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ANCIENT WAYS: Farmers are using every resource available to start farming and take advantage of the recently received rainfall. Minah Dlamini and her children from Nsubane in Lavumisa area were found hard at work using the ancient ways of farming. The ministry of agriculture has encouraged farmers to plant early as it has been indicated that rainfall will be scarce from December. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

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THE PROMINENT NOT ALWAYS FOR APPOINTMENTS - KING

Stories by Thembeke Dlamini
Lozitha

HIS Majesty King Mswati III warned the entitled that appointments were not for the rich, well dressed and prominent whose hearts are in the wrong place.

The king, on Saturday during the national prayer held at Mandvulo Grand Hall stated that looking at Jesus' disciples; one noted that he looked for the most unlikely characters who might have looked out of place in leadership.

"Jesus did not look at their outward appearance as all he cared about was the heart."

... Jesus did not look at their outward appearance as all he cared about was the heart inside



BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III.

He called for those present to ensure that they should look at God with pure

hearts in order to have him dwell in there.

"God does not look at make-up," he said having discounted all those who think that just by dressing well and having riches made them automatic choices for appointment.

This was met with wild applause by congregants as they voiced their agreement.

Carrying on, the King said instead, those needed for appointments were those who will put their all into the tasks given and do their best whenever they are sent.

'Witchcraft only affects non-believers'

HIS Majesty King Mswati III warned that those destined for greatness will never be hindered by those who practise witchcraft.

Speaking at Mandvulo Grand Hall, His Majesty said those ordained to be

great had the protection of the Almighty such that even if they can be put under a spell and their fat sealed in bottles, there would be no success.

"Some people believe bottles have a certain purpose whereas they are so

flimsy, a kick breaks them to pieces."

He said if God allows it, a person can be bewitched through being enclosed in a bottle, however, this can be a temporary setback which prepares one for greatness once released from the stronghold of failure.

EX-MINISTER, SENATOR IRK CONGREGANTS

THE duo of a former minister and former senator who jumped the food queue irked congregants who waited patiently to be served outside Mandvulo Grand Hall on Saturday.

This happened after His Majesty King Mswati III's sermon which marks the end of the year before the traditional prayer of Incwala commences.

Prior to the end of the service, an announcement to the effect that ushers would guide people to their designated stations was made.

While senior government officials waited in line to be served, members of parliament and senators were ushered into the marquee.

When members of the royal family and emabandla were ushered in, the offending duo was noted sauntering in with them, something which raised murmurs from the several

notable senior officers.

"So they are suddenly royalty?" an undersecretary said to a retired principal secretary as the two made their way into the marquee quietly without acknowledging those in the queue.

The action was noted by many who commented and laughed that they were witnessing power grabbing as per His Majesty's preaching. Prior to the lunch incident, the two were noted as they arrived late and joined those sitting in what was perceived to be the VIP section. They were, however, not led to their seats by ushers as they seemed to know where they were headed. During the sermon, the King warned against people who were given power and then over reach their authority by taking more as did Satan prior to being thrown out of heaven for trying to grab more power than God.



'Condoms should be distributed in church'

Stories by Samkelisiwe Khoza
Piggs Peak

RELIGIOUS leaders agree that condoms must be allowed in churches.

Pastor Friday Fakudze of Pigg's Peak Church of the Nazarene said as church leaders it is also their duty to encourage the congregation to practice safe sexual activities.

Speaking during a religious and traditional leaders dialogue held at Pigg's Peak Hotel last week, Fakudze said it was about time that religious leaders realised that the congregation is perishing due to lack of knowledge on sexual health.

The dialogue was hosted by Save the Children, ministry of health in collaboration the International Organisation for Migration (IOM).

"Religious leaders are so influential, if they can start sharing the truth about the significance of condom use to the congregation, Eswatini can reach 2022 with an HIV free generation," Fakudze said. The pastor elaborated that churches are a home to teenagers that need to practice safe sex. He said most churches are used by these teens to hide so that they can engage in sexual activities without having parents keeping a close eye



CONDOMS: Pigg's Peak Church of the Nazarene Friday Fakudze during the dialogue.

on them.

He added that the provision of condoms in churches can also help reduce the high birth rate in the country because most married couples in churches believed that using a condom is a sin. Fakudze said it is important to have children when both partners are ready.

"Church leaders are required to be open-minded and share with the worshippers that using condoms is not a sin," Fakudze said.

Pastor Philemon Dlamini said condoms are an important health tool that is needed by believers and non-believers to stay healthy and protected from

deadly infections.

"Condoms will help preserve the teenagers that engage in sexual activities behind our backs. The hurting truth is that our children engage in sexual activities whether we deny it or not," Dlamini said.

He said giving the youth the protection tool is better than having an HIV infected generation with an enormous number of unwanted children.

Pastor Siboniso Lulane said condoms should not be distributed inside the church but in toilets or storerooms away from the main worship house.

Lulane said having condoms in the church can affect the holy relationship between the religious leader and the congregation. He said condoms are not unholy, but they are perceived by many as dirty especially the elderly.

"Imagine the disappointment as a religious leader of seeing a teenager grabbing those condoms and putting them in his or her pocket, a teenager that is amongst the church's praise and worship team," he posed. Nowadays, Lulane said, religious leaders must try to find the right approach to introduce the displacement of condoms around church premises so they can lead a healthy congregation.

Save the Children impressed by pastors' attitude towards SRH

SAVE the Children Director Dumsani Mnisi said they were impressed by the traditional and religious leaders' attitude towards sexual reproductive health (SRH).

Five years ago, Mnisi said traditional and religious leaders considered speaking about SRH a bad omen but today they are willing

to learn more. Mnisi was speaking during a traditional and religious leaders dialogue held at Pigg's Peak Hotel recently.

Mnisi emphasised that they stand is that the youth must now openly practice sexual activities but they should always practice safe sex.

Condoms provision does not mean ban on abstinence-ministry of health

THE ministry of health family planning focal person Lindiwe Malaza said the provision of condoms to the society does not mean the youth are given the leverage to practice sexual activities.

"We are still preaching abstinence amongst the youth. However we cannot run away from the fact that the youth secretly practice sexual activities, we would be naïve to think against that reality," Malaza said. Therefore, she said it is important to give the young people the protection tool.

Malaza highlighted that condoms are now used as aching joints remedies by the country's senior citizens.

She explained that the ministry would be thrilled at times to notice that provided condoms run out only to discover later that they are used by elderly people as a soothing agents for their aching joints. "Soccer players use condoms to fasten their soccer socks."

We once discovered that over a thousand condoms were used to fasten soccer socks in another community," she said. Malaza pleaded with Emaswati to properly use condoms because the said free condoms are not exactly free.

She explained that the country spends millions of Emalangeni purchasing condoms.

Naughty schoolboy, friend arrested for E60 000 dagga

By Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

TWO school going teens were arrested for the possession of 30 kilograms dagga.

The two 19-year-old boys of Lomahasha are said to have been caught with the illegal drug on Friday at Maphiveni security check-point guarded by the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force. According to sources, the two teens are

currently doing Form Four in one of the community high schools.

The drug they possessed is estimated at E60 000. On the day of the arrest, the suspects are said to have been posed as school hostel dwellers that were on their way to visit their families after weeks of not getting in touch with their families.

However, the lie caught up with them when asked which school they attended and was discovered that there are no boarding schools at Lomahasha.

"They were too chatty and shared unnecessary information about themselves which made the UEDF officers to be suspicious and summoned them to their camping tent nearby," said the source. It is said that they each carried a backpack stuffed with the drug which was said to be 15 kilograms each. They are said to have covered the substance with clothing materials that were excessively sprayed with strong fragrances.

The teens were also suspected to be under the influence of alcohol. Suspicions

are that they needed courage to smuggle the drug through the security checkpoint hence the use of alcohol.

Moreover, one of the suspects' older sister, said the family was shaken by the arrest of the teen. However, she said they are hoping that their brother would learn a lesson or two in prison.

"My mother developed heart problems because of him. He started smoking and getting in a trouble even at school. He is my blood but we are tired of preaching one and the same gospel," she said.

She shared that the teen even went as far as attempting to rape last year with his gang. She said her brother would sometimes bunk classes just to go by Mbuluzi River where they are suspected to farm dagga with other residents and school mates. "He would verbally fight with our mother and embarrass her in front of our neighbours. We just want him to get disciplined," said the sister. Meanwhile, the teens appeared before the Simunye Magistrate's Court on Saturday and they were each offered a bail fixed at E2 000. The adolescents however are expected to reappear before the court on November 12.

Expect a warm to cold week

By Nozipho Sibiba
Mbabane

FORECASTERS have predicted a warm to cold week ahead.

They said the week will start warm and end cold.

Rainfall showers can be expected tomorrow. Temperatures are expected to drop on Wednesday and Thursday. "On Wednesday temperatures will drop to 14 Degrees Celsius," reads the fore-

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cast.

Chances of rains remain high this week. The highest temperatures will be a maximum of 30 Degrees Celsius.

It will be windy at times.

SNAT GIVES NEW GOVT 17 DAYS TO PREVENT STRIKE

COVER STORY

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

THE new government whose composition was completed last week when the Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini appointed his Cabinet team can heave a sigh of relief as teachers have switched off their strike engines.

The Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) said it will put the newly formed government to the test and see if it would consider their grievances without them having to go on strike.

However, the new government has about 17 days to prevent teachers from going on a legal strike. This will depend solely on the progress made at the negotiations table.

SNAT President Mbongwa Dlamini said the new government would not have come at a better time for them and they will try to engage it on the Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA) issues between now and November 23, a proposed date for the commencement of the association's intended legal strike, which was halted by the court last month.

This should excite the new government as it could come with amends to prevent the strike that has the potential of crippling the education system that is already in the hands of police and warders who are invigilating examinations.

...It is very fortunate for the new government to be inducted at this time. But we believe they will have enough time to settle in and start working on all issues at hand, prior to the intended strike on November 23. The biggest test lies ahead and it will be the way they handle the issues that will give us an indication that we have a considerate government in place. Part of the determination will be their will to open their doors and engage us on CoLA

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When asked about their take on the newly appointed Minister of Public Service Christian Ntshangase, Dlamini said that they were hopeful that he would work well with them.

"We know Ntshangase very well, we were dealing with him when he was still at Macmillan and we are hopeful that he will understand and consider the issues at hand," he said.

Dlamini said they don't want to quickly judge the new government as they have just been inaugurated.

He said that the association has confi-



dence in the novel government because they are a new and fresh minded team.

On the appointment of Ambrose Dlamini as the country's new prime minister, Dlamini said the former MTN chief executive officer worked effectively while at the mobile network company and they can only hope that he applies the same attitude as the leader of the government.

SNAT demanded 6.5 per cent CoLA but government offered 0.0 per cent, owing to the financial crisis the country is facing but the association want nothing less than the demand they made to government.

The battle between government and the association dates back to August where a protest action saw a bloody clash between the police and members of SNAT in Manzini on August 24.

Cabinet ministers to be sworn-in tomorrow

Stories By Sabelo Majola
and Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

NEWLY appointed cabinet ministers will be sworn-in tomorrow.

The 19 ministers, inclusive of the deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku will be sworn-in at the Cabinet offices in Mbabane at a ceremony that will commence at 10 am. The minister's swearing in will exclude the head of government, Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini who was sworn-in last Monday both

as a Member of the House of Assembly and PM. The swearing-in of the ministers will be officiated by the Attorney General Sifiso Mashampu Khumalo, who has led all similar ceremonies. Khumalo is expected to read Section 73 of the Constitution which states that a prime minister, deputy prime minister or minister shall, before assuming the duties of office, take and subscribe to the oath of allegiance and the oath for the due execution of office as set out in the Second Schedule, before the ministers take the oath of allegiance tomorrow.

New ministers bombarded with calls from well-wishers

FRIDAY was busy telephonically for newly appointed Cabinet ministers as they allegedly received endless calls from well-wishers soon after the announcement of their appointments.

It remains unknown if the ministers were not being asked for favours from opportunists but they confirmed getting congratulatory messages from friends, family, churchmates as well as members of the public.

20 members of the Cabinet were announced last Friday at the Cabinet offices in Mbabane by the prime minister. The ministers are supposed to be sworn-in tomorrow at the Cabinet offices in Mbabane.

This is what some of the contacted ministers had to say about the random calls:

Minister of Tinkhundla David Cruiser Ngcamphalala

"It is true that I received a number of calls last Friday after the announcement but it was not people asking for favours but rather it was congratulatory messages from people that I know, mostly my church members. They were giving me quotes from the bible and also sharing prayer messages, telling me

to remain strong for the huge task ahead. They also told me to remain true to myself and His Majesty the King whose government I'm serving".

Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs -Moses Vilakati

"I received quite a number of phone calls and SMS messages from relatives, friends and members of the public. I must say I was moved to realise that people take note of the good job one does."

Minister of Natural Resources and Energy-Peter Bhembe

"Most of the calls I received last Friday were from family members

congratulating me on the new route that I am about to embark on. Being a leader calls for one to be exemplary and receiving empowering

calls is amazing. It refuels a person to know that your family is behind you."

Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade-Manqoba Khumalo

"I still use the Ireland contact number, only relatives and friends have my local contact hence I only received congratulatory calls from them".

Advertising giant CAPRO celebrates 68 years of excellence in print media

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

The Central Advertising and Public Relations Office (CAPRO), for the Provincial Press of South Africa is celebrating 68 years of excellence in the print media industry.

This key role player in print media was born in 1950, and thus celebrates 68 years of existence.

For the first time in history the small and mostly rural newspapers had a body which could promote them at advertising agencies, government institutions and big national companies.

As Rishaad Mahomed (Capro Chairperson of the Board), once said - "As far as the future is concerned, Capro is very optimistic... in years to come Capro needs to stay a relevant player in the industry. This will depend largely on the dynamics of the various members and how well



CAPTAIN: CAPRO General Manager Arashaad Saint.

they cope with changes. In this instance, Capro is extremely lucky in that it represents publishers who are also independent thinkers; the same style of independent thinking and the quest for excellence reflects in Capro. For over 60 years the company had to continuously adapt and re-invent itself to stay relevant in the industry. The company succeeded in

doing this because it is in touch with the market".

He adds that Capro takes pride in the remarkable progress made through linking up advertisers with their target audience and adding value to community press.

The appointment of the new General manager-Arashaad Saint, in March 2018, with his inherent capacity for sales along with high level of professionalism, has seen Capro reshaping its relevance in terms of corporate identity and strengthened relationship with its clients.

"I am delighted to have been granted this fantastic opportunity and I am very excited to face what is ahead in the future. I am privileged and honoured to be working with a team which has stood the test of time.

I cannot believe that some employees have been in the organisation for 30 years, this certainly is a remarkable achievement," he said.

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THIS IS YOUR CHIEF: Senior prince of Ndzingeni Royal Kraal unveiling the area's new chief Gugulethu Fana Dlamini to the community on Sunday morning. They are joined by Inkhosatana Phosile Dlamini. The ceremony was held at the Ndzingeni royal kraal yesterday and was followed by a prayer service. **MORE IN TOMORROW'S PUBLICATION.** (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



BEKUNENE: Senior prince of Ndzingeni royal kraal Phondo Dlamini making his remarks.

NDZINGENI ROYAL



POSE: The chief elect pictured with members of the Ndzingeni royal kraal.



ALL WELL: Gugulethu Fana Dlamini pictured with members of the Ndzingeni royal kraal after he was unveiled.



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LIGHT MOMENT: Gugulethu Fana Dlamini pictured with members of the Ndzingeni Royal Kraal after he was unveiled.

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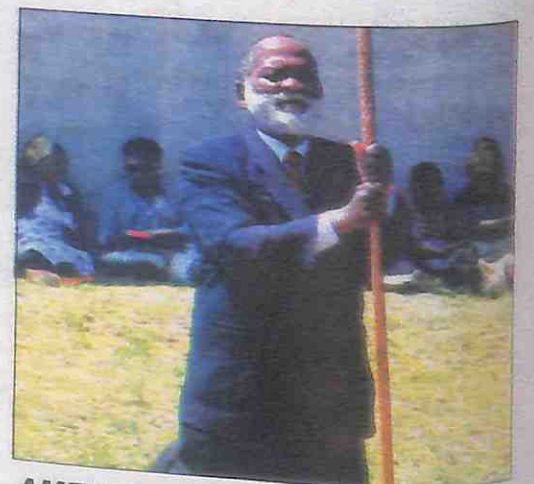
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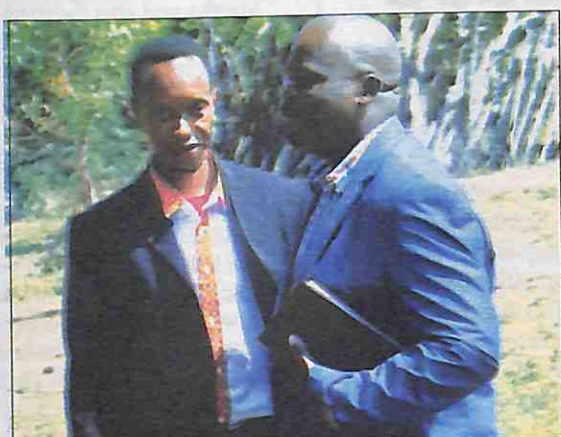
KRAAL UNVEILS CHIEF



IN THEIR NUMBERS: Residents and members of the Ndzingeni Royal Kraal following proceedings.



LOVELY: The chief elect pictured with his wife Tenele and daughter Bongiswa.



ITS A BLESSING: Pastor Sifiso Vilakati of Ndzingeni Alliance Church congratulating the chief elect.



IN PRAYER: The Ndzingeni community in prayer during the service.

COULD NOT MISS OUT: A section of the pastors who attended the service and unveiling of the new chief.



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6 NATIONAL NEWS

MBANGAVE CHIEFDOM BUCOPHO ANNOUNCED

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THOKOZANE Motsa is the bucophu for Mbangave chiefdom under Mhlambanyatsi Inkhundla

He replaces Maphevu Zwane who died two weeks after winning the elections, with his family making accusations that

their son was poisoned by a fellow church member where he (Maphevu) was a pastor.

Motsa was announced the winner after accumulating 54 votes.

Elections

Elections and Boundary Commission Chairman Chief Gija said the by elections were a success at Mbangave Chiefdom. He thanked the residents who

came in their numbers to vote.

He said the electorates actively participated in this exercise and brought along their voter registration cards.

The primary elections were held on Saturday at Intuthuko Primary. The polling station was opened from 07:00 hours to 17:00 hours and the counting of votes was done on the same day after the voting station was closed.

Outbreak of chicken disease

AN unknown disease is currently killing indigenous chickens at Jabulani in the area of Dvokolwako.

Dvokolwako is an area under Mkhweni Inkhundla in the Manzini region.

A farmer said the unknown sickness has killed about six chickens per homestead. They said they started noticing the death rate of their chickens last week. "I have lost six chickens in a space of a week," he

● "After developing the big gizzard, a chicken would then lose appetite and later dies,"

alleged further stating that others have lost more than his.

The farmer stated that sometimes the chickens would have unusual cluck, adding that they would also grow big gizzards in the chest.

"After developing the big gizzard, a chicken would then lose appetite

and later dies," he explained.

Meanwhile, Dr Xolani Dlamini, Director of Veterinary and Livestock Services, said currently there has been no report of such a sickness, adding that the department is yet to investigate the cause of the chickens' death in that area.

Unwanted father is infant's biological father

By Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

THE unwanted father of the infant boy is actually his (the child's) biological father, it has been gathered.

After being on each other's throats about the child's actual identity, the two 'fathers' decided on a paternity test (DNA) so as to determine the true identity of the child.

According to the unwanted father, the DNA proved that he is indeed the biological father of the young boy.

Ndumiso Mamba of Malindza said he knew all along that the child is his. He said the mother of the child was after money, thus said the child was fathered by her other lover.

Mamba said after the result were out, confirming that he is the father, he went back home and asked his family to prepare for a welcoming ceremony of the infant.

"My child needs to be introduced to the Mamba's ancestors especially because he has been recognised as a Nkambule since he was born," he said. Moreover, the child's mother Lungile Simelane (23) of Matsesa confirmed that Mamba is the father of her son. However, Simelane said Mamba would never lay his hands on the infant because he is not serious about life and her son does not deserve to suffer.

She said she does not regret giving

the child to her other lover Melusi Nkambule. The mother said she discovered that her son would suffer after realising that Mamba had three other children with different baby mamas.

Simelane said she is willing to take the matter to court if need be, she said she is not going to allow Mamba to 'rob' the young boy of a good life.

"I do not regret anything, if you are a mother you will understand. That man abandoned me when I was pregnant and I met an amazing guy and now he wants to take all that away from me," Simelane said.

Simelane is said to have reported the pregnancy first to Mamba of Malindza when she was just a couple of weeks pregnant. The pair is said to have been together for almost a year when Simelane conceived.

He said after the pregnancy was reported to him, he and Simelane started buying baby clothes which he said cost E3 500.

Unemployment, Mamba said is what landed him in South Africa leaving his pregnant girlfriend behind. While job hunting, Simelane is said to have decided to report the pregnancy to Nkambule.

Meanwhile, Nkambule said he is still shocked about the DNA results because he believed that the infant boy was his. He said he still needs some time to process before making any decisions on how to go about the matter.



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DATABASE OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS OF ALL STATUTORY BOARDS

Background

Frequently the Government of Swaziland has to appoint individuals to serve on Boards of all category A and B enterprises and other statutory bodies for a certain period of time usually not exceeding 3 years. Currently members in the 2015 database and only those members of the public who happen to be known to possess the required skills get to be appointed. It is felt that the database needs to be updated thus the need to re-invite candidates to submit their curriculum vitae.

Issue

In order to ensure that government has access to a bigger pool of individuals to choose from when appointing board members of both category A & B Public Enterprises and other statutory bodies, members of the public who are willing to serve as Board members are requested to submit their brief curriculum vitae to the Public Enterprise Unit.

Current Board Members

Members currently serving on Boards are also urged to submit their curriculum vitae for being re-considered in the future.

Guide

As a guide to what the brief curriculum vitae should at least include, members of the public are requested to state the following.

- Level of education
- Qualification(s)
- Expertise
- Work experience
- Position(s) previously held
- Current status of employment
- Current position held
- Age
- Three references

Non-Guarantee of appointment

Members of the public are hereby made aware that submission of their curriculum vitae does not mean that they will be automatically appointed to the boards. However it means that as and when government wants to appoint board members the database will help in the identification of individuals who possess the relevant skills.

Submission of the Curriculum Vitae

Submission should be emailed to the following email addresses:

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Siswati dictionary on the cards at UNESWA

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THE University of Eswatini (UNESWA) will soon be adding a dictionary written in SiSwati language which will be found in the institution's library.

Behind the dictionary is the department of African languages and literature.

UNESWA Vice Chancellor Mandla Thwala said he was proud of the department for its contribution to the institution and the country at large.

He was speaking during the 50th celebrations of SiSwati language, literature and culture organised by the department of African languages and literature on Friday at the Sports Emporium.

He said the department also contributed in translating the country's 2005 constitution into

SiSwati. It also developed an electronic annotated bio-bibliography of Eswatini Literature.

"The department will soon create a database which will give interface to the writer's works with annotations," he said.

Literature

He commended the African Languages and Literature Department for responding positively to the call of UNESWA senate to all faculties, departments and units to join the Kingdom in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Eswatini's independence and the 50th birthday of His Majesty King Mswati III who is also UNESWA Chancellor.

Thwala said over the last 50 years, the legacy of the department of African languages and literature has been very good, if not excellent.

"The department of African

languages and literature is one of the oldest in UNESWA which started at the inception of Kwaluseni campus. It is special to the university in that it is anchored in our local and African identity," he said.

He said the department has been and continues to be a major stakeholder in the development of SiSwati language, literature and culture.

"SiSwati language has come a long way, as in the past only Zulu language was taught in schools at Eswatini. However, in 1969 SiSwati was formally introduced in schools and to date, the department has immensely contributed to the development of SiSwati by training specialists in siSwati language, literature and culture," he said.

Thwala added that the Kingdom of Eswatini was solidly grounded on traditional Swati language and culture.

...Language a guide to culture

MACMILLAN Eswatini Managing Director Busisiwe Simelane says language is a symbolic guide to culture.

She was guest speaker during the 50th celebrations of SiSwati language, literature and culture organised by the department of African languages and literature at UNESWA Sports Emporium on Friday.

Simelane said human beings do not live in the objective world

alone, not alone in the world of social activity as ordinarily understood, but are very much at the mercy of a particular language which has become the medium of expression for their society.

Purpose

"The vocabulary of a language more or less faithfully reflects the culture whose purpose it serves and literature has played," she said.

She said the role of a Swati

writer was a crucial one in a changing society.

"This role involves bringing order into chaos, helping to shape Swati destiny, and helping Emaswati know and appreciate their own traditions," she said.

She said all the departments at UNESWA are the major influence of the Swati literature in the Kingdom and beyond, through its contributions to the training of teachers.

WILLIAM PITCHER GRADUATE STABS, KILLS STUDENT AT PARTY

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

A William Pitcher College graduate is on the run after stabbing and killing a student from the same college during a party held at the college premises.

The incident is said to have happened on Saturday around 0300 hours at the college. Information gathered is that the suspect who graduated at the college last Monday was in the company of his friends when they gate-crashed a students event held at the college.

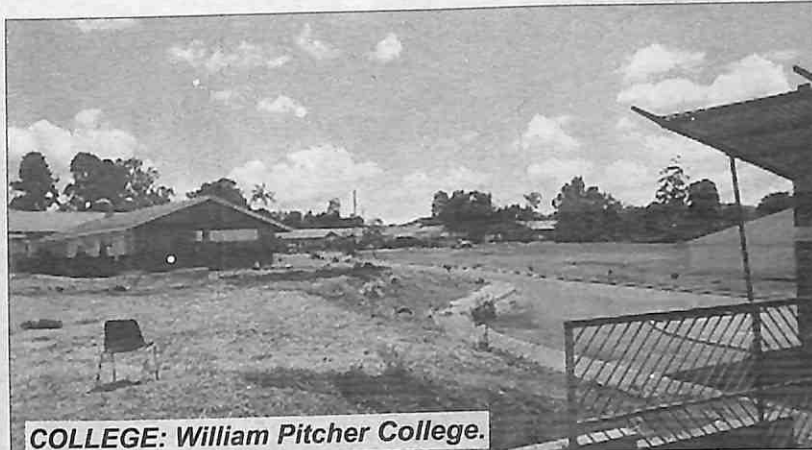
It is said the suspect who was doing a primary teachers diploma at the college got involved in an altercation with a student who was doing his second year.

It is reported seeing that the suspect was ganging up on the student with his friends, other students intervened to break up the fight.

The students reinforced and told the group which was in the company of the accused to vacate the premises.

It is alleged that the group started getting violent and a fight ensued, however, students were able to chuck them out of the school through the main gate.

