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2 NATIONAL NEWS

Cool to cold week with drizzles

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

FORECASTERS have predicted a cool to cold week with isolated drizzles in some places in the afternoons.

“On Tuesday, temperatures are expected to be warm but hot in the Lowveld. On Wednesday and Thursday it will be cloudy and cool but cold in the

Highveld with occasional drizzle and fog at places,” said the forecaster.

Today there will be drizzle and fog at first; otherwise cloudy intervals and mild but warm in the Lowveld.					
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CONTROVERSIAL ELECTIONS
EQUIPMENT TO BE USED
DURING 2018 ELECTIONSBy Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

THE Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) is ready to make use of the controversial voting equipment bought before the last polls for this year's elections.

The voting equipment, which is said to have cost millions of Emalangeni was purchased by the EBC to use in the 2013 elections but that was not to be.

Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs Edgar Hillary, whose ministry is responsible for elections, said the EBC would be using the equipment during the elections this year.

He told senators, during the debate of the performance of his ministry that the EBC was prepared for the elections and the equipment would be of good use in

ensuring efficiency. Hillary stated that at the moment, the EBC was still putting certain components into the equipment. The reason it could not work during the last elections was because the components the minister was talking about were not there.

The senators were concerned about the status of the equipment, now that the national elections were around the corner. Their concern was that the equipment was seen to be grossly ineffective in the 2013 elections.

They wanted to know from the minister if the equipment would be useful this time around or not.

The minister assured senators that the equipment would be ready by the time of the national elections.

Another problem that Hillary pointed out was that the staff members who were hired to work during the 2013 elections were not trained on how to use the equipment. “The equipment was not of poor quality.

The officials who were operating the system had not been properly trained as it arrived late. With proper training and an upgrade of the system, we will be able to utilise it effectively,” Hillary said.

Minister Owen not happy with retired teachers' petition route

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi

MINISTER of Public Service Owen Nxumalo said he is not happy with the resolution taken by retired Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) members to deliver a petition to his ministry this month.

The retired SNAT members took this resolution on Thursday last week in a meeting held at SNAT Centre.

The pensioners said they are not happy with Legal Notice No. 150 of 2014 which turned the Public Service Pension Fund (PSPF) into a Category A public enterprise. Members said they will deliver a petition seeking for the reversal of categorised PSPF from A to B. The petition also touches on issues including the proposed legal notice to change the investment

structure (30 per cent /70 per cent) to (50 per cent/50 per cent), Cost of Living Adjustment and the review of monthly annuities.

Asked about this move, the minister said he was surprised because he is always open to dialogue with aggrieved parties.

He said it is surprising that they have now decided to bypass that platform and go straight to a petition.

The minister said on the issue of PSPF that there are ongoing consultations. He said it was also surprising because unions have their representatives inside the PSPF.

Nxumalo said the pensioners can deliver the petition but as government they would like to know how exactly they are affected by the change because they are well represented as pensioners.

Missing elderly man of Tikhuba found dead

●The search was eventually abandoned after it appeared that he was nowhere to be found. At the time, his family believed that he had been killed for ritual purposes or any other reasons.

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

THE body of an elderly man of Tikhuba who was reported missing early last year has been found.

Elias Dlamini who was said to be his late 70s was reported missing in April last year. Information was that he left his home on a particular day and told his wife that he was going to collect some firewood from a nearby bush.

He however never returned on the day, resulting to his wife reporting him as missing.

A search party was launched a few days later and they spent several weeks searching for him on the nearby mountains.

The search was eventually abandoned after it appeared that he was nowhere to be found. At the time, his family believed that he had been killed for ritual purposes or any other reasons.

This was mainly because the elderly man was said to have been sickly when he disappeared, and could not have gone too far from home.

The family was expecting to at least recover his body not too far from home if he died of natural

cause.

A relative who identified himself as Magongo reported that they eventually recovered the elderly man's remains about two weeks ago. His body was found by residents who had gone to look for cattle in the mountains.

They called the police.

Since it was known that a Dlamini family had one of its member missing, the family is said to have been the first to be called to try and identify the clothing.

Preparations

“We were sure that this was mkhulu, and we started making burial preparations after recording statements with the police,” said Magongo. The elder was eventually buried over the weekend.

In the past three years, Tikhuba, Lukhetseni and Mambane have been engulfed by reports of ritual murders.

This was after residents counted to at least four, mysterious cases of people who went missing. At least two were found dead and hidden under rocks in the mountains.

Two witchdoctors were arrested in 2016 after they were linked with the murder of a man who went missing from Mambane.

Salaries to be paid through Swazi MTN Mobile Money

By Observer Reporter

Before the end of this year, some companies will pay part of their staff salaries through Mobile Money.

This will be done with the employee's choice. And, one of such companies is Swazi MTN.

This is an interesting development yet to take place. It will change the complexion of how salaries are traditionally paid.

Rewind to last Friday, MTN Bushfire Festival management announced that tickets to the globally celebrated festival of the arts can now be purchased through MTN Mobile Money.

Development

This interesting development is perfectly in line with MTN Bushfire Festival's move to go cash-less this year. One of the programme directors last Friday, Anakhonza Kunene, made a comment at the launch of the 12th edition of MTN Bushfire, saying much as there is adequate resources to run the festival, “but we have gone cash-less.” That the MTN Bushfire has gone cashless means that revellers don't need to line their pockets with stashes of cash. And, those who were part of the launch last Friday had first-hand experience on how the “cashlessness” of the Festival would play itself out.

On arrival, guests were given a card loaded with E70 for drinks. Each time you had to buy drinks, you would tap

your card, and have the balance depleted by the amount due for the drink.

Like Mobile Money, this convenient payment option is built off the back of convenience. Taking this turn in December last year, MTN Mobile Money introduced a pay card linked to each subscriber's wallet. An internal pilot was rolled out in December enabling MTN staff to pay through MoMo Pay card at the company's canteen. It is now history that the internal MoMo pay card pilot was successful. Subsequently, it was taken out of MTN to a section of the public for further testing and polish-up.

MoMo pay card will be rolled out to the broader public in the coming week. It is anticipated that MoMo pay card will simplify the lives of over half a million mobile subscribers on this cost-effective payment platform.

The introduction of this card means there is no need for extensive dancing of fingers on your mobile phone's keypads to pay for grocery and utility bills. All you need to do is tap at point of sales machine and have the amount due deducted after punching only your PIN. And, that takes a few seconds. Some have said it is pretty much faster than a debit, or credit card. Well, that is one of many views.

From this year's budget speech, it would now be possible to make payment transfers of up to E25 000 on the Mobile Money platform. Now, that is convenience personified.

This means the E4 000 daily limit

will be a thing of the past. But for Swazi MTN, these developments come at a price. The company will have to step up its game on compliance and transaction monitoring. This will be done so that Mobile Money's reputation is not soiled by money launderers and terrorism financiers.

Later in the year, employees will also have a choice to have part of their salaries paid through Mobile Money. Well, this is a first, and a welcome development in a country that has determined to calculatedly move to first world status by 2022. Selected companies are already paying staff salaries through Mobile Money.

Convenient

On another development, Mobile Money has been used to pay over E100 000 in school fees to St. Theresa High School by mid-February this year. Thankfully, “most parents have embraced it as a form of convenient payment,” according to the school's Head Teacher Albert Sihlongonyane. This truth is affirmed by Getrude Dladla from Timbutini, Joyce Djokopo, and several other parents who speak from experience.

Besides being a calculated shot at improving financial inclusion in Swaziland, MTN Mobile money is a practical illustration on how convenience looks like when it comes to a payment system. As long as you have money in your Mobile Money wallet, you can pay in the comfort of your home.

Bennett blasts PM for breaching constitution

By Lungelo Nkambule
Parliament

FORMER senator and outspoken businessman Walter Bennett has accused the Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini of flouting the Constitution.

The businessman who appeared before the Deputy Prime Minister's Office portfolio committee chaired by Senator Sibusiso Shongwe said the PM had been consciously breaching the country's Constitution for five years and was getting away with it.

Bennett was making his submissions on the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill as a stakeholder, a platform that is open to all Swazis who want to contribute to the law.

The businessman said the Constitution in Chapter 5 talks about the directive principles of the policy and duties of

The section of the Constitution the Prime Minister is reportedly breaching:

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(2) The prime minister shall report to

the citizens and it states that the prime minister shall report to Parliament at least once a year on steps taken to ensure the realisation of the policies.

Making his submissions, Bennett said the PM had become law unto himself

Parliament at least once a year all the steps taken to ensure the realisation of the directive principles contained in this Chapter.

(3) The provisions of Sections 57 to 63 inclusive are not enforceable in any court or tribunal.

(4) The distribution of powers and functions as well as checks and balances provided for in this Constitution among the various organs and institutions of government shall be supported through the provision of adequate resources for their effective functioning at all level.

and this was evident by how he had knowingly and purposefully breached the Constitution.

"He is aware of the contents of the Constitution and he has been quoted saying he stopped bringing this report

to Parliament because in the previous Parliaments it had been altered without his knowledge. That is not good enough," said a clearly unhappy Bennett.

Recently, the PM was challenged by MPs on the report he was expected to submit on varying issues and he boastfully told the legislators to forget about the report because it was previously edited by presiding officers.

Making his submissions about the Bill itself, Bennett said it had been so hard for senators and different people in diverse quarters to fully accept the SODV Bill because it had been authored in the second language instead of the first language.

He said it was important that people completely understood legislations and this would best be attained if they were authored in Siswati.

He pointed out that this was however typical of Swazis, who put their second and always chased western norms.



BLASTED: Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini

"We have a bad habit of preferring western norms over ours and the same with language. We have made English our first language and Siswati our second. We only run back to what is originally ours when we are faced with problems and these foreign norms confuse us," he said.

SALARY INCREASE FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS ON THE CARDS - OWEN

COVER STORY

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi

MINISTER of Public Service Owen Nxumalo has some good news for public servants this year.

The minister has publicly assured all public servants that this year government will offer them something meaningful as regards salary adjustments.

He said it would be above last year's ridiculous zero per cent offer.

Speaking during a farewell function at Mjingo High School of teacher Mandisa Sgudla on Saturday, Nxumalo said last year government did not have enough money in its coffers thus she offered nothing to her employees.

Review

Nxumalo said government was crippled by the salary review for public servants known as (*dvuladvula*) thus could not offer anything. The minister emphasised that things will change for better this year as government has been able to secure

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some funds.

He said in the budget that was presented in Parliament recently they decided that there must be something the government negotiations team brings forward during the negotiations.

The minister said public servants must rest assured that in the year 2018/19 their salaries will be adjusted with the cost of living.

This is not the first time the minister has hinted that government will now bring something to the negotiating table. The minister gave civil servants hope on the issue of salary increases earlier last month when he said civil servants would definitely get something regarding the cost of living adjustment (COLA) that they have been fighting for.

Nxumalo revealed this during the portfolio committee debate of his ministry in Parliament earlier in March after MPs demanded to know what government was

doing about the issue.

This publication reported that during the debate, a certain member of Parliament asked how and why government arrived at the decision that the COLA should go to the negotiations table.

Worth noting is that such good news come at a time when the Joint Negotiation Forum (JNF) which has been dealing with the matter failed to reach an agreement.

Negotiations

The public sector associations (PSA) and the government negotiations team (GNT) have convened a number of times over the matter of COLA and there was no amicable solution reached.

The PSA is made by the Swaziland Nurses Association (SNAT), Swaziland National Association of Government Accounting Personnel (SNAGAP), National Public Services and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) and the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT).

MP Titus heads SVNet probe team

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

ZOMBODZE Emuva MP Titus Thwala has been elected Chairman of the Parliament committee to probe SVNet.

Thwala will be assisted by Shiselweni II MP Mthokozisi Kunene, who was elected as Vice Chairperson.

Thwala confirmed his election yesterday when called to shed some light on the progress made by his committee on the matter.

The Zombodze Emuva MP said they were yet to meet as a committee to dis-

The full committee;

- Titus Thwala- Zombodze Emuva (Chairperson)
- Mthokozisi Kunene- Shiselweni II (Vice Chairperson)
- Mandla Nxumalo- Shiselweni I
- Jeremiah Ndawandwe- Ndzingeni
- SiceloJele- LaMgabhi.

cuss the next step.

Thwala said the meeting they would convene today would be closed. That would give them an opportunity to discuss things like terms of reference and other issues that could come up as they

take on the task.

He said he was not sure on the date on which they would start probing SVNet, but that would be determined by their closed meeting. The committee was tasked to probe two tenders that were awarded to SVNet by government.

One pertains to the collection of the tertiary study loans that were given to Swazis to pursue their studies locally and abroad by government. The other relates to the collection of television licences for Swaziland Television Authority (STVA) from television owners in the country.

SNAT not happy with gadgets monitoring teachers in classrooms

THE Swaziland National Teachers Union (SNAT) is not happy with government's newly introduced system of monitoring teachers in classrooms.

Not only have SNAT taken the issue to court but they have also requested Parliament to intervene.

According to reports, the gadgets, known as the Smart Schools System (3S), have been installed in six schools as a pilot phase. Speaking during a farewell function of retired teacher Mandisa Sgudla at Mjingo High School, Manzini SNAT Secretary Humphrey Mavuso said the installation of these gadgets was troubling teachers.

Mavuso said these gadgets were now taking on duties that should be done by principals in schools.

He said such a project has been implemented even though there was no consensus.

Worth noting is that the matter is



CONFIRMS: MINISTER of Public Service Owen Nxumalo.

currently being fought in court.

SNAT Secretary General Zwelethu Mndzebele has written a letter making their position as SNAT clear that the introduction of the mobile software system was premature because the consultations were still underway.

Mndzebele during a brief interview stated that indeed they are not happy with the matter as they have taken it to court.

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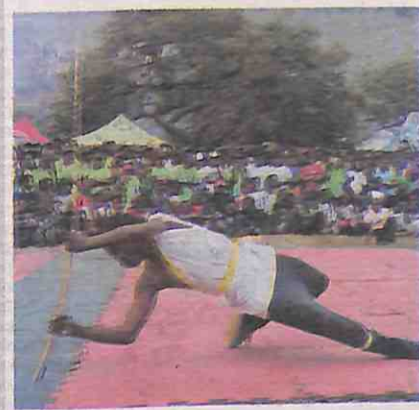
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FLYING HIGH: Pupils from Amitofo were a marvel to watch as they displayed their gymnastic skills for the gathering which was impressed.



UP I GO: Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phwayinkhosi Mabuza gestures as he takes on the hike where he represented DPM Paul Dlamini.



LET'S DO THIS: Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku addressing the thousands of people who attended the 5th edition of the Mahamba Gorge Hike yesterday morning. The event which was a huge success attracted scores of people from all over the country and beyond. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



WALKING TO ZION: Members of the All Nations Christian Church in Zion also came through in their numbers to be part of the walk.



INHLOHLE: Management and staff from Inhlonhla and Swazi Mobile posing as they climbed the mountain.



ALL NATIONS: The hike attracted people from near and far who came to take part.

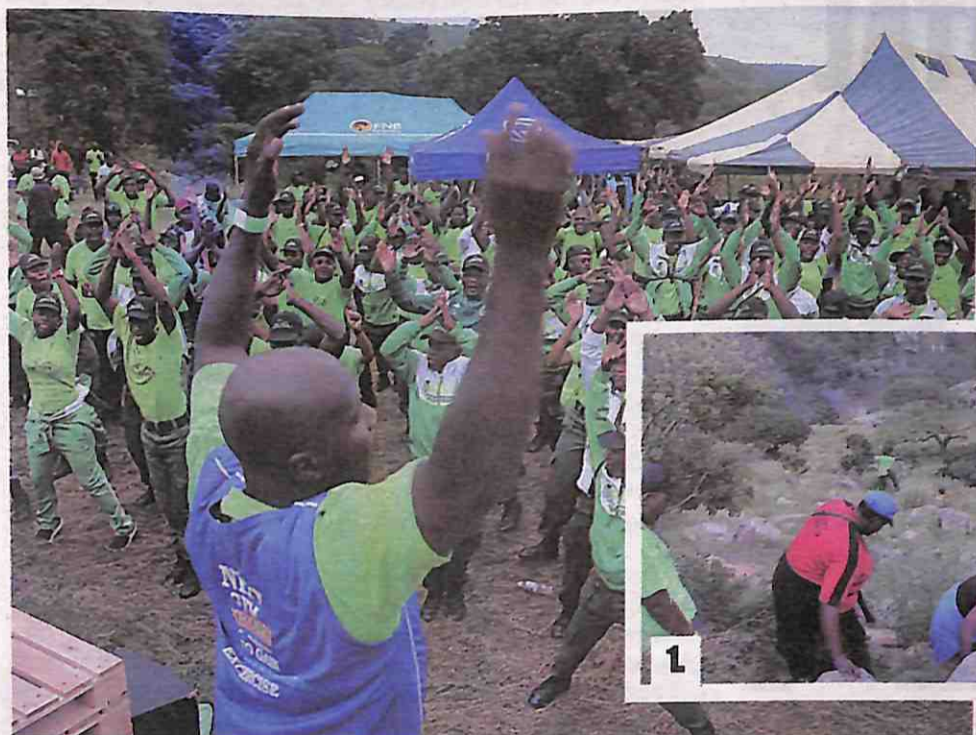


YITH' ABANTU: Members of the Straydom Foundation Steven Hadebe, Straydom Mpanza, Marwick Khumalo and Mlondie Mpanza all from Shiselweni II also came through for the hiking.



UNITY: Mbabane Swallows players and Swazi Mobile staff also came in their numbers.

GORGE HIKE 2018



HANDS UP: Shoes Khumalo from Nhlanguano Gym leading the gathering in aerobics after the long walk. (1) **DESCENDING VIEW:** Hikers taking the last mile as they descended back to the lodge where the journey ended.



DETERMINED: The many people who were determined to make it to the top of the mountain and back.



WE WERE THERE: Hikers came from all over to join the Shiselweni region in the hike for a good course.



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UP THE BIRDS: Mbabane Swallows General Manager Sandile Zwane in a jubilant mood as he joined the throngs of people who attended the hike.



UP THE MOUNTAIN: A section of the people captured as they took the challenge.



YOUNG CLIMBERS: Buhle, Tibusiso, Luthando and Thuthukani also joined the hike young as they are.



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WOMAN MYSTERIOUSLY DIES AFTER DELIVERY AT MBABANE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL

Stories by Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A woman has died painfully and suspiciously at the hands of medical practitioners at the Mbabane Government Hospital after undergoing a C-section to remove her baby.

Curiously, medical practitioners in Mbabane have referred the woman's family of Maguga to Pigg's Peak Government Hospital about the suspicious death of their daughter.

The death of Monica Dlamini (25) last week has raised more questions than answers as up to now the family does not know what caused her death.

Dlamini died after being referred to the Mbabane Government Hospital from the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital, where she was admitted after undergoing a C-section operation to remove her new born baby.

She became the second person from Northern Hhohho to lose her life after being transferred from the Pigg's Peak to Mbabane within a space of two weeks.

Speaking to this publication last Thursday, the elder sister of the deceased, Nonhlobo Dlamini said her sister had a terrible few weeks before her death.

"My sister had reached and passed her due date, so she went to the Mkhuzweni Health Centre, where she spent one night and was then taken to the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital. She was admitted for around two weeks and during this time we as a family went to check up on her.

One day we were told that my sister had undergone a surgery to remove the



DIES: Monica Dlamini lost her life at Mbabane Government Hospital under dubious circumstances. (Courtesy pic)



COME TO US: Director of Health in the Ministry of Health Dr Vusi Magagula.

baby, we then asked to see the baby and the mother but medical personnel at the hospital told us that my sister was in a very bad state such that she could not even speak," she said. She also mentioned they went back home without having seen her.

"A day passed and I went back to see her at the hospital but I was told that she had been transferred to the Mbabane Government Hospital due to complications. I then went to the Mbabane to look for my sister and I found that she was too sick to even speak.

I then asked the doctors to explain what was happening but they said we should go back to the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital to find out what happened to our sister as she came to Mbabane in a critical state. Less than

10 hours later, my sister passed away," she added.

Her story was also corroborated by the deceased's father, Majaha Dlamini who said he too, was told by medical practitioners in Mbabane to go to Pigg's Peak to get a full report as to what really happened to his daughter who died in such a terrible manner. Contacted for comment, Pigg's Peak Hospital Administrator Fikile Bulunga said the concerned family should come forward to seek the explanation about the case, which will be thoroughly investigated by the hospital.

Meanwhile, Director of Health Dr Vusi Magagula has also invited the affected family to approach his office with their concerns.

Mkhuzweni Health Centre blamed for woman's death

The death of the woman from Maguga last week has been blamed on Mkhuzweni Health Centre after she was turned away from the centre due to lack of beds in the maternity ward.

Monica Dlamini (25) had already passed her expected due date.

She was admitted at the health centre for a week only to be discharged due to the lack of beds.

After she was discharged from Mkhuzweni, she was then transported by her family to the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital where she was also admitted.

She delivered her baby through C-section. The healthy baby girl is now back with the family at Maguga, sadly without her mother.

After the operation, the deceased was quickly transferred to the Mbabane Government Hospital where she eventually passed away.

Speaking to this publication, her elder sister, Nonhlobo Dlamini said the untimely death of her sister emanated from the fact that at Mkhuzweni, medical personnel failed to communicate properly with the patient and the affected family.

"At Mkhuzweni, she was admitted to the maternity ward for a week, then after that, the same health personnel told her that she would be discharged as the bed was needed for other patients. They advised my sister to go home and wait to see proper signs of labour, only then would she be admitted back into the medical centre. These words from the medical practitioners confused me, as I could see that my sister was in pain. I then transported my sister to the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital, where she was again admitted at the maternity ward," she said. She said at the Pigg's

Peak Government, after the operation, her sister seemed lifeless as she could not speak nor open her eyes.

She was then transferred to the Mbabane Government Hospital intensive care unit (ICU) where she eventually died. "As a family, we feel that all of this pain could have been avoided if medical practitioners at the Mkhuzweni Health Centre had just waited for my sister to give birth in their maternity ward," she added.

The deceased's father, Majaha Dlamini said the cause of Monica's death was still a mystery to him. "What is really frustrating to us is the fact that the cause of death has not yet been fully revealed to us by any medical practitioner.

The Mbabane medical practitioners are referring us to the Pigg's Peak who are also telling us to go to the Mkhuzweni Health Centre. This doesn't make sense to us as a family because we are now acting like private investigators, looking for leads," he said.

Meanwhile, when approached medical practitioners at the Mkhuzweni Health Centre said they would not speak to the media as they were not allowed to do so. "We cannot comment on the story, we will refer you to Mbabane," he said.

Meanwhile, when contacted on the latest developments yesterday, Director at the Ministry of Health Dr Vusi Magagula said the death of the woman needs to be fully investigated by the ministry before making a comment to the media. "We will need to see the documentation that supports this story (the different versions being given by medical practitioners), the family should contact us as soon as they have managed to collect all the necessary documentation," he said.

Zombodze Magagula's sister bitten by snake, dies

By Samkelisiwe Khoza
Maphiveni

FORMER Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (SOGCA) President Zombodze Magagula's younger sister, Julia (52), died after she was bitten by a Black Mamba snake at Maphiveni last Monday.

The tragedy which struck the Magagula family has come after they (Julia included) attended a lobola ceremony in KwaZulu Natal over the Easter weekend.

On her return home, the 52-year-old is said to have told her sister's child, Nothando (21) whom she stays with that she needed to rest.

"She found her sleeping on the bed that they both share and told her to give her some privacy as she needed to rest due to the busy weekend," explained Sondundu Magagula, the deceased's older brother.

With respect, Nothando excused the



deceased and went outside to go about the house chores. Magagula is said to have been stirred up from her peaceful rest by a slight sting on her index finger, which she ignored thinking it was just a rat.

The venomous reptile is believed to have taken refuge under Nothando's

bed, where her hands were hanging when the snake attacked.

Julia is said to have realised that she wasn't attacked by a rat when the reptile attacked her thumb next. She tried to escape from the irate reptile but not without a third bite on the index finger. Hours were started by Julia's

cry for help and they came to her aid.

"She quickly told them that she has just been attacked by a snake. The brave neighbours rushed to the house to search and kill the perilous reptile and the Emergency Response Unit team was called instantly," explained Sondundu.

With her life at risk, waiting for an ambulance seemed to take too long and a car was quickly organised and in minutes she was being rushed to Siteki Good Shepherd Hospital. On the road the deceased was exchanged from the car to an ambulance.

"Nothando called us to alert us about the accident and we quickly called her (the deceased) and we talked for a while on the phone; she even made jokes about the incident saying the snake was fighting with her," Sondundu said.

Magagula said he again checked up on his sister the following day on Tuesday afternoon, but to his surprise her phone rang without an answer.

He is said to have tried with no luck

till midnight where the phone was eventually reported to be off.

"On Wednesday morning, my sister from Nhlanguano called and delivered the sad news of Julia's demise. We are still at shock as a family and we so saddened by our sister's passing away," exclaimed Zombodze Magagula, the deceased's second older brother.

When interviewed, Nothando was still in shock and could not talk to this reporter.

The deceased was laid to rest at her parental home in Shewula yesterday morning after a night vigil.

Swaziland Antivenom Foundation's Founder Thea Litschka-Koen said she was not informed about the tragedy.

However, she counted the country's seven venomous snakes as the Black and Green Mamba, Snouted Cobra, Puff Adder, Boomslang, Vine Snake and Mozambique's Spitting Cobra, saying these were responsible for most attacks in the Kingdom.

Litschka-Koen explained that if the deceased had some internal bleeding, then the Boomslang and Vine Snake were most likely the responsible culprits.

FNB ATM AT MATSAMO PETROL - BOMBED

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A First National Bank (FNB) Automated Teller Machine (ATM) situated at Matsamo was petrol-bombed by unknown criminals, who however, failed to get any money.

The ATM is located at the Total Filling Station, which is metres away from the Matsamo Border Gate.

It has been said the criminals who committed the crime are from South Africa as police found a large section of the border fence, which is located metres away from the filling station, cut.

The criminals struck at 2am yesterday morning but failed to leave the scene with any cash as their bomb failed to penetrate the thick money safe located inside the ATM.

Speaking to this publication at Matsamo yesterday afternoon, a neighbour situated near the filling station, Mandla Dlamini said the security guards on the scene played a pivotal role in foiling the crime. The security guards at the Matsamo Border Gate and the one at



BOMBED: First National Bank (FNB) Automated Teller Machine (ATM) situated at Total Service Garage at Matsamo was petrol bombed by an unknown number of criminals yesterday.

Total Filling Station, who both work for Fidelity Security company, were doing their nightly patrols around Matsamo together at the time the criminals struck. They were across the street away from

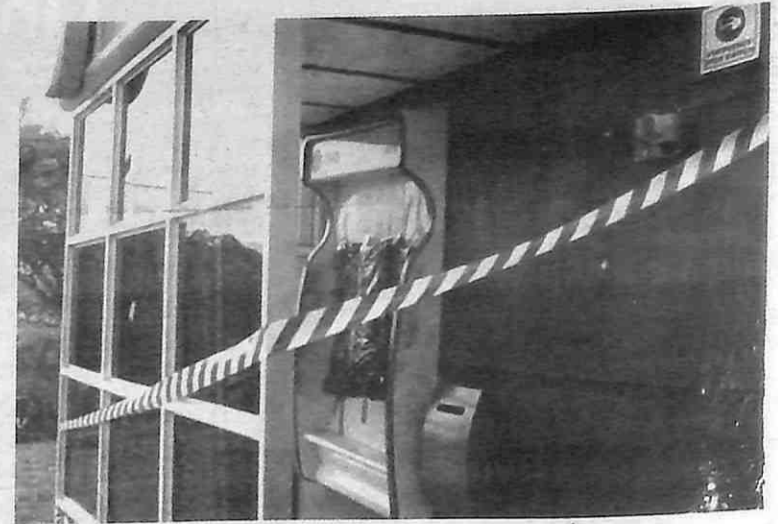
the scene and after the loud explosion they raced to the area and saw the criminals fleeing into the thick of darkness.

"The security guards then phoned the police and turned on the alarm at the filling station, waking up all the residents in the area to come to the crime scene.

I was one of the first people at the scene because as you can see my home-stead is near by. When I got there I saw that no actual money was stolen as the interior of the ATM machine was intact and when the police came they found an empty five litre bottle that smelt of petrol, this then led police to believe that it was a petrol bomb," he added.

Another source, who works at the Matsamo Border Gate under the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) Office, also confirmed the story, saying the criminals were suspected to be South Africans.

"The border fence next to the crime scene was cut Sunday (yesterday) morning by the criminals because on Saturday evening that same area was fine, so I believe that the criminals were from South Africa, unfortunately, the area of Matsamo is prone to criminal activity," she said.



OUT OF ORDER: The FNB ATM that was bombed. (Pics: Sizwe Dlamini)

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the incident and said South Africans were the main suspects in the foiled robbery.

Meanwhile, FNB Communications Specialist Sibusile Sigwane said advanced security features deployed across the bank's ATM network foiled the ATM bomb attack.

Sigwane, in a press statement yesterday afternoon after the bomb attack, mentioned that FNB Head of Points of Presence, Wesley Groening said the bank has taken extensive measures to reinforce security measures at their ATMs countrywide, thus foiling such crimes.

"In a discussion that I had with

Groening, she said we, being FNB bank, have taken extensive measures to reinforce security measures at our ATMs.

We will continue our stance of remaining vigilant at all costs, just like all the other banks in the kingdom, despite the foiled robbery attempt at Matsamo we would not be surprised if another attempt is made against our bank, but we highly appreciate the public support in warning the police on strange movements around our ATMs," she said.

"Also we as FNB Bank appreciate the strengthened collaboration between ourselves and the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) who we view as valuable stakeholders in the fight against crime of all kinds," she added in the statement.

