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GAZA DELEGATION COMING TO OBSERVE UMHLANGA

By Simon Shabangu
Mbabane

THE Crown Prince of Gaza in Mozambique will send a delegation to observe the Umhlanga ceremony as he intends to revive the tradition to his people.

Prince Ngungunyane II revealed this in an exclusive interview with this publication where he stated that he has personally attended a number of traditional ceremonies including Incwala.

He stated that the history of his people shows that they also had their own Incwala ceremony which he also intends to revive.

The Royal House of Gaza is based at Manjacaze, an area close to Xai-Xai and Chicumbane areas.

The crown prince of the second largest province in Mozambique said he was inspired by King Mswati III and the beautiful culture of Emaswati. He says he has observed with keen interest the beauty of the Swazi culture, the important role it plays in uniting the nation.

He said most of the Eswatini culture and that of Gaza is almost the same.

Existed

"It is my intention that this year we bring a delegation to observe Umhlanga so that in 2019 we revive it in Gaza. This is the culture which existed during the reign of my forefathers. I want to follow on the footsteps of my forefathers. Umhlanga was there before our Kingdom was disrupted by civil war in Mozambique which resulted in the arrest of my grandfather who was the King then. Umhlanga and Incwala were some of the cultural activities which our people celebrated," he said.

He said even Incwala was practiced back then stating that even to this day, the people of Eswatini travel to Mozambique in preparation for the Incwala ceremony which shows that there is a strong bond and relation between the two nations which is what he wants to revive.

"We are already talking with the elders in my area especially the chiefs and making plans for the delegation to come

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COMING: Prince Ngungunyane II with some of his people in Gaza.

for the Umhlanga. We are yet to communicate with the relevant authorities within the royal structures for the delegation. I personally attended the ceremony last year and I was impressed especially by the numbers of maidens as well as the number of tourists who came through to witness this unique culture," he said.

Epitome

The crown prince said he was also impressed by Their Majesties and the passion they have for culture which has made the Kingdom of Eswatini an epitome of culture in the African continent. He said he was aware that the Zulu Kingdom still practices Umhlanga something which he wants to revive back in Gaza. He said even the Incwala ceremony which he observed last year was also practiced by his forefathers.

On another note, Prince Ngungunyane said Nguni people were interrelated for many reasons stating that the Ndwandwe Kings were required by law to marry from the royal family of Eswatini.

He said this is the same route he is expected to take if he is to officially ascend to the throne and lead the Nguni people of Gaza.

"The elders told me point blank that I have to find a wife from the royal family in the Kingdom of Eswatini or there is no throne for me. This is one special assignment I have to fulfill before I can officially be installed as the King of the Gazaland which has a population of close to two million people," he said. He said this is a condition that his forefathers left with the elders to say that the Ndwandwe royalty will always marry from the Swazi royal family.

"That is how the Ndwandwe's used to do it and this is how it has to be done if the Ndwandwe royalty is to be revived. So I have a mammoth task to search for a royal bride," he said.

This year's Umhlanga ceremony kicks off on August 28 with the main day slated for September 3 where thousands of Imbali will dance before Their Majesties and the nation.

'King Mswati III doing good before God'

THE Prince also observed that His Majesty King Mswati III is doing well before the almighty God.

He said for the King to peacefully rule for over 32 years shows that he is in good terms with the Lord.

He said it was rare to have a person rule for such a long time without major challenges.

He said his observation was that God reigns supreme in the leadership style of His Majesty's hence God continues to protect his reign and the nation at large.

Ascends

He says he is personally inspired by His Majesty's leadership and will be looking up to the king for guidance once he ascends to the throne.

"For the King to be in power for over 32 years means he is doing something good before the eyes of God.

For the King to be in power for such a long time means a lot. There has been many Kings we read about in history and even

from the Bible who ruled for even less than five years. If I would have an opportunity I would ask him, 'Silosikhulu how do you pray' maybe I can learn from that because I also pray. The King's leadership might not look good before the eyes of men but before God he is doing good," he said.

He stressed that he was keen to take a leaf from the King's leadership so that he leads his people to greater heights like His Majesty has done over the years.

Possibilities

He says Gaza is the second biggest province in Mozambique, which borders South Africa, Zimbabwe and Malawi with its capital city being Xai-Xai.

He says it has fertile lands rich in mineral resources as it has diamonds, coal and also possibilities of oil reserves.

Gaza according to the prince has hundreds of chiefs in its 11 districts who have been keeping and protecting the land ever since the royalty structures were disrupted due to wars.

ABOUT THE ROYAL GAZA KINGDOM BRIEFLY

THE generation of Zwide Ka Langa has been kings for centuries to date.

It dates back from His Majesty King Soshangane, the first king of Gaza, after taking over from his grandfather a great leader. Muzilla took over the throne as the king, after a short battle with his brother Mawewe. He was followed by King Ngungunyane Mdungazi, the grandson of Soshangane.

Next in line for the throne is the crown Prince Ngungunyane II, the grandson of Ngungunyane.

The Gaza kingdom has been dormant for many years, it never died.

It lived and existed like a volcano underground for

decades. People assumed that the kingdom was dead, it was just inactive.

During its sleeping so many cultures, ritual practices which were performed by kings disappeared.

Performed

Mnguni people have had rituals that are performed only by kings for centuries and during these ceremonies if that individual is a true born king with royal blood a snake appears during the practice, which is extremely dangerous to be conducted or performed by non-royal people.

That is where a true royal blood is identified, and be pronounced Hosi (King in English).

ELECTIONS NOMINATION IS NOT A VICTORY GUARANTEE - EBC

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

"THE way some of you are excited, it is like you have already won even before the start of the contest."

Elections and Boundaries Commission's (EBC) Mlamuli Shabangu explained to nominees that being nominated is one thing and being elected is also something different. Shabangu said this in his presentation during the sensitisation exercise for nominees ahead of the primary elections this coming weekend.

He lamented that there are those who were already celebrating like

they were aware of the race's outcome.

The EBC was in the Shiselweni region last Friday to sensitise the candidates on the elections. The exercise was held at the teachers' resource centre at the Shiselweni Regional Education Offices in Nhlangano.

The nominees were those nominated for Bucopho, Indvuna Yenkhundla and Member of Parliament in their respective chiefdoms.

Shabangu was in the company of Mbonisi Bhembe who is the information and communications officer for EBC and Richard Phungwayo who is the Head of Secretariat of the commission.

Shabangu said by engaging the nominees in a discussion, it was one way of educating them just like it happened when the commission visited communities in readiness for the elections.

"There are things that you have to avoid when you have been nominated. We are here today to advise you so that you don't find yourselves in a situation where you get disqualified," said Shabangu.

Shabangu said he noted that others when they got nominated, they could not hold their excitement. He said excitement was not a problem but it should have limits.

"Know that you have not won anything but you have just been nominated. Some of you are celebrating

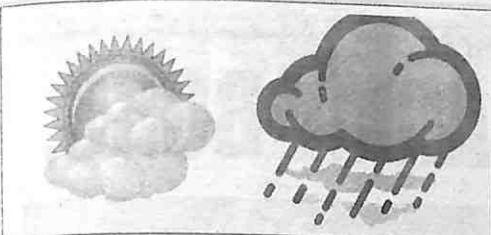
as if you have won when you have only been nominated. The real contest is yet to come and know that by being nominees, it does not guarantee one a seat as anything can happen. No one has won the race at this juncture as all of you are in the starting line. You don't have to fool yourselves that by being nominated you have a chance to win.

Upsets are to be expected just like it happened in previous elections. Even those who have tested victory and got elected in the past, they should not think it is going to be a stroll in the park this time around as they can kiss the dust no matter how many terms they have served," said Shabangu. "Polling centres are to open at 7am

and not at 7:05am or 6:59am but at 7am on the dot. As nominees, you are all expected to be present in order to see that the boxes are empty before voting starts.

Be there to convince yourself and not to have excuses should things not go your way. If you don't come, that is up to you but what you should know, your absence is not going to stop the voting process and since police will be there to witness everything, we are to go ahead whether one makes himself available or not," said Shabangu.

Shabangu told the aspirants that with voting starting at 7am, gates or doors to the polling centres are to close at 7pm.



EXPECT SHOWERS ON WED, THURS

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

FORECASTERS have predicted a sunny to hot week that will be accompanied by showers. Rainfall showers can be expected on Wednesday and Thursday. "Today it will be sunny and hot mainly in the Lowveld," reads the forecast. Chances of rains remain

high this week. "On Wednesday and Thursday, it will be partly cloudy with showers expected to fall," reads the forecast. The highest temperatures will be a maximum of 33 Degrees Celsius. It will be windy at times.

HUBBY DUMPS WIFE AFTER ELECTIONS NOMINATION

COVER STORY

Stories by Samkelisiwe Khoza
Khuphuka

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MY VOTE: Voters casting their votes during the last elections.

THE much hyped 'vote for a woman' campaign has claimed its first casualty.

A married woman has been dumped by a bitter husband after she was nominated to contest elections under the Bucophu category, ironically the same position the husband held in the ended political term.

As the nation gears up for the primary elections, Sibongile Mahlalela, nee Dlamini, is faced with divorce papers she has to sign after being served by her husband Joseph's lawyers.

Joseph is a former Bucophu of the area. He is not happy that his wife accepted a nomination to stand for the Bucophu position, let alone to stomach the fact that they will compete for the same position with his wife.

According to well-placed sources, through his lawyers, Joseph served his wife with divorce papers weeks after the nominations. Narrating the ordeal, the source said things between the couple went sour the moment the wife's name was called out at the nomination centre.

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The villagers are said to have been motivated by the humble and respectful manner of Sibongile to consider her for the position they nominated her in. Joseph is said to have told other villagers that his wife would never win the elections because the position was his.

In an interview, the wife confirmed being served with divorce papers by her husband.

She said her suffering in the marriage began a couple of years ago when her husband won the Bucophu position.

She claimed that he had been openly having numerous affairs with other women around the community.

She said her husband moved out of their home a couple of days after the nominations and he currently resides at her first wife's home around Khuphuka, just a few kilometres away from where they used to stay.

"I do not know what I did to deserve such treatment from him," said the wife.

She said her husband now sees her as an enemy; he is going around the community telling people that she (wife) forced him into marrying her. She said even though her husband had been harsh on her, she never thought it would end with a divorce.

Meanwhile, the husband denied having any knowledge of the matter (divorce). He said he was 100 per cent behind his wife and whoever wins the bucophu position, it would make no difference because they are a family.

"I am 100 per cent behind my wife and whoever wins the position, it would still be a victory because we are a family," Mahlalela said in a not convincing manner.



WARNED: Elections and Boundaries Commission Chairman Chief Gija Dlamini.

'Elections not here to destroy families'

THE Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) Chairman, Chief Gija Dlamini says elections are not here to destroy families.

He said nominees should respect one another and not use the elections to settle disputes. Dlamini discouraged emaSwati from allowing elections to destroy their families. He said everyone deserves a fair shot at the elections despite their gender.

Meanwhile, Women and Law National Director Colani Hlatshwayo said these were the barriers that hinder women from wanting to take part in leadership positions.

"It is so sad that the husband is using the elections to solve problems, instead he should be grateful to the community that they see leadership skills on both husband and wife," she said.

Hlatshwayo said the community should do everything in their power to protect the nominated woman.

Dogs feast on human leg near Good Shepherd

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki



HARDLY a week after a human body was found not too far from Siteki town, another terrifying discovery was made when a group of people stumbled on dogs feasting on a human leg near Good Shepherd Hospital.

The group of people is said to have comprised Christians who were going to a church service in the town centre on Friday evening.

They were travelling in a van as it was already dark in the evening. A source close to the matter said they were coming from the Makhewu direction when they came across a dog carrying something which looked meaty and appeared to be a human leg. With the reports of people having been found dead in various parts of the region, the group decided to stop and inspect what the dog was actually carrying.

Their suspicions were proven true; the dog was carrying a human leg which

appeared to be in a decomposing state.

For a moment, the group of people who made the shocking discovery was unsure of what to do as they went into the nearby thicket to conduct a search as they hoped to find a human body, from which the leg had been removed.

A few moments into the search, the group called the police and reported the discovery. However, despite searching the surroundings areas for two days, there was no body found to be linked with the leg. Some well-placed sources suggested that the leg could have been retrieved by the dogs from a dumpsite after a medical mutilation. "Apparently

the leg was also found with a bandage, giving the thinking that it might have been mutilated for medical reasons at the nearby hospital," said a source who was present when the discovery was made. Meanwhile, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the discovery of a human leg which was being eaten by dogs.

Mamba said police were continuing with investigations to ascertain the actual source of the leg.

The past few months have seen a number of decomposing human bodies being discovered in communities surrounding Siteki. About two months ago, a decomposed body was found at an area known as Emsahweni near Mzilikazi.

Many believed that the decomposition state was artificially induced as the corpse's clothing remained in a good condition. Another human body was found near Emalayini about a week ago. According to police reports, the causes of death of these persons remain unknown.

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HOW IT'S DONE: Wife to Army Commander Sobantu Dlamini, Phetsani Maphanga dances with some of her relatives during the last day of their traditional wedding ceremony held at Mhlosheni in Nkhaba area yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



CHIEF OF OPERATIONS: UEDF's Theminkhosi Mngomezulu poses with the bride Phetsani and their colleague.



MARVEL: Gozolo displays his dance moves at the end of the function.

LAST DAY FOR ARMY BOSS,



BONKHOSI: Some of Emalangeneni who came to support.



CASH: The bride was also presented with lots of cash by well-wishers.



UNISON: Members of the Lutsango dancing during the occasion.



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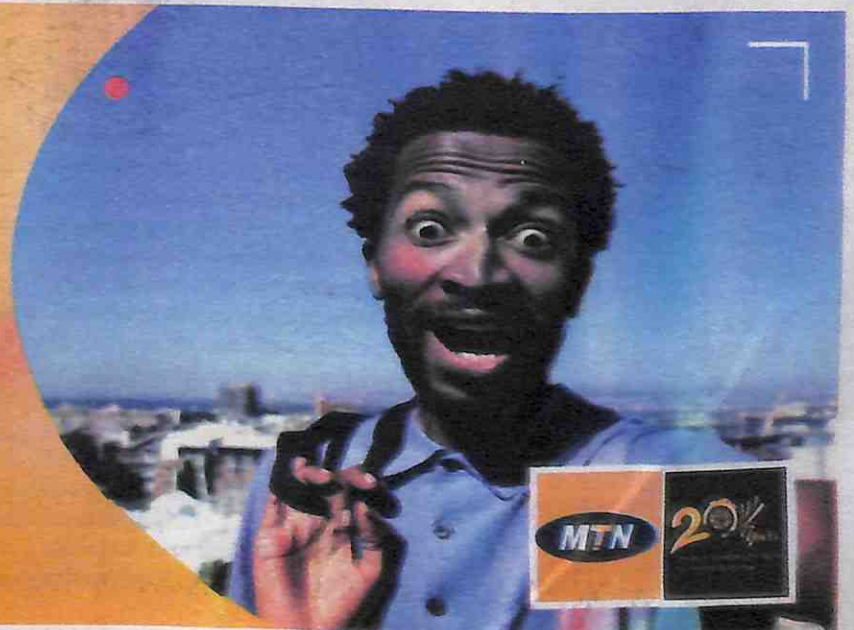
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PHETSANI TRADITIONAL WEDDING



FOLLOWING: Army Commander Sobantu Dlamini and his brother Bongani 'Gcokosiyancinca' Dlamini watching the proceedings.



BOSIBALI: Army Commander Sobantu Dlamini and his wife Phetsani Maphanga poses with his in-laws.



IN ACTION: An Imbali from the bride's side doing the ingadla dance.



GIFTS GALORE: The bride Phetsani Maphanga being presented with gifts that she will take to her in-laws.



BOSSSES: Umbutfo Defence Force's Timothy Mamba and Sisusa Dlamini return from doing the kudlalisela as Imbali dances.



WATCHING: Even the young ones were also there to witness the ceremony.



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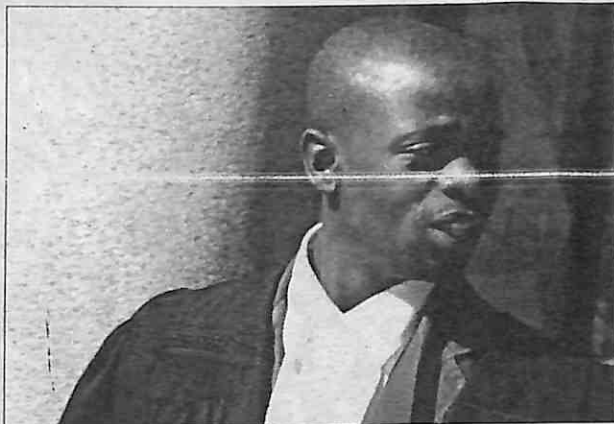
TSOTSI TAKES OVER CASE OF LOGOBA'S MOST WANTED SUSPECT

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

RENOWNED advocate Mduduzi 'Tsotsi' Mabila has taken over the case of Logoba's most wanted suspect Thembinkosi Zwane.

Zwane was wanted by the police after terrorising the community of Logoba by committing a string of robbery and assault offences. Zwane made his court appearance at the Matsapha Circuit Court, he appeared before Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini. The accused was slapped with seven charges, five being that of robbery and two being that of assault. The string of robberies committed by the accused person are alleged to have happened between the months of November and December 2017.

On the first count it is alleged that the accused person while at Logoba area on December 1 assaulted Welcome Mamba and threatened him with a knife, and stole a Samsung Galaxy from the complainant and money amounting to E250. On the second count, the accused is alleged to have robbed Thulile Magongo money amounting to E1 500 using the same modus operandi as before. It is alleged that on the third count the accused



TAKES OVER:
Advocate
Mduduzi
'Tsotsi'
Mabila.

person assaulted Khayelihle Magongo and used a knife to steal items worth E800 from the complainant. Then on November 2, 2017, the accused person is alleged to have also used a knife to induce fear into Gcinile Shongwe and stole a cell phone worth E984.

On the same day while at Mathangeni area, it is alleged that the accused proceeded to rob Muzi Shongwe cash amounting to E3 350 and a cell phone worth E150. On the sixth count it is alleged that the accused person robbed one Menzi Mahlalela a leather jacket worth E500.

On the seventh count the accused person is said to have stabbed Linda Nxumalo

on the left cheek, for that the accused was charged with assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. After all these charges were read to him the accused person pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Mabila confirmed his client's pleas, when it was time to lead evidence it was discovered that one of the witnesses who was supposed to appear in court was nowhere to be found.

Even though the crown was certain that the witness was around the court premises when he was called he did not show up. The case was then postponed to September 21 where trial will commence.

PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE BLASTS GOVT

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Matsapha

PRINCIPAL Magistrate Joe Gumedze has blasted government for letting down the public by treating criminals as victims and victims as criminals.

The principal magistrate was making his keynote address as guest speaker at the Matsapha Police Academy during the closing ceremony of a Junior Supervisory Skills Development Course number one of 2018 last Friday. Addressing the throngs of officers who attended the ceremony, the principal magistrate said when government brings accused persons to court he makes sure that the accused persons get food but little is done to ensure that rape victims have something to eat when they make their court appearances.

With rape cases being dealt with by principal magistrates even on weekends, Gumedze said some of these rape victims come to court early in the morning and wait until late in the afternoon. "Shame on us, accused persons *bayanakakekelwa ngu* government but victims of rape *abanakekelwa*" Gumedze stated in vernacular.

Gumedze said the painful part is that most of the time the victims of rape come from rural areas and from destitute households. Gumedze made an example of six boys from Vulamasango involved in a rape matter, he said the victim was just a young child.

Gumedze said government will have food for the accused persons yet the victim will have nothing to eat. He said a rape victim, a child, in the company of her grandmother during their court appearance, told him that she had not had anything to eat because there was

....Rape victims brought to court on empty stomachs while accused persons well fed



TOGETHER: Officers who took part in the course with Pigg's Peak Principal Magistrate Joe Gumedze.

no food back home. The magistrate said the child was waiting to testify in her rape case and by that time it was already 3pm. Gumedze said he was touched by the victim's situation. He said he had to fork money from his own pocket in order to make sure that the victim gets something to eat. The magistrate said he also had to ask for officials in court to contribute the little they had so that they could get food for the victim.

The principal magistrate said eventually they were able to raise E40. Gumedze encouraged officers to help the needy saying it is unpleasant to see some of the victims who come to court hungry. Gumedze further sent a request to the national commissioner of police asking that when victims especially those of rape are brought to court they must be assisted by the police. Speaking on behalf of the National Commissioner Isaac Magagula, Senior Assistant Commissioner Mxolisi Dlamini said as the police service they were aware of

the lacunas and shortfalls that are from time to time raised by the courts. He said as a police service they are committed to ensuring that these shortfalls are continually remedied.

Dlamini said as a police service they were the gatekeepers in the Criminal Justice System and exist to ensure that the courts dispense justice smoothly and without any encumbrance, which is crucial if the public is to have confidence in the entire system.

Dlamini said as police officers they were grateful for the guidance and advice they routinely receive from the courts on how they can improve their operations, especially in the areas of collection and collation of evidential material, as well as presentation thereof, to ensure the speedy and efficient discharge of justice.

He said another part of their responsibilities as a police service, is that of execution of court processes in a timely and efficient manner.

Irish coffee lands man in custody for DD

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

DRINKING Irish coffee landed a man in trouble as he ended up getting arrested for drink-driving.

Sipho Nkambule appeared before Manzini Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini and according to the readings from his breath specimen the accused had a reading of 0.58mg/l.

The accused pleaded guilty as charged in mitigation and told the court that he had no idea that he was drunk as he had only drank Irish coffee.

The accused said he was enjoying his meal at Spur when he decided to go for the coffee.

In passing sentence the magistrate sentenced the accused to a year imprisonment with a fine option of E1 500.

Moyeni teacher arrested for DD

A teacher at Moyeni High School was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Doctor Dlamini was nabbed with an alcohol reading of 1.08mg/l which was way above the legal limit of 0.38mg/l. During his court appearance before Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini the accused pleaded guilty to the offence. He sincerely apologised to the court

for breaking the law. Dlamini informed the court that he is a teacher at Moyeni High School in Mafutseni. He promised that he will never commit such an offence again. He pleaded for leniency saying he supports two children and a wife. The accused was sentenced to a year imprisonment with a fine option of E2 000, which he duly paid.

Man arrested for distressing with alcohol

A man who decided to take a few beers in order to distress following the death of his brother landed himself in trouble.

Sifiso Dube appeared before Manzini Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini. He was charged with driving his Honda Fit vehicle while intoxicated. When explaining how he ended up driving while intoxicated, the accused person informed the court that his brother

had just passed away and as a way of relieving stress he drank alcohol.

This prompted the magistrate to ask when exactly one is supposed to drink alcohol, when there is a party or when he or she is mourning.

The accused was sentenced to a year imprisonment with a fine option of E1 500.

Taking sick grandpa to hospital gets driver arrested for DD

A man who was transporting his sick grandmother to hospital ended up getting arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Austin Gama appeared at the Manzini Magistrate's Court on Saturday before Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini.

The accused alcohol reading was 0.81mg/l which was way above the legal limit.

The accused informed the court that he thought that the alcohol was no longer in his system as he had slept before taking the wheel.

The accused informed the court that when he woke up he was told that his grandmother was not well so he decided to take her to hospital and on his way ended up getting arrested for driving while intoxicated.





ARRIVE ALIVE: Eswatini traffic police at work.

65 NABBED FOR DD

By Sisho Magagula
Mbabane

A total of 65 motorists were nabbed for driving under the influence of alcohol this past weekend.

According to Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba, these

alcohol guzzlers were arrested while travelling on public roads across the four regions of the country.

Death

On another note, a 40-year-old man of Gundvini in the Manzini region was killed in a car crash at Msahweni on Saturday evening.

He was driving a Toyota D4D.

The man was certified dead at the

Nhlangano Health Centre while one of his two passengers were admitted at Hlatikulu Government Hospital.

The other passenger is a 29-year-old woman of Muzinsangu who was treated and discharged at Nhlangano Health Centre. On the same day, at 3pm, the other passenger, a 29-year-old woman of Muzinsangu was treated and discharged at Nhlangano Health Centre.

Duo robs taxi man of his vehicle, gets five years in jail

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

TWO men of Magedeni near Siphofaneni were last week handed a five-year custodial sentence after they were found guilty of robbing a taxi man of his vehicle and other items totalling over E44 000.

The two accused, namely; Sifiso Ndzimandze (23) and Siyabonga Maphalala (20) had appeared before the Siphofaneni Magistrate's

Court where they faced a charge of robbery.

Their sentencing comes approximately two

weeks after another taxi driver was also robbed of his vehicle at an area not too far from Siphofaneni. The theft of motor vehicles at Siphofaneni and surrounding areas is reportedly on the rise.

According to the charge sheet, the accused persons wrongfully robbed Thabiso Khumalo of a motor vehicle, a Mazda Demo, which was valued at E42 000. They further took away money in cash, cellphones and other items which were kept in the vehicle.

The accused persons are said to have used force and violence to induce submission of the items by the complainant. They are said to have tied him with a rope on the neck and further threatened to kill him if he resisted the taking of the items.

When they were informed of their rights to legal representation, the accused persons elected to conduct their own defence. Each of them went on and pleaded guilty to the charge. Due to the seriousness of the offence, the Crown called witnesses to prove commission of the crime. The complainant told the court that he was using the same vehicle as a taxi when the accused persons approached him and asked that he transport them to Manzini. This was just before midnight after many drinking halls had closed down.

The complainant said, however, the accused persons started demand-

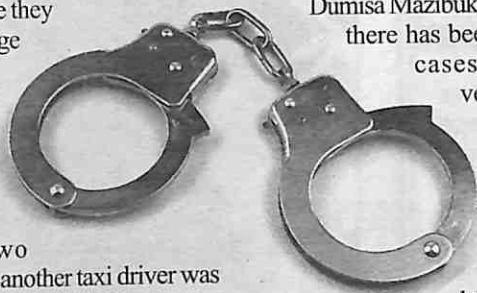
ing his cellphone along the way, saying they needed to make a call. They suddenly tied him with a rope around the neck while ordering him to pull over.

The accused persons went away with the vehicle and other property. When given a chance to cross examine the complaint, the accused persons elected to remain silent. They asked the court to be lenient when passing sentence, claiming to be first time offenders. When issuing judgment, Magistrate

Dumisa Mazibuko noted that there has been a rise of

cases of motor vehicle theft in the southern part of the Lubombo region. He highlighted that the court,

therefore, had a duty to pass sentences which would serve as a deterrent to other would be offenders. Each of the accused persons was sentenced to five years in a correctional facility without an option of a fine.



SHOT ROBBERY SUSPECT GETS E5 000 BAIL

Stories by Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

A suspect who was apprehended for robbery and malicious damage to property charge, was admitted to E5 000 bail at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Mbongiseni Dlamini of Ludzeludze appeared before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati while limping and the latter asked him why he was limping and he said he was shot.

Dlamini was allegedly shot twice on the thigh and on the lower part of the

stomach by the police over a week ago. He was charged with three counts, two of which are robberies and the other is malicious damage to property.

On the first count, Dlamini is said to have threatened and took items valued at E1 700 that belonged to Nontokozi Dlamini at New Dawn on May 11, 2015. The items are a Hisense U962 gold cell phone valued at E1 100, a pink purse valued at E100 and money amounting to E500.

On the second count, he was charged with robbery in that on 25 May 2015 at Msunduzi, he threatened and took money to the value of E1 130 belong-

ing to Jarmen Earnshaw and on the third count, he was charged with malicious damage to property on a pool table belonging to Mzwandile Dlamini.

The pool table was valued at E10 465 and the offence was committed at Ezulwini on August 10.

Mzwandile was admitted to E5 000 bail on condition that he will not commit the same offences and that he will not interfere with state witnesses and he will also be available anytime the court orders him to avail himself.

The 23-year-old Dlamini will be back in court on Friday but the trial will resume on October 5.

Drunk driver survives accident, gets stitches

A drunk driver is lucky to be alive after his car plunged into a drainage after he lost control of the vehicle and he sustained injuries below the mouth.

Musawenkhozi Dlamini had to be stitched after the accident which happened on Sunday night at Nkoyoyo. Dlamini had a bandage on the injured part and he had a black scarf to cover the injuries.

Dlamini was slapped with two counts, that of driving a car under the influence of alcohol with the alcohol content at 0.62 mg/l and that of negligence driving, which landed his car in a drainage while injuring himself.

Before passing sentence, Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati warned the accused to value his life as people die in accidents and that he was lucky not to lose his life. "You must thank God that you are alive, people die on the road and it could have been worse. Don't take it for granted that you are alive but be thankful to God for giving you another chance. You have only one life and you should value it; we don't have a spare life," he said.

Dlamini was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment with a fine option of E1 500 on the first count and he was sentenced to five months imprisonment on the second count with a fine option of

E500 and both fines would run consecutively, which brings the total to E2 000. Another drink-driver who was slapped with two counts is Delisa Dlamini, who was apprehended at Mnyamatsini while driving a Mercedes Benz.

He was charged with driving the vehicle while under the influence of alcohol with the content at 0.62mg/l while also charged for negligent driving and smashing into an animal. He was sentenced to 15 months in prison or E1 500 fine on the first count and five months imprisonment with a fine option of E500 on the second count and both counts would run concurrently.