The suspect and his crew are said to have been angered by the students' act of protecting one another and after they



COLLEGE: William Pitcher College.

were chucked out of the school, they later came back carrying all sorts of weapons.

It is said at around 0300 hours, the suspect came back carrying a knife while those who were in his company were carrying bush knives and all sorts of weapons. By this time the main gates leading to the college were closed.

It is said the suspects with his team scaled a wall fence near the boys hostel and gained entry to the school.

Upon gaining entry, the group started attacking the students and in that process the suspect stabbed the student.

Information gathered is that the student died on the spot while his assailants fled the area.

Police were called and the student was

later taken to the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital.

On that note, Student Representative Council (SRC) Secretary General Simphiwe Dlamini said the incident has left students shocked.

He said as students, they no longer feel safe if people could just get in the college and attack unarmed students.

He said students are now afraid that these people might come back to attack them any time since they know some entrances to the school, he the first years do not feel safe anymore.

Meanwhile, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident.

She said the police are still looking for the suspect who is on the run.

73 motorists nabbed for DD

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THERE were 73 cases of drunk-driving that were reported over the past weekend.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said the number showed a decrease from last weekend's 108 reported cases.

"There were 73 drink-driving cases reported over the past weekend, while the previous week 108 people were nabbed for drink-driving," she said.

She said those arrested have either appeared in court or will be having a date with the magistrate this morning.

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

She advised motorists not to get behind the wheel after drinking any alcoholic beverage. "We are aware that it is summer and people get thirsty, but motorists should not drink excessively and forget to obey the laws of the country," she said. She said most road traffic accidents are caused by drunk drivers.

STRESSES A POINT:
Chief Police Information
and Communications
Officer Superintendent
Phindile Vilakati.



Drunk man strips naked, then wears stolen dress

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

YESTERDAY, an intoxicated man stunned many onlookers when he stripped naked and later wore a stolen dress.

The dress was taken off a clothing line at Malanda on Sunday morning.

After snatching the dress, the intoxicated man then paraded through the town of Pigg's Peak and this resulted to stitches of laughter and whistles from the public.

Due to the fact that the intoxicated individual is yet to be arrested, his identity has been withheld. Sources said the man started enjoying alcohol on Saturday night and continued drinking until yesterday morning. "The intoxicated individual started to entertain himself and his five friends with alco-



RED HANDED: The drunk man from Malanda was spotted wearing a stolen dress in Pigg's Peak Town on Sunday. (Pics: Sizwe Dlamini)

hol on Saturday evening and this lasted until yesterday morning. He decided to go to Malanda to rest. During the walk from Pigg's Peak to Malanda, he stripped off naked and threw his clothes into a rubbish bin," a source said. The source added that the man and his friends

walked back to town, with the drunk man stealing a dress from a clothing line. When approached for comment, the man refused to speak to the media.

At the time of compiling this article, Pigg's Peak police were yet to be informed about the stolen dress.



MIND THE STEPS: The drunk man climbing down the steps.

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CONGRATULATIONS: Nozipho Shabangu receiving her certificate as she graduated with a certificate in nursing assistant during the Good Shepherd College graduation ceremony last Friday. (Pics: Wonderboy Dlamini)



GOOD SHEPHERD



OATH: A section of the graduates taking the Florence Nightingale oath.



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The Board of Directors, Management and staff of Letshego Financial Services congratulate his Excellency the Right Honourable Prime Minister Mr Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini on his appointment as the Kingdom's Prime Minister.

Bayethe Wena Waphakathi



STUNNING: Lindokuhle Mnisi and Nokulunga Ngwenya looking stunning as they graduated with a diploma in general nursing.



BRAVE: Zelda Mnisi receiving her award for bravery and courageousness.



HARD WORK PAYS OFF: Nomcebo Shongwe also graduated with a certificate in nursing assistant

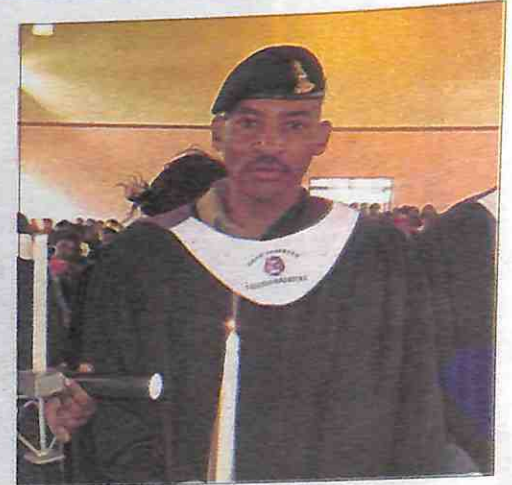
COLLEGE OF NURSING GRADUATION



I MADE IT: Andile Phiri graduated with a diploma in general nursing.



THANK YOU: Muzi Gamedze graduated with a post-diploma certificate in midwifery.



ME TOO: UEDF member Henson Makhanya also graduated with a post-diploma certificate in midwifery.



MILESTONE: Good Shepherd College of Nursing Principal Sotah Mahanya making her remarks during the graduation ceremony.



GUEST : Guest Speaker Zanele Ngcobo giving a word of wisdom to the graduates.



AWARD: Gcebile Vilakati was given the Bishop's Award for demonstrating care and love to patients.



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FIRST GROUP OF MIDWIVES GRADUATE AT GOOD SHEPHERD COLLEGE OF NURSING

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki



WELL DONE: Good Shepherd College of Nursing Principal Sotah Mahanya making her remarks during the graduation ceremony. (Pics: Wonderboy Dlamini)



AWARDED: Certificate graduate Zelda Mnisi receiving her award for Bravery and Courageousness

Student who delivered baby outside hospital awarded

GOOD Shepherd College of Nursing has honoured the bravest and most courageous student of 2018, Nothando Mnisi after she surpassed her ordinary practise and assisted a woman deliver a baby right outside a hospital.

Mnisi graduated with a certificate in nursing assistant. She made headlines in one of the local newspapers a few months ago after she assisted a woman to deliver a baby just at the entrance point of RFM Hospital.

It was reported that the woman had just dropped off from a public bus.

Mnisi is said to have been amongst the people who happened to be in the vicinity, she rushed to the woman and assisted her to safely deliver the baby. The woman was taken into the hospital already holding her baby in hands.

During the graduation ceremony, Mnisi was awarded with a certificate for bravery and courageous. In the meantime, graduates were urged to make use of their knowledge in their communities even when they are not on duty.

STEADILY developing Good Shepherd College of Nursing last Friday graduated the first group of students under the post diploma certificate in midwifery science course.

The college has marked this development as a milestone in its endeavour to finally upgrade into a university in the near future.

The 2018 graduation ceremony saw a total of 95 students graduating; with 18 of them graduating under the recently introduced midwifery programme.

The programme was introduced last year when the college moved into its new premises situated just below the Good Shepherd Hospital.

Speaking during the ceremony, College Principal Sotah Mahanya said the administration was happy to have been able to implement the midwifery programme which was also undertaken by health practitioners who already had experience in nursing.

For the past years, the college has only been providing a certificate in assistant nursing, a programme which was later followed



OATH TIME: A section of the graduates taking the Florence Nightingale oath.

by the introduction of a diploma in general nursing programme in 2013.

Mahanya disclosed that the college had since introduced a new programme; a diploma in occupational health, under which the first group will be graduating next year.

She said the college was looking forward to introducing more programmes to cater for the diverse health needs of the society as they want to develop into a university of health sciences in the near future.

Mahanya highlighted that the college

remained committed in producing competent health care professionals, moulded with Christian values to meet the health care demands of a diverse population in all settings.

"We are hoping to make use of the advantage being that we are the only nursing college in the Lubombo region, hence the need to develop into a bigger institution," said Mahanya. Apparently, the college is the only Roman Catholic institution of tertiary education.

Be prepared for hard economic times - graduates warned

AMID reports of government facing financial challenges, the newly graduated nurses have been advised to prepare for difficult economic times.

Speaking during the graduation of 95 students last Friday, Dr Zanele Ngcobo who was guest speaker at the event advised the now health practitioners not to lose hope while under the working environment.

Ngcobo said the current economic situation in the country and in many other countries did not guarantee that the graduates would be absorbed by the health facilities immediately.

Urged

Ngcobo urged the graduates to remain hopeful, even when they find themselves spending one or two years without getting employment.



WORK HARD: Guest Speaker Zanele Ngcobo giving words of wisdom to the graduates.

Instead of losing hope, Ngcobo advised the graduates to be innovative and strive to lift the country out of the abyss of economic decline. "As you are graduating today, you are challenged to put on a whole armour of success factors so that you may be able to

stand against all the national challenges which may include unemployment, poverty, cancer, HIV and AIDS, amongst others," said Ngcobo. Meanwhile, Ngcobo called upon the graduates to always adhere to the standards and moral as set by Florence Nightingale.

College still needs more classrooms

THE Good Shepherd College of Nursing is reportedly still in need of more classrooms to accommodate more students under programmes.

Principal of the college, Sotah Mahanya reported that they were still facing a number of challenges which needed to be addressed as they hope to develop into a university in the near future. Mahanya pointed out that the college had recently introduced a new programme, a diploma in occupational safety and health, hence the need for the expansion of the college. Apparently, this is only the second year since the college moved into its new premises which are situated below the Good Shepherd Hospital.

Moreover, Mahanya said the college needed an auditorium to host its major events such as the graduation ceremony. She said the college was also hoping to make some adjustments on the structures so that they may be accessible to all persons, including physically challenged people.

Meanwhile, Mahanya thanked all stakeholders who ensured that the college produces competent nurses. These include health facilities which welcome students from the college and attach them for practise. Over the years, the college is said to have produced nurses who, some of them managed to be employed in facilities outside the country.



WELL DONE: Gcebile Vilakati was given the Bishop's Award for demonstrating care and love to patients.

MAN ON WAY TO LOBOLA CEREMONY NABBED FOR DD

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

A man's journey to his Lobola ceremony was cut short after he was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol.
Nicholas Gwebu made his court

appearance before Senior Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli at the Manzini Magistrate's Court.

He was charged for driving while intoxicated.

His breath specimen read 0.72 mg/l. Gwebu pleaded for leniency saying it wasn't his intention to

drive the vehicle while drunk, he said he was trying to rush his children to a lobola ceremony.

Sentenced

The senior magistrate sentenced the accused person into a year of imprisonment with a fine option of E2 000.



BEFORE HIM: Senior Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli.

Pupil arrested for DD fails to do maths in court

A pupil who was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol sent the court to stitches when he failed to come up with an answer for 10+10-91. Mlandvo Shongwe appeared at the Manzini Magistrate's Court before Senior Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli. His breath specimen according to the charge sheet was 1.91mg/l which was way above the legal limit of 0.38mg/l.

The accused during mitigation pleaded for leniency telling the court that he was still a pupil.

He told the court that he was taking the car from the garage. When

asked what he was drinking to have such high alcohol content in his system, the accused informed the court that he drank whiskey. Since he said he was a pupil, the accused was asked to come up with an answer for a maths question.

However after he was challenged to calculate 10+10-91 he informed the court that such was impossible. The senior magistrate warned the accused against mixing alcohol with school work.

The accused was sentenced into a year imprisonment with a fine option of E2 000.

Mechanic with high alcohol reading slapped with a year imprisonment for DD

A mechanic was slapped with a year imprisonment and a fine option of E2 000 after he was found guilty of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Nhlanhla Philip Mkhathshwa was nabbed by police at Coates Valley driving his vehicle while drunk. When a breath specimen test was conducted the accused clocked 1.87 mg/l on the alcometer.

During his court appearance he

pleaded guilty to the charge, however he informed the court that in actual fact he was not driving the car but was just fixing it.

Got

He said he got a call while he was sleeping from someone who was having a problem with his car. He said while working on the car next to the road police pounced on him and assumed that he was the one driving it.

Driver with low alcohol reading offers E1 000 fine

A driver with the lowest alcohol reading offered to give government E1 000 for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Sive Friday Simelane employed by Ubombo Sugar had the rare opportunity of having to decide what fine he has to pay for contravening the law.

Simelane appeared before Manzini Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini. He was charged with driving

while under the influence of alcohol as his breath specimen read 0.40 mg/l which was slightly above the legal limit of 0.38 mg/l. In mitigation the accused informed the court that he travelled from Big Bend to Matsapha Prison Canteen to enjoy a few beers.

He said after the place was closed, he drove out and slept in the car next to the police academy. He said in the morning when he thought

he was sober he decided to continue with his journey only to be nabbed for driving while intoxicated.

Noting his attempts to be a responsible citizen the magistrate informed the accused that he cannot get away without paying as government needed money that is when the accused was asked how much he wishes to offer as a fine option.

Simelane said he can offer E1

Some of those who appeared in court for DD

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| ● Thabo Hlatjwako | E2 000/ 1 year |
| ● Majaha Pheswa | E2 000/ 1 year |
| ● Nicholas Gwebu | E2 000/ 1 year |
| ● Sikhumbuzo Maziya | E2 000/ 1 year |
| ● Nhlanhla Mkhathshwa | E2 000/ 1 year |
| ● Mlandvo Shongwe | E2 000/ 1 year |
| ● Sibusiso Kuhlase | E2 000/ 1 year |
| ● Gift Hlatjwako | E2 000/ 1 year |

000. He wishes were granted and was told to pay the E1 000 to gain his liberation.



INTERPRETER



SIGN LANGUAGE:
Sign Language Interpreter Ewart Gwebu from the DPM's Office interpreting the conversations during the recently held Sibaya at Ludzidzini Cattle Byre.

This was a good initiative by the office of the Deputy Prime Minister to have all people accommodated during the deliberations. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

Cyclist arrested for negligent pedaling, no show in court

Stories by Sabelo Majola
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

IN a rather rare occurrence, a cyclist was arrested for pedaling his bicycle negligently and causing an accident.

Muziwakhe Mlandvo Shongwe was arrested by Mbabane police after he knocked a VW Golf which was driven by Xolani Masuku of Fonteyn.

Shongwe was charged for failing to comply with compulsory arrows, pedaling at unreasonable speed and failing to apply brakes on time. However, Shongwe was no show in court yesterday where he was scheduled for a court appearance for his offence. After his name was called out three times and there was no response, Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini issued a warrant of arrest for Shongwe. He was the only one issued with a warrant of arrest yesterday.

Unlicensed teen boy knocks down pedestrian

A teenage boy (19) was slapped with a fine of E700 after he knocked down a pedestrian at Msunduzi on Saturday.

Bongumenzi Maduna was driving a Honda Fit when he knocked down Nomvula Dlamini of Siphocosini, leaving her with injuries on the foot and leg.

The survivor was rushed to hospital but discharged on the same day as the injuries sustained were minor. Maduna was also charged for driving the said vehicle without a valid license. In his mitigation, he asked Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini to be lenient with him as he had just landed a job and the accident was a mistake that he intends not to commit again. The magistrate sentenced him to five months imprisonment or alternatively pay a fine of E700 on the first count, three months in prison with a fine option of E500 on the second count and both sentences to run concurrently.

currently.

Also charged was Patrick Khoza the alleged owner of the vehicle.

Khoza was charged for giving a minor his car knowing that he did not have a license. Khoza agreed to have given Maduna the car, but he did not know that it would be driven by him.

"Your worship, the boy told me that they needed water urgently and I gave him the car keys so that they could go fetch the water but I didn't intend for him to drive and he didn't tell me that he would be the one actually driving," he said. Khoza was sentenced to five months in prison with a fine option of E700.

Other drink drivers:

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| Thabo Dlamini | 1 year imprisonment | E2 000 fine |
| Mfanawenkhozi Mamba | 1 year imprisonment | E2 000 fine |
| Bhekani Khumalo | 1 year imprisonment | E2 000 fine |
| Thulani Dlamini | 8 months imprisonment | E1 500 fine |
| Siyabonga Mnisi | 8 months imprisonment | E1 500 fine |
| Clement Mhlana | 8 months imprisonment | E1 500 fine |

SNAT's findings on cop who kissed pupil

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

THE Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) has since carried out its own investigations on the incident of a police officer who was caught kissing a pupil at one of the schools around Nhlanguano region.

The teachers union in its finding has discovered that the officer is indeed a sex pest.

This is according to a statement released by SNAT Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini.

"Our investigations on this incident, which are still underway, have revealed that the police officer is indeed a sex pest and he does not deserve to be kept where there are minors and vulnerable beings for that matter," he said.

He said SNAT empathised with the teacher and headteacher whose names have been drawn into such unprofessional misdemeanor. He said it is therefore, their duty as a representative organisation to ensure that their members are at all times protected from this mundane and humiliating act orchestrated by the officer of the law.

Deemed

The Secretary General said SNAT National Executive Committee (NEC) deemed it fit to unequivocally condemn in the strongest term feasible, the continued abuse of school-going learners by members of the Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS) irrationally deployed in the various schools to supervise the writing of external examinations by government.

Dlamini said they have noted that the 2018 examinations are marred by a plethora of increasing cases of examinations malpractice and complete disregard of the known and long established procedure of running external examinations as established by Cambridge International.

He said the case in point as reported in the medialast week, was an clear example of such cases and as an organisation, they contended that this too is merely a tip of an iceberg. He said with more examinations to be written, similar cases shall surface thus put the entire process into disrepute.

Dlamini said it escapes one's logical reasoning as to why government should destroy the country's education system in the manner and degree it does.

"We have, time and again been saying it, and we still maintain same and we shall continue to relentlessly reiterate that the deployment of the police force in schools by government was superfluous, hyperactive and unjustified since there was never, at any period, any possible threat to the proper running and administration of examinations."

Responsible

He then called upon all those responsible in the echelons of power, particularly government and the Royal Eswatini Police, to ensure that justice is, with immediate effect served with regard to the implicated police on the case.



REMAIN UNITED, PRINCE MASITSELA TELLS DIVINE

By Simon Shabangu
Manzini

PRINCE Masitsela has urged members of the Divine Healing Ministries to stay united and remain true to the mandate of preaching the Word of God to the world.

He told the church that many ministries had risen and fallen very fast because of founders deciding to deviate from the original mandate as given by God. The prince said unity was strength hence the church should remain united to achieve the mandate of winning souls back to the Lord.

He was speaking at Divine Healing Ministries International last Friday night where he was the guest speaker at the church's fundraising dinner.

The prince was represented by Reverend Mandla Dlamini who is a member of the Border Restoration Committee and a minister of the Word of God serving under the Anglican Church.

The prince said if the church deviates from its original call and core business, it could land many people into trouble. He made an example of the wisemen from the East who wanted to see Baby Jesus Christ when he was born. "The three wisemen lost their cause to find



FIT FOR BISHOPS: Reverend Mandla Dlamini presenting a E5 000 cheque to Bishop Nash Shongwe on behalf of Prince Masitsela. This was during the Divine Healing Ministries Fundraising Dinner at their church in Manzini last Friday night. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

baby Jesus when they deviated from directions of the guiding star to do as they thought and felt good. They landed in King Herod's palace and he became a threat to the life of the newly born Jesus and ultimately made a decree to have all male infants brutally killed. If you deviate from the master plan and command, you will put every child of God's life in danger," he said.

He told the congregants to trust in the Lord with all their hearts and learn not on their own understanding. The prince said he was proud of the success story of Divine Healing Ministries International. He said Bishop Shongwe displayed great leadership by growing the church he founded from humble beginnings to the giant it has become. He urged the congregation to continue supporting him as he builds more churches around the country. He said he personally started supporting the church at its infancy stages because he saw the zeal and



AUCTION TIME: Ndzingeni MP Lutfo Dlamini auctioning the furniture sponsored by Tee & Jay.



THIS WAY: Reverend Mandla Dlamini delivering Prince Masitsela's speech.

commitment from Bishop Shongwe. Bishop Nash thanked the prince in absentia for the continued support

since he started the ministry. He said all the monies they raised during the fundraising dinner would go back to the work of the church.

He said they have a number of ongoing projects which they will complete with the funds. Meanwhile, Pastor Mduduzi Mntambo said the congregation was committed to supporting the Work of God and pledged that they would continue to submit under Bishop Shongwe.

He said they had noted the good work of the bishop and the word he preaches working in their lives. "The undiluted gospel Bishop Shongwe preaches has taken us this far and we want to continue serving under his grace because we believe in his God," he said.

The event which was a great success attracted scores of people from different congregations. Business people, legislators also came through to be part of the event.

SINCEPHETELO MVA FUND

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SERVICES FOR CONDUCTING SMVAF STAKEHOLDER SATISFACTION SURVEY

TENDER NO.:SMVAF001/2018/19

Tenders are hereby invited from suitable qualified service providers to conduct a Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey for Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund. The Fund intends to conduct a survey to evaluate stakeholder perception of SMVAF and determine satisfaction levels with the levels of service. This is in line with one of SMVAF's key strategic focus areas namely, to improve customer satisfaction to 80 percent by the end of the strategic 5-year plan in 2023.

The survey should examine the triggers and barriers to stakeholder satisfaction with the aim of improving the service, thus strengthening relations. Through this survey SMVAF is then enabled to put measures in place to ensure that its services meet or exceed stakeholder expectations.

Terms of Reference will be provided after payment of a non-refundable fee of E 500.00 to Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund. Payments for the Tender fee should be made in cash at the Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund Headquarters, Mhilibhi Street, Mbabane. Document can be viewed on the SPPRA website at www.sppra.co.sz and also on the SMVAF website at www.mva.org.sz.

Documents are available at SMVAF Headquarters on the address below:

Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Fund Headquarters
Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Fund Office Park
Mhilibhi Street
MBABANE

The Closing date for submission of the tenders is 30th November, 2018 at 1200HRS. Late, incomplete, telephoned or telegraphic tenders will not be considered. There will be a compulsory briefing on Friday the 16th November 2018 at Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Fund Headquarters, SMVAF Office Park Mhilibhi Street at 09H00. Request for Clarification closes on the 23rd November, 2018 at 1200HRS. Tenders shall be opened on the 30th November, 2018 at 1205HRS at SMVAF Headquarters.

Any actions or tendencies that will be interpreted as an attempt to interfere with or influence the tendering process will result in immediate disqualification of the Tenderer. All enquiries relating to this tender may be addressed to Sebenele Mzileni. Tel: (+268) 24086800/ (+268) 24086835, Email sebenele@mva.org.sz

Completed tenders should be delivered in a sealed envelope to the MVA Fund Mbabane Office Reception clearly marked (PROPOSALS FOR SERVICES FOR CONDUCTING SMVAF STAKEHOLDER SATISFACTION SURVEY TENDER NO...SMVAF001/2018/19)

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PRESENT: Reverend David Chaliyumba and his wife Pastor Bonile were also among the guests present on the day.



IN NUMBERS: A section of the many people who attended the dinner.



RECOGNISED: Bishop Nhlapho appreciating Dudu Thumbathi and Simangele Khuzwayo from Dlamini Gibb Consultants, which was one of the companies that supported the event.

SINCEPHETELO MVA FUND

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

TENDER NO.: SMVAF/002/2018/19

SMVAF, a Category A, Public Enterprise, invites suppliers wishing to be registered in the organisation's supplier database to express their interest for the supply of the following goods and services:
The purpose of the proposed Expression of Interest (EOI) is to identify potential service providers to render services for SMVAF for a period of two (2) years.

Interested companies must submit the following documents and indicate the interested Category/Group:

- Business Profile with Three Trade References
- A valid/original Tax Compliance Certificate
- A valid certified copy of Trading License
- A current certified copy of Form J A
- A current certified copy of Form C
- A certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation
- A certified copy of Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)
- Certified Copies of National ID's of Company's Directors
- A current certified copy of Labour Compliance Certificate
- Declaration of Eligibility

The 'Expression of Interest' document can be obtained at the Reception of the Sincephetelo MVA Fund, as from **5th November 2018** for a non-refundable fee of E500.00 per category. Document can be viewed on the SPPRA website at www.sppra.co.sz and also on the SMVAF website at www.mva.org.sz.

The closing date for the submission is **Friday, 30th November 2018 at 10:00hrs** at the SMVAF Head Office in Mbabane, Sincephetelo MVA Fund Building, Mbhilibhi Street.
No documents will be accepted after the closing time.

The sealed envelope must be clearly marked and addressed to:

CHAIRMAN OF THE TENDER COMMITTEE
Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund
Expression of Interest
Tender No.: SMVAF/002/2018/19

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE) has a mission to foster price and financial stability conducive to the economic development of Eswatini. The vision of the Bank is to be a stable price and self-regulating financial system based on very strict Values. The Bank request service providers to respond to the following Request for Proposal (RFP).

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| Biometric Solution Implementation | RFP | CBE BIOMETRIC ICT RFP 11-2018 L |

The CBE invites eligible interested service providers to access the RFP document on the CBE website; www.centralbank.org.sz under Tenders

CLOSING DATE: 16 NOVEMBER 2018

Please address all Enquiries to: Secretary, Tender Committee

Tel: (+268) 2 408 2000 Supply Chain Division - Fax (+268) 2404 8636

Email: tenders@centralbank.org.sz

All tender documents should be sealed and deposited in the tender box situated at the Umntsholi Building (ground floor) clearly marked;

Secretary, Tender Committee

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING SUPPLY OF BEEKEEPING PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT TENDER No. SWADE/0389

The Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (SWADE) is a government company established by the Government of Swaziland in 1999 to empower communities to improve their quality of life through projects in commercial agriculture and other enterprises; providing innovative services in infrastructure development and management as well as expertise to public and private entities. SWADE has been mandated by the Government of Swaziland to implement the Smallholder Market-Led Project/Climate Smart Agriculture for Resilient Livelihoods (SMLP/CSARL).

Tenders are invited for the Supply of Beekeeping Protective Clothing and Equipment. The tender documents can be obtained from Tuesday, 16th October 2018 at 0830hrs to 1600hrs at SWADE Head Office, 3rd Floor, Sincephetelo MVA Building, Mbhilibhi Street, Mbabane, Swaziland. Tenderers are advised to pay a non-refundable amount of E350.00 in cash. The Tender Document can also be viewed from our website www.swade.co.sz and the SPPRA's website at www.sppra.co.sz.

The tender documents should be hand delivered and deposited in the Tender Box no later than the Friday, 9th November 2018 10:00a.m. Tender documents should be signed, completed and accompanied with the following documents:

1. A Business Profile with Trade References
2. A Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate
3. A Copy of Valid Trading License
4. A Copy of Form J endorsed by Register of Companies
5. A Copy of Form C endorsed by Register of Companies
6. A Copy of Labour Compliance Certificate
7. A Copy of Certificate of Incorporation
8. Tender Bond (E10,000)
9. SWADE Original Receipt of Purchased Tender Document
10. A Current Copy of Original Workman's Compensation Policy
11. Certified Copies of National IDs of Company's Directors
12. Police Clearance Certificates for Director's Listed in Form J
13. A document providing Power of Attorney
14. Declaration of Eligibility

The tender must remain open for a period of 120 days from the closing date of the tender submission, during which period the tender may not be amended or withdrawn. Tenders must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked TENDER No. SWADE/0389 and addressed to:

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TENDER BOARD
Swaziland Water & Agricultural Development Enterprise
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Supply of Beekeeping Protective Clothing and Equipment

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BUCOPHO DOLES OUT E9 000 FOR CHICKEN BUSINESS

AT LEAST 20 women from Mkhitsini will receive over E9 000 from their Bucopho.

