlanders' Delisile Vilakati received E700.

Announcing the second fortnight winners was Swazi Bank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele during the

kit presentation held at the bank's auditorium in Mbabane yesterday.

"Today we award the winners for the second fortnight which ended last Thursday.

The promotion is now in its third fortnight and it ends on April 12.

The prepaid cards can be bought and activated at any Swazi Bank branch at E50 per card for customers and E100 for non-customers.

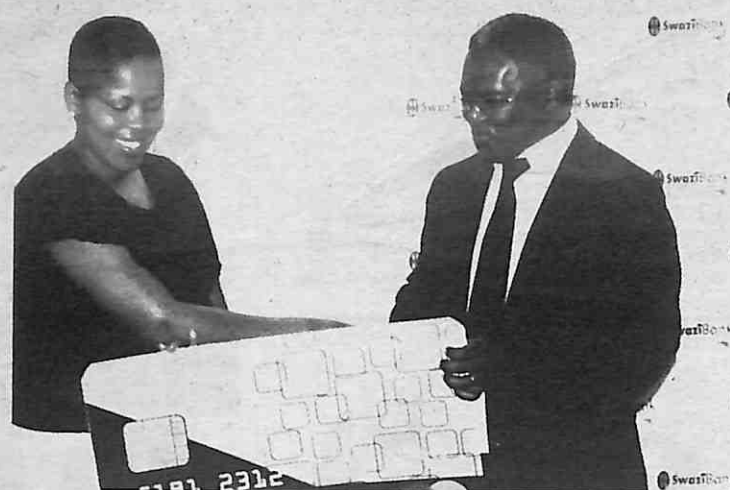
"In addition, if you purchase, load and use the prepaid card, you give your favourite football club a chance to win E25 000 cash at the end of the competition," he said.

The MD further highlighted that Highlanders were currently the team with the highest number of supporters buying the prepaid cards to date, followed by Wanderers and Royal Leopard, respectively.

Meanwhile, Ngcamphalala, who represented the winners on the day, expressed gratitude to Swazi Bank for not only sponsoring football but coming up with such great promotions.

"We would like to thank Swazi Bank for this promotion.

I for one didn't know that there would be such prizes just by using



WINNER: Winner of the SwaziBank Prepaid card competition Khetsiwe Ngcamphalala receiving her prize from the bank's MD Zakhele Lukhele.

my debit card. I urge others to buy and make use of these cards so they stand a chance to win," she said.

Sonke siyay'funa - Team captains

SOCCKER - TEAM captains have all vowed to lift the trophy when the curtain falls in the SwaziBank Cup.

Making their remarks during the kit presentation held at the Swazi Bank auditorium yesterday, the players said their respective clubs were determined to win the tournament as it also carries a ticket to Africa.

This is what they had to say:

Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze (Highlanders)

"All I can say is that we feature in the finals this time around. We have won the tournament before and will make sure we lift the trophy again.

All the players are determined and preparations are at an advanced stage."

Siphamandla Dhlamini (Matsapha United)

"It's a good draw for us and we are aware that all eight teams are pre-

pared for this tournament. We are mentally prepared for the game and will have to make sure we are also ready, come match day.

Supporters should come in great numbers and support us on the day."

Siyabonga 'Msholoz' Mdluli (Green Mamba)

"Firstly, I would like to thank SwaziBank for sponsoring this tournament since 2004. This tournament also puts our country on the map and we are grateful to the bank. Coming to the tournament, I hear that the other teams want it. The same applies to us, but the only difference is that we have also been given an 'order' to bring the trophy home and we will uphold

that 'order'."

Siyabonga Nkambule (Malanti Chiefs)

"That we have reached this stage is a problem because we will be unstoppable from now on. The whole of Northern H h o h o knows what this means and we are looking forward to their support. Another factor is that we read the Bible and it clearly states that every snake must be killed."

Mfanafuthi 'Taribo' Bhembe (Manzini Wanderers)

"We are grateful to Swazi Bank for the lucrative sponsorship, and also dressing the teams with-

out fail since inception of the tournament. Drawing Manzini Sundowns was good for us, especially because we have a score to settle with them. They beat us in the league so it's time we set the record straight. Our supporters are invited to come in great numbers and we promise them fireworks and a good result."

