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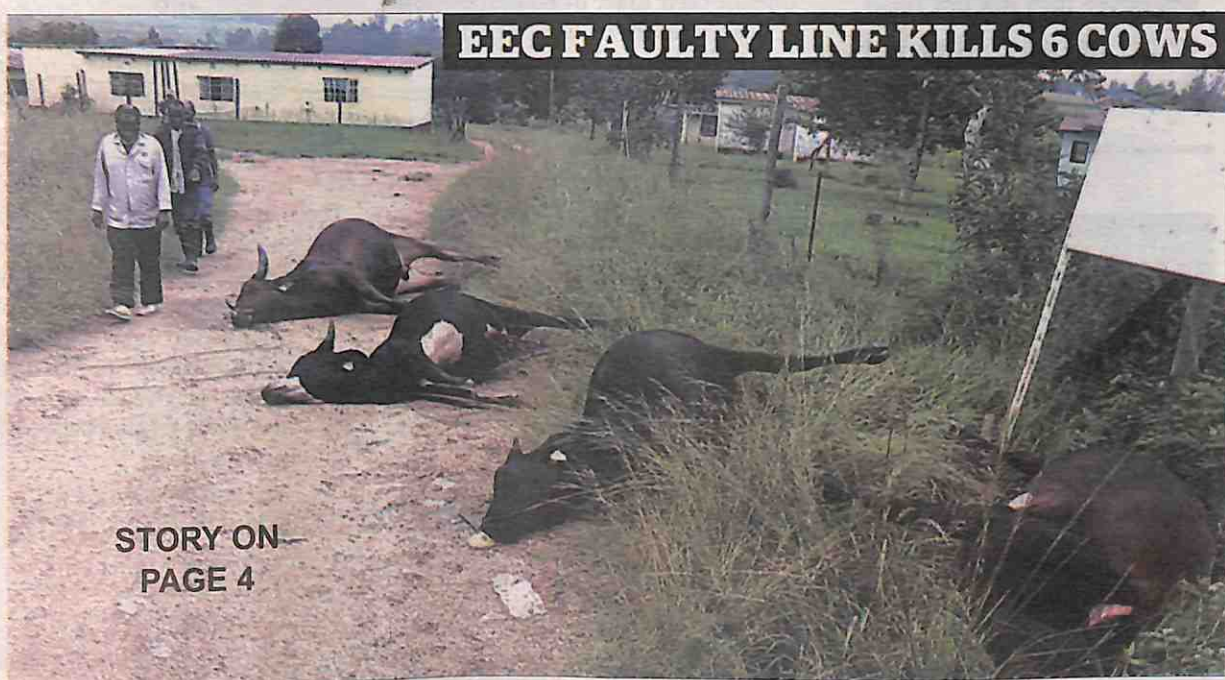
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TRAGEDY: Distraught farmers arrive at the place where their animals were killed by electric shock resulting from a faulty power line at Macondza in Luyengo yesterday morning. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

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Qhawe runs to court for seized Channel S properties

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
High court

CHANNEL Swazi boss Qhawe Mamba's legal team has written a letter to the Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE), in which the law firm is requesting that the bank furnishes it with judgments and relevant court documents related to Mamba's Channel Swazi Club case.

According to letter which is in the possession of this publication addressed to the bank, it stated that S.A Nkosi Attorneys representing Mamba in the current application in which he seeks to have his seized property back, they are merely requesting the bank to assist them by furnishing them with the judgment and all relevant court documents related to the case in which Mamba was eventually convicted for about E11 million fraud.

The letter further states that the assistance and co-operation given by the bank to the law firm would be highly appreciated.

His property comprising 18 vehicles, two plots and money were attached and seized after his arrest in the Channel S Club fraud case.

Through his lawyer, Mamba filed an application at the High Court, where he is seeking an order of court declaring that all his attached property be released back to him.

Represented by Leo Dlamini from the Mafutseni-based law firm SA Nkosi Attorneys, Mamba filed the application where he, amongst others also seeks the release of his 18 vehicles, including the Channel S Outside Broadcasting Studio, a Mercedes Benz.

Production
According to papers filed at the High Court, Mamba also wants some of his accounts that were frozen after his arrest in 2007 unfrozen

and the monies from four different accounts accessed to him.

The accounts are those of Channel S amounting to E2 705 642.27 and E53 489.22 respectively while another is in respect of Ultimate Production trading as Channel Swazi, amounting to a total of E22 479.42 and his personal account which had E734 572.89.

He said all these monies fall under Schedule A of the seized properties. On Schedule B, Mamba wants all his 18 seized vehicles, being two Mercedes Benz sedans, the OB studio registered SD 180 PG and SD 314 JG, Toyota Town Ace, Toyota Camry, Toyota Corolla, Two Toyota Avanza, Mahindra, Honda Storm, Mitsubishi, Mazda Demio, Peugeot and three motor bikes released to him.

In his application, he is also seeking on Schedule C, an order for the release of all the equipment installed in the OB studio Mercedes bus, being on air computers, vision mixer machines, cameras, four transmitters situated at Ntandozi, Hlathikhulu, BhamBham Mountain (Siteki) and one at Kelly area in Mbabane.

Proceeds

On the last schedule, Mamba in his application seeks for an order releasing to him two of his plots, one is portion 39, a portion of 29 called Flame Tree Park of Farm 180 situated in the Lubombo Region. Another is portion 42, a portion of 29 also called the Flame Tree Park of Farm 180 in the Lubombo Region. The said properties were seized following a court order that was issued after his arrest in 2007 in terms of Section 3 of the Serious Offences Confiscation of Proceeds Act of 2001.

**BRING IT BACK:
Qhawe Mamba.**

WANT JOB, GIVE SEX

...held captive for three days for blowing whistle on ring of the Asian nationals, two of whom are at large, having crossed the border to South Africa, while others go about their business in the country

STORIES BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Manzini

A University of Eswatini student has lived to tell of his horrendous experience after he was kidnapped by a group of Pakistani businessmen.

The student was kidnapped and held hostage for three days after exposing the Pakistani businessmen for sexually abusing local women working in their shops.

Asian nationals are known for owning shops all over the country, and most of them have hired local women to work in their shops.

It has since been gathered that a lot of these women are being sexually abused by these businessmen. Most of them are suffering in silence, afraid to report their employers to the police. A student from Pakistani, who is doing his Certificate in Portuguese at UNESWA, got into



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH: Farooq Shahzaib was kidnapped for exposing the Asian shop-owners for sexually-harassing their employees.

trouble after he tried to expose his country men for sexual abuse.

Farooq Shahzaib came into the coun-

try to pursue his studies, however, due to the fact that he has a study permit, some of his countrymen decided to use

...One of the victims, who has since been fired, confessed that their employer was sexually abusive and whenever they did not heed to his demands, they got fired

'Manzini cops a major let-down'

FAROOQ, on the alleged conduct by the shop-owners who sexually abuse their employees, said he was very disappointed with the way the police handled his case.

He said he went to lay a charge with the police and recorded statements about the whole ordeal from the alleged sexual acts up to the point where he was kidnapped. He said police had not done anything, as there was no arrest. He said he went to the police station a number of times to check on the progress of the matter, but nothing had been done. He said he even suspected that some of these police officers were bribed by the suspects, because most of them are businessmen who have lots of money.

Victims staged protest outside sex pest Asian's shop

AS a way of voicing out their cries on being abused by their employers, the victims once staged a mini protest outside their place of employment.

This is after one of their own was dismissed by the boss for refusing to have sex with him. The shop assistants complained that they were being used by their boss.

They said to prove that their boss is a pervert, the workers said he never hires male locals, but was always going for the females. In most of his shops there are more than three ladies per shop.

One of the victims, who has since been fired, confessed that their employer was sexually abusive and whenever they did not heed to his demands, they got fired. She said last year she tried to

get hold of the media to cover their protest against the perpetrators to no avail.

Job

She said she eventually decided to report the matter to the police, unfortunately some of those involved fled when police instituted investigations. She later learnt that the perpetrators were in South Africa.

The shop is now under new management, hence it is hard for her to make a follow up with the police. She is now at home and is afraid to look for a job at other Asian owned shops because of her previous experiences. She said there were girls who had given in and were being sexually abused all for the sake of staying on the job.

High rate of unemployment in Eswatini contributing factor – SWAGAA

SWAZILAND Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA) Communications and Advocacy Officer Slindele Nkosi says with the high rate of unemployment in Eswatini, most people resolve to living with abuse they suffer at their workplaces and maintain their jobs.

Another reason is the lack of a proper support system within companies through the introduction of harassment policies to safeguard all employees, including management. She said as SWAGAA they had

not received such cases from employees against their employers due to being afraid of being dismissed and losing their jobs.

She said, however, they applauded companies with such policies because it decreased the chances of further harassment. "Our advice to people who experienced abuse in their workplaces is to seek help, to report same for them to be assisted," the communications and advocacy officer stated. She said silence only perpetuated the situation.