Coming from the horse's mouth Samkelo Nzima the area Bucopho, he said he wants to see everyone from his area having a legal and sustainable source of income.

Nzima will fund the community women of his area in order to kick start their project of breeding chickens for eggs production.

He said he had noted that a majority of the people in his community have a tendency of engaging illegal acts which he did not mention. Mkhitsini is well known for dagga

cultivation.

"I have met with a group of 20 women who want to start a project of breeding chickens (layers) for egg production.

This is because I want everyone to have a legal and sustainable source of income in order to live," said Nzima.

Vaccinating

"These women are a scheme and they are keen to start the project very soon, not later than January 2019. The money that I will give them will be used for buying at least 100 birds.

They will use their E500 which

is a joining fee for feeding and vaccinating the birds.

Thereafter the project will run itself," added Nzima.

Nzima said local shops have to go to town, either Nhlanguano or Hlatikulu when they want to stock eggs.

So having the layers at Mkhitsini will benefit the local shops in buying fresh eggs from these women.

This means the local shops and the entire community are their primary target markets.

"It is a fact that when you go to a wholesale or supermarket for stocking, you find dozens of eggs

packed there which you do not know when they were packed.

Blame

You buy them and go to shelve them in your shop.

It is highly possible that the time the egg reaches the customer you serve, it will be rotten, and the customer will blame you for that.

This project promises a fresh product for all," narrated Nzima. Asked on how the members are going to get their dividends, he said he hoped that they will be receiving them in December when everyone will be sure of the annual profit they have made.

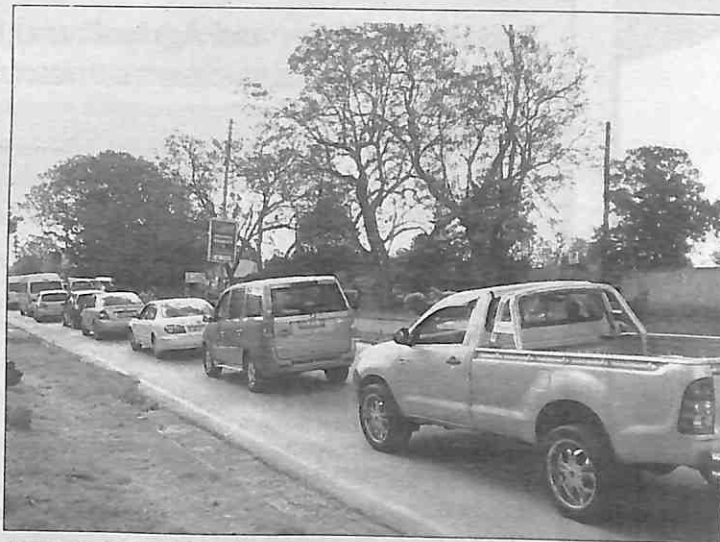
TRAFFIC COMES TO A HALT AS DEAD KOMBI DRIVER IS TRANSPORTED FROM MORGUE

TRAFFIC was disturbed for at least 10 minutes in Nhlanguano town on Saturday when the late kombi driver of Last Born Transports was being transported from the mortuary to his parental home.

The deceased driver, Mncedisi Dlamini who was also a son of Last Born Transports' owner Mzwandile Dlamini was transported in a convoy from Nhlanguano Funeral Parlor to his parental home at Mahamba at around 1530 hours. The convoy consisted of kombis, quantums, sedans and vans. Mncedisi drove along the Nhlanguano-Jabulani route.

Members of the public were seen coming out of shops to witness for themselves what was happening outside as cars and kombis were hooting all the way from the morgue.

From Nhlanguano Funeral Parlor, the road is meant to allow two vehi-



HERO: The convoy of the late Last Born Transports driver Mncedisi Dlamini along the Fourth Street leading to Nhlanguano-Mahamba Road.

cles to go opposite directions at the same time but on Saturday, it became

a 'one way street' for at least 10 minutes as the convoy occupied

both lanes. Some vehicles were seen spinning while others tang the horn.

Police officers were seen controlling the traffic to let the convoy pass without being disturbed.

They drove past the Masengula Street through Skonkwane Avenue to join the Fourth Street which leads to the Nhlanguano-Mahamba road.

"It is a norm that when one of us is gone, we escort him in a convoy and we are happy that even police officers do not have a problem with that and as a result, they helped us respect our fallen hero send him off with dignity," said one of the drivers who was at the bus rank.

"We make sure that your body goes via the bus rank so that your customers can bid farewell to you. They will escort him to his parental home then they come back," added the driver.

MAN SEEKS HELP FOR MENTALLY CHALLENGED DAUGHTER

A 37-year old man from Nkwene is appealing for help from members of the public concerning his 17 year old daughter who is mentally challenged.

Vusi Dlamini says he is having a challenge in staying with her daughter because of the mental state she is in. He says his child is troublesome. She bullies and insults people with all sorts of vulgar words one cannot think of and this has

caused hostility between him and his neighbours.

He narrated that at times his daughter beats up anyone she meets, especially young children. When her mother tries to calm her down, she fails. She fights her mother as a result and the mother fears when her condition worsens.

"I still love my daughter but the condition she is in makes life uneasy to continue living with her. She

beats her mother when she tries to calm her down. I am pleading for help from anyone who can help us," said Dlamini. He said he was told that in the facilities where people of his daughter's nature are kept it is very expensive. He is employed as a security guard. Asked if any medication is given to his daughter, Dlamini responded to the affirmative. "Yes, there is medication that she was taking but we stopped

her. When she has takes the medication, her condition becomes worse. She feels dizzy so we felt it better to stop her from taking that medication," said Dlamini.

Dlamini said they did report to her doctor but there was nothing positive they received. Instead they were told to continue giving her the medication despite the consequences. He said anyone willing to assist him can call 7644 9286.



DECENTRALISE: Sandleni Indvuna Yenkhundla Sikelela Manana.

NEW DRIVING SCHOOL FOR SANDLENI FOLK

SANDLENI Inkhundla residents will now have a driving school at their doorsteps.

This is according to Sikelela Manana, Sandleni constituency's Indvuna Yenkhundla.

Manana was speaking to this publication recently. He said the vision of bringing a driving school to Sandleni was brought about by the fact that a majority of the Sandleni youth are unemployed. The high unemployment rate might end up tempting the young people into engaging in illegal activities like house breaking in order for them to sustain a living, according to Manana.

Currently, the people have to go either to Hlatikulu or Nhlanguano towns if they want to learn how to drive and obtain valid driver's license for both heavy and light motor vehicles. These towns are a distance from the constituency of which one has to depart with a huge amount of cash which might end up discouraging someone who wishes to enroll in a driving school.

"Bringing the driving school to Sandleni will enable even the unemployed to start driving lessons. At the moment, they find it expensive to go to town for such lessons as a majority of them are unemployed and are from impoverished homes if I can put it that way," said Manana.

He believes that this is a step towards reducing the unemployment rate in his constituency. He said the lessons will be conducted in the constituency until the person is ready for testing. Thereafter, a person will be taken to town to familiarise the learner with traffic lights and road signs for at least two weeks in preparation for testing.

"There are some guys who are from this constituency who work in South Africa and I have enquired from them if there are still driving opportunities there and they responded to the affirmative. So it is going to be easy for them to go with their 'brothers' to assist them in their job search. I have noted that these guys, who are working in Durban, have developed their families and themselves. So you can imagine if over half of the population of Sandleni are working, we will be living in a poverty free community," narrated Manana.

Manana said he had started negotiating with some of the driving school owners who have responded positively. It is worth mentioning that Manana also owns a driving school trading as Sikelela's Driving School.

E200 000 WATER PROJECT FOR KHUPHUKA RESIDENTS

By Nozipho Sibiya
Khuphuka

DATACom has opened a water project worth over E200 000 at Khuphuka under Mkhweni Inkhundla.

The construction of Echibini Water Supply and Sanitation was initiated by former minister of natural resources and energy Jabulile Mashwama and it is to benefit about 30 people, including schools and business areas.

The purpose of the borehole is to serve as an alternative source of water supply at Echibini area because there was no clean water supply.

The project was officially opened on Saturday in the presence of DataCom founder Ralf Aspholm from Sweden, former Hlane Member of Parliament George Maseko, Mkhweni MP Michael Masuku, affectionately known as 'Ndlelayekuphila', *Indvuna Yenkhundla* Dumisa Mamba and members of the community.

The founder Ralf Aspholm, said he was pleased to be part of the project and hoped that the project would help the people Khuphuka, Echibini area get clean water.

He said the clean water would also help the country attain Goal No. 6 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). "This goal encourages member states of the United Nations (UN) to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation



GRATEFUL: Former Hlane MP George Maseko conversing with a DataCom representative and Mkhweni MP.

for all," he said. During the launch of the project, the minister had said her ministry was committed to ensuring that this goal was achieved. Aspholm said without this goal, all the other SDGs could not be realised.

Member of Parliament Michael Masuku, who spoke on behalf of the community, thanked the former minister Jabulile Mashwama, former MP George Maseko for the initiative that will supplement the existing mountain stream, when need arises.

He said the availability of the sanitation facilities would further reduce incidents of waterborne diseases in this community.

He also encouraged the community to continue contributing towards the operation and maintenance of this scheme as per the Constitution of the project. Masuku reminded the residents that the government had made it a priority to provide clean water for all Eswatini by 2022, as per the National Development Strategy (NDS) and His Majesty the King's vision of attaining the first world status by 2022. He also donated a booster pump to the community, which will increase the pressure of the water so that they could access water anytime and anywhere around the area where there are tanks.



POSE: DataCom company delegates taking a group picture with the MP and the residents of the area.

8 Pakistani nationals arrested for dagga, denied bail

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

EIGHT Asian nationals were arrested after they were found with dagga stashed in their apartments in various places in Manzini.

The Asians who are suspected to be dealing in dagga were nabbed by police during an operation last Thursday. Some were nabbed in Manzini at Indali Flats while others were arrested at Ngwane Park area. Ali Asif (24), Ali Babar (34), Abdul Waheed (27),

Mohammed Afzaal (23), Ijaz Arshad (22), Malsed Hanif (33), Nazir Alam (44) and Faheem Ahmed (35) all from Pakistani made their first court appearance before Senior Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli at the Manzini Magistrate Courts. The accused were slapped with three counts. On the first count, they were charged with the offence of contravening Section 7 as read with 8(1) of the Opium and Habit Forming Act of 1922. It is said that on Thursday while at Manzini, Indali Flats the accused persons not being holders of a valid document or permit were found

in possession of dagga weighing 200 grammes. On the second count accused number one was charged with the offence of possessing dagga without a valid permit. It is alleged that on Thursday while at Ngwane Park area the accused person was found in possession of dagga weighing 28 grammes.

On the last count Ali Babar, Abdul Waheed, Mohammed Afzaal and Ijaz Arshad were charged with entering and staying in the Kingdom of Eswatini illegally. It is alleged that the accused persons did not have an entry permits

to remain in Eswatini. During their court appearance, the accused said they would obtain the services of an attorney. Prosecutor Fakazi Mngomezulu applied that the accused persons be remanded back into police custody pending their next court appearance on Tuesday (tomorrow). Ali Asif, Malsed Hanif, Nazir Alam and Faheem Ahmed applied for bail since they were not appearing on the third count which is that of being illegal immigrants. The court granted the four accused persons bail fixed at E5 000 each. The rest of the accused

persons were sent back into police custody as they were found in possession of dagga and were also illegal immigrants. Senior Magistrate Mdluli informed the four accused persons accused of staying in the country without the necessary documents that the court had no right to grant them bail because of the nature of their offence.

Information gathered from impeccable sources is that the arrest of the eight comes after it was gathered that there were Asians illegally in the country living in Manzini. It is said the Asians were still waiting for their papers allowing them to stay in the country legally.

DAILY VELA SIM REGISTRATION DROPS

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

OFTEN, when figures drop, it is never a sign of success.

Not unless the drop relates to commodity prices, or the ongoing VELA SIM card registration process where the daily average of SIM cards registered has dropped from about 8 000 to slightly over 2 400 in the just-concluded month, October.

As more subscribers comply with the SIM Registration Regulation of 2016, MTN Eswatini had cumulatively registered 700 000 SIM cards by the end of October 2018.

With slightly over 60 per cent of the customer base covered, it was expected that new SIM registrations would continue to drop.

Yet, at the pinnacle of the VELA SIM card registration, MTN registered up to 10 000 registrations per day. This was made possible by hundreds of foot soldiers and agents deployed across the country. In June, for instance, MTN registered the largest number of SIM cards which totaled to 194 729.

Drastically

The other notable development in the VELA SIM registration by MTN is that the number of rejected registrations is drastically declining as reflected largely in the last week of October.

While the average rejection rate was pegged at about 19 per cent, there are days in October where it dipped down to six per cent, confirming that the registration process is improving over time.

One of the key contributors to the decline in rejections is that the MTN team facilitating SIM registration currently made of 924-foot soldiers, including gents, consistently reviews what is done each week to explore new ways of overcoming challenges through training and communication across all the teams on the ground.

"Additionally, MTN has, on average, managed to retain the same teams of foot soldiers so that through their experience in the field, the subscriber registration process and customer experience is improved as well," explains MTN's Mlondi Mpanza who is often on the ground to provide oversight to selected teams of foot soldiers. While the process of registering SIM cards is expected to proceed until April next year, MTN continues to explore ways and means to

come close to all its subscribers way before the deadline.

This has been the aspiration since the start of the VELA SIM card registration process.

Road shows, weekend door-to-door activations, and lately evening registration are some of the approaches MTN has employed to make SIM registration accessible.

"With the introduction of evening registration, those who are not accessible during the day because of work commitments can now register their SIM cards in the evening without going out of their way," notes Ernest Mavuso who provides oversight to the entire VELA SIM registration process at MTN.

Notably, the VELA SIM card registration process has opened doors for young people to access temporary jobs, often within their communities, which eliminates the need to board a bus to work. Through this exposure, they have learnt soft skills like interpersonal communication, sales skills and customer experience training, plus reporting skills.

MTN remains grateful to its valued customers who have wasted no time to comply with the country's telecommunications laws.

This was glaringly seen in April when the SIM card registration process was launched as 23 402 subscribers were registered in barely three weeks.

Enriching

The company is additionally grateful to community leaders who have been catalysts in the VELA SIM registration process, particularly in their communities. Also enriching the SIM registration process is Eswatini Communications Commission, the telecommunications regulator, who continues to strengthen awareness through various platforms, on the national importance of subscriber registration, which has made MTN's work much easier.

MTN subscribers who are yet to register their SIM cards are encouraged to do so at the nearest service centre. Additionally, MTN foot soldiers are available, fully equipped, and ready throughout the country, to assist customers to register their SIM cards. Further information on the VELA SIM registration exercise is available through MTN's Toll-Free line 923, which was launched in May, to exclusively address issues relating to VELA.



EDITOR ASSIGNS NEW



PRIME Minister Ambrose Dlamini last Friday took the first step as premier when he appointed men and women to work with in his Cabinet.

It is not for me to say much because nothing will change at this stage.

Not an entirely bad composition but it could have been better. He needs to get his new team of ministers going soonest.

I am certain he is aware of the profound task they face. What I like with the composition is that it left

some depth in Parliament for the debates to be lively and keep us on the edge.

Today my task is to look into things the Cabinet ministers are expected deal with in their first 100 days in office. In politics your first 100 days

in office are extremely important because they give a clear indication whether that particular individual will swim or sink. Most sink.

As pointed out, there is a lot left in the tank. The tank in this case is both houses of Parliament.

PRIME MINISTER AMBROSE DLAMINI

HE knew the scary state of the country's economy before he appointed his Cabinet team last Friday.

And I assume he based the composition on the needs of the country and of course the expertise each

individual has.

His first task is to galvanise a country that was torn apart by previous ruthless leadership.

He has to drive his team of ministers to turn things around in a blink.

Whilst at it, he must appreciate the 'what goes around comes around' type of thing. Not in a bad way, but is it not sardonic that in the recent past our PM whilst employed elsewhere led his troops in

a court battle with the government-owned Eswatini Posts and Telecommunication Corporation (EPTC).

Indeed the law found that EPTC was at fault.

The PM and his then troops scored a big victory as they closed the ONE product, that came with EPTC breaking into the mobile phone space 'illegally'. For a moment there was a future for EPTC, but as the court would have it, 'so near yet so far'.

There is no denying that EPTC took a trade knock. A knock that today is threatening its existence. I am not blaming anyone, I hope we all agree. Now, the PM needs to deal with this soonest. He must ignore all what Dumsani Ndlangamandla did or did not.

To juggle the PM's memory, Ndlangamandla is what he called a min-

ister of ICT five months ago.

I am certain you know better what sort of a human being he was as a politician. A mess! Mr. PM, EPTC must get direction.

You need to pilot the EPTC ship the same way your predecessor did, regrettable in his case it was for reasons we never clearly understood as Emaswati. Now, Mr. PM we want to understand you.

Knew

Inwardly we knew about the former PM's shares story where you were employed and we put two and three together. Now, this is where the difference is. Your case is easy, you were employed. Your predecessor was your employer. Use this difference to our benefit as Emaswati. I thank you. Mr PM, you have to establish a good working relationship with Parliament.

Once you do that all your systems will flow. Again, get unions back to the negotiations table and talk on the controversial COLA.

You need a healthy labour environment to turn the country's economy around as you desire with your team.

The study loans issue must be properly addressed to eliminate all the troubles of class boycotts and looting in our tertiary institutions.

Better we allow the Study Loans Consortium to run the fund and remit annually into the study loans national budget.

My fear currently is that the money collected by the study loans team is thrown back into the consolidated fund before it disappears to fund the endless Cabinet ministers' trips abroad.

The money never gets to be used for the intended purpose. I am sure in 100 days you can achieve this PM.



DPM Themba Masuku

It was an expected appointment for me.

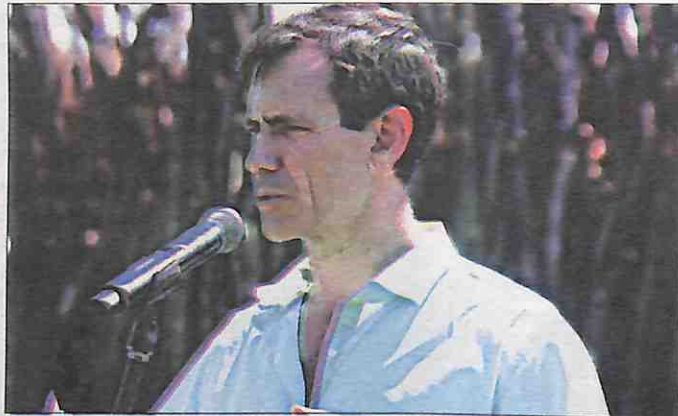
This position was written his name all over it. It is still a mystery why he was removed in the first place. It's a return political match for him. Masuku, worry not this time around. Nature took care of all the stumbling blocks. Your first task is to lower the sound of your escort cars' sirens and the endless U-Turns in the capital city. The last time Masuku was around, he left our eardrums close to breaking point with his escorts' sirens and drifting. Your second task and a big one at that, is to give guidance to the new PM.

The PM has never worked in government before and Masuku's role would be to take him step by step on how things should be done. I hope he will skip the 'there is no hurry in Eswatini' page.

After dealing with that, the DPM needs to look into the budget for elderly grants. He must see if he can improve the financial package as suggested during Sibaya.

He must above all pay the elderly on time. It had become a norm during his predecessor's time to have the grants released whenever they (officers) pleased. He just did not care. The difference is that you were far better than him the last time you were around this office although I cannot say you were perfect.

You also had your shortcomings that you must deal with. So don't bother with what your predecessor did or did not. Just do the right thing. Pay *bogogo* better and on time. Find the money for this project because it's the only link Tinkhundla has with the people in the outskirts.



FINANCE Neal Rijkenberg

THIS man is not new to money.

He started fooling around with money at 25 years old. To date, he has counted billions of Emalangeni generated by one of his successful companies that deal in forestry.

In the 100 days I expect him to make us believe that we will count billions as a country in no time.

That he has steered his companies through a litany of economic tsunamis, gives one hope that our country's economy is in the right hands and he will come up with a realistic budget. I am talking about a budget that will prioritise our needs as a country. May Neal cut the foreign trips' budget for ministers and government staff combined. You will find reasons to this under the minister of foreign affairs' tasks.

Sir, we are heavily taxed as citizens. This is result of the top

heavy budget we have been having. Government runs short of money to feed the budget and ends up taxing us heavily. We will shun jobs even if foreign investment blossoms.

What is the use of getting employment when I will be taxed to the bone? Deal with the tax issue Mr Neil. Ensure that we don't spend recklessly as a country. Working closely with the PM you can cut down on the number of foreign trips and the sizes of the delegations. There is a lot of money spent in this area.

There are too many government cars for nothing on the road. The allocation is skewed. The departments that need big fleets have nothing. Cars are used for luxury. Don't budget funds for new vehicles until you are certain they are needed. Call for an inventory. In 100 days this can be achieved.



ECONOMIC PLANNING Dr Tambo Gina

HIS background speaks of a man who has been rightly placed in this ministry.

I am sure Gina is aware that in the recent past the country had no minister(s) for economic planning.

We only had ceremonial individuals. Gina's first task is to make us understand as a nation what the ministry stands for. He also needs to educate the nation what fruits we should expect to reap for having such a mysterious ministry. The state of our economy tells a sad story.

A story that says we have never planned our economy. For all I know, the ministry's main task is to receive donations on behalf of government. I am certain Gina will deal with this with ease. He has been in the planning game for a long time and at inter-

national level to make matters better. I know him to be a man who gets what he wants at whatever cost. He wanted the construction of the state of the art Corporate Place to be done his way. He got it.

In that battle, he took on a world known billionaire Nathan Kirsh. Never mind that the project was grounded for a long time. That's the animal called Tambo Gina. Now he must fight for a turn around of the economy even if it calls for facing billionaires. I know he wanted what he is today and he got it last Friday. His submissions at the People's Parliament had a tinge of self-importance, I hope its me who heard him wrong. That attitude must remain outside office if it exists. We got enough of it from the previous government.

CABINET MINISTERS...

If by any chance one of the new ministers sink, he/she should worry not because we have plenty of brains left behind. Like I warned last week, no one should scare another in Cabinet.

You have to work as a collective. Share the same vision. The right hand must be fully aware what the left one is doing. Thinking must

be banned by nobody.

I join the rest who are saying despite misgivings with the composition of the new Cabinet, I am ready to give this bunch of people a chance and see what they have to offer.

Some of these ministers are under pressure to deliver exactly what they spoke about during the recent

Sibaya.

It is time for them to walk the talk now. Let me also warn them early against being cocky during their reign. They must always be available to give comment when sought by the media.

I have already sadly noted that some of the new ministers could not be reached for comment upon

their appointments last Friday. That smells. It stinks. Should we expect this kind of attitude? I don't think so.

First impressions last. Or should I say the first cut is the deepest. Below I pick the low lying fruits for the new ministers to grab and run away with starting with the PM himself.



SPORTS AND YOUTH AFFAIRS Madze Bulunga

TO me he was an obvious choice for the position.

His submission on youth issues at the People's Parliament won him the job. He needed not talk about sports because that is where his life is. He impressed on the vision he had for the youth in the country. His first task is to ensure that the Youth Fund and other related funds aimed at uplifting the youth are full of steam and benefiting the youth.

He is lucky to have a young PS in Prince at the ministry. The prince never worked with the former minister of sports and I assumed the age difference was the contributing factor. I hope age will unite the new minister with the PS and we should expect fireworks. The youth fund must be the driver of the economy in the hands of the young minister and PS. Madze must get the youth off the streets and give them something meaningful to do. If he managed to turn Sihlangu into giants during his time as a coach, I am sure he has the ability to change the fate of the youth in the country in a positive way. He also has to look closely into the local football set-up. He must find the reason why it appears local football President Bomber Mthethwa and his CEO Fredrick Mngomezulu inherited the positions they hold from their parents.

Madze must also get the reason why he was fired as Sihlangu coach. This to me is important for closure purposes. I need closure as a fan of Sihlangu. According to myself and everybody, Madze was a well performing national team coach, took Sihlangu to new heights and up the FIFA rankings. To his and our shock he got fired to the collapse of the national pride. To ask as a minister why that coach was fired would hurt no one, unless of course, it was done to spite. Talk of Karma things.

You also need to get answers why does it appear we have one or two coaches in the country for our national teams?

Has the technical director been helpful over the years? Has he not overstayed his welcome in the position? What has he contributed? Get these answers. I assume your goal is to improve our football. 100 days is enough to get these things sorted out. You come across as a humble man and I believe your unassuming attitude would come to an end. This is politics where you need to be always on your toes. This game is dirtier than sports where you were fired for being successful.

ICT Princess Sikhanyiso

THE youngest minister we have ever had in the country.

Welcome to the world of politics young princess. Your first task in the 100 days is to make sure you don't embarrass the king for the confidence he showed in you.

History is still looking for a similar giant step. Now you have to know that all eyes are on you and you have a tough duty of proving many of us wrong- deliver. Take off your dancing shoes and put on your working boots and run to EPTC, one of the government companies under your ministry.

You need to turn EPTC fortunes around like you did for the company you served as a board member in.

All Inkhosatana needs is to transfer the same aggression she applied as a board member for the company she served before to be what it is today. *Kusasa kuyitolo mntfwanenkhozi* indeed as Emaswati would say. Since this appears to be a heavy task, she must give it the first 100 days to save jobs that are on the line at EPTC.



She must attend to both the radio and TV stations. They need urgent attention because all is not right. The stations are run like personal farms. The minister needs to breath some life into them and the radio must be used by all citizens or if anything she must liberalise the industry and open gates for community and commercial radio stations.

COMMERCE AND TRADE Mancoba Khumalo

HE comes across as a well-spoken man who has travelled the world.

He needs to hit the ground running though. He spoke about all we need as a country to turn things around at the People's Parliament. He was within the set time of 10 minutes for all speakers at the People's Parliament yet he said a mouthful. The country needs jobs and more jobs. Not just jobs but jobs that would offer competitive wages and respect the labour force.

We have factory shells around the country that must be filled with inventors instead of what they currently are. Some are storerooms for prominent people. We need investors and Khumalo must stimulate local entrepreneurship. I want the economy to be active as the one from the country he comes from. In 100 days, 1 000 jobs would be appreciated sir.



acquired drugs. She was too concerned about wearing the same lipstick with a look-alike senator. They were all over the show. I also saw them on Saturday at the church service being a nuisance.

Here, minister you will be dealing with disgruntled nurses who recently left patients untended to protest about their working conditions and shortage of drugs in hospitals. I may not be able to quantify things but lives were lost while nurses took to the streets.