6 000 take part in Mahamba Gorge Hike

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

OVER 6 000 hikers took part in this year's Mahamba Gorge Hike, a figure which shows an improvement of almost 1 000 people compared to last year's event.

Organisers said it was now clear that each year more people join the event which has become the Shiselweni region's draw card and important in its calendar. The technical committee said by the looks of things the figure would soon reach 10 000 or more.

"We have been seeing the numbers improve each year since the event's inception almost five years ago. This is encouraging and we are not talking only about the attendants but also the people who registered," said Muzi Msibi, who is the organising committee technical committee's Chairperson.

Msibi said sponsors were the reason for the event being a continued success all these years.

He said all the sponsors were contributing towards changing the lives of the less privileged and some of the beneficiaries always appreciated the event because they know what it means to them and their lives.

Mahamba Gorge Hiking Office Administrator Phumi Nkosi said she was pleased with this year's attendance.

She said the support was overwhelming and stated that the way things were going, next year's figure could double if not triple. "It's encouraging to see Swazis coming all out to be part of this great initiative.

We are indebted to everyone who has contributed to the success of the event which has now become the region's showpiece," said Nkosi.

Meanwhile, this year's event which was the fifth edition also saw people from as far as Belgium and others from Pretoria in South Africa attending.

During this year's event, government was represented as Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini who was represented by Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phwayinkhosi Mabuza, who is also Mhlambanyatsi Member of Parliament.

MPs from the region who were present included Sikiza Edward Mhlungu (Matsanjeni South), Thulani Masuku (Hosea), Mandla Nxumalo (Shiselweni I) and Njabulo Mabuza (Kubuta).

Chiefs who were present included Makhosikho Khumalo, Mbane Simelane, Mkhubo Shiba and Velebantfu Dlamini.

Presented

Meanwhile, the oldest hiker was John Kunene, aged 87, while the youngest was Phumelele Mafu (5) both who were presented with trophies.

The Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) and His Majesty's Correctional Services were awarded for highest number of participants as they were at par each having registered 165.

Dups was identified as the best dressed company.

All Nations Christian Church In Zion was awarded for being the one with the largest non-government entity as it recorded 350 participants.

The Matsapha based church was a head turner as it brought its members with two of its buses to be part of the event and its founder Arch-Bishop Bheki Lukhele was present.

Premier League of Swaziland's (PLS) most successful soccer club Mbabane Swallows also supported the initiative by parading its players.



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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates to fill the following academic positions at the Swaziland Christian University.

1. Nursing Department

Qualifications and Experience:

PhD/Master's degree in Midwifery and General Nursing with at least three years' working experience in a relevant environment.

2. Radiography Department

Qualifications and Experience:

PhD/Master's degree in Radiography with at least three years' experience in relevant environment.

3. Pharmacy Department

Qualifications and Experience:

PhD/Master's degree in Pharmacology /Clinical Pharmacy with at least three years' working experience in a relevant environment.

4. Medical Laboratory Science Department

Qualifications and Experience:

PhD/Master's degree in Medical Microbiology and/ Haematology with at least three years' experience in a relevant environment.

5. Computer Science Department

Qualifications and Experience:

PhD/Master's degree in Computer Science with at least three years' experience in a relevant environment.

6. Social Work Department

Qualifications and Experience:

PhD/Master's degree in Social Work with at least three years' experience in a relevant environment.

7. Psychology Department

Qualifications and Experience:

PhD/Master's degree in Psychology with at least three years' experience in a relevant environment.

Duties

For all academic positions, the duties include:

- Teaching (including supervision of practical work)
- Research; and
- Community service

Details will be provided on engagement.

Applications must be addressed to the Executive Director - Administration. The closing date is 16th April 2018.

Unclaimed Monies

SwaziBank hereby publishes the following list of Unclaimed Monies in terms of Section 129 (1) of the Administration of Estates Act. Funds remaining unclaimed within three months of this publication will be deposited in the Guardian Fund, which is administered by the Master of the High Court. Customers are advised to visit a nearest branch to claim their funds.

DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS	BALANCE	DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS	BALANCE
DLAMINI MUSA RICHARD	BOX 338 MBABANE	64,647.18	KHUMALO PHILLIP FANYANA	BOX 252 PIGGS PEAK	14,833.43
MALINGA MAVIS SIDUDLA DLAMINI	BOX 338 MALKERNS	56,854.27	DLAMINI KWALIWAKO	BOX 48 MSAHWENI	14,792.98
ZWANE BETHUSILE GELLINAH	BOX 256 BHUNYA	51,551.55	MASIMULA THOMAS M.	BOX 1173 MBABANE	14,780.54
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DLAMINI HAPPINESS J	BOX 315 MANZINI	47,250.91	FAKUDZE ALBERT V.	BOX 108 EZULWINI	14,136.57
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MOTSA WILLIAM J.	BOX 1 SIMUNYE	37,538.95	DURO NT DAVID MANDLA	BOX 1 MHLUME	13,864.51
DLAMINI SIFANEKISO CHRISTINAH	BOX 30 NTFONJENI	36,040.37	NTSHANGASE HENRY M.	BOX 28 HLUTI	13,821.87
NKAMBULE ROBERT	BOX 31 NHLANGANO	33,667.29	KHUMALO BEAUTY	BOX 24 VUVULANE	13,635.53
MKHWANAZI WILTON M.	BOX 7297 MANZINI	30,675.31	NDLOVU SITHUMBILE	BOX 43 HLATHIKHULU	13,611.19
DLAMINI VUSIE MLUNGU	BOX 2207 MANZINI	29,581.71	NDABA MICHAEL MBONGENI	BOX 18 MHLOSHENI	13,608.69
DLAMINI DAVID	BOX 20 MBABANE	28,358.45	ZWANE SIMEON	BOX 196 BHUNYA	13,504.10
DLAMINI ELIZABETH THEMBI	BOX 147 MANZINIO	28,179.50	SIKHOSANA EMMA MPHAYA	P.O. DWALENI SD	13,486.88
RENNIE EDWARD KENNETH	BOX 2305 MANZINI	27,207.40	DLAMINI ALVINAH	BOX 57 NHLANGANO	13,475.22
ZIKALALA JOHN M.	U.S.D.F. P/BAG SITEKI.	27,058.42	DLAMINI VELAMUVA GADLELA	BOX 29 PIGGS PEAK	13,426.20
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MANZINI MAKHOSAZANA DAISY	BOX 04 NGWENYA	23,937.78	MATSENJWA MDWAYIMBANE MHLAHLWA	BOX 7 SITEKI	12,798.90
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MOTSA DUDUZILE VALERIE	BOX 2164 MBABANE	21,154.82	MOTSA PHILILE DORICAH	BOX 7 PIGGS PEAK	11,965.81
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MKWENA THOMAS	BOX 2514 MBABANE	20,189.29	MDLALOSE ELIAS	BOX 2159 DURBAN	11,733.31
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MASFEN RICHARD	BOX 289 BIG-BEND	18,010.29	MUNRO PETER RONALD	MZILIKAZI AREA P/BAG SITEKI.	11,398.31
DLAMINI ANGELINE MANENE	BOX 571 MANZINI	17,684.93	SITHOLE MATHOBHI A	BOX 613 HLATI	11,380.98
MAGAGULA NTOMBIE ENNIE	BOX 57 TSHANENI	17,652.01	DLAMINI PETROS D.	BOX 44 SITEKI	11,348.15
SIMELANE MDEYI J	BOX 107 LUVE.	17,323.19	SHONGWE ELIZABETH	BOX 117 PIGGS PEAK.	11,334.25
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DVUBA JOHANNES K	BOX 72 BHUNYA	16,189.94	NKOMO CATHERINE MALOPE	BOX 1772 MBABANE	10,821.39
SIKONELA PETROS	BOX 180 PIGGS PEAK	16,130.86	SIMELANE MANDLA M.	BOX 609 MBABANE	10,770.90
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MLOTSHWA VIOLET	BOX 1173 MBABANE	15,632.25	NOVO ELLEN	BOX 394 MANZINI	10,621.04
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NGWENYA MAJABU	BOX 7 MANKAYANE	15,357.95	NKAMBULE BEAUTY	BOX 3 MBABANE	10,564.85
DLAMINI DANIEL MEFIKA	BOX 324 SITEKI	15,280.93	HLOPHE NTEBE MICHAEL	BOX 44 PIGGS PEAK	10,560.61
MKHONTA THOKO VICTORIA	BOX 22 PIGGS PEAK	15,181.17	MAJUBANYANE	BOX A21 MAYIWANE	10,548.49
MAGAGULA PERTUNIA N.	BOX 155 VUVULANE	15,089.68	MKHONTA BUYILE MINAH.	PRIVATE BAG NO 2 NHLANGANO	10,472.86
MKHONTA CATHERINE	BOX 123 PIGGS PEAK	14,908.95	XABA MINAH	BOX 57 NHLANGANO	10,450.24

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MBINGO JOHN	BOX 50 PIGGS PEAK	10,351.70	DLAMINI SIMON	BOX MKHUZWENI	8,228.11
MAGAGULA PHINDILE	BOX 24 NHLANGANO	10,310.89	NDLALA SAMARIA L.	NDLALAMBI NAZ. SCHOOL P/B PIGGS PEAK	8,182.18
HLATSHWAYO DAN N	BOX 57 NHLANGANO	10,281.79	FAKUDZE MHLATHWA	BOX 156 VUVULANE	8,160.68
MAGAGULA MPHIKELELI	MZIMPO.FU MISSION SCHOOL P/B MANZINI	10,227.56	MBHELE DENNIS LINDA	BOX 31 NHLANGANO	8,152.73
MKHONTA MLOZI J	BOX 14 MLIBA	10,218.18	DLAMINI THEMBIE	BOX 798 MBABANE	8,133.56
KUNENE CHRISTINAH	BOX 222 PIGGS PEAK.	10,177.83	DLAMINI GCINA BHEKITEMBA	BOX 306 SITEKI	8,125.76
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NDWANDWE MARIA THONONONZI	NTSHANINI HIGH SCHOOL P/B HLATIKULU	10,026.64	TSABEDZE MTHABATHE	BOX 474 NHLANGANO	8,016.25
MOTSA TRYPHINAH	BOX 1066 MANZINI	10,000.00	DUDU P MKHONTA	BOX 308 MANZINI	8,000.00
DORIS MABUZA	BOX 76 MBABANE	9,995.59	DUBE GREGORY T.	BOX 1360 MBABANE	7,978.23
MKHONTA AMOS M	BOX 75 SITEKI	9,927.03	DLAMINI SIDUDLA	BOX 526 NHLANGANO	7,969.47
SIMUKA MANKHOSI THOKOZILE	BOX A77 MAYIWANE	9,863.87	HLOPE ROBSON N.	BOX 76 MBABANE	7,955.23
TFWALA JABULILE IRENE	BOX 12 LUVE	9,844.53	MABUZA DUMISA	BOX 195 MANZINI	7,935.44
DLAMINI AGRIPIAH JAJI	BOX 3 NSOKO	9,825.69	DLAMINI SIPHO F	BOX 345 GEGE	7,922.68
MAPHALALA ERICK M.	ST. PHILIPS SCHOOL P/O MHLATHU	9,824.63	SHONGWE KHANYISILE B	BOX 15 LOBAMBA	7,908.26
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MHAT SHWA AGNES	BOX 8 MBABANE	9,651.25	SIKHOSANA MOKO MOSES	BOX 4 HLUTI	7,896.46
MASEKO MICHE	BOX 783 MBABANE	9,639.12	ZWANE VUSUNUZI	BOX 102 MHLAMBANYATSI	7,879.72
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THOBELA LUKE	BOX 43 SITEKI	9,357.00	GININDZA JETRO	BOX 784 MANZINI	7,747.69
DLAMINI SAMSON LUSEKWANE	BOX 3 PIGGS PEAK	9,314.82	MALINGA PHILLIP M	BOX 29 MANZINI	7,724.53
KELLY IDAH STHEMBILE	BOX 3 MBABANE	9,293.63	DLAMINI SAM DONALD	BOX U.S.D.F. P/B MANZINI	7,715.86
MAVUSO MFANYANA	BOX 50 PIGGS PEAK.	9,249.73	NKAMBULE GALLINAH SIFANELE	BOX 49 EZULWINI	7,714.48
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GAMA JOANA	BOX 416 MBABANE	9,138.17	DLAMINI THOTHO ELIAS	BOX 314 SITEKI	7,613.95
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MDLULI PERTY	BOX A8 MBABANE	9,092.56	NTSHANGASE KESELLINAH	BOX 160 VUVULANE	7,583.98
MALINGA MAHASHI	R.D.F. B P/B KWALUSENI	9,050.06	TIPHEKO TENDLUNKHULU	BOX 125 NHLANGANO	7,543.56
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MAVUSO JOB	BOX 77 SIDVOKODVO	9,025.76	PHIRI JOHN	BOX 43 PIGGS PEAK	7,429.65
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10 NATIONAL NEWS

OWEN SPLASHES E22 000 FOR MANZINI SOUTH YOUTH

By Mbono Mdluli
Manzini

MINISTER for Public Service Owen Nxumalo has hosted an event for the Manzini South youth to improve their talents.

The event took place over the past Easter weekend at Zakhele Sports Ground in Manzini, where soccer and dance competitions were hosted.

The event was organised by a Zakhele youth organisation known as Youth on the Move.

The minister, who is also Manzini South member of Parliament (MP), helped in organising sponsorship for the event, and also forked out part of the E22 000 to host the whole event. The sponsors included MTN Swaziland, Jazz Artist Itallo Dlamini and OK Foods, under the directorship of Lincoln Motsa. Nxumalo said the dance competitions hosted on Monday were part of a soccer tournament that was hosted during the Easter weekend.

Only the youth from Mhobodleni and Moneni took part in the soccer tournament. The youth from Ngwane Park and Moneni would get their chance on the Workers' Day holiday to be held on May 1, this year.



IMPROVE: Manzini South MP Owen Nxumalo smiles as he addresses Manzini South youth during the dance and soccer competitions held last Monday at Zakhele Sports Ground in Manzini. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli)

About E12 000 was spent in the soccer tournament and the remaining E10 000 was directed towards the dance competitions. The MP further stated that the youth who were involved in arts, dance, and singing industries were not adequately taken care of. As the Manzini South *Inkhundla*, they decided that they should also focus on growing the youth from that area in the music industry so that they could be able to earn a living through their talents.

Nxumalo thanked everyone who made the event a success. He mentioned that without the sponsors, the event would not have been successful. He also

expressed gratitude to the youth of Zakhele and surrounding areas for taking their time to attend the event. Their presence made the event successful. Youth on the Move Chairperson Sandile Nxumalo was also of the view that the event went as planned. He also thanked everyone that made the event a success, like MTN, who brought services closer to the people. Nxumalo said the dance competitions were taking place for the second time in four months. The last event was held on November 26, last year. Nxumalo also mentioned that they plan to host another event this month with the elderly of the area.

Over E200 000 worth sugarcane fields set ablaze

By Samkelisiwe Khoza
Siphofaneni

ABOUT four hectares of sugarcane fields worth an estimated E200 000 were recently set on fire by unknown arsonists at Lukhetseni, Siphofaneni.

These fields are under the Mant'entsaba Farmers Association. Though up to now there has been no arrest, however, suspicions of disputes amongst the sugar growers have not been ruled out as being responsible for the incident.

"We were all in bed when we heard a loud clatter and rumble of burning leaves and we quickly went outside only to be met by a blazing inferno consuming our sugarcane fields," said Nkosing'vile Gamedze, who is the association's chairperson. Gamedze further explained that the fire department

was called instantly but even they couldn't contain the infuriated blaze and helplessly watched as the inferno devoured the field. Siphofaneni Police Department were notified about the incident but so far no arrests have been made. "We haven't recovered from the shock and the thought of this massive loss pains us deeply. The only option we had was to cut and discard the unready burnt sugarcane as it was not fit for market," Gamedze exclaimed. He said they were still confused with regards to the inhuman act. Asked on the matter, community members preferred to remain mum, with those interviewed preferring to say "no comment." However, suspicions among the community members have pointed towards the direction of a mentally challenged male in the area. This suspicion has quickly been dismissed by others who think there might be a newly created gang which intends to destroy all



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

that's good in the community. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the incident, saying no arrests had been made. However, he assured that the police were still investigating the matter and would surely bring the suspects to book soon.

Bradford students still in dark about school's future

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

IT'S been over two months since Bradford College students expressed doubt over their school's future with the on-going schools evaluation programme initiated by the Swaziland Higher Education Council (SHEC) but they are still in the dark.

Early in the year, this publication ran a story about complaints forwarded particularly by the Diploma in Education programme students who claimed to have gone to the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) to inquire about training and they were told that the institution was not recognised.

Four institutions were disapproved by

SHEC for not meeting their standards and students at the Manzini based institutions are anxious about the future of the school which is yet to be evaluated by SHEC. One of the sources, who is a student under the programme said that they were still faced with the same dilemma as they are still turned down when they make inquiries about training at TSC which is worrying because they are paying around E14 000 per annum yet they don't know if SHEC's evaluation will turn out to be a nightmare for them.

"The situation is worrying because TSC is waiting for a green light from SHEC to give us positive feedback but we have already paid our fees and yet we are still in the dark about what the future holds for us," said the source. The school offers courses like Information Technology,

Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Business Administration and Accounting among others. When sought for comment on the matter, Bradford Director, known as Frank, said students should not panic as they have already submitted a self-evaluation report to SHEC and expecting them to come and do the evaluations process at the school in a week or two.

"Students have no reason to be frightened by the situation as we have done all that is required by SHEC and we are waiting for them to come and do their evaluation, there is nothing we have done wrong hence they should not be worried," he said.

Efforts to get a comment from SHEC Secretary Mboni Dlamini proved futile as he was not available on the network day.

Mob grabs goats from family, vandalises E80 000 house

Stories by Wonderboy
Dlamini
Malindza

THE hostility between community police and residents of Malindza has left a Maseko family living in fear and trauma after being attacked several times as they are accused of stock theft.

The thought of having their livestock taken away and a homestead vandalised by mob justice has been depressing and hard to come to terms with.

The situation is even worse as it affects children. This is the story of Maseko (first name deliberately withheld to protect further victimisation of his children) who has been made to run from pillar to post as he seeks justice.

Maseko had a herd of goats taken away by a group of men who presented themselves as community police, while amongst them were two other men who claimed to be police officers from Mpaka Police Post. They claimed the goats had been stolen from local residents, and were therefore repossessing them.

Narrating his ordeal to this publication, Maseko who is a civil servant, said his family has now endured two years of harassment in the hands of fellow residents who accuse him of stock theft. It remains a mystery however, that over this period, Maseko has not been charged of any offence. According to him, he has never even been summoned at the *umphakatsi* to answer on the allegations of stock theft.

In normal circumstances, when a person is suspected of theft in the community, he must be formally reported to the police or at least to the community police. But

this has not been the case for Maseko as residents opted to take the law into their own hands.

As he relates to the events of his plight, Maseko said his goats were taken away from his home while he was away as he spends more time at work.

He got a report from his wife and children to the effect that some men who presented themselves as community police came and took away the goats which they claimed had been stolen. This was in December 2016.

Fast forward to 2018, Maseko said his family has already survived all sorts of harassment from residents. He said the recent incident which left him and his family even more traumatised was the demolishing of his newly built house, which cost slightly over E80 000.

The house was demolished by a group of residents who were armed with all sorts of makeshift weapons in January. "This is one incident which has left my family living in total fear such that my children get uncomfortable each time I have to go to work," said Maseko.

He stated that in some instances his children, who are minors, had to stay away from school when the harassment and threats by community members intensified.

Maseko said he has made several attempts to have this case addressed either by the *umphakatsi* or the police but that has all been in vain.

He alleged to have even reported his case to the regional police office but in vain. "My life and family is in danger, and I now request the national commissioner of police to come to my rescue," he said.

Report case of theft, damage of property - police

THE Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) has advised Maseko to open a case of theft and malicious damage of property against the alleged perpetrators.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba said the matter would be easy to address if the complainant formally laid a charge.

Maseko alleges that nobody seemed interested to attend to his case since his goats were taken away in 2016. For the past two years, he has been waiting to at

least get arrested and charged for stealing the goats as according to the claims made by the community police.

However, when reached for comment, Mamba said the aggrieved person must lay a charge with the police and further report his case to the *umphakatsi*. "Right now it would be difficult to attend to the matter unless the complainant lays a formal charge of theft and malicious damage to his property so that police would start investigations," he said.



Good Shepherd College students sent home after class boycott

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

STUDENTS at Good Shepherd College of Nursing have boycotted classes for the first time since the establishment of college, complaining of numerous grievances against the management of the institution.

First year students undertaking the Diploma course in general nursing boycotted classes from last Monday while engaging the management on their issues.

The main grievance is said to be allowances which were recently paid to the students through their bank accounts. The students complain that the allowances were too low compared to what they were expecting.

Apparently, some students at the college are being sponsored by government while a majority of them are self-sponsored.

It has been reliably gathered that at least 50 first-year students under the Diploma programme are sponsored by government.

The sponsored students engaged in picketing around the school while demanding an audience with the institution's management.

Information gathered was that the students were paid E5 400 each at the beginning of this year as allowance, which caters for accommodation and food for the entire year.

The students, however, are complaining that they were expecting at least E9 900 each. Some who spoke on condition of

anonymity disclosed that they were expecting to be paid at least the same amount which was paid the previous year.

They pointed out that they signed a contract with government which was the same as the one signed by the previous year students.

When approaching the management through their representative committee, the students claimed to have been promised that the balance would be paid before the end of this year's term. However, they have not been paid to date.

Moreover, the students also complain of incomplete uniform. "We were also expecting to be given a medication kit for prevention measures as we get in contact with patients during practical

lessons," said a student.

The students picketed around the institution's facility, demanding that their grievances be addressed last Thursday.

This led to the management calling the police to calm down the situation. The students were subsequently called in for a meeting where the management informed them of its resolution to suspend them indefinitely.

When reached for comment, Acting Principal Angeline Thwala-Simelane confirmed reports of the students being sent home.

She however clarified that this was not a suspension per se, saying the management was giving the students time to sort the allowance

issue with government without disturbing classes.

Apparently, Thwala-Simelane said classes were continuing as the self-sponsored students had not taken part in the class boycott.

"I must emphasise that the institution has no say in as far as the allowances are concerned as that is strictly between the students and government.

Even the said contract which they have cited was signed between them and the scholarship board, not the college," said the acting principal.

In the meantime, Thwala-Simelane stated that the management will communicate with the students' representative committee on when they can return to class.

GOVERNMENT, SCU FINALLY SIGN MOA

By Thando Dlamini
Mbabane

...The document was approved by Cabinet last Wednesday before it was signed by both parties the following day at the institution

IT will come as a huge relief to students at Swaziland Christian University (SCU) or those who have been waiting for graduation at the institution, after government and the university finally signed the long-awaited memorandum of agreement (MOA) last Thursday.

After a long drawn out battle, government finally put pen to paper in signing the document which sets off a clear cut relationship between the government and the institution.

Government was represented by Minister of Education and Training Dr Phineas Magagula while representing the institution was Pastor Kim Chong Yang who is also the General Field Director of SCU. The document was approved by Cabinet last Wednesday before it was signed by both parties the following day at the institution.

It states that both parties realise that education is a foundation and main pillar of economic and social development. Having noted that, the government through the ministry of education is mandated to provide access to relevant quality education at all levels to Swazi citizens.

Whereas the SCU (Swaziland Christian University) was established by the ACM (Africa Continent Mission) as its founder and under the leadership of the General Field Director, Pastor Kim Chong Yang it was mandated to also provide tertiary training to students enrolled in the institution.

However, this agreement has not been as practical as it is now, with effect from last Thursday when the minister and the director signed the MoA (Memorandum of Agreement).

The memorandum's purpose and scope is to establish a working relationship between the government and ACM to ensure a smooth running of SCU.

In this agreement, both parties agree to work together towards the accomplishment of overall objective. The



SIGN HERE: Minister of Education Phineas Magagula hands over a ballpen to Pastor Kim during the signing of the MoA between government and the Africa Continent Mission held at the ministry of education (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

objectives of the MOA and as stated in the MOA are to: (in no particular order and to name but a few)

- Define the roles and responsibilities of the ACM and government in the working relationship of running the institution.
- Allow SCU to be a fully fledged government parastatal (as per the PEU Act).
- Improve academic standards and quality assurance systems of SCU.
- Operate SCU in line with the PEU Act and in terms of the MoA.

When interviewed, the minister stated that a meeting is to be scheduled for this week wherein both parties will clearly define, outline and align responsibilities and expectations to each party.

He, however, emphasised that signing of this document paves a way for both parties to engage each other and to consider expectations as per operation outline.

Interviewed, Chairman of ACM Philemon Mgbhi echoed the exact words of the minister, stating that both parties now have a clearly defined operational plan which will be defined even further in the next meeting.

The MoA states that the government being responsible for the overall oversight function over the academic performance, operations and finances of the university, it is fully fiduciary responsible for the university to enable it to meet its operational expenses.

With these powers, comes the appointments of vice chancellor, council, and the bursar of the university as per the Public Enterprise Unit (PEU) Act. To complement this responsibility, the ACM shall be responsible for providing infrastructure and equipment required for the successful operation of the university.

The ACM also remains responsible for mobilising funding for the SCU.

Prince Hlangumphi thanks Taiwan for continued support

By Thando Dlamini
Mbabane

MINISTER of Economic Planning and Development Prince Hlangumphi has thanked the government of Taiwan for their continued support to the Kingdom of Swaziland.

The minister, speaking on behalf of government during the presentation of donations amounting to US\$2 333 799.49 (approximately E28 million) to different ministries from Taiwan last Thursday, said the country was grateful for the help received from the Republic of China on Taiwan.

Prince Hlangumphi was echoing the words of both Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama, represented by Director of Natural Resources Thabile Nkosi, and Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane, who was represented by the Director of Health Dr Vusi Magagula.

The minister also stated that since the phase 20 project was scheduled

for completion last December, there was immediate need to fast-track the implementation modalities in order to advance to phase 22 as approved by the ROC (Taiwan).

He also acknowledged support towards the on-going rehabilitation of the Mbabane Government Hospital, citing that despite the delays experienced by the project at inception, the project was now back on track as the contractor has envisaged completion by November this year.

Obliged

In conclusion, the minister noted that he felt obliged to highlight that the country and the Republic of China on Taiwan are together in celebration of 50 years as the friendship between the Kingdom and R.O.C also was established in 1968, which suffices to extend this celebration to a 50/50.

Nkosi said the ministry was looking forward to presenting feedback on how the project has imparted in the local rural communities and a project completion report will also be presented to trigger the third disbursement.



THANK YOU: Minister of Economic Planning and Development Prince Hlangumphi receiving donations amounting to approximately E28 million from Republic of Taiwan Ambassador Thomas Chen.



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PAY PROPERTY RATES IN FULL BEFORE 30 JUNE TO WIN FANTASTIC PRIZES

Pay your rates in full by June 30th to stand a chance to win amazing prizes in the 'Pay Your Rates and Win' competition

MBABANE - Here is a chance for Mbabane property owners to win amazing prizes by participating in the 'Pay your rates and win competition'.

In the previous instalment of the competition, property owners that participated stood a chance to win refrigerators, beds, lounge sets and other furniture items and Council encourages all property owners in Mbabane to enter the competition by paying their rates in full by 30 June 2018.

Council has over the years issued incentives to ratepayers in order to stimulate maximum rates collection within the first quarter of the financial year. This is done in order to enable Council to be able to deliver on its mandate of quality service provision to both residents and general public who come to do business in the city.

The response to the incentive-based collection approach has been growing over the years as ratepayers continue to respond positively and the collection figures showed some improvement year on year.

Council would like to encourage ratepayers to pay their rates in full on or before the **30th June 2018** in order to qualify for the competition. The qualifying entrants will be considered for a draw which will be conducted in July 2018 at Council offices where they will stand a chance of winning a wide range of interesting prizes.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PAYING RATES

MBABANE - Rates are a tax levied on a property located within the urban boundary and as such the Local Authority is operating under delegated power from Government to collect the tax from every property within the Municipal Boundary. The fundamental purpose of collecting property tax is to enable Council to carry out its obligatory duties to the Urban Community which are financing projects and providing services to the residents of the City.

2018/2019 RATES

It is important to highlight that the 2018/2019 rates tariffs have

been published in the print media and Government Gazette. Ratepayers may now compute for themselves the rates for the current financial year using the valuation of their properties. Council is in the process of raising rates bills and same will be mailed to their postal addresses before the end of April 2018. If a ratepayer happens not to receive his or her rates bills by the 30th April 2018, he or she must contact Council and enquire about the bill.

The deadline for paying the current rates is the 30th June 2018. If payment for the current rates is not received by the stipulated date, Council will levy interest charges at 15 percent per annum as per the provisions of the Rating Act.

In order to avoid interest charges on your account, Council allows for monthly instalments towards settling your rates bill. Utilizing instalment arrangements offered by Council will require the property owner to register with Council between April and June each year.

Ratepayers are given six months (6) to settle their rates bills (July to December). One can prolong the repayment period to nine (9) months provided he or she signs off the agreement in April and start paying in the same month. **All instalment agreements should be paid up by December each year.** Ratepayers on this arrangement who default on payments have their instalment arrangement terminated and interest levied for the months in default.

MEANS OF PAYMENT OF RATES

Council has made it easy for its Customers to make payment for rates. Council holds accounts in all the Commercial banks in the country and ratepayers may utilise these bank accounts to make payments. Ratepayers may also use the following means of payment:

- *Cash or Cheques at Council offices.*
- *Debit and Credit Cards*
- *Electronic Internet Transfers (EFTs) (please put in your statement account number as reference for the payment)*

- *Cash or Cheques at Council offices.*
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Council is in the process of engaging the Mobile Money Service Provider where ratepayers will utilise this facility to make payment using their cell phones.