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- ASIAN SHOP OWNERS

this to their advantage and hired him to work for them in their shops. This made it easy for them to operate, because police would not give them trouble whenever they were conducting raids to uproot illegal aliens. While working for his fellow countrymen, Shahzaib said he discovered that a lot of ills were happening in the shops.

Bosses

He said the women hired in these shops were forced to sleep with their employers. He revealed that these businessmen, a majority aged above 55, were sleeping with the employees as young as 19 years old in the store-rooms. He said some pretended that they needed the employees to help them with house chores, and once the girls get to their employer's houses, they would be forced to perform sexual acts with their bosses.

Shahzaib said a lot of these women unwillingly slept with the shop owners, saying defiant ones were fired on the spot. The student said there was one shop where this was so rife in such a way that about six girls were fired

for refusing to have sex with their employer. Shahzaib said having seen a lot of the women being sexually abused by his fellow countrymen he decided to assist the women open a case with the police.

He said, however, despite the fact that the women confessed of having been sexually abused they were afraid to report the cases directly. He said different reasons were given by the women and one of them was that some had boyfriends and children.

Police

The women said they were afraid that once their partners learnt that they had been raped, they might leave them. The student said he also learnt that some of the rogue shop owners were keeping the women silent by giving them money and cellphones as gifts after performing the leud acts.

Shahzaib said despite that there were a lot of girls who were afraid to come out of the closet, there were some who took his advice and reported the matter to the police.

This is where trouble began for the



CONFIRMED: Deputy Police Information and Communications Officer Nosipho Mnguni.

student. He said soon after blowing the whistle, his fellow countrymen turned against him and accused him of putting them in the spotlight and damaging their reputation.

On November 30, 2018 while at Rontanya Flats near Riverstone in Manzini he was kidnapped by seven men. He said he was assaulted with

fists, kicks and open hands all over the body while he was held hostage in a room in one of the flats. He was forced to record a video apologising for embarrassing his fellow countrymen.

The student said all the time he was being assaulted; at one time he was told by his assailants that they would cut him pieces. He was kept in that room for three days without food or any opportunity to take a bath.

Conversations

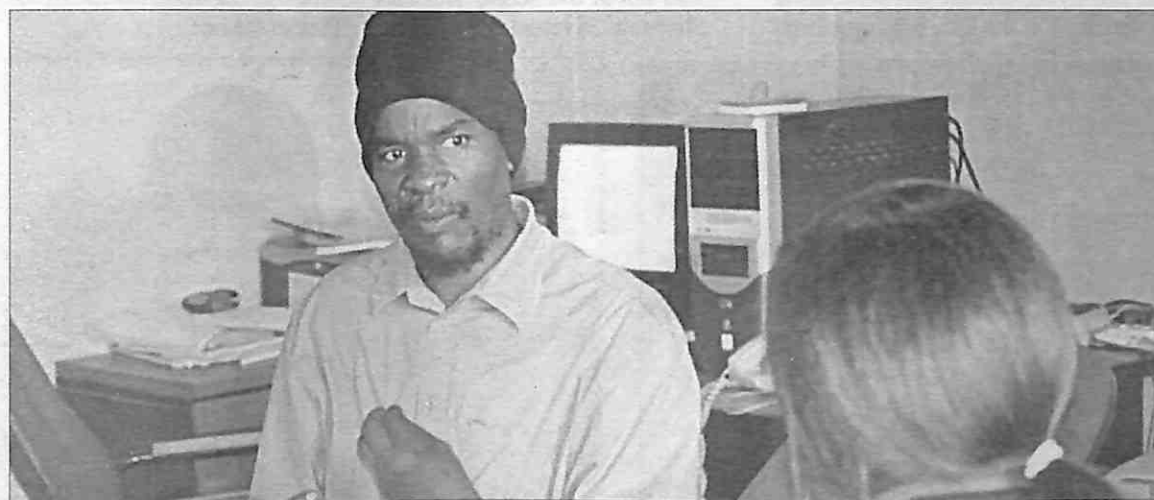
While in captivity, they took his cell-phone and went through his conversations with one of the girls. He said they found out that the conversations were plans on how they (him and the abused woman) would expose the sexual abuse.

Shahzaib said he was told that if he went ahead with his plans he would be framed for a crime he did not commit and would be arrested and deported back to his home country. After being made to record the video, confessing that he was lying, he was also made to sign an affidavit to that effect.

He said his kidnappers took E2 200 from him before setting him free. After this ordeal, he later learnt that most of his assailants had left for South Africa, while some remained in the country and were continuing with their businesses.

When called about the matter, Deputy Police Information and Communications Officer Nosipho Mnguni confirmed the matter, saying police were only able to arrest one Pakistani national. She said the rest escaped to South Africa and police were still looking for them. She said the matter was still under investigations.

... Despite the fact that the women confessed of having been sexually abused, they were afraid to report the cases directly



FOUNDER: South Africa's Barbeton Community Radio Station co-Founder Ambrose Zwane. His local community radio station has been granted an NGO-licence.

Lubombo Community Radio licensed as NGO

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

THOUGH light at the end of the tunnel seems to be getting clearer for the community radio sector, with a glimpse of hope for community radio stations finally taking to the air waves in the near future, Lubombo Community Radio has been registered merely as a non-profit organisation after a 19-year struggle.

The radio station, established in 2000, has been moving from pillar to post in an effort to get registered before it could apply for a licence to operate. It has been the first community radio initiative, a brainchild of South Africa's Barbeton Community Radio Station co-founder, Ambrose Zwane. The almost two decades waiting period promises to have finally bore

the desired fruit, with the Lubombo Community Radio Station endorsed by the registrar of companies on February 21, 2019. The registration has been 'delightfully' confirmed by Zwane, who is the National Coordinator of the Eswatini Community Multimedia Network. Zwane referred to the registration as a major breakthrough, not only for the community radio sector but the media fraternity at large.

Zwane noted that for the past years, the radio station lost a number of sponsors from the international community due to being an unregistered entity. "On numerous occasions, we found potential sponsors, but they could not put money on a non-existent organisation as we were not registered," said Zwane. He stated that moreover, the station could not even open a bank account due to the same reason.

He then thanked organisations such as COSPE, European Union, US Embassy and MISA Eswatini for sup-

porting the community radio sector in its struggle to get a licence. Other organisations which are said to have played a pivotal role in assisting the Lubombo Community Radio in the process of registering include Open Society Foundation for Southern Africa (OSISA), World Association for Christian Communication (WACC) and UNESCO. Zwane said these organisations helped them invest in community outreach programmes and capacity building.

"Now that we are registered and recognised by government, we foresee no delay in the application of a broadcasting licence, as this has been the major requirement for the application," said Zwane. He thanked the ministry of ICT for having established the communication commission, which focuses on the applications for registration and permits. Zwane said the establishment of the commission has given clear guidelines on how a media establishment needs to apply for registration and subsequently a trading permit. Zwane said they were now crossing fingers to get the licence in a few months' time and subsequently start broadcasting.

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S W A Z I L A N D

"I'm so traumatised, miss out on classes"

THE whistle-blower said the kidnapping incident traumatised him a big deal.

He missed out on classes while in captivity and this has led to him being ordered to take the course again. He said he explained to the dean of student affairs office about what befell him.

Documents

This is because his kidnappers also made sure that they took all his documents. He said the student officer called police and later his documents were recovered.

The police issued a letter confirming that indeed on December 3, 2018 one Farooq Shahzaile,

Pakistani (23) of Kwaluseni University, reported to the Manzini Police Station that on November 30, 2018 at about 0100 hours he was assaulted with open hands, fists and kicks all over the body mostly on the head and further kidnapped during the night of November 30, 2018 and released during the night of December 2, 2018. He alleged that he was kidnapped by unknown men. The letter which is in the possession of this publication was signed by Manzini Station Commander Raphael Maseko. Maseko stated that the matter was still under investigation.

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ECC FAULTY LINE KILLS SIX COWS

BY MELUSI MLOTSHA
LUYENGO

Farmers at Luyengo were left cursing their gods after their six cows valued at over E50 000 were struck dead by an Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) faulty line.

Residents allege that the ECC line became faulty on Tuesday whence technicians from the company came to attend to it immediately after it was reported.

Two of the cows were heavily pregnant and about to give birth. It must be mentioned that the six cows were from three different homesteads.

The incident that left the farmers under Chief Lembelele dumbfounded, occurred yesterday morning at around 5:45 am. In fact the cattle were from the nearby Engabeni dipping tank when they were electrocuted.

News crew at the scene met farmers still trying to come to terms with what had befallen them.

It was hard to stomach the situation, especially because Emaswati find livestock indispensable as a source of livelihood and for cultural transactions over and above savouring the different types of meat from a single carcass.