Regan Charles (Manzini Sundowns)

"We also promise nothing but fireworks on the day. We have never lifted this trophy and siyayifuna this time around. The football loving nation should come in numbers to see exciting games.

Taribo is my friend but come this weekend, we will forget about friendship."

Sikhumbuzo 'Chaka' Ntibane (Royal Leopard)

"As per its slogan, 'Uyayifuna na?',

yes, we want this tournament and we will do all in our power to win it. We respect Buffaloes as a team but come match day, that will not be the case inside the field of play."

Mphile 'Nyandoro' Tsabedze (Young Buffaloes)

"As Young Buffaloes, we promise to do well in this tournament and we will start in this game against Leopard. Our supporters should come and rally behind us because we will need their support. I would also like to urge them to accept whatever result on the day and refrain from violent conduct."

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Platinum Stars	0-0	Baroka FC
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Free State Stars	0-1	Kaizer Chiefs
Cape Town City FC	0-0	Golden Arrows
Mamelodi Sundowns	2-0	Chippa United
Orlando Pirates	2-1	Bloemfontein Celtic

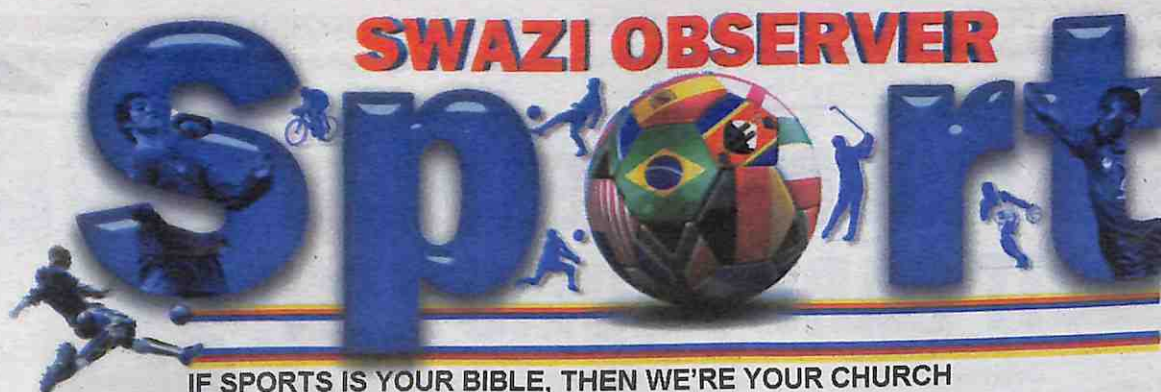
UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Barcelona	4-1	Roma
Liverpool	3-0	Manchester City

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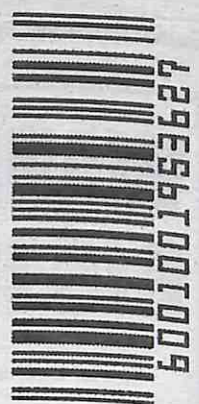
UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE

Lazio	vs	Salzburg	9:05pm
Atlético Madrid	vs	Sporting CP	9:05pm
Arsenal	vs	CSKA Moskva	9:05pm
RB Leipzig	vs	Olympique Marseille	9:05pm



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Relegated City, Lions could be in luck...

NO RELEGATION AGAIN?

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - THE 14-league teams issue will once again come into spotlight when the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) board of governors meet before the end of the season.

Even though Midas City and Red Lions have now been mathematically relegated to the National First Division (NFD), there is growing belief among football structures that there will be no relegation in the Premier League again this season.

The issue of relegation and promotion has captivated Swazi football ever since the decision by the same PLS governors to increase the number of teams in the country's top flight from 12 to 14 at the end of last season. That decision saw Mbabane Highlanders, who had finished second bottom and were due

■ Red Lions, City might escape as 14-league team issues come into the spotlight once again

■ City still awaiting response from NFAS after filing complaint

for automatic relegation, survive the axe.

City have been challenging the legitimacy of the current Premier League campaign since early on in the season. City believes the involvement of Vovovo and Highlanders in the current season should render the campaign 'null and void.'