Anyone who wishes to get information on Council activities may visit Council's Website on www.mbabane.org.sz, call Council offices on 24097000 and or personally visit Council Offices.

Council put in place a **Rates Balance Checking Facility** on the website which enables ratepayers to access information on their rates balances remotely. **Ratepayers are urged to register with Council first before utilising this facility.** Council also has an informative Facebook page where there is adequate information on rates and other services provided by Council and we encourage members of the public to use this platforms to communicate with us.

TB DAY AT THE MBABANE BUS RANK

MBABANE - The Public Health Unit and AMICAALL/SOCIAL SERVICES department commemorated the International TB Day in collaboration with Christian University Students and PSI Swaziland at the bus rank.

The commemoration was aimed at raising an awareness to the general public and public transport users as an educational session was conducted through giving them

information on how TB is spread from one person to another and what one needs to be done in order to prevent TB and how important for one to get screened for TB.

The Christian university students rendered a drama on adherence once one has started TB since TB is a curable disease when detected early. After the play there was a question and answer session on TB, the public won t-shirts, key holders, lunch cooler bags, sunglasses and umbrellas

that were from PSI Swaziland dreams on wheels project.

Services provided on the day were TB Screening, BMI, HIV TESTING SERVICES and linking of clients found reactive to TB and HIV for the initiation of ART Services at nearest health facilities, condoms were also made available to the public and demonstration as means of preventing the spread of HIV, STIs and unwanted pregnancies.



Unclaimed Monies

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FLORENCE Christian High School is in shambles.

The buildings are worse than a pigsty. The school which also has a boarding facility, is no longer a safe place to live in by the mere looks of it.

The school is in a deplorable state and closing it down could be the only solution as occupants are at high risk and in danger of catching any ailment.

Former pupils have said there is urgent need to give the school a major facelift with some of the buildings needing to be demolished.

"The school is in a deplorable state, we don't want to believe that no one is aware of the serious attention the school needs.

Pupils' lives and that of teachers, even the visitors are at risk. It's also hard to believe that this is the institution which has produced many people who are now prominent members of society and others are successful businesspeople. Someone should act now before something worse happens," said one of the former pupils.

Some of the former pupils are said to have shown willingness to assist in

FLORENCE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY HIGH IN SHAMBLES



renovating the school.

State

Principal Nomcebo Simelane acknowledged the state of affairs in her school and further admitted that it was a health

hazard to work under such conditions.

"Everything is falling apart. The school in particular the hostel, is in shambles. It is true the whole school needs a complete facelift," said Simelane.



BAD STATE: One of the buildings at Florence Christian Academy High School.

Sbu & Tee Engine Masters owners dream of owning complex

OWNERS of leading spare parts business in Nhlanguano, Sbu & Tee Engine Masters want to own a complex.

They want this dream achieved in the next five years.

Thabile Dlamini who partnered with her husband Sibusiso to start a motor vehicle spare parts business, said it was within their plan to expand their business.

"We see ourselves owning a complex in the next few years. We want to have our own building where we won't pay rent. Sbu & Tee Engine Masters is soon going to be a respected brand, not just in

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the country, but throughout the world. We are going international soon and we are setting targets for ourselves. Five years from now, expect a changed Sbu & Tee Engine Masters from what it is today," she said.

Thabile said as it happens with any business, they also experience challenges, but despite this, they had remained focused.

"Every business has its ups and downs. We experience that even here, but we

have not allowed it to make us lose focus. One of the challenges we have right now, is space shortage. Our stock needs more space and as you can see, shelves are full to the brim and part of our stock is on the floor," said Thabile.

Meanwhile, Thabile's husband Sibusiso said he was also proud of his wife as they do things together. He said even they started the business, they planned it together.

Company to be there for charity activities

OWNERS of Sbu & Tee Engine Masters want to introduce programmes which will cater for charity.

According to Sibusiso Dlamini who is the co-Director, it was important for any company to lend a helping hand in society.

He said together with his wife, they were drawing up a programme on how the company could be of help to those less privileged people.

"We are only a year old as a company, but we have been overwhelmed by the support. There

are spares shops all over town, but we have our own loyal customers and since we are noticing improvement in terms of support, it's only proper to do something as a way of ploughing back to the community. Soon we will be identifying where we can support. If it's a soup kitchen for the orphans, we will then decide what kind of help we can give and if it's sports such as football, we will have to work out a plan on how to go about this. It's important to support charity and it's what the country's authorities encourage," said Sibusiso.

A young couple's business venture has now become a household name in Nhlanguano town and the entire Shiselweni region.

Sibusiso Dlamini with his wife Thabile, both in their early 30s, are proud owners of Sbu & Tee Engine Masters which is situated at RSG Complex along Sililo Avenue.

Despite only being open for a year, the couple has earned itself a reputation already and with other spare parts businesses in the town littered all over, Sbu & Tee Engine Masters seemed to be a preferred choice for everyone who needs any spare part for any vehicle.

The other thing that has seen the business becoming the preferred choice, is because of its good customer service.

It is said anyone coming to the shop, is treated with respect and leaves with a broad smile.

The shop is always fully stocked up and the other good thing with the company is that its prices are reasonable and affordable.

There are 10 or more spare part shops in Nhlanguano, but Sbu & Tee Engine Masters comes top.

Thabile said together with her husband Sibusiso, part of what they did when planning to start the business, was setting aside money monthly,

Young couple's business soaring



AIMING HIGH: Sbu & Tee Engine Masters in Nhlanguano

specifically to start the enterprise. She said her husband worked for a certain spare parts company in Nhlanguano and gained experience which he is now applying in the family business.

"We are from humble beginnings. There were just two shelves stocked

up when we started and it's unbelievable that it is money we generated from these two shelves that has led us this far. The two of us have known each other for years and we know our strengths and weaknesses. When we start this business, we were aware of the risks considering



DIRECTORS: Sbu & Tee Engine Masters Directors Sibusiso and Thabile Dlamini inside their shop.

that this nature of businesses is all over town, some which have been in existence for many years. There were those who thought we were not

going to make it but we never listened to them, we remained focused," said Thabile.

Thabile said she had no clue on operating a spare parts business, but as her husband had worked for another spare parts company for over 15 years, she knew that with his experience, there was no way they would be discouraged.

She said they both sat down and agreed that it was time they become their own masters and not remained employees be employers.

"We started with small capital which was part of our savings we were making from our salaries. There was no way we were going to fail.

We are hardly a year into the business but already, we have become a respected brand not just in Nhlanguano but all over the region," said Thabile.

EATERY GUTTED BY FIRE

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlengano

A mysterious fire gutted an eatery at the Nhlengano Mall Complex causing damages estimated to almost E50 000.

The Mama's Food restaurant was burnt by the fire which saw the structure as well as the passage at the mall and part of the taxi rank covered with smoke.

No clear explanation was given as to what caused the fire, but there was speculation that the restaurant operated by Asian nationals was devoured by the flames after a saucepan was left with oil on a stove that was lit.

The fire broke shortly after the owner Nur Islam had locked the eatery.

Onlookers said they saw smoke coming out of the ventilators and underneath the door, a few minutes after the owner had left the business. Screams and people shouting caught his attention and he rushed back to see what was happening.

With the whole building engulfed by thick smoke, the Asian national jumped inside to try and save items.

While desperate not to suffer losses, it is said the Asian joined by a fellow countryman were seen throwing out some of the items and at the same time making efforts to put out the fire using water.

Members of the public saw this as an opportunity to loot. A few members of the public managed to steal some items before the arrival of the police and the fire department team at the scene. Kombi operators also tried to assist with their fire extinguishers and almost won the battle as the flames were controlled from spreading to the other buildings close by.

With gas cylinders outside the restaurant, there was also fear that the cylinders could explode causing more damage. However, the arrival of the fire personnel saw the flames being put out.

Islam said he suffered huge losses as apart from the items, he would have to renovate the structure.

"I think, it's plus or minus E50 000 I suffered as losses," he said.

One of the people who were close to the building when the fire started, said he was seated just behind the building with other members of the public.

Muzi Simelane said he saw the owner of the restaurant locking it and together with one of the employees, they walked away.

...No clear explanation was given as to what caused the fire, but there was speculation that the restaurant operated by Asian nationals was devoured by the flames after a saucepan was left with oil on a lit stove



BURNT: This was the situation after the Mama's Food Restaurant was burnt and other items looted.



ASHES: Owner of the restaurant Nur Islam (facing camera) and his fellow countryman at the scene.

"I saw them leave and it's like they were arguing. I concluded that the employee and his boss were having a misunderstanding judging from the way they were talking. I don't know to what the argument was about. Moments later, we saw smoke coming out of the building."

"It was then that I saw the businessman running back in full speed. Already, some members of the public were waiting to pounce and indeed some were seen looting some of the items," said Simelane.

Bongani Dlamini who was found at

the scene said he was not sure what actually caused the fire but suspected that oil or some flammable liquid was left on a lit stove.

"It can't be an electric fault but it's most likely that they left oil on the stove. I tried to push away some of the people who wanted to steal and managed to save some of the items being stolen until the police arrived," said Dlamini.

Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the incident. He said they were still investigating the cause of the fire.

COSPE to help 23 communities respond to climate change effects

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

THE Cooperation for the Development of Emerging Countries (COSPE) has launched a three-year adaptation project which is aimed at assisting 23 communities to respond to effects of climate change.

The communities are those which have realised adverse effects of the recent drought which was experienced over the past three years.

The theme of the project is; "Prevent And Respond To Climate Change; resilient practices of mitigation of drought effects in Swaziland and Mozambique".

It will benefit the two aforementioned countries.

Speaking during the launch of the project, COSPE Project Manager Fabio Laurenzi stated that the overall objective of the project is to mitigate the effects of the prolonged El Nino induced drought in the Southern Region of Africa mainly on food security and malnutrition.

Laurenzi said the project was also aimed at increasing the resilience of the population through supporting agriculture and livestock, to promote irrigation practices and market linkages for agricultural products. It is also to strengthen the management and the technical capacities for both producers and technical service providers, and to mitigate the effects of the drought for the most vulnerable groups.

Upon implementation of the project, the organisation expects to have achieved increased agricultural productions in the various communities through the integrated use of improved agricultural practices.

Another expected result is strengthening the management and the technical capacities for both producers and technical service providers. The organisation will also work on the design and implementation of an improved control and monitoring information system.

Results

To achieve these expected results, Laurenzi said they would be distributing seed kits to at least 2 000 producers, to help them have a variety of crops.

Acknowledging that a greater part of the region is still facing a challenge of dry lands, Laurenzi said they would also be working in facilitating at least four irrigation systems. This will ensure a steady production of crops.

Moreover, Laurenzi said they are also looking at helping the communities to construct about four rainwater collection systems in four different schools for agricultural use. Some existing dams will be rehabilitated while at least one new one will be constructed.

"While undertaking all these exercises, we will ensure that local people are also trained to manage the project so that productivity continues even after the set term elapses," he said.

Heat waves, pests cause devastation to farmers

THE extent of damage caused by recent heat waves and pests is said to have caused immeasurable devastation to farmers in the Lubombo region.

As a result, hundreds of farmers are said to have lost thousands of Emalangeni as their crops were damaged in the fields. This was reported by Director of Agriculture Nelson Mavuso during the launch of the climate change response project which has been funded by COSPE, in collaboration with several other organisations.

Mavuso said climate change effects have already been felt in many parts

of the country. He said for instance, farmers at Siphofaneni recently saw their crops drying instantly when the temperatures rose up to approximately 38 degrees celsius. Mavuso said this was an indication that indeed, the country was experiencing effects of climate change.

He therefore commended COSPE and partners for initiating such a project which will ensure food security. "Such a project is commendable more especially because the organisation has also indicated that it will train local residents so that they are able to continue with it beyond the three years," he said.

Python roaming in Matsamo

By Sizwe Dlamini
Matsamo

RESIDENTS of Matsamo in the northern Hhohho are allegedly living in fear after a large python sighting in the area.

The snake was supposedly seen in January, and the claims of having seen it have intensified over the last two weeks. It is said to be living in a stretch of woodlands that is located next to a small water source in between two large rock caves. The area where the snake lives is said to be used as a short cut by

residents of the area.

Hiding

Speaking to this publication, a resident, Mbongeni Ndlovu claimed that the snake comes out of its hiding place at night.

"My homestead is located next to the area where the snake lives, around January; I found a large piece of snake skin which was about half a metre long and after that discovery, I have been looking for the creature. I have also warned the local school children to avoid walking in the area in fear that the snake might hurt a child. I am convinced it is a python because its skin had a wide

diameter," he said.

He claimed that as the snake comes out at night, his dogs would bark at night.

"One night I decided to come out and I saw part of the large snake slithering into the nearby forest area, this frightened me," he said.

Another resident, Celumusa Ndwandwe claimed to have seen the snake that lives in the area.

"I once saw the snake in the morning, while I was walking to work nearby the forest area.

"At first, I thought it was dead but when I got closer it moved away in such



a high speed that it scared me, I think that the police should come and kill it," he said.

Meanwhile, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba said the residents of the area should inform the police about

the snake, that way they (police) can call local wildlife experts to come and safely retrieve the python.

On that note, Thea Litschka-Koen, a snake expert at the Swazi Anti Venom Foundation was unavailable for comment as her phone number was not available.

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HUNDREDS TURN OUT FOR FREE HEALTH SERVICE

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

THE World Health Day which was held on Saturday saw many people getting free health services.

The event was hosted by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in collaboration with the ministry of health and other organisations at the Prince of Wales Sports Ground on Saturday.

WHO was also celebrating 70 years of existence on Saturday. The event kicked-off with a march around Mbabane which was led by bands from the three security services namely; the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Service, His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) and the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF).

Multiple stalls were mounted inside the sports ground offering different services to the masses.

Health workers from different facilities attended the people by screening their health and monitoring diverse health conditions.

Minister of Health Sibongile Simelane-Ndlela said this year's commemoration of the Health Day was different in a way that they wanted to assemble people and expose them to free health services.

The objective was for them to get to know their numbers in as far as ailments are concerned.

"It is one of His Majesty King Mswati III's priorities to have a healthy nation by 2022 and we are aligning ourselves with the priorities of the head of state by saying let us attain that vision. We are faced with a huge challenge of non-communicable diseases which is the reason that we are preaching the gospel and making significant



PICK YOURS: Members of the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force and Correctional Services lining up to get pamphlets. This was during the World Health Day commemoration where free health care was given. (Pics: Sabelo Majola)

efforts for people to know their numbers and get medical attention," she said.

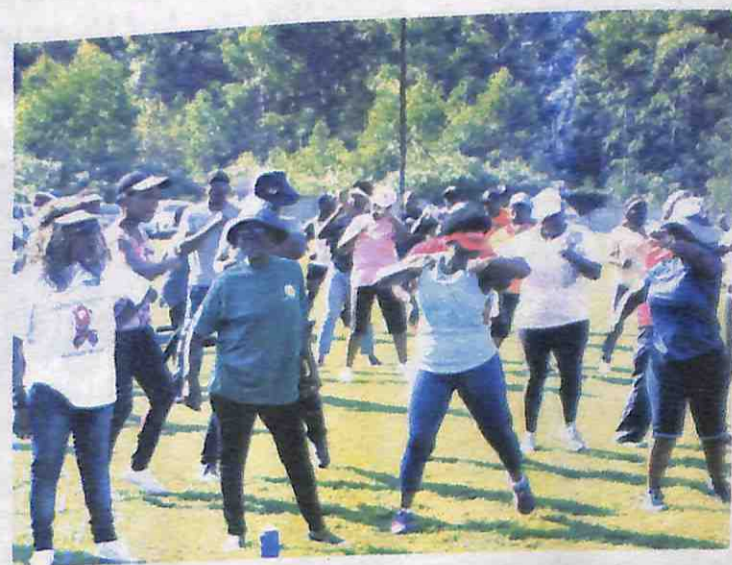
Ndlela said the initiative would extend to other areas across the country and one of their main objectives was to have children immunised.

"Our target is that at least 90 per cent of the children's should be immunised, hence the initiative population should be decentralised so that it extends to all the regions in the country and every Swazi has free access to health," she added. The immunisation rate in the country stands at around 81 per cent which is below the WHO standard of 90 per cent.

Ndlela said the country should be able to make up for the nine per cent shortfall and be in line with WHO standard.

Meanwhile, UNICEF Communication Specialist Nonhlanhla Hleta-Nkambule said the Africa Vaccination Week, which is a UNICEF initiative, was part of the World Health Day which was commemorated on Saturday.

She added that the child health days and Africa Vaccination Week would be held on the last week of April (23rd to 29th) to complement the work started on Saturday. It is through this initiative that the 15 000 targeted children will be vac-



LIKE THIS: Some of the people participating in aerobics after the march.

nated to meet the WHO standard.

People want initiative to be sustained, particularly the elderly, who attended the World Health Day commemoration, want free health care to be sustained throughout the year.

Children were vaccinated for different health conditions, checking their cards to know if they had vaccinated, providing immunisation on vitamin C and also de-worming, while adults were screened for different health conditions like eye sight, sugar levels, BP, HIV and many other conditions. When interviewed on the significance of the day, they expressed content on the initiative but asked for it not to be a once off event but continuous throughout the year.



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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?: Health workers giving help to the masses.



WE ARE HERE FOR YOU: Some of the different stalls that were mounted at the Prince of Wales Stadium on Saturday.



TESTING: Gogo and Mkhulu Gama being attended by the Emergency Medical Services members.

This is what they had to say:

Gogo Gama

"The thinking behind hosting the event in this fashion was very good. I was able to check my BP, the eye sight and sugar levels, but it is a pity that I'll have to go all the way to the hospital for treatment on diseases that were detected because there was no medication here only the screening. We appreciate the initiative and we wish

it could be sustained throughout the year and beyond," she said.

Mkhulu Gama

"It is significant for one to know their state of well-being and for World Health Day to be celebrated in this fashion gives everyone the chance to go for check-ups. We hope government will build from today (Saturday) and give us more opportunities like this ones to check up on ourselves frequently,"

he said.

Bianca Barbosa

"I came to check my eye sight and I was told that it is okay. I as told by my friends to come to this event and they all came with me for different check-ups.

Katlego Mofokeng

"I came for oral health together with my friends from school. Health is a priority and I couldn't let this day pass hence I arrived as early as possible to be part of the initiative.



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7 DAYS TO WORLD CONGRESS

IT is exactly seven days to go to the set-to-be-lit World Congress brought to Africa by the Global Business Roundtable.

Preparations are already at an advanced stage as the programme, which looks seriously rich with the diverse captains and gurus in the industries within the seven mountains of society, has already been consolidated and delegates from across the globe are gearing up for a learning experience, networking as well as match-making opportunities.

Swaziland is among the many countries that has benefitted in the sponsored exhibition spaces and the world will get the feel of the country's exclusive wares displayed by the SME's throughout the Congress.

As earlier reported, April 17 will be dedicated to SME's and close to 50 countries are expected to showcase what they have to the world. This year's theme is: Africa The Next Frontier For Economic Development: unlocking economic growth through the development of small, micro and medium enterprises which will see the topic, "The Role of Government in Creating An Enabling Environment for Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises to Thrive" being tackled.

The World Congress will take place from April 17th to April 20th, at the Sandton Convention Centre in South Africa. Part of the Congress will be the hosting of the Trade and Investment Summits which will cover Doing Business in Africa, US-Africa Summit, Europe-Africa Summit, Africa-Asia Summit.

The Trade and Investment Summits hosted throughout the Congress are uniquely designed to bring all nations, big business, trade agencies and funding organisations under a single roof for match-making opportunities.

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WORLD CONGRESS

to discuss in detail how identified opportunities will be advanced and implemented post the Congress.

GBR acknowledges certain partners in hosting this Congress, with the Swazi Observer newspaper being among the many others.

Partaking at the Congress will also be present and former presidents of the African Continent who form part of the Africa Forum body.

This programme includes plenaries as well as Country Roundtables whereby countries table their priority projects and status reports on each

and private player's roundtables from all over the world.

The plenary and roundtable discussions seek to also address the critical challenges underpinning development in the continent, and how these can be resolved. Other topics for roundtable discussions include: "Funding Opportunities for SMME's in Southern Africa", Banking systems in Africa, Europe, Asia trade and investment opportunities and a lot more topical and critical issues by industry experts aimed at forging ways in finding solutions for Africa.

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Every after the session, we network..., a powerful session where business deals are clinched and

sealed over a meal. Our evening sessions start promptly at 6pm-8pm and the venues and days are as follows:

- In Mbabane- City Court-last Tuesday of the month
- At Ezulwini-Bethel Court-first Tuesday of every month
- At Matsapha-S&B Restaurant-

first Thursday of the month

- At Simunye-Simunye Club-second Tuesday of the month
- Manzini- third Tuesday of the month, at The George Hotel
- Mpaka-Malindza Primary School, third Thursday of every month
- At Nhlanguano- Ngwane Teachers Training College-every last Thursday of the month
- Siteki-second Thursday of the month, new building next to Baceth

Hardware

- Ngculwini-at Emmanuel Wesley Church Ntabamhloshana, second Saturday of the month 11:00-1:00p.m.

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ON THIS DAY

... APRIL 9

0193 - In the Balkans, the distinguished soldier Septimius Severus was proclaimed emperor by the army in Illyricum.

0715 - Constantine ended his reign as Catholic Pope.

1241 - In the Battle of Liegnitz, Mongol armies defeated the Poles and the Germans.

1454 - The city states of Venice, Milan and Florence signed a peace agreement at Lodi, Italy.

1667 - In Paris, The first public art exhibition was held at the Palais-Royale.

1682 - Robert La Salle claimed the lower Mississippi River and all lands that touch it for France.

1770 - Captain James Cook discovered Botany Bay on the Australian continent.

1833 - Peterborough, NH, opened the first municipally supported public library in the United States.

1838 - The National Gallery opened in London.

1865 - At Appomattox Court House, Virginia, General Robert E. Lee surrendered his Confederate Army to Union General Ulysses S. Grant in the parlor of Wilmer McClean's home. Grant allowed Rebel officers to keep their sidearms and permitted soldiers to keep their horses and mules. Though there were still Confederate armies in the field, the war was officially over. The four years of fighting had killed 360 000 Union troops and 260 000 Confederate troops.

1866 - The Civil Rights Bill passed over U.S. President Andrew Johnson's veto.

1867 - The US Senate ratified the treaty with Russia that purchased the territory of Alaska by one vote.

1869 - The Hudson Bay Company ceded its territory to Canada.

1870 - The American Anti-Slavery Society was dissolved.

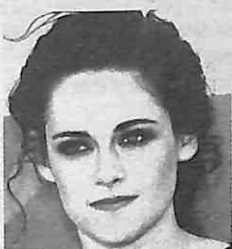
1872 - SR Percy received a patent for dried milk.

1900 - British forces routed the Boers at Kroonstadt, South Africa.

1905 - The first aerial ferry bridge went into operation in Duluth, MN.

1912 - The first exhibition baseball game was held at Fenway Park in Boston. The game was between Red Sox and Harvard.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Kristen Stewart - (Mopvie Actress) - April 9, 1990 (28 years old)



Marc Jacobs - (Fashion Designer) - April 9, 1963 (55 years old)

LEADERS NEED A CLEAN START

In *The Prince*, Machiavelli observes that, in politics, as in physical health, illness is easy to cure but hard to recognise in the beginning; if untreated, it becomes, in the fullness of time, easy to recognise, but hard to cure. Equally true, Vladimir Lenin once observed that, "in politics, there are decades in which nothing happens and then there are weeks in which something happens".

Nothing better captures Machiavelli and Lenin's observations more forcefully than the factions that have polarised the once mighty ANC. At the core of these factions is the contest for power and resources. In his celebrated book *On War*, Carl von Clausewitz posits that "politics" is a contest of power over control of governance and resources, and not necessarily "governance" itself. Politics tends to be about who controls power and not about how the political system operates successfully.

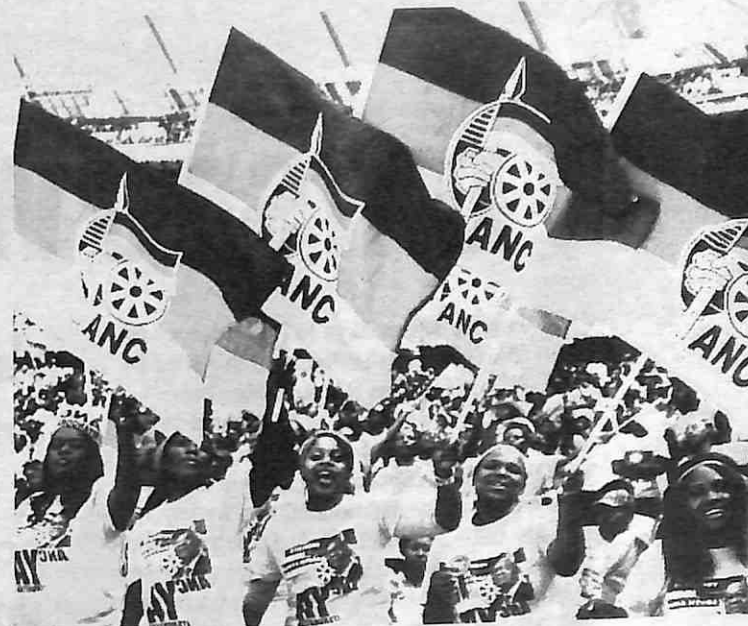
The consciences of some of our leaders have been found wanting when it comes to money, which is one of the causes of the factions that have nearly destroyed the oldest liberation movement in Africa.

If there is one thing that has nearly brought the ANC to its knees with the resultant precipitous decline in public support, it is the conspicuous immersion of its members in crass materialism.

The fragmentation that was occasioned by the disputed provincial elective conference in KwaZulu-Natal calls for renewal that will jettison old systems of thought and begin, with renewed vigour, to adjust to new realities and systems of thinking.

Ironically, though the current political impasse in KwaZulu-Natal has not been caused by a sustained period of electoral failure, it has its origin in the outcomes of elections for new leadership. The renewal of the ANC is, therefore, occasioned by the lessons drawn from the disputed electoral results.

Renewal means the reconstruction



of the ANC as a political institution. Renewal means the revival of political classes (*umhabulo*) and the reinvigoration of all that made the ANC stand out. Renewal means making the ANC a trustworthy, dependable and viable party. Renewal means that there is an urgent need to clearly articulate the ANC's policies, which will help promote party cohesion and continuity.

As of now, there appears to be a lack of a clear profile of the ANC. This sometimes results in the ANC having to resort to vague wording in its official statements. The ANC's leaders have consistently tried to gloss over substantially divergent standpoints in many areas. It is against this backdrop, therefore, that I strongly feel that the organisational success of the ANC will be directly dependent on specific internal articulation. In this regard, most of the ANC's internal problems would be reduced quite substantially. Clearly defined policies will always place responsibility at the forefront of political discourse, and this might largely work to constrain the divisions engulfing the mighty ANC. Renewal means the calibre of the cadre the ANC's recruits needs to be revisited. It must be investigated whether the recruitment of a multitude will add value or just numbers to the

ANC.

We need unity in action

My take is that, in some respects, the present membership of the ANC leaves a lot to be desired. Some of the members hardly know the constitution of the ANC, let alone the culture and the dynamics of the party. Not until recently have people in the party used guns and knives against other members to drive their points home. Perhaps in the process of recruiting membership, the ANC opened its doors to hardened criminals and fraudsters.

This calls for the ANC's selection and recruitment policy to explore the possibility of having an induction programme that will focus on, among other things, political education, mentoring and training for all new members of the ANC.

However, let me hasten to say that there is no way this can be achieved without genuine unity, which appears to be missing. Currently, the ANC in KwaZulu-Natal is more polarised than before. The once vibrant ANC has been replaced by political gridlock, apathy, fickleness and ignorance. Polarisation points to a lack of leadership, and a lack of leadership is the result of a lack of political unity. Indeed, the decline of ideological politics and the legalisation of political life have placed a pre-

mium on character, integrity and judgement as arbiters of political leadership.

We need unity in action and not in rhetoric. We need leaders who will not allow their egos and power struggles to impede our sense of belonging and commitment to our collective good; leaders who are driven by a mission and a shared vision to serve the aspirations of the people of KwaZulu-Natal, whose acts of courage, devotion and defiance have kept the ANC alive under harsh conditions. We need our leaders to stand together in joy and sorrow. This is the time to seize the moment and look to the future with a renewed sense of unity. This is the time for our leaders to reflect and learn from their mistakes.

Indeed, the ANC leadership is saddled with the responsibility of bringing order back to the province that birthed the founding fathers of this glorious movement. As the adage goes, there is always a silver lining behind every dark cloud. The ANC's many political vicissitudes stand as a testament to the fact that it is often the internal implosions that have presented opportunities to rectify its past and resuscitate its future.

Who would have thought that the once toxic and bitter rivalry between Sbu Ndebele and Zweli Mkhize could be amicably resolved. At first, the process of promoting peace between the two appeared impossible. The peace that finally prevailed between Ndebele and Mkhize was not a miracle – it required the two leaders to transcend their personal political differences and put the interests of the people first. The current KwaZulu-Natal ANC leaders should draw from the wells of wisdom of these leaders. Even the ANC's opponents want to see it thrive. Mangosuthu Buthelezi is on record expressing his displeasure over the problems plaguing the ANC. Where else have you heard of a powerful and seasoned politician wishing stability in his opponent? Buthelezi's concern is neither politicking nor grandstanding, but genuine expression that points to the prestige of the ANC. *City Press*

Why Africa's free trade area offers so much promise

CALIFORNIA - African leaders have just signed a framework establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area, the largest free trade agreement since the creation of the World Trade Organisation.

The free trade area aims to create a single market for goods and services in Africa. By 2030 the market size is expected to include 1.7 billion people with over USD\$ 6.7 trillion of cumulative consumer and business spending – that's if all African countries have joined the free trade area by then. Ten countries, including Nigeria, have yet to sign up.