Ten of the farmers were found on the scene, still looking at the cattle lying shamefacedly on the

ground. Four of the cattle were lying next to the EEC electricity line, blocking the road leading to the dipping tank. The other two were on the other side of the road.

Mandla Zikalala, one of the farmers who lost three cattle, fought back tears as he explained about the heavy loss he suffered. "We were from the dipping tank in the morning when we heard a loud noise from the EEC transformer and suddenly cows were lying dead on the ground no doubt due to the faulty line," he said.

Anticipated

Zikalala said he was so sad because one of the cows was heavily pregnant. "Eish, I had not anticipated this situation. One of the cows was pregnant, the other left a calf and the last one was an ox."

We are hoping that EEC will compensate us after such heavy loss," he said. He said he was yet to quantify the extent of the loss and attach the financial value.

Nhlanhla Dlamini, who lost two cows, said he was still trying to make out something about the effect of the loss, putting blame

SOURCE OF TROUBLE:
The power line which caused the incident that left six cows dead.

squarely on the recent marathon strike by the EEC employees. "This happened because of the EEC strike and seemingly, they don't care about us. We demand answers from EEC as they have not come to address us."

The officials who came here from the company told us to write letters and address our complaints to headquarters, wherever that is," said Dlamini. Another farmer identified as Mangwe, lost a cow but was not at the scene. Beketele Shabangu, a veterinary officer, felt

sorry for her farmers. She said she would like the farmers to be compensated.

"It's so painful to lose such a number of cattle and I'm hopeful that they will be soon compensated," she said. Shabangu went on to say the loss suffered by the farmers could be in the region of E50 000. EEC Marketing and Corporate Communications Manager Sifiso Dlamini confirmed the incident and said they were still investigating the real cause of the fault in the line.

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LIFELESS: Part of the six cows that were killed by a power line yesterday morning.

DEPRESSED: One of the residents Mandla Zikalala who also lost some of his cows narrates the ordeal.



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SAD: Some of the residents who also lost their livestock due to a faulty power line gathered at the accident scene.

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SENIOR GHOST CITIZENS HAUNT DPM'S OFFICE

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Lobamba

...Ghost elderly people emerge

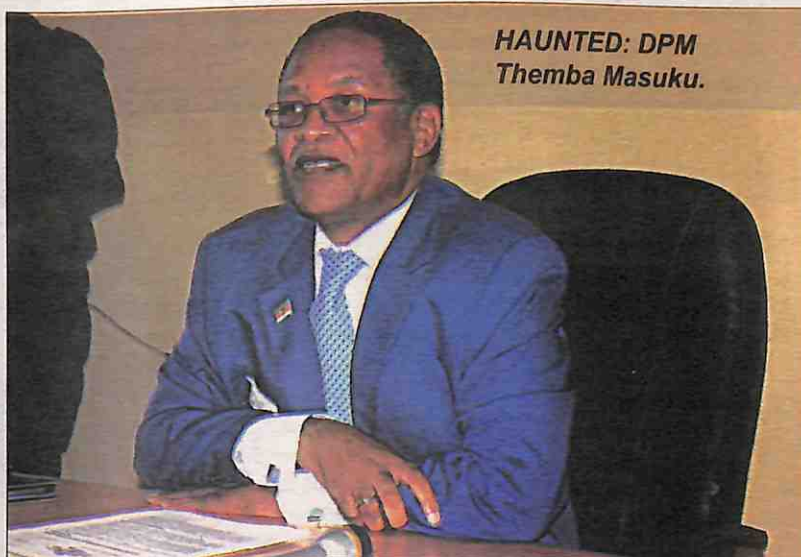
IT seems as if ghosts are emerging everywhere as they have also cropped up among the elderly people.

This transpired yesterday when MPs who are members of the deputy prime minister's office portfolio committee debated the budget allocated for the DPMO. Some MPs observed that elderly grants were given to people who appeared to have died.

They called for a serious audit to be conducted by the DPMO to find out what had gone wrong.

The MPs said something needed to be done concerning this issue because it appeared government was losing millions of Emalangeni through this fraudulent practice. DPM Themba Masuku admitted that his office was aware of the fact that government was disbursing elderly grants for people who had passed away.

He said he was once approached by a certain senior citizen who told him that a certain elderly, who was his neighbour, had died. What surprised the senior citizen was that the elderly who had died was still being paid the grant and he wondered why that was



HAUNTED: DPM Themba Masuku.

the case. He said his office was about to embark on a serious audit to ensure that such fraudulent activities were uprooted.

Meanwhile, Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg on Tuesday said government needed to conduct an audit on the disbursement of the elderly grants because it appeared there were some fraudulent activities taking place. Some elderly people were crossing the border from neighbouring countries

to collect grants, while government also disbursed money to people who had passed away. The DPMO was allocated a budget of E682 925 000 and that includes E17 631 000 as a capital expenditure, while E665 294 000 is recurrent expenditure.

The budget allocation was approved by the DPMO portfolio committee, but the committee still has to convince the House of Assembly to pass the DPMO's budget.

AutoTeller Machines (ATMs). The response from the public was that the elderly will not be able to operate the ATMs.

The MP concluded by telling a story of his experience regarding the elderly people.

He said one female doctor came out of a healing room crying when attending to one elderly woman.

When they asked why the doctor was crying, the doctor said it was the woman who made her cry.

The woman was infected with breast cancer and has been suffering in pain for a very long time.

She had no one to attend to her because she was staying alone and even her neighbours were not checking on her if she was still fine or not. Dlamini pleaded with the public to do something in taking care of the elderly and stop talking just for the sake of it.

'Stop politicising elderly grants'

IT is wrong for people to talk about elderly grants just to score certain points for their own selfish gains.

This was said by Ndzingeni MP Lutfu Dlamini in his submission during the budget debate of the DPMO.

Dlamini said it was disappointing to note that some of the people who were vocal about the elderly grants did not do anything to help the senior citizens.

Dlamini said the elderly people faced very tough conditions in the country and everyone must do something to help them.

He complained of the excessive lip service that was taking place at the moment regarding the senior citizens. The elderly people were dying a very painful death because no one took care of them in the places they stayed.

Some of the elderly people lived alone and no one bothered to check on their welfare. He praised the DPMO for building an old age home in Mankayane and he hoped that the home would meet the needs of the senior citizens.

Legislator

The Ndzingeni legislator said it was time government developed a system that would compel the senior citizens to prove their existence.

This would help government save money that was lost by giving it out to people who had died.

Dlamini further urged MPs and Emaswati to desist from thinking that the elderly people were abnormal individuals who lacked the ability to think straight.

He discovered this after he suggested that the elderly should be paid through

SCHOOLS THAT EXPEL CHILDREN IN TROUBLE

SCHOOLS that expel pupils because of no identity cards (IDs) are in trouble because the DPM is on their case.

Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku said it was unfortunate that some principals were expelling pupils from schools, even though it was clearly stated that no child should be expelled.

He said this yesterday when responding to MPs concerns who are members of the portfolio committee of his office.

The MPs had expressed concern over the fact that some principals were continuing to expel the pupils because they had no IDs. Shiselweni II MP Strydom Mpanza made an example of two schools from Shiselweni region that expelled the pupils. However, he

refused to name the schools, saying it will not be right for now.

Masuku, when proceeding with his response, said his office was in the process of compiling a list of schools that were expelling pupils so that his office could deal with them. Masuku said his office was working together with the ministries of health, education and home affairs to address this issue.

Affected

He said the three ministries were affected by the existence of children in the country.

The ministry of health was responsible for health of all children. The ministry of home affairs had a responsibility of making sure that a child was

registered according to the laws of the country.

The ministry of education and training was tasked with educating and training a child to become a better professional in the future, while the welfare of a child was the responsibility of the DPMO.

The DPM said the reason he convened the three ministries was so that a system to ensure proper registration of children is crafted. In the meantime, the three ministries provided temporary Personal Identity Numbers (PINs) to the pupils so they could be in school.

The problem was now with parents of the children, who did not want to register and demonstrate they had a responsibility over the children.

Don't take elderly grants - MPs tell pensioners

IT is moral for elderly people with pensions to stay away from elderly grants and give space for the poor.

This was said by Members of Parliament (MPs) yesterday during the budget debate of the deputy prime minister's office (DPMO). The budget was done by MPs who are members of the DPMO portfolio committee at Senate.

Pensioners

The MPs were of the view that it did not make sense to have individuals getting pension money and be seen in line for elderly grants. Hhukwini MP Nkhanyeti Ngwenya asked DPM Themba Masuku to state if senior citizens who received pension qualified for elderly grants.

Kwaluseni, MP Sibusiso 'Mabhanisi' Dlamini wondered why pensioners received elderly grants.

Dlamini said there was no money

at the moment and the poor elderly should be prioritised as far as the elderly grants were concerned. His words were echoed by Maseyisini MP Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini, who said it would also be important to review this policy, if eventually adopted. He said some pensioners earned very little.