Threatening

With City now threatening to take their grievances to world football motherbody FIFA, the country's football authorities are now considering increasing the number of teams in the Premier League from 14 to 16, to avoid any embarrassment. That would mean no relegation would happen in the Premier League and the top two NFD sides would be promoted to the Premier League.

"During the last meeting the board of governors had, they raised the issue of the 14-team league. Most of the governors made it clear that there shouldn't be any relegation this season because justice wasn't done at the end of last season. But because that meeting's main focus was to deliberate on the election of the new

PLS chairman, the governors were promised that the 14-team league issue would be discussed at the next meeting," a well-placed source said.

Reached for comment on the issue yesterday, new PLS Chairman Mark Carmichael acknowledged the seriousness of the matter but could not say for certain if City and Red Lions would go down to the NFD.

"One thing I know is that football issues solve themselves. Football is guided by rules, regulations and constitutions so we will be guided by those. For now I wouldn't want to comment much on this issue but I am not worried," Carmichael politely said.

Midas City's Secretary Bongani 'Bhanyaza' Mdluli, meanwhile, said they were giving the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) 14 days to respond to them before taking their grievances further.

"We met the FA and made representations to them on the issue.

"We are now awaiting their response. We will wait a further 14 days. If they haven't responded by then we will have to take our grievances further," Mdluli said.

NEW BROOM: New PLS Chairman Mark Carmichael.

E2 000 for SwaziBank Cup man of the match

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - EXCELLING players in the Swazi Bank Cup quarterfinals will stand a chance to walk away with E2 000 Man of the Match award prize money.

This was revealed by SwaziBank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele during the kit presentation held at the bank's auditorium in Mbabane yesterday.

The MD said this stage of the tournament provided an opportunity for the outstanding players to win this cash prize.

"I would like to congratulate the teams that have made it this far. I also commend those that have not made it for participating in the tournament and accepting the results in a true sportsmanship manner.

"We expect to see the same sportsmanship this weekend when the eight teams battle it out for a place in the semi-finals," he said.

He stated that the eight teams would be expected to wear the kits this weekend and that the four teams to qualify for the semi-final will wear the same kit for matches.



UYAY'FUNA NA: Players from the eight remaining sides in the SwaziBank Cup pose with the trophy. This was during a kit presentation held at SwaziBank Headquarters in Mbabane yesterday. (Pic: Sibongiseni Zondi)

WESLIANS, BULL IN SUNDAY THRILLER

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - SOMHLOLO National Stadium will play hosts to giant clubs Manzini Wanderers and Mbabane Highlanders when the two sides play in their respective SwaziBank Cup quarterfinals matches.

Wanderers' clash with hub rivals

Manzini Sundowns at 2pm will be followed by the hugely anticipated match between Highlanders and Matsapha United which will kick-off at 4pm.

Host

Somhlolo will be the host for all quarterfinal matches with the two other matches slated for Saturday.

Green Mamba's clash with Malanti Chiefs will kickoff at 2pm before

the derby between defending champions Young Buffaloes and Royal Leopard kicks-off at 4pm.

During a kit presentation at the SwaziBank headquarters in Mbabane yesterday, the tournament's Management Committee (MC) Chairman Comfort Shongwe said the SwaziBank Women Cup matches would curtain raise for the main quarterfinals.

"The tournament has gone well up to this far and we hope that it will continue going well. We hope people will come out in their numbers for the quarterfinals.

"There will be a lot of entertainment.

"The SwaziBank Women Cup will curtain raise for the main quarterfinals so there is a lot to look forward to," Shongwe said.

FULL FIXTURE:

SWAZI BANK WOMEN'S CUP

Saturday at Somhlolo

Divas	vs	OlympAfrica	9am
Mbekelweni Ladies	vs	Royal Leopard	11am

Sunday at Somhlolo

Kappa Ladies	vs	L Highlanders	9am
Shiselweni Roses	vs	Siteki Ladies	11am

SATURDAY AT SOMHLOLO:

Green Mamba	vs	Malanti Chiefs	2pm
Young Buffaloes	vs	Royal Leopard	4pm

Sunday at Somhlolo:

Manzini Wanderers	vs	Manzini Sundowns	2pm
Mbabane Highlanders	vs	Matsapha United	4pm