The goal is to create a single continental market for goods and services, with free movement of business persons and investments.

The agreement has the potential to deliver a great deal for countries

the continent. The hope is that the trade deal will trigger a virtuous cycle of more intra African trade, which in turn will drive the structural transformation of economies – the transition from low productivity and labour intensive activities to higher productivity and skills intensive industrial and service activities – which in turn will produce better paid jobs and make an impact on poverty.

But signing the agreement is only the beginning. For it to come into force, 22 countries must ratify it. Their national legislative bodies must approve and sanction the framework formally, showing full commitment to its implementation. Niger President Issoufou Mahamadou, who has been championing the process, aims to have the ratification process completed by January 2019.



TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG: African heads of states and governments pose during the African Union (AU) Summit for the agreement to establish the African Continental Free Trade Area in Kigali, Rwanda. (AFP)

Cause and effect Some studies have shown that by creating a pan-African market, intra-Africa trade could increase by about 52 per cent by 2022. Better market access creates economies of

scale. Combined with appropriate industrial policies, this contributes to a diversified industrial sector and growth in manufacturing value added.

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.75%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	5.4%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.75%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.25%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E12.80 per litre
Replacement	E12.85 per litre
Diesel	E12.00 per litre
Paraffin	E 8.95 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 06 APR 2018		
CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	11.9900	12.0400
British Pound/SZL	16.7722	16.8422
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.9194	8.9541
Swiss France/SZL	12.4494	12.4961
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2374	1.2534
Australian Dollar/SZL	9.1963	9.2359
Canadian Dollar/SZL	9.3870	9.4232
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
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PATRIOTIC NKONYENI PRE-CAST STRIVES FOR VISION 2022, EMPLOYS 291 LOCALS

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

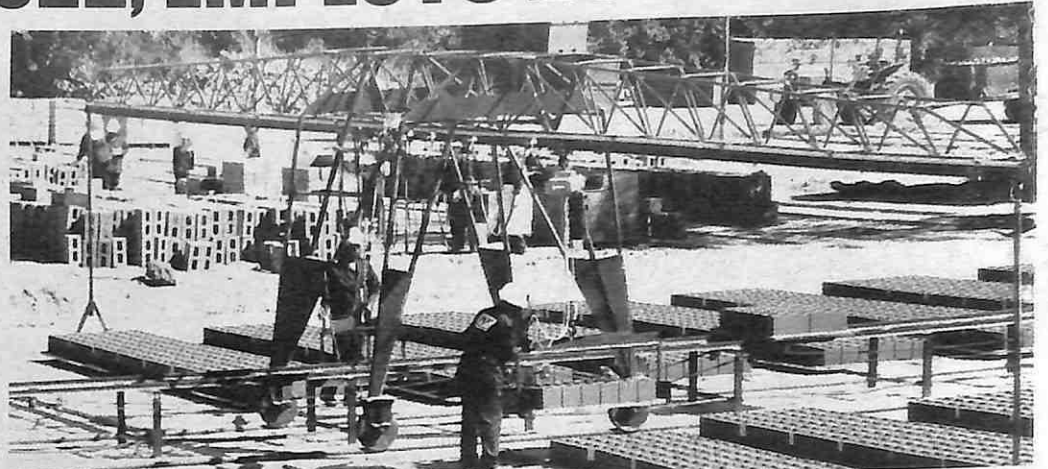
ESTIMATES show that Swaziland's economy is currently performing below par compared to other Sub-Saharan African countries with an economic growth rate of just 1.9 per cent in 2018, yet a couple of indigenous companies continue to withstand the odds perform exceptionally well under the circumstances.

One such company is Nkonyeni Pre-Cast (NPC), one of Swaziland's leading producers of blocks, pavers, roof tiles, cobbles and assortment of building accessories. Established in 2007, NPC has achieved a 27 per cent growth rate from 2014 and has further raised the bar with its products by heavily investing in new production machinery and ensuring SABS certifications and other recognised quality standards on all its products. SABS is the South African Bureau of Standards.

Apart from being quality savvy, NPC has grown in such leaps that the company sub-contracts some of its services like the provision of trucks to three small companies in a bid to empower fellow SMES, especially those based in rural areas. Even though NPC holds mining rights to extract river sand, an integral raw material in the manufacture of construction products, the company often outsources provision of this product to two neighbouring farms depending on demand and availability. Based at rural Sidvokodvo, NPC is already setting its sights outside Swaziland as the company opened a new branch in Nhlazatshe, South Africa which is headed by Gregory Mitchell.

The South African branch accounts for about 7.5 per cent of NPC's revenue.

Explaining some of the quality processes at NPC, the company's Operations Director Marissa van Zuydam-Kunene explained that every product is batched and taken through extensive quality processes as prescribed by SABS before dispatch. "We produce an average of 80 000 bricks each day and even though we have high quantities on a daily basis, we still adhere to all quality processes," van Zuydam-Kunene said, explaining that all bricks for instance, undergo a 28-day quality process which includes watering, batching and curing before being disbursed to the market. Even though large profits make companies tick, NPC is not all about making money but the company stands for empowering locals and the neighbouring communities from which it operates. Currently, 97 per cent of company's



MEN AT WORK: Nkonyeni Pre Cast employees at work in the different phases of production. (Courtesy pics)



QUALITY ALWAYS: Nkonyeni Pre Cast blocks at the company's Sidvokodvo plant.

291 employees are Swazi and about 87 per cent come from the neighbouring communities of Nhlambeni, Sigcineni, Gundwini and Sidvokodvo amongst others.

NPC adheres to the principles of employee empowerment so much so that most of the company's workers are hired with minimal skills, trained in-house for specific needs and empowered to be better citizens.

"Many of our employees are trained in-house. Even though we have a number of college graduates who work at NPC, but we also take in people with no skills at all and take them for specialised trainings in certain fields. We have people who have risen within the company's ranks to hold managerial positions even though they were hired with no qualifications or skills," she said.

With a heavy Corporate Social Investment (CSI) orientation, NPC sees to it that it gives back to its employees on a monthly basis. "Last month for instance was international women's month, so NPC took the initiative to invite Women and Law Southern Africa to educate all employees from the lowest to the highest earners on violence against women and chil-

dren," she said. NPC has also made heavy investments on an in-house education programme known as 'Khula Natsi' where special tutors where hired to take through illiterate employees on basic English communication skills as well as reading and writing classes for those who never received any formal education.

"When we talk about reading classes, we do not mean reading just for the sake of, but reading with understanding," she explained. With external CSI projects, NPC undertakes a single major one per year. Last year, the company built a house for a destitute family at Dvumbe area. NPC is currently affiliated to Swazi Tiles and has diversified into other sectors apart from the manufacture of construction products as the company currently has three subsidiaries which are Nkonyeni based Hardware Solutions, Bush baby Lodge and Printing Solutions. Hardware Solutions is the retail component of NPC and is based at Nkonyeni. Bush baby lodge on the other hand is an upmarket facility based in the Nkonyeni countryside which offers tourists the tranquil of experience of lodging in rural Swaziland. Printing Solutions on the other hand is a printing company.

NPC sponsors Teen Challenge Swaziland Ministries' Mount Kilimanjaro hike for ICBCs

PASTOR Julius Steyn from Teen Challenge Ministries will in June this year climb Mount Kilimanjaro in a maiden pilgrim aimed at raising funds to empower rural communities.

Pastor Steyn and others from Teen Challenge will not be climbing the highest mountain in Africa just for fun but the group is on a mission to build In Community By Community (ICBC) structures which will comprise a church, pre-school and pastor's house in different rural loca-

tions in Swaziland. Nkonyeni Pre Cast recently became one of the companies to support the Teen Challenge Ministries Mount Kilimanjaro expedition.

NPC Operations Director Marissa Van Zuydam-Kunene encouraged other companies to follow suit by sponsoring this noble initiative aimed at empowering rural communities with early childhood development care as well as spiritual growth and development. Pastor Steyn explains in a short documentary that each ICBC costs E650

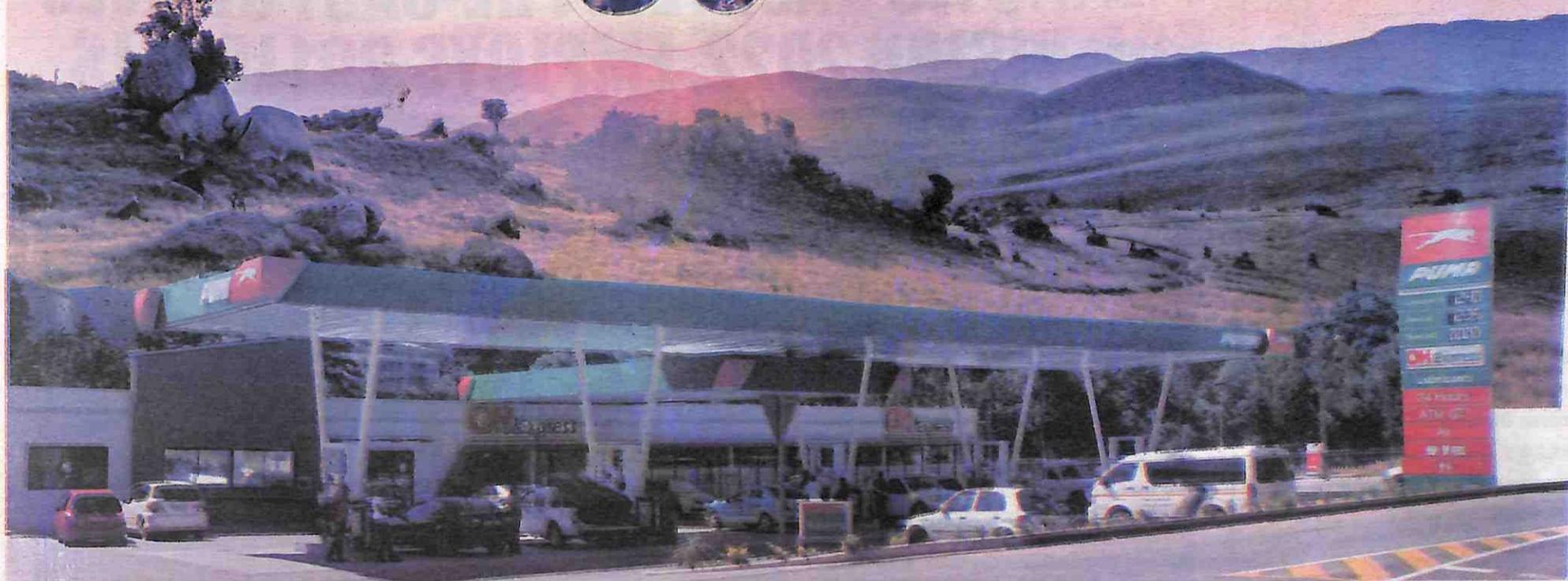
000 to put infrastructure into place. To date, Teen Challenge Ministries has constructed 10 ICBCs and has a target of putting in place 60 such structures by 2027.

Companies are encouraged to support each step that Pastor Steyn and his team will make at Mount Kilimanjaro. "100 per cent of proceeds for the Mount Kilimanjaro initiative will go to the ICBC project while the cost of climb expenses will be financed by Pastor Julius himself and his team".



Celebrating 50 years of Independence

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Puma 50/50

In the space of just four years Puma has managed to spread their green, white and red branding all over the Kingdom of Swaziland.

It would be criminal not to document such growth which has seen Puma grow from zero to twenty-four service stations within the Kingdom's borders. Puma has shown staying power

Milestones

Merged with Exel Petroleum Swaziland, first acquired Caltex Oil Swaziland then Exel Petroleum in 2015. Merged the two to give birth to the large footprint Puma has today.

Puma now supplies King Mswati III International Airport all its petroleum needs and also is responsible for supplying SALink with quality fuel.

Puma has had to rebrand all the sites that they've acquired, 25 sites to be exact with one being built one from scratch in Mbabane (Checkers).

Puma believes in establishing relationships with local companies

through partnerships with various service providers in order to initiate growth beyond Puma's core business.

The partnership with South Star Logistics as Puma's transporter of petroleum.



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Halala Swaziland

PUMA ENERGY ENTERS SWAZILAND'S LUBRICANTS MARKET

Corporate Social Initiatives

Puma has partnered with the Swaziland Epilepsy Organization through sponsorship and seeks to continue being part of the work being done by the organization.

Puma has sponsored the USDF Wafa Wafa Race with a hefty E120 000 in January 2018 as it believes in the health benefits of keeping fit.

Puma Swaziland also goes to great lengths to source expertise from within Swaziland's limited workforce of individuals with experience with working within the petroleum sector. From the contractors involved in the rebranding and renovation process of acquired service stations to the repairs and servicing of pumps. Puma keeps it local as much as they can.

Sustainable Development

Safety is a culture at Puma due to the volatility of petroleum products, safety must come first which is why Puma has a 'Stop-Work Policy' which stipulates that all employees, including employees of both dealer-owned (DODO) and company-owned (CODO) service stations, consultants and contractors shall stop work when there is an imminent threat to the safety and health of oneself or others, or can cause adverse environmental loss and damage to property.

Puma's future

Puma is working towards being number 1 in the petroleum industry.

Puma also seeks to be in the heart and minds of the Swazi consumer. 2022 and beyond is looking bright for Puma as there are plans in place to become a household name and to be a brand which influences safety and environmental consciousness throughout the energy industry.



SWAZI Lubricants has been named as the official distributor of Puma-branded lubricants in Swaziland, officially the Kingdom of Eswatini, and one of the smallest countries in Africa.

Company officials expressed their excitement to be the first and official distributor of Puma lubricants.

"We are happy to be associated with the brand and can assure the nation that we are bringing nothing but quality in the market," said Swazi Lubricants Director Dan Simelane.

The new business adventure, according to Simelane, was in line with the King's vision to take the country towards a first world status.

"In my experience working outside the country, one can mention that this is a good platform to take the country to a first world status where we serve the nation with the best

products," said Simelane.

"Our intention is to grow with the nation as we are also on a mission to spread our wings in the whole country which will bring both business growth and more employment to the nation," he said.

The business will use Talisman Hire, a sister company of Swazi Lubricants as a distribution company.

Puma Lubricants Technical Advisor in Africa, Calvin Ranjit, reinforced Puma Lubricants' quality. "We are producing high-performance lubricants, which are suitable for both diesel and petrol engines," he said.

Parent Puma Energy, which operates across 47 countries and five continents, has put more than two decades of knowledge and expertise into its lubricant offering. Puma Energy re-launched its range of lubricants in 2014 with the vision to offer high quality and

affordable lubricants to its customers.

Puma Lubricants' sales have aggressively expanded globally over the past three years. Puma Lubricants are marketed across Africa in countries such as Angola, the Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Ghana, Senegal, Benin, Ivory Coast, Lesotho, South Africa, Zimbabwe and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Similarly, the company markets its lubricants products in Central America, including Honduras, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, Peru, Columbia... and in Asia-Pacific, including Australia and Papua New Guinea.

Puma Energy's strategy is to become one of the leading brands in the lubricants industry by offering unique, innovative, and state-of-the-art products that increase client productivity and protect their investments.

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PUMA ENERGY SWAZILAND

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NPC to unveil major low-cost housing project in May

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

A major low-cost housing project known as 'house in a box' is in the pipeline and will be officially launched in May, Nkonyeni Pre-Cast Marketing Consultant Awalandwe Dlamini announced on Friday.

The project is meant for the average Swazi to be able to afford to build their own home or to give an opportunity to

those whose parents live in sub-standard structures to be in a position to offer decent infrastructure for them. Though not divulging much details about this project pending the official launch next month, Dlamini hinted that through 'house in a box' people will be allowed to contribute as little as E1 500 each month over a period of five years for NPC to provide building materials. She said that NPC will provide three

fixed house designs from which people can choose from. "We strictly have three fixed house designs for the house in a box project which are a one and two bedroomed house as well as a bed-sitter".

Operations Director Marissa van Zuydam-Kunene encouraged members of the public to be on the look-out for this programme which allows the average Swazi to have their own home.

STA TO ATTEND WTM AFRICA 2018 AMID CAPE TOWN WATER WOES

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

IN a bid to sell destination Swaziland to international tourism and travel buyers and trade, the Swaziland Tourism Authority (STA) will be attending this year's World Travel Market (WTM) Africa, which is scheduled for April 18 to 20, in Cape Town.

This was revealed by STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini, during an interview. Dlamini said this year's exhibition comes against the backdrop of water scarcity currently facing the host city, and revealed that organisers have called upon attendees to save like locals.

"With a water conservation mind-set, WTM Africa 2018 looks forward to driving education around water scarcity and usage through attendees from across the world. The exhibition, according to their official communicate, will assist attendees understand how water can be saved within the tourism sector, and how exhibitions in general can use less water," said Dlamini.

As awareness grows around WTM Africa 2018, so too has concern around the current water shortage in Cape Town and the implications this may have for visitors. "Working with the city of Cape Town, we are told that the organiser, Reed Exhibitions, will continue in their evergreen ethos of being 'green' at shows," stated Dlamini.

In the same communicate, Dlamini said the city of Cape Town assured exhibitors that business will continue as usual despite



CLARIFIES: STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini.

the water shortage it is currently experiencing.

In 2017 alone, WTM Africa recorded E4.4bn worth of business written, with close to E13bn recorded over the past five years. Dlamini said the same communicate stated that it was therefore, vital to the tourism sector and various economies across Africa that WTM Africa proceeded as planned, writing business for destinations, accommodation providers and tour operators a few years into the future. Meanwhile, the Deputy Mayor of Cape Town Alderman Ian Neilson has reiterated the importance of hosting the event in their city in spite of the current water challenges.

...about WTM Africa

World Travel Market Africa is the leading business-to-business exhibition for the inbound and outbound African travel & tourism markets. Through its industry networks, global reach and regional focus WTM Africa creates personal and business opportunities providing exhibitors and tourism trade with quality contacts, content and communities.

WTM Insights is the place for travel and tourism professionals to get the latest industry news, trends and insights from across the globe. Experts from a broad variety of travel sectors share their knowledge in the WTM Insights blogs and videos. The STA has attended WTM Africa since inception five years ago, reaching out to thousands of high quality tourism trade and buyers. STA also distributes destination marketing paraphernalia (inclusive of Swaziland Discovery brochures) at the show.

"The City of Cape Town is working hard to ensure that all major events hosted in the city keep their water consumption as low as possible. Tourism has always been a mainstay of Cape Town's economy, creating as many as 300 000 jobs in peak season. We want to protect these jobs, and also ensure that our visitors are able to enjoy their time in the Western Cape while being mindful of the constraints on water use. We are therefore working with the stakeholders of the tourism sector to make sure that they, and their guests, are conscious of our water restrictions, and remain within the 50 litre daily limit," says Deputy Mayor of Cape Town, Alderman Ian Neilson.

Agricultural production to drive SD's economic growth in 2018

By Majaha Nkonyane

AGRICULTURAL production will drive the country's economic growth in 2018, the ministry of economic planning and development projects stated in its 2018/19-2020/21 report.

"The economy of the country is expected to experience modest growth of 1.3 per cent in 2018, mainly due to the recovery of agriculture production under the primary sector and the spillover effects of such developments on the secondary sector (agro processing) and major lines of the tertiary sector," the report said.

According to the report, sugar-

cane production will grow significantly at about 20 per cent as the first crop that has not been affected by the most recent El-Nino induced drought is harvested.

With weathermen forecasting good weather conditions, modest growth of one per cent is projected for citrus production in 2018. It was noted that in terms of Swazi Nation Land (SNL), crop production is expected to decline at the tune of negative 0.7 per cent, affected by base effects of the drought recovery in 2017, when the sub-sector grew by 152 percentage points.

The report also highlights that maize will perform below the pre-drought average performance.

SEDCO, Woman Farmer

Foundation fight unemployment

By Majaha Nkonyane

IN a bid to fill the unemployment gap in the country, the Small Enterprise Development Company (SEDCO) together with Woman Farmer Foundation (WWF) held a two week entrepreneurship course for farmers and unemployed youth in the country.

The entrepreneurship course is meant to empower unemployed youth to venture into business, this is also meant to empower a group of women who form part of the WWF group that was present at the training.

The training which ended on Friday, saw a total of 22 individuals graduating the group and they will add on the 11 per cent of the SME population that ventures into entrepreneurship from a formal class. "Of the total group of SME's we have in the country, one of the key issues is capacity, a study that was done by FINScope 2017 reveals that of the SME's that were asked where they got the knowledge they had on business, only 11 per cent said they got formal training whilst 46 per cent taught themselves," he said.



It was further noted that of the challenges that were noted, the biggest gap is that of business management, which is why SEDCO saw the need to train aspiring entrepreneurs so that they are well equipped and avoid the same mistakes that have been made by others.

On another note whilst avoiding mistakes that were done by others in the entrepreneurship field, the training was meant to empower women which is part that was played by WWF. "We are happy to be part of this graduation ceremony as ours is to empower women and this will go a long way especially in management of the businesses that you are going open," she said.

The programme is ongoing.

VAT hike in limbo as MPs fail to reach quorum

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

IT remains highly uncertain when Members of Parliament will eventually sign the Finance Bill of 2018 which comes with an array of increased taxes such as VAT which is expected to rise from 14 to 15 per cent.

Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) Commissioner General Dumsani Masilela last week confessed that nobody quite knows when this Bill will be passed. Speaking at an impromptu breakfast meeting held at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre last Thursday with members of the busi-

ness community, Masilela said: "When are not sure when exactly Swaziland will align with South Africa on the VAT rates because all this depends on the passing of the Finance Bill of 2018".

On the same day that SRA held a breakfast meeting with members of the business community, Members of Parliament ironically failed to reach a quorum in the House of Assembly. This was not the first instance lately for House of Assembly debates to end up not taking place because of the low number of MPs in attendance. While consumers silently celebrate delays in the VAT hike, the differences in VAT between Swaziland's 14 per cent and

South Africa's 15 per cent pose a serious administrative challenge for the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) which last week announced a E50 charge for all Sekulula VAT refund which makes VAT refunds processes much more easier. 'VAT increase won't hit consumers' pockets too hard in short term' Even though nobody quite likes it when Value Added Tax (VAT) is increased because this simply means consumers have to dig deeper into their pockets and pay more for everything that must be bought especially food the NKC Research Institute in South Africa earlier this year argued that the short term effects would not be soon. Swaziland's VAT hike

sparked many debates locally as members of the business community wants clarity on what will happen to Swaziland in the event that South Africa decided to hike the consumption tax again. Progress Dlamini who represented Inyatsi Construction Company in the SRA breakfast meeting asked the commissioner general on whether Swaziland would still want to have the same VAT rates with South Africa in the event that the neighbouring country decided to increase or decrease this tax.

"Will we always respond to South Africa's VAT adjustments?" wondered Dlamini. The commissioner general responded with the frank admission that Swaziland lacks policy inde-

pendence on many economic policy independence because the country's economy is heavily integrated with South Africa. "Unfortunately for Swaziland and Lesotho, we are small economies and have very little policy independence. Developments occurring in South Africa definitely impact Swaziland and the sooner we accept and embrace this, the better," he said, further explaining that Swaziland's tax rates are influenced by neighbouring South Africa. The Institute's Head of Research Francoise Conradie explained that even though VAT increases come with inflationary pressures, but the recent hike would to some extent be cushioned by factors such as the appreciation of the Rand and Lilangeni as well as the moderation of food inflation which comes as a result of the good harvest.

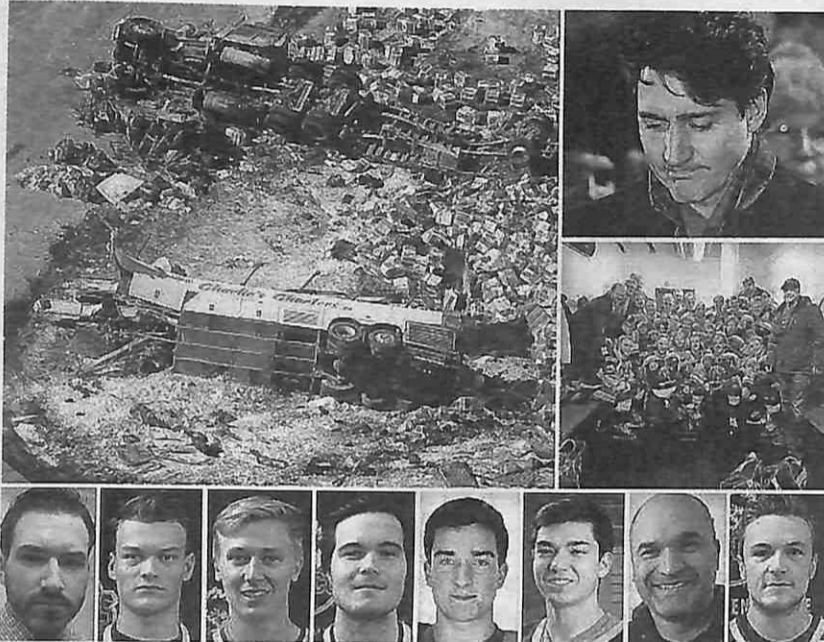


World News

CANADA MOURNS 15 KILLED IN HOCKEY BUS CRASH

HUMBOLDT - A shocked Canada was in mourning on Saturday after a bus carrying a junior ice hockey team collided with a semi-trailer truck in Saskatchewan province, killing 15 people. In a country where the love of the sport is almost a religion, the crash sparked an outpouring of grief among players and fans, while national political leaders and the head of the National Hockey League expressed their sympathies. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), which said determining the cause of the accident would require some time, did not say how many of the victims were players or

coaches of the Humboldt Broncos team, which hails from a town of 6 000 people. Police said that there had been 29 people on board the team bus, including the driver, and 14 were injured, including some in critical condition. "An entire country is in shock and mourning today," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said. "We are heartbroken knowing many of those we lost had their entire lives in front of them. This is every parent's worst nightmare. No one should ever have to see their child leave to play the sport they love and never come back." Tom Straschnitzki told CBC News that his son Ryan was among the injured. **AFP**



Zim opposition push Mnangagwa for electoral reforms

HARARE - Zimbabwe's main opposition has reportedly said that there would not be any elections without the necessary electoral reforms.

Speaking to journalists in Harare this week, the Movement for Democratic Change leader, Nelson Chamisa said that his party would not allow President Emmerson Mnangagwa to run an election if it was not satisfied with reforms, reported the privately owned NewsDay.

Chamisa said that without his party an election was unlikely going to happen as the "leading" opposition party in the country the MDC would not accept a "drama of an election."

The opposition presidential candidate said that he did not trust the electoral body as it was filled with Mnangagwa's allies from the military.

"We have done a forensic audit of who does what in the ZEC (Zimbabwe Electoral Commission) secretariat and most of these are of dubious credentials, apart from those who of course served the army and left. Former members of the military can of course serve in any state institution but there are people from spooky organisations and we must chlorinate them because they contaminate ZEC. "It does not inspire confidence to continue to have them. We will engage ZEC, if they want they can share with the public," Chamisa was quoted as saying.

This comes a week after a senior government official had said they were on the verge of introducing electoral reforms. According to NewsDay, Justice Minister Ziyambi Ziyambi told a local radio station during a heated debate with People's Democratic Party (PDP) spokesperson Jacob Mafume that the country's "contentious electoral law" would likely be amended this month.

News24

French train chaos strikes again as standoff with Macron deepens

PARIS - Millions of French commuters and holidaymakers faced another wave of crippling transport stoppages on yesterday, as rail workers protested at President Emmanuel Macron's economic reform plans and some unions warned they could step up strike action.

Train staff last week kicked off three months of nationwide rolling strikes in a dispute over the government's planned overhaul of state-run rail firm SNCF, in the biggest challenge yet to Macron's attempts to modernise the French economy.

Just over a third of workers needed to make the train net-

work run smoothly were expected to walk out yesterday, a dip in participation compared to the last 48 hours of walk-outs last Tuesday and Wednesday, the SNCF said.

But some labour unions have already signalled a hardening stance as negotiations with ministers over the reforms hit a wall. Officials at the Communist-rooted CGT said on Friday strikes could drag on well beyond June if nothing shifted. Laurent Brun, head of the CGT's railway section, added workers were ready for a "marathon" if needed.

Unions have so far called strikes for two days out of every

five until the end of June, to fight a shake-up of monopoly SNCF before it is opened to competition in line with European Union rules. That includes ending job-for-life guarantees and early retirement for rail workers, which the government argues will help transform the heavily indebted company into a profitable public service.

Workers have hit back with complaints the SNCF was being dismantled to pave the way for a privatisation. The showdown between Macron and the rail unions is one of the toughest tests yet of the former investment banker's presidency.

Reuters

Police 'close in Grace Mugabe ivory probe

HARARE - Zimbabwean police investigating an ivory-smuggling racket will soon question former first lady Grace Mugabe, who is accused of arranging shipments abroad, a government-owned newspaper reported.

The Herald newspaper, once the mouthpiece of the Mugabe regime, said police were making progress in their probe into Grace's alleged role in smuggling to China, the United Arab Emirates and the United States.