Dagga dealer with 8 children slapped with three counts

A dagga dealer who hired the services of an attorney was slapped with three counts, including that of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Sandile Mabuza, who was apprehended at Mangwaneni on Saturday night, was driving a VW Polo while drunk with the alcohol content at 0.78mg/l. He was also charged with negligent driving in that he failed to avoid an accident and smashed into a Toyota vehicle. He was also charged with being found in possession of 0.036g of dagga. Mabuza hired the services of attorney Mtsetfwa. Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati noticed that Mabuza was appearing for the second time in court and it was discovered that he was once arrested for being found in possession of dagga. Mitigating on behalf of his client, Mtsetfwa said the accused slept after drinking and he assumed the alcohol in his blood wouldn't get him arrested. He also

jumped to the defence of his client after plastic bags were found in the dagga suggesting that he was a merchant and selling the dagga. He said his client was asthmatic and using the dagga for medical purposes not that he was selling it. Vilakati didn't buy into the attorney's mitigation but expressed disappointment over the accused's conduct.

"Imagine how many people would suffer if you could die or get crippled from an accident for your total disregard for the people that depend on you. For someone who has eight children, commodities are very expensive nowadays; there is a lot you can get for your dependants on the money you use to pay the fine," he said.

Vilakati said they would now start issuing out the maximum sentence of E5 000 to drink-drivers because people were not getting the message on drink-driving, something that other magistrates were already doing.

Name	Charge	Sentence
Delisa Dlamini	Drink-driving 0.61 mg/l Negligent driving	15 months or E1 500 fine
Musawenkhozi Dlamini	Drink-driving 0.62mg/l Negligent driving	2 years or E2 000 fine
Welcome Magagula	Drink-driving 0.64 mg/l	15 months or E1 500 fine
Sandile Mabuza	Drink-driving 0.78 mg/l Negligent driving Possession of dagga	2 years or E2 000 fine 2 years or E2 000 fine
Thamsanqa Sibanyoni	Drink-driving	15 months or E1 500 fine
Mbongiseni Dlamini	Robbery and malicious damage to property	E5 000 bail, trial on October 5.

Vilakati also spoke strongly against selling of dagga because the target market was normally school going children. Mabuza was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment on the first count with a fine option of E1 500 and he was sentenced to five months imprisonment with a fine option of E500 for

negligent driving and both fines would run consecutively. He was also sentenced to two years in prison for being found in possession of dagga with a fine option of E2 000 but half the sentence was suspended for a year on condition that the accused was not arrested for the same offence.

MTN VELA SIM REGISTRATION



COME ONE COME ALL: MC of the day Ngabisa Dlamini directs the proceedings during the MTN Vela SIM card registration held at Pigg's Peak Prison Sports ground over the weekend. Teams from the Hhohho region also got the opportunity to play for a cow during the two-day tournament. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



FANS: Some of the fans watching the soccer matches which were part of the entertainment.



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They are requested to visit the underlisted places and are required to bring along their National Identity Cards (IDs) and Pension Cards on the given dates below:

- 20 to 24 August 2018 Manzini, Manzini National Library (Venue is only for these dates)
- 27 to 31 August 2018 Nhlangano, Nhlangano National Library (Venue is only for these dates)
- 04 to 05 September 2018 Siteki, Evukuzenzele Building
- 07 & 10 September 2018 Pigg's Peak, Pigg's Peak Red Cross (Venue is only for these dates)

Dependants above 16 years of age should furnish their IDs, while those below this age should bring with them valid passports or IDs for parents/guardians.

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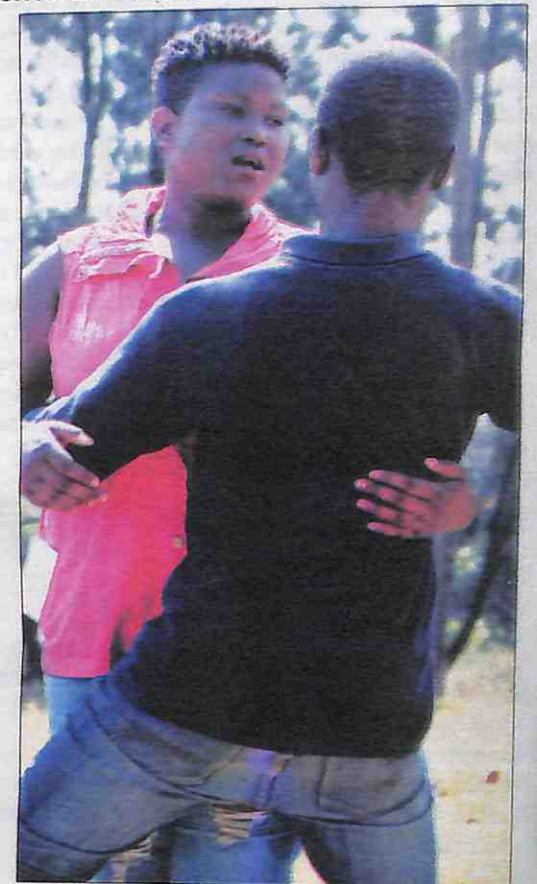
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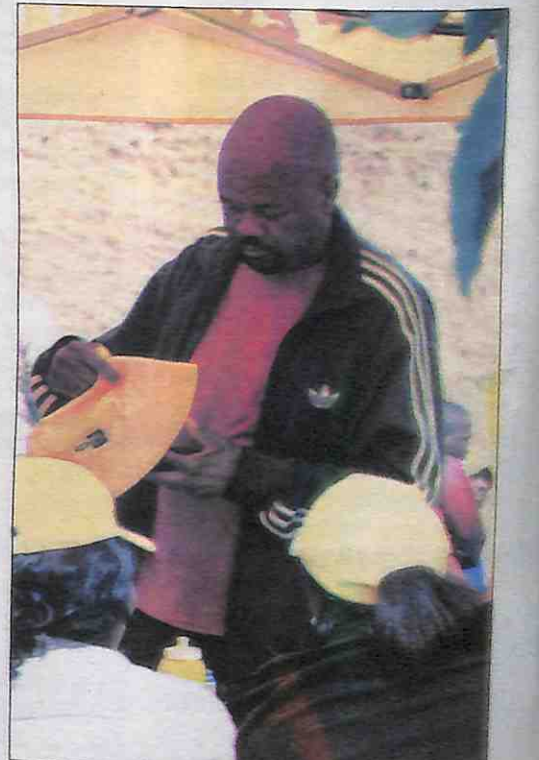
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COME DUZE: These two were enjoying themselves during the campaign.



A GIFT: Another customer takes a hat as a gift from MTN.

IN PIGG'S PEAK



THANK YOU: A client gets back his documents after successfully registering.



MERCHANDISE: Some of the MTN merchandise that was on display on the day.



EVERYWHERE YOU GO: The MTN gazebos where the registration was held.



REGISTERING: MTN staff members registering some of their clients during the process yesterday.

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TEACHERS CALL FOR BIG MEETING

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

IT would seem the decision to go on a waya waya strike by teachers is fast gaining momentum as teachers have made it clear that they intend to call for schools not to open.

This comes after the teachers have resolved to call a big meeting scheduled for August 24 at SNAT Centre. SNAT Secretary General Zweli Mndzebele confirmed that they will be having a meeting before schools open. He said the meeting which will take place on Friday has been called following the latest devel-

NOT BY FAVOUR



BUT BY MERIT

opments in the negotiating forum whereby government has offered a 0 per cent salary increment. Mndzebele said the agenda of the extraordinary meeting will be to give teachers a formal update and finding a way forward. Mndzebele said teachers will make a resolution on how they

meeting. Teachers who have been notified about the meeting have already made it clear that they know what will be discussed as they have already learnt through the media that the government is offering them zero per cent salary increment, the aggrieved teachers stated that the only thing

proceed after what government has offered.

The secretary general said it is expected that every teacher will attend the

that they will be vouching for during the meeting is for a resolution to down tools and nothing else.

Earlier on this publication reported that disgruntlement among teachers is high and should their organisation, the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) call them to a meeting they will vote for the downing of working tools.

Worth noting is that the meeting has been called just before schools open as the third term is expected to start on September 11, if the teacher's vote for the downing of tools on Friday, schools might not open in September as expected.

3 Emaswati nabbed with dagga admitted to E3 000 bail

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THE three Emaswati who were arrested in Mpumalanga the past week have been admitted to E3 000 bail each and their car was repossessed.

The car, a blue Honda fit was repossessed after the discovery that it belonged to the driver.

The three were destined for Nelspruit and were arrested by South African Police Service (SAPS) just after the Nkomazi toll gate the past week.

The three Themba Khoza (33), Mthembu Khumalo (35) and Sicelo Ndlovu (30) were travelling in a blue Honda fit with a local registration. According to Mpumalanga News online, the three appeared in court last Thursday and were charged for possession of dagga without a licence while in South Africa.

"They were admitted to E3 000 bail each, while their car was repossessed as it belonged to one of the suspects," read the newspaper.

According to an eye witness, the car was stopped by the police who demanded to search the boot.

The trio was found with four big plastic bags and 10 blocks of dagga. The value and the kilograms of the dagga is unknown as police did not disclose all the information. They are suspicious that the police might have acted on a tip off.

The source said he overheard the police telling onlookers to come forward with information that will assist them arrest drug dealers and other criminals to make their communities safer.

"Report suspicious activities," he said.

Recently three Emaswati were also arrested in Ermelo for a similar case. They were arrested in two separate incidents for possession of 68 dagga bags in the Ermelo.

The suspects, including a couple were arrested during Operation Fiela in Ermelo. They were found in possession of 30 kg dagga worth an estimated value of R45 000.

Man from Lesotho fined E8 000 for dagga possession

By Mncedisi Dlamini
Mbabane

FOREIGN nationals seem to be flocking the Kingdom for dagga trade as yet another was arrested and later given an E8 000 fine after being found in unlawful possession of the potentially harmful substance.

Petros Ntuli (67) from Lesotho was arrested and later fined E8 000 by Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi for contravening the pharmacy act.

Ntuli was caught by members of the Eswatini Umbutfo Defence Force at Ngwenya Border Post in possession of 14.4 kilos of dagga whilst driving a Toyota Hilux. Appearing at the Magistrate's Court in Mbabane Ntuli who was with an attorney pleaded guilty to the charge.

The crown applied that Ntuli's motor vehicle be forfeited by the state.

The application was however dismissed by the principal magistrate after it was challenged by the accused's defence.

The accused Ntuli was found guilty as per his own plea. In mitigation Ntuli's defence put it before the court that their client was a first time offender, who had shown remorse by pleading guilty to the charge thus not wasting the court's time.

Sickly

Ntuli's defence further stated that their client is a sickly person who survives through taking medication therefore a custodial sentence would not be in the interest of justice due to the shortage of medication in the country.

Ntuli's attorney went on to tell the court that Ntuli had promised never to commit a similar offence. Principal Magistrate Nhlabatsi was requested by the defence to consider the listed factors when passing sentence.

Ntuli was then sentenced to three years imprisonment or pay an E8 000 fine to be liberated.

30-YEAR-OLD MAN ARRESTED FOR RAPING 8-YEAR-OLD CHILD

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

AN eight-year-old child who had gone to buy an ice block at a certain homestead at Maphalaleni area experienced a horrible ordeal as she ended up being raped by a 30-year-old man.

Not only was the child raped but she was also threatened that should she report the matter she will be stabbed to death by the perpetrator. The accused person Themba Dlamini made his court appearance before Manzini Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini on Saturday. He was charged with the offence of rape.

During his court appearance the crown applied that the accused



be remanded back into police custody pending his next court appearance before Manzini Principal Magistrate David Khumalo.

The accused was informed that due to the serious nature of the offence, if he wants to apply for bail he must approach the High Court. The accused was remanded back into police custody until August 21. The accused was charged under the new Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence

Act of 2018.

Accused

Information gathered is that the victim who is only eight years old usually passes at the accused person's homestead on her way to and from school and on this fateful day the victim passed by Dlamini's homestead to buy an ice block.

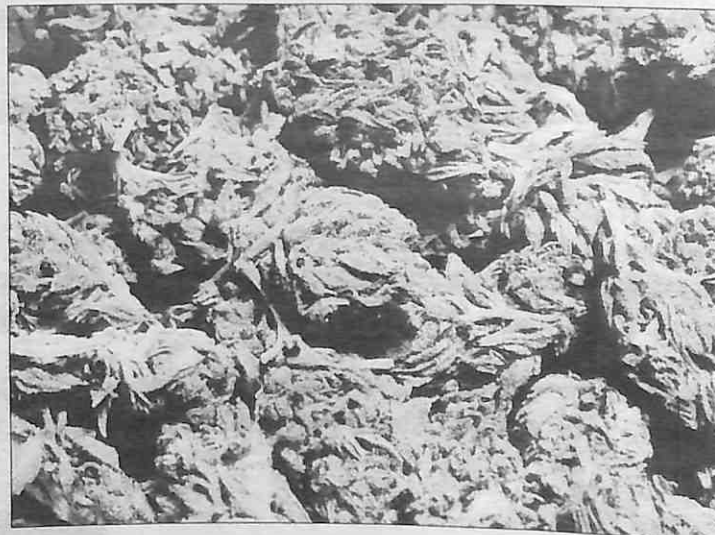
It is alleged that the accused grabbed the victim and forcefully took her to his house where he proceeded to rape her.

DAGGA WORTH E1.2 MILLION SEIZED AS SANDF INTENSIFIES BORDER PATROLS

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

DAGGA amounting to E1.2 million has been seized by members of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) at the border between South Africa and Eswatini following the intensification of border patrols on the South African side since March.

This was revealed by Lieutenant-Colonel Tiger Johnson during a media briefing at the army's Pongola base, which is on a shared border with Eswatini and Mozambique. According to the media statement 170 soldiers patrol the 127km Mozambique border. At least two platoons of 40 soldiers conduct patrols. The same applies for the patrol of the 143km border South Africa shares with Eswatini. It is



said the patrols are aimed at capturing human traffickers, recovering stolen vehicles and seizing drugs. Johnson said they have confiscated goods worth more than R10 million since March.

Some of these goods included

stolen cars that being taken to Mozambique and were worth an estimated R7m.

He said dagga worth more than R1.2m being smuggled into South Africa had also been seized; the Colonel said the illegal activities

mostly occur at hot spots like Pongola, Sililo and Mshololo. He said people enter South Africa illegally during the day and at night.

Worth noting is that it was reported last month that about 500 people are allowed to "stroll" in and out of the country daily in front of members of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) at the border between South Africa and Swaziland without any checks. "People who want to come in and out of the country have become very clever - they monitor the activities of the SANDF to plan how they will conduct their illegal activities."

This has resulted in us having to constantly change our movements and how we conduct our patrols on foot and in vehicles," Johnson is quoted as having stated.

Speaking about the hotspots such as Mshololo, Pongola and Sililo, Johnson said, those places were also dagga smuggling hot spots and the smuggling of explosives was also a real possibility.

GOVT COMMITTED TO ENDING PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS BY 2030

Stories by Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

THE Director of Health Services Dr Vusi Magagula says government is committed to the global goal of ending viral hepatitis, HIV and other public health threats by 2030.

Magagula was speaking during an interview on Friday. He said to support scale-up of hepatitis prevention, testing, treatment and care services, the country committed itself to prioritising hepatitis treatment and including access to antiviral treatment for people with chronic viral hepatitis infection.

He said government would strengthen health systems to deliver essential hepatitis services to different populations and settings by reinforcing linkages between different levels of the health service delivery system and actively engage communities.

Strengthening the national procurement and supply management structures to provide hepatitis medicines and com-



COMMITTED: Director of Health Services Dr Vusi Magagula.

modities using the World Health Organisation (WHO) prequalification process, Magagula said, was amongst

the programming Eswatini was committed to initiate to end hepatitis by 2030.

"Addressing critical underlying factors such as poor sanitation, poverty, discrimination, drug dependence and poor mental health in order to make it safe for people to access hepatitis services and target hepatitis interventions and services to reach those who are at greatest risk are some of the interventions," he said.

Workers

Magagula said government would train health workers at all levels of care, in both public and private sectors about viral hepatitis risk and infection. The director highlighted that hepatitis can affect anyone and encouraged eSwatini to speak to health care providers about getting tested for hepatitis. "If you think you may be at risk of or have viral hepatitis, speak to your health care provider about getting tested, so that you can know your status, receive treatment and protect your health and that of those around you," he said.

where diagnostic and treatment capacity remains low.

The Director said over the past years, the country has not had a well organised comprehensive cancer and hepatitis control programme, resulting in poor coordination mechanisms.

Activities

"In recent years some activities have been initiated which aimed at increasing access to screening of reproductive cancers such as cancer of cervix and cancer of breast. As a result, the Ministry of Health undertook a process to establish and build the capacities for cancer prevention and control in the country," he said.

the Kingdom of Eswatini."

In light of these findings, Magagula strongly urged regular clinical visits to help prevent the spread of cancer and hepatitis.

Threat

"Cancer poses a major threat to public health in Swaziland, and the incidence rates have increased, largely, as a result of the high prevalence of HIV and hepatitis," he said.

He said the number of cancer cases and related deaths in the country have continued to increase, in a situation

Hepatitis linked to cancer

ACCORDING to data from the national annual reports of 2015, patients with hepatitis may have higher risk of developing liver and cervical cancers.

The Director of Health Services, Dr Vusi Magagula, said timely testing and treatment of viral hepatitis could save lives. He said at least 60 per cent of liver cancer cases were due to late testing and treatment of viral hepatitis.

"Defeating hepatitis means defeating liver cancer. Consequently, to test and treat hepatitis becomes paramount for

Nurses to continue picketing during lunch hour

By Nozipho Sibiba
Mbabane

WHILE unions focus on the strike action that might take place next week, Mbabane Government Hospital nurses will continue picketing during their lunch hour.

On Friday, the nurses took a break because some of them were off. Today, the picketing will enter its fifth day.

Swaziland Democratic Nurses Union (SWADNU) President Bheki Mamba confirmed that the Nurses General Council met to discuss on how they could tackle the matter of drug shortage in the country.

Mamba said the executives of all unions met.

"We have requested union members of all nurses in the country to go and monitor the situation as the ministry said it will be delivering the drugs in all hospitals in the country. The report by the unions will determine whether we continue with the strike action next week," he said. He said they tasked the unions to closely monitor the drug issue.

"If we do not take action, people will die in nurses' hands and they will be forced to write incidents report," he said.

He also advised nurses to record

every death that might happen at the hospital going forward. "This will help in assisting the nurses when accused of negligence," he said.

He also mentioned that other than drugs shortage, there was a crisis of cleaning material.

"Ambulances sometimes have to park hours as they say there is no fuel at the Central Transport Administration (CTA). The aim of the picket is to make our voices heard by the department responsible for shortage of drugs and nurses in most health institutions," he said.

Close to 10 drugs are reportedly out of stock at the Mbabane Government Hospital and other apparatus that include IV Cannula.

IV Cannula is a thin tube inserted into a vein or body cavity to administer medicine, drain fluids or insert a surgical instrument.

Flamazine, Clexane, Erythromycin, Resperidone and Heparin are also among the top drugs nurses said were out of stock.

Meanwhile, the ministry delivered drugs at the Mbabane Government Hospital on Thursday. Director of Health Services Dr Vusi Magagula confirmed the delivery and stated that they were doing everything they could to make sure drugs were available in all the hospitals.

3 SWSC employees arrested for stealing water pipes worth E48 663

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

WITH some parts of the country sometimes facing water supply interruptions after thieves steal water pipes or material belonging to the Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC), one would be surprised to know that even the same people employed to safeguard such material are behind its disappearance.

The three employees have been arrested and appeared in court facing charges of theft. Mbongeni Doctor Mavuso (38), Mfanawenkosi Magagula (36) and Mduduzi Mavuso (31) appeared before Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini at the Matsapha Circuit Court. They are alleged to have stolen UPVC pipes at SWSC in Matsapha. The incident is alleged to have happened on August 9.

The items stolen by the accused

included; 1x 315 steel/UPVC valued at E3 269, 3x 510 steel valued at E10 146, 4x 315/332x218/232 steel/UPVC valued at E11 100, 9x218/323x158/182 steel/UPVC valued at E20 241, 1x109/128 steel/UPVC valued at E3 567. It is said the total value of all the items is E48 663.

Items

The items were said to have been under the care of Bawinile Sifiso Mlangeni. When the charge was put to them, the accused pleaded not guilty to the charges. The prosecutor applied that the accused be remanded back into police custody pending their next court appearance. The accused were remanded into police custody and were advised to appear in court on September 13 for trial. The accused, who were clad in full work uniform belonging to SWSC, requested that they be released on bail. Magistrate Dlamini granted the accused bail fixed at E5 000 for each accused person.

MALE LUTSANGO ENTERTAINS GUESTS



SIMOMONDIYA: Well-wishers were treated to a wonderful performance by the army's well known dancer Simomondiya who dresses like a woman yet he is a man and dances like them as well. This was during the traditional wedding ceremony of the Army Commander Sobantu Dlamini and his wife Phetsani Maphanga held over the weekend. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



LOST AND FOUND: A stray dog crosses the road near Corner Plaza last week. Owners should ensure that their dogs are kept in a secured. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



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2018 CBE FinTech Challenge team taking a selfie during the launch.

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About the Fintech Challenge

Launched on Monday, 13 August 2018, the CBE Fintech Challenge is the first of a kind initiative that aims to incentivize the adoption of emerging technologies to address hurdles in the financial industry, therefore, driving effective competition, enhancing consumer choice and improving financial inclusion in Eswatini.

The Bank and its partners are therefore, offering innovators in the Kingdom (individuals, teams or start-ups) an opportunity to promote their fintech solutions in the economy. The Bank is currently welcoming submissions from all applicants aged 15 years and older, both Swati and non-Swati nationals; with permanent residency, work or study permit or a Swati registered start-up.

Interested innovators can submit their proposals by 14 September 2018 specifically from the listed themes: Social Finance, Digital on boarding, Digital Payment, Remittances, Offline Mobile Payments, Savings, InsureTech, Borrowing and Credit, RegTech, Cyber Security & Wild card innovations.

The Bank is hosting the challenge in partnership with the Royal Science and Technology Park (RSTP), Eswatini Communications Commission (ESCCOM) and the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA).

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Highlights from the Fintech Launch Speeches:

ESCCOM's Acting Chief Executive, Ms. Lindiwe Dlamini, encouraged women to participate in this initiative in order to bridge the glaring gender divide in the entire ICT ecosystem.

RSTP CEO, Mr. Vumile Dlamini said that the Challenge will supports start-ups to spend a shorter time period between the ideation, market validation and commercialization stages than they would when embarking of Fintech projects in isolation. He added that this project will enable us to gauge the innovation ability of our society for more effective resource allocation.

Officially launching the Challenge, the Governor said, "... to qualify to be called an innovation an initiative or proposed solution must be replicable at an economical cost and must satisfy a specific need."

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FEMALES CONTINUE TO DOMINATE MISSING PERSONS' LIST

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

ABOUT 21 people have been reported missing since the beginning of the year.

These figures were confirmed by Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba on Friday.

The missing persons' list is dominated by females.

There are 14 females against six males reported missing since January.

Mamba said the missing people range from an age group of 10 to 25 and above.

Last year, there were 19 people reported missing within the same period. Among the list of the missing people who have not yet re-united with their families is socialite Sakhile 'Oros' Msibi, who has been recently listed on the Interpol list. He was last seen on social media on May 1.

Statistically, the police have noted with concern the increasing number of reports of people reported missing by their relatives, while there are some cases of missing persons which have not yet been closed as they have not been

found. Mamba said they had been able to recover more than eight people so far.

Mamba said the police were working around the clock in ensuring that the missing persons were reunited with their families.

"Yes, there are a number of persons reported missing since the beginning of the year and police are working tirelessly to ensure that they are reunited with their worried families," he said.

Mamba said most of the missing people are not dead but some went to South Africa for greener pastures while others were in various parts of the country.

"In most cases, the missing people do not report their migration at their respective homes," he said.

Mamba said reporting missing people to the police who then publish their pictures in the media really helps. Mamba said most of them resurface when they see that they have been reported missing by their families.

"With a growing number of people being reported missing lately in our country, you may be wondering how to report someone missing or what the process may be in order to find them. There is a list below," he said.

Here's a list of information that you need to provide the police when you file your report:

- Current or most recent photos of the person
- Full names and nicknames of the person
- Physical description that includes height, weight, age, hair colour, eye colour, and build.
- List of possessions the person might be carrying, such as jewellery, glasses, contact lenses, accessories, a purse, a wallet, ID cards, etc.
- List of scars, tattoos, and other identifying marks.
- List of relatives or friends of the missing person, along with their contact information
- A list of places the person frequents
- A description of the situation surrounding the person's disappearance, if applicable.

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LILUNGA RETIREMENT ANNUITY FUND

The Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation would like to invite all pensioners who receive pension under the Lilunga Retirement Annuity Fund to complete and submit Certificates of Existence for 2017. For those who did not receive the certificate of existence forms through the post office, they can be obtained from Insika Building, Somhlolo Road, Mbabane or at our Manzini Branch - second floor, SRIC House, Mhlakuvane Street, opposite the Hub Manzini.

The Certificates are to be completed and submitted to SRIC offices in Mbabane or Manzini by the 31st August 2017. If the Certificate has not been submitted by this date, payment for the monthly pension will be suspended from September 2017.

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Provision of Soil Survey Services for Buseleni, Nkwini and Dlovunga Chiefdoms under the High Value Crop and Horticulture Project

Tenders are hereby invited from suitably qualified consultants to undertake a soil survey for the High Value Crop and Horticulture Project in Zone 2, Shiselweni. The main objective of the study is to conduct a reconnaissance soil survey and a participatory land use plan for the Buseleni (14108 ha), Nkwini (3010 ha) and Dlovunga (983 ha) chiefdoms.

Participation in tendering is open on equal terms to natural and legal persons (participating either individually or in a grouping (consortium) of tenderers which are established in a Member State of the European Union, ACP States or in a country or territory authorised by the ACP_EC Partnership Agreement under which the contract is financed. Participation is also open to international organisations.

Tender documents will be available at no cost, from 20th to 24th August 2018, starting at 08H30 am to 11H00 at the SWADE Siphofaneni Offices. Queries relating to the issue of these documents, administrative and technical matters may be addressed to Mr Bongani Magagula, Tel No. +268-2344 1671/2/3/4 or e-mail bonganimagagula@swade.co.sz.

The closing date for the submission of proposals is Friday, 21st September 2018 at 11H00 at the SWADE Head Offices in Mbabane, 3rd Floor MVA Building. Tender opening date will be on Friday, 21st September 2018 at 11H30 at the SWADE Head Office Boardroom in Mbabane.

No documents will be accepted after the closing time and date.

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E30 000 WORTH PRIZES FOR SHISELWENI MARATHON WINNERS

PARTICIPANTS in the upcoming Shiselweni Marathon will go home with upto E30 000 in prizes.

The very first Shiselweni marathon which is scheduled for September 15 is sponsored by S. Meat Market. Information gathered from the sponsors of the event during the launch of the competition last Friday, the Director of Meat Market Butchery Sandile Simelane said the prize money alone amounts to over E30 000.

His wish was to see the people from the region united hence sponsoring this event. The launch took place at the Nhlangano town council boardroom where Shiselweni Regional Administrator Themba Masuku officiated. Several businesses and companies were present during the launch.

"For us to be happy as a business, we also have to make our customers happy. Yes, we are in business and of course a business' survival is determined by its profit but at the same time you have to play a role when it comes to social responsibility. This marathon and sponsorship is a token of appreciation to the people of Nhlangano for their continued support. This does not mean we have made profit but it is a way of making everyone aware that we are here not just for money but as part of the



EXPLAINING: S. Meat Market Butchery owner Sandile Simelane explaining about the sponsorship of the 21km marathon where the prize money is over E30 000.

community," said the businessman.

Simelane pointed out that he was pleased with the attendance at the launch and thanked all the businesses that attended. He said business people in the town needed each other irrespective of the nature of businesses they operate.

"Big or small, we need each other. Small businesses are needed by the big businesses and big businesses are needed by small businesses, if you know what I mean. Big businesses cannot

survive on their own hence there should be small businesses to support the big businesses and again, small businesses in order to survive, they need to be supported by big businesses.

I was humbled to see representatives of big businesses being part of the launch.

Financial institutions such as Standard Bank, FNB, Swaziland Building Society as well as shops such as Nhlangano Spar, Food Town and Boxer, were part of the launch," said Simelane.

Sponsors thankful to town council

S. Meat Market Butchery has thanked Nhlangano town council for allowing them to stage the 21km Marathon.

Sandile Simelane, the owner of the company said the municipality had given them a go ahead to host the marathon. He stated that the municipality promised to be supportive in whatever way to see the competition successful on September 15.

"Our many thanks are directed to the Mayor, Deon Anderson who despite his busy and tight schedule made it a point that he attends and also make encouraging remarks. We need people like Anderson in leadership as he knows what is good for the town and also has his own way of motivating us as small business people. I must say I was encouraged when he called upon everyone to come on board and be part of this initiative by sponsoring it in any form.

Anderson stated that they would support any initiative that is meant to keep the people of Nhlangano happy and healthy," said Simelane.

Simelane said the council allowed them to use the Nhlangano Park which



READY: S. Meat Market Butchery Director Sandile Simelane seen with Phiwa Nhlabatsi displaying one of the trophies.

was also another contribution towards the success of the event.

"Town council allowed us to use its boardroom for the launch today (last Friday) and they allowed us to use the park. We are honoured by the support we are receiving from the town council and most importantly, we thank the Mayor for being a visionary leader.