Again, lives continue to be lost because of drugs shortage. You find the ministry in the ICU section and yours is to take it out before the machines are switched off.

Hospitals need drugs, more nurses, good salaries for the staff and improved health facilities. Like I said, it does sound like starting from

scratch and its all thanks to the midwife we called a minister in the past five years. You must also sort the Phalala Fund looting and stop the rot.

Your predecessor did nothing to help the situation instead she was happy to receive unexplained freebies from one of the service providers to the Phalala Fund.

She cared less about the mess the fund was. Madam Minister you must also deal with the accidents emergence unit otherwise known as paramedics. They need to be assisted in all possible ways because they have been far better than hospitals lately.

They need new and safe vehicles and the numbers must improve. However, I hate the attitude of swamping residences of politicians during varying personal functions and leave the



road accident victims stranded. We need drugs in hospitals minister people are dying.

NB: To be continued next week.

HOUSING Prince Simelane

IN all honesty I know less about this prince.

He was a common feature during the Easter Services. At some point I thought he was a pastor. Pastor or not, he needs to grab the bull by its horns. First and foremost he must make sure that no government plots or houses are sold for a song to politicians.

Government land was looted in the past by these political jackals. He must put a valve there and pray hard it does not open. He then needs to run to the troubled Mbabane City Council and deal with the mess there. The council has a CEO working on a very shaky contract. It is not clear if he has one or not. But it is clear that he has no working relationship with the councilors.

Mntfwanenkhozi, this is the biggest city in the country and it cannot afford to be run like a shebeen. It needs leadership that is employed according to law. It needs a leadership that works as a collective. The city is owed millions in rates by government, make sure the debt is settled by the state to see improvement of facilities around the city.

The roads are pathetic and laden with dams otherwise known as potholes. The minister has to keep an eye on all the towns and cities because there have been allegations of misappropriation of funds.

He must keep a close eye on the Ezulwini Town Board. There is a stinky smell from that institution. At Matsapha he must support the dream of the Mayor Sandlane Zwane to drive away the Dubais' dealerships that have consumed every blade of grass in the industrial town.

Zwane wants to see the industrial site that Matsapha was known for. Not a car dealership zone. All said, the minister must deal with the Mbabane mess.

Health Lizzy Nkosi

SHE also comes with valuable experience our health system needs.

She needs to assume we had no minister of health in the past five years if she is to succeed in her job. She must take it we have just started the ministry of health and she is the first. Her predecessor proved to some of us early that she was about achieving her own personal goals. It was purely a vanity journey.

In her first 100 days she fought tooth and nail for her teacher-husband to get a school closer to her new place of work which was Cabinet. She got that wish of hers faster than hospitals

ON THIS DAY

... NOVEMBER 5

1605 - The "Gunpowder Plot" attempted by Guy Fawkes failed when he was captured before he could blow up the English Parliament. Guy Fawkes Day is celebrated every November 5th in Britain to celebrate his failure to blow up all the members of Parliament and King James I.

1844 - In California, a grizzly bear underwent a successful cataract operation at the Zoological Garden.

1872 - In the US, Susan B. Anthony was fined \$100 for attempting to vote in the presidential election. She never paid the fine.

1895 - George B. Selden received the first US patent for an automobile. He sold the rights for \$200,000 four years later.

1911 - Italy officially annexed Tripoli.

1935 - The game "Monopoly" was introduced by Parker Brothers Company.

1940 - US President Franklin Roosevelt won an unprecedented third term in office.

1944 - Lord Moyne, a British official, was assassinated by the Zionist Stern gang in Cairo, Egypt.

1946 - John F. Kennedy was elected to the US House of Representatives at the age of 29.

1955 - The Vienna State Opera House in Austria formally opened.

1956 - British and French forces began landing in Egypt during the Suez Canal Crisis. A cease-fire was declared 2 days later.

1959 - The American Football League was formed.

1963 - Archaeologists found the remains of a Viking settlement at L'Anse aux Meadows, Newfoundland.

1967 - In Moscow, the Ostankino Tower opened. It was the world's tallest free-standing structure for nine years.

1974 - Ella T. Grasso was elected governor of Connecticut. She was the first woman in the U.S. to win a governorship without succeeding her husband.

1984 - The US Supreme Court ruled that the NFL had exceeded antitrust limits in attempting to stop the Oakland Raiders from moving to Los Angeles.

1986 - The White House reaffirmed the US ban on the sale of weapons to Iran.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Odell Beckham Jr - Football Player - (November 5, 1992) 26- years old



Kris Jenner - Reality Star (November 5, 1955) - 63 years old

EGYPT'S RIGHTS TO NILE WATERS AN ANACHRONISM

HEAD of Political Science Department, College of Law and Politics, University of Human Development, Iraq Egypt has historically adopted an aggressive approach to the flow of the River Nile.

Cairo considers the Nile a national security matter and statements continue to include threats of military action against Ethiopia should it interfere with the flow as set out in agreements signed in 1929 and another in 1959.

The first agreement was made between Great Britain, as the colonial power in eastern African, and Egypt. Cairo was favoured over other riparian countries as an important agricultural asset. In addition, the Egyptian-run Suez Canal was vital for British imperial ambitions.

The British riparian colonies – Sudan, Uganda, Kenya and Tanganyika (now Tanzania) – as well as Ethiopia had no say.

Under the terms, Egypt would receive 48 billion cubic metres water annually and Sudan four billion cubic metres.

Egypt would not need the consent of upstream states to undertake water projects in its own territories but could veto projects on any tributaries of the Nile in the upstream countries, including the 43 130 square kilometre Lake Victoria.

The world's second largest fresh water lake is fed by direct precipitation and by thousands of streams from Tanzania, Burundi, Uganda and Kenya, all located in the central east of Africa.

To this day Egypt argues that the 1929 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty and its modified version, the 1959 Agreement, are still valid. The 1959 agreement, signed by Egypt and an independent Sudan, increased Egypt's share to 55.5 billion cubic metres and Sudan's to 18.5 billion.

These bilateral agreements totally ignored the needs of other riparian countries including Ethiopia which supplies 70 per cent to 80 per cent of the Nile waters. Consequently, none of the other Nile basin countries has ever approved the agreements.

On the other hand, the Cooperative Framework Agreement signed by four Nile basin countries in 2010



FLOW: Aerial of Juba, the capital of South Sudan, which has the river Nile providing source of water supply.

was strongly rejected by both Egypt and Sudan.

It's my argument that the strength of past agreements in modern times and Egypt's threats to use military force are questionable for two reasons.

First, the former colonies are now independent nations and should be part of negotiating a new deal. Secondly, environmental circumstances have changed: precipitation is becoming more intermittent and periods of drought are getting longer.

EGYPT'S SECURITY APPROACH

The threat to use force to defend Egypt's right to water from the Nile has been a common theme through successive governments.

The current president of Egypt Abdel Fattah el-Sisi has described the flow of Nile to Egypt as a matter of life and death. Badr Abdelatty, Egypt's ambassador to Germany and former spokesman of the foreign ministry, has described the Nile as "a national security issue that can never be compromised on".

Even Anwar el-Sadat, the president of Egypt in the 1980s, threatened the use of force. He stated that if Ethiopia takes any action to block our right to the Nile waters, there will be no alternative for us but to use force. Tampering with the rights of a nation to water is tampering with its life, and a decision to go to

war on this score is indisputable in the international community.

He believed that after signing the Camp David Peace Accords with Israel in 1979, no other problem could again take Egypt to war except water.

The threat of using force has continued. But a security mindset is not going to guarantee Egypt its past share of the waters.

ETHIOPIA'S GRAND RENAISSANCE DAM

Ethiopia's Grand Renaissance Dam constitutes a recent but probably the biggest challenge to Egypt's militaristic approach to the Nile flow.

The dam is a huge project on the headwaters of the Blue Nile in Ethiopia in Benishangul-Gumuz region, 500 km North West of the capital Addis Ababa and about 32 km east of the border of Sudan.

The dam is considered to be the largest hydropower project in Africa and eighth largest in the world. It's designed to generate 6 000 megawatts of electricity.

The reservoir can hold more than 70 billion cu metres of water which is nearly equal to the flow of the Nile in one year. The Ethiopian government intends to fill the dam's immense reservoir in five years. This will have considerable impact on the downstream countries. Even after the reservoir is filled there will not be too much hope for the normali-

sation of the flow of the Nile because Ethiopia will hold the key to the dam. Normalisation is also not expected because of evaporation in the reservoir.

Another challenge to the Nile is the fact that the river is shrinking due to less and more intermittent precipitation in Ethiopia and in other upstream countries. In addition, Lake Victoria, the source of 20 per cent-30 per cent of the Nile waters, is shrinking at an alarming rate.

What these developments mean is that Egypt's insistence that the old agreements should remain untouched is no longer practical.

NORMAL BARGAINING PROCESS

Egypt needs to stop issuing threats and turn its attention to normal bargaining processes as the first step towards equitable and reasonable sharing for all the riparian states.

Egypt's threatening stance doesn't allow compromise because security is directly connected to people's lives and their survival. But the growing challenges are unlikely to be met with force.

In addition, Ethiopia needs to recognise Egypt's need for water too and use its large dam for the regulation of the Nile – not its blockage. And all the Nile basin states must cooperate for the peace and prosperity of Africa.

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SPREAD OF SHOTHOLE BORER BEETLES IN SA PROVES TOUGH TO CONTROL

A tiny tree-killing beetle with the awkwardly long name of **Polyphagous Shothole Borer** was detected in South Africa for the first time last year.

It's now attacking and inserting its deadly fungal ally, *Fusarium euwallaceae*, in a wider array of tree species across a much wider geographical area.

The beetle was initially discovered in a botanical garden on the country's east coast. It has since been detected along the southern Cape coast line as well as in several inland urban areas. The number of tree species attacked in South Africa has also risen alarmingly. It currently stands at more than 80, 35 of which are native.

The shothole borer, which is native to Southeast Asia, has the potential to affect fruit, nut and wood production, but also to permanently change urban landscapes and natural forest ecosystems. This has happened on farms, in suburbs and in forests along river valleys in California.

The South African government has started to take steps to manage the problem. The department of agriculture, fisheries and forestry has set up a steering committee to guide national efforts. It's made up of representatives from various government departments, the forestry and agriculture sectors, as well as academics, arborists, and nurserymen.

The major challenge with the beetle infestation is that the insect is crossing the boundaries between agriculture, commercial forestry, natural forests, and urban trees. Never in the country's history has any insect attacked and killed trees in all these sectors. The protection of trees in the different sectors is typically dealt with by different government departments, namely department of agriculture, fisheries and forestry, the department of environmental affairs, and munic-



PROBLEM: Shot hole borer beetles threaten trees on the North Coast.

ipalities. But given the beetle's unusual behaviour, routine action plans aren't enough to curb the problem.

The threat to South Africa's trees of the 80 species of trees under attack in South Africa, about 20 are reproductive hosts in which the beetle inoculates its fungus and then multiplies.

These trees pose a serious risk to the environment around them as they become a source of infestation.

In the remaining 60 host species the beetle also inserts the fungus, but it doesn't reproduce in them. Although some of these trees may eventually die, they don't pose a threat to the other trees around them.

A LONDON PLANE TREE IN JOHANNESBURG, INFESTED BY THE SHOTHOLE BORER

The species of ornamental and street trees most affected in South Africa's cities are the London plane, Boxelder, Japanese maple, Chinese maple, English oak and Liquidamber. Several streets of maples and liquidamber have died in some cities, and large, old English oaks and plane trees have been severely affected in some areas.

During countrywide surveys con-

ducted by our team at FABI, we found several fruit trees (peach, olive, grapevine, guava, fig) infested in urban areas. However, the only commercial crop that's affected at present are pecan nut trees on farms in the Northern Cape.

In Israel and California the beetle caused substantial damage in avocado orchards, and although South African orchards are closely monitored by FABI team members, we have only detected it on a single backyard avocado tree in Johannesburg.

Similarly, we found it on roadside wattle and eucalyptus trees, but so far the pest hasn't been detected in commercial Eucalyptus, wattle or pine plantations.

In our opinion the most significant threat, but also the most difficult to predict and manage, is to South Africa's native tree species such as coral trees, wild olives, yellow woods and Natal figs.

MANAGING THE PROBLEM

California has been battling the beetle problem for the last 10 years. A recent visit to the area helped us to establish what practical actions have been taken to bring the problem under control.

An effective public awareness campaign was launched, inform-

ing residents and local governments about the beetle and its impact. Municipalities removed reproductive host trees, most of which were going to die anyway. The state also introduced legislation preventing infested wood from being moved from one area to another. Although researchers there have shown that chemical control of the beetle and fungus on individual trees can protect them, this has not been applied widely, and is typically only used to protect high value individual trees.

The major challenge in South Africa is to connect different stakeholders and government bodies through effective communication. Roles and responsibilities (also financial) of all contingents, at national, regional and local levels, should be clearly defined to avoid a duplication of efforts, and to ensure appropriate management strategies are devolved to regional and local government.

Structures are in place at the national level to deal with pests like these. Most pest invasions affect agricultural or forestry crops, and the department of agriculture, fisheries and forestry then engages with relevant stakeholders with strategic guidelines for control.

For its part, the department of environmental affairs is responsible for protecting the country's natural forests and ecosystems.

But its focus is usually on things like climate change, pollution and alien invasive weeds or animals. At the local level municipalities has never had to deal with a problem like this, are not equipped to deal with it, and need clear and practical guidance from the national departments.

A consolidated strategy and pragmatic action plan is urgently needed. Pest risk assessments and countrywide surveys need to be done for the different sectors.

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Why hipsters could be seen as modern-day colonisers

FROM Maboneng in Johannesburg to Bandra in Mumbai, Neukölln in Berlin to Gulou in Beijing, and Crown Heights in Brooklyn to Hackney in London, hipsters are everywhere.

Their distinctive look – (beards for the men and ironic retro cardigans for the women) and very particular consumer tastes (most recently, a combination of cream cheese and food colouring that's called unicorn toast. Yes, really; it looks good on Instagram) – make them a highly visible subculture.

Hipsters are often associated with art, makers, other creative fields and the tech industry. They're mostly millennial middle-class professionals.

They are also, as I've found in my research, considered socially progressive. That's because they're often affiliated with progressive political and cultural movements built on socially liberal ideals like anti-racism.

They are environmentalists. They champion women's rights and queer rights. Many follow vegan diets.

But, my fieldwork also shows that hipsters are a paradox. They appear progressive, but they actually demonstrate some parallels with the practices and ideologies of the settler-colonialism of earlier centuries.

My research on global hipsterification – hipster-led gentrification – focuses on what happens when hipsters move into lower-income urban neighbourhoods. When these areas

are "regenerated" by hipsters, real estate developers come too. These areas become more expensive and the original residents are pushed out often causing controversy. This is happening in both developed and developing countries.

The link between hipsters and settler-colonialism, then, is more than metaphorical. Both these groups literally displace less powerful occupants.

In the case of hipsters, these displacements are often hidden behind their oft-stated claims of advocating inclusive urban renewal. But there is a vast divergence between hipster progressive rhetoric and the reality of how much they contribute to gentrification and displacement.

And they exhibit a nostalgia for the past that goes beyond their sartorial choices and actually echoes the harkening back to the past seen in contemporary right-leaning political movements around the world.

Evoking the past

Globally, nostalgia is a general feature of our current political and cultural landscape.

Supporters of the UK's Brexit want Britain to go back in time to a period before immigration supposedly 'ruined' the country.

US President Donald Trump's campaign slogan 'Make America Great Again' nostalgically refers to an era some time in the past when America was ostensibly 'great'.

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● "We are all connected; To each other, biologically. To the earth, chemically. To the rest of the universe atomically."

— Neil DeGrasse Tyson

● "How hurtful it can be to deny one's true self and live a life of lies just to appease others."

— June Ahern

● "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience."

— Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

● "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God. Without God people only succeed in bringing out the worst in one another. Lovers who have nothing else to do but love each other soon find there is nothing else. Without a central loyalty life is unfinished."

— Fulton J. Sheen, *Seven Words of Jesus and Mary: Lessons from Cana and Calvary*

● "Science is not only compatible with spirituality; it is a profound source of spirituality. When we recognise our place in an immensity of light-years and in the passage of ages, when we grasp the intricacy, beauty, and subtlety of life, then that soaring feeling, that sense of elation and humility combined, is surely spiritual. So are our emotions in the presence of great art or music or literature, or acts of exemplary selfless courage such as those of Mohandas Gandhi or Martin Luther King, Jr. The notion that science and spirituality are somehow mutually exclusive does a disservice to both."

— Carl Sagan, *The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark*

● "One of the most spiritual things you can do is embrace your humanity. Connect with those around you today. Say, 'I love you', 'I'm sorry', 'I appreciate you', 'I'm proud of you'...whatever you're feeling. Send random texts, write a cute note, embrace your truth and share it...cause a smile today for someone else...and give plenty of hugs."

— Steve Maraboli

● "One thing: you have to walk, and create the way by your walking; you will not find a ready-made path. It is not so cheap, to reach to the ultimate realisation of truth. You will have to create the path by walking yourself; the path is not ready-made, lying there and waiting for you. It is just like the sky: the birds fly, but they don't leave any footprints. You cannot follow them; there are no footprints left behind."

— Osho

● "The moment God is figured out with nice neat lines and definitions, we are no longer dealing with God."

— Rob Bell, *Velvet Elvis: Repainting the Christian Faith*

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SASCCO PRESIDENT MDLALOSE IN CHARGE OF CO-OPS IN AFRICA

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By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

PRESIDENT of the Swaziland Association of Savings and Credit Cooperatives (SASCCO) Cambridge Mdlalose is now chairperson of the continent's mother body for cooperatives, ACCOSCA.

Mdlalose was elected into office in the recently held ACCOSCA annual general meeting in Accra, Ghana where he competed for this position with Dr. Charles Anane from Ghana. ACCOSCA is the African Confederation of Co-operative Savings and Credit Associations, the body responsible for the cooperative movement in the whole continent.

Interviewed after his election into the big ACCOSCA seat, Mdlalose said his becoming chairperson for the continental body will have a huge impact on the local SACCO movement because it means Eswatini is now forced to adopt best practices and become exemplary to cooperatives in other countries.

SACCOs are Savings and Credit Cooperatives. Mdlalose urged the local SACCO movement to put its house in order.

His wish is that where there are differing thoughts, harmony and peace should prevail now that the spotlight is on the country. "My

...Mdlalose was elected into office in the recently held ACCOSCA annual general meeting held in Accra, Ghana



NEW POSITION: SASCCO President Cambridge Mdlalose addressing the media.

election into this hot seat cannot be marred by controversies in our own SACCO movement, which is why I appeal for calm and a solid working relationship across all parties.

One of my major duties as ACCOSCA president will be to visit different African countries and help assist those with different challenges. Now, how can I do that if my attention is always called to challenges in our own movement," Mdlalose said.

ACCOSCA is headquartered in Kenya and the office has a CEO who is responsible for all operational issues, which means Mdlalose is not necessarily in charge of the day to day activities. Nevertheless, the chairmanship position also comes with equally demanding responsibilities, which require his full attention.

He made an example of the fact that many countries in Africa are grappling with different

challenges in the SACCO movement, which he as chairman, working closely with the ACCOSCA board must set out to resolve.

"In Lesotho, for example, there are two cooperative apex bodies, a situation that emanates from wide-ranging differences within that country's SACCO movement.

As ACCOSCA chairman, one of my top priorities is to ensure this situation is resolved amicably in the quickest possible time in Lesotho," he said. Mdlalose said Lesotho is not an isolated case as other countries like Zimbabwe, Zambia and others have many challenges in their SACCO movement.

Before he was appointed ACCOSCA chairman, Mdlalose served as the organisation's treasurer.

He believes his experience as treasurer catapulted him into his current position.

VITALS

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| Prime Rate | 10.50% |
| First National Bank | |
| Inflation Rate | 4.9% |
| Central Statistical Office | |
| Mortgage Rate | 10.25% |
| Swaziland Building Society | |
| Bank Rate | 7.0% |
| Central Bank | |
| Petrol (u) | E13.30 per litre |
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Business community to new PM:

DECENTRALISE GOVT SERVICES, RUN TINKHUNDLA LIKE COMPANIES

Stories By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

MANY speakers in the recently held People's Parliament cited corruption as one of many reasons why the country's economy is in its current poor state.

Chairperson of the Hhohho region Federation of the Swaziland Business Community (FESBC) Johannes Manikela, who is also Director for Manikela's Supplies in Mbabane, believes one way to resuscitate the country's economy is through decentralising government services and professionalising the different Tinkhundla, with each Inkhundla being manned by a CEO working alongside well trained staff. In a wide ranging interview with the Business Desk, Manikela acknowledged that government's financial woes continue to affect many businesses in different ways.

"Our main worry right now is that payments for goods supplied to government are delayed due to the long

Increase tax clearance validity to three months

LOCAL businesses are greatly inconvenienced by the one month validity for tax clearances.

As the new prime minister and Cabinet is ushered into office, Hhohho FESBC President Johannes Manikela has implored the new Cabinet to review the current tax clearance arrangement to at least

three months.

"Every month we have to get a new tax clearance, which is a great inconvenience for us business people," Manikela said, adding that those businesses who supply government have no choice but to get their tax clearances renewed all the time because this is a requirement to get tenders.

processes which ministries must first undergo before payments are remitted to us. For instance, the ministry of finance sometimes takes as long as six months before approving payments for goods which have already been supplied to government," he said, cautioning that late payment of suppliers may affect tax collection in an unprecedented way because businesses are closing at alarming rates due to government's financial

crisis. Manikela suggested that the first way to ensure government does not lose serious revenue due to corruption would be to run Tinkhundla centres like professional companies with CEOs and well trained staff. "I think if the different Tinkhundla are run like town councils, with proper budgets then government will be in a position to decentralise its services instead of people travelling to central offices in Mbabane or Manzini

to get simple services like passports and certificates. All these should be available at tinkhundla level to also prevent looting of government funds," he said. Manikela suggested that departments like Rural Water Supply should also be stationed at the Tinkhundla centres so that people get these services within their vicinity instead of travelling to the big towns to access such services. "Government could also ensure that graduates work in the Tinkhundla to offer specialised services for our system of governance to offer a 100 per cent service delivery," he said. Manikela suggested that if the different Tinkhundla were professionalised, corruption would be greatly reduced in ensuring accountability and efficiency. "There is too much corruption in the country. I think the solution to this big problem would be professionalising Tinkhundla and allocating big budgets to the Tinkhundla instead of money flowing into central government where state resources are easily misused as it is difficult to guarantee accountability," he said.

Govt must raise elderly grants through airline levies

THE Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (SMVAF) is what it is today due to fuel levies paid by motorists without even noticing the pinch.

Businessman Johannes Manikela feels the best way for government to raise revenue for elderly grants is to charge an extra 20 cents for airline. "I would be suggesting that government could raise elderly grants money through fuel levies, but then this would become too much for motorists. The next best solution to raising elderly grants would be for an extra 20 cents to be charged in airline because mobile phone companies are making profits that do not help the country in a sustainable way," he said. In the meantime, Manikela suggested that the EPTC should be granted permission to have a mobile phone wing to tighten competition in the communication space for consumers to get real value for money.

BRING NEW ELECTRICITY COMPANY TO COMPETE WITH EEC

ELECTRICITY is just too expensive in Eswatini, Manikela's supplies Director Johannes Manikela has said.

"EEC is really milking us dry. I feel it is time government brought in a competitor to provide alternative energy sources like solar power so people can choose who to buy electricity from instead of just relying on EEC," Manikela, who is also Hhohho region FESBC president suggested. He observed that airline and call rates only became cheaper in the country when Eswatini Mobile was introduced as the second player in the mobile communication space thus bringing an end to MTN's monopoly status.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

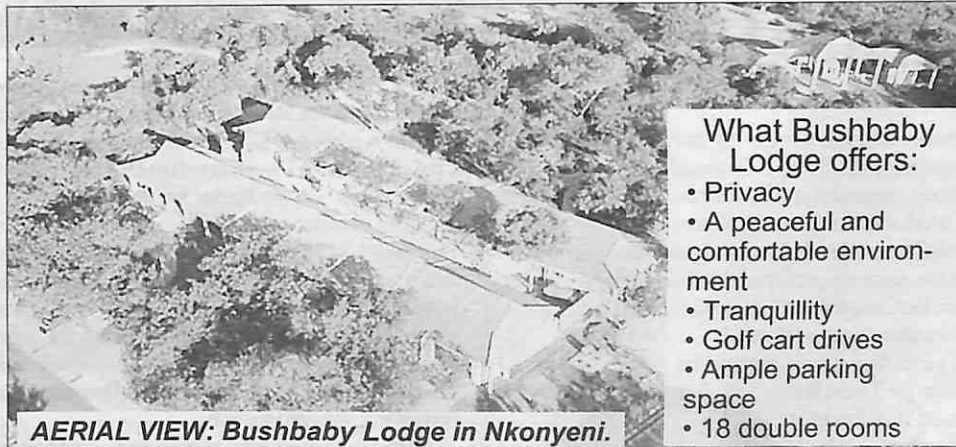
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| British Pound/SZL | 18.8808 | 18.9450 |
| Japanese Yen/SZL | 7.6492 | 7.6746 |
| Swiss France/SZL | 14.6170 | 14.6653 |
| Botswana Pula/SZL | 1.3511 | 1.3631 |
| Australian Dollar/SZL | 10.4721 | 10.5092 |
| Canadian Dollar/SZL | 11.1877 | 11.2224 |
| Mozambique Meticals/SZL | 5.5211 | 5.5942 |
| Euro/SZL | 16.6726 | 16.7293 |
| Gold | 1,219.4000 | |
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AERIAL VIEW: Bushbaby Lodge in Nkonyeni.

What Bushbaby Lodge offers:

- Privacy
- A peaceful and comfortable environment
- Tranquillity
- Golf cart drives
- Ample parking space
- 18 double rooms

Newly expanded Bushbaby Lodge to be unveiled next Friday

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

BUSHBABY Lodge, an exclusive and stylish retreat situated at the tranquil Nkonyeni Golf Estate has now been expanded.

The lodge began operating since November 2016 with only nine rooms. Due to a growing demand for more rooms and the lodge's unique setting, the lodge has since been extended. The added facilities, include eight ensuite double rooms with a bathtub and indoor and outdoor showers. There are also two family rooms, conference facilities and two braai areas. In a statement, the Bushbaby Lodge phase II main contractor, Construction Solutions, was described as



EXPANSION: Bushbaby Lodge at Nkonyeni now has eight ensuite double rooms and other interesting features. (Courtesy Pics)

having displayed a high level of professionalism by completing this project in a record six months, including all finishes. With the new wing, Bushbaby Lodge will now be able to host events, such as team building, conferences and larger tour and golf groups.

The lodge's allure lies in its tranquillity for corporates, indi-

viduals, families and international visitors - golfers and non-golfers alike. "It is an environment of peace and calm where people are treated with kindness and generosity. We offer guests the opportunity to slow down and relax in a bushveld environment," the lodge said in its pre-launch statement.