He was of the view that such people should be given the elderly grants. However, the Maseyisini MP surprised many during the debate when he suggested that some pensioners could be earning E15 000 per month. Even the DPM himself was surprised.

He showed through his facial expression when the Maseyisini legislator was making his submission. Dlamini had said the DPMO should remove pensioners who earned more than E15 000 per month from the elderly grant.

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E15 to get police report

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Manzini

AS fees continue to shoot up in the country, members of the public have

been shocked to learn that in order for one to get a police report, a person has to part with E15.

Previously, people were used to paying E5 whenever they had lost something and wanted a police report.

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quantity, and value. The police report is also needed when one applies for the reissuance of important documents such as passport, driver's licence and IDs. Just about everything nowadays needs a police report. With that being said, members of the public have stated that the exorbitant fees to obtain a police report is yet another way through which government is trying to make money out of the poor Emaswati by taxing them to the bone.

Sibusiso Shongwe's corruption case fails to kick off, postponed

STORIES BY SANDILE
NKAMBULE
High Court

THE matter in which former minister of justice and constitutional affairs Sibusiso Shongwe is facing corruption charges, yesterday failed to kick off.

The matter was yesterday expected to be heard before Justice Mbutfo Mamba, who was prepared to hear it as it had been postponed on Monday.

However, Shongwe, a lawyer by profession together with his legal team, sought an audience with Judge Mamba in his chambers, where the matter was eventually postponed to next Thursday.

Shongwe has already been indicted and he is facing a total of 22 charges, which are mostly of contra-

Shongwe pleaded not guilty to majority of charges

SHONGWE, when making his pleas, pleaded not guilty to most of the charges as he denied ever committing the offences.

He pleaded not guilty to having offered or attempting to bribe former Judge Justice Mpendulo Simelane and this was one of the principal charges amongst the 22 preferred against him.

It is stated in the indictment that on the second count, he contravened section 30 (a) as read with sections (c) (1), (d) (1) (11) and (e) together with section 35 (2) of the Prevention

of Corruption Act in that while at Mahlanya in the month of December 2014, the former minister unlawfully and with intent, offered to give an advantage of E200 000 to Justice Mpendulo Simelane as a form of inducement or incitement to preside over the pending litigation involving Impunzi and SRA and rule in favour of the former minister, thus contravening the act.

Alternatively, Shongwe is guilty of contravening the Act's Section 21(1) (a) and (c) as read with section 35 (1) in that while at Mahlanya in the same

month and year, he did wrongfully, unlawfully and with intent offered to give an advantage of E200 000 to Judge Simelane as a form of inducement or incitement to preside over the civil litigation involving Impunzi and SRA in favour of him.

Shongwe faces a total of 22 counts related to the contravening of the Prevention of Corruption Act of 2006. Amongst the 22 charges he pleaded not guilty on are about 20 charges of Contravening the Prevention of Corruption Act of 2006, one charge of fraud and one charge of perjury.

vening the Prevention of Corruption Act of 2006.

Shongwe was seen moving up and down the judge's chambers before he

eventually left the court after the matter had been postponed.

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Teacher accused of defrauding govt E358 544

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

A teacher has been accused of defrauding government of E358 544.

Amos Mabuyemphini Seyama appeared before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi facing a charge of fraud. Seyama lied about his age at the ministry of education and training.

Initially, he was supposed to retire in 2011 but after he duped a new birth certificate, it then changed his retirement to 2024.

Knowledge Ngwenya, who was conducting an audit, discovered this anomaly as they were going through each employee's file at the ministry in 2015. During the audit, it was discovered that Seyama's birth dates were not corresponding with his academic certificates. Initially, Seyama had a birth certificate that recorded 1951 as his birth year. Upon going through his file, they found a birth certificate that recorded 1964 as his birth year. When Seyama was asked by the auditor to clarify which year he was born,

he insisted that he was born in 1964.

After careful deliberation by the auditor, it was discovered that he had lied about his age so that he retired late.

Ngwenya told the court that Seyama's JC certificate was issued in 1973. Of which according to the birth year, he insisted was his, he was nine years old in Form Three. "There was no way possible he could have been nine years when doing Form Three," he said.

His O'Level certificate was issued in 1976, of which he was 12 years old when he was in Form Five.

Ngwenya further stated that he asked him about the meaning of his middle name, which corresponded with the year 1951 since it was a post Second World War year. However, the court rejected his statement as it was speculation.

"You cannot use a name to identify a year of birth as it is speculation," said the principal magistrate.

Seyama told the court he did not pay much attention upon acquiring an identity card. The investigation further proceeded to Ngwane Teacher's Training College, where he obtained his teaching

diploma. Upon reaching, Ngwane College in Nhlanguano, they came across an application form he submitted at the college. The application form recorded 1951 as his birth year. Ngwenya furnished the court with all the evidence he came across during his audit. It was discovered that Seyama defrauded government money amounting to E358 544, which was salaries that he received from his initial retirement year 2011 to 2015.

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22 vacant TSC posts for deputies, head teachers

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

THE Teaching Service Commission (TSC) has invited all aspiring principals and their deputies to forward applications.

In an announcement aired in the local radio station yesterday, TSC Acting Executive Secretary Ncamsile Mtshali invited all local teachers who are aspiring to be head or deputy head teachers to collect application forms at their local regional education offices.

The deadline for forwarding applications is March 8, 2019 at 16:30pm at the regional REO offices.

Mtshali stated that there are 22 vacant posts in total for schools in all four regions. There are nine vacancies for secondary and high school deputy head teachers. These are from three regions: Lubombo, Manzini and Shiselweni.

She also stated that there are 13 vacant posts for deputy head teachers in primary schools. There are four vacancies in the Hhohho region, six vacancies in the Shiselweni region, two vacancies in the Lubombo region, as well as one vacancy in the Manzini region, added Mtshali.

Aspiring candidates for the head teacher and deputy head teacher position must have at least three years' experience working as a deputy head teacher, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in secondary and primary education must also possess a Bachelors Honours Degree

Below is a table showing the schools that have vacancies for the positions of head teacher and deputy head teachers

Secondary/High School Deputy Head Teacher Vacancies

Hhohho Region	Lubombo Region	Manzini Region	Shiselweni Region
	Tikubaba High School	St. Christopher High School	Nhlangu Central High School
	Malindza High School	Khuphuka High School	Nyamane High School
		Ngwane Park High School	Evelyn Baring High School
			Ntshumini High School

Primary School Deputy Head Teacher

Hhohho Region	Lubombo Region	Manzini Region	Shiselweni Region
Langabhi Primary School	Gilgal Primary School	Mhlata Primary School	Gabale Community Primary School
Mangwani Primary School	Nkani Primary School		Etjandlovu Primary School
Maphaleni Community Primary School			Mpatheni Primary School
Mbabane Central Primary School			Masiphala Primary School
			Mhlata Primary School
			Eginkweni Primary School

as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Educational Management.

Mtshali also added that candidates who want to apply for the deputy head teacher positions must be teachers who have at least 10 years and above experience. Candidates are also advised to apply for only one position and one school.

When contacted for a comment, President of the Swaziland Principals Association Welcome Mhlunga said

he commended the advertising of vacant posts as it promotes transparency in the recruitment of educators. He added that it is important to fill the vacant positions so as to ensure that the education of children is successful.

Mhlunga also stated that there are a number of reasons why there were vacant positions for head teachers. These may include teachers who have been promoted and those who may have retired.

COUNCILORS CHARGED FOR SIDING WITH SIKHATSI

STORIES BY BAHLE GAMA
Mbabane

THE Mbabane Municipality's councillors have been charged with a breach of conduct by council.

The councillors; Simangaliso Gama, Thulani Dlamini and Musa Dlamini have been charged with the breach of conduct after submitting a confirmatory affidavit in Sikhatsi Dlamini's case that CEO Gideon Mhlomo is working without a valid contract.

Gama's letter stated that a special committee has been established to investigate and make findings on what prima facie constitute breaches of the code.

He allegedly issued an affidavit to the court in case number 1814/18, which is a case between Dlamini and the council, where he is said to have made pejorative statements against the mayor and the council.

The statements include that the mayor lied and that Mhlomo is in office legitimately. The letter further stated that the allegations are derogative to the persons and the council and they were made against and further denounced and berated resolutions legitimately made by the council to which he is a member.

It also stated that on January 17, Gama is said to have taken center stage during a symposium for Mbabane Tinkhundla and Members of Parliament organised by the Council, whereby he raised controversial issues against the council when he was expected to sup-

port Council in providing information and answers to the participants.

Prior to the event, a note had been written by the CEO to councillors on how they were expected to conduct themselves but he along with Musa and Thulani flagrantly went against such guide, resulting in them embarrassing the institution before external stakeholders.

Gama was expected to appear before the formed committee yesterday with a reply to Mayor Zephania Nkambule on the alleged breaches stated.