Under Anderson's leadership, there is no doubt that this town is going to also be part in contributing to the dream of achieving the 2022 Vision. These are the people that are heeding to His Majesty's call that we all should be players in seeing the 2022 Vision not just remaining a dream but a reality," said Simelane.

Gelane's former headman vying for Indvuna Yenkhundla position

FORMER KoNtshingila senior headman Mageza Mazibuko is amongst eight others who will battle it out for the Indvuna yenkhundla position under Sandleni constituency.

Mazibuko with eight others were nominated at KaGwegwe, the stronghold of the acting chief. He served as Gelane's senior Indvuna for almost 20 years. This is the second time Mazibuko has been nominated under the same position, as he was nominated in 2013 but crashed out early into the race.

"God has His own plans for each and everyone and in 2013; maybe it was not my time. Being nominated is something one should appreciate because it is an indication that people recognise you. We cannot be all winners and you have to accept the outcome. That should be the spirit amongst all of us and we should not hold grudges," he said.

...to wrestle with eight others

Mazibuko who is also a maize farmer said he keeps participating in the elections because of the endorsement by the country's authorities.

"When I contest I am adding numbers and also following instructions given to us by their majesties.

His Majesty needs all Emaswati's support to lead this nation. By participating in the elections we are doing what is encouraged by the bible to respect our earthly leaders," said Mazibuko.

Mazibuko who is also Chairperson of the regional Swaziland National Agricultural Union under the southern Rural Development Area (RDA) did not want to unpack some of his plans as that could sound like he is campaigning to others.

Former Nkwene Indvuna Yenkhundla seeking second term

FORMER Nkwene Indvuna Nsimbi Nkambule is hoping for another second term in office in the same position.

Nkambule who was nominated at Ebuseleni chiefdom said he had no choice but to respect the people's wishes as they were the ones who nominated him in 2013 and did it again this year.

"Declining would be like refusing to be the people's servant. On top of that, being nominated for a task blessed by the country's authorities is also something we should not underestimate. There should be nominees in order to be winners and winners win after having been nomi-

nees. You can't be a winner unless you are nominated," said Nkambule.

Nkambule said he was not going to take things lightly when contesting to be retained as he was aware that the other candidates were also strong contenders by the fact that they had been nominated.

"Having served as Indvuna in the previous term does not mean it will be a stroll in the park. They have also been nominated just like me and that means we all have equal opportunities to win or to lose. It's secret ballot we are talking about here," Nkambule said.



I WANT IT: Nsimbi Nkambule seeking a second term as Nkwene Indvuna Yenkhundla.

NMC TIPS FARMERS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH MAIZE WEEVIL

Stories by Simon Shabangu

THE National Maize Corporation (NMC), which has been tasked with running the farmer input subsidy and tractor hire programmes by government, wants to ensure increased productivity in the new farming season and also teach effective ways of maize storage after the harvesting season.

This week, the NMC engaged a group of maize farmers on how to deal with the maize weevil (*ingobolwane*) in a bid to help farmers avoid their maize being rejected by the NMC and other markets.

Addressing the farmers, NMC AgriBusiness Manager Mangaliso Sihlongonyane explained the conditions that favoured the multiplication of maize weevils, and taught about its



NMC Marketing and Communications Manager Nokwanda Dlamini-Masuku.

lifecycle. "Weevils population in stored maize is influenced by availability of food, relative humidity, temperature and moisture content of the grains. Eswatini's equable climate and favourable temperatures throughout the year favour

rapid multiplication of insects," said Sihlongonyane.

He said once a weevil fed on the maize cob, it emitted a pheromone which attracts other maize weevils to that area. They subsequently lay eggs in the mature kernels, and adult weevils emerge within two to three weeks. By delaying harvest in the field, Sihlongonyane said growers allow a second infestation of weevils in the maize. He then advised small-scale farmers to harvest early, at about 20 per cent moisture content, and let their maize complete drying at storage.

"But for large-scale commercial farmers with hundreds of hectares, harvesting is usually efficient using mechanical means in the form of a combined harvester; hence it is advisable to harvest when the moisture content reaches 14 per cent, since the maize would have to be taken straight to silos," said Sihlongonyane.

...Weevil re-infestation – prevention the answer

PREVENTION is the best strategy to avoid insect problems in stored grains, contends the National Maize Corporation (NMC).

"Proper bin sanitation before introduction of new grain minimises the need for pesticides. Good sanitation involves the removal of old grain and dust in and around the grain bin. This includes removal of old grain from corners, floors, and walls and grain that may have spilled on the exterior of the bin. Any grain remaining when a bin is emptied can harbour insect infestations which will move into the new grain," said NMC AgriBusiness Manager Mangaliso Sihlongonyane, when addressing maize farmers last week.

After the bin is cleaned, and all need-

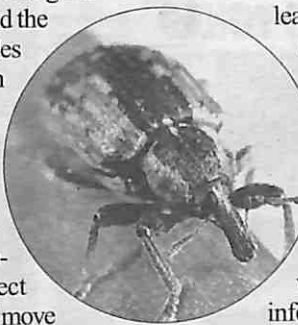
ed repairs have been made, Sihlongonyane said the floor and wall surfaces (both inside and outside the bin) should be treated. "Farmers should take special care to treat all cracks, crevices, and areas around doorways and other places where insects could hide or enter. Spray the bins at least two-four weeks prior to storing grain. It is advisable that if you plan on storing the maize for a longer period time, for instance a month or more, you load the maize on the bins with some insecticide on it to prevent a regular occurring infestation of weevils inside the storage bin," he added.

The manager stated that the commonly used method to treat weevils in Eswatini was fumigation. He urged farmers all over the country to con-

tact agriculture extension officers nearest to them for guidance.

Meanwhile, NMC Marketing and Communications Manager Nokwanda Dlamini-Masuku, lauded most farmers for ensuring that their harvested maize that they were already selling to the NMC was pest/insect-free. She urged those farmers who are still to sell their maize to make haste and take advantage of the NMC promotional price which comes to an end on September 30.

She went on to state that for the first time in the history of the organisation, NMC extended the promotional price right through to the end of the harvesting season for all farmers to benefit from the initiative. NMC is the country's guaranteed market for maize farmers in the country. Dlamini-Masuku said farmers who wished to deliver maize may contact the NMC on 2518 7432 or 2518 8047.



Bucophro nominee caught in bed with resident's wife

By Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

A former bucophro of Mnjoli area was caught in bed with a married woman.

The man, who is also a nominee for the *bucophro* position, is said to have been caught red-handed with a resident's wife between his sheets last Monday around 2300 hours.

Information gathered from reliable sources is that he is currently single after his failed marriage to a South African Xhosa woman.

The resident's wife is said to have been having an affair with the nominee for a while now with a couple of other married women whom he has as his lovers. "Most of these women are married to men who have low income salaries and he lures them by giving them money," said a source.

The husband is said to be working at Tambankulu and was recently warned by a community member about his wife's affair. The husband is said to have returned home on Friday and left on Monday morning as usual without the wife suspecting anything.

The husband is said to have reported ill at work and camped at a friend's house around the area. When he

was certain that his wife was relaxed and would not hesitate to visit her lover, he headed home only to be welcomed by an empty house.

He allegedly rushed to the nominee's homestead and banged the door hard, demanding to be let inside. Upon hearing her husband's voice, the wife is said to have tried to use the window as her escape route but failed as the windows are secured with steel burglar windows.

As to how the husband got access to the house is not clear but it is said that the husband eventually gained entry into the house and found the two half naked, shaking and dripping with sweat and terror.

The husband allegedly dragged the wife out of her lover's house back home where he told her to pack her belongings and head back to her parental home.

"On their way back home, the wife was wet with tears begging for forgiveness from her husband," said the source.

When reached for comment, the husband refused to talk about the issue saying he is so aggrieved about the whole incident and would find out who leaked the story and deal with them. The said former Bucophro man and cheating wife were not available for comment.

THINGS FALL APART



CRUSHED: This waiting room was crushed by a sedan recently at Lozitha area along the Mbabane/ Manzini Highway. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Red Cross commemorates birth of founder by donating at Lubhuku

By Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

THE Swaziland Baphalali Red Cross Society (BRCS) has donated blankets to five destitute Lubhuku elderly women under Malindza.

The BRCS Siteki Division was commemorating Red Cross Day on Saturday under the theme 'Memorable Smiles' from around the world.

BRCS President, Happy Dlamini said the donation demonstrated the work of Baphalali of alleviating human suffering. Dlamini praised the Red Cross volunteers for the impressive work they do in the communities.

She said through the volunteers located at the different communities, the society was able to discover and offer help to the deprived members of the communities. "The Red Cross Day is celebrated on the 8th of May every year to commemorate the birth of Henry Dunant, who is the founder of the Red Cross.



BRCS President Happy Dlamini and volunteers handing over blankets to the five elderly women of Lubhuku area under Malindza.

This day is celebrated to show the role played by the Red Cross in life-saving events as well as assisting the vulnerable people in the world," she said.

She explained that Baphalali celebrated the day nationally on May 8 and the Divisions celebrate the day regionally to enhance awareness in the communities about the work of the Red Cross.

Meanwhile, Malindza Chief Ndlondlo Tsabedze commended the BRCS for

the epic work they do in minimising poverty in the country. Tsabedze encouraged emaSwati to join the BRCS and become volunteers and also train for First Aid.

"Having an increased number of Red Cross volunteers means a lot of needy communities would get help," he said.

Tsabedze said if it was not for the volunteers located at Siteki, the BRCS would have not been able to offer help to the five elderly women.



FOLLOWING: Red Cross President Happy Dlamini and Malindza Chief Ndlondlo Tsabedze.

UNESWA STUDENTS ACCUSE SECURITY GUARDS OF THEFT

By Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

STUDENTS at the University of Eswatini are accusing security guards responsible for guarding the institution of theft.

According to information gathered from students, the said company's security guards have been stealing laptops, phones and backpacks from the students.

Consequently, last Friday a group of Social Science Masters students were attending classes, a female student left her laptop at the backseat of her grey VW golf car.

Couple of hours into the lesson, the student is said to have went to her car to fetch her laptop to take some notes.

"When she got to her car, her laptop was not in the car," said a student.

The student is said to have searched the laptop and even went back to her room to search for it. It is said that the student quickly rushed to class to request for the other student's assistance in searching for her laptop.

After what seemed like hours, the student is said to have used a friend's car and rushed to Malkerns Police Station to report matter.

The Police are said to have wasted no time and boarded the student's car heading back to the campus.

"The police tackled the matter instantly and the car was sprinkled with black powder in search for the suspect's fingerprints," said a witness. Moreover, a student shared that in the mist of the investigation, security guards approached the students and asked if the police had found any leads on the theft.

Guard

The security guard is said to have told the students that the laptop had not yet been smuggled out of the campus.

He allegedly told the students they should have not contacted the police but seek for their assistance in finding the laptop.

"They have been suspected in a number of thefts and it is a pity that none of them has

ever been caught," said a student. The same security guard is said to have then approached the student in fear after noticing that the police were going through photos of possible suspects.

It is said he asked if the students had been able to catch a glimpse of the possible suspects on the police list.

"We were surprised as to why the security guard was restless and wanted to know everything about the investigation," said another student.

Suspicious are that some of the security guards have keys to the students' cars and they easily gain access to their cars without any suspicions.

The laptop is said to have been inside a laptop bag with the student's child birth certificate and her Social Science Degree certificate. Meanwhile, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the theft.

He said a student lost her laptop last Friday and the police were still investigating the matter.

IYAPHI YONA?



HARD AT WORK: This traffic police officer was captured going an extra mile 'driving' cattle away from the road as they posed danger to motorists. This was along the Yithabantu Highway recently. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



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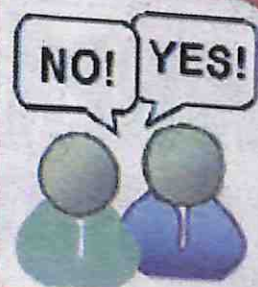
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MOTHER SIBONGILE

...It is a right, according to myself, to get access to health care as a citizen of this country. I can't show you how, exactly, health care is a basic human right, but I can argue that no one should die of a disease that is treatable. We pay tax after all. By taxing we have a stake in everything that happens. It's great pity that Mother Sibongile's priorities seemed mislaid from the onset and clashed with those of Mother Teresa.



TWIN PROBLEM: Health Minister Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane and Bonisile Mngomezulu. Or the other way around, it's up to you.

THIS coming Saturday, gullible emaSwati, who around this time of the political calendar get elevated to the status of being voters, will take to the polls.

It is the primary elections where the voters earnestly launch their respective journeys to collectively select a thug to guard their money boxes.

This has become their favourite past time. I am not about to stop them from committing their respective political suicides because of a loaf of bread.

However, I want to tell them one, no make it two, things. There is vast difference between a human being and being human. What normally happens is that as human beings, we like being human unnecessarily at times.

That's what exactly voters will be doing on Saturday; mixing two toxic substances.

As you take to the polls, give yourselves time and think about the five-year contract you will be issuing to a human being that has the potential of not being human.

Cocky

You will distinguish the difference among the political candidates not by the things they say, but by the things they do in society.

In most instances, the things they say are not who they are in real life. Character is judged by the things we do when thinking no one is seeing us. We have learnt this hard lesson through some of our outgoing Cabinet ministers.

I have never seen people who without difficulty learned the silly culture of acting out of character. They are all not who they should be.

Take for instance, the case of Health Minister Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane who unaccompanied, ran down the health system. As she did that, she rebuked any attempts to help.

When the media flags anomalies in your space, you can't afford to get cocky. It is one form of assistance for the media to raise the flag.

Poor Mother Sibongile, she always thought the media was out to get her. The big question has always been why, what for really?

In the five years in office, Mother Sibongile failed to be what Mother Teresa was. We all know, I am certain we all know, what Mother

Teresa did.

Well if you don't, here is a clue. She did all what Mother Sibongile has failed to do. That is to care for the sick. Our health care system has never been the best but she assisted it straight into the ICU.

Nurses have been spending most time picketing than doing what they are supposed to in protest against shortage of key drugs in hospitals.

Issues

Our egotistical Mother Sibongile buried her face that has put on some weight in the sand as if nothing was happening in hospitals.

As political head of the ministry of health, it should worry her when nurses wipe the only hope on the faces of patients who have been subjected to nurses' toyi-toying.

Instead, when called for comment on the alleged situation in hospitals by the nurses, she passed the buck. For the first time she referred us to a junior officer.

For some of us who have been around, we know the silly game she was playing. During

this time of the political season, no politician wants to comment on issues viewed as toxic and could rub off on them the wrong way.

They play it clean. The country needs direction. Should people stop bothering about going to hospital? Should they start saving for their caskets?

Pity no one will tell us as our minister is worried about a second term. The minister owes us an explanation as to how and why things got to this state.

I am sure she is aware that some of us can move for genocide charges against her if things continue like this. What is happening are preliminaries of genocide.

As things stand, you can't afford to get sick, and also you can't depend on the present health care system to keep you well, never.

It's now up to every individual to protect and maintain his body's natural capacity for health and healing by making the right choices in how you live.

Eswatini's health care system is in crisis precisely because we systematically neglect well-

ness and prevention. Not only Mother Sibongile, all previous heads in the ministry ignored prevention.

It is a right, according to myself, to get access to health care as a citizen of this country. I can't show you how, exactly, health care is a basic human right, but I can argue that no one should die of a disease that is treatable.

We pay tax after all. By taxing we have a stake in everything that happens. It's great pity that Mother Sibongile's priorities seemed mislaid from the onset.

She spent time pushing for her husband who is a school teacher to come closer to Mbabane. Luckily, she won that battle. Well there was nothing new since we have seen how spouses of Cabinet members get to climb the ladder with ease.

Remember Joy, it was after she married well that she got to climb the civil service ladder. We are closely watching Primrose as you read this.

After getting her man secured, the minister spent more time buying matching attires and doing similar hairstyles with her relative Bonisile Mngomezulu.

Talk of a twin problem. If she cared to listen, she would have not run down the health system. Investors come to a country that has strong health care and judicial systems.

Since they will employ people, they want confidence that they would be treated appropriately and if disputes arise, the courts are competent enough.

As things stand, we are doomed. Our judicial system has flue like symptoms and our health care system is in a protracted comma.

Before the minister leaves office, she must have addressed the drugs issue. We cannot go on like this as a country. She must inject some sense into her fellow Cabinet ministers to make health a priority. Eswatini is a country because of its people. If we kill them, we are dead as a nation. It's a pity only the big shots will remain and who is going to do their dirty work? We can't be buying cars and building houses at the expense of medication for the nation, the taxpayers. Why are we even building a new big hospital when we should be constructing more mortuaries because more people are yet to die?

Dogs are yet to feast on human flesh. Until our leaders realise the bigger problem coming our way, the end begins now.

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1955 - Colonel Horace A. Hanes, a US Air Force pilot, flew to an altitude of 40 000 feet. Hanes reached a speed of 822.135 miles per hour in a Super Sabrejet.

1964 - A \$1 billion anti-poverty measure was signed by US President Lyndon B. Johnson.

1967 - The New York Times reported about a noise reduction system for album and tape recording developed by technicians R. and DW Dolby. Elektra Record's subsidiary, Checkmate Records became the first label to use the new Dolby process in its recordings.

1968 - The Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact nations began invading Czechoslovakia to crush the "Prague Spring" liberalization.

1977 - Voyager 2 was launched by the United States. The spacecraft was carrying a 12 inch copper phonograph record containing greetings in dozens of languages, samples of music and sounds of nature.

1985 - The original Xerox 914 copier was presented to the Smithsonian Institute's Museum of American History. Chester Carlson was the man who invented the machine.

1991 - A rally of more than 100 000 people occurred outside the Russian parliament building to protest the coup that removed Gorbachev from power.

1997 - NATO troops seized six police stations in Banja Luka that had been held by troops controlled by former Bosnian Serb President Radovan Karadzic.

1997 - Britain began voluntary evacuation of its Caribbean island of Montserrat due to the volcanic activity of the Soufriere Hills.

1998 - Canada's Supreme Court announced that Quebec could not secede without the federal government's consent.

1998 - US military forces attacked a terrorist camp in Afghanistan and a chemical plant in Sudan. Both targets were chosen for cruise missile strikes due to their connection with Osama bin Laden.

1998 - The UN Security Council extended trade sanctions against Iraq for blocking arms inspections.

2010 - The last American combat brigade exited Iraq after more than seven years after the US-led invasion began.

WHO WILL PROTECT YOU WHEN THE ANC COMES FOR THE LAND?

Setumo Stone

I believe in economic redress, but have been persuaded by circumstances to believe that the ANC government should not drive the land expropriation programme.

The ANC, if possible, should never be allowed anywhere near the country's land.

This feeling is based on a lived experience, and I'm convinced that black people, who are expected to benefit from the expropriation, will be in trouble if the ANC were ever given the extra powers to do whatever it pleases with land. Of course, the ANC is just a political party, so it should not be feared. Political parties are not indispensable.

What is scary is when constitutional institutions, like the office of the Public Protector, choose to turn a blind eye on matters brought to their attention for action.

I have been told that in places like Mahikeng, North West, "it is not unusual for Public Protector staff to meet for dinner with the people one has complained against and toast over the case". A former manager in that office once informed me of this, so I have no reason to doubt his authority. I have also placed the allegation before the Public Protector's office and it has not been denied.

Let's get to the story

Sometime in 2013, a family living on one half of a leased state farm since 1997 woke up to a stranger with a caravan and five goats at the main gate.

The stranger lied that he had government permission to occupy the other half of the farm, which had previously belonged to a deceased business partner of the family, and began occupying it. Instead of evicting the illegal invader, government offered him a lease contract because he was a "struggling farmer".

A short while after moving in, the five-goat farmer threatened to evict the family he found on the farm, boasting he was "connected" to then North West Premier and ANC provincial chairperson Supra Mahumapelo.

He claimed to have documentary proof that he owned the entire property, including the portion occupied by the family, and that if the family did not behave he would kick them out.

At all times, the North West government was told about this abuse and harassment.

Mahumapelo said he knew nothing, but there is ample reason to believe our five-goat man did indeed have some connections with powerful people in the province.

Like in November 2014, when the provincial government handed him 40 state cattle valued up to half a million rands through the North West Nguni Cattle Development



Project.

The problem was that he needed at least 350 hectares to qualify for the cattle funding and the portion he occupied was only 220ha – the same size as the family's portion. Unless of course the powerful ANC people in government gave him a lease document showing that he also owned the family's portion of the property, which would give him some 440ha.

Funding

You will later learn that the ANC Youth League in the province was also involved.

A flurry of developments happened at the farm. Multiple new windmills were installed and before they started working, vehicles belonging to the ANC-run district municipality regularly delivered tons of water for the five-goat farmer's new animals.

To be clear, besides the five goats, the only other animals that our "struggling" farmer ever brought to the farm were the 40 state cattle, and government would later concede that they were acquired fraudulently.

On March 5 2016, some two days after the family put MEC for Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development Manketse Tlhape under pressure to explain the state cattle funding, government panicked and took the animals back. But 15 had disappeared.

Government said it "discovered" that the five-goat farmer had "misrepresented" the size of his illegally occupied farm and the animals were suffering and not looked after, according to a report.

Confess

The five-goat farmer was unhappy with the developments and sought a harassment order after the family blocked him from tampering with the main electricity supply without the permission of Eskom or government. But 30 minutes before the magistrate heard the application he disappeared and the case was thrown out. I was there.

A senior director in the provincial government would later confess that "the ANC Youth League boys" in his department were behind this illegal land invasion and fraud.

But the state-sponsored harassment did not stop and on Christmas Eve police arrived at the farm accompanied by a senior politician who was a former municipal manager at the same district municipality that used to deliver water for the five-goat farmer's now gone state cattle. The police wanted to search the property for stolen cattle, but did not have any search warrant. The family refused, but the officers were having none of it and arrested the family's old man for defeating the ends of justice.

Defeat

The old man spent four nights in custody as a result of Christmas being on a weekend. On Wednesday morning, the first day of court, the prosecutor said there was no case to answer and ordered that the old man be released. To date the police are still silent.

In any case, the station commander at the stock theft unit confirmed that the old man was never a suspect and there was no case of stolen cattle against him. So there was no justice to be defeated in the first place.

Since February 2016, all this information was placed before the office of the Public Protector in Mahikeng. A closing report arrived on August 7, exonerating everyone involved from any wrongdoing, starting from the illegal invasion of a state farm to the fraudulent awarding of 40 state cattle.

The Public Protector did not think anyone should be held accountable. Instead, the Public Protector agreed government should proceed with new plans to grant the invader and fraudster a new lease for the property.

I know all of the above because it is my family that suffered the abuse and harassment sponsored

by the ANC government. I have since requested a review of the Public Protector's report, but I will not hold my breath.

There is ample evidence that my family's ordeal is not isolated. Last week, Business Day reported the story of a black farmer in Limpopo, David Rakgase, who wants the court to force government to keep its promise to sell him the state farm he had leased. The farm was also invaded.

There is also the story of the Mothami sons, also in Mahikeng, who, according to those in the know, lost a farm they were born on to politically connected individuals after their old man passed away. Multiple farms in the area were targeted during that time under the guise that they were underutilised. Senior government officials and prominent persons benefited.

City Press also reported last weekend that the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans and the SANDF refuses to comply with public protector's report.

The complainant, Lieutenant Colonel Babalo Mvithi remains in the streets and unemployed after an unfair dismissal in 2012, while public protector Adv Busiswe Mkhwebane is busy tiptoeing around her powers to charge the minister with contempt, saying she has no money.

There is no doubt that the ANC will use its majority to push through the amendment to the property clause of the Constitution. We must hope that when the judges finally give the ANC powers to do as it pleases with the land, they do so with open eyes.

So who will protect you when the ANC henchmen take the land? If anything, this is a small window into the future.

It is a microcosm of what could happen when crooked government officials and their ANC-connected acolytes get their filthy paws on land. You are in trouble.

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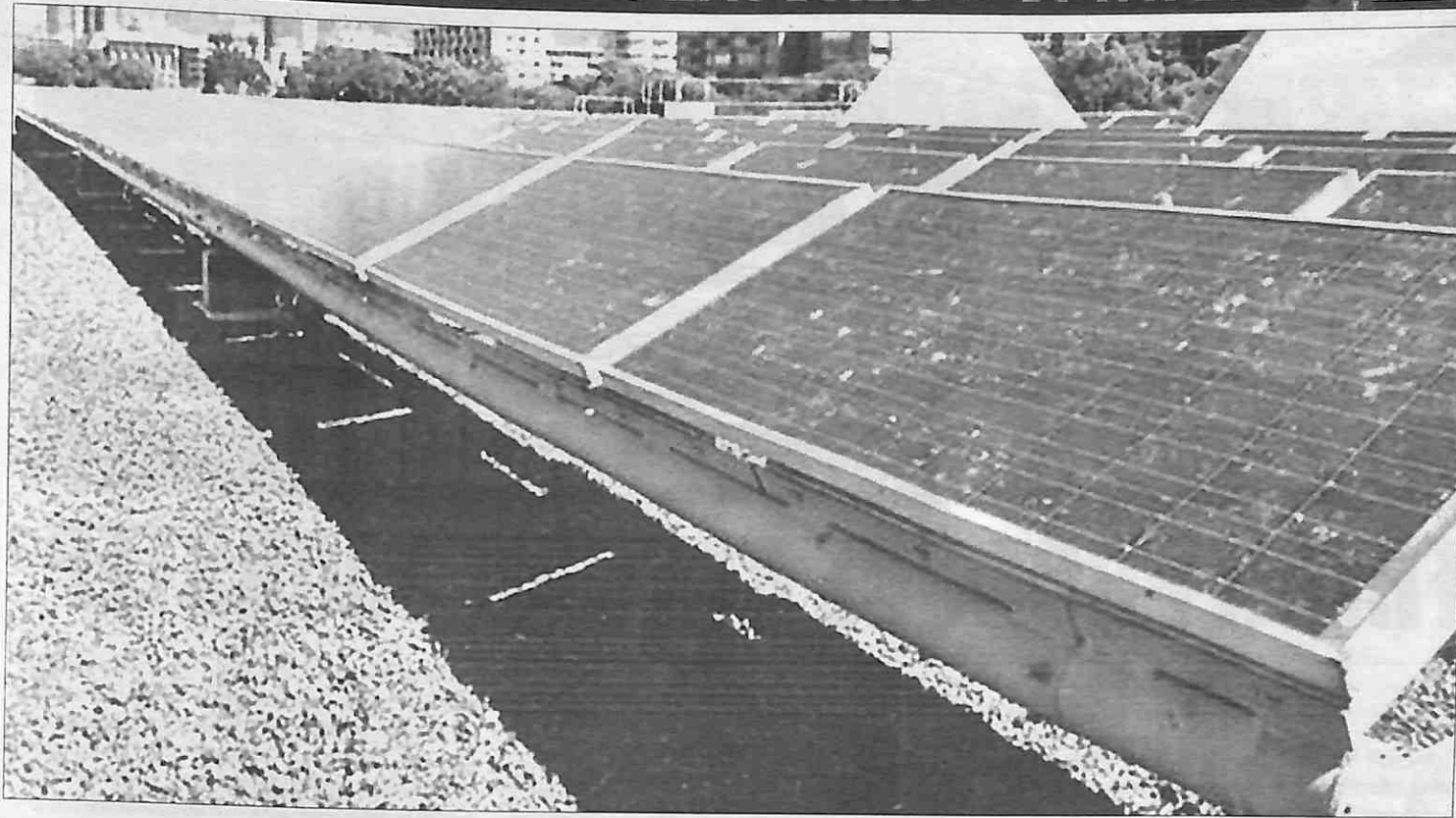
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SA'S NEW ENERGY PLAN IS IMMINENT

THE South African ministry of energy is to release an updated electricity plan this month.

Analysts will be hoping it will launch the country's power sector into a modern sustainable, clean power future, and that outdated and financially unfeasible facets of previous plans will be laid to rest.

The Integrated Resource Plan projects the country's long-term electricity needs and defines the infrastructure developments needed to meet power production. Government uses it to work out the number and type of power stations to construct, as well as the time frames for their commissioning and the occasional retirement of old plants.

The intention was to update the plan every two years. But the last plan, adopted in 2011, is already seven years old. It envisaged a substantial increase in electricity demand from 39GW in 2010 to 68GW in 2030. The extra capacity was to come from an additional 9.6GW of nuclear power, 17.6GW from solar and wind renewable technologies (which were quite new at the time) and 6.3GW from new coal plants.

Draft revisions were prepared in 2013 and 2016. They lowered the long-term forecast for electricity consumption, expanded the proportion of renewable energy in the mix and postponed the construction of new nuclear plants, even suggesting that these might not be needed at all.

The less steep electricity consumption growth rates are a consequence of technological improvements allowing better energy efficiency and the sluggishness of the mining sector.

Government never ratified the updates. There was speculation that this was because they undermined the strategy favoured by the administration of

Jacob Zuma, President of South Africa until February 2018, to expand nuclear power production rapidly.

Electricity consumption projections are a lot lower now than the 2011 plan expected them to be. Even the 2016 draft projected that long-term electricity demand would be about 30 per cent lower than estimated five years earlier.

Ten years ago, power cuts were common in South Africa. Now, with lower demand, there is a substantial surplus of electricity. South Africa has also been affected by better energy efficiency strategies that have led to energy consumption remaining steady – or even falling – in some of the world's most developed nations.

While electricity demand in the country will still increase due to population growth, the total electricity needed will be lower than previously expected. Does the new energy plan foresee even lower electricity demand growth rates in future?

CLOSING THE COAL POWER PLANTS?

The new one will provide greater clarity on the future importance of coal in the energy mix.