"We are closing in with our investigations," a police source told the paper. "We have also



UNDER INVESTIGATION: Robert and Grace Mugabe.

picked up and questioned several suspects who we believe are linked to the case." **AFP**

BRIEFS

At least four killed in restaurant

BERLIN - Three people were killed when a vehicle ploughed into a busy cafe and restaurant terraces in the German city of Muenster on Saturday, before the driver shot himself dead. At least 20 people were injured, six of them seriously, according to police, while media reports said the driver had been behind the wheel of a delivery van. Earlier a police spokeswoman in the western city told AFP that the driver of the vehicle "shot himself" after driving into a crowd of people and leaving about 30 bystanders with injuries. **AFP**

N Korea calls ex president 'traitor'

SEOUL - North Korea has called disgraced former South Korean President Park Geun-hye a "traitor" responsible for "extra-large hideous corruption", in its first reaction to the sentencing of Park to 24 years in prison on corruption charges. The insults carried by North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency on Saturday came a day after the Seoul Central District Court found Park guilty on a variety of charges, including bribery, extortion and abuse of power. She had been under arrest since March last year. **AP**

Dead buried after border clashes

GAZA CITY - Palestinian mourners in the Gaza Strip were burying their dead, including a journalist, after Israeli troops killed nine during the latest border clashes in a week of bloodshed. Thousands of protesters approached the border fence around Gaza for a second Friday in a row, burning tyres and hurling stones at Israeli forces, who responded with tear gas and live ammunition. In addition to the nine dead, at least 491 were wounded by Israeli gunfire, the health ministry in the Hamas-run Gaza enclave said. **AFP**



S Leone new leader backed

SIERRA LEONE - Sierra Leone's beaten presidential hopeful Samura Kamara, who narrowly lost a run-off vote, congratulated victor Julius Maada Bio on Saturday and vowed to throw his party's support behind a new administration. "I'm here to congratulate our new president with executive members of my party," Kamara told reporters after meeting former junta leader Bio at his residence. Kamara said his All People's Congress (APC) would support Bio's efforts to form a new government in the West African nation, following a tumultuous campaign that saw supporters of both sides subjected to violence and intimidation. **AFP**

The cleaners attacked by Russians

LONDON - A Russian suspected of planning the nerve agent attack on Sergei Skripal and daughter Yulia will still be in the UK, a KGB defector says today. The sleeper agent - living undercover in Britain - is thought to have guided a six-strong hit squad known as "The Cleaners" to their Salisbury targets. Former KGB man Boris Karpichkov, 59, has told the Sunday Mirror how the murder plot is likely to have unfolded - based on his own spy training in lethal poisons. **Mirror**

Focus on SA scene

ANGRY ZUMA LOYALISTS THREATEN ANC SPLIT

JOHANNESBURG - Jacob Zuma's loyalists in KwaZulu-Natal are said to be hatching an elaborate plot which involves a campaign to oust President Cyril Ramaphosa as party leader.

They are also considering splitting their votes in the coming elections — voting for the ANC in the province but giving their national ballots to a political party sympathetic to their cause should their plan to remove Ramaphosa fail.

Insiders say the Zuma backers were pondering working with Andile Mngxitama's Black First Land First ahead of the general election as part of a plan to punish Ramaphosa for Zuma's removal from office. In addition, Zuma's close ally, Caesar Nongqunga, the president of the Twelve Apostles Church in Christ, has formed a new political party, the African Transformation Congress. Insiders said Nongqunga formed the party with Zuma's blessing.

Some leaders of the church held a meeting in Umgababa, on the KwaZulu-Natal South Coast, where a letter written to the ANC informing the governing party of a decision to form a new political organisation was read out. The church complained about being sidelined by the ANC by not receiving government finance and not being consulted on crucial deci-



HANDS OFF ZUMA: Supporters of former president Jacob Zuma march to the Durban High Court on April 6.

sions. Speculation is rife in the province that the Zuma grouping was even considering mobilising its members and supporters not to vote for the ANC on the national ballot next year to spite Ramaphosa.

ANC national working committee member and former KwaZulu-Natal chairman Senzo Mchunu said the ruling party was aware of plan. "We're

aware... for now we're calling it a rumour," said Mchunu. But Zikalala denied the existence of such a plan. "These are totally, totally lies. There is not even a single person I have heard talking about that. I have never met anyone in the province, who have spoken about that issue formally or informally (sic)," said Zikalala. *TimesLive*

'Women are paid to say I raped them'

PRETORIA - The lawyer to the 'prophet' famous for his alleged miracles also says last week's money laundering claims are part of the smear campaign.

Tabloid Sunday World reports that controversial charismatic pastor Shepherd Bushiri is now fighting allegations that he is a rapist.

The paper reports that at least one Pretoria woman laid a charge of rape against him but later withdrew it, claiming Bushiri's enemies had coerced her into "concocting the case". There are reportedly other accusers too.

The Hawks confirmed they are continuing to investigate claims of rape against Bushiri, including allegations of "other victims" in his church, the Enlightened Christian Gathering, and have referred the matter to the National Prosecuting Authority.

Hawks spokesperson Hangwani Mulaudzi would not provide details of what they are investigating Bushiri for, but he did confirm he has been in their cross-hairs.

The pastor's lawyer, Terrance Baloyi, claimed several women had been paid to make false claims against his client.

Citizen



VERY WRONG: Fikile Mbalula.

ANC is wrong for abandoning Zuma

JOHANNESBURG - 'He deserves the support if people feel there is an injustice meted against Zuma in this case,' Mbalula says.

An audio recording of ANC Head of Elections Fikile Mbalula offering his opinion on the restarted corruption trial against former president Jacob Zuma emerged and has since been verified as authentic. In the clip the former sport and later police minister can be heard saying it was wrong for the ANC to tell its members not to support Zuma in court, and particularly not to do so in any official or party capacity. He criticised the party's new leadership for treating Zuma as if he is convicted when he remains nothing more than an accused

who should be presumed innocent until found guilty by the courts. He strongly references the view that Zuma has been the victim of a political conspiracy. "We are meddling and fighting battles of other people that are not sustainable. I rest my case." The Sunday papers have been full of rumour and speculation about how the pursuance of the case against Zuma is threatening to split the ANC again. The Sunday Times reports that KwaZulu-Natal leaders are allegedly threatening to have voters in the province not support the ANC nationally while voting for the ANC provincially or even supporting a new party with Zuma as the face.

Citizen

SANCO threatens to exit ANC alliance

JOHANNESBURG - The SA National Civic Organisation (SANCO) in Mpumalanga has proposed to contest elections independently, threatening to derail the ANC's 2019 provincial elections campaign.

SANCO's provincial executive committee claims to be disillusioned with the manner the ANC treats its members as "stepchildren", from the branches to provincial leadership level. The civic organisation is expected to table three proposals seeking to dislodge SANCO from the ANC's stranglehold at its next national conference this year, but it has not been scheduled as yet. The proposals are meant to change the relationship between SANCO and its alliance partner. The first proposal will lobby that SANCO breaks away from the ANC and return to being a watchdog over service delivery matters.

The second plan proposes that the organisation splits from the alliance and contests state power in all spheres of government. The third option calls for the reconfiguration of the alliance so that the centre of the power lies in the alliance, not with the ANC.

SANCO's decision flies in the face of Deputy President David Mabuza's initiative to unite the alliance and the ANC in the province. Its concerns with the ANC mirror what the SACP in Mpumalanga raised in the past.

SANCO's Mpumalanga Secretary, Mike Soko, said the province's discussion document would be tabled at the conference, where 315 branches and 70 000 members who also hold ANC memberships will shape the future of the organisation. "Branches are not happy at all... they're treated like stepchildren and they say the

relationship does not work, as decisions of alliance structures meetings are not implemented," Soko said.

"The ANC governs alone yet we campaign for elections together. Nobody can claim that the alliance is united in the province. The executive council should be reflective of the alliance and it's not," he said, adding that the Mpumalanga legislature had been reflective of the alliance for many years. Soko said that SANCO had hoped the relationship would improve with the recent changes in the province — a veiled reference to Mabuza's departure to the ANC's top six and becoming the country's deputy president. Although Mabuza had been talking unity, he is largely considered to be the architect of the disunity that was entrenched in the province during his nine-year reign as provincial ANC chairperson.

The disunity cost the ANC three seats in the last general elections. One seat went to the Bushbuckridge Residents' Association, which split from the ANC as a result of the alienation of members in the Bohlabela region.

Two seats went to the Economic Freedom Fighters, which also poached members directly from the ANC.

Mpumalanga ANC Secretary Mandla Ndlovu said he believed the differences with SANCO leadership would be ironed out, since the alliance secretariat met recently. "We're not going to comment on the statements [the SANCO leadership is] releasing. SANCO members are also our members, so they will be dividing themselves with the decision to stand independently," Ndlovu said.

alliance in the province.

City Press

Dignity of Limpopo's Balobedu people restored

JOHANNESBURG - The dignity of the Balobedu people of Limpopo has been restored.

That's the sentiment shared by many at celebrations to mark government's recognition of Queen Modjadji's monarchy. The apartheid regime demoted it to a chieftaincy during the 1970s. President Cyril Ramaphosa said traditional leaders have a key role to play in the country.

Other monarchies have hailed

Balobedu for their peace-loving nature.

Meanwhile, the current queen who is only 13 years old will be crowned when she turns 18.

Official matters are being overseen by a regent. All her predecessors are believed to have special powers, especially those of rain-making.

The event has played a significant role in ensuring that one of South Africa's ancient cultures is saved.

eNCA

KEY ROLE:
Masalanabo Modjadji is South Africa's only female traditional ruler with claims of mystical rainmaking powers.



CAMEROON - Two sisters travelled 160km on horseback to have surgery to fix a rare condition that caused their legs to become severely twisted.

Salamatou, eight, and Mariama, six, from Mount Manengouba, Cameroon, developed 'windswept' limbs due to a condition known as valgus, also known as knock knees, which can occur as a result of malnutrition. A lack of nutrients during bone development caused their knees to knock together while they walked, which resulted in them rarely attending school due to them being unable to manage the journey.

After hearing about a hospital ship, run by a charity, docking many miles away, the girls and their parents made the grueling journey over rocky terrain from their mountain village to the harbour. The girls, who were walking just one day after their surgeries, were so amazed by the results Mariama did not believe the legs she was seeing could possibly be her own. Speaking of his daughters' future, their father Debo said: "Now, they will be able to commit to school and use their education. 'Before, my heart was anxious for my family, but now I am content.' Their lives are far better now." Just one day after Salamatou's surgery, the youngster was able to walk, with her sister's competitive spirit meaning she was not far behind. Debo said: "They were encouraging each other during their time on the ship. 'One day, Salamatou said to her younger sister, 'Because you never smile, I will walk before you.' And she did! This motivated Mariama in her healing." Mariama was so amazed by the result she was convinced the straightened casts did not contain her own legs.

Debo added: "Their lives are far better now, far improved."

TRANSFORMATION OF AFRICAN SISTERS WITH 'WINDSWEPT' LEGS

● Their knees knocked when they walked, stopping them attending school



REMARKABLE TRANSFORMATION: Mariama (left), six, and Salamatou (right), eight, developed 'windswept' limbs due to a condition known as Valgus, or knock knees, which can occur as a result of malnutrition.



MODE OF TRANSPORT: Mariama (left) and Salamatou (right) made the 160km journey from their mountain-top village with their parents Debo and Mymoona (pictured, thought to be taken after surgery)

"I knew they would have a hard time in life. The sisters had never left the village of Bororos before hearing of the hospital ship Africa Mercy, which provides care to less advanced countries where people cannot afford treatment. The ship docked in the city Douala.

Debo said: "The route down the mountain was too much for the girls before, and I thought they would never go down.

"We didn't know the hospital was actually in the ship. We've never been to a ship before. 'When I first came I was afraid for my girls, but then I saw many children like them and the fear went away.' The girls' mother Mymoona added: "I felt bad that we did not have any money to take them to the hospital. 'I was worried about them and their future. If I didn't do anything, I knew

they would have a hard time in life.' Educated on the importance of nutrition While on board, the girls' parents learnt about the importance of nutrition from the ship's dietitian, who gave them vitamins to aid their recovery.

Mymoona said: "They told us about the importance of eggs, fish, and vegetables. 'We will be sure to tell the other families in the village so it can help us

all." Volunteer physiotherapist Meg Cramer, who worked with the girls during their rehabilitation sessions, added: "If you are from a poorer area where nutrition isn't a top priority, then it's not surprising that this occurs. 'One of the big ways we can change that is by making sure they do it right when they go back home.'" **DAILY MAIL**



PROGRESS: Debo says his daughters' lives have vastly improved (picture thought to be after surgery).



MIRACULOUS: Just one day after surgery Salamatou (right) was walking, while Mariama (left) did not believe the legs she was seeing could possibly be hers.



EXCITEMENT: The girls were previously barely able to walk due to their knees knocking together



ALL THE WAY: The difficult journey to the hospital was the first time the girls had left their remote village.

WHAT ARE VALGUS KNEES?

Valgus knees cause people to have a large gap of up to 8cm between their feet when standing with their knees together.

Also known as knock knees, it affects many children and usually becomes obvious at around four years old. Most children's legs straight-

en by six or seven without treatment.

Knock knees can occasionally be a sign of an underlying condition that may not improve without therapy.

Causes can include rickets, an injury or infection affecting the knees, a genetic condition or excessive pressure on

the knees due to obesity or loose ligaments. Sufferers may experience pain or difficult walking, as well as increased pressure potentially leading to arthritis. If treatment is required, it may involve resolving any underlying condition, leg braces, shoe insoles, or surgery that inserts metal plates in the knees or a thin wedge of bone being removed to realign the limbs.

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SA'S ANATTI THRILLS AT SKY LOUNGE LAUNCH

By Ayanda Dlamini

THE new classy outdoor Sky Lounge owned by Swazi Jive Entertainment was on Friday night officially launched.

The launch of the outdoor lounge which is meant to host events building up to the annual Hipnotik Festival saw a youthful crowd attending and dancing in style from the general section to VIP.



Located at the Corporate Place Roof top, the lounge is very exclusive and intimate with a red carpet and white leathered couches in the VIP area.

The launch of this lavish lounge saw Swazi Jive's first lady Adrienne Foo serenading the crowd with her hit song 'Dangerous' and gave a first class rendition of 'Chocolati' with Lo.

The headliner of the show Anatti was a thriller on stage as he gave a beautiful rendition of his hit song '10 fingers' which saw hip hop lovers yearning for more of this song. He also rendered 'The Saga' and 'Summertime'. He mounted the stage at midnight and gave a twenty minute set. He did not stay long for selfie



YASS GIRL: Instagram Queen Samke Mumu twerking on stage.

moments with his fans like other South African acts do after performing.

The Sky Lounge launch was graced by SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini, multi award winning singer Sands, Penny Bouwer, Instagram queen the Samke Mumu, personalities such as Pinky Glover, DJ Stitch, Face of Swazi Plaza Noqwaka Dalindyabo to name a few.

Attendees were impressed with the Sky Lounge from the set up to the vibe.



FUN ALL THE WAY: Hip hop fans enjoying themselves at the launch.



IN THE MIX: Adrienne Foo serenading the crowd with 'Dangerous'.

Khosi Dlamini who was having the best time of her life said, "This is such a brilliant idea, we need such a venue around Mbabane and I love the vicinity and ambience. Big ups to Swazi Jive," said Dlamini appreciating the new lounge which will be opened twice a month to host international and local acts.

Supporting Dlamini was another reveller on the dance floor

Sankelisiwe Mabuza, she also appreciate the lounge.

"I just love the fact that its exclusive and intimate," she said.

The second show at the lounge is slated for April 20 which will be a public holiday for the country. Acts of the night will be revealed in due course.

Worth noting is that media houses were not permitted to take pictures.

Miss Swaziland contestants unveiled

By Ayanda Dlamini

MISS Swaziland Top 13 finalists have been unveiled and they will be rocking the ramp in July.

The unveiling of the beauties was done on Saturday at Enjabulweni High School, Manzini.

Unveiling the beauties was Swaziland Beauty Pageant President Catrien Potgieter at the Enjabulweni fun day.

The beauties were wearing pink T-shirts with denims, socialising with children at the fun day and took selfies with them expressing their excitement on making it onto the final list of Miss Swaziland 2018/2019.

According to Potgieter, the girls are from different regions of the country.

They will be battling for the crown

- Crowning slated for July
- Pageants Swaziland mum on Mr Swaziland unveiling deferment



FINAL: Miss Swaziland Top 13 contestants were revealed on Saturday at Enjabulweni High School. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)

in July on a day that is yet to be announced.

Potgieter told this publication they

are still waiting for their title sponsor to announce the crowning day and venue for Miss Swaziland

2018/2019.

"We are yet to announce the actual date and venue for the crowning as we are still waiting for our sponsor to set the exact date. It will be a month after the Mr Swaziland crowing, which you know is on June 16," Potgieter said.

Worth noting is that the Miss Swaziland crowing was set to take place in March and later postponed to due unforeseen reasons.

Also Mr Swaziland 2018/19 top 12 unveiling was cancelled 15 minutes before the set time a week ago. When Potgieter was asked what was the main reason behind the postponement, she said she was not in the country and did not know what was happening.

"I was out of the country on that week and they will be unveiled soon as you know we will be crowning the king on June 16 before Miss

Miss Swaziland Finalists

Nosipho Nothando Manyatsi (21)
Nkwane Park
Thulie Dlodlu (24)
Nhlalanga
Buyani Simelane (24)
Mbekelweni
Nonsikelelo Siphokazi Mkhonta turned (22)
Mnyokane
Nosipho Dlamini (21)
Ezulwini
Bonkhe Masika (20)
Nkwane Park
Ntombikayise Tsabedze (22)
Ndzingeni
Thandiwe Simelane (23)
Ka-bhudla
Tibusiso phindubuhle Dlodlu (23)
Ticantfwni
Mirel Lopes (22)
Matsapha
Nondumiso Dlamini (21)
Matsapha
Phwe Mbhamali (22)
Manzini
Philswe Mlotjwa (21)
Matsapha

QIBHO INTALEKTUAL TAKES THEM BACK TO THEIR ROOTS

By Lusito Tsela

'QIBHO Intalektual is a great talent.'

That is what fun lovers attending the first episode of the Qibho Intalektual featuring Emadloti showcase were left confessing.

The show attended by Swaziland Arts and Music Association (SWAMA) President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini, Swazi Mobile Events, Brand and Sponsorship Manager Fisiwe Vilane and other musicians was held at Bahle Art Gallery in Mbabane on Saturday afternoon.

Directed by KrTC of hip hop the show saw the gifted wordsmith Qibho Intalektual delivering two sets, the first one being a musical performance whilst the last lap was a dose of thought provoking poetry.

"With the show, we are reminded of who we were before we were told who to be," that's how the rapper/poet opened the show as he took the attendees back to their roots.

Qibho Intalektual also highlighted his lack of understanding on how the forefathers are then referred to as demons nowadays.

"Why do we say *Emadloti* are demons? Does that mean when I die my own son will call me a demon?" he questioned.

Before taking attendants to a journey of self discovery through words the wordsmith allowed the audience to take turns defining who and what *Emadloti* are.

The first set of the show saw Qibho in high spirit as he sang several tracks including 'Naw'ngalalela yeNgwane', 'Imilayeto', 'Séance', 'Eitah da' which he featured Psycholution amongst others, which saw fun lovers asking for more.

During the break of the first set, attendees were treated to a live performance from visiting South African based Psychologist and song writer 'Indlobongela' who went on stage with his fellow country man Indlavini before collaborating with KrTC of hip hop, Velemseni and Psycholution on a song titled 'Lomculo liyeza' meaning 'music is medicine'.

Fun lovers were also treated to poetry from Zambian born Joseph Alexandre Brown.

Qibho Intalektual came back with a bang, as he recited poems worth shutting down the show.

Qibho recited poems like 'She gave birth', 'Ngivumele Ngitibike', 'Silence



ON THE MIC: Qibho Intalektual performing during the 'Qibho Intalektual featuring Emadloti' show held at Bahle Art Gallery in Mbabane on Saturday. (Pics: Lusito Tsela)



A FULL HOUSE: A section of the audience watching the proceedings.



GOLDEN: Velemseni was also given the stage to come up with something for their song.

has been broken, Diaspora', 'Phumalanga sikotse' and 'Legend'.

Fun lovers were left snapping fingers and asking for more, with some even saying 'Sbhadele la' (loosely translated to 'we have paid'), as they demanded for more.

The poems Qibho recited were simple taking back the audience to their

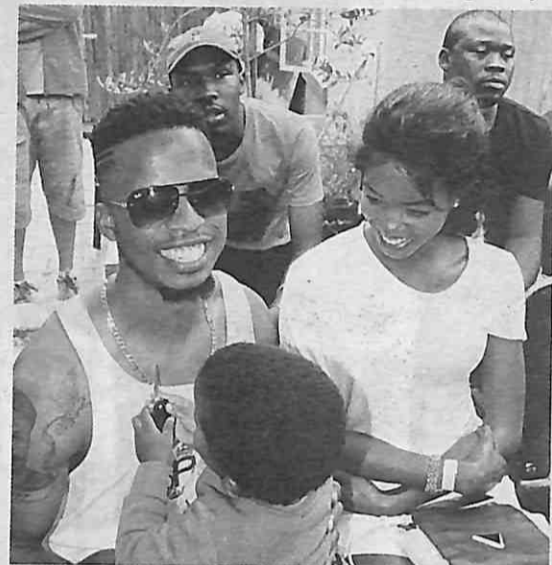
roots, as they were in line with 'Emadloti', and most importantly motivating.

Fun lovers were left asking for more as when the show ended, some even stayed for some time, enjoying the cool atmosphere brought about by Qibho's performance.

Thanking the attendees for attending was the MC, KrTC of hip hop who



ON THE DECKS: DJ Czar dishing out some cool music. **RIGHT - MC:** KrTC of hip hop directing the proceedings.



HAPPY: DJ Master P and model Coralee Vilakati having fun.



UMBUTFO: Sive Motsa who collaborated with Qibho on some of his songs. **RIGHT - POET:** Zambian born Poet Joseph Alexandre Brown reciting a poem.



promised this was not the end of it as they will be hosting the shows in all parts of the country.

"The first instalment of the show will be uploaded to YouTube to show the world the great talent the country has," he said.

On the other hand, Qibho said he was happy that the show was a success.

"It is very humbling that a great number of people came to support

the show. Swazis need to be reminded who they are from time to time so that they don't forget where they come from; hence the purpose of the show," he said.

Siphelele Dlamini said she enjoyed the show.

"The whole show was on point and I would not mind attending the next one as they have said this was the first instalment of a series of shows to come," she said.



RASTA: Dancehall artist M. Triggerson performing at the SFNL on Friday at House on Fire. (Pic: Nomfundo Sifundza)

M. Triggerson 'triggers' fun at SFNL

By Nomfundo Sifundza

YOUNG dance-hall artist M. Triggerson was the life of the party on Friday at the third instalment of this year's SFNL.

The Sibebe Friday Night Live (SFNL) contestant was the second performer on stage and he put on a good show worthy of the Bushfire stage which is the final destination of the competition.

The SFNL took place at the usual territory, House on Fire with an impres-

sive turn-out of fun lovers.

The artist fluent in the Jamaican way of speaking English appreciated his fans and all attendants at the SFNL. Telling them they are the very people that give him life as an artist.

His song 'Carry on' was both emotional and entertaining, he managed to tell his story in the song whilst entertaining attendants at the SFNL.

Setting the bar high was rapper Eimsofly who unleashed a force of supporting acts through out his set.

The rapper team included SwaziBoy,

Entertainments Lryikal Busta and Ngwane hop artist Diba Diba amongst all.

The lady in a man's world DJ Lady Zee shut the show down with a mix of gqom music sending fun lovers into a frenzy.

The SFNL final nine contestants are yet to know their fate towards the Bushfire stage. Only three acts from the nine are supposed to grace the Bushfire stage. It is worth noting that the competition judges will have it tough, taking into consideration the calibre and talent of all the contestants.

WINNERS TO GET FREE

CROWD FAVOURITES CROWNED

MR AND MISS FRESHER'S: Sewakhile Nkambule and Belinda Gaehler after they were crowned Mr and Miss Fresher's Mbabane Campus on Saturday morning at the Kwaluseni Campus. (Pics: Lusito Tsela)

By Lusito Tsela

NEWLY crowned University of Swaziland Mbabane Campus Mr and Miss Fresher's were the crowd's favourites from the onset.

Sewakhile Nkambule and Belinda Gaehler were on Saturday morning crowned at the University of Swaziland, Kwaluseni Campus Multi-Purpose Hall.

The two strut their stuff on the run way as a couple during the parade; lo and behold they were crowned king and queen.



TOP FIVE LADIES: Belinda Gaehler, Temabhele Shabangu, Gugu Dlamini and Nombuso Vilakati.

Screams filled the entire hall as the two walked on the run way, the two gained the confidence needed to become 2018/19 Mr and Miss Fresher's Mbabane Campus.

The judges for the contest were former Mr Swaziland Linda Dlamini, Deli Simelane and Kelvin Mnyakeni.

The over 200 crowd screamed and whistled as Belinda was crowned, show-

ing appreciation and satisfaction of the judge's decision.

On the other hand, Sewakhile was lifted up jovially by the crowd when the MC Xolile Dlamini mentioned his name.

Belinda is a BSc student in Community Healthiness while Sewakhile is a Nursing student.

Speaking to the newly crowned Queen, Belinda said "I am very excited to be



WINNERS: The winners of the night all smiles after their crowning.



GENTLEMAN: Mazw'okuphila Simelane helping Thandeka Mbatha wear her necklace.



TURN AROUND: Senzo Sibande and Neliswa Malaza swing dancing.

DRIVING LESSONS

MR/MISS MBABANE FRESHER'S

crowned Queen.

It is an amazing feeling of course and I only contested to have fun because I can only be a fresher's once.

Sewakhile said it was a close call.

"It really is an awesome feeling to be crowned a fresher's king; however, it wasn't what I anticipated. I am very excited about the opportunity and will definitely try to be a good example to other students" he said. The newly crowned King and Queen will be given driving lessons by Green Pastures, as a prize for winning the pageant.

The First and Second Princesses were Gugu Dlamini and Temabhele Shabangu while the First and Second Princes were Mazwe'okuphila Simelane and Siphosethu Shabangu respectively.

Gugu Dlamini and Nduduzo Nhlengetfwa were crowned the Best Couple while the Queen, Belinda Gaehler was also crowned Best Dressed Female and Siphosethu Shabangu was crowned the Best Dressed Male.

Worth mentioning is that all contestants were wearing amazing outfits and face beat on the ladies was as they say 'on fleek.'

The students had evidently prepared themselves for the night.

...Mr and Miss Fresher's deserved to win

ACCORDING to the crowd, the newly crowned Mr and Mrs Fresher's deserved to win.

Mbongeni Dlamini who is doing Humanities at Kwaluseni said, "the two are just perfect, they have swag, and were by far the interesting couple as whenever they ramped the run way, everyone screamed which showed that they were much favoured by the crowd."

On the other hand, Lungile Dlamini said, "The Queen is gorgeous, the King is handsome, who better would have won the contest other than them. I am satisfied with the judge's decision."

The MC of the night, Xolile Dlamini also said she was happy with the judge's decision.

"The judges made their decision, and the crowd is happy about it; hence am happy too."

It was a great event and everything ran smoothly," she added.

FRESHER'S CROWNED AT 2AM

IT has now become a culture that the University of Swaziland Fresher's is crowned after midnight.

This follows a series of Fresher's events where the King and Queen were crowned at midnight, and the Mbabane Fresher's Ball was no exception as the newly crowned were crowned at 2 am.



WITH THE SPONSOR: Mr and Miss Fresher's with Green Pastures Samkeliso Khumalo after being crowned.



JUDGES: Kelvin Mnyakeni, Deli Simelane and Linda Dlamini.



UP YOU GO: Some of the students celebrating with Sewakhile during his crowning.



THE TOP FIVE GENTLEMEN: Sewakhile Nkambule, Nduduzo Nhlengetfwa, Phiwayinkhosi Mavuso, Mazw'okuphila Simelane and Siphosethu Shabangu.



YES: A section of the students following the proceedings.



BEST DRESSED: Siphosethu Shabangu who was awarded the Best Dressed Male ramping the runway.



MCs: Banele and Xolile directing the proceedings.

International
Celebrity News

Tamar Braxton's new scary look

LOS ANGELES-The one and only Tamar Braxton has been having a rough few weeks. While you have probably heard the news that Tamar recently had her own sister boot-ed from the Toni Braxton tour.

Yesterday we got our first look at Tamar's new hair cut, and we're not impressed. Tamar Braxton decided to go bald and is doing so ended up looking like Mrs. Potato Head. While not the most flattering look, it echoes her life recently...a mess. After having Traci kicked off of Toni's tour, Tamar also had a racial discrimination issue with a Cabo restaur-

**NEW HAIRDO: Tamar Braxton.**

rant. She took to Instagram where she left the name of the restaurant undisclosed, but all of the terrible details of her experience public for her fans to see. *MTO*

Kendrick Lamar buys humble Calabasas crib

HOLLYWOOD - Kendrick Lamar is dipping his feet into investment real estate with the purchase of a \$2.65 million crib in Calabasas.

The "Humble" rapper just bought the six-bedroom, six-bathroom 5 400 square foot pad in Calabasas. Kendrick's an LA native and is known as a smart spender buying his sister a Toyota for her birthday last year. Our sources say Kendrick will not live in the home it's strictly for investment. Truth be told, entertainers who use their money to buy investment properties almost always score big over time.

**INVESTMENT: Kendrick Lamar's estate.**

The pad comes with a pool, giant backyard, double-sided fireplaces and a home gym. *TMZ*

Justin Bieber twist ankle in a football match

LOS ANGELES - He's been quite the workout junkie as of late.

But Justin Bieber ditched his normal cycling workout for a game of soccer with his friends in Playa Vista, Calif. on Saturday. It appeared things took a turn for the worse on the field when the 24-year-old pop star twisted his ankle during the competitive match. The painful tumble may have forced Bieber to take a lengthy timeout, but the singer seemed to recover quickly as he was seen laughing from the sidelines.

While kicking the ball around the green grass, Justin donned a white soccer jersey that said 'generosity.' *DailyMail*

**INJURED: Justin Bieber.**

Cardi B is pregnant

LOS ANGELES - Cardi B is a mom-to-be!