If he does not avail himself at the set date and time without a prior notification and plausible reasons, the proceedings would continue in his absence and a conclusive decision would be reached, read the last part of the letter signed by Mayor Nkambule.

Gama disclosed that he learnt that the committee was made up of Sabelo Magagula who is the chairperson alongside councillor Sithembiso Hlandze who were in a sitting last year for near similar issues.

"During the appearance, I asked that Magagula and Hlandze recuse themselves from the matter, as they had been in a similar committee last year where I had appeared before," he said.

He further stated that the matter was still pending in court, which made no sense as to why it was being addressed by a committee.

Allegations were made that the council is in a rush to suspend Gama and the others to prevent them from attending a team building seminar that will be out of the country.

Councillor accused of corruption

THE committee's chairperson and Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee in the Council Sabelo Magagula is alleged to be involved in corruption after he allegedly made means that his brother, Thabo Magagula receive a tender from the council.

During the awarding of the tender, Sabelo never recused himself or dis-

closed his relation to the awardee of the tender, which is Pakani belonging to his brother. Legal documents show Pakani belongs to Magagula's brother has not been remitting what it collects to the Council, since 2017 when he received the tender. He is currently in arrears of E240 000, which is 48 percent of the total he should have remitted to council as at December 2018.

Vacancies in Science and Mathematics teachers

THE teaching fraternity is experiencing a shortage of teachers for Science and Mathematics subjects.

Acting Executive Secretary of the Teaching Service Commission Ncamsile Mtshali stated that in secondary and high schools, they have a challenge of shortage of teachers who are ade-

quately qualified for teaching Science subjects including as Mathematics and Physics. She attributed this to that teachers who are qualified for these subjects attract interest from other fields and usually opt to leave the teaching practice because the other jobs have better remuneration packages compared to

the teaching profession.

She also mentioned that they will need to ascertain the exact number of teachers needed for the above mentioned subjects. She added that they will certainly advertise for the positions so that interested candidates can forward their application in due time.



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PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE SESSIONS IN PARLY



WORK IN PROGRESS: Minister of Housing and Urban Development Prince Simelane with some of the officials, including PS Clifford Mamba, during the on-going portfolio committee sessions held in Parliament. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



LEGISLATORS: MPs who are part of the portfolio committee going through the programme.



CEOs SECTION: Some of the city and town councils CEOs who were part of the officials from the ministry.



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FOCUSED: Chairman of the Ministry of Housing Portfolio Committee MP Nkhanyeti Ngwenya listen to the submissions.



NOTED: A section of the government officials taking notes during their appearance.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE MEETING



SUBMIT: Minister of Home Affairs Princess Lindiwe making her submission during the ministry's appearance before the portfolio committee in Parliament yesterday. (r) **OFFICIALS:** Part of the government officials from the ministry of home affairs who were present. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



CHAIR: Chairman of the Portfolio Committee of Home Affairs MP Madala Mhlanga directs the proceedings.



LISTENING: Some members of the portfolio committee listen to the submissions.

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FATHER, STEP-MOM BEAT UP BOY, FINED E8 000

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

A father and his lover have been fined E8 000 for beating and further inflicting pain on the former's five-year-old.

Zandile Mavuso (32) and Maboy Mavimbela (35) of Ntsetse under Chief Jabhane appeared before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi for beating up the latter's five-year-old son.

The duo was charged with contravening Section 48(1) of the Children and Welfare Act of 2012.

They beat up the boy with a stick all over his body and further pinched his ears. The incident took place on Monday when the child reportedly refused to go to school.

Mavuso, the boy's step-mother, was first to punish the child and was later joined by her lover Mavimbela.

The court learnt that the boy's left arm was broken whilst his right arm sustained serious injuries.

He further sustained injuries on his hips and eyebrows. Following the gruesome assault by the lovers, the was hospitalised at Mbabane Government Hospital.

Dr Kahunew's report confirmed the injuries and cited assault as the cause.



BEFORE HER: Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi.

The duo pleaded guilty to the charge. His step-mother told the court that she was only trying to scare him so he could go to school. She further told the court that she had been staying with the child since he was three years old.

The woman claimed to love the young boy as her own child, so she was punishing him out of love not hate. She added that it was worth noting that it was the first and last time such an incident happened. The principal magistrate condemned the act of the two.

Nhlabatsi said the couple was not punishing, but attacking a defenceless child. It was established that the mother of the

boy was nowhere to be found as he has not visited the child for over two years.

Apparently, his biological mother is married and does not want to stay with his son at her marital home.

The magistrate called upon the social workers who were present in court to find a place for the boy where he would stay. "This family is not eligible to stay with the child," said the principal magistrate.

Nhlabatsi further explained the impact of their behaviour towards the child. She noted that the couple was raising the child to be an abuser because he is not growing up in a loving environment. The magistrate added that the couple was raising an attention seeker and a person of immoral behaviour.

Nhlabatsi told the couple that this was not a way to raise a child as he is at a very crucial stage of his life and easily influenced, so he needs to be moulded with love. The magistrate condemned the act of the father of letting and joining his girlfriend when assaulting his son.

They were found guilty of the charge and were sentenced to four years imprisonment with a fine option of E4 000 each.

SCARFACE'S BROTHER ARRESTED FOR RAPE

BY MELUSI MLOTSI
Siphofaneni

IS the Masina family cursed?

This is a question which some of the Mahlabatsini community members are asking themselves after a younger brother to the late serial rapist Bhikinkhosi 'Scarface' Masina has also been arrested for allegedly raping his four-year-old relative.

Ironically, the arrested younger brother to 'Scarface' is also a former convict. He was arrested for attempting to rape his 15-year-old relative in 2012.

Mahlabatsini falls under Siphofaneni Constituency in the Lubombo region. 'Scarface' was shot dead in 2012 by the police after he terrorised the community and neighbouring areas for several months.

Information gathered is to the effect that Xolani Masina (25), allegedly raped his relative towards the end of last month. According to sources in the community, Masina was in a questionable state of sobriety when he allegedly raped the minor.

Impeccable sources revealed that Masina was drinking buganu prior

to raping the minor. "He was suspected to be drunk on that day when he raped the minor inside one of the houses within the homestead," said the source. It had been gathered that the minor was complaining of pains in her private parts, which prompted one of the relatives to check her. The source said the relative discovered something strange on the minor's private parts. "The minor pointed out Masina that he had forcefully slept with her and was feeling some pain in her private parts," said the source.

The source said Siphofaneni police officers were alerted and promptly arrived on the scene.

The officers are said to have taken the minor to Sithobelweni Health Centre and examination was carried out. "It was discovered that the minor was raped."

Thereafter, Masina was arrested," said the source. Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Assistant Superintendent Nosipho Mnguni confirmed that Scarface's younger brother had been arrested and charged under the SODV Act. "He has already appeared before the Magistrate's Court at Siphofaneni," she said.

SELFIE



EXPENSIVE SELFIE: A man dangerously takes a selfie in the middle of the Goje Township road next to Woodlands Restaurant yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Pastor Sikhumbuzo Shongwe wants stolen church chairs released

BY SIFISO NHLABATSII
Manzini

SIKHUMBUSO Shongwe has applied to the court to release 301 church chairs worth E20 900.

Shongwe made this application following an incident which saw two people breaking into a church in Matsapha and stealing 301 chairs.

The chairs were stolen from God Never Fails Church and they are said to be the property of Pastor Sikhumbuzo Shongwe.

Two suspects have been arrested in connection with this offence. Sikelela Mamba (42) and Bhikisisa Mamba (42), both from Hlatikulu area, appeared in court yesterday before Manzini Magistrate Xolile Nxumalo.

The accused were charged with theft in that on 15 November 2018 near God Never Fails

Church in the Manzini region, they acted jointly in furtherance of a common purpose and intentionally stole 273 black plastic chairs valued at E16 500 and eight blue silver frame chairs valued at E4 400.

According to the court records, the property when combined is valued at 20 900 and it is said it was in the lawful possession of Shongwe.

Another charge faced by the accused persons is that of house breaking with intent to steal and theft. It is alleged that on December 5, 2018 near Ka-Khoza area, the said accused person broke into a house belonging to Thobile Mabuza and stole property worth E16 950.

The matter was supposed to continue for trial however it did not take off. This is because one of the accused persons informed the court that he was not ready to proceed with the matter as he

was not feeling well.

The suspect claimed that he has been sick for days but did not receive the necessary medical attention while in custody. He said all that he was given were pain killers. The magistrate ordered that the matter be postponed to 15 May where it will come back to court for continuation of trial. She further ordered that the accused be taken to Mbabane Government hospital where he will receive treatment.

Meanwhile Pastor Sikhumbuzo Shongwe who is the complainant in the theft of chairs matter which happened at God Never Fails Church made an application to court that the chairs be released.

He said church members are now sitting on the floor as there are no chairs in church. He further asked for a speedy trial saying his constant appearances in court are not good for his reputation as a pastor.