As a signatory of the Paris Agreement on climate change, South Africa has committed to reducing carbon emissions. This implies it will gradually close most of the existing ageing coal plants. Trade unions are gearing up for a fight against potential job losses should this happen.

One would expect the new plan to show when all major coal plants will close, except for the new Medupi and Kusile plants, which aren't even completed yet.

Closing plants rapidly would signal a serious effort to meet Paris Agreement emission targets. Longer

lifespans would signify a concession to the labour sector.

It will also be interesting to see if there are any indications that Medupi and Kusile may not be developed to full capacity. That's an option for saving costs.

NUCLEAR OR NUKE-FREE?

In contrast to the stridently pro-nuclear executive under Zuma, the administration of President Cyril Ramaphosa has ruled out nuclear developments in the current economic climate. As economists are not forecasting major sustained growth any time soon, this effectively rules out any major nuclear development in the coming decade.

Nuclear plants provide near constant electricity and emit almost no greenhouse gases. Despite those advantages, future nuclear development in South Africa is extremely unlikely.

The first reason is that a 9.6GW new nuclear build would be hugely expensive. In addition, recent nuclear builds elsewhere in the world have been plagued by serious delays and cost overruns.

Secondly, the South African public doesn't trust new nuclear developments. That's because of the irrational way in which Zuma tried to push the nuclear project ahead.

It will be interesting to see whether the plan makes provision for more nuclear plants to come online in about 2040, or whether nuclear is taken out of the mix altogether.

WILL RENEWABLES BECOME DOMINANT?

The falling cost of renewable energy has changed the energy sector globally. Solar and wind power generation is steadily expanding in most countries, and may dominate global

electricity production within the next generation.

The chief argument against wind and solar technologies is no longer cost, but rather their dependence on weather and the day-night cycle. Even that argument is weakened by better energy storage and the fact that it's now easier to predict the weather.

It's now possible – in theory – that a country could get all its power from renewable energy. Costa Rica may become the first to do so.

It's unlikely that South Africa's new energy plan will commit to 100 per cent renewable power in the foreseeable future, but energy analysts will be keen to see the target for 2050.

Another point to look out for is cost projections for renewable power. The 2016 plan failed to base its projections on a steady downward cost trend. The new energy plan is expected to rectify this shortcoming, boosting the prospects for renewable energy.

THE ELECTRICITY GRID OF THE FUTURE

There are strong international trends towards a more decentralised electricity supply structure.

Much of the power consumers need will in future be generated within municipalities, inside a small cluster linked to a microgrid, or on site through domestic solar panels and other small-scale devices.

Advances in energy efficiency and storage technologies will also steadily decrease the demand for electricity from an external supplier. Massive power plants and extensive high-voltage electricity grids will become less critical than they are now.

South Africa will be looking for a new energy plan that leads the way into the new global energy landscape.

The Conversation

With and Wisdom

● "The meek may inherit the earth, but at the moment it belongs to the conceited. Like me."
– Cassandra Clare, *City of Bones*

● "Did you know that 'I told you so' has a brother, Jacob?" she asked cutting me off. "His name is 'Shut the hell up'."
– Stephenie Meyer, *Breaking Dawn*

● "All I'd ever wanted was to forget. but even when I thought I had, pieces had kept emerging, like bits of wood floating up to the surface that only hint at the shipwreck below."
– Sarah Dessen, *Just Listen*

● "Quotation, n: The act of repeating erroneously the words of another."
– Ambrose Bierce, *The Unabridged Devil's Dictionary*

● "And perhaps it is the greater grief, after all, to be left on earth when another is gone."
– Madeline Miller, *The Song of Achilles*

● "[A] quotation is a handy thing to have about, saving one the trouble of thinking for oneself, always a laborious business."
(The Record Lie)
– A.A. Milne, *If I May*

● "What a curious power words have."
– Tadeusz Borowski, *This Way for the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen*

● "If you have a dream, don't just sit there. Gather courage to believe that you can succeed and leave no stone unturned to make it a reality."
– Roopleen

● "You can get a thousand no's from people, and only one 'yes' from God."
– Tyler Perry

● "I hate quotations. Tell me what you know."
– Ralph Waldo Emerson, *The Essays of Ralph Waldo Emerson*

● "She was a beautiful dreamer. The kind of girl, who kept her head in the clouds, loved above the stars and left regret beneath the earth she walked on."
– Robert M. Drake

● "I see all of you, Rhys. And there is not one part that I do not love with everything I am."
– Sarah J. Maas, *A Court of Wings and Ruin*

● "To conquer frustration, one must remain intensely focused on the outcome, not the obstacles."
– T.F. Hodge, *From Within I Rise: Spiritual Triumph Over Death and Conscious Encounters with 'The Divine Presence'*

● "It is a good thing for an uneducated man to read books of quotations."
– Winston S. Churchill

● "You don't need scores of suitors. You need only one... if he's the right one."
– Louisa May Alcott, *Little Women*

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FARM TO TABLE BRINGING:

FRESH PRODUCE AT YOUR DOORSTEP

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

IT doesn't help to bake the best muffins, cake and confectionery if there is no way to deliver to customers, on time.

It also doesn't help the vendor or producer of vegetables, fruits, mealies, sweet potatoes, avocados and other crops if there are no means of efficiently transporting to the market. It was against the backdrop of painfully poor connections between vendors and their customers that Cydney Chambers established Farm to Table, an intermediary company connecting producers directly to consumers. This arrangement means consumers ultimately get the freshest quality with shop shelves being eliminated from the value-chain.

"The main aim of Farm to Table is to support local farmers and vendors. So I collect fresh produce and home baked goods from farmers and vendors and deliver them to their customers on a weekly basis," Chambers said in an interview. On Tuesdays, Farm to Table delivers to homes at Ezulwini, Matsapha and Malkems and in Mbabane on Wednesdays.

The 24-year-old young woman started this business in 2017 after obtaining her Bachelor of Sustainability Studies from Florida and Social Development Honors from the University of Cape Town. Her parents helped with capital for the business which currently employs one young man who does the deliveries.

"As I was doing my studies, I was looking for some way to utilise my passion of working with



AT YOUR SERVICE: Farm to Table's Vile on his delivery errands.

(Courtesy Pics)

people well before the venture started, then everything seemed to line up and Farm to Table was started," she said.

Apart from the profound agenda of helping vendors struggling to get their produce straight to the

market, Farm to Table is unique in its zero plastic policy aimed at minimising plastic use in deliveries thus preserving the freshness of products to give everyone access to fresh food. "I am passionate about supporting local and when we have access to such fresh produce and amazing home made goods here, why would we not want to support our own people? So, I myself am not a farmer but I was inspired to make it easier for normal people to be able to gain access to the variety of produce and goods in Eswatini," she said.

Discovering

The young woman says she loves discovering small entrepreneurs who are adding to the variety of products existing in the country. "There is so much creativity and passion for the work that entrepreneurs and farmers do, it's great being able to explore that," she said.

This is what the young woman thinks of buying local: "We need to support our own people and our own economy and encourage creativity and entrepreneurship. It's too easy to go to the shops and purchase goods that are brought in from South Africa when we have amazing variety here. It must be easier to gain access to our own produce".

She encouraged other young women in the country to find confidence and to never shy from taking risk.

"If you find your passion you just need to take little steps to work towards achieving it. It's not easy, and very often you might doubt yourself, but you just need to find the confidence to move forward in your passion bit by bit until you have something you can be proud of," she said.



NATURAL GOODNESS: This is what a Farm to Table delivery basket looks like in some days.

...Keeping it simple, for growth

NO entrepreneur starts a business without future growth plans.

This also goes for Cydney Chambers, the founder of Farm to Table. Even though the young entrepreneur currently sources most products between Ezulwini and Malkems, primarily because that is where she is based, her ambition is to grow the business into a household name. Even though Farm to Table sources most products along the Ezulwini,

Malkems corridor, Chambers also assured that they also collect home made goods from "whoever has interesting things, as long as we are able to meet somewhere". Speaking about her future growth plans, she said: "I'd really like to grow Farm to Table and make it a household name. I want the business to be known as an easy way to gain access to fresh local produce for people of all demographics".



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Capitol Caterers nets E11 million Ngwane College tender

Stories by Hlengiwe Ndlovu

CAPITOL Caterers outsmarted five other competitors to win the bid of providing catering services at Ngwane Teacher's College, in a tender valued at E11 million.

Details of the intention to award contract, first published in the Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA) website on Friday, show the exact value of Capitol Caterers' contract as E11 031 360.00. Other evaluated responsive tenderers were Time Caterers whose bid price as read out was E7.1 million, Caterwell Food Services whose bid price as read out was E7.6 million, Eclipse Catering whose bid price as read out was E7.1 million, Geossant whose bid price as read out was E15.3 million and Molly's whose bid price as read out was E10.1 million. Time Caterers, Caterwell Food Services and Eclipse Catering were ruled out of this tender due to uncompetitive prices and because their services had already been recommended in other institutions. Geossant simply did not get this tender due to an uncompetitive price while Molly's was described as being non-compliant.

Also, Molly's did not submit all the required CVs for its personnel, hence the company could not proceed to the next level of evaluation, which was the financial evaluation.

... Caterwell Food Services impresses Gwamile VOCTIM

CATERWELL Food Services may not have won the mouth-watering Ngwane College tender, yet the company is not going home completely empty-handed as it managed to get an intention to award contract for provision of catering services at Gwamile VOCTIM worth E1.8 million.

Providing reasons which led to the five other responsive tenderers not getting this tender, Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Training Dr. Sibongile Mtshali-Dlamini states in documents first published in the Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA) website on Friday that Eclipse Catering, Capitol Caterers and Geossant simply did not get this tender due to uncompetitive prices. Fifth Avenue did not get this tender due to non-compliance as this company did not attach a certificate of incorporation as indicated in the expression of interest advert.

Molly's, on the other hand, did not get this tender, due to a number of reasons the first of which was an uncompetitive price. Molly's qualification relevance was also put into the spotlight as the company does not have a catering manager and dietician. The lack of catering experience also proved to be a major downfall for Molly's in this tender.

SCC APPROVES THREE MERGERS

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

THREE mergers were approved by the Swaziland Competition Commission (SCC) in the last three months.

These include a 50 per cent share acquisition of Macnabs Refrigeration (Pty) Ltd by Charles Buluma; the acquisition of 60 per cent shares in SD Electrical (Pty) Ltd by Bhutana Cyril Broadwell and the acquisition of Dr. Vincent Mhlanga's Portion 2 of Farm no. 505 by Eagles Nest (Pty) Ltd, SCC states in its quarterly newsletter.

All three transactions were approved unconditionally. In the first merger, Buluma owned a 10 per cent stake at Macnabs Refrigeration, pre-acquisition. The transaction, however, resulted in him attaining a controlling 60 per cent interest. Macnabs specialises in the repair, sales, service and installation of air conditioning and refrigeration.

"The decision to approve the acquisition without conditions was based on whether the trans-

action is likely to result in the substantial lessening or prevention of competition. Analysis reflected that the market shares in the relevant markets, market concentration, countervailing power and barriers to entry will not be affected and hence the transaction is unlikely to result in the substantial lessening or prevention of competition," SCC states in its newsletter.

Approved

The second share acquisition, which resulted in Steven Rugg being replaced as majority shareholder by Bhutana Broadwell at SD Electrical, was also unconditionally approved by the Commission.

The new acquisition will result in Broadwell owning 60 per cent shares at SD Electrical while Rugg will assume a 40 per cent minority shareholding. Broadwell, who is the share acquirer, is described by SCC as a businessman whose business interests range from the provision of lodge facilities (accommodation and hospitality) to engineering and construction services whilst SD Electrical is a company duly incorporated in terms of the laws of

the Kingdom of Eswatini and is currently based at the Matsapha Industrial Site. The company is wholly owned by Rugg and consists of electrical contractors who provide a wide range of commercial services.

"Post-merger, there will be no change in the structure of the market. The market shares in the relevant markets, market concentration, countervailing power and barriers to entry will not be affected; thus the transaction is unlikely to result in the substantial lessening or prevention of competition. Therefore, the transaction was approved without condition," the Commission affirmed.

The last approved acquisition was of Portion 2 of Farm No. 505 by Eagles Nest (Pty) Ltd from Dr. Vincent Mhlanga. The underdeveloped farm is situated in the Manzini District. This transaction was also unconditionally approved. "The Commission concluded that post-acquisition, the transaction is not likely to cause substantial lessening or prevention of competition in the market and as such approved the acquisition without conditions".

Old Mutual repositions brand

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

FOLLOWING its primary listing on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) in June, Old Mutual has unveiled a vibrant new brand identity, to reflect its fresh customer-led approach and stronger focus on Africa.

The company's new visual personality draws on the optimism, vibrancy and seize-the-day spirit of the continent, reinforcing the message of 'Made in Africa for Africans'.

Speaking on the eve of the #TheTimesNow campaign launch, Vuyo Lee, Chief Marketing Officer of Old Mutual, said the new brand repositioning represents much more than a brand refresh.

"As an independent entity with ambitious aspirations and a clearer, stronger focus on Africa, we saw the need to establish ourselves more firmly as an effective Pan-African leader with a distinctive customer value proposition," she said. "With that came the need to review, reposition and reinvigorate our brand."

Old Mutual Eswatini CEO, Muzi Bell said Old Mutual is proud to be one of Africa's most reputable, recognisable and reliable financial services brands. Thobile Tshabalala, Old Mutual's Head of Brand, described the brand's repositioning as

...Adopts #TimesNow tagline after JSE listing

"a brave tightrope balancing act"

She explained: "Old Mutual's brand evolution has been carefully managed since its founding in 1845, and it's been critical to keep the key associations and core brand values integral to the #TheTimesNow advertising and marketing campaign."

Continuity

"This means that on the one hand, we had to ensure continuity, and on the other, we had to show how the company is generating a pulsating new energy. One of our main aims is to win over a new generation of customers whose needs, preferences and expectations are being shaped by a creative youth culture and access to ever more sophisticated technology."

"The company will retain its iconic anchors logo and its primary shades of green, but several energetic secondary colours – think pink, orange and sunshine yellow – signify a dramatic break with the past and bring the new brand personality to life. Our visuals incorporate many traditional patterns, illustrating the richness of our African culture."



LAUNCH: Old Mutual CEO Muzi Bell celebrating the company's rebranding event with members of staff last Friday.



(I) IN BUSINESS: Staff members Anita Dlamini, Siphwe Sangweni and Busi Matsebula at the unveiling of the new brand identity. (Pics: Nhlengiwe Ndlovu)

CONSUMER MARQUEE AT TRADE FAIR

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) will this year have a marquee for people attending the annual event held at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre.

This is according to SIPA Domestic Trade Manager Siphesihle Nkhabinde, who said the marquee was aimed at encouraging participation by SMEs. The consumer marquee will showcase consumable goods and to promote sectors such as the creative industries, handicraft, home decor, fashion and beauty, perfumes and the famous bend 'n pick clothing.

Nkhabinde encouraged businesses to make stall payments to confirm their participation in the trade fair, failure which will result in them forfeiting their space in favour of other exhibitors in the waiting list.

Like in other years, the programme of activities in this year's EITF will range from exhibition and business presentation seminars to be hosted by various institutions in the country.

"The business community must be reminded that the EITF also presents a business matchmaking activity, where companies can signal to the organisers of the trade fair as to which company representatives they would like to meet," Nkhabinde said.

Over the years, the EITF has gained huge momentum and has been an exhibition platform for companies from Taiwan, Indonesia, Pakistan, Malaysia, South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia, Lesotho, Tanzania, Vietnam, Mozambique, Italy, Australia and many more. The exhibitor profile ranges from financial institutions, communications, IT, construction, automobile, hospitality, food and beverages, education, manufacturing, agriculture, handicraft, health, textile and apparel, government services, renewable energy and tourism.

DEBT SOLVE INC. TO RESCUE TROUBLED DEBTORS

By Majaha Nkonyane

AS more and more people sink in debt, thus exposing themselves to the wrong side of the law, Manzini based debt counselling company Debt Solve Inc. is keen to rescue emaSwati from this burden by offering debt counselling services.

More than offering debt counselling, the company also offers personal finance coaching, debt administration consultations on financial management and personal finance management training. Chief Executive Officer Sikhumbuzo

Mamba said debt counselling processes help clients who are struggling to make payments, by entering them into structured repayment plans with their credit providers. This is done to ensure they take firm control of their financial situation and settle their short and long-term debt.

According to Mamba, debt counselling is a formal and closely managed debt solution, introduced by the Consumer Credit Act of 2016.

Mamba said once declared over indebted, and accepted into debt counselling, clients would be protected from legal action for a period of 60 days from the

day of application and a new payment arrangement made.

Being part of the debt counselling platform, according to Mamba, will allow debt counsellors to formally review the clients' finances, develop a suitable monthly budget and negotiate with credit providers on their behalf.

This enables clients to make monthly debt repayments and relieves them from creditors hassling for money. Whilst preventing clients from declaring bankruptcy, debt counselling maps out the path for reducing bad debt and becoming debt free. It also decreases summonses and judgments against clients.



Lubane SACCO's first job shadow a success

By Majaha Nkonyane

LUBANE Savings and Credit Co-operative Society (SACCO), through Junior Achievement Swaziland's Job Shadowing Programme, was able to expose two pupils to the working environment.

The pupils got the opportunity to explore specific careers and get a realistic picture of the tasks performed for that job.

Site coordinator and mentor for the pupils Bheki Mamba said it was exciting to help the pupils realise their career paths, as they were attached with them for five days. The pupils, according to Mamba, were eager to experience what Lubane SACCO officers do on a day-to-day basis and learn as much as they could.

Mamba said job shadowing involves following one worker, often called a mentor, as they go about their daily work. Job shadow mostly involves listening and observing, but they often give pupils the chance to perform some simple job duties. Mamba said a pupil may focus specifically on one job or observe multiple jobs within a company.



WELL DONE: Lubane board members and staff with Junior Achievement staff posing with Job Shadowing pupils.

I enjoyed making a presentation about Lubane SACCO's savings products and loan services to Eswatini Electricity Company staff employees based in Pigg's Peak.

Did you have any challenges?

No, not at all. The whole programme superseded my expectations so I proceeded without any hindrances.

What encouragement would you give to your peers about the importance of Job Shadowing?

I would advise them to sign up for the programme because it is an eye-opening experience.

Name: Abigail Lindokuhle Mashaba

Age: 16 years old

School: St Francis High School

Grade: Form Four

Career Aspirations: Environmental Food Health Scientist

I chose this career path out of a great interest in the impacts of the environment during commercial farming. I have a passion on Agriculture, Food and Nutrition, Geography and Biology based on the environment and human health.

What departments were you assigned to?

I had the opportunity to work under the Marketing and Accounting depart-

ments.

How was the overall Job shadowing experience?

It was an elating experience, learning how to behave in the working environment. Being treated as an actual employee at Lubane SACCO and feel appreciated and respected. The important key-take away was that saving is habitual.

What activities did you enjoy most whilst at Lubane SACCO?

I enjoyed meeting the Manager of Lubane SACCO, Gugu Vilakati who told me her educational background and work experience before being a manager. I also made a presentation at Pigg's Peak Depot, which went great.

Did you have any challenges?

Not at all, it was not as tense as I thought it would be.

What encouragement would you give to your peers about the importance of Job Shadowing?

I would encourage pupils to partake in the Job Shadowing programme. This is because you don't only learn about conduct and co-operation in the working environment; you also learn life skills and communication skills. I feel like I am way ahead of my peers right now as I'm armed with skills for success. The job shadowing has painted a vivid picture for me of what I should do in a working environment.

BUSINESS EXTRA

Job cuts will create more consultants, COSATU warns

JOHANNESBURG - COSATU is warning that job cuts in the public sector will lead to a skills exit, leaving departments with no option but to rehire those who left to work as consultants.

Speaking to City Press this week following a special sitting of the trade union federation's central executive committee, General Secretary Bheki Ntshali said that COSATU was "furious" with the Minister of Public Service and Administration, Ayanda Dlodlo.

He said that she had been disingenuous in her responses to reports that there were plans to cut 30 000 jobs in the public sector.

"Our issue is that we don't trust the minister. We want the ANC to come out and say, 'it shall not happen'. It can't be government telling Luthuli House what is happening, we want them to come out and say it shall not happen. We can't be pushing for a job summit on one hand and then firing people on the other," Ntshali said.

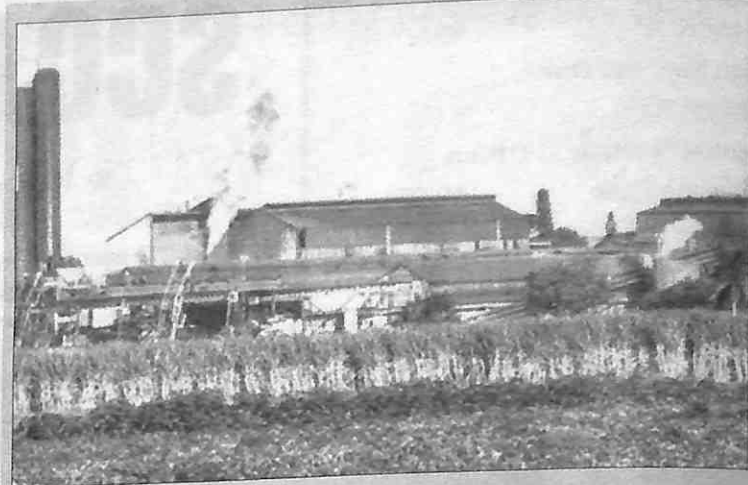
"The minister is just doctoring the facts. What has made us angry is that unlike the president saying, 'I am looking at the Cabinet size', the public sector minister keeps her intentions quiet. Government as a whole condemns the mining sector for intending to retrench 13 000

people. But they are doing exactly the same: they announce it outside of the bargaining chamber and they are not bringing it to the alliance."

On whether or not COSATU would arrange a meeting with the ANC and Dlodlo, the general secretary said they would not meet with the minister.

"We don't want to get an explanation from her on this thing. We want the ANC to see Dlodlo, that is their homework. They are the leading party. If you have not taken that decision as the ANC, then tell the minister that it shall not happen unless it is the minister that is dictating to the ANC what will happen."

COSATU this week went as far as threatening to take to the streets in protest. Ntshali said the issue of whether or not workers would be mandated to vote for the ANC would be decided by delegates at next month's national conference. "Workers will have to discuss this critically in the congress and decide who to vote for. They may choose not to vote for anyone, as has been seen in other countries when the liberation movement does something workers don't like. They lose all confidence in politics and choose to abandon all political parties". *Fin24*



NEW FORM: Ubombo Sugar Mill where sugar waste used to generate electricity is found.

Sugar waste a potential for electricity production

By Majaha Nkonyane

AS the country takes baby steps towards achieving first world status by 2022, one business idea which could significantly make an economic difference is electricity production from sugar cane waste.

The Ubombo Sugar Limited Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Internal Management Report for October 2017 states that opportunities for renewable energy generation afforded by the sugar production process allows Ubombo Sugar to minimise its carbon footprint. The report reveals that energy use primarily takes place during the cane-crushing season, mean-

ing that the company has a ready supply of renewable fuel. About 96 per cent of Ubombo Sugar's energy consumption is provided from renewable sources—primarily bagasse (553 000 tonnes in 2016/17) supplemented by wood and other biomass.

Ubombo Sugar exported 54 452MWh of electricity to the national grid, accounting for three per cent of revenues in 2016/17. The company was also responsible for a mere nine per cent of the Illovo Group's total carbon emissions in 2016/17. To reduce emissions, the company has installed wet scrubber systems in boilers and monitors transport emissions on a monthly basis.



Egypt president approves law tightening internet controls

CAIRO - Egypt's President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi has signed off on a law tightening controls over the internet in the country, the official gazette said on Saturday.

The legislation on "cybercrime" allows authorities, through a judge, to order the blocking of websites that "constitute a threat" to Egypt's national security or economy.

Those who administer or visit such websites, intentionally or "in error without a valid reason," can now face jail time and fines. Such decisions can be appealed.

The law is one of a series of measures that rights groups complain are aimed at curbing freedom of expression online, with the internet one of the last forums for public debate over Sisi's rule. Egyptian lawmakers last month approved another bill that grants the state's Supreme Council for Media Regulations the right to monitor social media users.

Under that legislation, which Sisi has yet to approve, people whose social media accounts have more than 5 000 followers could be placed under supervision.

The council would be authorised to suspend or block any personal account which "publishes or broadcasts fake news or anything (information) inciting violating the law, violence or hatred". The authorities have insisted that such measures are needed to help tackle instability and terrorism in the country. *AFP*

Gold worth almost \$1m stolen from Zim police station

HARARE - In what is arguably the biggest theft at a police station in Zimbabwe, gold worth almost \$1 million mysteriously vanished from an armoury at Plumtree Police Station in Zimbabwe's Matabeleland South province.

A police officer has been arrested in connection with the theft. The gold weighing 28.5kg was being kept as an exhibit at the station since September 2015. The total value of the stolen gold is \$970 000. Police have since arrested their colleague Constable Dingumuzi Ncube, 35, in connection with the theft.

The gold was being kept at the police station after border control and minerals unit police officers seized it at Plumtree Border Post from a man who had tried to smuggle it into Botswana.

Sources at the station said the theft came to light on Wednesday morning as police officers were searching for two missing rifles that had been booked in the charge office.

When an officer went to check at the armoury for the missing rifles, he was surprised to find the door unlocked.

"When he proceeded to the armoury, intending to open the armoury, he observed that there was a key inserted on the keyhole of the armoury door. Officers discovered that the door was not locked," a source said.

African News Agency

'CHAMISA'S SA LAWYERS MUST APPLY TO ME TO WORK IN ZIM'

HARARE - Zimbabwe's justice minister has cast doubt on whether two leading South African lawyers can appear in a Harare court this week to support Nelson Chamisa's challenge to the July presidential poll.

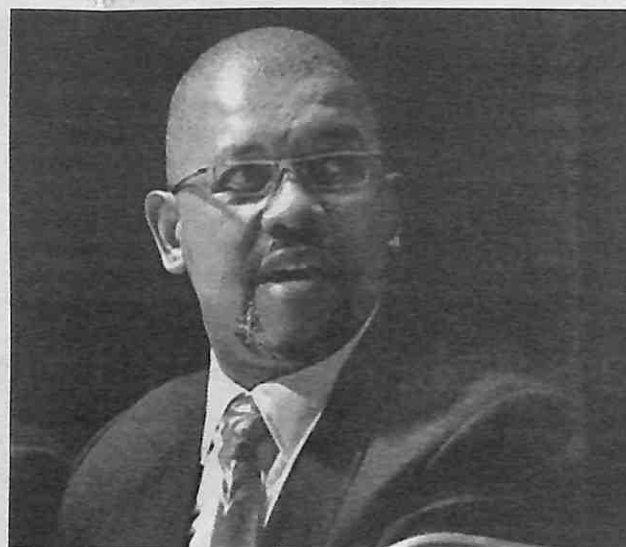
Dali Mpofu and Tembeka Ngcukaitobi arrived in Zimbabwe this week to support the high-profile case, but Justice Minister Ziyambi Ziyambi says they can't practice without his permission.

"They need to apply to me to consider the request and advise the Law Society of Zimbabwe (LSZ) accordingly," Ziyambi told the state-run Herald.

"Suppose they want to argue this matter - they know the procedure to follow. As it is, I do not know what their game plan is," he added.

Mnangagwa and his ministers still hold office even though Mnangagwa's election victory is being challenged.

Chamisa's petition will be heard on Wednesday at the Constitutional Court, according to AP. Chamisa's spokesperson, Nkululeko Sibanda says Kenyan and Zambian lawyers



APPLY FIRST: SA top lawyer Dali Mpofu.

are also due to join the MDC Alliance's legal team. "We are leaving nothing to chance," he told New Zimbabwe, an online news site.

Comparisons have been drawn between Kenya's disputed presidential poll last year that re-elected Uhuru Kenyatta, and the disputed Zimbabwe poll. In Kenya, Kenyatta's victory was nullified by the Supreme Court after a successful petition launched by opposition leader Raila Odinga.

"Odinga has close ties with

Zimbabwe's opposition MDC Alliance," New Zimbabwe reported. "His (Chamisa's) legal team hired from Kenya will likely provide interesting insights" on the Kenyan experience, it added.

Chamisa claims he got more votes than Mnangagwa, and that the results were manipulated to deny him victory.

Mnangagwa and the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission say Chamisa has provided no evidence to support his claim. *News24*

Samito's mayoral contestation may spark revolution

MAPUTO - After not being considered as the ruling FRELIMO Party's mayoral candidate of Maputo in Mozambique's upcoming local elections, to be held on October 15, Samora Machel junior has decided to contest outside of the party.

He is the son of Samora Machel, the former head of FRELIMO and the first president of Mozambique. The younger Machel is a member of the Central Committee (CC) of FRELIMO, the party's highest structure in the interval between two congresses. Roque Silva Samuel, the secretary-General of FRELIMO, reacted to Machel's decision, saying: "He is a citizen and as such, he has rights. FRELIMO sees this as something normal."

Machel, nicknamed Samito, is being supported by the Youth Association for the Development

of Mozambique, a coalition which consists mainly of FRELIMO members. According to media reports, Samito's candidature is also backed by three of FRELIMO's mass organisations: The Association of Combatants of the National Liberation Struggle, the Mozambican Women's Organisation and the Mozambican Youth Organisation.

Samito's decision to proceed outside FRELIMO is seen in the country as the first ever sign of strong disunion, and even revolution, within FRELIMO since achieving independence from Portuguese rule in 1975.