Third consumer survey in the pipeline

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE country, through collaborative efforts from the Centre for Financial Inclusion (CFI), Finmark Trust and Central Statistics Office (CSO) launched the third Eswatini consumer survey at the Mountain Inn last Friday.

Two similar surveys were done in the country in 2011 and in 2013. Delivering his remarks, CSO Director Amos Zwane said the third survey would apply a canvasser method of collecting the data where face to face interviews will be done throughout the selected households in the country. The survey according to Zwane is to measure the levels of financial inclusion, to describe the landscape of access of products and services, to identify the factors affecting the usage of financial products and services, and to track and compare results and provide an assessment of changes and reasons for the changes since the last surveys. Zwane also said their mission is to co-ordinate the National Statistics System and provide statistical data and information required for evidence based policy planning and decision making for national socio-economic development.

According to Zwane statistical collection remains important and cannot be achieved alone by the CSO. The survey according to Zwane will engage respondents who will be urged to provide accurate and truthful information. Zwane further said the information they collect is analysed and disseminated as official data, and the more accurate and timely it is the more useful it is to everyone who uses it. "The CSO is striving to coordinate and standardise the questionnaires coming from different organisations in order to avoid repetition and reduce the response burden," he said. On another note under-secretary in the ministry of the finance Nompumelelo Dlamini commended the work and commitment of financial inclusion data task team in providing guidance in assignment. Dlamini said research has indicated that there is a close positive correlation between the access to financial services and economic growth.

HANDICRAFT VENDOR SINGS SEDCO PRAISES

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE Small Enterprises Development Company (SEDCO) has been commended for its work by a handicraft vendor who has grown over the years through the government parastatal.

In an interview at the George Hotel last Friday during the MTN Eswatini business seminar, Prisca Mavuso a Manzini-based handicraft vendor had nothing but high praises to sing on how SEDCO helped her business grow.

"If it were not for SEDCO I would not be where I am with my business, the company has helped me grow from

grass root level and today I am able to showcase my work to different African countries in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region over the years," she said.

Expose

With over 10 years' experience in business Mavuso said SEDCO has over the years helped her showcase her handicraft work to other traders as far as Botswana, Lesotho and Namibia.

Apart from selling handicraft and sourcing her work from other informal traders, Mavuso said she sells traditional regalia, which sells like hotcakes during national events like the reed

dance and Incwala ceremony.

According to Mavuso the MTN Eswatini business seminar helped her gain knowledge on the importance of registering her business, which will help it grow even further when operating as an informal trader.

Importance

Mavuso also said MTN Eswatini has also helped her get more exposure on the importance of saving money and cashless transactions through their mobile money platform.

The seminar according to Mavuso further helped her gain knowledge on the importance of international trade and registering a company which will



BEAD WORK: Handicraft vendor Prisca Mavuso showcasing some of the merchandise (Pics: Majaha Nkonyane)

her children and her extended family and SEDCO's involvement in her growth has also facilitated her move from the Manzini market to Esibayeni Lodge.

The Manzini market stall according to Mavuso is now managed by someone else which is her contribution towards employment in her handicraft business.

help her trade better in international markets through the ministry of commerce industry and trade.

Mavuso said her business supports

Motsepe gets green light to buy TymeDigital bank

JOHANNESBURG – Billionaire Patrice Motsepe's African Rainbow Capital (ARC) on Friday obtained approval from the Prudential Authority of the South African Reserve Bank to acquire a majority stake of the new digital bank, TymeDigital.

In August, the black-owned financial services company, ARC, reached agreement to acquire 90 percent of TymeDigital for an undisclosed sum through its subsidiary, ARC Financial Holding Company (FinHoldCo).

FinHoldCo holds a 10 per cent shareholding in TymeDigital, and the acquisition means that it will now wholly own the bank. The company's strategic objective is to invest in insurance, asset management, specialist financial services and banking.

ARC said that the control of a digital bank was a critical step in driving synergies among the various companies in these four subcategories to enhance value creation.

TymeDigital is a registered South African bank with a strong fintech focus. It is majority owned by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA), a leading banking group in its core markets of Australia and New Zealand.

The bank has been trialing its operations as it works towards an official launch. It aims to provide affordable and accessible banking

services through a growing network of partners, including Pick n Pay. Targeted client segments include unbanked and under-served clients as well as small and medium enterprises.

ARC has obtained all necessary regulatory approvals for the acquisition of the bank, including approval from the Competition Commission and the acquisition is therefore unconditional.

TymeDigital will change its name to TymeBank when it officially launches to the South African public.

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GETS GREEN LIGHT: Billionaire Patrice Motsepe. (AP)

Warning: Non-payment of e-tolls could affect service delivery

JOHANNESBURG – The culture of non-payments in the country will affect service delivery, a Treasury official warned.

Treasury last Friday responded to public comments made to the standing committees on finance and appropriations. Earlier in the week unions and civil organisations had called for clearer plans to turnaround state owned enterprises (SOEs) which were weighing down the fiscus.

Acting Director General Ismail Momoniat commented on financial management of SOEs and pointed out that there is a pervading culture of overspending, with

no consequences.

"Every time you bail out an SOE, every other municipality and provincial government wants to be bailed out," he told members of the committees.

"We need to create a culture of compliance with the Public Financial Management Act and the Municipal Financial Management Act. There's a lot of entities today where people think they can overspend and there are no consequences for that," he explained.

Momoniat recalled that some people got away without complying with the legislation and that there were no

consequences. "Even when they were referred to prosecuting authorities, nothing happened," he said.

Secondly Momoniat highlighted that SA needs to get the "culture of payment" right. This not just relates to individuals paying their water and electricity bills, but municipalities paying service providers like Eskom and water boards.

"If we have a situation where payments are not made, we are entering into dangerous territory. Where people who should be paying don't pay, it will impact service delivery," he said.

FIN24

RESERVE BANK GOVERNOR HAILS MBOWENI'S PLAN TO REDUCE DEBT

JOHANNESBURG – The Rand strengthened last Friday as SA Reserve Bank (SARB) Governor Lesetja Kganyago hailed new Finance Minister Tito Mboweni's commitment to reduce government's appetite for borrowing.

The Rand moved to R14.27 against the US dollar from the R14.47 it was bid at overnight after Kganyago told the South Africa Tomorrow Conference in New York last Friday morning that he backed Mboweni's views on the reduction of the fiscal deficit.

Kganyago said South Africa needed to ensure that borrowing was productive.

"With rising long-term interest rates, credit rating downgrades and tax increases, the case for fiscal stimulus based purely on spending aggregates are well past its sell-by date," Kganyago said.

"We are clearly well past the point where we could hope to crowd in investment simply by raising spending and boosting demand."

In his maiden Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) Mboweni indicated a fiscal deficit of four per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) for the 2017/18 financial year.

Bailout

Mboweni warned that the country's debt to GDP that is projected to stand at 58.5 per cent in 2021/21 might force the country to seek a bailout from the International Monetary fund if it breaches the 60 per cent mark.

Kganyago said the consequence of state capture was a large decline in business and consumer confidence which contributed to investment stagnating over the past five years.

"State capture" has also been a major factor in our fiscal woes, both because it burdened the state with corrupt and fruitless expenditure, and also because it is seriously undermining its capacity to collect taxes."

Business Report

Post-Gupta SA should regulate consulting, too

JOHANNESBURG – Consultants should be regulated like auditors and lawyers, says Isaac Shongwe, Chairperson and founder of South Africa's oldest black-owned consulting firm, Letsema Holdings.

Shongwe - whose business felt first-hand the damage wreaked by state capture - has issued his call following several scandals involving international consulting firms.

"The state [of the consulting industry] is chaos. There is blood on the floor.

"It begs the question: what happened?" Shongwe told Fin24 at Letsema's offices this week in Melrose Arch, Johannesburg.

If there is one person who personally experienced the fallout of the Gupta's hold on the state, it is Shongwe, a former Barloworld Logistics CEO and long-time strategy consultant.

Letsema, founded in 1996, cut its teeth with contracts from state logistics

and freight company Transnet, with the firm becoming an expert in the sector. Letsema was the local partner with international consulting company McKinsey's successful 2012 bid with Transnet. The Financial Mail reported that the black-owned firm was frozen out in favour of Regiments Capital, and later replaced by Trillian Capital Partners, majority owned by Gupta associate Salim Essa.

Shongwe says Letsema "had to work hard to pivot into the private sector" after losing the Transnet contract, as 60 per cent of their business had previously come from the state.

He says there were "opportunities" for him to follow in the footsteps of other, larger consulting companies such as McKinsey at Eskom and Transnet; and Bain & Co or Gartner at the South African Revenue Agency (SARS), but he took Letsema in a different direction. *FIN24*

World News

Restrictions bar millions of Americans from voting

WASHINGTON - Millions of Americans will be barred from casting ballots in tomorrow's crucial midterm elections due to electoral rules at the state level, which effectively exclude many minority voters to the detriment of Democrats.

Here's a look at states where these restrictions could impact the poll's outcome.

■ 1.5 million Floridians disenfranchised: Nearly six million Americans are excluded from voting because they are imprisoned, on parole or awaiting sentencing.

African-Americans, who are over-represented in the US penal system, are four times more likely to be unable to vote than the rest of the population, according to The Sentencing Project, a nonprofit organisation.

Rules vary widely by state, with

some like Maine and New Hampshire allowing inmates to vote.

But in places such as Kentucky, Iowa, Virginia and Florida, any conviction - even for a minor offence like possession of marijuana - results in lifelong disenfranchisement.

In Florida, where Donald Trump won by just 112 000 votes in 2016, nearly 1.5 million people cannot vote because of a criminal record.

In addition to choosing their governor and members of Congress, Florida residents will vote on whether to restore voting rights to people with prior felony convictions once they have finished their sentences, besides those convicted of the most serious crimes.

■ Proof of street address: There is no national identity card in the United States, with each state defin-

ing what documents can be used as identification at the polling station.

And according to the American Civil Liberties Union, an influential civil rights organisation, several states have imposed restrictive rules since 2010.

Proof

North Dakota has since 2016 required its residents to present a document with proof of a street address.

But the state is home to thousands of Native Americans who live on reservations in rural areas with but a single post office box.

They might be turned away at the ballot box, where Heidi Heitkamp - a Democrat who was elected to the Senate in 2012 by just 3 000 votes - is campaigning to keep her seat.

Backers of the rule hold it prevents fraud, as North Dakota does not require

voters to pre-register.

■ 'Exact match' rules: In Georgia, the data voters provide when registering at the polls have since 2017 been compared to those given when applying for a driver's license or social security number.

If there are discrepancies, authorities might refuse the registration.

Some 53 000 applications are currently pending, 70 per cent of which belong to African-Americans, according to the Southern Poverty Law Centre.

Democrat Stacey Abrams - who hopes to become the first black woman elected governor in the US - has accused her Republican opponent, Brian Kemp, of using his position heading the office that oversees elections to influence the vote.

AFP

NIGERIAN ARMY POSTS TRUMP VIDEO

ABUJA - 49 members of the Islamic Movement of Nigeria were killed after the army and police fired live bullets at marching crowds.

Nigeria's army on Friday posted a video of US President Donald Trump saying soldiers would shoot migrants throwing stones to justify opening fire on a Shiite group this week.

"Please watch and make your deductions," said the army in a post on its official Twitter account.

In the video, Trump warns that soldiers deployed to the Mexican border could shoot Central American migrants who throw stones at them while attempting to cross illegally.

"We're not going to put up with that. They want to throw rocks at our military, our military fights back," said Trump in remarks made last Thursday.

"I told them (troops) consider it (a rock) a rifle. When they throw rocks like they did at the Mexican



VIDEO: Members of the Islamic Movement of Nigeria preparing the bodies of members killed when the Nigerian Army opened fire during the group protests in the capital Abuja this week. (AP)

military and police, I say consider it a rifle."

Nigeria's defence spokesman John Agim told AFP that the army posted the video in response to criti-

cism that its security forces had acted unlawfully.

The Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN) said 49 of its members were killed after the army and police fired

live bullets at crowds who marched near and in the capital Abuja.

The army's official death toll was six.

Amnesty International said Wednesday it had "strong evidence" that police and soldiers used automatic weapons against IMN members and killed about 45 people in an "unconscionable use of deadly force by soldiers and police".

The United States embassy in Nigeria said last Thursday it was 'concerned' and called for an investigation.

"The video was posted in reaction to the Amnesty International report accusing the army of using weapons against pacifist Shiite protesters," said Agim.

"Not only did they use stones but they were carrying petrol bombs, machetes and knives, so yes, we consider them as being armed," said Agim.

AFP

ZIM MEN SAY CONDOMS 'TOO SMALL' FOR THEM

HARARE - Men from a small Zimbabwean town have reportedly pleaded with condom manufacturers to supply them with larger condoms, saying those available in local shops were "too small for them".

According to New Zimbabwe.com, men from Mpandawana Growth Point said that they were at risk of contracting sexually transmitted diseases, as some of the condoms often burst during sex.

The country's National Aids Council (NAC) reportedly identified Mpandawana, the largest service centre in Gutu, as a "hot spot" for new sexually transmitted diseases in Masvingo province.

In February, former health minister David Parirenyatwa challenged local manufacturers to produce con-

doms so as "to address concerns over the size of condoms imported from China".

Parirenyatwa urged manufacturers to produce condoms that were suitable for Zimbabwean men.

Move

According to NewsDay, Parirenyatwa said at the time that the move would also save on foreign currency.

He said that young people in the southern African country complained about the size of the imported condoms, saying they were "too small".

At least 109.4 million condoms were distributed across Zimbabwe in 2016 which amounted to about 33 condoms per individual for the year, a New Zimbabwe.com report said.

News24

North Korea warns of returning to nuclear policy

SEOUL - North Korea has warned the United States it will 'seriously' consider returning to a state policy aimed at building nuclear weapons if Washington does not end tough economic sanctions against the impoverished regime.

For years, the North had pursued a 'byungjin' policy of simultaneously developing its nuclear capabilities alongside the economy.

In April, citing a 'fresh climate of detente and peace' on the peninsula, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un declared the nuclear quest complete and said his country would focus on 'socialist economic construction'.

But a statement issued by the North's foreign ministry said

Pyongyang could revert to its former policy if the US did not change its stance over sanctions.

"The word 'byungjin' may appear again and the change of the line could be seriously reconsidered," said the statement carried by the official KCNA news agency late Friday.

At a historic summit in Singapore in June, US President Donald Trump and Kim signed a vaguely-worded statement on denuclearisation.

But little progress has been made since then, with Washington pushing to maintain sanctions against the North until its 'final, fully verified denuclearisation' and Pyongyang condemning US demands as "gangster-like".

AFP

BRIEFS

Israel PM praises restoration

ISRAEL - Israel's prime minister has praised the restoration of US sanctions on Iran that were lifted under the 2015 nuclear deal. Benjamin Netanyahu, a staunch opponent of the agreement concluded by the Obama administration, said on Saturday that US President Donald Trump had made an 'historic' decision by restoring sanctions against 'the murderous terror regime in Iran that is endangering the entire world'. In a statement from his office, Netanyahu said "the effect of the initial sanctions is already felt", referring to a financial crisis in Iran that has triggered sporadic protests. The Trump administration restored sanctions targeting Iran's shipping, financial and energy sectors last Friday.

AP

Teacher turns home into school

TAIZ - Adel al-Shorbaby, a teacher living in Taiz, turned his house into a makeshift school. It hosts hundreds of students annually for free and has about 16 volunteer teachers. "This is my humanitarian duty towards my neighbourhood," says al-Shorbaby about his school that he started to educate his own children. "It is my house so I can educate my children and those in the neighbourhood."

AP

Saudi sisters found dead

SAUDI ARABIA - Saudi Arabia has denied any involvement in the death of two Saudi sisters studying in the United States, a spokesperson for the kingdom's embassy in Washington, DC, said. The two young women, identified as Rotana Farea, 22, and her sister Tala, 16, were found on the banks of the Hudson River on October 24 with no visible signs of trauma. The women were dressed all in black and bound together at the ankles and waist by duct tape. According to local media reports, the sisters' mother told US detectives that she had received a phone call from the Saudi embassy in Washington ordering the family to leave the US. The sisters had reportedly applied for political asylum in the US.

Al Jazeera

Assembly summons Ganduje

KANO - Kano State Governor, Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, was invited to appear, before the ad-hoc committee constituted by the state House of Assembly over alleged bribe-taking videos last Friday. The state House of Assembly, under the leadership of Alhaji Kabiru Alhassan Rurum, constituted a committee on October 15 to establish the authenticity of the videos. An online newspaper, DAILY NIGERIAN had on October 14 and 15 exclusively published two videos allegedly showing Ganduje, receiving bribe in dollars. Consequently, the Publisher/Editor-in-Chief of DAILY NIGERIAN, Jaafar Jaafar, testified before the committee on October 15, where he insisted that the videos were genuine, and expressed readiness to swear by the Quran to convinced doubting Thomases.

All Africa

UN to lift sanctions on Eritrea

UNITED NATIONS - The UN Security Council is preparing to lift sanctions on Eritrea after the United States dropped its insistence on prolonging the measures despite a peace deal with Ethiopia, diplomats said. Britain circulated a draft resolution to the council last Thursday that calls for lifting the arms embargo and all travel bans, asset freezes and targeted sanctions on Eritrea, according to the text seen by AFP. The council is to vote on the proposed resolution on November 14. Diplomats said they expected the measure to be adopted after the US change in position.

AFP



FOCUS ON SA SCENE

NO MORE SECRET MEETINGS FOR ANC - MAGASHULE

JOHANNESBURG - ANC Leaders should know each other's whereabouts at all times.

This is how the party has decided to proceed following claims that the party's Secretary General, Ace Magashule was part of a plot to unseat President Cyril Ramaphosa, with his predecessor Jacob Zuma.

The two were captured in a photograph, along with ANC Women's League Secretary General Meokgo Matuba and ousted ANC North West chairperson Supra Mahumapelo by Sunday Times, following what it claimed was a secret meeting to oust Ramaphosa. The ANC's national executive committee tasked its leaders with investigating the claims last month.

Magashule, speaking to journalists on the side-lines of a special extended NEC meeting on Saturday, said the investigation had been finalised.

"We should know what's happening, I must know where the president is and the president should know where I am,"



CELEBRATION: ANC and SA President Cyril Ramaphosa (2nd l) led a surprise celebration for party Secretary General Ace Magashule's 59th birthday during the NEC's meeting in Irene.

said Magashule.

"If I'm going to have a meeting somewhere which might be construed as something else, it's better to inform the

leadership and vice versa," added Magashule, who also celebrated his 59th birthday on Saturday.

News24

Police bust 2 men for 7 murders in Johannesburg

JOHANNESBURG - A man and an alleged accomplice have been arrested following the gruesome discovery of seven bodies at a house in Vlaktfontein, Johannesburg, police said yesterday morning.

The bodies of three women and four children were discovered buried under a pile of sand in a bedroom and back room of the house on Monday after a resident reported a stench.

The children were aged between 2 and 11. Two men who allegedly murdered the seven were arrested on Saturday, Gauteng police spokesperson Captain Mavela Masondo said.

It has emerged that the main suspect, 27, faces additional charges of rape. Masondo could not reveal at this stage how many rape charges and to which of the victims the charges applied.

The man was found with bank cards belonging to two of the victims.

The provincial investigation team were led to Mpumalanga, near the Lebombo border post, where they made the first arrest.

"On further investigation - a second suspect, a 61-year old male - was traced and arrested in Dobsonville," said Masondo.

Proving

They were expected to appear in the Lenasia Magistrate's Court on Monday.

"These arrests will go a long way in proving to those who continue to undermine the authority of the State, that police mean business when we say that we will prioritise cases against women and children," said Major General Max Masha, Acting Provincial Police Commissioner.

"The investigating team must now ensure that the case is watertight towards a successful conviction."

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Man shot, killed in hijacking

JOHANNESBURG - A man was shot dead during an apparent hijacking on Mint Street in Fordsburg, Johannesburg on Saturday, paramedics said.

ER24 paramedics arrived on the scene to find another service already in attendance, ER24 spokesman Russel Meiring said.

"On inspection, paramedics found the man lying on the side of the road. The man had sustained a gunshot wound to his chest and leg and

showed no signs of life."

Paramedics immediately initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and advanced life support interventions.

Unfortunately, after 30 minutes no vital signs returned and the man was declared dead.

The details surrounding the incident were not yet known but local authorities were on the scene to investigate, Meiring said.

African News Agency

GIGABA 'SEX VIDEO' LEAK A WARNING TO GUARD YOUR PHONE, DATA

PRETORIA - Social media lawyers have urged mobile phone users not to leave their devices unattended and in active mode, to safeguard their information.

The warning comes after Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba's 'sex video' went viral. The minister is seen in the 'leaked' video performing a solo sexual act, which he said was intended for his wife's eyes only.

This sparked an outcry on social media, with some calling for him to resign while others poked fun at him in memes and songs. The minister has since claimed his phone was 'intercepted/hacked' in 2016/17 and the contents used to blackmail him.

Verlie Oosthuizen, a social media lawyer, said there are various ways in which data on a cellphone can be compromised. "If a person is not careful about their phone security, does not have passwords or lock their

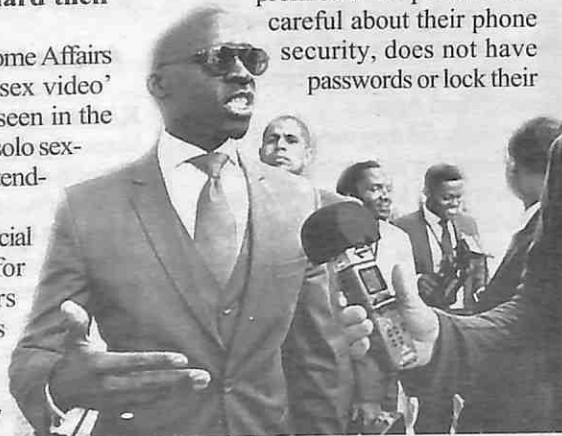
phone, then it could be picked up by others, whilst unattended and the private content can then be forwarded from that device to others.

"However, it is not that easy to hack a phone. It will usually have to be as a result of some kind of specialised intervention that is most likely unlawful in itself," said Oosthuizen.

She also advised against readily sharing personal or intimate information with strangers.

"A healthy scepticism is useful when receiving emails asking for information. Hacking is unlawful, and the interception of electronic communications is prohibited by statute unless you have a court order which will only be granted on compelling grounds."

The Sunday Independent



WARNING: Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba. (AP)

'Some are more equal than others', at DA

CAPE TOWN - When Patricia de Lille said she would consult her family to decide about her future during the next two weeks, her husband, Edwin, silently smiled to himself.

After almost 50 years of marriage, he knows all too well what that means.

"He said to me, 'you may consult us, but we know that you will do what you want anyway'," the now former mayor of Cape Town said laughingly on Friday, two days after she officially resigned as mayor and DA member.

De Lille was speaking from her home in Pinelands, where she has been spending time with her family and four Huskies, and unpacking some of her office boxes in their home study.

"My study is much smaller than the mayor's office, so everything won't fit, but I'll find a space

in the house for some of the pictures and wonderful memories I've collected over the years," she said.

After 18 months of what she calls "vicious attacks", unlike anything she has experienced in a lifetime in politics, De Lille feels nothing but relief - to be done with the whole cabal, exonerated by the court and finally "free", as she declared on the steps of the Western Cape High Court after signing her resignation last Wednesday.

News24



ANIMAL FARM STYLE: Patricia de Lille. (AP)

Govt mum as e-toll backlash continues

JOHANNESBURG - The government has remained mum on the backlash over e-toll levies on Gauteng's roads.

Amid the rejection of the system by motorists, as well as by the ANC and Cosatu in the province, it remains unclear how the Finance Ministry and the Department of Transport intend to deal with funding the road infrastructure and what alternatives are available if the system is scrapped.

In his mid-term budget speech last month, Finance Minister

Tito Mboweni said if the public wanted the country's road network to function, e-tolls had to be paid, adding that the "government remains committed to the user-pay principle".

Mboweni said the government had successfully partnered with the private sector in the past. "The N3 highway between Johannesburg and Durban and the N1/N4 platinum highway were built and are operated and maintained by the private sector. For these projects to operate efficiently, we have service

level agreements in place with our private sector partners. These kinds of partnerships will be accelerated."

On Friday, questions were posed to the Treasury on what this partnership entailed and if he (Mboweni) was willing to engage the irate stakeholders amid the growing resistance, but spokesperson Jabulani Sikhakhane said the queries had to be directed to the Department of Transport and the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL). ANA

ANOTHER FREAK ACCIDENT



ACCIDENT: Five children were injured when a minibus taxi and a car collided on Snake Road in Benoni in Ekurhuleni late on Saturday afternoon. (AP)

Congratulations!!!



HONOURABLE MINISTER SENATOR PETER NDUMISO BHEMBE

The Board of Directors, Management and staff of Eswatini Water Services Corporation offer their heartfelt congratulations to newly appointed Minister for Natural Resources and Energy Senator Peter Ndumiso Bhembe.

Congratulations Mavundla.

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice... (Proverb 29:2)

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PACKED: Lady Zamar performing live at Solani's Shisanyama last Friday night. Thousands of fun lovers came through for the South African star. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)

LADY ZAMAR SHUTS DOWN SOLANI'S SHISAYANYAMA!

Stories by Ayanda Dlamini

COLLIDE hit maker Lady Zamar thrilled thousands fun fanatics last Friday at Solani's Shisanyama.

Making her debut performance in the kingdom, the songbird and stylist left a mark with her splendid performance at the most lover hanging spot in Mbabane. She mounted the stage at 2am, Saturday morning when the place was packed to its capacity.

Dressed in a silver number, Lady Zamar came with a live band and dancers who kept the crowd entertained with their dance moves.

She thrilled her fans when she rendered hit songs such as 'Collide', 'My Baby', 'Dreaming', 'Lean On Me' to mention a few. She mounted the stage with 'Love is blind' and everyone went crazy for the South Africa star as they sang along. Speaking to this publica-

- Packs throngs of revellers
- Crazy fan gives Lady Zamar sealed Sibebe 'Ingudu' as token of appreciation

tion after her superb performance, she said she was very impressed with the crowd and the overwhelming response she received from her fans.

"Wow. I've never seen such amazing people. The vibe was too electric, the crowd was out of this world. Swazi people are the best ever. I'm really looking forward to coming back here, same place," said the keyed up singer. She also revealed that Eswatini was her second home as she has family living in Hlathikhulu and Mbabane. "This is my second home. Though I don't

come often, I have family in Hlathikhulu and here in Mbabane."



THRILLER: Lady Zamar and her dancers thrilling the attendees with their dance moves.



'WE WILL COLLIDE': Lady Zamar performing her hit song; 'Collide' at the show.



ON STAGE: Fans capturing Lady Zamar's on stage.