Vacancies

In pursuing the mandate to prevent and respond to gender based violence, SWAGAA is extending an invitation to individuals interested in applying for the following position to forward an application.

1. Finance and Administration Manager

Job title: Finance and Administration Manager
Reports to: The Executive Director

Purpose: To ensure the smooth operation of all finance and administration activities of the organization including formulation/review and implementation of finance, administration and human resource policies and procedures, financial systems application and training and development of finance team to contribute towards the effective functioning of SWAGAA

Key responsibilities include

- Conduct financial management and monitoring of all donor grants and organizational resources
- Analyse and present financial reports in an accurate and timely manner;
- Clearly communicate monthly and annual financial statements;
- Ensure strong adherence to organizational policies and procedures for prevention of mismanagement of funds and resources
- Consolidate financial reporting materials for all donor segments, and oversee all financial, project/program and grants accounting.
- Coordinate and lead the annual audit process, liaise with external auditors and the Finance Sub Committee of the Executive Board; assess any changes necessary.
- Oversee and lead annual budgeting and planning processes.

Qualifications:

- Post Graduate Degree in Accounting, Business Administration, Finance Management, or similar
- 5 years' experience in finance management, two of which must be in a Management role.
- Minimum 3 years' experience in Donor Grants Management.
- Minimum 2 years' experience in Senior Management position.

Detailed Job Descriptions are available upon request from the SWAGAA Finance and Administration Office.

2. Monitoring and Evaluation Officer

Job title: Monitoring and Evaluation Officer
Reports to: SWAGAA M&E Coordinator

Purpose: To provide M&E support to Program's. Responsible for monitoring, evaluating and reporting on project activities and ensuring high quality and timely data entry.

Requirements: Adheres to SWAGAA's policies, procedures and code of conduct

Duties

- Conduct routine data entry and analysis
- Compile statistics for monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual qualitative and quantitative reports
- Collect program information for SHAPMoS (National HIV and AIDS Programme Monitoring) to be submitted to the SWAGAA M&E coordinator
- Manage and update GEP database as required
- Ensure data is collected from all participating schools
- Track submission of mentors' monthly reports and program activity reports
- Develop indicators and targets for all programs
- Ensure data is collected consistently on all program indicators
- Conduct regular field spot checks on Girls Empowerment Clubs
- Conduct data quality checks on program reports
- Review, refine and develop program monitoring and evaluation tools and reporting templates
- Train staff on monitoring and evaluation tools and reporting templates
- Assist with the development of a system for proper filing and safekeeping of all reports
- Provide mentoring and training to staff and community volunteers on issues related to data collection, management and use
- Assist GEP coordinator to track program implementation and update the program work plan as required
- Work with GEP coordinators to identify gaps in the project and propose solutions
- Actively represent SWAGAA in partnership and stakeholder meetings and consultations when required
- Attend weekly, monthly staff, departmental and debrief meetings
- Present on topics relating to monitoring and evaluation
- Undertake other M&E or project activities as requested

Qualifications:

- Minimum requirement: Bachelor's degree in monitoring and evaluation, social sciences or any other related field
- Minimum 2 years' experience in monitoring and evaluation
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills and analytical skills
- A valid driver's license with
- Two years' experience driving

Applications: Interested candidates must email applications by 12 noon on Tuesday 12th March 2019.

Email to SWAGAA Communications Officer at communications@swagaa.org.sz and copy to swagaa@swagaa.org.sz

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'TIBI TENDLU' A BIG CHALLENGE IN FIGHTING GBV

STORIES BY SABELO MAJOLA
Mbabane

IN Eswatini there are certain socio-cultural barriers that work against affected parties reporting incidents of violence.

There is a socio-cultural stigma attached to Gender Based Violence (GBV) which makes some people feel ashamed to talk about it, let alone report it.

This is according to the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Eswatini country report, which is the custody of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), a UN sexual and

reproductive health agency. Its mission is to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every child-birth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

It stated that there is an attitude that family secrets (tibitendlu) should not be revealed to outsiders, leading to families working together to conceal them. In some cases, families may discuss and agree on a penalty to punish the offender and not take the matter to law enforcement agents.

"In those instances, where the offender happens to be a breadwinner, the incidents may not be reported because of fear of loss of support. As a result, few incidences

of GBV are reported. In addition, there is a low conviction rate due to poor collection of evidence and court presentation, among other reasons. In cases of GBV against minors, the situation is even worse as young children may be unable to testify," states the report.

Cases of GBV are escalating in the country and most often it is women who fall victim as they are subjected to violence from men.



"In Eswatini GBV, especially against women and children, is prevalent and on the rise and is a significant human rights and development concern.

However, there has been a steady increase of reports of gender-based violence perpetrated against men. In response, the Eswatini Government has taken measures to prevent and eliminate gender-based violence in order to protect the human rights and dignity of survivors.

20 out of 1 000 children die at birth

AS Eswatini continues to fight against neonatal death, it has been revealed that 20 out of 1 000 children still die at birth.

A neonatal death is defined as a death during the first 28 days of life (0-27 days).

The report states that government has deliberately intervened to eliminate preventable maternal mortality, adolescent girls and neonates. They are committed to eliminate preventable maternal mortality through ensuring that births are attended to by skilled health personnel, and that there is universal access to prenatal and postnatal care and family planning, emergency obstetric and neonatal care and management of pregnancy-related complications and preventable complications arising from unsafe abortion in order to protect and safeguard the lives of women, adolescent girls and neonates. Another commitment is to achieve universal access to sexual and reproductive health services, free from all forms of discrimination by providing an essential package of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services through the primary health care system for women and men with particular attention, to needs of adolescents, youth, older person, persons with disabilities especially in the most remote areas.

Man punches wife with fist, fined E2 000

BY COLISILE SACOLO
Mbabane

MICHAEL Silawula (56) of Fonteyn has been charged with the offence of contravening Section 77 (1) (a) of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act of 2018.

Silawula wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally assaulted his wife, Zandile Nkomelweko on March 1, 2019.

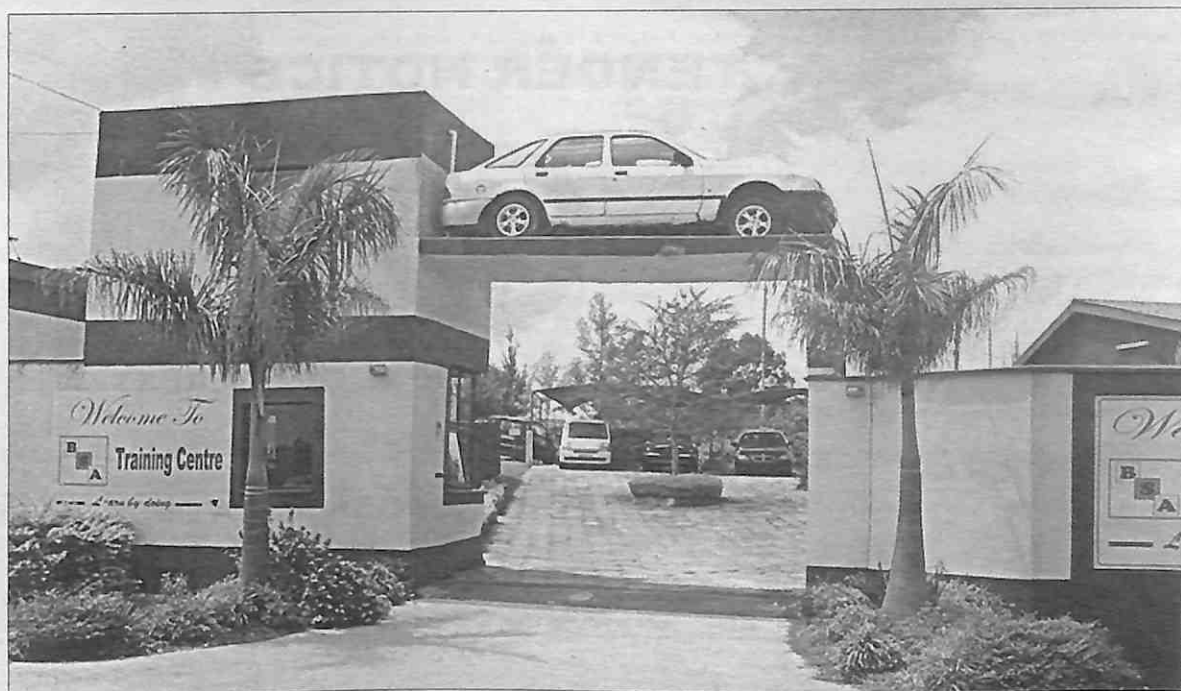
He assaulted her with one strong fist on the head, thus causing grievous bodily harm.

When Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi asked the accused why he abused his wife in such a cruel

manner, he said they had a misunderstanding "She had left on Saturday and came back the following day without an explanation. I told her to go back where she had slept because she did not provide explanation about where she was on that day." The accused was sentenced to two years in a correctional facility or to pay a fine of E2 000.