Addressing the media on Thursday, Graça Machel, the widow of the former president, and Samito's step-mother, said she supported his decision.

"Before being a member of FRELIMO, I am a mother. And,



ON MY OWN: Samora Machel junior.

being a mother, I have to be with him [Samito]. Samora and Josina Machel [Samito's mother] are not here and I do not, as a mother, have another choice," she said. "He has been preparing his candidature for two years now."

Samito, 48, told City Press on Friday that he was aware that FRELIMO would convene a meeting at some point and might even decide to expel him, "but I do not have problems with that".

City press

According to a report by AP, the Constitutional Court is due to hear Chamisa's challenge on Wednesday.

The miscalculation, albeit a slight one, will fuel criticism of ZEC, which was accused of bias and incompetence ahead of the July 30 poll. *News24*

BRIEFS

New SADC chair slams critics of African leaders

NAMIBIA - Namibian President Hage Geingob, who was hosting a summit of southern African leaders, on Saturday strongly rejected criticism of Africa by the West, saying there was undue pressure on the continent. "People have an attitude about Africa," Geingob said in an interview with the French radio network RFI. "Things that they want Africans to do... they don't demand from other places," the president said. "In the United States, there are only two parties there, the same philosophy: how come in America there are no communists, no socialists?" *AFP*

Boko Haram jihadists kill four farmers

ABUJA - Four farmers were killed by Boko Haram jihadists outside a key northeast Nigerian city, a militia leader and survivor told AFP on Saturday. On Friday, around a dozen Boko Haram Islamists riding on motorcycles stormed crop fields near Ali Goshe village, 6km outside the city of Maiduguri, and slit the throats of four farmers. The attack on civilians comes as the jihadists are launching a surge of assaults against troops in Nigeria, putting the military on the back foot six months before presidential polls. "So far we have confirmed the death of four people in the attack which happened around midday," said Ibrahim Liman, who is part of the militia taskforce fighting Boko Haram in the region. *AFP*

Bobi Wine's lawyers speak out

UGANDA - Lawyers belonging to Kyadondo East Member of Parliament (MPs) Robert Kyagulanyi (alias Bobi Wine) have revealed that the MP is in poor health condition and can hardly walk or talk. The lawyers, together with members of Bobi Wine's family, had initially been blocked from accessing the MP who was arrested on Monday in Arua town together with several opposition politicians. He was arraigned before the General Court Martial in Gulu and charged with unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition. *All Africa*



Building collapse spurs casualty fears

NIGERIA - A half-finished building collapsed in the Nigerian capital of Abuja, triggering fears of multiple casualties. The building in the Jabi area of Abuja had been used by traders who occupied the ground floor, according to an AFP reporter at the scene. A large crowd looked on as emergency personnel worked in the pouring rain to clear away mounds of grey concrete bricks with cranes and heavy equipment. "I was at the other side when the building collapsed. There were some people selling food and drinks at the ground floor. They are all trapped. I'm not too sure of the number," said Ahmed Musa, an unemployed graduate. Building collapses are common in Nigeria, where building codes are regularly flouted. *AFP*

Hundreds protest Mali election results

MALI - More than a thousand supporters of Malian opposition leader Soumaila Cisse gathered in the capital Bamako after he lost a presidential run-off to President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, amid accusations of fraud. Keita was re-elected with 67.17 per cent of yesterday's vote against 32.83 per cent for challenger and former finance minister Cisse. In Bamako, the protesters played vuvuzelas and displayed their candidate's campaign posters, watched by dozens of police officers in riot gear, AFP journalists witnessed. Cisse, who said on Friday he had won the poll and dismissed the official results as "parody and lies," joined his supporters mid-morning. *AFP*

ELECTORAL COMMISSION TRIMS MNANGAGWA'S LEAD

HARARE - The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) has trimmed down the percentage of votes it awarded President Emmerson Mnangagwa, but the alteration isn't enough to overturn his victory in last

month's poll, it has emerged.

The amendment was revealed by ZEC chair Priscilla Chigumba in her response to a court challenge to Mnangagwa's victory by MDC Alliance leader, Nelson Chamisa.

Chigumba said there had been a "clerical error" that affected their original tally, reports the private Daily News.

After the corrections were made, Chamisa gained an extra 4 483 votes while Mnangagwa lost 4 453 votes

"representing a change of 0.08 per cent of the announced results" the Daily News quotes her as saying in court papers.

"The final computations do not alter significantly the announced 2018 presidential results," she said.



FOCUS ON SA SCENE



ZONDO INVITES ZUMA TO GIVE EVIDENCE AT STATE CAPTURE INQUIRY

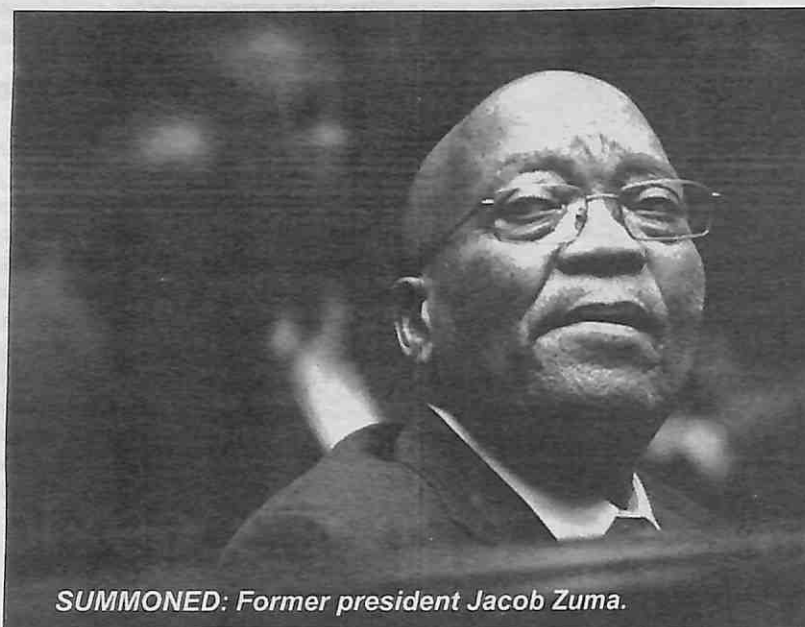
JOHANNESBURG - Former president Jacob Zuma could give evidence of his alleged involvement with the Guptas at the commission of inquiry into state capture that gets underway in Johannesburg today.

In a report in *The Sunday Times*, it has been revealed that Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo has written to Zuma asking him to say whether he used information he came across as head of state to enrich himself and the Gupta family.

Zuma has always denied that he used his position to enrich himself and the Guptas. If the former president does turn up to give evidence, it would be the first time he'd been questioned about his alleged involvement with state capture under oath.

In its report, *The Sunday Times* says Zuma "has been informed that he has been implicated in unlawful and improper conduct that also includes the violation of his constitutional obligations".

The paper also says that Zuma may call witnesses to testify in his favour and that he and his legal team will be



SUMMONED: Former president Jacob Zuma.

given the chance to cross-examine witnesses who implicated him in state capture.

If Zuma does agree to give testimony today, he'll join a list of witnesses that include former deputy finance minister Mcebisi Jonas, and ANC member

of Parliament, Mabel Petronella 'Vytjie' Mentor. It was Jonas back in 2016 who announced that the Guptas had offered him the post of finance minister replacing Nhlanhla Nene, which caused a public outcry.

Citizen

MAN ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED MURDER OF HIS MOTHER

JOHANNESBURG - Ngqamakhwe police have arrested a 55-year-old man for the alleged murder of his 88-year-old mother. Eastern Cape police said on Saturday.

Police say the suspect is alleged to have used an axe to fatally wound his 88-year-old mother.

"It is alleged that both the son and the mother had a misunderstanding at their home on Friday, 17 August 2018 after

[9pm] at Emntla locality, Ngcwazi village, Ngqamakhwe," Captain Jackson Manatha said.

"The suspect is alleged to have used an axe to fatally wound his mother on the night in question. The grandchildren of the deceased were in a separate room and were scared to stop their father as he was armed with an axe. The grandchildren only noticed in the early hours of Saturday, 18 August

2018 that their grandmother had passed away," he said.

It was not yet clear why was the man "having a misunderstanding with his mother" and attacked her. The man had been charged with murder and would appear in the Ngqamakhwe Magistrate's Court today on a murder charge. The deceased was identified as Nogem Mahamba, Manatha said.

Citizen

Gauteng to roll out service stands today

JOHANNESBURG - The Gauteng Department of Human Settlements will start rolling out service stands as part of the Rapid Land Release programme today.

Speaking at the Department's Johannesburg Regional Summit at the Sci Bono Discovery Centre in Newtown, MEC for Cooperative Governance, Traditional Affairs and Human Settlements Dikgang Uhuru Moiloa, said the majority of the people that will be called are women.

"As we are celebrating Women's Month, we will prioritise women in the allocation of service stands," he said.

The summit was attended by community leaders from around the City of Johannesburg municipality.

Moiloa said the people who will be called are taken from the beneficiary list that already exists. "Potential beneficiaries will be called and they will have to agree if they accept serviced stands or they want to wait for a RDP house development," he said.

The Sunday Independent

De Lille used her pension to fight back

CAPE TOWN - Outgoing Mayor Patricia de Lille used more than R600 000 from her pension fund in legal fees to clear her name in some of her cases against the DA - and she believes the high-risk gambit paid off.

De Lille made the revelation exclusively to *Weekend Argus* in a wide-ranging interview on Friday. She spoke mainly about women in power and identity politics.

"It was very high-risk, but to me it was an investment to clear my name. I grew up very poor. I'm not into luxury. I was prepared that should I not have the means one day, at least I had cleared my name. And that was an investment. But I'm not going to retire soon. I can easily make sure that I grow my pension again."

The DA was ordered to pay the costs and the funds are going through a taxation process before she will get her money back.

De Lille spoke about the challenges she had encountered as a

OUTGOING:
Mayor
Patricia de
Lille.



woman in politics and dismissed rumours she might join the EFF or the ANC. She reminisced about her relationship with Winnie Madikizela-Mandela.

She also shared advice about how working women should make sure that they make their husbands understand the importance of shared responsibility in the household. Advising women in local politics, De Lille said: "If there comes a

time to put up posters of yourself in the area where you are contesting, don't rely on men to put up the posters... So we can show that we want to get in the legislatures on our own."

The panoramic view of the city centre offered by the bigs is one of the little things she will miss after she vacates her office in October.

Weekend Argus



EFF threaten chaos as planning for Bluff land invasion protest continues

JOHANNESBURG - The EFF wants justice after residents illegally occupying land in Bluff, KZN, were evicted.

Ward councillor JP Prinsloo has called for calm.

Bluff ward 66 councillor, JP Prinsloo has called for calm after information was circulated about a protest march planned for Thursday by the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), Southlands Sun reports.

At a meeting on Tuesday, the EFF discussed the logistics of the march with Bluff police.

"The EFF grievances and reason to protest stems from the eviction of people who were illegally occupying the municipal land. They were removed by the city's law enforcement units from Van Riebeeck Park behind the Bluff Showgrounds," said Cllr Prinsloo.

In the past, the councillor's office assisted the evicted people with letters addressed to the city's human settlements department, requesting them to assist with alternative accommodation.

"Multiple meetings were held

with the EFF to resolve their grievances, but they are steadfast about causing disruptions within the community and encouraging illegal land occupation," he added.

Cllr JP claimed attention was drawn to the issue of the illegal invaders' eviction by local EFF members as well as residents who claimed to be part of the unofficial 'Bluff Ratepayers and Residents Association'.

"The EFF and other opportunistic groups thrive on attention to such issues. I urge residents to remain calm and level-headed, and not to fuel racial or other tensions, as the EFF would have you do."

All people have a right to protest. All application processes with SAPS are being followed by the EFF, and this is not an illegal service delivery protest as we have seen in other parts of the city," he added.

Southlands Sun sent queries to the EFF about its planned protest action and awaits its response. This story will be updated when the EFF responds.

Citizen

Disgraced DA councillor Wilma Brady pleads for no jail time

CAPE TOWN - Former DA councillor and convicted fraudster Wilma Brady tearfully implored the Bellville Commercial Crimes Court not to send her to jail.

She made the plea while testifying in mitigation of sentence following sentencing proceedings. Brady was found guilty on one count of fraud and of contravening the Public Finance Management Act last month for falsely claiming she was acting on behalf of the Western Cape government in appointing Lelethu Properties and Developers to build 33 RDP housing for more than R3 million in the Malibu area in Blue Downs in 2006.

Lelethu's Faizel Davids asked the court to hand down a sentence that carried a jail term and included financial compensation for his losses.

In reports by correctional services and a social worker, it was found Brady was a suitable candidate for house arrest. During her testimony, a sobbing Brady told the court she recognised that she had done wrong by signing a letter dated December 22, 2006 which stated: "... it is further confirmed that I, Wilma Brady, chairperson: Oostenberg Subcouncil 21, on behalf of the provincial housing department, appointed Lelethu Properties and Development to develop the serviced land as set out above." *Weekend Argus*

KIDNEY DISEASE PATIENT, 39, IS LEFT WITH A FROST-LIKE COATING ON HIS FACE

- The unnamed patient is believed to be from Almada, a city just outside Lisbon
- Both of his strange symptoms had been caused by a build-up of waste products
- The man's white spots are known as uremic frost, scientists wrote in a journal
- It occurs when sweat containing high levels of a waste product evaporates
- This then leaves the waste product, called urea, to crystallise on the skin



FOLLOW THE RULES: The man's white spots that covered his body are known medically as uremic frost, kidney specialists revealed in a major scientific journal.

LISBON - A man was left with a frost-like coating on his face, arms and stomach because of his end-stage kidney failure after he refused to attend dialysis for five months.

The unnamed 39-year-old, believed to be from just outside Lisbon in Portugal, was also left with breath that smelt like urine, doctors say.

Both of his strange symptoms had been caused by him refusing to attend dialysis - leading to a toxic build-up of waste products.

The man's white spots that covered his body are known medically as uremic frost, kidney specialists revealed in a major scientific journal.

It occurs when sweat containing high levels of a waste product - usu-

ally removed by the organs when they are working - evaporates.

This leaves the waste product, called urea, to crystallise on the skin, causing the white spotty deposits that closely resemble frost.

Published

Medics published the unusual case report in the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine.

The patient sought help at the Hospital Garcia de Orta in Almada, on the opposite side of the Tagus River from Lisbon.

He admitted to Dr Joana Martins and colleagues he had stopped attending dialysis five months earlier. The patient mistakenly thought the sessions were 'not needed' because he was still able to urinate

after attending his clinic.

Dialysis - the artificial substitute for kidneys - is vital for end-stage kidney disease patients while they await a transplant.

Patients are hooked up to a machine for up to four hours three times a week to remove a build-up of waste products in their blood.

Without treatment, the accumulation can cause a number of unpleasant symptoms, such as uremic frost and eventually be fatal.

The patient sought medical help when he became concerned about his anorexia, nausea, vomiting, and oliguria - a lack of urine.

Writing in the journal, doctors also said: "He was lethargic and had slowed speech... and his breath

had a urine-like odor."

They added his skin had 'diffuse crystalline white deposits' distributed on his face, abdomen and arms.

Blood tests revealed his levels of urea - a waste product formed in the liver - were higher than they should have been.

Levels of sodium, potassium and creatinine were also elevated in the patient's blood, according to the case report in the journal.

Fortnight

Kidney specialists immediately began him on dialysis again.

And after just a fortnight on the life-saving treatment the frost had completely disappeared - and so had his complaints of lethargy.

Daily Mail

...arms, and stomach after he refused to attend dialysis for five months

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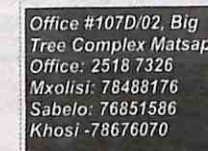
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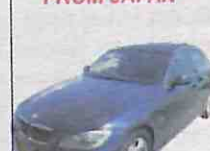


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Baby who has 50 allergies is forced to live as prisoner in his own home

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE - A baby who is allergic to inflatables, apples and even his tears is forced to live as a prisoner in his own home.

Nine-month-old Riley Kinsey, from Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, was born with 50 known allergies and can only leave his house once a week over fears he may suffer a life-threatening allergic reaction.

The youngster, who breaks out in a severe red rash if his skin comes into contact with any type of latex, can never play on a bouncy castle or have balloons at his birthday party.

Only able to eat four kinds of food - turkey, carrots, plums and sweet potatoes - Riley reacts to almost every item in his parents' Kayleigh, 24, and Michael's house, with even tears making his face swell up to double its size.

Riley's parents frequently suffer sleepless nights due to their son's condition causing him to break out in itchy hives all over his body, putting him at risk of infections.

Speaking of how they cope, Kayleigh said: "Do you walk away or get on with it? We choose to get on with it because he's our son. He's a very happy child. He smiles every day and just gets on with it." She is speaking out to raise money towards Riley's skincare products, as well as to pay



HEARTBREAKING: Despite his allergies, Riley's mother Kayleigh (pictured with his sisters Georgea and Taylor Mae) insists he is a happy child but still worries whether he will live a normal life.

for an extension where they can keep his possessions separate to avoid contamination.

Speaking of Riley's condition, Kayleigh, a stay-at-home mother-of-three, said: "He gets hives across his body and will cry out in pain. It leads to lots of sleepless nights because he wakes himself up scratching in his sleep."

"There have been times when we've found that he's scratched himself red raw with blood all over him."

"He's become a prisoner in his house

because the outside world is so risky for him. "If he begins to cry his skin gets irritated even further. It can be quite difficult to deal with as you can't leave him to soothe. You have to go and deal with him straight away."

"He was quite interested in my daughter's purple inflatable hammer but then we found out he was allergic to that to as his face swelled up."

Riley's parents worry about his future, with Kayleigh saying: "We ask ourselves if he'll be able to go to a normal school or even something

straightforward like going to a park. It's heartbreaking. It's not nice to see him like this."

Michael, a plasterer, added: "It's very worrying not to know if he'll be able to lead a life where he can be a normal child."

"It upsets me that he may not be able to go and kick a ball on a field with his friends. This will impact his whole life but also ours. "But at the end of the day he's my son and I will deal with whatever I have to as I want the very best for him." *Daily Mail*

BRIEFS

Teacher caught laying naked on top of pupil

LONDON - A teacher was found lying naked on top of a female teenage pupil at her home, a hearing has been told. The British music teacher is accused of having sex with the 17-year-old girl after drinking with her and a classmate at her flat. She was also spotted kissing and holding hands with the girl at a family park and picking her up from a party between 2011 and 2012, it is alleged. The teacher faces a total of four allegations in front of a disciplinary panel. They include two other pupils with whom she is said to have used Facebook to send X-rated messages. *Daily Mail*

Over 2 million begin hajj pilgrimage

MECCA - More than two million Muslims from around the globe yesterday started the hajj pilgrimage at Islam's holiest sites in Saudi Arabia, one of the world's largest annual gatherings. The ultra-conservative kingdom, which is undergoing dramatic social and economic reforms, has mobilised vast resources for the six-day journey, one of the five pillars of Islam. "It's the dream of every Muslim to come here to Mecca," Frenchman Soliman Ben Mohri said. "It's the ultimate journey. What worries me is the return to my normal life. For the moment, I am in a dream," the 53-year old told AFP. Every Muslim is required to complete the hajj at least once in their lifetime if they have the means to do so.

AFP

India flood death toll jumps to 357

KOCHI - The death toll from the worst flooding to hit India's Kerala state in a century has jumped to 357, authorities said yesterday, with losses to infrastructure pegged at some \$3-billion. The idyllic tourist hotspot has been badgered by torrential monsoon rains since the end of May, triggering landslides and flash floods that have swept away entire villages. "Since May 29, when the monsoon started in Kerala, a total of 357 people have lost their lives until now," a statement from the state's information officer said, with 33 losing their lives over the last 24 hours. Some 353 000 people have taken shelter in 3 026 relief camps as thousands of army, navy and air force troops fan out to help those still stranded.

Reuters

Qatar accuses Saudi Arabia of blocking access

QATAR - Qatar has accused Saudi Arabia of barring its nationals from performing this year's Hajj, a charge Saudi officials deny. Around 1 200 Qatari citizens are allowed to attend the pilgrimage under a quota system, but Qatari officials say it has become impossible to register for the annual religious event. Saudi Arabia, alongside the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Egypt, severed relations with Qatar in June 2017, and has placed the Gulf state under a land, sea, and air blockade. Qatari nationals are also banned from entering the states, but Riyadh claims to have made an exception for the Hajj. *Aljazeera*

US supplied bomb that killed children

YEMEN - The bomb that killed 40 children and 11 others in a Saudi-led coalition air strike on a bus in rebel-held northern Yemen was sold by the United States under a State Department deal with Riyadh, CNN has reported. The numbers on shrapnel, of which images were taken shortly after the attack this month, indicate that it was a laser-guided Mk 82 bomb manufactured by defense contractor Lockheed Martin, CNN said last Friday, citing munitions experts. Former president Barack Obama banned the sale of precision-guided weaponry to Saudi Arabia after it used a similar bomb in an October 2016 attack that killed 140 people at a funeral in the rebel-held capital Sanaa. *AFP*



STRONG QUAKE TRIGGERS LANDSLIDES ON INDONESIA'S LOMBOK ISLAND

SEMBALUN - A strong earthquake jolted the Indonesian island of Lombok yesterday, causing landslides on Mount Rinjani and damaging buildings, as it tries to recover from a temblor earlier this month that killed 460 people.

The US Geological Survey measured the quake, which was centered in the northeast of the tourist island, at magnitude 6.3 and a depth of 7 kilometres (4 miles). It was felt on the neighbouring island of Bali and was preceded a few minutes earlier by a magnitude 5.4 quake, also in Lombok's northeast.

An Associated Press reporter on Lombok said the tremor caused landslides on the slopes of Rinjani and panic in villages. Video shot by the Indonesian Red Cross showed huge clouds of dust billowing from

the mountain's slopes. The shaking toppled motorcycles and there was damage to buildings in Sembalun subdistrict, including a community hall that collapsed. It had sustained damage in earlier quakes, said National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho. Homes and a mosque were also damaged, he said.

He said so far there have been no reports of injuries or fatalities but information is still being collected.

A magnitude 7.0 quake on Aug. 5 killed 460 people, damaged tens of thousands of homes and displaced several hundred thousand people on Lombok.

Mount Rinjani has been closed to visitors following a July earthquake that killed 16 people, triggered landslides and stranded hundreds of tourists on the mountain,



CHAOS: A strong earthquake jolted the Indonesian island.

an active volcano.

Indonesia, a sprawling archipelago that straddles the Pacific "Ring

of Fire," is prone to earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

AP

'A voice of great authority and wisdom' - world mourns loss of Kofi Annan

GENEVA - There was an outpouring of condolences from leaders around the world on Saturday after the death of former United Nations Secretary General and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kofi Annan.

Current UN Chief Antonio Guterres voiced deep sadness at the news, describing his predecessor as "a guiding force for good".

"In many ways, Kofi Annan was the United Nations," he added. "He rose through the ranks to lead the organisation into the new millennium with matchless dignity and determination. 'Like so many, I was proud to call Kofi Annan a good friend and mentor.'"

The UN high commissioner for human rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein said he was grief-stricken. "Kofi was humanity's best example, the epitome,



RIP: Former UN Secretary General and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kofi Annan.

of human decency and grace. In a world now filled with leaders who are anything but that, our loss, the world's loss becomes even more painful," he said.

"He was a friend to thousands and a leader of millions."

"There are some human beings who will seem irreplaceable to us, rare human beings. Kofi

Annan is high among them. Goodbye my dear friend... goodbye Kofi."

Ghanaian President Nana Akufo-Addo declared a week of mourning, saying the national flag will fly at half-mast at home and in the country's diplomatic missions around the world in honour of "one of our greatest compatriots".

"He brought considerable renown to our country by this position and through his conduct and comportment in the global arena," the president said in a statement.

"He was an ardent believer in the capacity of the Ghanaian to chart his or her own course onto the path of progress and prosperity."

South Africa's ruling African National Congress said Annan was "an eminent and distinguished son of Africa".

AFP

Migrant spouse of pregnant woman detained on way to hospital

CALIFORNIA - A California woman has said she had to drive herself to the hospital and give birth without her husband after he was detained by immigration agents.

Maria del Carmen Venegas said she and her husband, Joel Arrona Lara, were driving to the hospital on Wednesday when they stopped for gas in San Bernardino, just east of Los Angeles.

Surveillance footage obtained by several media outlets shows two vehicles immediately flank the couple's van after they pulled into the gas station. Agents with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement questioned the couple and asked for identification, Venegas told KMEX-TV last Thursday.

She said she was able to provide hers but that Arrona had left his at home in their rush to the hospital.

The surveillance footage shows the agents handcuffing Arrona and taking him away, leaving a sobbing Venegas alone at the gas station.

Venegas said she drove herself to the hospital for a scheduled cesarean section for the birth of her fifth child.

"My husband needs to be here," Venegas told KCBS-TV last Friday as she held her newborn son. "He had to wait for his son for so long, and someone just took him away."

Arrona, who is from Mexico, has lived in the US for 12 years without legal authorisation, Venegas said, but added that he's a hard worker, the sole provider of the family and has never been in trouble with the police.

ICE confirmed in a statement on Saturday that agents detained Arrona on Wednesday and said he remained in custody pending removal proceedings.

AP

BRITISH GP TOOK MORE THAN 19 000 PICTURES OF FEMALE PATIENTS UNDRRESSING

LONDON - A doctor who secretly filmed female patients in his surgery and amassed a library of 19 000 images was jailed for 14 months.

Iraqi-born GP Dr Thair Altafi, 55, was caught after a patient noticed a mobile phone propped on his desk and became suspicious. Police found a staggering number of photos and videos of women in states of undress over a six-year period.

The married father-of-three claimed he was using the images for training purposes - saying of one: 'You see the thong, I see the scoliosis (twisted spine).'

However, a jury heard he had captured the scenes without consent and for his sexual gratification. It took less than an hour to convict him of three voyeurism charges. One woman spotted the propped-up phone on the doctor's desk during an

appointment, Newcastle Crown Court heard. Initially she thought it may have been left there after he had been tidying. Her concern grew when she saw the second phone overlooking the examination area.

When police examined his laptop, they found thousands of pictures of patients, 'some clothed and others in various states of undress'.

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POETS PROVOKE THOUGHTS AT POETRY NIGHT

... Poet Chi had them mumbling

By Nokwanda Sibandze

LOCAL and American poets moved thoughts last Friday during the poetry night made possible by the American Embassy.

The American Embassy together with independent organisations such as Furious Flowers from the United States, Rooted Soulz and Alliance Française to mention a few, hosted a successful poetry night which saw a number of local poets joined by four American poets perform for the crowd.

The poetry night also allowed young aspiring poets to perform in front of the country's best and the American poets as well. Pupils from Sisekelo, Waterford Kamhlaba and Sifundzani amongst other schools came to showcase their talent at the show.

Taking to the stage first were the pupils from the different schools, rendering their poems and showing what they had learnt over the past week during a workshop that was facilitated by the American poets with the help of local poets as well.

They delivered happy, sad and funny poems for the crowd; one of the outstanding poets was Chi, who rendered a poem titled 'slay queens', the audience was captured by the title and their reaction to the poem proved they were not ready for what he had prepared for them. With punch lines such as 'they call themselves queens but when I look I see nothing on their heads other than weaves.'

It was when he finished his set with the line 'See we men aren't going to marry such women' that the crowd lost their minds leading to a standing ovation.

Paix also from Sisekelo High School also rendered a touching poem titled 'Don't define my black'.

The first session was closed by SOS dancers who danced to different African music.

All the young poets delivered great poetry which also inspired the programme director Themba Mavuso. Mavuso also acknowledged Qibho Intalektual and Velemseni as they also made a major input in making sure that the show succeeds.

During the second session of the show, mature wordsmiths blew mind caps off throwing in massive punch lines, one after the other.

Opening the second set was Poet Sammy followed by calm and collected Ntokozo Mdluli otherwise known as 'The Conductor' who recited a poem named after his name 'Ntokozo.'

MTN SWAMA Award nominee Majaha Nkonyane aka Poetic Soul had the audience eating out the palm of his hand as he went in deep, with eyes closed and recited how he never chose to be an African but it was God's decision.

A number of poets graced the stage such as Black Rhino, NJ, NACA award winning Ntobie, and KrTC who did the unexpected and also rendering a poem for the audience. Themed by his surname 'Sibandze', the rapper intertwined his praise name with poetic words.

Qibho Intalektual was the highlight of the night as he rendered his poem 'Mhlongamvula', a deep rendition that took the audience on a mind trip.

Following local poets were the American poets; Lauren Alleyne from Trinidad took to the stage first reciting poems inspired by the police violence that has taken a number of Americans.

She shared how she believes that every woman should be safe in her own society and not be afraid of being harmed just because they are



MC: Themba directing proceeding at the poetry night.

female.

Dr DaMarris Hill also shared poems from her book 'A bound woman is a dangerous thing', she shared about her personal struggles. She also shared a touching poem about an American woman who was raped in jail by a guard.

What was inspiring about the American poets was that they had written poetry books. Mariahdessa Ekere Taillie shared a poem about a relationship that she loved because according to her it grew her as a person. What they all had in common was their poems which were inspired by struggles faced in America, especially struggles that are faced by women and black people.

The last poet to go on stage was Frank X Walker who gave a poem inspired by the famous chicken retailer KFC. "Who really believes

that the best fried chicken came from an old white man" was the line that got the audience laughing.