'I'd love to work with 'Tigi' boy'

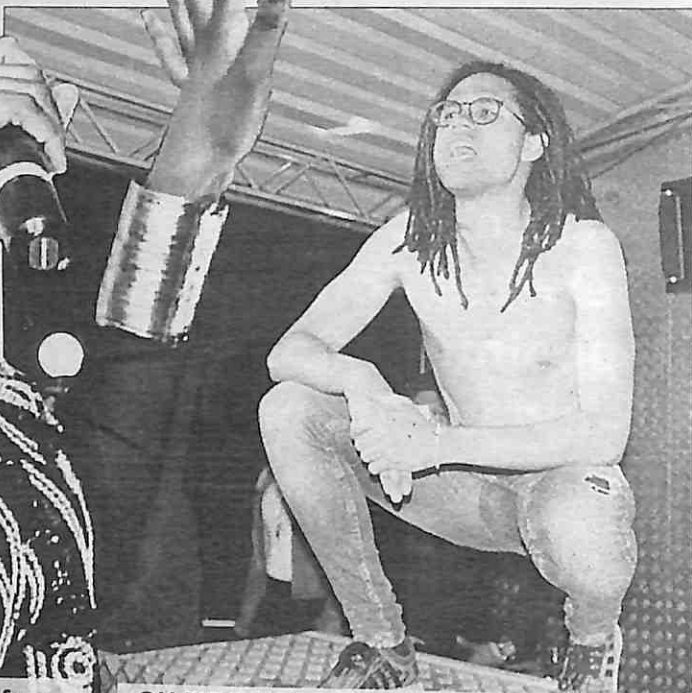
LADY Zamar revealed to this publication that she would love to work with the country's very own Sands.

"Swazis are talented and I would really love to work with the guy who made 'Tigi'; Sands. I really don't know other artists from Eswatini but Sands," she said.

Lady Zamar's fans went gaga over her when she left the stage as they

were taking snaps of the star while making her way to her car. One of the crazy fans gave Lady Zamar a 750ml of Sibebe Premium Beer, a locally brewed beer. "Oh my God, thank you. I will keep this for years. I love you so much guys," she said while receiving the sealed 750 ml bottle popularly known as 'Igundu'.

Spinners such as Zulu D, Tibo DW did the most on the turn tables as they dished out good music for the revellers.



ON FIRE: Spinner TIBO DW doing what he is famous for during his set.

Miss Zion crowning postponed

By Phetsile Mamba

FIRST ever Miss Zion competition has been postponed.

The event was to be held on

Saturday at The George Hotel in Manzini.

According to the organiser Skara Maziya, the event was postponed due to clashing of events.

"We had to postpone the event till

further notice.

A lot was happening this weekend. "Bringing Miss Zion to Eswatini has to be the most unique concept that entails Zion church members battling it out for the crown.

The finalists will only wear their Zion outfits to avoid showing a lot

of skin," he said.

Maziya said the aim of this pageant was to move with the times in church manner, encourage high level of morals, values, principles and good behaviour within the Zionist society.

This pageant will also help pro-

mote and encourage purity and zero exposure to sexual activities before marriage in accordance with the country's vision 2022.

"It will help in the fighting, prevention of teenage pregnancies which result in the high number of dropouts," he added.



WE OUTCHEA: Keddy and Nothando could not miss out on this year's Craft Festival.



SONG BIRD: Velemseni on her guitar during her performance at the 2018 Craft Festival held at Mandela's on Saturday Evening. (Pics: Nokwanda Sibandze)

CHILLED VIBES AT CRAFT FESTIVAL



IN HER ELEMENT: Velemseni captured the audience with her performance at the Craft Festival.



FUN TIMES: These ladies were also there to enjoy themselves.

Stories by Nokwanda Sibandze

LIVE music, great food, international craft beers and ciders, fairground games, were the highlight of this year's festival.

Eswatini's fourth annual Craft Festival held at Mandela's lawn on Saturday afternoon was a success.

In addition to the ever-popular craft beer, there was sensationally and locally crafted gin, vodka, liqueurs and Rum.

The beautiful Mandela's lawn fit well with the theme of the event and fun lovers came out to play. This event was for the whole family to enjoy with Eswatini's first ever bake, pie eating competition and egg toss contest.

The event also featured an all new



ELECTRIC: Sutherland Band tearing the stage down during their set.

line-up.

The stage was graced by the best of Africa's alternative scene. With music ranging from acoustic through to Indie rock, there was truly some-

thing for everyone.

Starting off the show was the Rainbow Tribe, who raised the bar high for all the artists to perform. Following their performance was

singer Hanwah who rendered a soul-touching performance which the crowd enjoyed as they danced in front of the stage.

Singer and songwriter Velemseni also made sure to pull out the best as she rendered a couple of her songs during her performance. The 'Gendza' hitmaker gave the crowd a heart-warming performance with them screaming 'encore' after her performance.

Sutherland also brought the stage down with their rendition of 'Hey Ya' by Outcast and Ed Sheeran's 'Shape of you' which made the crowd lose their minds. Sutherland was followed by Boxer Band and they gave the crowd a reason to continue with party.

The band Boxer was followed by Mouse, DJ Volume and DJ Half'n Half.

....Imbali Gin officially launched

A wide selection of locally produced spirits was available for the crowd at this year's Craft Festival were Imbali Gin seemed to be a favourite amongst the crowd.

The gin is not yet available in stores but it is currently sold at Ngwenya Glass. Reviews from the crowd were overwhelmingly positive.

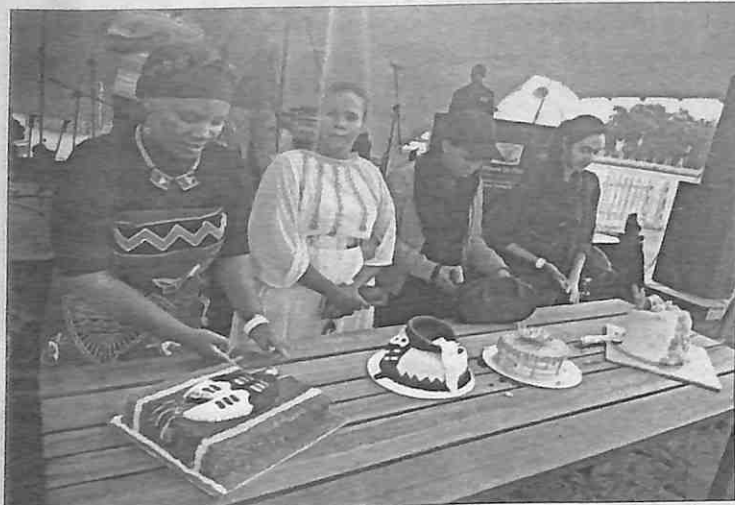
Distilled in small batches in the heart of the beautiful Kingdom of Eswatini, Imbali Gin is handcrafted using indigenous and traditional Swazi botanicals. Enjoy Imbali Signature Gin with its light invigorating citrus notes and fresh herbal body with undertones of delicate spice. The craft festival served up the best of local craft spirit and international craft



IT'S OFFICIAL: Imbali Gin bar tenders pose for a picture next to their stand.

beer scene, with many different beer and ciders, wines, cocktails and long drinks to enjoy, variety and choice were very much the theme of the day. Speaking to

the crowd some said that they are not only proud to be drinking a gin that was locally crafted but they are happy that it is of high quality as well.



TALENT: Some of the ladies displaying their cakes during the bake-off challenge.



JAMMING: Fun lovers grooving to the music as the bands play on stage.



COMPETITIVE: Contestants of the Pie-eating challenge trying to finish the pies on their plates.

By Ayanda Dlamini

THE first ever Zombodze National High School Prom Night saw a beautiful night out for the 2018 outgoing class.

The graduating class looked beautiful and dapper for their prom night and what made the night more special, was that most of the dresses and suits won by the pupils were donated by the country's personalities and other prominent people in the country.

The prom also saw Swazi Mobile Chief Customer Executive Gciniwe Fakudze and Royal Swazi Airways VVIP Commander Colonel Nhlanhla Dube as guest speakers at the event. The two dropped a few pearls of wisdom to the pupils which was appreciated.

Speaking to teacher and the organiser of the event Zanele Dlodlu, she said she would love to thank everyone who made the night possible for the outgoing class as this will be forever remembered by the pupils.

Zombodze's first ever prom night saw personalities; Thembeke 'TBK' Ndlangamandla and Bongani Shiba of 'Walking Tall with Shiba' directing the proceedings. DJ Supa CDQ was also there to entertain the students with music.

The night was filled with fun and entertainment as the pupils also shared poems and songs.

A PROM TO

..... Zombodze High School First Prom Night



FRESH: Zombodze High School hosted its first ever prom night which was held at Esibayeni Lodge last Friday. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)



STUNNER: Lindiwe Sithole introducing herself to the attendees.



GENTS: Zombodze High School boys well suited up.



PARTY TIME: Zombodze pupils on the dance floor celebrating.



POSE: Zombodze pupils captured at their prom night.

REMEMBER



THE BEST: (C) Ntombifuthi Zwane receiving her certificate from Royal Swazi Airways VVIP Commander Colonel Nhlanhla Dube and Swazi Mobile CCE Gciniwe Fakudze who were the guest speakers during the event.



COLOURFUL: The pupils' nails were on fleek.



GREENISH: Nondumiso Dlamini looked so lovely in her green dress.



GLAM: Ntombifuthi Zwane and Tanele Shongwe looking all sorts of fabulous upon their arrival.



MAJESTIC: The prom queen and king Temahlungu Gina and Siphetfo Dlamini.



GOLDEN: Nomcebo Mlangeni wore this gold gown.



GORGEIOUS: Mhlo'bisio Bhembe and Lerato Shebembe looked gorgeous.

International
Celebrity News

Lemon's twitter troll won't be charged for threats

WASHINGTON - The man who made death threats against Don Lemon last year will not have to answer for his harassment, 'cause prosecutors say he's too small of a fish, TMZ has learned.

Law enforcement sources tell TMZ, prosecutors in NY have declined to file charges against the self-proclaimed white nationalist and Trump supporter who tweeted multiple omi-



NO JUSTICE: Don Lemon.

nous messages at him last October stuff like: "F*** you n***** can't wait to stab your neck."

The reason? We are told the resources authorities would have to use to prosecute the guy far outweigh the potential punishment. Our sources say the man's behaviour amounted to misdemeanor harassment, which would've gotten him a maximum sentence of a year in jail. Translation, it's just not worth it.

TMZ

Drake accuses Vancouver casino of racial profiling

LAS VEGAS - Drake is hitting back 'Hard' against a casino in Vancouver that he claims racially profiled him, and it didn't take long for his fans to take up the cause.

Drake took to social media in the early hours of Saturday morning to let off some steam about Parq Vancouver Casino, calling it the "worst run business I have ever witnessed." He went in on them full-tilt, claiming they were "Profiling me and not

allowing me to gamble when I had everything they originally asked me for."

Almost immediately after his posting, fans went wild on the Casino's social media, flooding the comments section with backlash about the "trash" casino, and giving shout-outs to Champaign Papi.

The "God's Plan" rapper was visiting his home country while on the road for his Aubrey and the Three Migos Tour, but it clearly was not the happy homecoming he was expecting.

People Magazine

ACCUSES: Drake.

Jenner rides around NYC on bike for 23rd birthday

NEW YORK - Kendall Jenner's taking a stand in NYC, no taxis, Ubers or subways on her 23rd birthday, at least while the sun's out, anyways.

Kendall was all smiles riding a Citi Bike while sporting a green coat in Manhattan's Soho neighbourhood. She turned 23 on Saturday, so you can expect supermodel to have quite the party in store.

She kind of got things started early last Friday, with a trip to Philly and hitting up Ben Simmons for some round two actions. No word if Ben's coming along for the birthday weekend ride. The 76ers are in town right now, they play in Brooklyn Sunday, so you never know.

TMZ



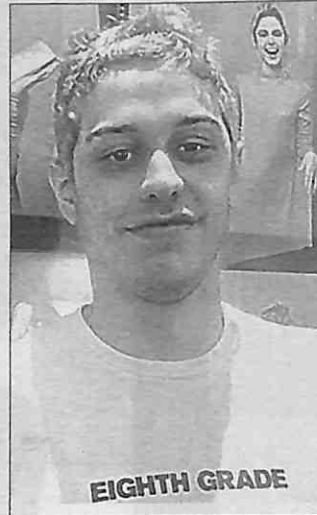
RIDING: Kendall Jenner Dewan.

Pete Davidson's not blue anymore except for his hair

NEW YORK - Pete Davidson's got bright days ahead.

The 'SNL' star headed into the weekend with an updated shade of sky blue. A colourist named Aura at Sally Hersher Salon took due credit, saying, "Had the pleasure of doing this funny guy's hair." Ariana's ex donned a similar shade during a promo for this weekend's 'SNL', asking musical guest Maggie Rogers if she wanted to get married. That backfired quickly. Breaking up with Ariana Grande turns you blue, but in a good way.

News24



NOT BLUE: Pete Davidson.

SA Celebrity News

J'Something gushes over his lady Coco

PRETORIA - J'Something is a hopeless romantic, who isn't shy to let the world know that his wife, Coco is the queen of his heart.

The Mi Casa front man often gives fans hope when it comes to #love-goals.

In his latest post J'Something gushed over his wifey being an inspiration to him.

"Today I can, without a shadow of a doubt proclaim that you my wifey are my greatest inspiration. As we walk this life together rest assured that I will continue learning to love you, trying my utmost best to replicate the love that God has for us."

J'Something got real deep about learning to love his wife on a daily basis. "So glad I didn't marry the girl I fell



GUSHES: J'Something and Coco.

in love with' but rather I married the girl I was willing to learn to love with! God is pleased with us. I remember saying those vows at our wedding day and so far we've stuck to those words so truthfully."

The singer went on to promise to uphold the marriage vows they made to each other.

Times Live

I am fired up by widow spirits - Lerato Sengadi

TEMBISA - Well-known publicist Lerato Sengadi has broken her silence on The South

Gauteng High Court's ruling that she and Jabba (HHP) had entered into a customary union, calling it a victory for "all marginalised women".

Jabba's father, Robert Tsambo refused to recognise Lerato's marriage to the star and excluded her from funeral arrangements.



FIRED UP: Lerato Sengadi.

The Tsambo family claimed Lerato was not Jabba's wife as she was never 'handed over' to their family and that lobola was not fully paid.

Taking to social media last Friday evening Lerato poured her heart out about what the ruling meant to her.

"Today was bigger than me! Motho always saw greatness in me that I sometimes didn't

see in myself. News24

Anele Mdoda has bagged a new gig

JOHANNESBURG - Anele Mdoda has been announced as the new host of 'The Voice' SA when season three of the popular reality show airs in February next year.

M-Net confirmed the news through a statement last Friday morning. Anele will step into her new role when Blind Auditions kick off later this month.

"Sho, I still can't believe I'm going to be the host of such a massive M-Net production. Since 1992, when my parents bought our first decoder, I've been dream-

ing of seeing myself on my favourite television channel. Best of all, talent shows, especially those that give South Africans a time to shine, are my thing!

"I love, love, love The Voice. There is a very special camaraderie among the coaches, host and talent. Everyone does their best to make everyone else look and feel good. It's friendly, it's warm, it's me! I am truly blessed that M-Net is giving me this opportunity and am excited to be there when red chairs turn to change people's lives," Anele said.

Sowetan

BAGGS: Anele Mdoda.

Prince Kaybee shows off all the signatures on his car

DURBAN - Popular DJ Prince Kaybee has come up with a clever idea to

show

his appreciation to fans by getting them to sign his car.

While his fans across the country have been approaching Prince Kaybee for his autograph, the star has turned the tables on them and asked them for theirs.

Speaking to TshisaLIVE Prince Kaybee said he wanted to show his

appreciation to fans who had supported his career up until now and had a brainwave.

"I have always tried to involve my fans in my life and, at the same time, move the support forward. That was when I thought they should sign something. T-shirts and CDs are overrated. So I put my car on the spot to see how this goes."

ALL SIGNATURES:
Prince Kaybee

The reaction so far has been overwhelming. Times Live



WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY



TENSION: Dabula.

Tensions soar between Dabula and the Elders but he makes his wishes clear. Duma's attempts to mediate a difficult situation do not go as planned. Khanyi gets support for her council appointment from an unlikely source.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

When Lincoln fails to heed her pleas, Nina strikes first. Hendrik receives good news while Zandre

further isolates himself. Lungi makes it clear to all concerned that she's a consummate professional.



STRIKES FIRST: Nina.

Muvhango

TODAY



STILL HERE: Imani.

Livhuwani refuses to do the DNA test. Moliehi's attempt to get rid of Imani backfires. Vho-Mukondeleli makes a plan to mend Vhangani's broken heart.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



Kop wonders what's wrong with Blossom. Lungile is on the verge of a breakdown. Mapula faces her headmistress.

FACES: Mapula.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Jay Z legs look like the preacher threw some oil on him and said "stand up and walk"



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19
If a friend or acquaintance gives you advice about money or investments today, don't take it. To follow this unknowledgeable person's lead might prove to be disastrous. Participation in group activities also isn't advisable. They could get out of hand, and you could find end up in the middle of an angry crowd. This is a great day to stay home, Capricorn. Work on your own project.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18
Gossip and bad feelings among co-workers or in a group could occur today, and there might be some political shenanigans that it would be in your best interests to avoid. This isn't a good day to go to lunch with co-workers. Get away by yourself. Don't believe anything you hear. Chances are it isn't true. Keep to yourself and don't offer any opinions, Aquarius. To do so might be unfortunate.



Pisces February 19 – March 20
Too much running around might have you feeling exhausted and under the weather today, Pisces. You may have been exercising a little too much. Therefore, this is a good day to avoid exercise and get some rest. Don't push yourself too hard! This isn't a good day to plan or start a vacation. Wait a few days, as trips planned at this time could be fraught with glitches.



Aries March 21 – April 19
You could feel extremely passionate today, Aries. You might want to connect with a love partner but be prevented by circumstances. You might be attracted to racier novels or movies. Repressed anger could bubble up from your subconscious and seek an outlet. This is a great day to channel that anger into some artistic activity. Don't be surprised if you use a lot of red!



Taurus April 20 – May 20
Electrical or plumbing problems with your house might come up. Call a professional, Taurus. Don't try to fix it yourself, because you could make it worse. Friends might want to visit, but tell them to wait until another day. Discussions could quickly deteriorate into arguments today. This is a great day to work quietly alone on whatever interests you the most.



Gemini May 21 – June 21
Stay close to home today, Gemini. Spending too much time in the car could lead to stress or, in extreme cases, minor accidents. On the job, this could turn out to be one of those days. Avoid office politics and stay out of arguments. Try to sequester yourself and do your work alone. Days like this are best used to take care of your affairs quickly



and efficiently.

Cancer June 22 – July 22
Money matters might take a turn for the worse today. Don't fly off the handle because of this, Cancer. Use every bit of financial savvy you have to put things straight. Try to remain calm and collected when dealing with stubborn people. Don't be drawn into arguments. You will be able to pull everything together again, but only by your ingenuity. Don't depend on others.



Leo July 23 – August 22
Leo, check your house to make certain everything is in working order. There are indications that small hazards could exist that need correcting. Tension might run high among family members, and quarrels could result. Don't waste time trying to mediate. They will have to work it out for themselves.



Virgo August 23 – September 22
Short visits in your neighborhood could catapult you into some negative situations, Virgo. It's best to stay close to home if you can. An angry letter or call could put you in a shaky mood. This isn't a day to socialise. Days like this are best spent keeping to yourself and throwing your energy into taking care of whatever you're working on.



Libra September 23 – October 23
Today you might be a bit worried about your financial affairs, Libra. A past mistake could have led to some rather upsetting consequences. Now you need to harness every bit of skill you have in order to set things straight. Your knowledge of modern technology could help. A friend might try to pick a quarrel with you, but it's best to stay cool, neutral, and out of the discussion.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21
Your physical energy is very high today, Scorpio. You're likely to want to get out and exercise, perhaps jog through the park or attend an aerobics class. Be careful! You might not be as fit as you think, and trying too hard could cause minor injuries.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21
Uncertainty about spiritual matters and doubt about your insights might have you down in the dumps today. Don't try to force any solutions - it won't work. This isn't a good day to be out and about, because travel of any kind could pose problems. This is also a bad day to plan or start a vacation. Stay close to home and take care of practicalities, Sagittarius. That way you will be calm by evening.



BABY BLUES



BUCKLES



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PUZZLE CHOICE

TREES

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



ALDER, BEECH, BIRCH,
CEDAR, CHERRY,
CHESTNUT, CYPRESS,
LARCH, MAPLE, OLIVE,
PALM, PEACH, PEAR, PINE,

PLUM, POPLAR,
REDWOOD, SPRUCE,
SYCAMORE, VIBURNUM,
WALNUT, WILLOW.

A DRUNK MAN

A man was drinking at a bar and the bartender came over to tell him he had a visitor waiting for him outside the bar.

He had just bought another large beer and he didn't want anyone to drink it. So, he wrote a little sign

on a piece of paper and left it by his beer that said: "I spit in my beer."

When he returned to his bar stool there was another note beside his beer: "I spit in your beer too!"

USELESS FACTS

1. A blue whale's heart is so big that a small child can swim through its veins.
2. Tupac danced ballet in high school and ended up portraying the 'Mouse King' in a production of 'The Nutcracker'.
3. A strawberry is not actually a berry, but a banana is.
4. When a male bee climaxes, their testicles explode then they die.
5. The adult human has two to nine pounds of bacteria in his or her body.

BRAINTEASERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

FRIDAY'S BRAINTEASER

1. This is a fruit that you might be fed. You just need to mix yellow and red
Answer: Orange

2. If you go see a movie, you have to get some of this. And then add butter or salt for a taste, that's simply bliss.
Answer: Popcorn

TODAY'S BRAINTEASERS

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BABY DAM DAM AND VAVA VOOM ON THE WAY! – ISIBAYA

miracle! Saddam and Lillian are having a baby.
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It started off as fleeting flirting, but now Saddam and Lillian are hopelessly in love and about to have a baby.

Life has not been easy for the Ngwenyas, especially Sis' Lillian. She has had more losses than wins in a short space of time. First she lost her taxi to Iris, then she lost her only granddaughter in gun attack, it wasn't long before her Shisa Nyama business burned down and shortly after her house.

So finding love with Saddam came right on time for the embattled Gog' Lillian. She needed a bodyguard, and Saddam turned out to be far more



than capable.

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much as Lillian, is her daughter Beauty.

Mourning the loss of her daughter

Zama was particularly difficult. Both Beauty and Lillian took this loss hard,

wearing their mourning attire long after their daughter had passed.

Now, Lillian is receiving the perfect gift for all she has lost – a beautiful baby on the way with the new love of her life.

Baby Dam Dam/Vava Voom is well on the way and will surely get tongues talking. Beauty has barely accepted her mother's relationship with Saddam, and now adding fuel to fire is her mother falling pregnant in her old age with a baby after Beauty has lost her only biological child.

Can Beauty accept having a new sibling?

Judas Ngwenya is another factor to consider. He was more than displeased when Lillian bought Saddam a brand new Jeep. Their squabble lasted well into the jail cells. Can he accept that Saddam will be the father of his mother in law's child? That may give Saddam more power in the family than any of them are willing to accept.

Can Dam Dam and Vava Voom keep their love and their baby in this dangerous family and business? Stay tuned to #Isibaya every Monday to Friday at 20:30 to find out!

Things get physical between Lindiwe and Andile on 'The River'

LOOK, we know that Lindiwe meddling in Andile's private affairs as never a good idea, but has Andile taken his promiscuity too far?

Andile and Lindiwe's relationship has been on a very rocky path since Andile started acting completely out of character. And last night, their relationship took a whole new level when Njabulo handed in his resignation after breaking up with Andile.

Now, while we were hopeful that Njabulo's return would do good for Andile, it seems that Andile is anything but ready to give up his promiscuous

ways, and Njabulo hasn't got time for games. It also doesn't help that TJ keeps making an appearance each time Andile attempts to clean up his act. This time, Njabulo caught the two "lovers" flirting with one another at a party at 'The Oracle'.

Andile tried to explain that his encounter with TJ didn't mean anything, but Njabulo was clearly over Andile.

After calling it quits and wishing Lindiwe the best of luck in taming his loose son, Lindiwe headed straight to Andile and gave him a good piece of her mind. Andile didn't hold back and spat right back at his mom.

Lindiwe returned her son's rudeness with a slap so hard we heard our eardrums ring.

We don't know whether either one of them has learnt their lesson, or if it'll take a third party to calm mother and son.

All we know is that we'll be tuned into 'The River' at 20:00 tonight (and every night after that) to see how far things will go.



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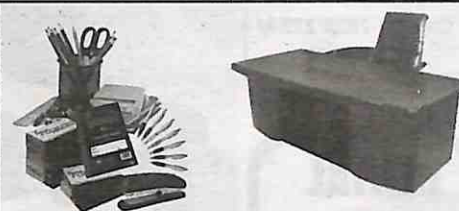
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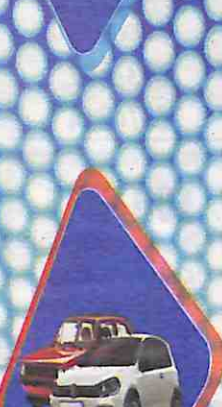
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AC Milan 'eyeing up move' to bring Zlatan back to Europe

LOS ANGELES - Zlatan Ibrahimovic is gearing up for a sensational return to AC Milan after LA Galaxy failed to qualify for the MLS play-offs.

The Swede moved to the US in March, but, according to Tuttosport, is keen to return to Europe and Milan when his deal expires at the end of the year.

Ibrahimovic scored 56 goals in 85 games for AC between 2010 and 2012, having also enjoyed success at Inter Milan earlier in his career.

Now AC want him back and Ibrahimovic

is open to a move - he scored 22 goals in 27 MLS games and believes he can still do it at the top level. Italian media report that the only problem at the moment is a difference in opinion when it comes to the length of the deal.

AC want to offer the 37-year-old a six-month deal, with a view to extending that to the 2019-2020 season.

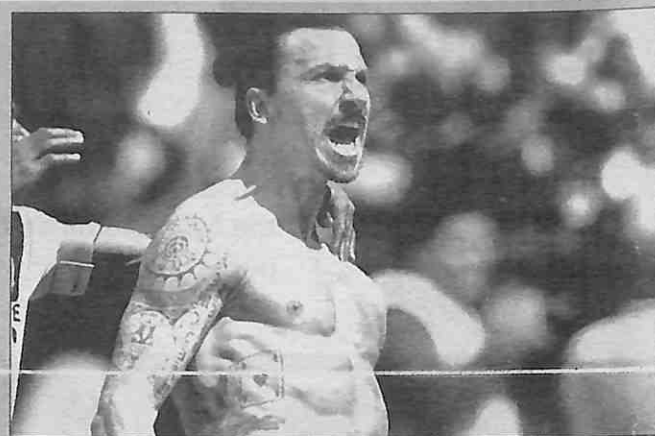
But Ibrahimovic wants an 18-month deal straight away and, if he gets it, is expected to earn €1.5million (£1.32m) per year.