"...**"She had left on Saturday and came back the following day without an explanation. I told her to go back where she had slept because she did not provide explanation about where she was on that day.**"

ON TOP OF THE WORLD



ON TOP: The owners of BSA Training Centre at Ngwenya decided to strategically place an old model Ford sedan on top of the entrance in a bid to attract attention from passersby. This is creative but risky. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

MAN ACCUSED OF SLAPPING ANOTHER FINED E400

BY MELUSI TSABEDZE
Eswatini National Court

A 38-year-old man from Manzana has been arrested for unlawfully assaulting another.

Ndileleni Mthethwa assaulted Bhekisisa Mabuza with the intention to cause him serious bodily harm.

He hit Mabuza on the face with a slap on February 3, 2019 at the Mbabane Bus Rank.

Mabuza said he was standing just outside his taxi when the accused came

out of nowhere and slapped him.

"He slapped me and asked why I did not take his nephew to the hospital," said Mabuza.

However, Mthethwa denied ever slapping the complainant.

It surfaced in court that Mabuza had knocked down a child while at Manzana. Mthethwa then confronted him at the bus rank, and asked him why he knocked down the child and left her on the spot without taking her to hospital.

However, a witness Nomcebo Mazibuko told the court that when the

kombi knocked down the child, it was not driven by Mabuza.

"While at the bus rank, I noticed Mabuza directing customers to board his kombi. Mthethwa then emerged with his and asked started to assault Mabuza. He slapped him in the face and further dragged him by the clothes and pushed him towards the kombi," added the witness.

Mthethwa told the court that Mabuza had knocked down his nephew at Manzana and left her on the spot without taking her to the hospital.

"On Sunday, I received a call from

home and I was told that a kombi had bumped into my nephew and it did not stop," said Mthethwa.

Mthethwa said the caller gave the kombi's description, which matched that of Mabuza.

He said he made it his obligation to look for the taxi at the bus rank so that his nephew might be taken to the hospital. Mthethwa denied claims that he assaulted Mabuza.

"I only asked Mabuza why he did not take the child to hospital. Your Worship, he did not take heed to what I was saying. He boarded his kombi



and he left the rank, I did not hit him," Mthethwa told the court.

The court found Mthethwa guilty of assault.

He was sentenced to four months in prison with a fine option of E400.

Vendors cry foul after ban by school

BY MELUSI MLOTSA
Mbabane

THREE vendors who were selling fruit and snacks at Qedusizi Primary School are aggrieved that the new principal has stopped them from selling their wares inside the school premises.

Qedusizi Primary is in the periphery of Mbabane. It is said the vendors were stopped from selling in the beginning of January 2019 after the school established a tuckshop.

The vendors had been selling their wares at the school for almost 15 years. Their commodities varied from biscuits, ice blocks and snacks, to mention but only a few.

They expressed their disappointment



NO VENDORS: The entrance of Qedusizi Primary School, where vendors feel they are not welcome to do business within the school premises. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

to the school administration about the manner they were banned at the school. They said they were making a living out of selling their wares to the pupils.

"It all started during the arrival of

the new school principal, who told us that we must acquire trading permits if we want to sell inside the school premises. Luckily, we obtained them from the Mbabane City Council," said

one of the aggrieved vendors. The vendor said after some time, they were told not to sell inside the school but outside. "We told the school administration that if we sell outside the school, the pupils will be exposed to accidents as the school is located near a busy road. Fortunately, our pleas were heard," they said. The vendors said what is more painful is that they were not notified prior about the ban.

They said in January they spent more money purchasing stock for the pupils with the aim of making profit.

"We were only informed at the eleventh hour that we were no longer welcome and it's painful because we were earning a living through selling our wares at the school," said the vendors. The principal of the school, when contacted for comments, referred all

questions to her deputy Nokuthula Simelane, who said they engaged the vendors before they were stopped. "We had a discussion with the vendors over this issue and the door is still open for them if they are not happy with our decision," said Simelane. Simelane said the reason the school stopped the vendors from selling inside the school premises was due to the fact that they established a tuckshop to generate income. "There are a lot of projects at the school which we have initiated, hence the tuckshop was necessary so that we can generate income," she said. She added that at the moment, the school has only one computer, servicing all the 18 teachers. She said it was imperative to meet government half way due to the economic situation the country faces.

TENDER NOTICE



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

TENDER NO.	SRA 2019/006
NAME	REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - SRA ORGANISATIONAL CULTURE TRANSFORMATION
CLOSING DATE	29TH OF MARCH 2019

The Eswatini Revenue Authority is seeking services from experienced companies for the above mentioned services. Only companies that can demonstrate that they are suitably qualified and have previous experience and capacity to implement similar projects will be considered.

Tenderers should submit the following:

- Company profile
- Technical & Financial proposals
- Original Copy of Valid Tax Compliance Certificate
- Certified Copy of Valid Trading License
- Certified Copy of Valid Labour Compliance Certificate
- Company Form j & Form C
- Declaration of Eligibility Form
- Financial Proposal Form
- Police clearance for company Directors
- Company audited annual financial statements for the past 3 years
- Names and contact details of at least three (3) reference customers

Interested companies should access the tender documents from the SRA website at www.sra.org.sz and from the Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency website at www.sppra.co.sz. Tenders must be placed in the tender box in a sealed envelope showing the Tender name and Tender number not later than 12h00 Noon, on the above closing date at:

Eswatini Revenue Authority Building, Ground Floor Reception, Portion 419 of Farm 50 Ezulwini, Along MR 103 (Mvutshini-Gables Road)

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Man hacks his uncle with a spade, gets E5 000 fine

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

A 26-year-old man of Mangwaneni has been fined E5 000 for hacking his uncle on the forehead.

Sibusiso Magagula appeared before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi on Monday for striking his uncle Sicelo Sukati with a spade on the forehead, thus caused him grievous bodily harm. The incident took place on November 30, 2018 at Mangwaneni area in Mbabane. It is reported that after the gruesome incident, police were called to the scene and Magagula was taken into custody.

He made his first appearance before the principal magistrate on December 3, 2018.

Magagula pleaded guilty to the count and applied for bail, which was set at E5 000.

On Monday, Magagula appeared before court for trial. He submitted that he acted out of emotions and he is not proud of his behaviour.

He said the humiliation he endured when taken into custody by police officers, as well as being in the accused stand had taught him an unforgettable lesson in his life.

He pleaded for the court to consider that he still has to look for a job and make a better living for himself. He further stated that if his sentence could be higher he will not have the future he had imagined over the mistake. After careful deliberation by the court, the Crown noted that Magagula abided by the bail conditions.

He was sentenced to two years imprisonment with a fine option of E5 000, which he had already paid as bail and it was converted to the fine.

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CARE: Busisiwe Simelane, the Macmillan MD, comforts an ailing child who is admitted at RFM hospital during their visit to the children's ward recently.

Macmillan donates E150 000 to kick-start partnership with ENHI

BY OBSERVER REPORTER
Mbabane

MACMILLAN Education Eswatini has partnered with Eswatini Nazarene Health Institutions (ENHI) in a programme that will impact the education of children, who are recovering under the stewardship and care of the institution.

To kick-start the partnership, Macmillan invested a sum of E150 000 towards the painting of a portion of ENHI's paediatric ward and the refurbishment of the 'Reading Corner'. The 'Reading Corner' will later be stocked with books, courtesy of Macmillan.

In an occasion marking the launch of the partnership, Macmillan Managing Director Busisiwe Simelane said her company's decision to partner with the institution was motivated by the knowledge that health and education were inseparable, and while the plight of the children was unfortunate, it presented an ideal opportunity for Macmillan to make a meaningful intervention for the benefit of the children.

Simelane announced that Macmillan would paint and decorate the ward, as well as provide a mini library that would be



GESTURE: The Macmillan MD prepares the wall for painting.

attractive, educational, child-friendly and interesting for the children.

She highlighted that Macmillan has always had a good relationship with the institution, recalling that earlier this year they celebrated the International Read Aloud Day together with the children in the hospital. She said they were looking forward to celebrating the coming International Books and Copyright Day together again.

The MD said Macmillan aimed

to create a strong partnership that would help empower children as they recovered from their ailments. Philsiwe Msibi, a representative of Rocking Horse, an organisation that also works with the children's ward, noted that reading helped shift the children's focus from their ailments and brought them hope.

Rocking Horse is working with the hospital in programmes designed to help the recovery of the children, such as the provision of play therapy, as well as read to them and help those in school with their schoolwork.

This allows the children not only to recover speedily, but keep abreast with their school work, so that they are not left behind when they finally go back to school. Simelane commended Rocking Horse for the role they were playing in helping with the children's recovery process, and assured that they were going to work with them in supporting the children.