That's right, after months of speculation the "Bodak Yellow" rapper is pregnant! In true Beyoncé style, the dynamic rapper made sure she had all eyes on her when she literally revealed her pregnancy bump to the world, wearing a bodycon white gown during her performance on Saturday Night Live, which was hosted by Black Panther's Chadwick Boseman. Earlier in the show, Cardi, who is engaged to Migos' Offset, hid her form under a voluminous feathered frock during her first appearance as the show's musical guest.

Soon after Cardi revealed her secret, Saturday Night Live's official Twitter

**EXPECTING: Cardi B.**

wished the expectant star some love, tweeting, "Congratulations @iamcardib! #SNL." *Eonline*

SA Celebrity News

Black Panther to be screened in Saudi Arabia

HOLLYWOOD -Black Panther is all about breaking records and this time the flick is bringing film to Saudi Arabia, destroying a 35-year cinema ban. Italia Film, Disney's Middle East distribution partner, has confirmed it will be releasing the Marvel flick in a Riyadh movie house on April 18. This will make it the first screening of a film in a movie theatre since the early 1980s. A removal of the ban was announced in December by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salam and Black Panther will be getting the first chance to be screened. The Riyadh movie house has more

**BREAKING RECORDS: Black Panther.**

than 600 seats, an orchestra and balcony levels. *TshisaLive*

Father of Brickz's rape victim speaks out

JOHANNESBURG - He was supposed to be the "cool uncle" who took care of her and made her feel welcome in his home.

Instead she lived through a nightmare that continues to haunt her to this day. Sipho Ndlovu - the kwaito star better known as Brickz - will forever be the bogeyman for the young woman he raped in his home when she was 17 years old. Now 22, the young woman isn't at peace, her father tells DRUM in his most in-depth interview yet. the young woman's father, who is a widower. "When they told me

**UNLIKE HIM: Sipho 'Brickz' Ndlovu.**

what he'd done, I couldn't believe it". *Drum*

Maps gushes over Nomzamo

CAPE TOWN - Just a few days after graduating from UCT with a degree in accounting, Nomzamo Mbatha's buddy, Maps Maponyane, has applauded his buddy for having the courage to go back and finish what she started. Nomzamo spoke about her decision to continue with her studies and said she always felt like there was a cloud hanging over her head as she had started something but not complete it.

"Nomzamo - 'The One Who Perseveres' - A name that couldn't be more aptly given to you. Evidence that with resilience and courage, you will overcome. And my good-

**WELL DONE: Nomzamo and Maps.**

ness have you overcome with absolute strength and grace! Now look, you're a graduate." *TshisaLive*

Story change upsets Muvhango faithful

JOHANNESBURG -The sudden twist in the storyline of popular SABC2 Venda soapie Muvhango has left viewers confused.

According to fans, the show emulated SABC1 soapie Generations: The Legacy by changing its storyline completely without warning. After ending one episode with the announcement of Thandaza's death (Sindi Dlathu), viewers were treated to a plot twist that apparently skipped time and dates to rush to James Motsamai's (Dingaan Mokebe) wedding. Muvhango spokeswoman Amanda Ngudle said contrary to speculation that it was Dlathu's departure that forced the storyline change, the plot twist has been in the works for a long time. *Sowetan*

**CONFUSING: James and new wife.**

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

**ENRAGED: Qaphela.**

Beauty deals with aftermath of her terrible ordeal. Qaphela is enraged at being trapped. Mkabayi is enraged to discover Judas's deal. Mpiyakhe gets a surprise visit from Mkhize.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

A calculating Gabriel deliberately sows strife between Nina and Sechaba. Wendy's managerial position is undermined at the Rec which results in Kgothalo coming down hard on her. Lalage finally has a breakthrough but she's worried how her husband will take the news.

**BREAKTHROUGH: Lalage with Wendy.**

Muvhango

TODAY

Tendamudzimu makes an unusual request that leaves Azwindini at a loss for words. James threatens to annul his marriage to Moliehi. Imani makes a discovery that confirms her worst suspicions about her marriage.

**DISCOVERY: Imani.**

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

The investigating officer in Rene's case is not what he seems. Musa has a new plan for Rene. Bongwi worries Bash suspects her. Cuba announces her good news.

**GOOD NEWS: Cuba.**

PICTURE OF THE DAY

They say men are Dogs
Bona kuts sbahle njan



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

You always tend to have good powers of concentration, Capricorn, but today you're more focused than usual, probably on a project that means a lot to you. This could be job related, it might involve helping a friend, or it may just be a personal project. Whatever it is, you should accomplish a lot today. The downside is that you might forget to eat, sleep, or take any breaks. Take care!



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

An intense conversation with your romantic partner could take place today, Aquarius. This could involve taking the relationship to the next commitment level, and the subject of marriage could come up. If you're already married, this could mean taking on a new responsibility, such as a house or child. If you aren't currently involved, expect to meet someone new and exciting who appeals to you on a number of levels.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

Today you and the other members of your household might discuss the possibility of making some changes, Pisces. This could involve some redecorating or remodeling or even something as mundane as a thorough cleaning. However, it could also involve the possibility of moving to a completely different place. The need for change in your surroundings is apparent, so don't hesitate. Go ahead and initiate the first steps!



Aries March 21 – April 19

Today you might feel the urge to write, Aries. This could involve nothing more than a lengthy letter or email to a friend, but it could also be creative work, such as a novel, essay, screenplay, or poem.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

Paperwork involving money needs to be executed today, Taurus. It could be a settlement, new commission, or bonus of some kind. This is likely to be a joyous occasion because money is coming your way, even though the paperwork itself might be a drag.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

Today your mind should be especially quick and penetrating, Gemini. You could decide to tackle some in-depth research that you've been considering doing for a while on a subject that fascinates you. You might also want to discuss the subject with someone close to you who shares this interest.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

Some vivid, beautiful dreams or visions could awaken you and make you aware

of new opportunities.

They could be creative in nature, and you should consider taking advantage of them, Cancer. This revelation could have been there, unnoticed, for a long time. Don't write it off because of the unorthodox way it appeared. Look into it and see where it leads you. Your destiny might lie just around the corner!



Leo July 23 – August 22

Today you might decide to attend a group activity that is primarily concerned with an intellectual, philosophical, or spiritual interest of yours, Leo. You might meet a charismatic person whose conversation stimulates your mind and causes you to come up with new insights.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

A public figure, perhaps an author, might capture your interest in some way today, Virgo. This person could have a lot to say that appeals to you on a number of different levels. You'll want to acquaint yourself with as much of this person's work as possible. You could experience some valuable personal insights.



Libra September 23 – October 23

Today you might attend a party or group activity that puts you in touch with some interesting people from faraway places, Libra. You could find their conversation intellectually stimulating. You're apt to learn a lot from them. Books could be involved in some way. You'll want to stay in touch with them, so be sure to get names, phone numbers or email addresses. This could open up some new doors for you.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Some big upheaval in your career could take you by surprise, Scorpio, but it's apt to make a very positive difference to you. Your public standing and income could both skyrocket. Legal papers might be involved in some way. This could happen so suddenly that it has you in a daze, but try to remain focused and go with the flow. You won't want this opportunity to pass you by.

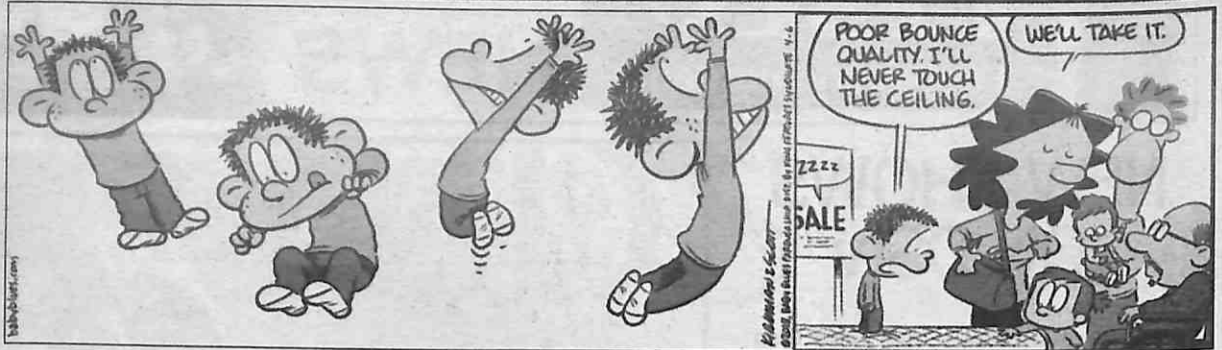


Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

A social event could bring you into contact with a very intense, fascinating person in an intriguing profession, Sagittarius. You could find him or her very charming and sexy. If you aren't romantically involved at the moment, there could be potential here! If nothing else, this person might steer you in a new intellectual or spiritual direction.



BABY BLUES



BUCKLES



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PUZZLE CHOICE

WORLD CUP 2014

Can you find the hidden World Cup 2014 teams? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

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MANY, GHANA, GREECE, HONDURAS, IRAN, ITALY, JAPAN, KOREA REPUBLIC, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA, PORTUGAL, RUSSIA, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND, URUGUAY, USA.

A DIETICIAN

A dietician was once addressing a large audience in Chicago. "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful. Vegetables can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the germs in our drinking water. But there is one thing



that is the most dangerous of all and we all eat it. Can anyone here tell me what lethal product I'm referring to? You, Sir, in the first row, please give us your idea." The man in the front row lowered his head and said, "Wedding cake." The dietician said "yes."

USELESS FACTS

1. Ten per cent of the Russian government's income comes from the sale of vodka.
2. In the United States, a pound of potato chips costs two hundred times more than a pound of potatoes.
3. A giraffe can go without water longer than a camel.
4. A person cannot taste food unless it is mixed with saliva.

For example, if a strong-tasting substance like salt is placed on a dry tongue, the taste buds will not be able to taste it. As soon as a drop of saliva is added and the salt is dissolved, however, a definite taste sensation results. This is true for all foods.

5. Nearly 80 per cent of all animals on earth have six legs.

BRAinteasers
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Friday's brainteasers

1. I've a brown shell on the outside
And my shape is an oval
However, I am not an egg
From a palm tree's where I fall

Answer: Coconut

2. You can eat its wings
Its breast and its legs
Plus when it's alive
You can eat its eggs

Answer: Chicken

Today's brainteasers

1. There are many types of this food
Wild, brown and white to name a few
Before it ever reached your plate, a paddy field is where it grew

2. I can be fried
Boiled and mashed
Roasted and baked
Scalloped and hashed



Feel every moment




NEW SHOWS ON DStv

IF you like your news a little funny then join Schalk Bezuidenhout's satirical bulletins on *Die Ware Naarheid* tonight at 20:00.

A community finds itself tormented by a goddess with no way out on Africa Magic Epic's *No More Virgin* tonight at 20:00.

Let Telemundo thrill you with its new novela, *Lord Of The Skies*, based on the true life story of a Mexican drug lord, who seized control of the Juárez Cartel after assassinating their leader. *Lord Of The Skies* premieres tonight at 23:00 on Telemundo.

Unikitty has her own show! Catch all her adventures with Prince Puppycorn, Dr Fox and Hawkodile tonight at 09:30 on Cartoon Network.

Dr Christian Will See You Now season two on Discovery TLC lifts the lid on all sorts of medical conditions, from the mundane to the bizarre. Tune in from tomorrow at 20:00.

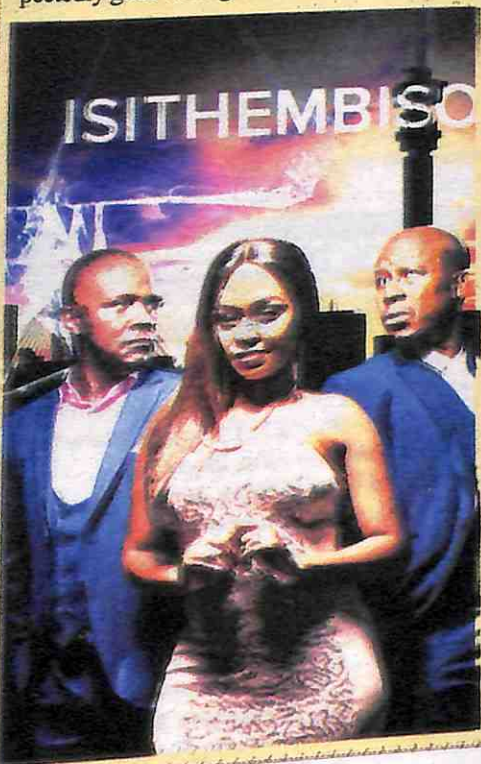
Travel trails never explored and expand your horizons when Leef Jou Reis returns for a sixth season on Wednesday, at 20:30 on kykNET. *Zenith Of Hatred* explores the condition of the human heart ravaged by anger and bitterness. Watch it on Wednesday, at 20:00 on Africa Magic Epic.

Get your laughs on when IMagic brings you a showcase of comedic talent with season one of *All Def Comedy* from Wednesday, 11 April at 21:30. Want to know what everyone will be wearing when they hit the beach later this year? Let *Fashion One* help you choose your next fashion choice on *Trend Watch Swimwear* on Wednesday, 11 April at 00:00.

Okay try not to get too excited but when 50 Cent produces a crime show starring Sean Bean (of *Game of Thrones* fame) you can't miss it.

Isethembiso returns for season 2

Isethembiso returns for season two with more drama and shock on Mzansi Magic. Isethembiso is about new matriculants, Simi and Zamani leave their families behind to pursue a better life in Johannesburg. A heist unexpectedly goes wrong and all hell breaks loose.



CONNECTING WITH GREATNESS

IT'S not very often that one gets to be made tea by England football legend Michael Owen.

Yet it was Owen who personally made tea and scones for the production crew who paid him a visit to shoot SuperSport's FIFA World Cup stories currently broadcast on DStv as a build-up to the 2018 showpiece event in Russia.

Owen's tea and scones, plus a private tour through his trophy room which includes his 2001 Ballon d'Or trophy, was just reward for the crew after a challenging three

months of working around the clock to secure appointments with the six football legends who make up the World Cup stories campaign. The campaign, dubbed Connect with Greatness, has World Cup greats in Owen, Pele, Sunday Oliseh, Augustine "Jay-Jay" Okocha and Sir Geoff Hurst going down memory lane to iconic World Cup moments that stood out for them. Also included in the campaign is Victor Moses, still paving his path to World Cup greatness with Nigeria. Once all six stars were confirmed

and appointments were made, shooting was scheduled to take just over a month, but ended up taking three months due to issues with Pele's health. Pele's shoot finally took place at his home in Rio de Janeiro, where he walked in using a walking frame and asked everyone in the room how they liked his new boots, referring to the walking aid. Itumeleng Senne, Marketing Manager for SuperSport who was present throughout the shoots, thought she was in a dream. "This was a surreal moment. When he (Pele) walked

in the whole room lit up and we could feel we were in the presence of greatness," gushed Senne.

While everyone was a little tense, he lightened the mood by telling a joke about his English being so poor, even though he lived in the USA for three years when he played for New York Cosmos. From there, the shoot was a light-hearted session filled with laughter, the highlight being the seven minutes it took Pele to recite the line "Watch all 64 matches on SuperSport". The crew soon jetted off to London for a date with Victor Moses, a man charged with spearheading Nigeria's quest for glory in Russia in a few months. Moses, a shy and emotionally reserved player by nature, was shown the video of Ghana's Asamoah Gyan penalty miss in 2010 which evoked a physical and emotional response from him. Moses felt for both Gyan and Luis Suarez, especially as he had become good friends with Suarez during their time together at Liverpool.

The Oath; produced by 50 Cents

Given the success of his breakout STARZ TV series *Power*, 50 Cent is executive producing a new TV drama titled *The Oath*, which explores gang culture and the lives of corrupt police officers. Earlier this week, *Crackle* — a streaming service owned by Sony — debuted the full trailer for *The Oath*.

The trailer begins with a robbery at a local bank where the thieves collect as much money as they can before the police arrive. As police car sirens sound off, the robbers make their escape through a backdoor but are met by a cop car and a woman pointing a gun at the group.

The robbers and the police officer have a dramatic standoff before someone yells "clear," and the group of thieves jumps into the police car. They peel off their costume to reveal that they are, in fact, are police officers and make their way back to the bank — showing just how corrupt their police organization is.

The Oath stars Cory Hardrict, Ryan Kwanten, Arlen Escarpeta, Katrina Law, J.J. Soria, and Sean Bean. The 10-episode series was created by Joe Halpin, former Los Angeles County Sheriff deputy who worked undercover for 12 years. Todd Hoffman, Dennis Kim, and



Anne Clements also executive produce the series. As for his new music, 50 Cent revealed to The Associated Press that his long-awaited full-length album, *Street King*

Immortal, will finally be released later this year, after taking a backseat to TV and film projects like *Power*, *50 Central* and his newest film *Den of Thieves*.

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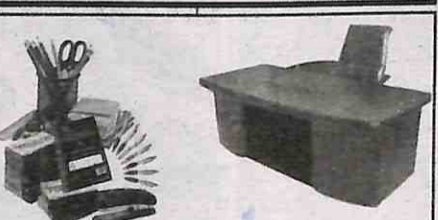
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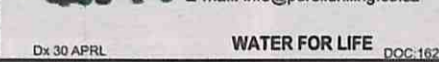
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I HAD NEVER HEARD OF RONALDO WHEN I FIRST PLAYED AGAINST HIM

LONDON - When you have a long career in football, there will be games that you need reminding that you played in. Days that were unremarkable and uneventful quickly slip out your mind.

But there will always be matches that stay with you forever, no matter how long ago they were, days when you remember every little detail. They tend to be when you achieved something significant or saw something out of the ordinary. One little trigger will take you right back.

That is what happened on Tuesday. Watching Real Madrid against Juventus, I started thinking about an England Under 21 game in which I was involved, away to Portugal, in March 2003. That was the night Cristiano Ronaldo opened my eyes to a different way of playing football. We had a decent team then — Gareth Barry, Joe Cole, Michael Carrick and Jermain Defoe all started — but we knew we were coming up against a special player. The

talk before the game, though, was not about Ronaldo. We were more worried about Ricardo Quaresma. Nobody had heard of Ronaldo.

Quaresma did not disappoint. He was magnificent and kept hitting these 50-yard balls across the field, but Ronaldo was ridiculous. He was so good. He would control those sweeping passes from Quaresma from the opposite flank — with his back! — before setting off towards goal at unbelievable speed.

You could only feel for Illoyd Samuel and Paul Konchesky, who were our full backs. They were run ragged and by the end, we lost 4-2 and Ronaldo scored.

So when he arrived in the Premier League later that year, I knew from that night what to expect from Ronaldo, with all the tricks and flicks. But I will be honest, I never anticipated that he would become arguably the greatest centre forward we have ever seen and one of the two best players to ever live.

Daily Mail



EXPECTS: Peter Crouch and Cristiano Ronaldo.

Zinedine Zidane is 'perfect' to take over at Bayern Munich

MUNICH - Bayern Munich should make a summer approach to appoint Zinedine Zidane as their new manager according to the club's legendary former goalkeeper Oliver Kahn.

Current boss Jupp Heynckes will leave the club at the end of the season having been in charge since October on an interim basis.

The 72-year-old is set to leave the club in good shape too with the German giants set to win the Bundesliga for the sixth season in a row and looking a strong in Europe too with a place in the Champions League semi-finals well within their grasp.

With this in mind, Kahn believes that Zidane would be the ideal candidate to take over at the Allianz Arena.

'Zinedine Zidane is undoubtedly worth considering, I think he's sensational,' Kahn

told German TV channel ZDF during Madrid's 3-0 win at Juventus.

'He has won everything with Real Madrid and can win his third Champions League title. He's a coach who perfectly fits Bayern Munich's requirement profile.'

'He is French and can speak Spanish, so he could learn German, the question is more what can he do extremely well?'

'He can manage a star-studded squad, he was an absolute world star himself, and while many former top players don't go on to become great coaches, he has.'

Despite battling well on the European front,

Zidane's future at the Bernabeu is far from certain as a result of a poor campaign on the domestic front.

The Spanish champions look set to surrender their title to Barcelona, who they are 13 points behind, as they sit third behind local rivals Atletico Madrid.

Daily Mail



PERFECT: Zinedine Zidane.

Ronaldo claims he left Barcelona because he 'didn't trust' Spanish side

BARCELONA - Ronaldo has cited a mistrust of Barcelona directors as the reason he walked out on the Spanish side to join Inter Milan after just one season at the Nou Camp.

The Brazilian striker joined Barca from PSV Eindhoven in 1996 and fired in 47 goals in 49 games in a highly prolific spell, helping the club win the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and the Copa del Rey. But Ronaldo left shortly after to join Inter where he spent five years before returning to Spain to join Barca's rivals Real Madrid. After being inducted into Inter's hall of fame, the 41-year-old stated moving to Italy was one of his best career moves. 'I was negotiating with Barcelona for a renewal,' Ronaldo revealed. 'I decided not to stay because I no longer trusted the

Blaugrana directors. Then Inter came in straight away, an incredible challenge.

'Back then the Italian league was the best in the world and the most difficult. I think it was the best choice I could have made.'

Although Ronaldo would only win one trophy in the form of the UEFA Cup while at the San Siro, his stunning form for the Nerazzurri maintained his status as one of the greatest strikers in the world.

Netting 59 goals in 99 games, Ronaldo reflected on his memories of his career at Inter.

'My debut? I was very tense and excited,' he added. 'It was beautiful; San Siro was full and it was really very emotional for me. Not just my debut, but the whole day.'

Daily Mail



DID NOT TRUST: Brazilian legend Ronaldo.

Kuyt comes out of retirement to help Boys in their battle

NETHERLANDS - Former Liverpool star Dirk Kuyt has dusted off his football boots to try and help Quick Boys earn promotion to the third tier of Dutch football.

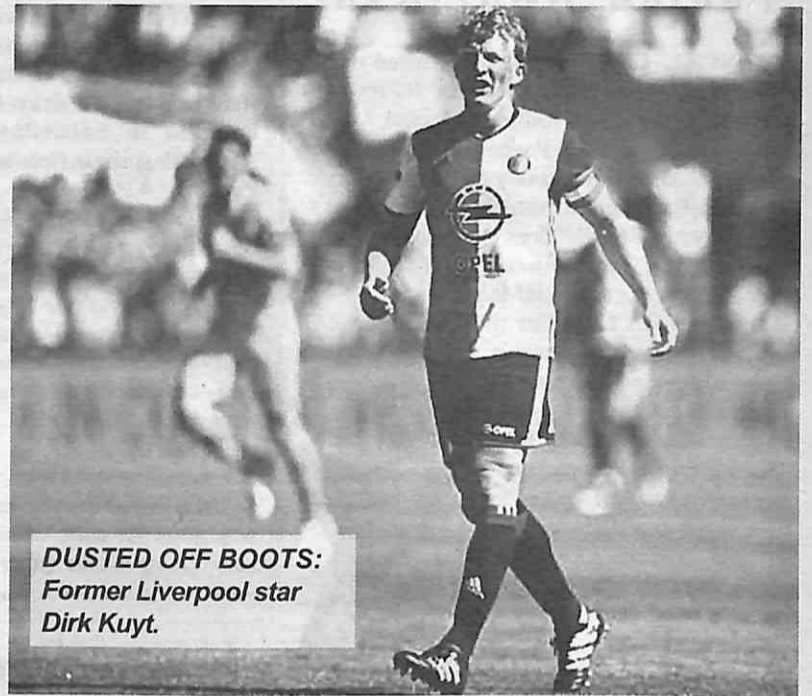
Quick Boys currently sit second in the Derde Divisie with eight matches remaining, five points off top spot but only the champions earn promotion.

Kuyt, who retired from football in May 2017 just days after winning the Eredivisie title with Feyenoord, was already assistant at Quick Boys.

But now he is coming out of retirement to help spark a strong run for Quick Boys, the club he first joined as a five-year-old, until the end of the season.

And upon taking up a playing role within the squad, the club have immediately acted to keep him happy.

Striker Yordi Teijssse has been sent away by Quick Boys for the rest of the campaign after he had an argument with former Holland international Kuyt during their league encounter against ODIN



DUSTED OFF BOOTS: Former Liverpool star Dirk Kuyt.

'59, when he walked off mid-game and didn't return. *Daily Mail*

Elliot feels the pain as Murty's men claim ugly win

DUNDEE - On the day the race for second place became more of a limp to the line, Rangers outlasted Dundee by transforming a largely average performance into an emphatic win and edging the runners-up advantage entering the final stretch.

There would have been no complaints had the Ibrox side tripped up, just like Aberdeen and Hibernian did, when they were sluggish and sloppy for at least an hour of what shaped up as a frustrating afternoon. But they broke free from the manacles of mediocrity with three sec-

ond-half goals from the 68th minute onwards. For lovers of an ugly win, this was as good as it gets, scoring four and boosting a goal difference which may well come in extremely handy by May 13. And how Graeme Murty enjoyed the feeling. Fist pumps to the crowd and chest bumps with his coaching staff. The big collisions are to come against the top six and, for all their faults, Rangers will start in pole position.

Fresh legs could be a prized commodity, too, before these post-split contests — even if they belong to a 38-year-old.

Kenny Miller, on his first start since an injury at Easter Road in December, broke the deadlock and could have helped himself to a hat-trick.

Murty felt the need to trust a man with a reliable record of achievement at the club following one point from their last nine and it worked once Rangers figured out a way to move the ball about efficiently and briskly.

Ibrox rolled out its Absent Friends banner in honour of a man who knew how to do all that, Ray Wilkins, ahead of the minute silence. *Daily Mail*



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Jose offers Man U fans a glimpse of Premier League title challenge

MANCHESTER - Paul Pogba scored twice in the space of 90 seconds before Chris Smalling volleyed home a winner in 16 minutes of mayhem

It wasn't quite revenge for the agony of that Aguero moment. It won't make up for the pain of finishing a distant second to their rivals this season.

But for Manchester United fans, it was a crumb of comfort big enough to feast on for a lifetime.

As 3 000 travelling Reds headed away from the Etihad after a game that bordered on madness, they took with them both the bragging rights and a belief that if Jose Mourinho can do this to Pep Guardiola in 90 minutes then perhaps he can do it over 38 games.

I hope they win at Tottenham next week. "My objective here was not to spoil any celebrations.

"But the point is, can we now improve enough to catch them next



season?" It's been a wretched week for City. Humbled 3-0 by Liverpool in the Champions League, they face the Merseysiders again tomorrow needing a miracle to make the semi-finals. Clinching the title with six games to go would have given them a huge lift.

They were denied clear penalties – one for an early handball by Ashley Young and the second a savage hack on Aguero by the same player late-on that probably also warranted a red card.

"I didn't see it," said Guardiola. "But people I have spoken to have

said they were penalties."

Raheem Sterling could have scored four – missing three great first-half chances and then stumbled into a last-gasp opportunity that seemed impossible to miss and sent the ball against the post.

Mirror

City celebrations would have been 'like a death'

MANCHESTER - Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba revealed his relief as preventing local rivals Manchester City from sealing the Premier League title on Saturday, claiming watching City celebrate would have been "like a death" for United fans. Pogba shrugged off a turbulent season and speculation over his future by scoring twice in as many minutes just after half-time to spearhead a stunning United comeback that was completed by Chris Smalling 21 minutes from time. Victory for City would have seen Pep Guardiola's men crowned as champions and take a United record in the process by winning the title with six games to spare.

AFP

Swansea face anxious wait over Van der Hoon injury

SWANSEA - Swansea City are concerned about defender Mike van der Hoon after the Dutchman sustained a shoulder injury in Saturday's 1-1 draw at West Bromwich Albion in the Premier League. The 25-year-old, who has featured in Swansea's last 11 league games, was substituted at halftime. Swansea earned a crucial point to move four points clear of 18th-placed Southampton. "It was Mike's shoulder – we don't know yet what the problem is," Manager Carlos Carvalhal told Swansea's website www.swansea-city.com. *Reuters*

Jose wants PSG's Neymar in Pogba, Martial swap deal

MANCHESTER - Manchester United will demand Neymar in exchange if PSG try to sign Paul Pogba and Anthony Martial.

France internationals Pogba and Martial are being linked with their country's richest club.

And that could give United the opportunity to sign Neymar, 26, who does not appear totally settled in Paris. Any deal would see United having to trade both Pogba and Martial

– plus around £50m for the Brazilian. United, meanwhile, have taken steps to tie up their promising young goalkeepers.

Mourinho has turned down loan inquires for third-choice keeper Joel Pereira, 21, who is in line for a pay rise. The Portugal Under-21s international is highly rated by the United boss, who wants him to continue to work in training with the club's top two – David De Gea and Sergio Romero.

And Mourinho is also looking into the situation with England Under-21s international Dean Henderson, who has had an outstanding season on loan at Shrewsbury.

Daily Star



IN DEMAND
Neymar

LIVERPOOL SPLUTTER WITHOUT SALAH IN EVERTON STALEMATE

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool were rendered impotent without Mohamed Salah as they were held to a 0-0 draw by Everton in Saturday's Merseyside derby at Goodison Park.

Egypt winger Salah, the key figure in Liverpool's impressive campaign, was left out due to a minor groin injury as Jurgen Klopp tried to give his main man a chance to be fit for their decisive Champions League clash against Manchester City on Tuesday.

Danny Ings and Dominic Solanke looked rusty as they were given rare starts, with the latter failing to take either of

two early chances.

Roberto Firmino appeared as a late substitute in an attempt to find a winner, but third placed Liverpool had to settle for a point.

They did, though, extend their unbeaten run in Merseyside derbies to 17 matches, as Seamus Coleman and Dominic Calvert-Lewin both failed to take late Everton chances.

Klopp had a big decision to make regarding his team selection, with Liverpool three days away from the second leg of their quarter-final against City following last Wednesday's 3-0 victory.

The fact that he made five

changes showed where his priorities lie at the moment.

Ings was starting a league match for the first time since Klopp took charge two-and-a-half years ago, having fought back from two cruciate knee ligament injuries, while Solanke was making only his fourth league start for the club.