Dr. Joanne Gabbin founder of Furious Flower Centre extended her sincere gratitude to the poets that performed on the night and also encouraged the young poets to continue with their passion for poetry. She also said that she accepts them as part of Furious Flowers. "Thank you all so much and I have been inspired to hear the poets that I have worked with render their poems, I was also won over by the enthusiasm and talent that these young poets have," she said. She also took time to thank the people that helped with making sure that the event was a success. From Sharon Martins who is the Senior Cultural Affairs Assistant and Education USA Advisor, to the US ambassador Lisa J. Peterson.

The fun did not stop there as just before the show ended Bholoja gave the audience a surprise performance. The audience were also treated to music and poetry by Tribe New.

Some of the crowd's favourite lines:

• "Didn't she make a man understand you can make a man stand again instead of standing there like a manmade mannequin" - **Qibho Intalektual**

• "I refuse to participate in a society where vagina means victim, no means yes, stop means more" - **Lauren Alleyne**

• "It's no secret cops welcome a reason to kill anything ask the people that they cage" - **De DaMarris Hill**

• "He broke into me; no one sees the bruise prints, the scratch marks on my spirit, these don't make police reports" - **Mariahdessa Ekere Taillie**



CREATIVE WORDS: Chi rendering 'Slay queens' for the audience.



LADIES VOICE: Paix rendering 'Don't define my black' at the poetry night.



IMBONGI: Majah'encwala singing praises to the King.

ILLA'S 'GCWALISA MOGAMBO' OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

By Ayanda Dlamini

SWAZI MTN has once again partnered with Illa Pen Boy for his second edition of Gcwalisa Mogambo which is slated for September 1 at Esibayeni Lodge.

Revealing this partnership was Eswatini MTN Senior Brand and Sponsorship Manager Meshack Maseko during the Gcwalisa Mogambo launch which

was held at Esibayeni Lodge on Thursday night.

Maseko mentioned that they as MTN support Illa's upcoming show as it is one of the successful shows the rapper has hosted before. Maseko also confirmed Illa's ambassadorship with MTN as he named Illa a gem of the industry.

The launch was also graced by Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture CEO Stanley Dlamini with

South African Uzalo's 'Captain Mthimkhulu's real name Sfiso Memela who was in the country over the weekend meeting aspiring TV producers, directors and actors, SWAMA representative Penny Bouwer and other entertainers such as Mdura the Comedian. ENCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini applauded Illa for not giving up as an artist and believing in himself to a point where he has attracted big companies such as MTN.

Dlamini also thanked the support the giant mobile company has given to the arts industry in the country over the years.

This year's Illa Penboy's show is coming with modern ways of buying a ticket as tickets are only available via MTN's Mobile Money.

During the launch, it was also revealed that KrTC, Mozaik, 80 Script, Trippy King, Kangaroo, Symphony, Lyrikal Busta, Zoe Genesis, LomaSoul, Verse,

Msizi, Denzel, DJ Wicked, Czar, The Scientists, Supa CDQ, DJ Lungstar, DJ So What, DJ Fantas will be performing.

It was also revealed that Mdura the comedian and Saneh will be the MCs of the night. Tickets to the show cost E150 general and E350 VIP. Gcwalisa Mogambo launch was also blessed with beautiful performances for aspiring artists who were tailored for the Lyrical Thursdays on that night.

ELEGANCE AT U-TECH HIGH SCHOOL PROM NIGHT

By Ayanda Dlamini

THE cold weather on Saturday night did not deter the mood of well dressed U-Tech High School pupils from having a blast at their glamorous prom night.

The glitzy affair was held at the Royal Villas Hotel in Ezulwini where long, short, body hugging dresses and stylish suits were the order of the night.

The pupils came dressed to the nines. Girls' outfits were out of this world, red dresses dominated among the ladies and they went all out with their stunning hairdos and proper face beat. The gents were well suited-up and their loafers matched so well with their stunning and stylish suits.

The event saw outstanding pupils being awarded certificates in what they are good at, some were awarded for hard working.

FACES



LADIES: U-Tech High School girls came prepared for their prom night which was held at Royal Villas on Saturday.
(Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)



ROYAL: Mbali Dlamini went all out for her prom as she was rocking her E4 000 worth lovely dress.



GENT: Mcondisi Dlamini looked chilled and well suited up for his big night.



LADIES: Lindelwa Msibi and her friend Nosimilo Dlodlu upon arrival as they looked amazing.



LOVELY: Sikhulile Dlamini looked classy and sexy in her gold dress.



SWAG: Busani Masilela rocking his E2 700 suit.



QUEEN: Anazo Mdala looked amazing in her stunning dress.



FLOWER: Lungelo Kunene looked stylish in his floral blazer.



GENTS: U-Tech High School boys well suited up for the night.



ROSE: Zoe Methula went for a red gown which matched so perfectly with her hairstyle.



CLASSY: Vuyo Zitha was bold enough to rock this stunning suit.



YASS GHSL: Temasotja Dlamini looked elegant with her E5 000 worth dress.



FRIENDSHIP: Sino Simelane, Paula Ndlangamandla and Nomfundo Vilane looked very nice and simple at their prom night.



ANGEL: Temalangi Dlamini in her E6 700 worth outfit.



GENTLEMAN: Sibusiso Matsebula look chilled and well suited up.



ELEGANT: Nosipho Magongo looked elegant at her prom night.

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International
Celebrity News

2 Chainz marries Kesha Ward

LOS ANGELES - 2 Chainz is finally a married man!

The rapper, whose real name is Tauheed Epps, and his longtime girlfriend, Kesha Ward, said "I do" in front of family and friends on Saturday, his rep confirmed. The two tied the knot at the Villa Casa Casuarina in Miami, which was once the home to the late designer Gianni Versace.

The groom wore a formal tux for the ceremony while his bride wore a mermaid-style gown. A video shows Kesha walking down the aisle to John Legend's "All of Me." However, these weren't the only ensembles the duo



MARRIED: Kesha Ward and 2 Chainz.

wore that evening. The groom also wore a white Louis Vuitton suit while the bride wore a shimmering dress.

Eonline

Coco still breastfeeds 2-year-old daughter

LOS ANGELES - Coco is not rushing to wean her daughter Chanel off breastfeeding or give her a sibling anytime soon.

The 39-year-old glamour model talked about raising her and husband Ice-T's first child, who turned two last November, in an interview with E! News ahead of her appearance on David Tutera's CELEBRATIONS, which airs on Fridays on WETV at 10 pm. ET. During the sit-down, Coco appeared to dismiss the idea of expanding her family, at least now, saying, "No! Not at this time! She's still my baby!"



NO RUSH: Coco and her daughter Chanel.

"I think about this over and over because I love being a mom...but the way we travel is so extremely hard," she said. "Honestly, I think our life fits one child only." *Eonline*

Man shot for saying Halle Berry should play Aretha

LOS ANGELES - A man was shot and in critical condition - after being gunned down for suggesting that Halle Berry should play Aretha Franklin in a new biopic.

The argument over whether Halle Berry would play Aretha Franklin in her upcoming biopic occurred on Thursday in a barbershop, according to a report. According to local reports, Michael Jermell Hatton, 44, allegedly pulled out a gun and shot the other man, Tony Jonathan Lundy, 47, at around 10:45 am. The two were discussing which actresses should play the deceased legend. Tony suggested Halle Berry, and the two started arguing. Eventually police say that Michael pulled a gun and shot Tony, who is now in critical condition. Police



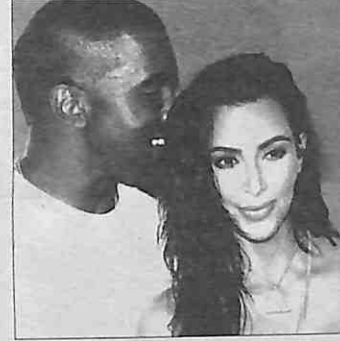
NOT HER: Halle Berry.

said Hatton, was arrested and charged with aggravated malicious wounding, shoot/cut/stab or wound in the commission of a felony, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony and discharging a firearm in public with injury for shooting Lundy. *MTO*

Kim and Kanye possibly heading for divorce

MIAMI - MTO News has been hearing whispers for months, that Kanye West and Kim Kardashian are headed for divorce. But now it seems like those whispers are turning into SCREAMS.

Kim Kardashian is currently in Miami and according to some people - she's sending signals that she's ready to DUMP her MAGA-loving maniac husband Kanye. What are the signs, you ask? Well it's the COLOR that she's been choosing the last couple of days. During Kylie's 21st birthday party a couple of weeks ago, Kylie decided to "color code" the event. Everyone that was single would wear yellow, everyone that was taken would



READY TO SEPARATE: Kanye West and Kim Kardashian.

wear pink, and everyone in a "complicated" relationship would wear green and Kim wore green. *MTO*

SA Celebrity News

Tributes pour in after producer Sir Bubzin's death

DURBAN - Bubzin worked on a number of hit productions for Big Nuz, Vetkuk vs. Mahoota and DJ Tira.

Local music producer Bongani 'Sir Bubzin' Cele has died, close friends of the Afrotainment personality confirmed to TshisaLIVE last Friday afternoon. Details around Sir Bubzin's death are sketchy at this stage.

Bubzin worked on a number of hit productions for Big Nuz, Vetkuk vs. Mahoota and DJ Tira. He was also known for producing Tira's track I Won't Let You Go and Desha with Big Nuz and Tira.



RIP: Bongani 'Sir Bubzin' Cele.

His death has sent shockwaves across the industry, with fans and friends taking to social media to pay tribute to the producer. *Tshisa Live*

ProKid's wife Ayanda pours her heart out in emotional letter

JOHANNESBURG - There was not a dry eye in sight when a family member took to the stage to read an emotional letter on behalf of ProKid's wife and the mother of his child, Ayanda, at his funeral service yesterday morning.

Ayanda poured her heart out about the love she felt for ProKid, and how she was overcome with grief since his death. The family member started off by singing a few lines from Beyoncé's Wishing On A Star, which Pro and Ayanda listened to when they spent time together.

"Thank you for being my love, my best and truest friend. My protector



EMOTIONAL: ProKid's wife Ayanda with her daughter.

and my spiritual partner." Ayanda spoke about Pro's joy when their daughter Nonkanyezi was born and the big dreams he had for her.

Sowetan

Nasty C hangs out with 50 Cent

NEW YORK - Nasty C is currently on a press tour in the States.

And apart from having a bad haircut in New York, he's been chilling with 50Cent. 50 even poked fun at Nasty's bad haircut.

"He said, 'if they say sum about your hair again get the strap.'"

Taking his time to impress while on his Strings and Bling promotion tour in the States, the rapper gave Americans a taste of his freestyle skills when he jumped on a beat on Ebro in the morning on Hot 97. Then he said, "All my verses could



HANGING OUT: Nasty C with 50 Cent.

free ya/I'm a priest when you need one/My competition is missin' claim your reward when you see them" *insert Ohhhhhhhhhhh!*

Times Live

Zandie Khumalo opens up

JOHANNESBURG - She's been a star for some time now yet conversations usually go back to how she's the younger sister of another successful South African singer.

But that's changing rapidly and she's finally stepping out of her sibling's shadow. Zandie was signed to Mabala Noise but says she left the record company when her husband, Mhlo Gumede, was accused of extorting money from up-and-coming musicians in exchange for record deals. Mhlo (34) denied the allegations. She was delighted to drop her album in February. "I never thought I'd be where I am. People think because



OPENS UP: Zandie Khumalo.

I'm Kelly's sister I have it easy - I don't." Her sacrifices, she says, have paid off. *Drum*

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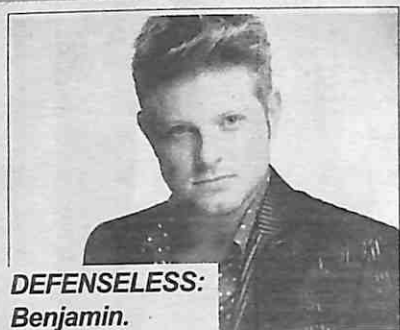


STEPPING UP: Judas.

Sunday makes a shocking discovery about his powers. Judas takes matters into his own hands and deals with Saddam. Mkabayi is on a mission.

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DEFENSELESS: Benjamin.

A defenseless Benjamin watches as his brand new car goes up in flames. Lincoln makes a phone call to arrange a secretive meeting. Seline is disappointed when Zandre drops the ball.

Muvhango

TODAY



REVELATIONS: Skhumbuzo.

Terror reveals to Skhumbuzo what he really wants. It's a new dawn for Thathe as the new Chief takes over. Someone from Ranthomeng's past is coming back to visit.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



THROWN OUT: Lerato.

David is increasingly frustrated about his relationship with Gail and his meat business - and takes it out on Dennis. Lungile throws Lerato out the house. Mapula gets a shock from the university.

Two Minutes Of Silence For Those 15 Year Old Girls



Who Think Their Boyfriends Will Marry Them

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Today may find you in the mood for an adventure or a visit, Capricorn. When was the last time you took a day for something like this? It's probably been too long. Not only will you enjoy it but others will be thrilled to spend time with you, too. Whether you invite a friend along or go alone, seize the opportunity to visit people or see someplace new.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

Serious thinking and communication are enhanced today, Aquarius. They're already strong qualities in you, and with this added boost, you'll need an outlet for expression. A journal is an excellent vehicle. Talking is another. If you have issues or worries, consider getting together with all involved and airing your thoughts. It's a perfect day to resolve problems.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

You might feel cornered into doing something you don't want to do today, Pisces. Perhaps you made a promise to handle a project. Maybe someone decides it's the day to call in an IOU. Either way, say so if you aren't comfortable following through. Today's energy enhances your ability to express yourself and be understood. Rescheduling may be far better than potential resentment.



Aries 21 – April 19

You might find that someone close to you needs a hand today, Aries. They could be too proud to ask for help. Don't let that stop you. If you see a situation in which you can help, do it. Don't wait for an invitation or request. Simply assess the situation and do what you can. Your efforts will be appreciated and you'll feel good about making a difference.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

When was the last time you used a pen and paper, Taurus? The keyboard has all but replaced these wonderful tools. In the same way that walking provides more than fresh air, the kinesthetic value of writing's rhythmic motion is far more soothing and healing than people realize. Moving your hand across the page can feel good. It unlocks places within that typing can't access. Try it.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

Today could bring a keen sense of empathy and understanding, Gemini. Verbal communication is likely to be enhanced. Take advantage of this by talking through any problems or issues with important people in your life. Go to visit or call to work things out. Most importantly, express your affection for those closest to you by telling them straight out what they mean to you.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

Don't be surprised if your mind goes a thousand miles a second today, Cancer. Slowing down will be difficult, and you'll have to find a way to express what's in your head. The planetary aspects lend strength to communication. Perhaps talking out your ideas or writing to someone whose insight you value will help. Even doodling can give you a place to put your thoughts.



Leo July 23 – August 22

Welcome to another great day, Leo! The energy from the planetary aspects is positive and encouraging, especially when it comes to communicating and interacting with others. Take advantage of this. Get together with friends and family for a pleasant visit. Consider inviting people over for games or dinner. A potluck can be fun. You work hard all the time, so play gently today.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

You might be really interested in getting out and doing something with the special people in your life, Virgo. You can thank the day's planetary aspects, which are conspiring to make this a perfect time to get together. Is there a place you're curious about and want to visit? Go today. Pack up the family or friends, and go for a fun day to check it out.



Libra September 23 – October 23

Libra, consider channeling your philosophical inspirations into creative writing. Libra. It's probably something you'll enjoy. Even if you haven't expressed yourself in this way before, there's no better day than today to give it a whirl. Try your hand at poetry or fiction. If that seems too daunting, start a journal. This will give you a place to collect your thoughts and insights.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

You might need to be alone today, Scorpio. You're probably surrounded by people most of the time. It can be unhealthy if you can't occasionally be alone with your thoughts and feelings. It's critical to take care of your emotional well-being, since you have a deeply sensitive nature. With all the continuous activity around you, make time to connect with this important part of you.

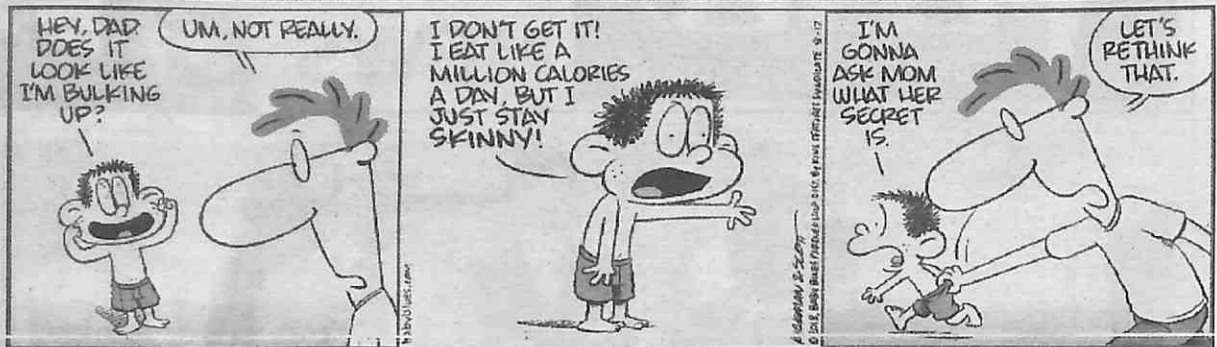


Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

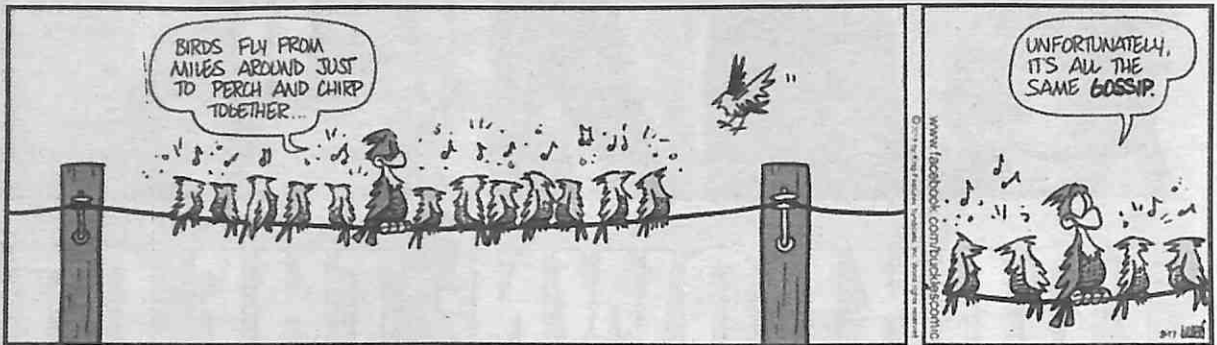
Today you may want to go your own way regardless of what anyone else wants, Sagittarius. Your independence is important to you, but compromise might be needed in order to avoid conflict. Consider splitting your time between those close to you and yourself. Explain to your loved ones why you need alone time. If it's done with grace and humor, they'll undoubtedly support you.



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THE FARMER AND GOD

A farmer purchases an old, run-down, abandoned farm with plans to turn it into a thriving enterprise. The fields are grown over with weeds, the farmhouse is falling apart, and the fences are collapsing all around. During his first day of work, the town preacher stops by to bless the man's work, saying, "May you and God work together to make this the farm of your dreams!" A few months later, the preacher stops by again to call on the farmer. Lo and behold,

it's like a completely different place—the farm house is completely rebuilt and in excellent condition, there are plenty of cattle and other livestock happily munching on feed in well-fenced pens, and the fields are filled with crops planted in neat rows. "Amazing!" the preacher says. "Look what God and you have accomplished together!" "Yes, reverend," says the farmer, "but remember what the farm was like when God was working it alone!"

USELESS FACTS

1. Firehouses have circular stairways originating from the old days when the engines were pulled by horses.
2. Fictional/horror writer Stephen King sleeps with a nearby light on to calm his fear of the dark.
3. It's possible to lead a cow upstairs but not downstairs.
4. It was discovered on a space mission that a frog can throw up.
5. The frog throws up its stomach first, so the stomach is dangling out of its mouth.

BRAINTEASERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's brainteasers

1. I am always hungry, I must always be fed. The finger I touch, will soon turn red.
Answer: Fire.

2. Until I am measured I am not known, yet how you miss me, when I have flown.

Answer: Time.

Today's brainteasers

1. All around, but cannot be seen, can be captured, cannot be held. No throat, but can be heard.

2. Each morning I appear, to lie at your feet. All day I will follow, no matter how fast you run. Yet I nearly perish, in the midday sun.



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LOCKDOWN: THE OTHER SIDE OF THABAZIMBI

They may be your favs, but they have really done the worst and the most!

Thabazimbi Women's Correctional Facility is not a place for the faint at heart. It's ruthless and fast, to survive you have to be cunning and calculating. We all have our favs already, but do we remember some of the bad things they have done?

Tyson

She is tough to hate, but Tyson is no one's *tjomie*! The only per-

son Tyson may have loved is her brother, who passed away due to cancer, now she is a woman alone in a tough world. Tyson is tough as nails and remorseless. Her latest sin, killing an innocent child to get revenge against his savage father. You love Uncle Tyson, you may understand what she did without condoning it, but she is ruthless.

MaZet

A firm favourite and leader in the prison, MaZet is the most difficult

not to like. She is take charge, cunning and guards her daughter with an iron fist. We understand why she protects Nkuli the way she does in an evil prison and world, but can we ever forgive her for killing Nkuli's friend in a prison fire?

Maki Magwaza

The list of wrongs Maki has committed is endless, but she has grown on many. She came in a ruthless stabbing inmate, was humbled by Mazet and rose from the ashes again. You may have shed a tear

or two when she cried for her grandson Simon following news of his death, but she has made many shed more than just a tear or two.

Slender

You thought we forgot about your unassuming child coddling fav? Slender is by far the one we hate to hate but she has also done the unthinkable and stomach turning. Remember when she stole a baby from a woman who took her in when she was down? She almost killed the poor lady and her baby.



Isibaya: Five ways 'Sbudeka' can find baby Siya!

The search for the lost Gatsheni heir is on!

There is no pain quite like losing a child. Even worse, a defenceless baby taken into the wilderness by a mad man! The search for baby Siya of the house of Gatsheni is hot and on. Here are a few ideas that we think could help them locate their baby!

1. Bring back Mgijimi

It's a big risk, but maybe Mpiyakhe sacrificing himself and transforming into Mgijimi could help find his grandson. Mgijimi is fast, loyal to Thandeka (or whoever holds the magic whistle) and has no time for coddling enemies like Nkabinde, Sihle and Ngwebedla with kid gloves.

2. Release Nkabinde

Another idea that may yield more regret than results. But hey, we're desperate here! The first thing Nkabinde would try to do if released is run to Baby Siya to make the sacrifice that would make him strong. So if Sihle could lead the Siya search party to Nkabinde, maybe Nkabinde can lead the pack to Baby Siya.

3. Power up Mehlo

We are not sure how or if it's even possible, but can Mehlo regain his powers and then some???

4. Bring in Nkabinde's family for questioning.

No violence, but a little chat with the family in front of Nkabinde could persuade him to reveal the baby's whereabouts. Sunday Nkabinde does not care about himself, but he seems to really have a soft spot for Sihle, his wife and his daughter.

5. Call on the community to search

Ever walk past a cute baby and his err grandmother and wonder - Where did that old scary looking lady get that baby? You never know what people have seen, weird neighbours up to weird things and sounds at night. Someone may have seen Baby Siya and thought nothing of it. An upstanding member of society or good citizen may have seen Nkanyamba with Baby Siya or seen her up to some weird behaviour.

The search is on and we can't wait for Baby Siya to be reunited with his parents. How will it happen? Will it happen? Stay tuned to #Isibaya every Monday - Friday at 20:30 to find out!

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Malefu gives Walter an ultimatum and Zolani has long-term plans for himself and Tumi.

EPISODE 147 - THE PEOPLE SHALL EAT - TOMORROW

Nomonde makes a surprise appearance at the Refilwe community meeting and Tumi settles into the good life.

EPISODE 148 - LEVERAGE - WEDNESDAY

Walter squeezes Lindiwe where it hurts and Tumi faces rejection from those she loves.

EPISODE 149 - AMANDLA! - THURSDAY

A heartbroken Tumi makes a fool of herself. Walter has Lindiwe exactly where he wants her.

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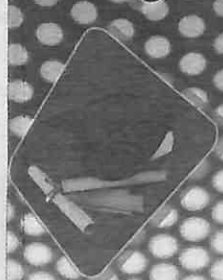
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MESSI, COUTINHO STRIKE TO SEAL THREE POINTS FOR BARCA

BARCELONA - Another new term begins and Lionel Messi is still the cleverest kid in the class.

There were 64 minutes on the clock when he stepped up to take a free-kick on the edge of the area.

He had already hit the crossbar with one in the first half. Perhaps with that in mind, the Alaves defenders leapt as high as they could straining necks to keep out the shot.

Messi anticipated their lift-off and rolled his shot under the wall and past Fernando Pacheco for 1-0.

It was Barcelona's 6 000th goal in La Liga. Nine years ago Messi had scored the club's 5 000th goal too.

This is his 15th consecutive season scoring and if it's not too early in the campaign for an omen, as Spain's statistics expert Mister Chip tweeted: when Messi scores Barcelona's first goal in the league they go on to win the league and Champions League double - it has happened three times before.

Messi also got the third, scoring



MARVELLOUS: Philippe Coutinho, Lionel Messi and other Barcelona players celebrating their goals. (Daily Mail)

with the last kick of the game after Philippe Coutinho added a second with seven minutes left. The substitute cut in from the right before curl-

ing a shot past the keeper - his default favourite finish. Messi had provided the highlight of the first 45 minutes too when he won a free-kick

just outside the area after he had been fouled by Manu Garcia and curled it on to Pacheco's crossbar.

Barcelona came close again with their next attack. Luis Suarez slipped the ball to Messi and he sent Ousmane Dembele clear but when the French forward tried to pull his shot across Pacheco and into the far corner, the keeper got down well to block.

A goal would have been harsh on Alaves who had defended well in the first 45 minutes. Messi had played deep and often wide looking for space. He was on the ball down by the corner flag when half-time came. His head dropped as the whistle went, Barcelona had enjoyed plenty of the ball but created few chances. The pitch was dry and Barcelona's build-up too slow. The playing surface got a half time soaking and Coutinho warmed up through the break. He was on at the restart with Sergio Roberto dropping back to right back and Nelson Semedo going off.

Daily Mail

German FA boss says he should have supported Ozil more

BERLIN - German Football Association (DFB) President Reinhard Grindel said yesterday he should have been more supportive of Mesut Ozil when the midfielder was the target of "racist attacks".

Ozil, 29, announced his international retirement last month after Germany crashed out of the World Cup. He said he had faced "racism and disrespect" because of his Turkish roots.

Ozil, who had been a key member of the 2014 World Cup-winning side, had faced a barrage of criticism for having his photograph taken with Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan in May and for his performances at the World Cup in Russia.

In his resignation statement last month, Ozil, who has Turkish roots, also accused the DFB and Grindel of failing to back him in the row over the photo.

In an interview with Bild newspaper yesterday, Grindel said he should have handled things differently.

"I should have positioned myself more clearly given the racist attacks from some corners and I should have put myself in front of Mesut Ozil," Grindel said.

"Such attacks are unacceptable. I should have found clear words."

Ozil had been jeered in Germany's last warm-up games before the World Cup and many German fans had called for him to be dropped from the squad over the photo. Reuters

SA's Manyonga wins big at Muller Grand Prix

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's Luvo Manyonga won the men's long jump with a leap of 8.53m at the Muller Grand Prix in Birmingham on Saturday.

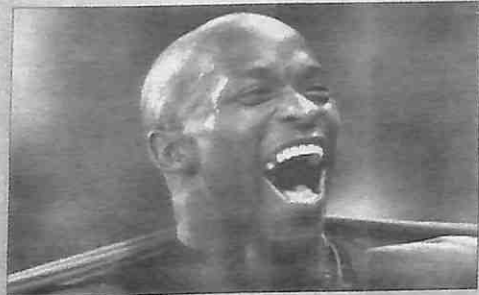
In the women's 400m hurdles, Wenda Nel had a poor race by her standards as she finished sixth in 57.51 seconds - almost three seconds off her season's best.

In the women's 3000m, Dominique Scott ran a season's best 9:01.64 but was down in 17th place.

Earlier, South Africa's Akani Simbine won his 100m heat in a time 10.07.

In the men's 110m hurdles, Antonio Alkana placed sixth in 13.59 and was eliminated from the event.

Reuters



WON: Luvo Manyonga.

Kylian Mbappe hits brace on Ligue 1 return

PARIS - Kylian Mbappe stressed Neymar is more of a superstar than him after the teenage World Cup winner notched a late double in Paris St Germain's 3-1 come-from-behind victory at Guingamp.

Mbappe scored in the 82nd minute and, with a delightful finish, again in the 90th having come off the bench at half-time for his first appearance since winning the World Cup with France over the summer and being named the young player of the tournament.

Neymar, who continues to be linked with Real Madrid, had equalised eight minutes after the interval with a coolly-taken penalty he won himself, and also provided the assist for Mbappe's second goal.

Mbappe was quoted by L'Equipe as telling Canal Plus after the game regarding his status at PSG: "Neymar is a superstar, more than me."

He worked a lot in Barcelona for that.

"With a goal and an assist, it is not bad either. I try to bring what I can and help the team win."

Regarding the triumph at the



CELEBRATION: Kylian Mbappe has insisted Neymar is still the superstar in the PSG's team, despite his brace.