The Swede would reportedly like to end his playing career at the San Siro and a move is looking increasingly likely.

AC are currently fourth in Serie A and Gennaro Gattuso wants to strengthen his squad as they push for Champions League qualification.

He is playing two strikers, but lacks strength in depth in that position - and, on the face of it, Ibrahimovic would be the ideal man to fill the void.

Daily Mail



COME BACK: Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

MARQUEZ WINS MOTOGP AS ROSSI CRASHES OUT

KUALA LUMPUR - World champion Marc Marquez won his ninth race of the MotoGP season after Italian great Valentino Rossi crashed out four laps from the finish while leading the Malaysian Grand Prix yesterday.

Marquez wrapped up his fifth world title with three races to spare in Japan last month but looked like having to settle for second in front of nearly 104 000 fans at the Sepang International Circuit. Seven-times world champion Rossi, who last won 26 races ago in Assen, had streaked past pole-sitter Johann Zarco at the start and built up a lead of seven tenths of a second when his bike came out from under him on turn one. Marquez, who had topped the times in qualifying but relegated six places on the grid for impeding Suzuki's Andrea Iannone, safely negotiated the remaining four laps to secure his 44th win in the top class of grand prix racing.

The Spaniard's victory in 40 minutes 32.372 seconds also secured the constructors' championship for Honda for the fourth straight year with one round of the season remaining. "I was pushing hard and starting to catch Vale but when I saw his mistake then I cooled down and just finished the race," said Marquez. "It was the best way to celebrate the championship ..."

Alex Rins finished second for Suzuki



WINNER: World champion Marc Marquez.

ahead of Yamaha rider Zarco with Rossi's team-mate Maverick Vinales, who gave Yamaha a first win of the season in Australia last week, a creditable fourth after starting 11th on the grid. Italian Andrea Dovizioso was sixth behind Honda's Dani Pedrosa to ensure he will finish second in the championship ahead of Rossi, who crossed the line in 18th.

Hafizh Syahrin, who became the first Malaysian rider to compete in MotoGP this season, finished 10th on his Yamaha despite starting at the back of the grid. Earlier, both junior titles were decid-

ed with Italian Pecco Bagnaia sealing the Moto2 world championship for the Sky Racing VR46 team by finishing third as his team-mate Luca Marini, team owner Rossi's half-brother, secured a maiden victory.

South Africa's Brad Binder finished eighth on his Red Bull KTM, following a tough qualifying, and still he lies in third place in the rider's championship. Binder won last week's Australian Moto2 race. Spain's Jorge Martin secured the Moto3 title with his seventh win of a season he has dominated for Honda.

Reuters

Wayne Rooney shock England return against USA

LONDON - Wayne Rooney will be included in England's squad this week as he is given a Wembley farewell.

Former England captain Rooney, 33, will be given a

late run-out against USA later this month in the international friendly.

Rooney will also train with the group as they prepare for the Nations League game with Croatia as part of a farewell tribute to England's record scorer.

But Rooney will not captain England with the formal announcement due out on Sunday.

It will be Rooney's 120th cap for his country as a farewell he never got after Gareth Southgate curtailed his England career.

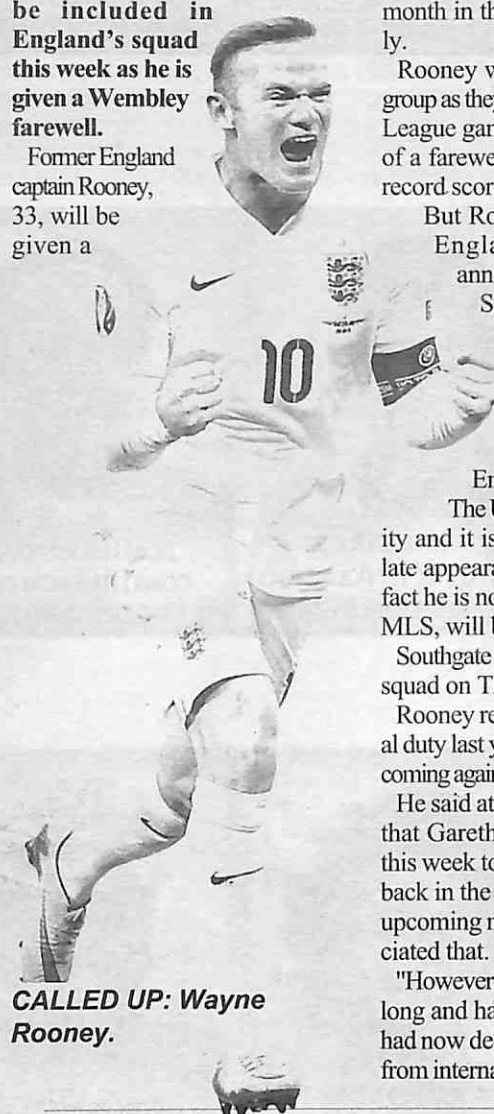
The USA friendly is for charity and it is hoped that Rooney's late appearance, coupled with the fact he is now at DC United in the MLS, will be well received.

Southgate names his next England squad on Thursday.

Rooney retired from international duty last year with his final game coming against Scotland at Hampden.

He said at the time: "It was great that Gareth Southgate called me this week to tell me he wanted me back in the England squad for the upcoming matches. I really appreciated that."

"However, having already thought long and hard, I told Gareth that I had now decided to retire for good from international football. *Mirror*



CALLED UP: Wayne Rooney.

Reason behind Ronaldo's special '400' shirt revealed

TURIN - Cristiano Ronaldo has only been at Juventus for what seems like five minutes and he has already been awarded a special commemorative shirt.

Portuguese superstar Ronaldo has made 13 appearances for Juve since sensationally upping sticks from Real Madrid - for around £100million. During his stint in Serie A he has already notched seven goals in 11 league games to help the Turin based side to an unbeaten start to the season - and top spot. And it was the fifth of his tally that led to Juventus President Andrea Agnelli to hand Ronaldo a custom shirt with the number 400 on the back before the fixture with Cagliari.

The reason? Ronaldo's incredi-

ble 400 goals in Europe's top five leagues. The five-time Ballon d'Or winner became the first player in history to reach the magical number after his spells at Manchester United, Real Madrid and now Juve.

He managed to reach the round figure during Juventus' Serie A clash with Genoa last month - which ended 1-1.

Ronaldo went on to take his tally to 402 against Empoli a week later, saving his side's blushes against the relegation threatened side having gone behind. But the match-up with Cagliari on Saturday was the first time Juve had played at the Allianz Stadium since he notched his history making goal.

Mirror

Furious Monaco fans vent their frustrations at Henry

MONACO - Thierry Henry must be wondering what he signed up for as Monaco's new coach.

After four matches, the France great has yet to win one, and his side is languishing in 19th place in the French league after losing at

Reims 1-0.

Even with Colombia striker Radamel Falcao back from injury and coming off the bench for the entire second half, Monaco failed to score after Reims midfielder Alaixys

Romao was sent off after 50 minutes.

Monaco midfielder Pele was red-carded with 20 minutes left.

Henry has little to cheer him up, either. Next weekend Monaco is at home to runaway leader Paris Saint-Germain, which has won its opening 12 games to set a European record for the top five leagues. PSG's latest win was 2-1 at home against Lille last Friday.

Meanwhile, Lyon missed the chance to move into third place when it drew Bordeaux 1-1 at home, despite taking the lead through highly rated midfielder Houssem Aouar's fourth goal of the season. *Daily Mail*



DRY SPELL: Monaco boss Thierry Henry.



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DAY ONE

BENNI MCCARTHY KNOWS WHICH CITY PLAYERS HE CAN RELY ON

CAPE TOWN - Cape Town City coach Benni McCarthy says he has learnt which players in his squad he can rely on, and needs no more convincing thereof.

In his 56 matches as head coach since taking over from Eric Tinkler at the start of last

season, McCarthy has frequently preached his mantra of hard work being rewarded with a place in his team, often changing his line-ups or introducing new players into the fold who he felt deserved a chance.

When quizzed about his

changes in midfield in City's last game, a 3-0 victory over AmaZulu where Roland Putsche returned to the line-up after missing out in his side's 2-0 Telkom Knockout defeat to the same opposition four days earlier, McCarthy admitted there were some exceptions

to his strict stance.

"As coaches you realise which players need no convincing in training - when you don't have them, you see the difference in the team," he began.

Principles

"I'm one of those guys who stick to their principles and say if you don't work and don't train, you don't play."

But there are individuals where there is an exception: if I know a certain player is available and what he gives me and how he works... they know who they are.

When Roland is fit and not suspended and can play, he's in the team. Thabo

Nodada is another one - when they give you those kinds of things, you accept that that is what is going to happen.

"And on Saturday you saw the US marshal on the pitch was back - that mlungu controlled that midfield, gee whiz, like a general. It was also nice to see Teko [Modise] back in there with 'Rolly' and Thabo, so I'm excited to have all my players back." *Kick Off*



Micho defends his players for showboating

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates coach Milutin Sredojevic has defended his players for showboating in their Telkom Knockout quarter-final victory at Moses Mabhida Stadium on Saturday night.

A brace from Theminkosi Lorch and another from midfielder Xola Mlambo secured 3-1 victory over Usuthu in extra-time, as the Buccaneers progressed to the semi-finals.

Towards the end of the game Pirates com-

fortably to the next stage of this competition, Pirates players started enjoying themselves a bit more on the ball, giving the 22 449 supporters at the stadium something to cheer about, other than the goals.

Micho says it's more about pleasing the fans and he does not see it as disrespecting the opponents. "You need to know something, football is played for supporters. We are here serving and soldiering for them," Micho said at the press conference when asked what about showboating if it's something he encourages his players. *Kick Off*

Orland Pirates won't rush into announcing Ndengane's acquisition

JOHANNESBURG - The Soweto giants are yet to announce the centre back's arrival despite his presence at the club.

Orlando Pirates remain cagey regarding defender Alfred Ndengane's impending move to the Buccaneers. Ndengane has reportedly been training with Pirates, but an announcement is yet to be made.

"We will wait for the right time and then announce everything regarding Ndengane. That is what I can say for now," Pirates' administrator Floyd Mbele told Isolezwe. *Kick Off*



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FINAL RESTING PLACE: Leicester have arrived in Thailand for club chairman Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha's 7-day funeral.



TRIBUTE: Srivaddhanaprabha's seven-day funeral began on Saturday with the Foxes arriving after their 1-0 victory over Cardiff.

LEICESTER PLAYERS IN BANGKOK TO PAY RESPECTS TO VICHAI

BANGKOK - Players and staff from Leicester City were set to arrive in Bangkok yesterday to attend a mourning rite for the club's chairman Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha, whose death last week in a helicopter crash stunned the Premier League club.

Yesterday marked the second day of a week-long ceremony held at Wat Thepsirin, one of Bangkok's most famous temples which typically serves as the site for funerals of very important Thais.

Over the coming days Thailand's business and political elites are expected to visit the temple to pay their respects, while monks will

chant Buddhist verses over the duty-free mogul's body.

Vichai, 60, died last week, along with four others, when his helicopter crashed and burst into flames moments after taking off from Leicester's pitch following a match.

His death sent shockwaves through Leicester, where the charismatic Vichai had become a beloved figure in the club and the city – a feat rarely achieved by the Premier League's foreign owners.

It was under Vichai's ownership that Leicester crafted one of the biggest fairytales in English football history by winning the 2015/16 Premier

League, having started the season as 5 000-1 outsiders for the title.

On Saturday the team played at Cardiff City, their first match since his death, with players from both teams coming together to pay their respects before the game.

Massive banners featuring Thailand's flag saying 'R.I.P. Vichai' moved across the stadium, and the crowd observed a minute of silence. Fans wore T-shirts with Vichai's picture on it, underneath the words "The Boss". After the match, 13 members of Leicester City – including manager Claude Puel, striker Jamie Vardy and Shinji Okazaki – boarded a char-

tered flight to Bangkok, according to a statement from Vichai's company, King Power. Along with director of football Jon Rudkin, the other players attending are all part of the first-team squad.

They are team captain Wes Morgan, defenders Harry Maguire, Christian Fuchs and Ben Chiwell, midfielders Wilfred Ndidi, James Maddison, Marc Albrighton and Andy King.

Goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel – who is believed to be the closest of all the Leicester players to Vichai – will also attend the funeral.

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Pochettino salutes Spurs' fighting spirit

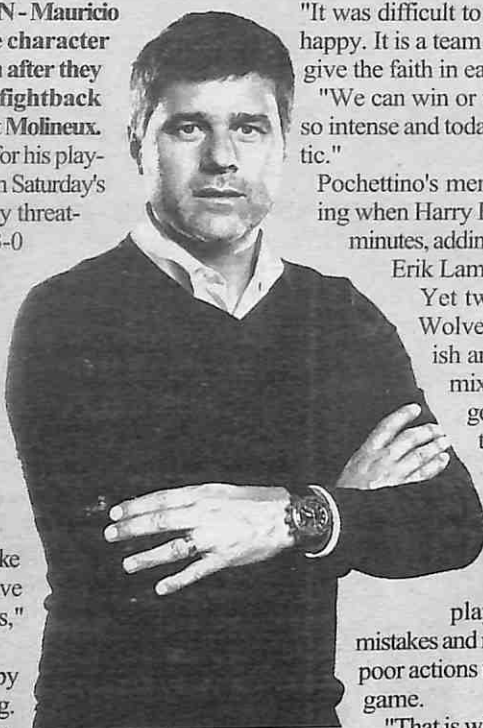
WOLVERHAMPTON - Mauricio Pochettino hailed the character of his Tottenham team after they withstood a Wolves fightback to grind out a 3-2 win at Molineux.

Pochettino was keen for his players to learn the lessons on Saturday's thrilling clash after they threatened to throw away a 3-0 lead in a tense finale.

But the Tottenham manager also praised his team's fighting qualities after former England defender Gary Neville this week labelled previous Tottenham teams as 'spineless'.

"When some people make some comments you have to respect the comments," Pochettino said.

"But yes, I was so happy right from the beginning. Since I arrived here we created a very good culture about fight and altogether the belief.



HEAP PRAISES: Tottenham manager Mauricio Pochettino.

"It was difficult to create that but I am so happy. It is a team that is always going to give the faith in each game.

"We can win or we can lose but we are so intense and today the effort was fantastic."

Pochettino's men appeared to be cruising when Harry Kane made it 3-0 on 61 minutes, adding to first half goals from Erik Lamela and Lucas Moura.

Yet two late penalties from Wolves set up a nervous finish and left Pochettino with mixed feelings. "When we got to 3-0 we thought and the whole stadium thought the game was over," he said.

"When we arrive in that situation we need to learn about how to play seriously, not make mistakes and not give opponents such poor actions that they can stay in the game.

"That is why I am happy for three points but disappointed with some of the performance."

AFP

Messi named in Barca squad for Inter clash

BARCELONA - Lionel Messi has been named in Barcelona's squad for their Champions League clash against Inter.

The Blaugrana released the news yesterday, stating that the Argentine has been included 'without medical all clear.' Barcelona have been without Messi for their last four games in all competitions after he suffered a fractured arm in their 4-2 win over Sevilla on 20 October.

However, Messi returned to training last Wednesday and has now been included in the squad for Barcelona's trip to Inter. Barcelona and Inter sit first and second respectively in Group B in the Champions League as both sides battle to qualify for the knockout stage. Ernesto Valverde's men have been in stunning form without their star man, recording victories over Inter and Real Madrid. The Liga giants also defeated Cultural Leonesa and Rayo Vallecano in Messi's absence but the forward's return is a huge boost with big away clashes against Inter and Atletico Madrid to come. Messi has been in fine form so far this term, scoring 12 goals with Barcelona top of La Liga and in control of their Champions League group.

Goal



INCLUDED: Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi.

United 'struggling to agree new contracts' with de Gea, Martial

MANCHESTER - Manchester United are struggling to agree new contracts with important players including David de Gea and Anthony Martial as a consequence of Alexis Sanchez's significant wages.

Sanchez is on a basic salary of £350

000 per week at United and also receives a £75 000 bonus for each appearance that he makes.

As reported by The Mirror, the agents of players including De Gea and Martial, are using Sanchez's wages as a guide during negotiations over new contracts.

Both players' current contracts expire next summer but United have an option to extend their deals by a further year.

De Gea, widely regarded as one of the standout goalkeepers in world football, is currently on wages of £175 000 per week.

The Spanish shot-stopper now believes that earning £300 000 a week is not unrealistic for him.

Martial, meanwhile, currently earns £70 000 per week with United willing to double his wages, but an agreement hasn't yet been reached between both parties. United have a host of other players out of contract next

summer, with Juan Mata, Ashley Young, Antonio Valencia, Matteo Darmian, Ander Herrera, Chris Smalling, Phil Jones and Andreas Pereira all falling into that category.

Of those, United have an option to extend by a further year on Valencia, Darmian and Pereira's deals.

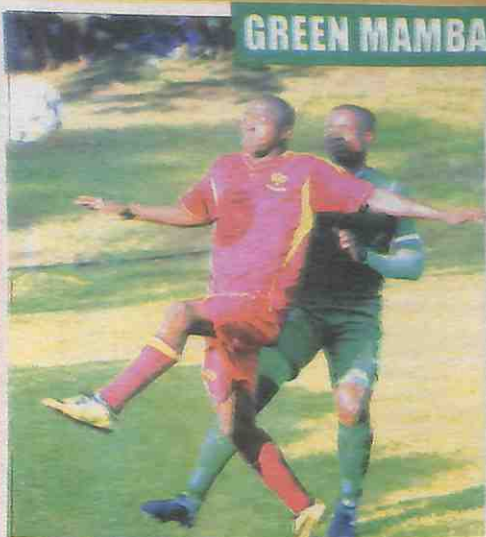
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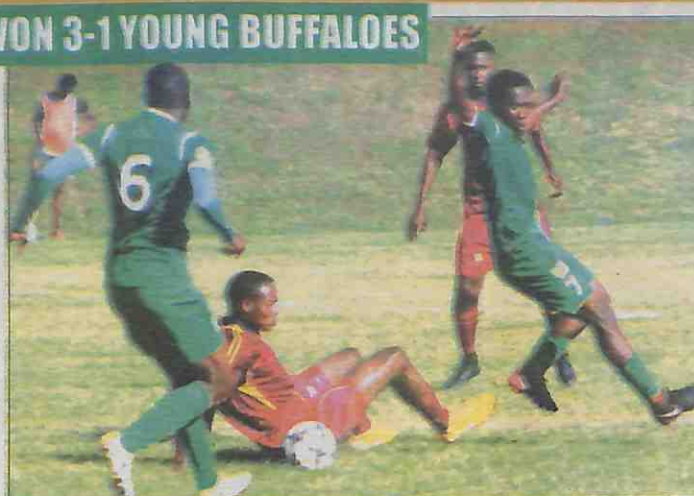
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GREEN MAMBA WON 3-1 YOUNG BUFFALOES



CONTROLS: Fanelo 'Order' Mamba of Young Buffaloes brings the ball under control as Green Mamba's Sanele Tshawuka keeps a close watch in this MTN League encounter played at Nsukuwansuku Stadium on Saturday. Green Mamba won 3-1. (Pics: Sabelo Gwebu)



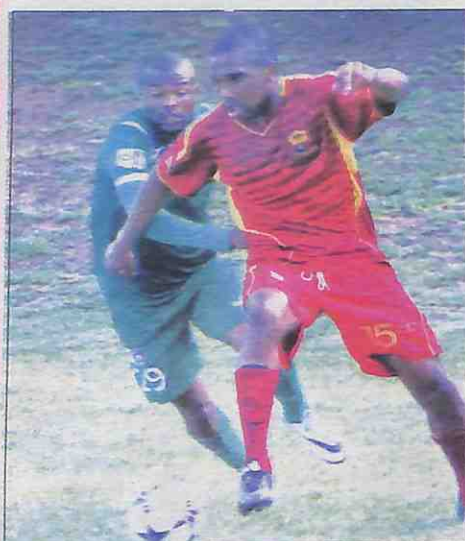
MAN DOWN: Buffaloes' Siboniso 'Gaxa' Ngwenya wins a tackle from Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo as Mcolisi Mkhontfo closes in.



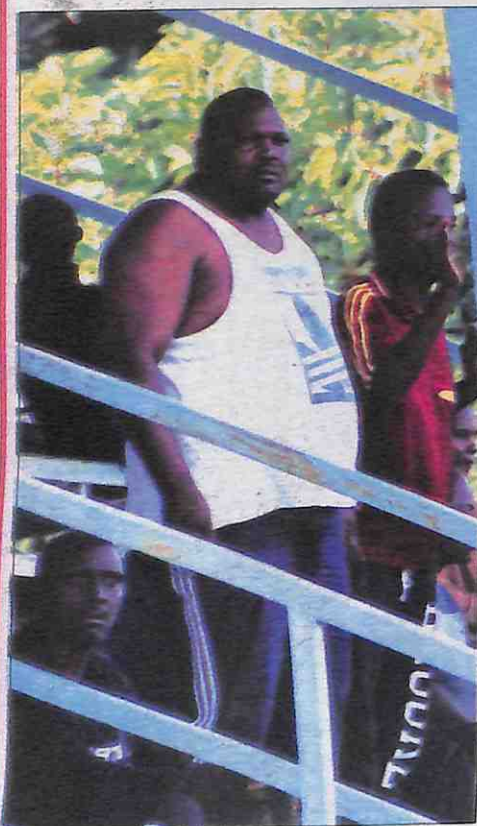
OOPSI! Khethokuhle Mkhontfo attempts to block a shot from Fanelo 'Order' Mamba.



IN: Goalkeeper Nhlanhla Gwebu watches as this attempt from Phinda 'Phindrix' Dlamini brushes off the crossbar.



MY BALL: Buffaloes' Sihlangu Mkhwanazi dashing away with the ball from Musa Dlamini.



IF LOOKS COULD KILL: Buffaloes watch in awe as their side goes down.



SHIELD: Wandile Maseko protects the ball from Phinda 'Phindrix' Dlamini.



AWAY: Njabulo Tfwala clears the ball from Sanele Ngcamphalala.



BATTLE: Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo completes a pass under pressure from Wandile Maseko.

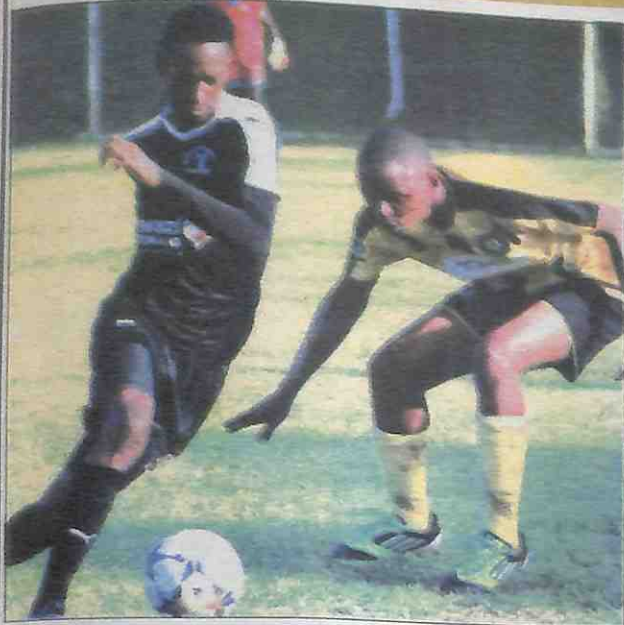


CHAT: Coach Caleb Ngwenya talks to his Green Mamba bench during the match.



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CONTROL: Mbabane Highlanders striker Thabiso Mokenkoane negotiating his way past Matsapha United defender Sihawu Dlamini, during an MTN Premier League encounter played at Mhlume Stadium yesterday. Highlanders won 1-0. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



MY BALL: Highlanders captain Xolani Chocco' Sibandze shielding the ball past two Matsapha United players.

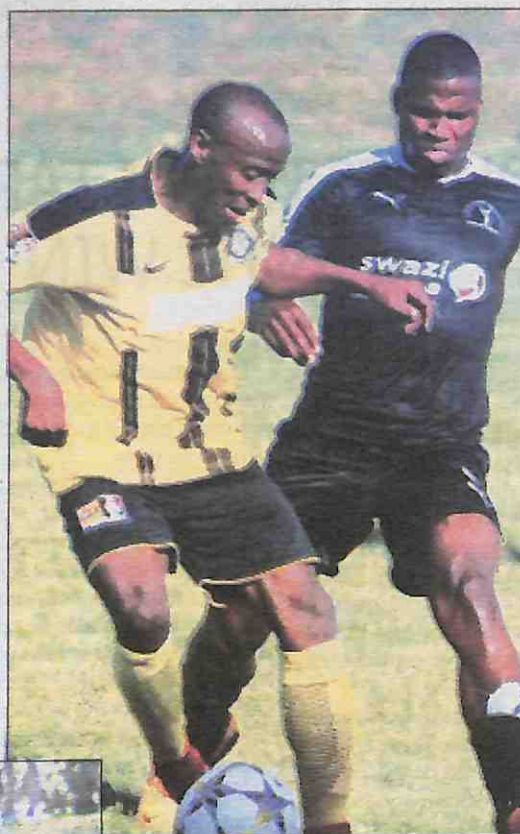
MBABANE HIGHLANDERS 1-0 MATSAPHA UNITED



NET: Matsapha United goalkeeper Innocent Obanai fails to stop the Highlanders goal.



PUSH PUSH: Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze tussling for the ball against an opposition player.



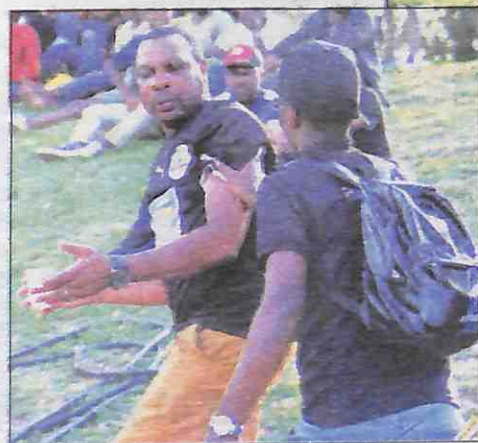
FIGHT: Matsapha United midfielder Clement Sibandze and Menzi Sithole fight for the ball.



CONTROLS: United's Sifiso Dlamini controlling the ball in front of Peter Dlamini.



VYING: Highlanders defender Sibonelo Dlamini dashing with the ball away from Sifiso Dlamini.



WAR: Highlanders supporters having an altercation.



BULL: Mbabane Highlanders supporters cheering on their team.