In addition, Nathaniel Clyne began a match for the first time in 11 months after recovering from a serious back problem, while central defender Ragnar Klavan was pressed into service at left-back, having played just 11 minutes since New Year's Day.

AFP



West Brom facing axe, Stoke in trouble

LONDON - West Bromwich Albion are on the brink of relegation from the Premier League after a 1-1 draw against Swansea, while Stoke slipped deeper into trouble following a 2-1 defeat by Tottenham on Saturday. Albion were led for the first time by caretaker boss Darren Moore following Alan Pardew's sacking this week, but he couldn't mastermind a vital victory at the Hawthorns. Although West Brom ended their eight-match losing run, it seems certain they will be playing in the Championship next season. There was encouragement for the Baggies when Jay Rodriguez poked home in the 54th minute. *AFP*

Fellini prefers a move to Roma

MANCHESTER - Manchester United midfielder Marouane Fellaini is eager on a move to Italy once he becomes a free agent this summer. The 30-year-old's contract with the Red Devils is set to expire in June after he failed to agree to terms on a new contract with the club. With his exit looming, a hosts of clubs from all over Europe are interested in signing the Belgium international once the window reopens and Roma is reportedly Fellaini's preferred choice. According to *Corriere dello Sport*, Fellaini would rather play in the Serie A following negotiations with Turkish sides Galatasaray and Besiktas. Besiktas were considered to be the favourites to sign the midfielder though Fellaini's camp are also understood to have been sounded out by Paris Saint-Germain.

Daily Mail

Liverpool eye up move for Koffi

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool are taking a keen interest in Monaco midfielder Christian Koffi.

The 17-year-old's contract expires on June 30 and he has yet to agree to new terms at the French league club.

Koffi can play as a central midfielder or out wide and has figured for Monaco in the UEFA Youth League this season. Should Koffi complete his move to the Premier League, the teenager will be coached by Steven Gerrard in the U18s.

The club are reportedly still

interested in bringing Thomas Lemar to Anfield this summer, with the Monaco winger admitting he was 'a little disappointed' that the deal to move to England had fallen through.

"Regrets? Maybe. I was a little disappointed," Lemar told *Telefoot*.

"Once it's over, it's over, so do not think about it.

"I will keep working hard so these clubs will eventually come back in the next transfer window. I am open to all offers. I am a football player, I like football." *Daily Mail*



BRIEFS

Chapman hoping to get time at Royal Eagles

JOHANNESBURG - Ryan Chapman is hoping to get some game time at his new National First Division club before the end of the season. The 30-year old Cape Town born player resurfaced at Royal Eagles and was left on the bench during their 1-1 draw against his former club Stellenbosch FC at Athlone Stadium yesterday. Stellies released the former Santos player in February after just six months into his one-year contract. Eagles, who have had a difficult season in the second tier, snapped him up in February. He signed a deal until the end of the season. "Yeah, it's a good move for me," Chapman tells *KickOff.com*. *Kick-Off*

Downs to let striker go permanently?

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns are believed to be assessing the immediate future of one of their strikers. With Pitso Mosimane indicating that he has identified several players to be his 'key men', the Siya crew has learnt that one of his strikers could be permanently leaving the club. The Brazilians currently have several players out on loan elsewhere in the Premier Soccer League, although, will have to make decisions about their immediate future once they return to the squad at the end of the season. Yannick Zakri will be returning to Sundowns at the end of the 2017/18 campaign, after spending a short stint with Ajax Cape Town. *Soccer Laduma*



Benni looks to Juma to find the goals

CAPE TOWN - In defeat, and it doesn't matter how diabolical the performance, it's often better to focus on the positives, even if it's only a few. After a disappointing result in losing 1-0 to Golden Arrows at home last Wednesday, Cape Town City head coach Benni McCarthy has tried to console himself with the good rather than the bad. City tackled Maritzburg United in a PSL fixture at the Harry Gwala Stadium and McCarthy, despite his frustration with his team's inability to convert possession and opportunity into goals, is upbeat about improvement in the remaining five games. *Weekend Argus*

Micho only looking up at confident Bucs

JOHANNESBURG - Micho Sredojevic, unintentionally let slip the reason behind Orlando Pirates dismissing their chances in the league race that's led by Mamelodi Sundowns with the Buccaneers a close second. "We are telling the players to not feel any pressure," Sredojevic said. "They must just go and express themselves, let the pressure come to us (the technical team) so that their legs are not locked and they play their football in the best possible way. We want them to play with freedom. That freedom has transformed the Buccaneers from a timid and misfiring team to a confident unit that fights until the end, spurred on by a devastating attack that scored 13 goals in their last five league matches. *IOL Sport*

KOMPHELA, PLAYERS PELTED WITH MISSILES

JOHANNESBURG - It is a measure of dramatic decline of the Kaizer Chiefs brand that FNB Stadium was nearly empty on Saturday afternoon as Steve Komphela's side were handed a 3-0 home thrashing by upstarts Chippa United that ended any slim hopes they might have had of a late tilt at the league title.

Embattled head coach Komphela and the players, battered and bruising, had to be escorted off the pitch by police and security personnel as the angry fans bayed for blood after the club's biggest defeat of a so far below average season.

The fans vented out their frustrations and seemed to be destroying everything in their path as they marched towards the tunnel, where Komphela and his troops were met with a myriad of flying objects as they exited the pitch.



EMBATTLED: Head coach Komphela and the players.

Amakhosi, who have not won a trophy in the three seasons that Komphela has been in charge, are now seemingly out of the ABSA Premier title race with seven points adrift of leader Mamelodi Sundowns having played two games more.

Thabo Rakhale, Mxolisi Machupu and Edward Manqele scored as Chippa exploited

the advantage of Chiefs being forced to finish down to 10 men when Mulomwandau Mathoho had to go off with concussion after the coach had already made three changes.

It was a performance which exemplified how far Chiefs have fallen as an entertaining force, struggling to score and battling to attract a crowd.

Times Live

Pressure mounts on Steve Komphela following Chippa loss

JOHANNESBURG - Plastic bottles were hurled at Kaizer Chiefs coach Steve Komphela on Saturday after the one-time giants of South African football crashed 3-0 at home to Chippa United in the Premiership.

The result heightened public and media beliefs that the three-year contract of the unsuccessful coach will not be renewed when it expires in June.

Former South Africa captain and centre-back Komphela has failed to win a trophy during his tenure and the loss to Chippa banished any hopes of a late charge for the league title. Fourth-place Chiefs have

only four fixtures remaining and are seven points behind leaders Mamelodi Sundowns, who have two games in hand, and six adrift of Orlando Pirates.

Former schoolteacher Komphela refused to concede defeat in the title race, but said he understood the frustrations of Chiefs supporters at Soccer City stadium in Soweto.

"If they do not blame me -- who will they blame?" Komphela asked reporters.

"I have learnt to accept their anger and take it on the chin... This was our third match in seven days and the team lacked energy. We also had no luck as the match could easily have ended in a 3-3 draw had we

taken our chances."

Port Elizabeth-based Chippa, who climbed six places to seventh thanks to the victory, scored through Thabo Rakhale, Mxolisi Macuphu and Chiefs reject Edward Manqele.

Recently appointed Serb coach Vladislav Heric hailed the Chippa players after a result that would have been unimaginable just a few seasons ago.

"My boys were brilliant, tactically brilliant. I have never seen them perform at such a high level before," he said.

"It bodes well for the future and my immediate task is to bring them back to earth and prepare for our next match."

AFP



FIFA SET TO DETERMINE NDORO'S FATE

JOHANNESBURG - Tendai Ndoro's eligibility case is now in the hands of FIFA, but it is not likely to end there.

If FIFA rules against Ndoro, Ajax Cape Town are likely to take the matter to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

On Friday, the Premier Soccer League (PSL) referred the matter to the FIFA Players' Status Committee as per the orders of arbitrator Nassir Cassim. PSL legal adviser Michael Murphy told City Press that the league had given all the relevant documents to FIFA.

This week, Ajax's urgent application to interdict the league from implementing the outcomes of the arbitration was dismissed.

The decision paved the way for the matter to be referred to the status committee.

Cassim had ruled that the Dispute Resolution Chamber (DRC) had no jurisdiction to make a ruling. In his ruling Cassim said the DRC, which had earlier cleared Ndoro to play, had erred by presiding over the matter.

Disputes

"The DRC correctly pointed out that it is an independent judicial tribunal vested with the authority to arbitrate disputes other than those of a disciplinary nature.

"Article 59.3 of the FIFA statutes requires national associations to establish domestic bodies to deal with disputes. *Sport24*



ELIGIBLE: Tendai Ndoro.

Da Gama refuses to take credit after Highland Park's promotion to the PSL

JOHANNESBURG - Highlands Park coach Owen Da Gama has declined to take credit for the team's promotion to the PSL after only one season in the lower tier.

Da Gama argued that their success was due to collective effort after Highlands Park thrashed University of Pretoria 5-1 on Saturday afternoon at Makhulong Stadium in Tembisa to guarantee promotion to the PSL with four matches to spare.

"The secret of Highlands Park

has been about the collective where everybody involved has put as much effort as possible," he said.

"All you can credit me for is putting together this good technical team together but the players and everyone else must get credit because we have put in a lot of hard yards behind the scenes to achieve this."

Da Gama arrived at the club in September after five league matches where they had lost three and won two but they

then went 21 matches without losing in a highly impressive run that includes sixteen wins and five draws.

Their win over Tuks was the seventh in succession and it helped them reach an unsailable 59 points lead at the top of the log after 26 matches. They lead second-placed Black Leopards with 15 points from the same number of games. Leopards can only end up on 56 if they win all their remaining four matches. *Sowetan Live*





WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS: Bayern Munich clinched a sixth successive Bundesliga title with five games to spare on Saturday by winning 4-1 at Augsburg

BAYERN MUNICH CLINCH SIXTH TITLE IN A ROW

MUNICH - Bayern Munich were crowned Bundesliga champions for the sixth consecutive season on Saturday as James Rodriguez helped turn the game in their 4-1 comeback victory at Augsburg.

The result means Bayern are German league champions for the 28th time in their history, and it was the sixth year in a row they have won the Bundesliga since their treble-winning season in 2013.

Augsburg took a shock lead through an own goal by Niklas Suele, but the Bavarians roared back as Corentin Tolisso, James — who then assisted Arjen Robben — and Sandro Wagner all scored.

The result leaves Bayern 20 points

clear with five league games left and underlined their absolute dominance of the Bundesliga.

"It's always good (to win a title) — we knew it was going to happen, but we still had to confirm it," said Robben, who has now won the Bundesliga title seven times since joining Bayern in 2009. "Nothing is given away in the Bundesliga."

Adrift

Bayern were five points adrift when Carlo Ancelotti was sacked as head coach last September, but 72-year-old Jupp Heynckes who replaced him credited the players with turning Bayern's fortunes around.

"The coach is responsible for the big picture, but first and foremost the play-

ers are the protagonists, they have done an outstanding job," said Heynckes.

With one eye on Wednesday's Champions League quarter-final second leg against Sevilla, in which Bayern hold a slender 2-1 lead, Heynckes gambled by resting his stars.

Top scorer Robert Lewandowski, plus Thomas Mueller, Thiago Alcantara, Mats Hummels and Javi Martinez all started on the bench at Augsburg.

Sevilla would have been encouraged by the comedy of errors in Bayern's defence that led to Augsburg's opening goal. Jerome Boateng lingered over a back pass and Colombian forward Sergio Cordova robbed him of possession, sending Boateng tumbling to the turf. **AFP**

Guardiola wants brave City for Liverpool

MANCHESTER - Manchester City have to shrug off the body blow of letting a two-goal lead and the chance to win the Premier League title against bitter rivals Manchester United slip to raise themselves for a Champions League rescue mission against Liverpool tomorrow.

Victory against United would have seen City crowned champions of England for the fifth time, and they looked well on course to do so in the sweetest style in Saturday's Manchester derby as captain Vincent

Manchester derby as captain Vincent

Kompany and Ilkay Gundogan propelled them into a richly deserved two-goal halftime lead.

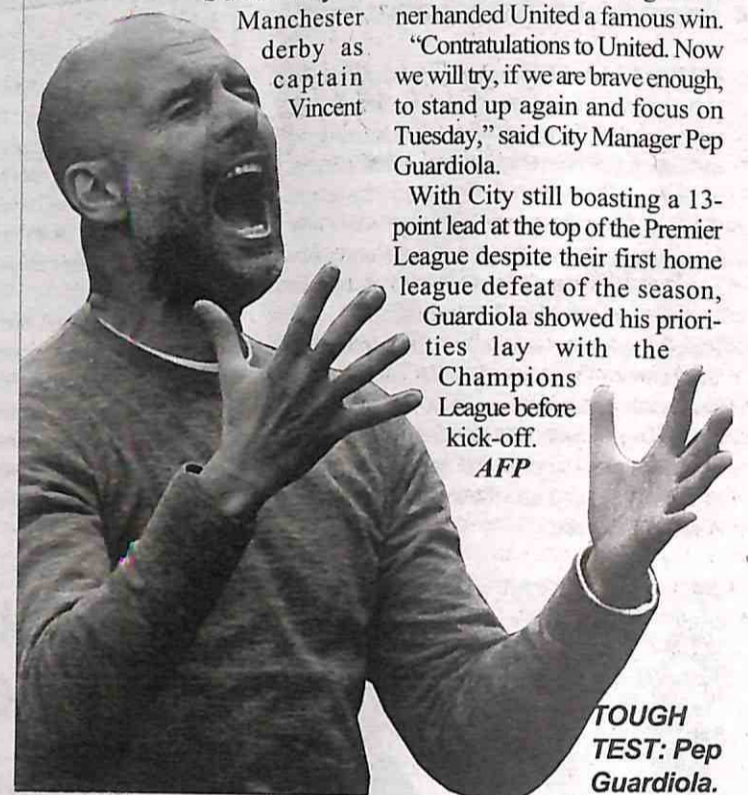
However, City's chances of landing a first ever Champions League crown were likely dealt a fatal blow when they conceded three times in 19 minutes first-half minutes to a rampant Liverpool at Anfield in the first leg last week.

And they were even more porous as United fought back to turn the game around in a 16-minute spell just after halftime as a Paul Pogba double and Chris Smalling's winner handed United a famous win.

"Congratulations to United. Now we will try, if we are brave enough, to stand up again and focus on Tuesday," said City Manager Pep Guardiola.

With City still boasting a 13-point lead at the top of the Premier League despite their first home league defeat of the season,

Guardiola showed his priorities lay with the Champions League before kick-off. **AFP**



TOUGH TEST: Pep Guardiola.

Athletics chief blasts Bolt 'obsession'

GOLD COAST - World athletics chief Sebastian Coe blasted the "obsession" with Usain Bolt as track and field entered its new era without the Jamaican showman at the Commonwealth Games yesterday.

Coe said there was no shortage of athletics talent for the Games, the first major competition since Bolt's retirement last year left the sport with a void to fill. "This obsession with...", said Coe, before stopping himself and adding: "There are plenty of athletes around."

"Are we going to replace Usain Bolt? Probably not, because you don't replace Muhammad Ali.

Attraction

"But Marvin Hagler and Manny Pacquiao and (Julio Cesar) Chavez and the great boxers came through."

Bolt, the eight-time Olympic champion and 2014 Commonwealth relay gold-medallist, would have been the star attraction and a certain crowd-puller at the Gold Coast.

The competition is also missing world champion hurdler Sally Pearson, a Gold Coast resident and the face of the Games, after she pulled out with an Achilles injury. Jamaican sprinters Yohan Blake and Elaine Thompson, and Shaunae Miller of the Bahamas now shape as the main athletes to watch during the eight-day athletics programme. **AFP**

James DeGale claws back IBF super-middleweight title

LAS VEGAS - James DeGale clawed back his world title through the red mists of a savagely cut eye on a rock and roll night in Sin City. Redemption came with the IBF super-middleweight belt he had frittered away on a chill December night in London four months ago.

So gruelling was this rematch that he and Truax were ferried straight to hospital at the end. Mutual respect was another product of a hot night in the Hard Rock Hotel.

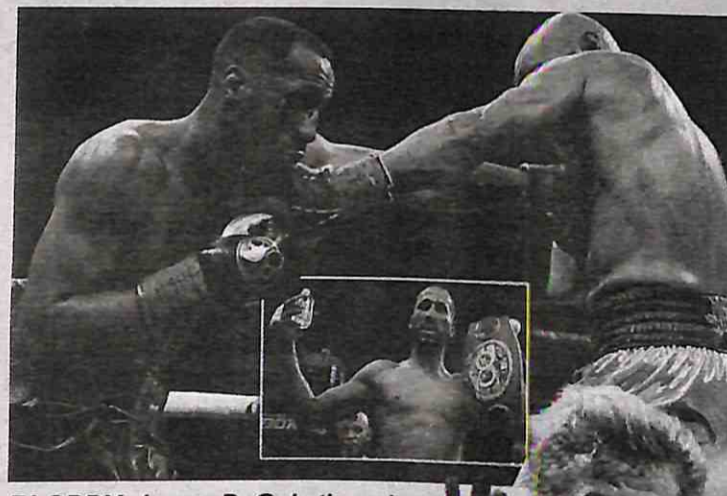
DeGale had not only survived the deadly combination of an uppercut and head butt which lacerated him above the right eye, but also the deduction of a point for repeatedly using his recently broken right shoulder to help counter the expected charges by Truax.

The rematch of DeGale's life was a battle between the matador and the bull. The matador won, even though he was the one who shed all the blood.

"I'm back," screamed DeGale as the unanimous verdict came down. So no premature retirement, as he had threatened should he lose to Truax a second time.

It was a close call on the cards of the two judges who gave it to him by a point, 114-113. As did I. The third man gave it to Chunky 117-110.

Concerns as to whether a full panel of American officials would favour



BLODDY: James DeGale throwing some punches at Caleb Truax during their rematch in Las Vegas.

aggression over skill were allayed by their unprejudiced decision.

Credit

Truax took much credit, too, by coming through the pain which had him clutching his mouth in agony when DeGale the first two of his many left hooks to the teeth. More was to come from that weapon but he never again flinched as he put DeGale to the test.

But even though the blood streamed down DeGale's face from the third round on, he could not land decisively on a target back to being as elusive as he ever was.

Daily Mail

GRIEZMANN DENIES BARCA DEAL IS DONE

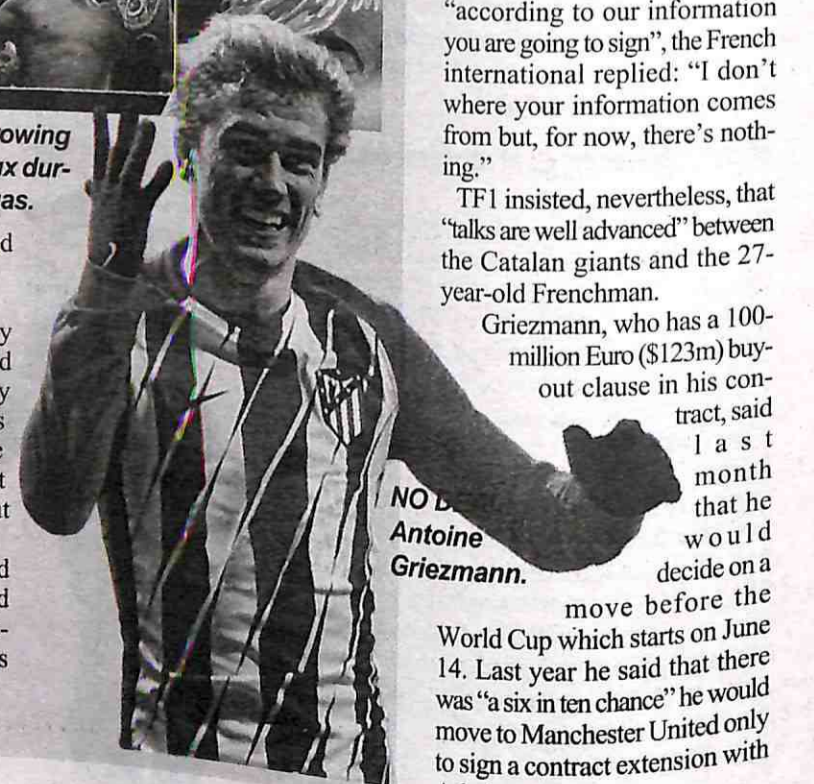
MADRID - Atletico Madrid striker Antoine Griezmann denied he had decided to join Barcelona next season, saying in an interview aired on French television yesterday that such reports "were not good information".

Told by a reporter on TF1 that "according to our information you are going to sign", the French international replied: "I don't where your information comes from but, for now, there's nothing."

TF1 insisted, nevertheless, that "talks are well advanced" between the Catalan giants and the 27-year-old Frenchman.

Griezmann, who has a 100-million Euro (\$123m) buy-out clause in his contract, said last month that he would decide on a move before the

World Cup which starts on June 14. Last year he said that there was "a six in ten chance" he would move to Manchester United only to sign a contract extension with Atletico. **AFP**



NO DEAL: Antoine Griezmann.



WINNER: Vettel finished first in an exciting Bahrain GP with Valtteri Bottas second and Lewis Hamilton third.

BAHRAIN - Sebastian Vettel tap-danced his way to victory in the Bahrain Grand Prix, nursing his weary tyres to a second successive win to open up a commanding early 17-point lead in the world championship table.

The Ferrari man, who started on pole, held off the challenge of the Mercedes pair of Valtteri Bottas and Lewis Hamilton, who finished second and third under the lights.

Ahead of the third round of the championship in China next weekend, Vettel's strength upturned every prediction of Mercedes dominance. Victory in Melbourne a fortnight ago may have had an element of luck to it; this one did not.

Vettel, his tyres as thin as ribbons, was made to sweat at the end as Bottas came close to overhauling him but held on by half a second. Hamilton, who started ninth after a gearbox penalty, was six seconds back.

The world champion had early distinguished

SEBASTIAN VETTEL WINS BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX

himself by pulling off a great move as four cars came together in the early stages. Hamilton was alongside Fernando Alonso and Esteban Ocon in front of him when the world champion went powering down the straight at 220mph and turned up at the first corner ahead of them all. Bravo. Hamilton was fifth and about to pass Pierre Gasly of

Toro Rosso, which he did.

It was now all about strategy. The Ferraris were in early, moving from supersoft tyres to softs – namely the fastest and least durable tyres on to the second fastest and second least durable option. Surely, it was thought, the Ferraris would need to stop again.

Mercedes went down a different route, sticking to their

Plan A with Hamilton in moving him from softs to mediums – and, as the theory went, likely to take him to the end without a second stop. Bottas was moved from supersofts to mediums. The order in front was Vettel – Bottas – Raikkonen – Hamilton. It was, as we were saying, all going to come down to whether Ferrari needed another stop. *Daily Mail*

Sundowns sink Baroka to extend lead

POLOKWANE - Mamelodi Sundowns extended their lead at the top of the ABSA Premiership table to four points after beating Baroka FC 2-1 at the Peter Mokaba Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

It was a positive start to the match for Sundowns, who had the first shot on goal in the fifth minute, but Sibusiso Vilakazi saw his 20-yard effort well-saved by the Baroka keeper.

The home side suffered a bit of a setback in the 13th minute when Talent Chawaphiwa had to leave the field with an injured hamstring and was replaced by Robin Ngalande.

That, however, did not seem to slow down Baroka, who took the lead in the 21st minute when Lucky Nguzana met a short corner-kick to volley the ball down into the ground before bouncing into the net to give them

the lead, 1-0.

Sundowns should have levelled matters on the half hour mark when Gaston Sirino broke into the box from the right and squared for an unmarked Khama Billiat, but his 10-yard volley struck the top side of the crossbar. The Brazilians continued to throw players forward and managed to equalise a minute before the break when Wayne Arendse headed home

a short corner at the back post, 1-1. Six minutes into the second half, Sundowns took the lead when Sibusiso Vilakazi drove into the box from the right, beating two defenders before squaring for Pau, who tucked the ball home from eight-yards out, 2-1.

The next chance on goal only came in the 71st minute when Tau played Billiat into space inside the box, but the Sundowns man shot straight at the keeper who made a comfortable save.

Soccer Laduma

Chelsea share spoils in London derby

LONDON - Chelsea and West Ham shared the spoils in the London derby yesterday as their English Premier League match at Stamford Bridge ended 1-1.

Chelsea started positively with the first effort on goal in the fourth minute, but Eden Hazard curled his shot from the edge of the box narrowly wide of the target.

Ten minutes later West Ham nearly took the lead when Marko Arnautovic broke into the box and rounded the keeper, but saw his effort cleared off the line by a defender.

In the 24th minute Alvaro Morata found the back of the net for Chelsea, but his goal was disallowed due to him being an off-sides position.

Chelsea continued to push forward and made their pressure tell in the 36th minute when Cesar Azpilicueta found himself in the right place at the right time to fire home a rebound from close range, 1-0.

The half ended with the home side leading by a single goal.

Two minutes into the second half Willian should have made it two for Chelsea, but his shot from 14-yards out shaved the wrong side of the woodwork. *DailyMail*



SCORER: Danny Welbeck (right) scores Arsenal's winning goal with a header from Alex Iwobi's (left) cross in the 81st minute.

Welbeck double helps Arsenal sink Saints

LONDON - Danny Welbeck bagged a goal and an assist to inspire Arsenal to a 3-2 win over Southampton at the Emirates Stadium last evening.

The Saints went close to breaking the deadlock after seven minutes when James Ward-Prowse saw his effort cleared off the line by Mustafi.

Southampton were not to be denied on 16 minutes when Shane Long got in-front of his marker to poke the ball beyond Mustafi.

The hosts eventually levelled matters thanks to a strike from Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang.

His sixth goal in the Premier League.

In the 38th minute, Arsenal completed the the turnaround as Danny Welbeck found space on the edge of the box and fired a deflected effort past Alex McCarthy.

10 minutes into the second half, the Saints nearly pulled themselves level through Pierre-Emile Højbjerg, who forced Petr Cech into a fine save with a low strike from the edge of the box.

Southampton had the ball in the back of the net on 63 minutes but Long's first-time finish

ish was flagged for offside.

Substitute Charlie Austin did bring the visitors level on 73 minutes by turning home Cedric Soares' low cross with a neat finish.

However, Welbeck secured the win for the Gunners with 10 minutes remaining as he headed home Alexi Iwobi's cross at the far post.

The game ended on a sour note when both teams had players sent off, as Jack Stephens and Mohamed Elneny were given straight red cards for off the ball incidents.

TEAMTALK

LOGS

Premier League									
Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	
Man City	32	27	3	2	90	24	66	84	
Man United	32	22	5	5	63	25	38	71	
Liverpool	33	19	10	4	75	35	40	67	
Tottenham	32	20	7	5	64	27	37	67	
Chelsea	32	17	6	9	54	31	23	57	
Arsenal	32	16	6	10	61	43	18	54	
Burnley	32	13	10	9	31	28	3	49	
Leicester City	32	11	10	11	48	45	3	43	
Everton	33	11	8	14	38	53	-15	41	
Newcastle	32	10	8	14	33	41	-8	38	
Bournemouth	33	9	11	13	41	53	-12	38	
Watford	33	10	7	16	42	59	-17	37	
Brighton	32	8	11	13	29	43	-14	35	
West Ham	32	8	10	14	40	58	-18	34	
Swansea City	32	8	8	16	26	45	-19	32	
Huddersfield	33	8	8	17	26	54	-28	32	
Crystal Palace	33	7	10	16	33	52	-19	31	
Southampton	32	5	13	14	31	50	-19	28	
Stoke City	33	6	9	18	30	63	-33	27	
West Brom	33	3	12	18	26	52	-26	21	

ABSA Premiership									
Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	
Sundowns	25	15	4	6	41	21	20	49	
Pirates	25	12	9	4	33	23	10	45	
Maritzburg	26	10	9	7	31	18	13	39	
Kaizer Chiefs	26	9	12	5	21	18	3	39	
Free State Stars	26	10	8	8	25	25	0	38	
Cape Town City	26	10	5	11	24	25	-1	35	
Chippa United	26	7	12	7	24	23	1	33	
Baroka FC	26	7	12	7	30	32	-2	33	
Bloemfontein	26	8	9	9	22	29	-7	33	
Bidvest Wits	24	8	8	8	23	25	-2	32	
AmaZulu FC	26	7	11	8	24	29	-5	32	
Golden Arrows	26	6	13	7	29	29	0	31	
Polokwane City	26	6	12	8	28	31	-3	30	
SuperSport	25	6	9	10	20	27	-7	27	
Ajax	25	6	6	13	22	27	-5	24	
Platinum Stars	26	4	9	13	17	32	-15	21	

Spanish La Liga									
Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	
Barcelona	31	24	7	0	79	16	63	79	
Atlético Madrid	31	20	8	3	51	15	36	68	
Real Madrid	31	19	7	5	77	34	43	64	
Valencia	30	19	5	6	58	31	27	62	
Real Betis	31	15	4	12	52	53	-1	49	
Villarreal	30	14	5	11	40	34	6	47	
Sevilla	31	14	4	13	39	50	-11	46	
Girona	30	12	8	10	44	43	1	44	
Celta de Vigo	31	12	7	12	50	43	7	43	
Eibar	31	11	7	13	36	45	-9	40	
Getafe	31	10	9	12	35	30	5	39	
Athletic Club	30	8	12	10	30	34	-4	36	
Leganés	31	10	6	15	26	39	-13	36	
Espanyol	30	8	12	10	26	37	-11	36	
Deportivo	31	11	2	18	28	45	-17	35	
Real Sociedad	30	9	7	14	51	52	-1	34	
Levante	31	6	13	12	28	45	-17	31	
Deportivo	31	5	8	18	29	63	-34	23	
Las Palmas	31	5	6	20	22	63	-41	21	
Málaga	31	4	5	22	19	48	-29	17	

Bundesliga									
Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	
Bayern	29	23	3	3	76	21	55	72	
Schalke 04	29	15	7	7	45	33	12	52	
Borussia	29	14	9	6	57	39	18	51	
RB Leipzig	28	13	7	8	43	37	6	46	
Leverkusen	28	12	9	7	47	35	12	45	
Frankfurt	28	13	6	9	39	32	7	45	
Hoffenheim	28	11	9	8	52	41	11	42	
M'gladbach	29	11	7	11	38	43	-5	40	
Stuttgart	29	11	5	13	26	34	-8	38	
Hertha BSC	29	8	12	9	33	34	-1	36	
Augsburg	29	9	9	11	38	40	-2	36	
Bremen	29	9	9	11	33	35	-2	36	
Hannover 96	29	9	8	12	37	43	-6	35	
Freiburg	29	6	12	11	26	48	-22	30	
Wolfsburg	29	5	14	10	30	37	-7	29	
Mainz 05	29	6	9	14	30	47	-17	27	
Hamburger SV	29	5	7	17	23	46	-23	22	
Köln	29	5	6	18	28	56	-28	21	

Italian Serie A									
Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	
Juventus	31	26	3	2	74	18	56	81	
Napoli	31	24	5	2	66	21	45	77	
Roma	31	18	6	7	50	26	24	60	
Internazionale	31	16	11	4	50	22	28	59	
Lazio	30	17	6	7	73	39	34	57	
Milan	30	15	6	9	42	35	7	51	
Fiorentina	31	14	8	9	44	33	11	50	
Sampdoria	31	14	6	11	50	46	4	48	
Atalanta	31	13	9	9	47	34	13	48	
Torino	31	11	12	8	46	38	8	45	
Genoa	31	9	8	14	24	31	-7	35	
Bologna	31	10	5	16	35	43	-8	35	
Udinese	30	10	3	17	38	46	-8	33	
Chievo	31	7	8	16	29	51	-22	29	
Cagliari	31	8	5	18	28	51	-23	29	
Sassuolo	30	7	8	15	20	50	-30	29	
SPAL	31	5	12	14	30	52	-22	27	
Crotone	31	7	6	18	29	56	-27	27	
Hellas Verona	31	7	4	20	26	62	-36	25	
Benevento	31	4	1	26	26	73	-47	13	

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MANZINI WANDERERS VS MANZINI SUNDOWNS



DASHING: Manzini Wanderers' Kola Aledoen dashing with the ball while Manzini Sundowns defenders try to mark him. This was during the SwaziBank Cup quarter-finals match played at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday where Wanderers won 9-8 after penalties. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



MAHHALA HHA: Manzini Wanderrs players clebrating with the fans after the match.