World Cup, the 19-year-old added: "We won, we celebrated but football continues, my career begins, I have very high goals with the Paris SG, with the team of France and at the individual level".

PSG turned things around after a first half in which they showed little attacking threat and fell behind in the 20th minute via Nolan Roux's strike.

Prior to that, Roux had seen a shot superbly diverted against

the crossbar by Gianluigi Buffon, and shortly after the goal Nicolas Benezet thought he had put Guingamp 2-0 up, but his header was ruled out by referee Clement Turpin following a VAR review.

PSG boss Thomas Tuchel, also quoted on lequipe.fr, said after the Ligue 1 clash at the Stade de Roudourou: "It's not possible to start playing a game as we played in the first half".

Daily Mail

African football must rid itself of corruption tag

JOHANNESBURG - The football fraternity was shaken to its foundation last week when FIFA announced that it had slapped **Zambian legend Kalusha Bwalya** with a two-year ban.

The organisation revealed that it had found the former African Footballer of the Year, Zambian national team captain, coach and Football Association of Zambia president guilty of accepting an \$80 000 (R1.1 million) "gift" - read bribe - from disgraced Qatari football administrator Mohamed bin Hammam.

Mohamed, who had a love-hate relationship with another fallen FIFA president, Sepp Blatter - who has persistently been dogged by claims of corruption and financial mismanagement - was banned for life from all football-related activities by the FIFA Ethics Committee.

The ban was subsequently overturned by the Court of Arbitration for Sport in 2012 "due to lack of sufficient evidence".

However, FIFA handed him a second life ban five months later, citing "conflicts of interest" in his role as president of the Asian Football Confederation.

City Press

Tyson Fury, Francesco Pianeta fight sealed on

LONDON - Signed, sealed and delivered.

Tyson Fury versus Francesco Pianeta was not as vibrant as the duet between Aretha Franklin and Stevie Wonder, that's for sure. But it delivered unto the Gypsy King his world heavyweight title super-fight with WBC champion Deontay Wilder.

"It's on," screamed the American as he climbed into the ring to congratulate Fury on the whitewash victory which turns all eyes to Las Vegas

in November. This was the rubber-stamping of a mega-bucks contract.

Each of these giants vowed to knock the other out when that winter's day comes.

And Fury sent a barb the way of Anthony Joshua when he said: "Here are two men willing to fight. Not like that other chump."

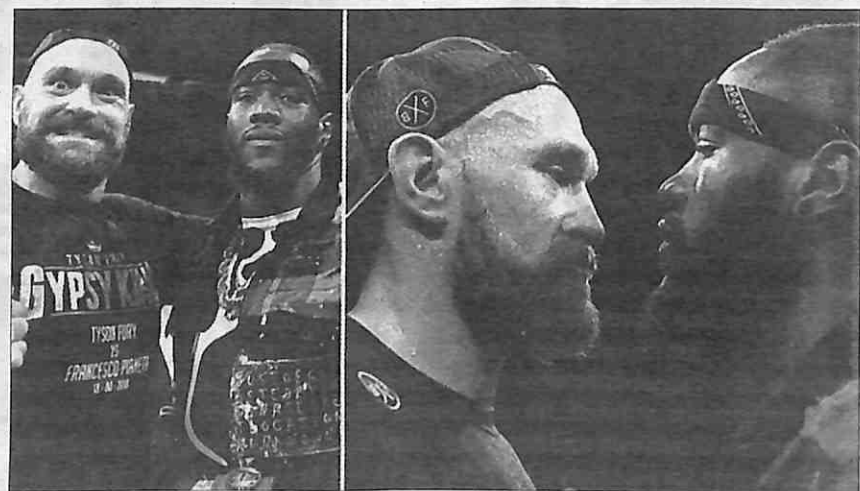
The football-sized crowd in Windsor Park were not bowled by the procession towards the second win of his comeback.

In truth, Prince Harry's wedding march was more colourful.

But here were the rounds Fury needed en route to, as he amusingly puts it "Giving Wilder the chance to fight for my lineal heavyweight championship of the world."

This was more akin to an exhibition match but the grumbling turned to roars as Fury promised: "I'm going to win this man's belt and bring it back to defend right here in Belfast."

Daily Mail





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I WON'T LEAVE THIS YEAR - EDEN HAZARD

LONDON -Eden Hazard has confirmed he will stay at Chelsea this season — but the forward has refused to commit to the club long-term.

The 27-year-old has been linked with a move away from Stamford Bridge all summer and could have still joined a club in Europe before the end of

August, despite the transfer window being closed in England.

However, he has moved to assure Chelsea that he will be here come

September, confirming that he won't leave 'this year'.

Hazard came off the bench in the 3-2 win against Arsenal and set up Marcos Alonso for the winner midway through the second-half. Speaking after the victory, Hazard said: "Everybody knows what I have said after the World Cup, but I'm happy here.

"I don't want to talk about it yet. A lot has been said, but at the moment I'm happy. I have two years left on my contract and we'll see what happens. Leaving this year? I won't go."

The forward was linked with a move to Real Madrid at the start of the sum-

mer window following the departure of Cristiano Ronaldo to Juventus.

But Madrid have yet to make a significant effort to bring him to the Bernabeu, instead opting to prioritise the signing of his former Chelsea teammate, Thibaut Courtois.

Hazard still has two years remaining on his contract but refused to say whether he would stay with the club beyond this season.

The Chelsea hierarchy are determined to tie him down to a new deal and are prepared to pay him in excess of £300 000 a week to stay.

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Sarri salutes Chelsea's winning mentality

London - Maurizio Sarri praised Chelsea's mental strength as they snatched a 3-2 win over Arsenal on Saturday despite squandering a two-goal lead in a "horrible" period that left the Blues boss squirming on the touchline.

Chelsea looked on course for an easy win over their London rivals after Pedro and Alvaro Morata put them 2-0 up after just 20 minutes at Stamford Bridge. But the Blues switched off at the back, allowing Arsenal to equalise through goals from Henrikh Mkhitaryan and Alex Iwobi.

Shrugging off that collapse, Chelsea secured their second successive victory under new boss Sarri, thanks to a controlled second-half display capped by Marcos Alonso's 81st-minute winner.

"We did very well for 75 minutes but inside that, 15 minutes were horrible," Sarri said.

"It was very, very difficult because we lost the distances between the players and we were unable to cover the lost balls and press like a team, so we were really in trouble.

"But I think the players were really very good because at 2-2 it was not easy with Arsenal. "In the second half, we did very well also mentally."



HAPPY GROUP: Chelsea players celebrating Alvaro Morata's goal against Arsenal on Saturday afternoon. (AFP)

Alonso's late intervention was a hammer blow for Arsenal, who have lost both matches under their new boss Unai Emery.

The Spaniard conceded Arsenal paid the price for failing to keep Chelsea under pressure in the second half, but he took heart from their initial fight-

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back. "Our reaction was good. We had chances to go 2-2 and we deserved to score more by half-time," he said.

"In the second half we needed to continue this control, but I think we don't push and keep possession like we did in the first half.

"In our moments, our chances, we didn't do it, and they did.

"That is why the result is 3-2. But it is one process. In the second half we played with two midfielders, 19 and 21 years old.

"They improve and are continuing. I am happy despite the result." *AFP*

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Ongoing renovations delay

LIMPOPO - Black Leopards and the Thulamela Municipality are putting the final touches to renovations to get the Thohoyandou Stadium ready. The municipality and the club have had to go back to rectify a few things for the stadium to meet the PSL's requirements. Leopards have put a bid to play their home game at the stadium. "The report with regards to the Thohoyandou Stadium will be given as soon as possible, there are minor outstanding issues. The PSL, Black Leopards and The Thulamela Municipality are working round the clock to make sure that the stadium meets all the requirements," read a tweet from Leopards. *Citizen*

What's next for Siboniso Gaxa?

JOHANNESBURG - Siboniso Gaxa's business Manager Glyn Binkin is unsure of the defender's plans this season given his studying commitments. The 34-year-old Gaxa parted ways with Ajax Cape Town after his short-term contract with the NFD club expired at the end of June. 'Pa', as the player is affectionately known, only played three times for the Urban Warriors. "He is not with the team, no. His contract finished end of June," Binkin told KickOff.com. Asked if there are any offers on the table for his client's services, Binkin replied: "No, not at the moment."



Zongo plots move outside of Mzansi

JOHANNESBURG - Masibusane Zongo is eyeing a deal out of South Africa, as he plots the next move in his career. The Siya crew has been informed that the talented midfielder could be set to join Township Rollers FC in Botswana's Premier League, after attracting interest from the side. Zongo, 28, is currently without a club after parting ways with National First Division outfit Royal Eagles at the end of last season. *Soccer Laduma*

'Chiefs poached our star defender'

JOHANNESBURG - South African football giants Kaizer Chiefs seem to be getting a reputation as the bad boys and even as bullies on the continent. The dust has hardly settled after their spat with Madagascar side Fosa Juniors, who accused Amakhosi of poaching and unlawfully signing their star striker Andriamirado 'Dax' Andrianarimanana during the COSAFA Cup tournament held in Polokwane in June without their knowledge. Dax was voted the COSAFA player of the tournament. Now the club from Naturena is engaged in another ugly tug-of-war with one of Kenya's big clubs Gor Mahia over Ugandan international defender Godfrey Walusimbi. *Sport24*

FRUSTRATED BENNI TO TEACH HIS PLAYERS TO SCORE GOALS

CAPE TOWN - Benni McCarthy will put his Cape Town City side through some intensive finishing training this week as they prepare to host Mamelodi Sundowns in the first leg of their MTN8 semi-final at the Cape Town Stadium on Saturday.

City wasted numerous opportunities in their 0-0 home ABSA Premiership draw with Lamontville Golden Arrows on Saturday night, leaving McCarthy seething on the sidelines.

His side dominated the possession and looked slick in their build-up to the final third, but did not have a shot on target all game, leaving McCarthy to admit that more work is needed on the training ground.

"It was a frustrating evening," Bafana Bafana's all-time record goalscorer said. "It's evident that we are a team that uses the ball well, we move it around quite nicely. "We create chances but then the almighty of almighties ... putting



SCORING LESSONS: Benni McCarthy drilling Cape Town City players ahead of their encounter with Mamelodi Sundowns in the first leg of their MTN8 semi-final on Saturday. (Backpage)

it in the back of the net. "This week I was so confident that it was a given for us that we would get the three points because of the quality of the finishing in training. "But today it

was just the complete opposite. "I'm disappointed with our lack of keeping composure in key elements in the game.

"We let them off the hook because

this was the easiest three-pointers could have gotten at this stage, but we come away with a draw only. We must go back now and work on scoring goals." *Backpage*

Larsen clear on where he wants to take Arrows

JOHANNESBURG - For Golden Arrows coach Clinton Larsen, the 0-0 draw with Cape Town City at the Cape Town Stadium on Saturday night was a case of job done, and he was also thrilled that the Durban club's long-term vision was fully on track.

Arrows gave as good as they got against City and were full value for the point they earned. In fact, as Larsen pointed out afterwards, it could have been more, as they had the better scoring chances.

"This is a quality City team," said Larsen. "I think they could go all the way and challenge for silverware this season. They

are a well-balanced squad, with depth, and they play with confidence. I believe they are going to be formidable this season.

"But, with the chances we had, we should have got more from the game. I was happy with the players' fighting spirit. It's not easy to come to Cape Town and get points, but we stuck to the game plan well. We were not prepared to give them the middle of the park, so we let them have the ball wide and dealt with their crosses."

Larsen spoke about the direction in which he was steering the club, the results of which would be seen in a season or two. "We are building some-

thing at Arrows by bringing through young players from the Diski Team (Reserves)," he said. "Today, we had (Siboniso) Conco out there and he was good. This is a patient club and we have a long-term vision of building a strong, young team. Before looking at signing from other clubs, we prefer to give our Diski boys a chance. Sometimes it will come at the cost of losing games, but, in the long run, it will benefit our club. But, for this season, I think we still have enough quality to be competitive."

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No time to rest for Sundowns

JOHANNESBURG - If you have ever wondered what it takes to become continental champions, you don't have to look further than Mamelodi Sundowns' hectic schedule.

Following their 1-0 loss to Confederation of African Football (CAF) Champions League Group C leaders Wydad Casablanca on Friday evening - a result that left them third with five points to second-placed Horoya FC's eight and the Moroccans' 11 - the Brazilians have all to play for in their ultimate group-stage match.

However, it is not as easy as that. Their troubles will be compounded by their hectic programme, which currently includes the ABSA Premiership and the MTN8 on the domestic front. Soon after returning home from north Africa, Bafana ba Style will be faced with a league engagement against newcomers Highlands Park at Loftus Stadium tomorrow. *Sport24*



NO REST: Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane.

Solinas not fazed with Chiefs' poor start

DURBAN - Kaizer Chiefs supporters have already begun to cast doubt over the future of new coach Giovanni Solinas but the Italian remains confident of turning things around following the dismal start to his tenure.

Amakhosi were held to a 0-0 stalemate against a 10-man Maritzburg United side on Friday night, a result which sees Solinas and his troops winless in four league outings.

Chiefs admit the Italian wasn't the first choice to take over the reins, and his appointment was met with mixed emotions. His poor start hasn't helped him, and neither have his excuses about fatigue. Solinas, though, is adamant his team will challenge for the title despite the fact they have started on the

CALM: Kaizer Chiefs coach Giovanni Solinas.



back foot.

"I know that three draws in a big club like Kaizer Chiefs is not good enough but I'm confident because we are creating chances in each and every game. The PSL is a marathon," he said. Chiefs have just three

points out of the possible 12, after stalemates against Mamelodi Sundowns, Baroka FC and Maritzburg United. Last week, Amakhosi lost 3-1 to Bidvest Wits. *Sunday Independent*

TOOTHLESS MANCHESTER UNITED SUFFER SHOCK DEFEAT ON THE ROAD

LONDON - Manchester United suffered their first defeat of the Premier League season after going down 3-2 to Brighton and Hove Albion yesterday afternoon.

Romelu Lukaku, who was making his first start, should have broken the deadlock after 12 minutes after being played in by Pogba, but he somehow dragged his effort wide.

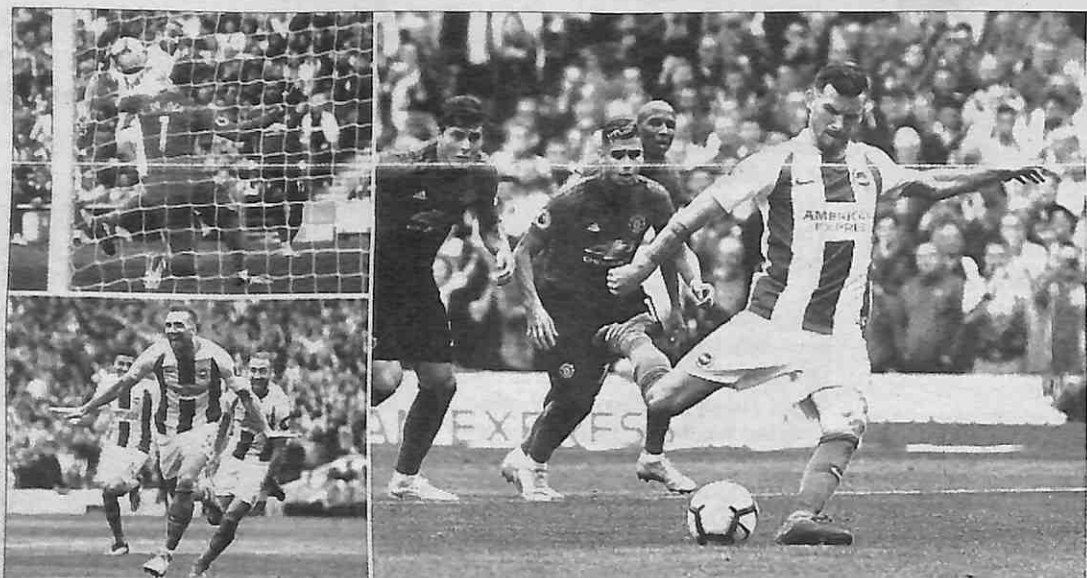
United were made to pay for the sluggish start, as Brighton took the lead with Glen Murray clipping the ball beyond David de Gea from close range on 24 minutes.

It got worse two minutes later, as Brighton doubled their advantage as Shane Duffy controlled well before firing a low effort past De Gea from six-yards out.

Lukaku made up for his earlier error as he pulled a goal back in the 34th minute with a glancing header from six-yards out.

The hosts were then awarded a penalty just before the break, which Pascal Gross duly converted to restore Brighton's two-goal advantage.

Jose Mourinho opted for a double change at the start of the second



DEFENSIVE HORROR

half as Marcus Rashford and Jesse Lingard replaced Juan Mata and Andreas Pereira.

Despite the double change, the Red Devils found it hard to break down the home side, who were quite

happy to sit back and soak up the pressure.

Sadly for the visitors, that proved to be trend for the rest of the second half as they were let down by their decision-making in the final

third. United were awarded a penalty in time added on when Maroune Fellaini was brought down. Pogba stepped up and duly converted but it wasn't enough as Brighton held on for the win. *Daily Mail*

AmaZulu net dramatic late winner

DURBAN - AmaZulu left it late against Free State Stars as they came from behind to secure a 2-1 win over Free State Stars at the King Zwelithini Stadium.

Both sides came into the encounter with a hope of returning to winning ways, having both suffered defeats in their respective last matches.

Stars got off to the perfect as they went ahead after just three minutes as Moeneeb Josephs misjudged Mbongeni Gumede's back-pass which trickled into the back of the net.

The visitors nearly added a second goal after 15 minutes but Josephs was on hand to deny Cesaire Gandze with a fine save in the box.

Cavin Johnson's men took control of the encounter for the rest of the half, but they were unable to find a way past the Ea Lla Koto defence.

The equaliser eventually arrived just before the hour mark as Emiliano Tade restored parity with a powerful finish from close range.

Johnson responded with a double with just over 15 minutes remaining as Somila Ntsundwana and Siyethemba Sithabe replaced Jabulani Ncobeni and Augustine Ramphele.

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Aguero bags hat-trick as Man City run riot on home soil

MANCHESTER - Sergio Aguero bagged a hat-trick as Manchester City thumped Huddersfield Town 6-1 in their first Premier League home game of the season.

Vincent Kompany and David Silva returned to the line-up for the Citizens, while Gabriel Jesus joined Sergio Aguero in the attack.

The Citizens dominated possession in the opening 20 minutes, but they were unable to find the back of the net, with Gabriel Jesus squandering a few chances.

The deadlock was eventually broken on 25 minutes as Ederson's long-ball found Aguero, who sent a cheeky lob into the back of the net from the edge of the box.

Five minutes later, Jesus got on the score-sheet with a simple finish from close range after some good work by Benjamin Mendy down the left.

It got worse for Huddersfield in the 35th minute when goalkeeper Ben Hamer dropped a low cross from Mendy, allowing Aguero to poke home from close range to make it 3-0.



HAT-TRICK: Sergio Aguero puts up three fingers after scoring his hat-trick against Huddersfield at the Etihad yesterday afternoon. (*Daily Mail*)

Huddersfield did pull a goal back just before the break, with Jon Stankovic poking home from close range, 3-1.

However, City restored their three-goal advantage two minutes into the second half, with David Silva curling home a superb free-kick on his 250th appearance. That was to be Silva's last act in the second half as the Spaniard made way for Algeria international Riyad Mahrez in

the 64th minute. Aguero then completed his hat-trick in the 76th minute with a clipped finish at the near post, following another cross from Mendy. City continued to push for more goals in the remaining stages of the half, and they were rewarded with five minutes remaining when Huddersfield defender Terence Kongolo's deflected Leroy Sane's shot into his own net to make it 6-1. *Daily Mail*

Pirates suffer another loss

BLOEMFONTEIN - Thamsanqa Gabuza's misses proved costly as Orlando Pirates slumped to a 1-0 defeat to Steve Komphela's Bloemfontein Celtic yesterday afternoon.

With Pirates struggling for goals in recent matches, Milutin Sredojevic changed his attack as Augustine Mulenga and Justin Shonga dropped out for Gabuza and Makola.

However, 17 minutes into the

clash, Siwelele then took a deserved lead through Bongani Sam who powered an acrobatic over-head kick into the back of the net from inside the box following a corner, 1-0. Gabuza has been second fiddle to the likes of Mulenga and Shonga in recent time, but he failed to make his case for permanent starting role when he squandered a big chance to level matters after 21 minutes.

Sredojevic's charges were

very erratic in the middle of the park after 35 minutes, giving away possession easily which led to a lack of chances.

That was the trend for the rest of the first half as Celtic went into the break leading by the lone goal.

The Buccaneers started the second stanza on the front foot, getting a number of set-pieces in their favour but they were not clinical enough.

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LOGS

Premier League					
Team	P	W	D	L	GD
1 Manchester City	2	2	0	0	7 6
2 Chelsea	2	2	0	0	4 6
3 Watford	2	2	0	0	4 6
4 Tottenham Hotspur	2	2	0	0	3 6
5 AFC Bournemouth	2	2	0	0	3 6
6 Everton	2	1	1	0	1 4
7 Liverpool	1	1	0	0	4 3
8 Crystal Palace	1	1	0	0	2 3
9 Leicester City	2	1	0	1	1 3
10 Manchester United	2	1	0	1	0 3
11 Brighton & Hove A	2	1	0	1	-1 3
12 Newcastle United	2	0	1	1	-1 1
13 Southampton	2	0	1	1	-1 1
14 W Wanderers	2	0	1	1	-2 1
15 Burnley	2	0	1	1	-2 1
16 Cardiff City	2	0	1	1	-2 1
17 Arsenal	2	0	0	2	-3 0
18 Fulham	2	0	0	2	-4 0
19 West Ham United	2	0	0	2	-5 0
20 Huddersfield Town	2	0	0	2	-8 0

ABSA PREMIERSHIP

1 Bidvest Wits	4	3	0	1	5 9
2 Bloemfontein Celtic	3	3	0	0	5 9
3 AmaZulu FC	3	2	0	1	1 6
4 SuperSport United	3	2	0	1	0 6
5 Black Leopards	3	1	2	0	1 5
6 Mamelodi Sundowns	2	1	1	0	2 4
7 Cape Town City FC	3	1	1	1	1 4
8 Golden Arrows	3	1	1	1	0 4
9 Orlando Pirates	4	1	1	2	-1 4
10 Baroka FC	4	1	1	2	-2 4
11 Polokwane City	3	1	0	2	-1 3
12 Kaizer Chiefs	4	0	3	1	-2 3
13 Free State Stars	3	1	0	2	-3 3
14 Highlands Park	2	0	2	0	0 2
15 Chippa United	3	0	1	2	-3 1
16 Maritzburg United	3	0	1	2	-3 1

SPANISH LA LIGA

1 Barcelona	1	1	0	0	3 3
2 Levante	1	1	0	0	3 3
3 Real Sociedad	1	1	0	0	1 3
4 Celta de Vigo	1	0	1	0	0 1
5 Espanyol	1	0	1	0	0 1
6 Girona	1	0	1	0	0 1
7 Real Valladolid	1	0	1	0	0 1
8 Athletic Club	0	0	0	0	0 0
9 Atlético Madrid	0	0	0	0	0 0
10 Eibar	0	0	0	0	0 0
11 Getafe	0	0	0	0	0 0
12 Huesca	0	0	0	0	0 0
13 Leganés	0	0	0	0	0 0
14 Rayo Vallecano	0	0	0	0	0 0
15 Real Madrid	0	0	0	0	0 0
16 Sevilla	0	0	0	0	0 0
17 Valencia	0	0	0	0	0 0
18 Villarreal	1	0	0	1	-1 0
19 Deportivo Alavés	1	0	0	1	-3 0
20 Real Betis	1	0	0	1	-3 0

ITALY SERIE A

1 Juventus	1	1	0	0	1 3
2 Napoli	1	1	0	0	1 3
3 Atalanta	0	0	0	0	0 0
4 Bologna	0	0	0	0	0 0
5 Cagliari	0	0	0	0	0 0
6 Empoli	0	0	0	0	0 0
7 Fiorentina	0	0	0	0	0 0
8 Frosinone	0	0	0	0	0 0
9 Genoa	0	0	0	0	0 0
10 Internazionale	0	0	0	0	0 0
11 Milan	0	0	0	0	0 0
12 Parma	0	0	0	0	0 0
13 Roma	0	0	0	0	0 0
14 SPAL	0	0	0	0	0 0
15 Sampdoria	0	0	0	0	0 0
16 Sassuolo	0	0	0	0	0 0
17 Torino	0	0	0	0	0 0
18 Udinese	0	0	0	0	0 0
19 Chievo	1	0	0	1	-1 0
20 Lazio	1	0	0	1	-1 0

Deeney inspires Watford to win at Burnley

LONDON - Second half strikes from skipper Troy Deeney and Will Hughes gave Watford an impressive 3-1 win at Burnley in the Premier League yesterday.

Former Burnley forward Andre Gray opened the scoring in the third minute with a superbly taken volley from a fine Deeney cross from the right flank. Three minutes later, though, Burnley got back on level terms when James Tarkowski rose well at the back post to head in a Johann Berg Gudmundsson corner. After an evenly balanced and entertaining first half, Watford hit Burnley, who have now gone seven league games without a win, twice after the break.

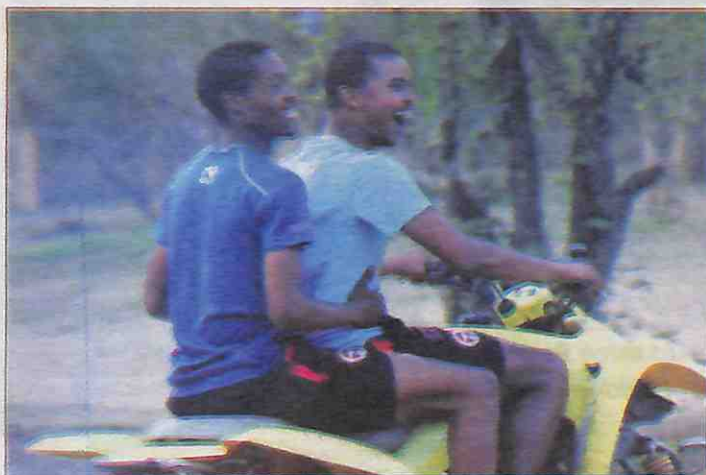
Daily Mail



SING: GM Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane and coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati leading the players in song after last Thursday morning training session at Tambuti.



EAT: Coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati enjoying breakfast at Wendy's Lodge last Thursday morning with Sizolwethu 'Nunu' Shabalala, Sandile Hlatjwako and Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko.



BEST FRIENDS: Sizolwethu 'Nunu' Shabalala and Richard McCreesh enjoying a ride on a quad bike at Wendy's Lodge last Thursday afternoon.



MATCHDAY: Striker Kola Aladeon posing next to his jersey inside the Mavuso Sports Centre dressing room on match day.

BEHIND THE SCENES AS

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCKER- Mbabane Swallows might have been well beaten by Zesco United in the CAF Champions League on Saturday afternoon but their hopes of reaching the quarterfinals are still very much alive.

The Zesco clash was the biggest game in Swallows' history and the club gave the Swazi Observer Sports desk unprecedented full access to all their preparations ahead of the match. From a visit by club boss Princess Lungile to training on Tuesday, to camp in Siphofaneni from last Wednesday till Friday as well as the pre-match teamtalk on Saturday, this is the story of how Swallows prepared for Zesco.

LAST TUESDAY MORNING: RETURN TO TRAINING

Having played several preparatory friendly matches at Mhlume on the weekend of August 10 and 11, coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati gave his boys the Monday off to rest. They returned to training on Tuesday morning at the Prince of Wales. To aid focus, Swallows closed all their sessions from supporters and the media but the Swazi Observer was given permission to be part of all the preparations.

The morning session, which began at 9.30am, was hugely fitness oriented and led by the club's Physical Trainer Siyabonga Bhembe. Bhembe led the players in a variety of sprinting drills while the quartet of Mandla Palma, Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko, Sandile Hlatjwako and Xolani 'Papi' Sikhondze, all of whom were nursing slight knocks, jogged separately around the Prince of Wales pitch.

Explaining the aim of the session afterwards, head coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati said instilling endurance on the players was a big part of their preparations. "On the weekend we played five games so it was a recovery session today but we said because of this massive game that is coming we are not going to

- Mrs Gamedze's visit
- Boat cruises and quad bike rides
- Psychologist addresses players
- Koki's pre-match team talk



CRUISE: Coaches Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati and Siyabonga Bhembe cruising in the Lubovane Dam last Thursday afternoon.

limit it to that. We recover and at the same time we put some endurance so that they can sustain themselves in Saturday's game," Vilakati said.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON: MRS GAMEDZE'S SURPRISE VISIT

The team returned to training in the afternoon and began working at 3.30 pm. The session began with some light ball work. The trio of Nhleko, Palma and Hlatjwako continued working alone while 'Papi' rejoined the rest of the team. The real work came towards the end of the session as the coaches took the players towards a small hill on the border of the Prince of Wales venue. In groups of about five, the players had to make ten sprints up and down the hill. It was a hugely demanding exercise for the players but after about 30 minutes, the coaches called time on the session and the players were told to gather down together for a special visitor.

Soon after, a black Porsche came through the gates. It was Princess Lungile, the widow of the late club boss Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze. Once seated, Princess Lungile went on to address the players. She first congratulated them on their Charity Cup triumph and asked if they had received their bonuses to which captain Tony Tsabedze gave an affirmative response. She went on to inquire about the injured players and

ordered that they be taken to spa sessions to aid their recovery. "Uphi Kola (Aladeon)," she then asked, and further went on to ask the Nigerian striker if he was happy at the club. In response, Aladeon said he was happy.