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● Aaron Ramsey could be set for a surprise move to Bayern Munich after the Bundesliga giants expressed an interest in signing the 27-year-old Welsh midfielder when he leaves Arsenal next summer. (*Sunday Express*)

● Real Madrid President Florentino Perez wants caretaker Manager Santiago Solari to stay in charge until he can convince Mauricio Pochettino to leave Tottenham. The Spanish giants sacked Julen Lopetegui last week. (*Sunday Mirror*)

● Barcelona are planning a move for Chelsea's Brazilian defender David Luiz in January. The 31-year-old is out of contract at the end of the season. (*Sunday Express*)



● Manchester United's plans to hand new contracts to Spanish goalkeeper David de Gea, 27, and French forward Anthony Martial, 22, are being hampered by the £400,000 weekly wage they gave Chilean forward Alexis Sanchez, 29, in January. (*Sunday Mirror*)

● Chelsea and Manchester City both want to sign Sunderland's 17-year-old English midfielder Bali Mumba, who has only made four league appearances for the League One side. (*Sun on Sunday*)

● Manchester City Manager Pep Guardiola has defended his tactics after being criticised by former England international Gary Neville. (*Observer*)

● Tottenham want to sign Colombia midfielder Wilmar Barrios from Boca Juniors in January. The 25-year-old could be available for £16m. (*Daily Star Sunday*)



● The UK government would firmly oppose any plans to form a breakaway European super league. (*Sunday Telegraph*)

● West Ham are considering a loan move for Greek striker Kostas Mitroglou in January. The 30-year-old is currently at Marseille but would be available. (*Mail on Sunday*)

● Everton are keen on a move for Crystal Palace's English right-back Aaron Wan-Bissaka, 20, and could allow English winger Ademola Lookman, 21, to move the other way as part of the deal. (*Sun on Sunday*)

● The Football Association has started interviewing candidates to replace former technical director Dan Ashworth, with ex-Newcastle, Tottenham and QPR striker Les Ferdinand among the applicants. (*Mail on Sunday*)



NYANGA HAPPY WITH DRAW

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER - MANZINI Wanderers coach Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe says he is happy with the point they got in their match against Moneni Pirates.

The seasoned mentor said this during his post-match interview after his side played to a 1-1 stalemate in an MTN Premier League clash played at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday.

'Crooks' said a point from this match was better because most of his players were with injuries including tricky winger Mike Dombo.

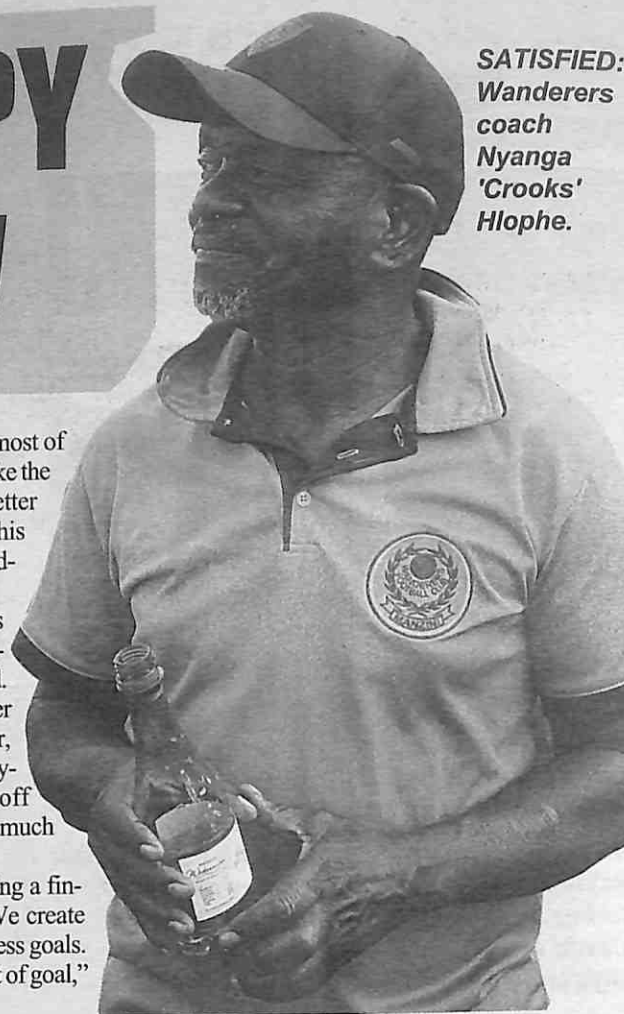
"I think we have to be proud of ourselves and what we did today. We played well, remember we are still trying to get back to our best form and most of our players are out with injuries. The bad weather worked against

us on that front and hence we had most of our stars away. I think we should take the point as a positive though. It is better than nothing and going forward this will motivate the boys to work harder come the next match," he said.

Meanwhile, his Moneni Pirates counterpart Terisayi Changara lauded his boys for fighting until the end.

"The boys showed character. After starting off in a rather slow manner, we upped the tempo and started playing our best football. This paid off because we eventually scored the much needed goal.

I think we need to work on getting a finisher. That's just what we need. We create too many opportunities, but score less goals. We need to be more clinical in front of goal," he said.



SATISFIED: Wanderers coach Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe.

YOUNGSTERS STAR IN TAMBUTI WIN

By Jongile Xuba

SOCCER - TAMBUTI coach Alou Badara said he was happy to see his youngsters come to the party during their 1-0 win against Vovovo.

This was during an MTN Premier League match played at the Prince of Wales Ground on Saturday.

The coach said he had to use five players, who were promoted from their Under-20 team.

Three of the five players made the starting eleven. These are left back Siboniso Shiba, central defender Thobani Dlamini and centre forward Msimisi Motsa, who all started the match.

Midfielder Sabelo Ndwandwe and right back Bahle Dlamini were also used as substitutes to help the team secure Tambuti's victory over Vovovo.

Badara said he was impressed with the tactical discipline his young charges showed during the

match.

"Last season these boys were playing in the reserve league, but you could not tell today as they came to the party.

They followed instructions and executed the game plan well." Shiba and Thobani Dlamini played for the whole match while Motsa had to come off in the 65th-minute after managing to hassle the opposition defence and spread play. Ndwandwe and Bahle Dlamini came on in the dying minutes to solidify the team by adding fresh legs to the defence and assist in going forward. Badara said that promoting young players to the first team was part of their strategy as a club.

"Our right back Siyabonga Vilakati was a non-league player last season and I am happy with the way he has developed as a player. He was playing in the bundus until we discovered him, and he has turned out to be a good signing."

REP, RAIDERS OFF TO PERFECT STARTS

By Jongile Xuba

- MBABANE Raiders and Royal Eswatini Police (REP) got off to a winning start during their opening fixtures.

This was during the Inhlonhla Netball Knockout games played on Saturday at Olympiafrica Centre in Lobamba. REP ensured they would be undefeated in Group A by winning both their matches. They first beat Two Sticks 50 - 7 before winning 20 - 12 against UEDF. Group A results saw Illovo beat

Two Sticks 25 - 12 while UEDF got the better of Sunshine, winning 25 - 14.

Mbabane Raiders beat Olympiafrica 32 - 23 in Group B.

Raiders took on rivals Manzini Ladies in their second match where they won 35 - 32 in a closely contested encounter. Other fixtures in this group saw Manzini Ladies thrash Fashion International 35 - 8. Olympiafrica thrashed Fashion International 34 - 19. REP and Mbabane Raiders recorded 100 per cent wins in their respective groups. The next round of matches will be tighter as teams look to advance to the knockout stage.

Inhlonhla Netball Knockout results:

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| REP | 50 | Two Sticks | 7 |
| Olympiafrica | 34 | Fashion Int | 19 |
| Raiders | 35 | Manzini L | 32 |
| REP | 28 | UEDF | 12 |

Impressive showing for local riders in Alzu MTB

By Sibusiso Masilela

CYCLING - LOCAL riders demonstrated an impressive showing during the Alzu Tour De Farm Mountain Bike competition held on Saturday at Alzu, South Africa.

Over 10 riders from Ever Cycling club, Ekhasya Kusekhaya and Velo Cycling club took part in the different categories of the annual competition.

Ekhasya Kusekhaya female rider Shirley Saulus was the best local rider during the race after finishing second in the 35km category.

Saulus was followed by her teammate Charles Mamba at position three



GREAT SHOWING: Ekhasya Kusekhaya members posing before the Alzu Tour De Farm MTB held over the weekend in South Africa. (courtesy pic)

while Sam Simelane came fourth. Other local riders, who took part in the 35km race are Sikhumbuzo Dlamini, Twe Kaudi, Mduduzi Kaudi, Mxolisi Shongwe and Nothando Nkambule,

among others. Local veterans from 4ever cycling Thulani Gule and William Kelly competed in the 80km race where Gule finished at position 19 while Kelly finished at position 25.

The seasoned Kelly further finished at position nine in the veteran category.

Kelly said they were excited to take part in the race when contacted yesterday. "We are happy we took part in the race which helped us prepare for the upcoming Siteki Road Classic. The route was flat and it helped us to improve on speed and acceleration," he said.

Ekhasya Kusekhaya Cycling club official Mduduzi Kaudi said they were yet to release a statement about the race when contacted yesterday and was still out of the country by the time of compiling this report.

Local riders will this coming weekend compete in the Siteki Road Classic set to take place on Sunday at the Siteki Hotel.

CITIZENS STEAL POINT FROM 'DOWNS'

By Sabelo Gwebu

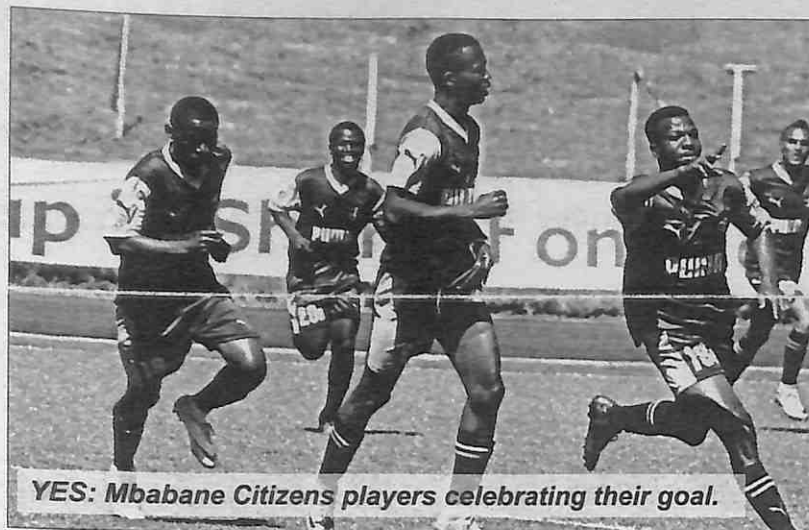
Citizens..... (0)1
Sundowns..... (1)1

SOCCER - MANZINI Sundowns were left kicking their heels in frustration after allowing newcomers Mbabane Citizens back into a game they would have long wrapped.

The two sides played to a 1-all draw in an MTN League encounter played at Mhlume's Nsukuwansuku Stadium yesterday afternoon. With both teams playing similar tiki taka football, the throngs of supporters that converged at this small stadium were left impressed amid a big wait for the main match later on that featured Mbabane Highlanders.

Citizens' goalkeeper Sandile 'Onyango' Dlamini was called into action after 17 minutes, pushing over a dipping Reagan Kangumbi free kick from just outside the box.

But there was no denying the Congolese seven minutes later as he pounced on a spilled ball by 'Onyango' from a Linda Maphalala shot, slotting to an empty



YES: Mbabane Citizens players celebrating their goal.

net to give 'Kappa Kappa' the lead.

Citizens' striker Mancoba Vilakati could have levelled just before the breather as he broke free at goal but sent his shot agonisingly over with goalkeeper Lwethu Simelane at his mercy.

Second half substitute Samkeliso Dlamini won a penalty for the host after being floored by Phumlani Dlamini with 72 minutes played.

Mancoba stepped up, mimicking

Manchester United ace Paul Pogba many steps to rescue a point for Citizens.

TEAMS:

Citizens - 'Onyango', Sacolo, Ndlangamandla, Dan, Sizwe, Bhikinkhosi, Mwamba, Andile, Abrahams, Panawe, Mancoba
Sundowns - Lwethu, 'Skhokho', Sandile, Pemba, Phumlani, Reagan, Linda, Sibusiso, Msetfwa, Sibonginkosi, Mkhuleko

HUB DERBY SPARK PROVES POWER OF SPORTS

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER - MANZINI Mayor Mxolisi 'Waxola' Mabuza says the energy and excitement the hub derby between Manzini Wanderers and Moneni Pirates brings to the city proves that sports have an integral role to play in developing the country as a whole.

The mayor, who is a beloved Manzini Wanderers fan, said this after watching his team drop two points as Moneni Pirates salvaged a point with a heartbreaking 90th minute equaliser.

"It was a great match. I think both sides wanted the three points. With me being a Wanderers fan, we obviously came to this match looking to change our fortunes. Getting all three points could have brought back our confidence.

"We played against a Moneni Pirates side that was also hungry

for three points. They came hard at us hard and the boys tried their best to soak in the pressure until the lapse in concentration at the back in the last minute of the match," he said.

When quizzed on the impact of soccer in the city and where they stand in the Municipality's development plan, Mabuza said they were currently working on suggestions by the city's rate-payers, stating that soccer fields and other sporting facilities were also included.

"Sports will always play a major factor in the development of the city and the country as a whole. Look at the number of people, who were here today watching the match.

We won't even get to the socio-economic benefits. Children could be out abusing drugs or participating in criminal activities, but they have something to keep them busy. Sports comes with discipline and the city's youngsters benefit and we are of a bright future."

RED LIONS EDGE MIDAS CITY

By Jongile Xuba

Mbabane Midas City..... (0)0
Red Lions..... (1)0

SOCCER - RED Lions recorded their third win of the season after beating Mbabane Midas City during an MTN National First Division (NFD) match played at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

Red Lions needed one early goal to get the victory and collect the maximum points.

It took just seven minutes for from Red Lions to get their goal through striker Njabulo Malaza.

This goal spurred on Midas to search for an equaliser as Njabulo Dlamini's shot went over the bar after the defenders failed to clear the ball.

The teams huffed and puffed for the better half with little clear cut chances.

Midas got another chance to equalise in the 42nd minute but failed to convert as Linda Msibi shot wide. That was the last meaningful of the first half as the match went to break with Red Lions leading 1-0.

Both teams came back strong

in the second half as they came hard at each other.

Midas were the more potent of the two as they pushed numbers forward but again failed to convert the chances they created.

Red Lion's goal keeper Felizwe Vilakati had a busy day between the sticks as he pulled off multiple saves to keep his team in the game. The most threatening chance came in the 71st minute when Njabulo Dlamini took a thunderous shot from outside to force a brilliant save from the keeper.

Two more chances would come in Midas way in the 81st minute as Msimisi Mtshali headed over the bar, while Celani Mabila also missed with another header in the 85th minutes.

This was Red Lions second win in a row as they started the new campaign in the NFD on a low note.

The teams:

Midas City - Mlungisi, Bonkhe, Nduriso, Mayibongwe, Njabulo, Menzi, Machawe, Celani, Linda, mancoba, Meshack

Red Lions - Felizwe, Nhlahlhla, Menzi, Sandile, Siphamandla, Mwandza, Mphumuzi, Fakazi, Njabulo, Mthokozisi, Siyabonga

Reckless defence cost us - Malanti Chiefs

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER - MALANTI Chiefs coach Raymond Dlamini says his side should have easily bagged maximum points against Manzini Sea Birds had it not been for their lapse in concentration.

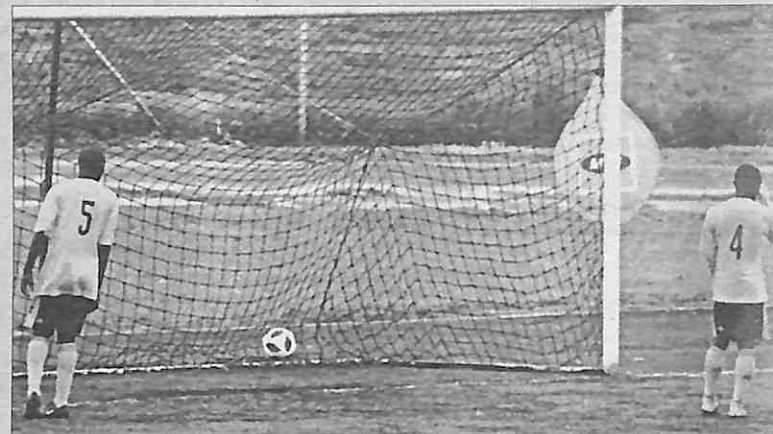
He said his defence was reckless and ended up having to settle for a draw.

He said this after playing to a 1-all draw against Sea Birds during their MTN Premier League clash played at the Mavuso Sports Centre Saturday.

"We should have wrapped up the game early in the first half, but we missed our chances and when they eventually recovered, our defence cracked.

"They capitalised in the reckless defending, which is how we even got the red card," he said.

He said they would have to work on this going forward.



EISH: Malanti Chiefs watch as their opponents score against them.

"We cannot lose like this and we really have to rectify this mistake in our next matches. The players tried their best on the day but it was not to be."

Meanwhile, his Sea Birds counterpart Sibusiso Mngometulu was pleased with the character displayed by his charges.

"I am happy the boys fought until the very end and we managed to salvage a point. I think we could have even collected the maximum if we were a bit more clinical upfront of goal. But all in all, we take the positives from this match and we will build from it moving forward," he said.

SEVEN DREAMS GRAB LATE WIN AGAINST MADLENYA

By Jongile Xuba

Seven Dreams..... (0)1
Madlenya..... (0)0

SOCCER - SEVEN Dreams had to wait until late to record a 1-0 win over Madlenya.

This was during their MTN National First Division (NFD) match played at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

The match was tightly contested but the Tobias Ntuli-led side managed to get the lone and winning goal at the death.

The first half had few chances as both teams fought for possession opting to play long balls.

The first chance of the match only came for Seven Dreams in the 34th minutes when Mcolisi Maseko headed over

the bar from a telling cross.

Madlenya quickly replied with a counter attack that was, however, squandered by Cristiano Mamba after trying to dribble defenders instead of passing the ball.

Madlenya's next good chance came in the 40th minute when Melusi Thwala managed to round the keeper but only to shoot wide when scoring looked much easier.

The match went to break with the score line reading 0-0.

The second half was more exciting with both teams searching for the opening goal.

Madlenya's Thabo Masuku thought he had scored but only for the opposition keeper to make a great save.

Countless chances came for Madlenya but they failed utilise them.

Their coach made a few substitutions to try force a goal but it was to be.

Seven Dreams had their chances but their striker Sandile Dlamini failed to find the back of the net.

Madlenya's Thabo Masuku forced the save of the match from Siyabonga Dlamini after taking a good from outside the box.

The curling shot was tipped over the bar by the keeper.

Sandile Dlamini would finally beat Madlenya's goal keeper after he received a low cross from the wing for an easy tap in the 90th minute to win the match for his team.

The teams:

Seven Dreams - Siyabonga D, Siyabonga, Ntokozo, Mcolisi, Sandile, Ncamiso, Simanga, Thembinkosi, Ntokozo, Siboniso, Mcolisi B

Madlenya - Mndeni L, Mndeni, Ciniso, Senzo, Nduriso, Lucky, Sethu, Cristiano, Melusi, Muzi, Thabo



IT'S A GOAL: Red Lions players scoring a goal in one of their previous games.

RESULTS

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| Premier League | 6-1 | Southampton |
| Manchester City | 3-1 | Crystal Palace |
| Chelsea FC | 1-2 | Manchester United |
| AFC Bournemouth | 0-1 | Leicester City |
| Cardiff City | 3-1 | Brighton & Hove Albion |
| Everton | 1-0 | Watford |
| Newcastle United | 4-2 | Burnley |
| West Ham United | 1-1 | Liverpool |
| Arsenal | 2-3 | Tottenham Hotspur |

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| Telkom Knockout | 1-0 | SuperSport United |
| Kaizer Chiefs | 1-2 | Bidvest Wits |
| Maritzburg United | 1-2 | Orlando Pirates |
| Amazulu | 2-0 | Mamelodi Sundowns |
| Baroka FC | | |

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| Telkom Knockout draw | vs | Bidvest Wits |
| Baroka FC | vs | Orlando Pirates |
| Kaizer Chiefs | | |

LONG WAIT FOR OUR CAF ENVOYS

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - LOCAL clubs Mbabane Swallows and Young Buffaloes will have to wait a bit longer to finally know their 2018 Champions League and Confederation Cup opponents.

The two sides are expected to represent the Kingdom of Eswatini in the interclub's competitions after winning last season's MTN Premier League and SwaziBank Cup, respectively. This follows the cancellation of the CAF Inter club draw scheduled to take place over the past weekend in Rabat, Morocco. According to a press statement sourced from CAF, the draw was delayed due to some issues which are still discussed by the continents mother body.

"Following the meeting of the Organising of Interclubs Committee in Rabat on Saturday and because of the specificity of this transitional season due to the change of dates of Interclubs, a decision will be taken by the Committee of Emergency of Confederation Africaine de Football in a short time. Meanwhile, Swallows were expected to take Soweto giants and 1995 Champions Orlando Pirates according to the cancelled draw which was circulated last night.

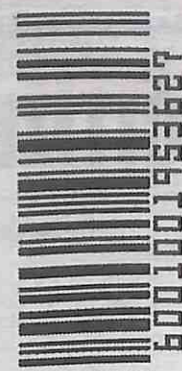
THE CANCELLED CHAMPIONS LEAGUE DRAW:

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| Orlando Pirates | vs | Mbabane Swallows |
| JS Sauria | vs | AS Mangasport |
| CS Constantine | vs | Elect Sport |
| AS Vita | vs | Volcano Club/Leones Vegetarianos |
| Al Ahly Benghazi | vs | Coton Sport vs. Gamtel |
| USM de Loum | vs | Lobi |
| Asec Mimosas | vs | Horoya |
| SC Gagnoa | vs | AS Otoho |
| UD Songo | vs | Stade Malien |
| Ferroviano Maputo | vs | De Agosto |
| Al Nasr | vs | ASF Bobo Dioulassou |
| Ismaily | vs | FC Platinum |
| Club Africain | vs | Benfica de Bissau |
| Juma Abays | vs | Djibouti Telecom |
| Simba | vs | Le Messager Ngozi |
| Township | vs | Bantu |
| Academica praia | vs | Stare Centralcaine |
| JKU | vs | Gor |
| Barrack YC | vs | Pamplonousses |
| Nyasa Big Bullets | vs | African Stars |
| Nkana | vs | APR |
| ASC Diaraf | vs | US Koroki |
| Dekedecha | vs | Al Wau |
| AS Diaraf | vs | AS SONIDEP |
| Nkana | vs | USM |

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BULL BRUSH ASIDE MATSAPHA

By Sabelo Gwebu

Highlanders..... (0)1
Matsapha..... (0)0

SOCCER - GIANTS Mbabane Highlanders huffed and puffed before grinding out a result against Matsapha United in a drama-filled MTN clash at Nsukuwansuku Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze scored the decisive penalty that in all honesty separated boys from men. Prior to kick-off, staunch Highlanders supporter and self-proclaimed number one fan Mpapane Ndlovu was presented with a gigantic birthday cake as he turned 33 years soaked in beer. It just built the momentum towards kick off and Ndlovu got the perfect birthday gift.

Maybe to kill Highlanders' players physiologically, Matsapha who are awaiting an official name change to Mhlume Peacemakers did their warm-up in 'deep blue ocean' kits. A large chunk of Highlanders players represented now defunct Matsapha-based side in the past two seasons or so. But Matsapha have themselves to blame here. A minute into the game, Sifiso Dlamini found himself in a one-on-one situation with returning 'Bull' goalkeeper but some he was saved for a fruitless corner. Highlanders

...MTN League encounter marred by *muti* madness as Matsapha's Sihawu Dlamini sees red



TSAMAYA: Mbabane Highlanders striker Thabiso Mokenkoane negotiating his way past Matsapha United defender Sihawu Dlamini, during an MTN Premier League encounter played at Mhlume Stadium yesterday. Highlanders won 1-0. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

had more of the possession but again two minutes after recess, Sifiso had Khanyakwezwe at his mercy but looped over the bar.

Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze forced a penalty from Sihawu Dlamini who handled before the all-rounder opened the scorers chart. Matsapha finished the game with 10 men as Sihawu was shown a red card in alleged *muti* suspicions spotted by match officials. It was three points Highlanders dearly

needed to keep in touch with the leading pack and how it was achieved; it truly does not matter for gaffer Saul Chamunika who remains unbeaten in his short-as-sneeze stint with the 'Black Bull'.

TEAMS

HIGHLANDERS - Khanyakwezwe, Sibonelo, Peter, Vusi, Jimoh, 'Mlaba', 'Chocco', Zungu, Mokenkoane, Sithole ('Nkola'), 'Sawa'
MATSAPHA - Aoja, Mancoba ('Mzo'), Dino, Sihawu, Mabelesa, Blandile, Blandjja, Sifiso, Clement, Johnson, Thami

RESULTS:

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----------|
| MTN Premier League | 3-1 | Buffaloes |
| Green Mamba | 1-0 | Leopard |
| Swallows | 0-1 | Tambuti |
| Vovovo | 2-2 | Malanti |
| Sea Birds | 1-1 | Pirates |
| Wanderers | 1-1 | Sundowns |
| Citizens | 1-0 | Matsapha |
| Highlanders | | |

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| MTN National First Division | 2-1 | Callies |
| City Warriors | 3-0 | Hub Sundowns |
| Black Swallows | 1-0 | Mbabane City |
| Red Lions | 0-0 | Milling Hotspurs |
| Tycoons | 1-0 | Tinyosi |
| Rangers | | |

LOGS

| MTN Premier League | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | Pts |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| TEAM | | | | | | | | |
| Green Mamba | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 3 | 17 | 24 |
| Swallows | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 5 | 10 | 17 |
| Leopard | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 16 |
| Buffaloes | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 16 |
| Highlanders | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 9 | 2 | 15 |
| Sundowns | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| Pirates | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 12 |
| Tambuti | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 9 | -1 | 8 |
| Malanti | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 13 | -7 | 8 |
| Wanderers | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 13 | -3 | 7 |
| Vovovo | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 10 | -5 | 6 |
| Citizens | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 14 | -7 | 6 |
| Sea Birds | 8 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 14 | -7 | 5 |
| Matsapha | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 14 | -11 | 3 |

| MTN National First Division | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | Pts |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| TEAM | | | | | | | | |
| Black Swallows | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 8 | 15 |
| Milling | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 12 |
| Madiya | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 12 |
| Rangers | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 12 |
| Red Lions | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 11 |
| Tinyosi | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 10 |
| Seven Dreams | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 9 |
| Tycoons | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 9 |
| Mbabane City | 6 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 6 | -3 | 5 |
| City Warriors | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 8 | -4 | 4 |
| Hub Sundowns | 7 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 11 | -8 | 4 |
| T.Callies | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 8 | -4 | 3 |

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