GIVE WAY: Justice Figureito takes a shot while Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya tries to block him.



UNITY: Ace and 'Crooks' hugging before the start of the match



SCUFFLE: Some of the fans were near blows during the match.



HEAD AND KICK: Players involved in dangerous play.



MR REF: 'Junior' on the turf after he was roughly-tackled by a 'Downs' player.



TUSSLE: Manzini Sundowns' Mkhuleko Magagula and Wanderers' Sicelo 'Junior' Simelane fighting for the ball.

JOVIAL: Manzini Wanderers players could not hold their excitement after the match.

LIBOVU LIDOLOBHA: Manzini Wanderers fans singing and dancing at the stadium.

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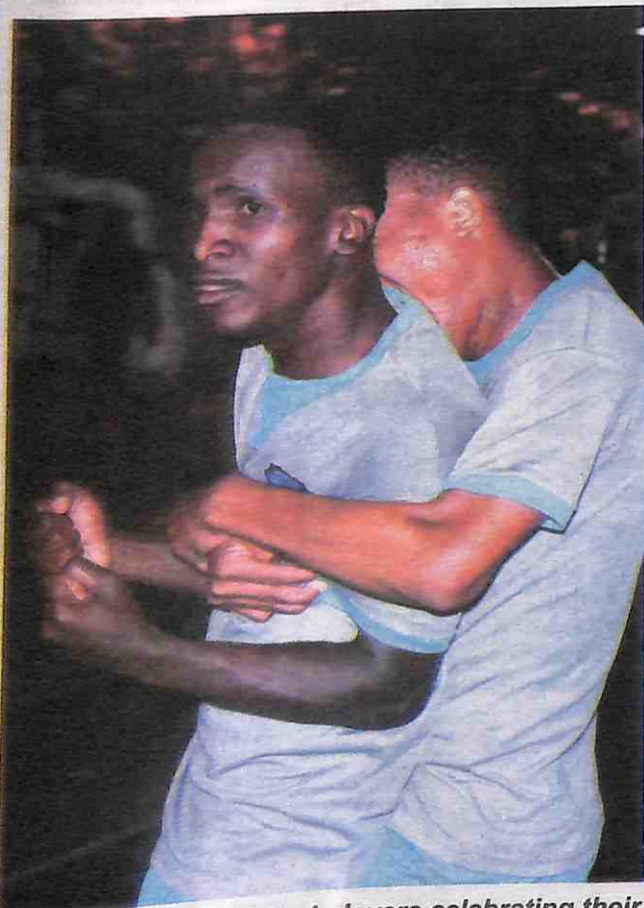
MATSAPHA UNITED VS MBABANE HIGHLANDERS



TWO AGAINST ONE: Matsapha United's Siphamandla Dhlamini negotiating a way past two Mbabane Highlanders players. This was during the UYAYIFUNA NA quarter-finals match where Highlanders won 5 - 4 after penalties. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



COME DUZE BABY: A Highlanders fan with his 'doll bae' during the match.



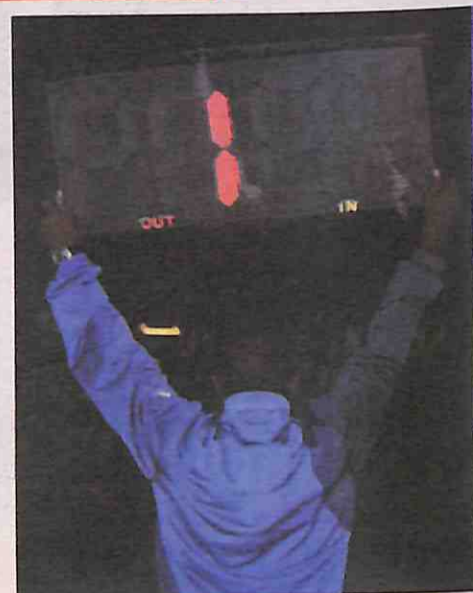
YES: Matsapha United players celebrating their equalising goal.



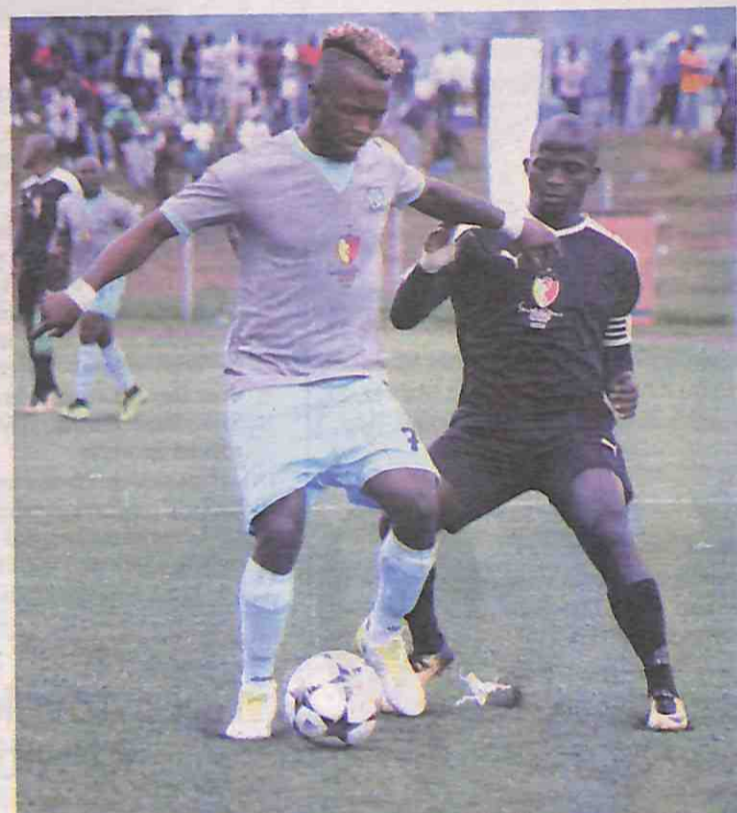
GOOD JOB: Mlamulu 'Mlaba' Nkambule being congratulated by fans after their win yesterday.



GWAZA NKUNZI: Highlanders fans, players and officials in song and dance after the match.



ADDED TIME: Matsapha United scored the equalising goal with only a minute left before time.



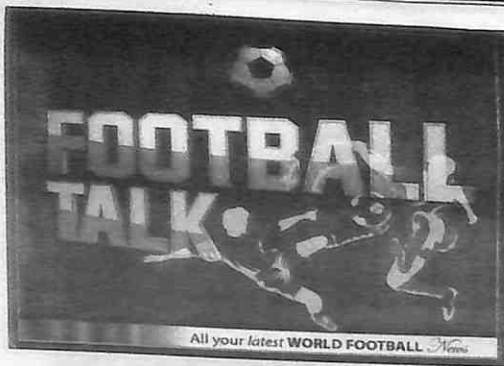
NO WAY: Colani 'Chocco' Sibandze trying to mark Dhlamini.



INJURED: Matsapha's Dennis 'Yuki' Masina being attended to after he got injured.



GOOD GAME: Mbabane Highlanders player Thabiso Mokenkoane accepting his Man of the Match award.



● Manchester United Manager Jose Mourinho wants to swap midfielder Paul Pogba, 25, and 22-year-old forward Anthony Martial - both France internationals - for Paris St-Germain and Brazil forward Neymar, 26. *(Daily Star Sunday)*

● Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola is set to become the world's best-paid manager by signing a new £20m-a-year contract, keeping him at Etihad Stadium until 2020. *(Sunday Mirror)*

● Mourinho has accused Guardiola or leading agent Mino Raiola of lying after the Manchester City boss claimed he was offered Pogba and Armenia midfielder Henrikh Mkhitaryan in January. Mkhitaryan, 29, joined Arsenal from Manchester United in January. *(Sunday Telegraph)*

● Paris St-Germain are lining up a move for 25-year-old Liverpool and Egypt winger Mohamed Salah. *(Le10 Sport - in French)*

● Real Madrid Manager Zinedine Zidane has revealed Welsh forward Gareth Bale, 28, is unhappy in Madrid. *(Sunday Mirror)*

● Leicester are ready to buy Norwich's 21-year-old English midfielder James Maddison for £17m if Algeria winger Riyad Mahrez, 27, leaves this summer. *(Sun on Sunday)*

● Everton Manager Sam Allardyce has emerged as a contender to become West Brom boss if he is sacked by the Goodison Park club. *(Sunday Times - subscription required)*

● Former Manchester City boss Roberto Mancini is the new favourite to take over as Italy boss after Giampiero Ventura was sacked following the Azzurri's unsuccessful World Cup qualifying campaign. *(Sunday Times - subscription required)*

● Greater Manchester Police will draft in extra officers to protect Liverpool's bus for tomorrow's Champions League quarter-final at Etihad Stadium after Manchester City's bus was attacked before the first leg at Anfield. *(Mail on Sunday)*

● Real Madrid want Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp to replace Zinedine Zidane if they decide to sack the Frenchman. *(Sun on Sunday)*

● Juventus boss Massimiliano Allegri has moved closer to replacing fellow Italian Antonio Conte at Chelsea next season, with the Serie A side targeting Real Manager Zidane as a replacement. *(Sunday Express)*



MALANTI COACH WARNED PLAYERS ABOUT MKHONTFO

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - MALANTI Chiefs coach Humphrey Mlwane says he warned his players about the dangers of giving Green Mamba midfielder Mxolisi Mkhontfo too much space ahead of the two sides' clash on Saturday.

Mkhontfo scored twice as Green Mamba beat Malanti 3-1 at Somhlolo National Stadium to advance to the semi-finals of the SwaziBank Cup.

● "I told them (players) during training, because I saw Green Mamba's game against Mbabane Swallows (on Easter Monday) that if Mkhontfo has the ball they shouldn't retreat and should instead press him or be first on the ball but unfortunately we did not do that. I think the problem our players had today is that they did not take instructions and that was our challenge,"

Speaking to journalists after the match, Mlwane bemoaned the fact that his players had not heeded his warning.

"I told them (players) during training, because I saw Green Mamba's game against Mbabane Swallows (on Easter Monday) that if Mkhontfo has the ball they shouldn't retreat and should instead press him or be first on the ball but unfortunately we did not do that. I think the problem our players had today is that they did not take instructions and that was our challenge," Mlwane said.

Meanwhile, Mamba coach Caleb Ngwenya was left unhappy with the chances his side missed in the match despite eventually winning.

"We knew that Malanti is a football playing team but we just want to take one game at a time and see how far we can go. However, we missed a lot of chances which is a let down. We tried to work on our finishing last week but they (players) are doing the same thing (missing) today. I'm not happy," Ngwenya said.

Buffaloes' Dominic Kunene hails 'Nyandoro' influence

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - YOUNG Buffaloes coach Dominic Kunene hailed the influence of captain Nkosingiphile 'Nyandoro' Tsabedze on his team after the army side's 1-0 victory over Royal Leopard in the SwaziBank Cup quarter-finals on Saturday.

Phiwayinkhosi Dlamini scored the only goal of the match as Buffaloes edged Leopard in a tightly contested match at Somhlolo National Stadium.

Addressing the media after the match, Kunene heaped praises on his captain, who has only just returned to action after a long spell on the sidelines due to injury.

"He is one of the players, who know how to organise the team. He is always there, speaking to his teammates and encouraging them. As a coach you need a player on the field who will drive your tactics and for me he is one of those. We knew that this match would be a difficult one but the most important thing was not to concede

and we did that and won," Kunene said.

Royal Leopard coach Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntibane, meanwhile, bemoaned his side's failure to create clear-cut goalscoring chances.

"When you look at it, they also scored due to one lapse in concentration. Otherwise it was a physical game, a tightly contested one that could have even gone to penalties. There were no chances created, we couldn't create. It was a forces derby, they have never been easy," Ntibane said.

Ngcayizivele win second Castle Africa 5's activation, Nhlanguano next stop

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - NGCAYIZIVELE won the second Castle Africa 5's activation held on Saturday in Simunye.

The Lubombo side took home E500 for being their region's champions. Ngcayizivele have now, alongside runners-up Zesta, qualified for the national finals to be played on May 1 at Matsapha Prison.

Four teams took part in the activation held at Ngcayizivele on Saturday.

The winners, Ngcayizivele, beat all the other three teams to be crowned champions.

They two teams from the Lubombo region (Ngcayizivele and Zesta) have joined Winning Team and Jungle Boys from the Hhohho region, who also qualified for the national finals in the first activation held in Buhleni last month.



CHAMPS: Winners of the second Castle Africa 5's activation Ngcayizivele posing with Castle Lager Africa ambassador Siza Dlamini. (Courtesy pic)

The team that wins the national finals will represent Swaziland in the regional finals slated for Zambia in May.

The winners of those finals will win an all-expenses paid trip to the FIFA World Cup alongside Samuel Eto'o.

The next activation will be in Nhlanguano this Saturday, announced Swaziland Beverages Trade Marketing Country Manager Khetsiwe Dlamini.

"I think the exciting thing to add is the winning team stands a chance to go to Russia for the World Cup if they win the Zambia continental games! Our next stop is Nhlanguano Prison next weekend, starting at 10:30am," she said.

In order to participate in the activations, teams need to buy a one litre case of Castle Lager at any participating outlet and then register their side.

RSP dominate in Nedbank VB League

By Sibongiseni Zondi

VOLLEYBALL - THE Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) teams won all their matches during matchday 3 of the Nedbank Volleyball League on Saturday.

The games were hosted at the Mavuso Sports Centre. The league was playing for the first time since March 17, having made way for the B tournament on March 24 and then taken a break for the Easter holidays the following weekend.

The RSP teams won all four of their matches in both the ladies and men categories.

In the ladies category, they beat Chilly Babes 3-0 and also beat Zakhele by the same scoreline.

In the males' category, RSP beat Mshinande 3-0 and then also beat USDF by the same scoreline. Swaziland National Volleyball Association (SNVA) Secretary Eric Zwane said the next matches would be played in Piggs Peak.

"Thank you very much RSP for being wonderful hosts. Our next league games will be held at Piggs Peak. Registration of all players is open until April 30," he said.

The Volleyball League is sponsored to the tune of E50 000 by Nedbank.

Nedbank Volleyball League results:

Ladies		
RSP	3 - 0	Chilly babes
Zakhele	3 - 0	USDF
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RSP	3 - 0	Zakhele
Males		
RSP	3 - 0	Mshinande
USDF	3 - 0	Ludzeludze
USDF	3 - 0	Mshinande
RSP	3 - 0	USDF



BULL EDGE MATSAPHA TO REACH SWAZIBANK CUP SEMIS

By Sibongiseni Zondi

Highlanders..... (0)1
Matsapha..... (0)1
Highlanders win 5-4 on penalties
SOCCE - MBABANE Highlanders and Matsapha United served up a thriller at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday but it was the Mbabane giants, who eventually emerged victorious to reach the semifinals of the SwaziBank Cup.

Played at an almost packed Somhlolo, the quarterfinal match between the two sides lived up to the hype even though belatedly. Even though the first half was played at a very high tempo, neither side created much clear cut goalscoring opportunities.

Highlanders did look menacing early on as striker Thabiso Mokenkoane went close with a shot and a header in the opening 12 minutes. Few opportunities were carved out from there on but the sides continued to fight it out for possession of the ball.

Without any further goalmouth action, the match went into the break goalless. The second half was much livelier with Matsapha taking control of proceedings early on. Striker Zivai Verenga went close with a shot in the 51st minute before Menzi Mamba saw his own shot go ago-



GWAZA NKUNZI: Highlanders fans, players and officials in song and dance after the match.

nisingly wide 14 minutes later. Highlanders' goalkeeper Sidumo Vilakati then did well to tip over Matsapha captain Vusumuzi Zungu's dipping effort in the 68th minute as Dumsani Makhanya's charges continued probing.

Highlanders regained control again with defender Peter Dlamini and midfielder Mlamuli Mlaba Nkambule all coming close as the half wore on. But 90 minutes couldn't separate the sides as the match went into 30 minutes of extratime.

In the 11th minute of extra time, Highlanders won a freekick on the

edge of the Matsapha box and Thabiso Mokenkoane stepped up and hit a brilliant effort which went over the Matsapha wall and beat Khanyakweze Shabalala in goal before settling gracefully into the net.

Highlanders thought they had won it but Matsapha had other ideas and in last minute of extra injury time, substitute Kwenzokuhle Khumalo rose highest to head home Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze's cross as Matsapha levelled matters in dramatic fashion. Penalties followed with their pressure but Highlanders players were ice cool, slotting home all their

penalties while Menzi Mamba was the unlucky man for Matsapha as his penalty went wide of Vilakati's post. Highlanders emerged as 5-4 winners on penalties and their name will be in the hat in today's semifinal draw.

Teams:

Highlanders - Sdumo, Vusumuzi, Peter, Manana, Mncedisi, Mlaba, Chocco, Sithole, Musonda (Mkhonta), Thabiso, Mthobisi

Matsapha - Shabalala, Sbonelo, Sawa, Maseko, Jimoh, Menzi, Zungu, Yuki, Zivai (Khumalo) Mdluli (Ndzabandaba), Dhlamini.

Local athletes having tough in Australia

By Sibusiso Masilela

ATHLETICS - LOCAL athletics have endured a tough start in the ongoing Commonwealth Games, currently taking place in Australia.

The contingent in Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa, Phumlile Ndzinisa and Thandaza Zwane could not advance to the finals in their respective races.

Matsenjwa crashed out in the heat semifinals after finishing sixth at 10.37s.

The Royal Swaziland Police star earlier on advanced through to the semifinals during the opening heat where he finished third after clocking 10.40s.

Female runner Phumlile Ndzinisa also failed to advance to the semifinals of the 100m heat as she clocked 12.11s to finish sixth.

Debutant 400m sprinter Thandaza Zwane also lost during the 400m heat.

Mcebo Mkhalihi was unfortunate as he suffered a hamstring injury during a warm up session.

Matsenjwa will now be in action tomorrow during the 200m heat.

Female high jumper Erica Seyama will be competing on Wednesday.



Goalkeeper Banele send Wanderers to semis

By Qondile Ntiwane

Manzini Wanderers..... (0)0
Manzini Sundowns..... (0)0
(Wanderers advance on 9-8 after penalties score)

SOCCE - MANZINI Wanderers had to dig deep to beat Manzini Sundowns and earn a ticket to the Swazi Bank Cup semi-finals.

The hub giants had the last laugh after beating their town rivals 9-8 after the dreaded penalty shootouts, as both teams failed to break the deadlock even after extra time.

The maroon and white rested first choice goalkeeper Romanus Igidimba for substitute Banele Dlamini just before the penalties and he proved beyond doubt why he had to make his way into the game played at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

Dlamini became the instant hero when he saved two spot kicks to deny Mkhuleko Magagula and Melusi Mkhwanazi in the sudden death.

Sundowns goalkeeper Lwethu Simelane was, however, first to save a spot kick when he denied Makhosi Magongo but his heroics were all in vain.

The outcome of the encounter was almost similar to the 2015 semi-finals of the same tournament where Wanderers had to come from behind and force the game to penalties, eventually winning

... Substitute goalkeeper saves two spot kicks to help his team brush aside a stubborn Sundowns



LIBOVU LIDOLOBHA: Manzini Wanderers fans singing and dancing at the stadium.

4-2. Both teams created a number of chances but failed to make use of them.

The 'Kappa Boys' could have scored as early as the second minute but Linda Nkambule squandered a sitter as he failed to beat Igidimba in a face to face encounter.

Wanderers came close to scoring in the 25th and 29th minute but the Downs' goalkeeper made daring saves, tipping the ball over the bar in both instances.

The second half was no different as the teams huffed and puffed but still failed to find the back of the net.

Wanderers captain Lwazi Shana Maziya could have sealed the deal for his side

right at the death but his header missed the target.

The game was forced to extra time but it was the same old story for both sides.

The hub giants will now have to wait to know their opponents in the last four of the lucrative tournament.

Teams:

Wanderers - Romanus, Michael, Menzi, Makhosi, Jose, Lwazi, Sicelo, Mancoba (Sihle), Kola, Willie, Mike

Sundowns - Lwethu, Ndumiso, Sandumuzi, Kingu, Bongani, Ejike (Mkhuleko), Justice (Sandile), Phumlani, Melusi, Linda, Senzo.

'Ace' at loss of words after defeat

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCE - MANZINI Sundowns Coach Zenzele Ace Dlamini was at a loss of words after seeing his side lose to Manzini Wanderers yesterday.

Interviewed after the clash played at the Somhlolo National Stadium the coach said there was nothing he could say except that they played well.

"What can I say really? I don't like a game decided by penalties but I guess we played well although we missed chances," he said.

Meanwhile, his Wanderers counterpart Nyanga Crooks Hlopho was over the moon.

"I am on a roll and as I said before I want to win all the remaining five games including the three league games. I am happy we won but must give credit to Sundowns as they really held out," he said

The coach noted that he was surprised by his charges as they did not practice penalties during their preparations for the quarter final clash.

"My boys really stepped up to the challenge and I was impressed because there were players known to be penalty specialist's on the bench," he said.

Asked on the late introduction of

defender Sihle Mkhonta, the veteran coach added that he was not part of the winning team in their last encounter hence missed the starting eleven.

"Manzini Wanderers is not an office where one holds

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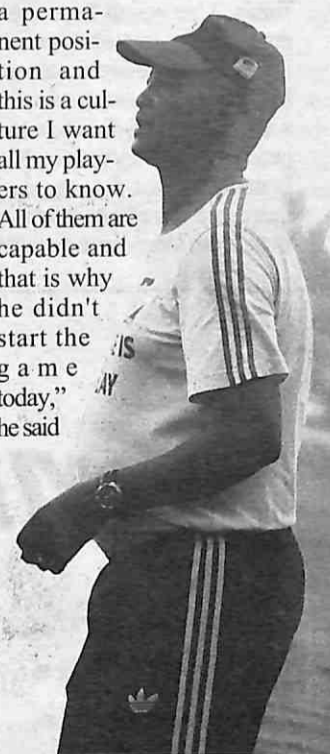
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NOTHING TO SAY: Manzini Sundowns Coach Zenzele Ace Dlamini.

AFSA PREMIERSHIP

Baroka FC	1-2	Mamelodi Sundowns
Bloemfontein Celtic	1-1	Amazulu FC
Platinum Stars	2-0	Polokwane City
Maritzburg United	1-1	Cape Town City FC
Golden Arrows	1-1	Free State Stars
Kaizer Chiefs	0-3	Chippa United

PREMIER LEAGUE

Chelsea	1-1	West Ham United
Arsenal	3-2	Southampton
Manchester City	2-3	Manchester United
Stoke City	1-2	Tottenham Hotspur
West Bromwich Albion	1-1	Swansea City
Leicester City	1-2	Newcastle United
AFC Bournemouth	2-2	Crystal Palace
Brighton & Hove Albion	1-1	Huddersfield Town
Watford	1-2	Burnley
Everton	0-0	Liverpool

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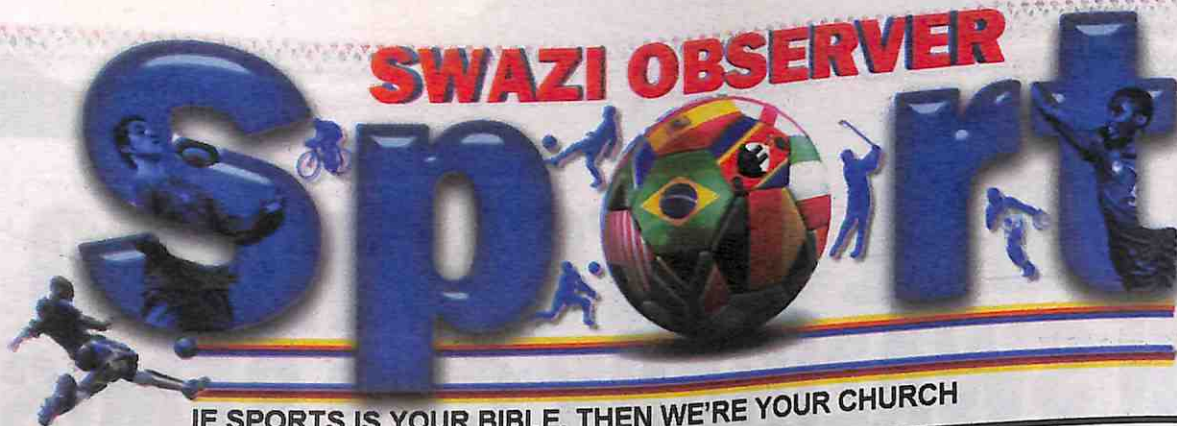
Real Madrid	1-1	Atlético Madrid
Levante	2-1	Las Palmas
Barcelona	3-1	Leganes
Real Betis	2-0	Eibar
Celta de Vigo	4-0	Sevilla
Deportivo Alavés	2-0	Getafe

BUNDESLIGA

Borussia Dortmund	3-0	Stuttgart
Hamburger SV	3-2	Schalke 04
Köln	1-1	Mainz 05
Borussia M'gladbach	2-1	Hertha BSC
Freiburg	0-2	Wolfsburg
Augsburg	1-4	Bayern München

ITALIAN SERIE A

Napoli	2-1	Chievo
Crotone	1-0	Bologna
Hellas Verona	1-0	Cagliari
Torino	1-0	Internazionale
Sampdoria	0-0	Genoa
Roma	0-2	Florentina
SPAL	1-1	Atalanta
Benevento	2-4	Juventus



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WESLIAN, BULL THROUGH TO SEMIS

By Mphikeleli Msibi
Sports Editor

SOCCER – PENALTY shoot-outs, can go either way; and this was the situation yesterday.

Crowd pullers Manzini Wanderers and Mbabane Highlanders are through to the semi-finals of the SwaziBank Cup UYAYIFUNA NA. This is after the two teams won their respective matches during the quarter-final games played at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. First up was the hub giants Wanderers who won 9-8 after penalties against cross-town rivals Manzini Sundowns.

There was nothing much to write home about in this match during the 90 minutes and it was only until extra time where the teams came hard at each other in search of the elusive goal. Seeing that the match would go to penalties, Wanderers rested goalkeeper Romanus Igidimba for substitute Banele Dlamini, who became an instant hero after saving two spot kicks to send his team through.

This seemed to be the right tonic as Wanderers fans celebrated 'like never before' seeing that they will be playing in the semi-finals. This result kept their dream of winning silverware after over a decade alive. Later, it would be the Bull's chance to also find their way to the semi-finals in the competition when they took on Matsapha United in a fast flowing encounter that could have been mistaken for a final. Both sides were eager to assert

- They join Green Mamba and Young Buffaloes
- Semi-finals draw this morning



NET: Manzini Sundowns goalkeeper Lwethu Simelane fails to make a save during the penalty shootout.



FULL STRETCH: One of the goals scored during the penalty shoot out. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

themselves and while there was soon good end-to-end action, a number of loose passes in the final third curtailed the number of clear-cut chances.

Matsapha, however, also suffered a penalty shootout loss as they went down 4-5 after regulation time and extra time ended in a 1-all draw.



OOPS: Manzini Wanderers goalkeeper Banele Dlamini dives the wrong direction.

This was a great game of football and credit must go to both teams for living up to expectation and giving fans their money's worth and some-

thing to talk about. Certainly the win for Highlanders gives them hope of claiming their first piece of silverware this season.

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