Before praying, Princess Lungile told the players, "ngiyani sandza nonkhe niyeva," and urged them to give their best against Zesco. The whole meeting took about five minutes.

LAST WEDNESDAY: TRAINING AT MAVUSO: D4D RETURNS

Swallows took both their training sessions last Wednesday to the Mavuso Sports Centre. The morning session was significant for the return to training of trusted anchorman Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu who was ending a two-week stay away from the club. The trio of Palma, Nhleko and Hlatjwako also rejoined their teammates in full training as coach Vilakati's team started taking shape three days before the crunch Zesco tie.

Explaining the thinking behind the morning session, Vilakati said it was all about getting their transitions right.

"We are trying to perfect our transitions offensively and defensively. We must play as a team, not to play only when we have possession of the ball. We must be quick in our thinking," Vilakati said. Tony rarely speaks but when he does he commands the dressing room.

Captain Tony Tsabedze is not a man of many words but he is held in high esteem at the club by the players, coaches and even management. The Swallows captain is not one for many words but when he does actually speak, he commands respect. For example, before Wednesday's training session at Mavuso, the coaches ordered all players to wear the socks they would wear on match day. This did not go down well with some of the players who said the matchday socks were too thick. Young midfielder Richard McCreesh was one of the players unhappy with the coaches' orders but Tsabedze was quick to intervene, telling the young-

BIRDS PREPARED FOR ZESCO

ster to take instructions. "Yekela kuphikisa," Tsabedze told McCreesh and the young midfielder duly obliged.

WEDNESDAY EVENING: ARRIVAL AT WENDY'S LODGE

After completing Wednesday afternoon's training session at Mavuso, the team departed for Wendy's Lodge in Siphofaneni where they set camp till last Friday. The journey there was very interesting as the players exchanged banter amongst themselves. Striker Sandile Hlatjwako is one of the loudest on the team bus alongside the two youngsters, Sizolwethu 'Nunu' Shabalala and Richard McCreesh.

The team arrived at Wendy's Lodge, located on the banks of the Lubovane dam, just after 7pm and was welcomed by owner Zweli Gamedze. Wendy's Lodge is an outdoor kind of facility and going there was aimed at relaxing the players' minds ahead of the big clash against Zesco.

After the short welcome, the players and coaches then had to pick their rooms, some, like 'Nunu' and McCreesh opting to sleep in tents while others, like Tsabedze, 'D4D' and 'Papi' took to the houses. A scrumptious buffet for supper was served just after 8pm. After that, some of the players chose to watch the European Super Cup clash between Atletico Madrid and Real Madrid on the big screen at the outdoor chapel while others took to their rooms to rest.

LAST THURSDAY MORNING: TRAINING AT TAMBUTI

After another impressive meal for breakfast at Wendy's Lodge, the team departed for Tambuti, about 30 minutes away, for training. Veteran winger Nhleko sat out the session as it was feared that the hard Tambuti pitch surface would reignite his injury. The session was less intense and involved a lot of ball work. Coaches Vilakati, Bhembe and Etienne Massoye took the players through various crossing and finishing drills while the goalkeepers were put through handling drills when dealing with crosses.

Meanwhile, Bhembe took defender Palma and midfielder Ndlovu for separate fitness drills. The two players were both lacking



FEAST: Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu, Richard Sewu, Ntokozo Shabangu and Xolani 'Papi' Sikhondze dishing up their lunch last Thursday afternoon while in camp at Wendy's lodge in Siphofaneni. (Pics: Sibongiseni Zondi)

on fitness having missed several key training sessions. General Manager Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane also arrived to watch the session. At the end of the session, the team broke out in song, with Zwane and coach Vilakati joining in. After that the team gathered inside the pitch and defender Stanley Umukoro led in prayer. The team then departed back to Wendy's lodge.

LAST THURSDAY AFTERNOON:

Back at Wendy's lodge, after taking baths and having lunch upon returning to the lodge, it was time

On offer were quad bike rides around the lodge, boat cruises in the Lubovane dam as well as volleyball inside the lodge. In fear of water, some like captain Tsabedze elected not to take the boat cruise and went to play volleyball instead. Others, like 'Nunu' and McCreesh feared the water at first but eventually took the cruises. The first group to take the cruise included coaches Vilakati and Bhembe. Some of the players, including defender Palma, enjoyed the cruises so much that they took two trips.

Captain Tsabedze meanwhile was a fixture on the volleyball ground where coach Vilakati also joined. Goalkeeper Sandanezwe Mathabela was one of the best players on the VB pitch. The trio of McCreesh, Shabalala and Kola Aladeon spent much of their time on the quad bikes.

KOKI'S TOUGH LOVE IS IMPORTANT

Coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati is known for his no-nonsense approach but beyond that there is an easy going man. The coach took part in all of the team's fun activities at Wendy's lodge, taking the boat cruise and joining the players in a volleyball game.

However, Vilakati, with all his experience, sensed imminent danger and decided to stop the quad bike rides after Shabalala, McCreesh and Aladeon started having way too much fun with the bikes. Vilakati, seeing the speeds at which the players were driving at, ordered for the quad bike rides to be stopped.

Thursday evening: A psychologist addressed the players. In the evening, the players gathered in the chapel for a meeting with psychologist from Insika healthcare. The meeting, starting at 6.30pm, was attended by all the players, the coaches and officials. The psychologist (name deliberately withheld) focused main-

ly on motivating the players, reminding them of their worth. She also taught the players on how to deal with problems, urging them to forget about painful past problems. She even had time to take them through a few sexual education lessons. The session took about an hour.

Explaining the thinking afterwards, GM Sandile Zwane said the trauma the players had been through this year required that they see the psychologist.

"It is important. We have gone through a lot and the players have been affected by that so we thought in order to clear their minds, let's get the psychologist to work on them. This game to us is not even a cup final, it's a game that would change the life of Eswatini. If we win this game and get a draw on the last game, Eswatini will be all over the world," Zwane said.

RETURN TO MBABANE VIA MAVUSO

After breakfast last Friday morning, the team departed for Manzini where they were due to take part in an open training session at Mavuso Sports Centre. In that session, Vilakati played a 11 vs 11 with his starting XI on one side and the substitutes on another. After that session, the players departed for Khula Guest House in Mbabane where they camped on the eve of the match.

The players had the rest of the afternoon and evening off and most of them spent it sleeping in their rooms.

MATCHDAY: PRE-MATCH TEAM TALK

And so the day of reckoning arrived. The players had breakfast at 8am. On offer were sandwiches alongside an option of sour porridge or oats. Ex-defender Sanele Mkheweli made a surprise appearance at breakfast before the players departed back to their rooms.

Meanwhile, Kit Manager Isaac Dlamini



began preparing the team's kit

while doctor Samkeliso Mdluli attended some of the players who had slight niggles.

Mdluli put ankle and knee strapping on defenders Umukoro and Palma. At noon the players gathered for lunch at the dining room and shortly after that coach Vilakati joined them for the pre match team talk. Standing and pacing around the dining room, Vilakati first announced his starting XI. The players clapped as Vilakati called all eleven starters.

Vilakati then proceeded to instruct his players, firstly cautioning his defence to be wary of the slippery Mavuso pitch. Vilakati urged them not to pass the ball across the backline because of the pitch conditions. "To the defenders, let us not take chances. Umukoro and Mandla, let us not take chances," Vilakati said. The coach then urged midfielder McCreesh not to sit back when the team had possession of the ball. "McCreesh, I urge you my boy, when we are in possession of the ball, there is no need to stay in our own half," he said.

Vilakati further urged his team to go for the kill, instructing them to attack in numbers, something he said would open up the game.

DEPARTURE FOR MAVUSO

The team left Khula Guest House at 12.50pm for Mavuso escorted by the police.

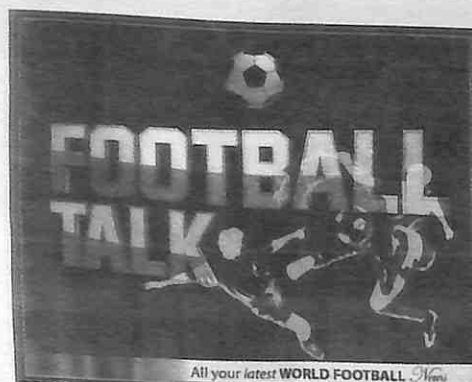
On the team bus, some of the players elected to listen to music while the trio of Shabalala, McCreesh and Hlatjwako were loud as always. Upon arrival at the venue, the players quickly changed into their warm up kits. Coach Vilakati hardly said anything else before the match, telling this reporter that he was minimising loading the players with too much information which would end up confusing them.

Halftime: Let's fight!

When the players returned for the halftime break, Zesco were already 3-0 up. But inside the dressing room, there was no talk of giving up. Coach Vilakati and GM Sandile Zwane urged the players to fight on. Once again, to avoid loading the players with too much information, the halftime team talk was kept very short.

THE DREAM LIVES ON

It wasn't to be for Swallows on Saturday but the dream of reaching the quarterfinals still lives on. Swallows now need to beat Primeiro De Agosto in Angola next Tuesday and hope that Zesco drop points against Etoile Du Sahel in Zambia on the same day. The dream lives on...



● Wolves' Portuguese midfielder Ruben Neves, 21, has become a potential £60m January target for Manchester City. *(Sun on Sunday)*

● Barcelona have accepted Manchester United will not sell 25-year-old France midfielder Paul Pogba before the Spanish transfer window closes on 31 August - but will try to sign him next summer. *(Sunday Express)*



● Former Everton, Manchester United, Sunderland and West Ham boss David Moyes is a leading candidate to become the new USA manager. *(Sunday Times - subscription only)*

● Manchester City have been told they must pay £68m for Borussia Dortmund's Germany midfielder Julian Weigl, with Paris St-Germain also interested in the 22-year-old. *(France Football, via Sun on Sunday)*

● Chelsea are open to offers for 28-year-old England midfielder Danny Drinkwater, who started only five Premier League games last season following a £35m move from Leicester City. *(Mail on Sunday)*

● Newcastle Manager Rafael Benitez is a target for Chinese Super League side Tianjin Quanjian. *(Sunday Mirror)*

● Benitez says English midfielder Isaac Hayden, 23, and Republic of Ireland defender Ciaran Clark, 28, will not be allowed to leave the Magpies on loan in the first half of the season. *(Chronicle)*

● Tottenham are considering making a £10m bid for Celtic and Scotland defender Kieran Tierney, 21, in January. *(Sunday Express)*

● Aston Villa Manager Steve Bruce wants to sign 20-year-old Chelsea and England striker Tammy Abraham on loan until the end of the season. *(Birmingham Mail)*

● Liverpool are set to give Scotland defender Andrew Robertson, 24, a big pay rise after his impressive debut season at Anfield. *(Sunday Mirror)*



● Liverpool Manager Jurgen Klopp says the Reds have "no idea" how good their £52.75m Guinea midfielder Naby Keita, 23, can be. *(Liverpool Echo)*

● Australia midfielder Daniel Arzani, 19, hopes his loan spell at Celtic will help to prepare him for making the breakthrough at Manchester City. *(Manchester Evening News)*

4 500 SLOTS FOR IMBUBE MARATHON

By Qondile Ntiwane

ATHLETICS - THIS year's edition of the Imbube King's Marathon will offer only 4 500 slots to runners.

The country's premier marathon, sponsored by the Eswatini National Provident Fund (ENPF), will take place at the Somhlolo National Stadium on October 7. From the 4 500 slots, 700 have been allocated to the 42.2km marathon runners, 1 500 for the 21.1km race, 2 000 for the 10km family and fun run and 300 for the 3.3km run. According to information released by ENPF Senior Marketing and Communications Officer Mlungisi Dlamini on Friday, the limited num-

ber of slots was for safety and capacity-constraint reasons. "We are limiting the event to 4 500 participants. Therefore, entrance to the Imbube Marathon will be closed once all of the slots have been allocated. The slots will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. "Closing date for registration is midnight September 15, or once each category (distance) has reached its capacity, whichever comes first," he said. He added that the Imbube Marathon would not allow anyone under the age of 20 to compete in the full marathon, no one under the age of 16 in the half marathon

and no one under the age of 15 in the 10km run. "This is in line with international athletics standards. Entrants within the ages of 15 and 18 will be required to provide an indemnity signed by their parents or legal guardian. He stated that entry fee is E185 per athlete in the 42.2km, E155 in the 21.1km, E130 in the 10km and free for the 3.3km run. "Payment of the entry fee can be made online through the secure electronic payment system on the registration platform using your MasterCard, Visa credit card, approved debit cards or via EFT as well as cash payments," he said.



Entry fees

- 42.2km = E185
- 21.1km = E155
- 10km = E130
- 3.3km = Free (for disabled and elderly athletes only)

Cash only payment sites:

- ENPF Pigg's Peak Office
- ENPF Big Bend Office
- ENPF Mankayane Office
- ENPF Simunye Office (Wednesdays & Fridays)
- ENPF Mbabane Office (Dlanubeka building)
- ENPF Nhlanguano Office
- ENPF HQ Manzini (Lidlelantfongeni Building)
- ENPF Matsapha Office
- ENPF Siteki Office
- Palaistra Gym Manzini
- Fitness Zone Gym Manzini
- ENPF Stand during the Eswatini International Trade Fair from 31st August - 10th September.

Garrison thump Correctional in Dixies League

By Sibusiso Masilela

POOL - ARMY side Garrison won the security forces derby after beating rivals Correctional 13-12 during the E20 000 Dixies International League encounter played at the Garrison Pool Club on Saturday afternoon.

The victory has helped the second placed Garrison keep the title race alive between them and cur-

The full results:

M Eagles	14	Figaredo5	11
Garrison	13	Correctional	12
Way Inn	15	Figaredo	10
Nicks	12	Macembe	13

rent log leaders Way Inn, who also maintained top spot with a 15-10 win over Figaredo.

Fallen giants Macembe finally recorded their first win in four matches after brushing aside Nicks

13-12 during a tightly contested affair whilst Mankayane Eagles humbled Figaredo Five 14-11.

Manzini Regional Pool Association (MRPA) Chairman Muntu Dlamini yesterday confirmed the results.

"We are happy with the standard of the league as the title race continues.

It is now intensifying and the league is now left with only three games to go.

We are now anticipating a strong finish from the competing teams and we further commend the good behaviour from teams and supporters.

We will release the updated log tomorrow (today)," he said.

Birds' supporters throw party for Zesco counterparts

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - THEY may be rivals in the field of play but Mbabane Swallows and Zesco United know the true meaning of sportsmanship.

The Mbabane Swallows National Supporters Committee (NSC) made their Zesco counterparts feel at home as they hosted a braai for them just after the two sides' CAF Champions League group stages encounter at the Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday. NSC Secretary Jackson Dlamini yesterday said the gesture was to show that football was not only about the 90 minutes of rivalry inside the field of play but also to create friendship.

He, however, stated that things did not go according to plan as they were hoping to mingle with the supporters ahead of the game. "The initial plan was to have the braai together with the supporters before the game but, unfortunately, they arrived late. We then decided to buy the braai things and give it to them and they had the braai on their own in Manzini after the game.

"There were over 30 of them and we are happy to have met with them as we are friends more than anything," he said. The locals were returning the favour as the Zesco supporters did the same when they hosted Mbabane Swallows in the first leg of the clash at the Levy Mwanawasa Stadium in Ndola, in May.

TAEKWONDO COACH OFF TO SOUTH KOREA

By Sibusiso Masilela

TAEKWONDO - SWAZILAND Taekwondo Association Vice President Sizwe Mabuza will next month leave the country for South Korea to attend an international taekwondo masters course.

The course will start from September 1 until 27th and will be attended by over 50 member countries of the World Taekwondo Federation in the town of Muju.

Soon after completing the course, Mabuza would become the fourth local taekwondo master after Zakhele Dlamini, Bongani Manyatsi and Mbongeni Sibandze. STA Secretary Mbongeni Sibandze confirmed the developments when sought for com-

ment yesterday.

"It is true, one of our coaches Sizwe Mabuza will be attending a master's course in South Africa after meeting all the requirements of undertaking the course. We are confident that Mabuza will gain the necessary experience that would help him to assist in developing the sport in the country. He will further contribute in helping the country to compete effectively in international competitions. "We would also like thank South Korean expert Master Cho for assisting the country by facilitating the logistics of Mabuza's trip," he said. The STA will next week-end send the national team to the annual Tshwane Open to be hosted by South Africa.

COO STAYING PUT - PLE CHAIRMAN

By Qondile Ntwane

SOCCER - PREMIER League of Eswatini (PLE) Chairman Peter Touch Magagula has assured that the company's chief operations officer (COO) Pat Vilakati is staying put at the organisation.

This follows concerns on what will happen to the position now that the organisation is hiring a chief executive officer (CEO).

Position

Magagula said they would retain the position and that the incumbent would work together with the CEO.

He said the two officials would be responsible for different roles and responsibilities in

the organisation, a move that would go a long way in the development of the game.

"Yes we are on the verge of hiring a CEO but that doesn't mean we will

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away with the COO.

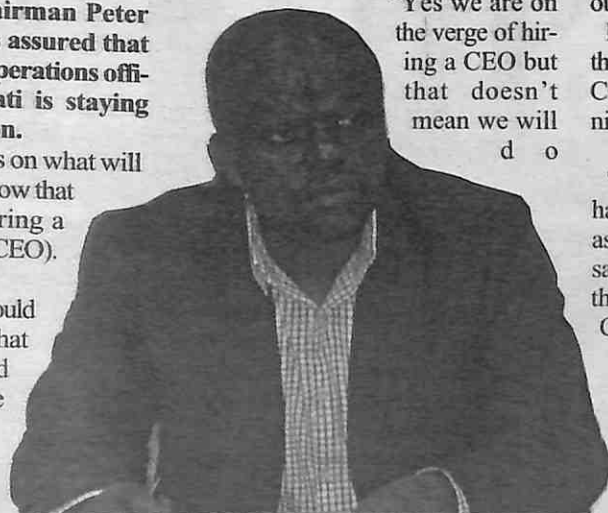
These two positions will complement each other and further improve our product.

For instance the CEO will look into the daily running of the PLE while the COO will mainly focus on the running of the leagues."

Positions

"Besides this is not the first time we have these positions at the same time as it was the case a while back," he said. The PLE has already advertised the position for CEO through JBH Consultancy.

Some of the duties will include strategic leadership for the whole organisation, overseeing the financial sustainability and cost containment, work closely with the board in the enforcement of policies and procedures, amongst other duties.



HERE TO STAY: COO Pat Vilakati.

Refs' communication system kits vanishing into thin air

Stories by Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER - IT seems like some soccer matches may end up being played without communication system kits as they are said to have vanished into thin air whilst others are poorly maintained.

This was revealed during the referees Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the Caritas Centre, Manzini yesterday.

The communication system kits were received courtesy of the Consular of the People's Republic of Italy through its Ambassador situated in Mozambique with the aim to professionalise official operations in the field of play, just like other leading countries do.

Topics

The matter was one of the fiercely discussed topics during the AGM as the members wanted long-lasting solutions on the issue.

"It is very infuriating and also unprofessional the way the matter has been dealt with. Firstly, these gadgets were distributed secretly to a selected few which led to them refusing to give others or simply keep the gadgets in their own homes.

I have experienced a situation where I have showed up for a match without the gadgets as others keep them at home. The executive needs to give us answers about what is going on and a way forward," said the infuriated member.

He was also seconded by referee Mbongiseni Fakudze, who admitted to keeping one of the gadgets for referees from the Manzini region.

Subscription increased by 10 per cent

SOCCER - SUBSCRIPTIONS for referees in the country have increased by 10 per cent

This was adopted during the Annual General Meeting which was held at the Caritas Conference Centre yesterday.

The proposal was brought through a report tabled by Secretary Simanga Nhleko.

Proposal

"It is my proposal to the house that we increase the subscription by 10 per cent. This is due to the increasing demand in duties that the association is faced with yet the money we get is so meager. We get to work on a negative balance after settling some of the bills.

"We, therefore, move to increase the subscription fee to E40 per month, which adds up to E480 per year for

each member.

This money will allow the association to run all the operations because one way or the other, the money goes back to the members," he said.

Motion

After being discussed at length, the issue was finally resolved as the majority of the house voted in favour of the motion.

Another proposal was a move to change the association's formal name from the National Referees Association of Swaziland (NRAS) to the Eswatini Referees Association (ERA) in compliance with the country's name change initiated by His Majesty King Mswati III during the National 50/50 celebrations. The proposal was unanimously adopted by the members which then makes the ERA name official.

"Personally, I have kept one of the gadgets for all referees, who want to use it in the region. I took this decision after noticing the confusion that was going on.

Property

"I will wait for the executive to deal with it. Some of the devices are already malfunctioning because they aren't maintained properly," he said.

When answering the complaints from the floor, Secretary Simanga Nhleko

promised that the executive would deal with the matter.

"We have noted that some referees do not enjoy the gadgets because they aren't monopolised and it is disheartening to note that some devices' whereabouts aren't known or some are malfunctioning.

We will try to present a solution, but we plead with members to take proper care of this property in the meantime," he said.

Birds back at training today

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows will be back at training this morning, less than two days after suffering a 0-3 defeat to Zesco United in the CAF Champions League on Saturday afternoon.

A quickfire Lazarous Kambole first half hat-trick condemned Swallows to their third defeat of the group stages, greatly denting the Birds' hopes of reaching the last eight. However, Swallows are still in with a chance of reaching the quarterfinals. The Birds will need to beat Primeiro De Agosto in Angola next Tuesday and hope that Zesco drop points at home to Etoile du Sahel in the final group

D games on the same day. With that chance still open, the Birds will return to training at Prince of Wales today in preparation for next week's clash.

"We are training tomorrow (today) morning. We are playing in the Champions League. There is no time to rest. Losing yesterday (Saturday) wasn't the end of the world. We have to focus on the next match," Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati said in an interview yesterday.

Swallows have no fresh injury concerns from Saturday's defeat as no player picked up any suspension card meaning coach Vilakati will have a full squad to pick from on Tuesday unless something happens during the course of this week.

Top coaches snub EFCA AGM

Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - TOP Premier League coaches were a no show during the Eswatini Football Association Annual General Meeting held at the Eswatini Football Association Technical Centre yesterday.

Some of the notable absentees included Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati (Mbabane Swallows), Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlopho (Manzini Wanderers), Harries 'Madze' Bulunga (Moneni Pirates), Mlungisi 'Professor' Ngubane (Mbabane Highlanders), Caleb Ngwenya (Green Mamba), Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntubane (Royal Leopard), Darlington Dodo (Manzini Sundowns), Manuel Moiane (Malanti Chiefs and Bongumusa 'Giggs' Mdluli (Vovovo).

All these coaches now face a summary fine of E1 000 from the EFCA after they are all said to have not reported their reasons of absence to the association secretary-at-headed by Musa Mamba.

"All coaches, who did not attend the AGM, will be fined after they made declarations that they will attend all activities of the association. They are expected to explain their absence to the association. The coaches will be charged according to the

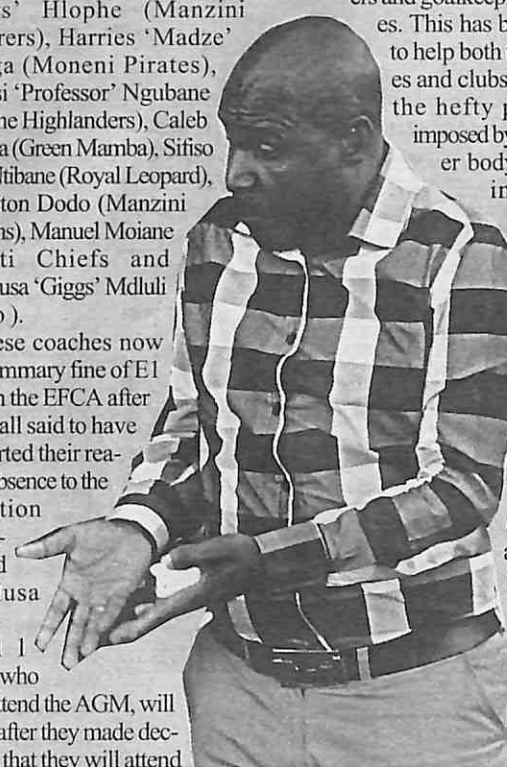
attendance point system used by the association before they can renew their membership," he said.

Mamba further stated that they would introduce coaching licences for all members of the technical bench during the new season of 2018/19.

"All coaches will now be expected to have coaching licences, including assistant coaches, physical trainers and goalkeeping coaches.

This has been made to help both the coaches and clubs not to get the hefty penalties imposed by the mother body for having unlicensed coaches.

"We will conduct training inspection in order to see whether coaches are doing their jobs at their respective clubs," he said.



ABSENT: Mbabane Swallows Coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.

Stop back-biting one another

SOCCER - ESWATINI Football Coaches Association Chairman Anthony Mdluli has warned coaches to refrain from back-biting.

Mdluli said such tarnished the reputation of the association when making his remarks during the association AGM held yesterday.

"We should refrain from loose tongues and sabotaging each other because such habits tarnish the image of coaches in the country.

"We should try and uphold a high level of professionalism by sup-

porting each other and use the right forums to address our grievances. We will continue to punish coaches, who will defy the association by displaying signs of unprofessionalism," he said. Mdluli further stated that the association now has an office at the EFA Technical Centre. "We have an office at the Technical Centre and we are grateful to the mother body EFA for assisting us with the office. We have managed to buy some of the office equipment including a laptop and a printer."

WEEKEND RESULTS

PREMIER LEAGUE

Burnley	1-3	Watford
Manchester City	6-1	Huddersfield Town
Brighton & Hove Albion	3-2	Manchester United
Cardiff City	0-0	Newcastle United
Everton	2-1	Southampton
Leicester City	2-0	W Wanderers
Tottenham Hotspur	3-1	Fulham
West Ham United	1-2	AFC Bournemouth
Chelsea	3-2	Arsenal

ABSA PREMIERSHIP

Amazulu	2-1	Free State Stars
Bloem Celtic	1-0	Orlando Pirates
Chippa United	2-2	Black Leopards
Bidvest Wits	0-1	Supersport United
Cape Town City FC	0-0	Golden Arrows
Polokwane City	2-0	Baroka FC

SPANISH LA LIGA

Barcelona	3-0	Deportivo Alaves
Villarreal	1-2	Real Sociedad
Celta Vigo	1-1	Espanyol

ITALY SERIE A

Lazio	1-2	SSC Napoli
Chievo Verona	2-3	Juventus

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All is not lost for Swallows...

BIRDS STILL IN IT

As Agosto play to 1-all draw against Sahel in Tunisia

'Dazza' joins Sea Birds

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – MTN Premier League returnees Manzini Sea Birds have made their biggest signing ahead of the new season in former Manzini Sundowns and Sihlangu winger Darren 'Dazza' Christie.

The reigning National First Division champions have agreed personal terms with the ex-Mbabane Swallows winger after successfully obtaining the players' clearance from the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) on Friday afternoon.

Sea Birds Manager London Dlamini confirmed the developments when contacted yesterday.

"We have completed the signing of Darren Christie, who is one of the experienced players in the country. We are trying to assemble a strong and competitive squad as we want to compete effectively in all competitions.

"We would like to welcome the player to the Sea Birds family and we are confident he will add value and experience in the team," he said. Christie spent the previous campaign on the side-lines after his intended move to the now defunct Matsapha United was halted by boardroom squabbles over his ownership between him and his former side Swallows.

He was eventually cleared to a team of his choice by the EFA Players Status Committee towards the end of the previous campaign.



NEW HOME: Darren 'Dazza' Christie.

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER – DESPITE suffering a crushing 0-3 defeat at the hands of Zesco United on Saturday, local giants Mbabane Swallows still have a chance of qualifying for the quarter-finals of the CAF Champions League.

The red and white glamour side's last eight hopes were left hanging by a thread following the second leg defeat at the Mavuso Sports Centre in Manzini on Saturday afternoon.

It was the 2018 CAF Champions League quickest hat-trick by Lazarous Kambole that saw the local giants falter and also hand Zesco their first win in Group D. Not only was it their first victory at this stage of the tournament, but also the biggest away victory in the continent's premier club competition group stages this year.

Despite the shattering loss, Swallows' hopes are very much alive following Primeiro de Agosto's draw against Tunisian giants Etoile du Sahel at the Olympic Stade de Sousse in Tunisia on Saturday night.

The 1-1 draw takes Agosto to six points followed by Zesco with five points while Swallows sit at the bottom with four points.

To qualify and make history of being the first Eswatini side to reach the quarterfinal stage of the tournament, Swallows, who play against the Angolan side next Tuesday, will have to win that game, a feat that will take them to seven points and further pray for Zesco to drop points against Sahel



STILL IN: Mbabane Swallows posing before their clash with Zesco United in the Total CAF Champions League second leg at Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

by either a draw or lose on the same day. Both final games in Group D will be played at the same time. Swallows return to training at Prince of Wales today as all focus shifts to that crunch tie against Agosto next Tuesday. Addressing the media after the defeat to Zesco on Saturday, coach

Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati said they would fight till the end. "Maybe God will be on our side in our last game (against Agosto on August 28). Nothing is impossible in football. Sahel are still going to play Zesco in Zambia, who knows what will happen?" Vilakati said.

Group D log:						
Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Sahel	5	3	2	0	6	11
Agosto	5	1	3	1	0	6
Zesco	5	1	2	2	1	5
Swallows	5	1	1	3	-7	4

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