She applauded the management of ENHI for their effort and initiative of creating the 'Reading Corner' in the first place. Simelane said they were planning to celebrate Macmillan's 40th anniversary with the hospital. After the launch, Macmillan management and staff went ahead and got their hands dirty as they painted a portion of the paediatric ward.



CLEAN: The Macmillan team gets on with the painting.



Vacancy Announcement:

Programme Communications & Advocacy Officer - NOB

BACKGROUND

With the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at its core, and in response to the General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, the UN Secretary General's report (December 2017) "Repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda: our promise for dignity, prosperity and peace on a healthy planet" puts forward a comprehensive proposal on further improvements to the resident coordinator system to ensure more coherent, accountable and effective support for the 2030 Agenda. This was further reinforced by General Assembly resolution 72/729 of 1 June 2018, which gave the Secretary-General the mandate to implement the repositioning.

A reinvigorated resident coordinator system is at the centre of a repositioned United Nations development system, and while the system has been instrumental in driving coherence on the ground over the past four decades, it is now insufficiently robust to respond to the needs of the 2030 Agenda. The report stresses that resident coordinator offices will need to be adequately staffed to ensure sufficient substantive capacities to lead United Nations country teams. The core capacity will include expertise in coordination and strategic planning, economics, tailored policy support, results monitoring and evaluation, and strategic partnerships, plus a robust standing communications capacity within the United Nations country team. This post is part of this new generation of resident coordinator office, with the new skillset and competencies required to deliver on the 2030 Agenda.

Organizational Setting and Reporting Relationships: The position is located in the United Nations Resident Coordination Office (RCO) in Eswatini and reports to the RCO Team Leader under the overall guidance of the UN Resident Coordinator.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Contributes to strategy advocacy and programme communications in support of the UNDAF
- Assists in partnership building and media relations
- Provides substantive support for digital communications
- Supports publications and branding management

Description of Functions

1. CONTRIBUTES TO STRATEGY ADVOCACY AND PROGRAMME COMMUNICATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE UNDAF

- Provides substantive support to the Resident Coordinator (RC) and UN Country Team (UNCT) in designing, implementing and monitoring the UN joint advocacy and communication strategy, promoting the UNDAF as the primary instrument for the planning and implementation of UN development activities in the country, in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- Prepares inputs for the RC and UNCT on strategic advocacy and programme communications for the 2030 Agenda and to boost impact of programmatic objectives under the UNDAF;
- Contributes to the promotion of advocacy and communications as a tool for a participatory approach to UNDAF implementation and monitoring, reflecting the views and priorities of people, including those left farthest behind;
- Monitors and analyzes the media in the areas related to the UN's mandates and programmes in the country, as well as other issues relevant to the UN brand and positioning;
- Prepares inputs for the RC and UNCT on public messaging and media outreach, and assists in managing reputational risks or crises around sensitive issues;
- Provides substantive support to the RC and UNCT, Programme Management Team (or equivalent) and Results Groups on potential issues, concerns and risks related to communications and advocacy, and suggests corrective actions;
- Provides substantive support to the UN Communications Group throughout the stages of the UNDAF cycle;
- In collaboration with the UN Communications Group and the UN Programme Management Team (or equivalent), and in coordination with the RCO colleagues responsible for data management and results reporting, contributes to the annual communication plan to publicize and communicate results with a focus on the UN's development impact;
- Assists the RC and UNCT in projecting UN's image effectively and accurately as well as promoting transparency and accountability;
- Provides substantive support to identity, incorporate, monitor and report on communication performance indicators throughout the UNDAF cycle.

2. ASSISTS IN PARTNERSHIP BUILDING AND MEDIA RELATIONS

- Assists in the engagement of key traditional and non-traditional partners, including government, civil society, private sector, development partners and others new as well as traditional actors on the collective 2030 Agenda and the related role and impact of the UN's work in country;
- Provides substantive support to the RC and UNCT in significantly expanding public outreach on the 2030 Agenda and the UN's role and impact in country;
- Supports public engagement on the UN's role and work in country, including through programme visits showcasing the UN's development impact;
- Contributes to regular liaison with other partners for content development, information exchange, collaborative communication efforts, and innovative communication and advocacy tools;
- Compiles and analyzes communication experiences and shares findings with country, regional and HQ communication colleagues so that best practices benefit UN's communication work;
- Assists in maintaining close working relationships with the media, including editors and journalists in key national and international news outlets; develops, maintains and updates media relations contact list/database;
- Prepares official briefing materials, talking points, speeches, statements, op-eds and presentations as necessary.

3. PROVIDES SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT FOR DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Maintains digital external platforms such as the UN country team website as well as UN social media presence (Facebook, Twitter account etc.);
- Assists in the development and implementation of a digital content strategy and contributes to the development of key communication products (e.g. human-interest stories, photography, video, animations, etc.).

4. SUPPORTS PUBLICATIONS AND BRANDING MANAGEMENT

- Provides substantive support to the RC and UNCT on joint UN publications, maintaining high quality standards and the correct application of the UN branding guidelines;
- Drafts inputs for the RC and UNCT on the use of the UN joint brand at country level across UN products, both offline and online

Competencies:

- Professionalism
- Planning and Organizing
- Communication
- Teamwork
- Accountability
- Creativity
- Client Orientation
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Technological Awareness

RECRUITMENT QUALIFICATIONS:

- Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent degree) in communications, journalism, business or public administration, sustainable development, social sciences, education or related area. A first-level university degree in combination with two additional years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.
- A minimum of five years of progressively responsible experience in programme communications and advocacy or partnership development in the context of development cooperation or related area is required.
- Fluency in English and Siswati.

All candidates are requested to send their applications online on the below address:

https://jobs.partneragencies.net/recruitjobs.html?JobOpeningId=21776&hrs_lo_pst_seq=1&hrs_site_id=2

Kindly note that applications received through email or hard copy will not be considered. The closing date for applications is on or before 12th March 2019.

Economists weigh in on civil servants' CoLA crisis

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane

THE continued refusal by government in granting civil servants the Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA) has thrown the public service into a dire economic crisis, as they form a significant percentage of the total workforce in Eswatini.

Civil servants are also the backbone of many of Eswatini's homes, where the average number of dependants supported by one civil servant's salary is six.

In light of Finance Minister Neal Rijkenberg's budget speech, it is clear that government will continue to withhold what is due to the country's civil servants.

According to economists, there are cost effective measures that could help civil servants survive in the prevailing economic climate.

"Having and keeping to a budget or spending plan helps you ensure that you have enough money for your needs, while at the same time, you can gradually start to build up greater financial security and even wealth.

It also helps to keep you out of debt or be able to pay back your debt in a timely fashion.

You must identify your spending as you cannot deal with something you do not acknowledge, for instance, what you really spend."

"When you save, you should save in a short-term, risk-free product like a fixed deposit or money market account. One should not breach a 12 months savings term as the impact of inflation will eat into your spending power.

After a year of saving, you should then



IN MY SPEECH: Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg.

invest the money you saved over that period.

Tax-free savings products are an effective way to save. An example is saving with a stokvel, which is the most popular informal way of saving in Eswatini. Any growth on an investment in such a product will be tax free and each member of the family can open one.

Market

However, keeping the money in the pool does not earn market rates. By putting a lump sum or lump sums either in unit trusts (even as little as E50 a month) or in a money market account, one can get a lot more growth than just 'keeping it under the mattress'.

"If you have a hobby or special skills, you might look at selling some product or service based on that.

Some people use their baking, sewing, or even cooking skills to generate extra income.

That way, not only are you using your

skill to bringing extra income into your home, it is a measure you can take with you well into retirement."

The economist suggested that due to the proposed fuel hike, car pooling is a cost effective way to travel to and from work.

Carpooling is an arrangement between people to make a regular journey in a single vehicle, typically with each person taking turns to drive the other's.

"Due to the proposed fuel hike, there will most likely be a hike in transport prices, therefore, catching a ride with a neighbour or friend may save you money as there is no guarantee that using public transport will remain." Purchasing foodstuffs at wholesalers in bulk is another way to ensure survival during the month. "Take advantage of sales to buy groceries at somewhat cheap prices to ensure that in the midst of everything, you are not worried about stocking up your pantry to last the month."

'Women issues are crucial'

BY NONGCEBO DLAMINI
Siphofaneni

SIPHOFANENI Member of Parliament (MP) Mduduzi Simelane is honoured that the International Women's Day commemoration will be held in his constituency.

During an interview, he sent his appreciation to Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku and his department for hosting such a world renowned event at Siphofaneni area.

Simelane said issues of women were extremely crucial.

He stated that the presence of the DPM in Siphofaneni is no different from that of Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini since they work hand-in-hand, and by this, the area will never be the same after this event.

Simelane said together with his constituency and other sectors of government which include; ministry of education, ministry of tin-khundla administration and development, ministry of health, to name a few, were more than ready for this event.

He added that the event would be cutting across these ministries.

The MP acknowledged the DPM for taking a colossal event and giving it to the people.

The people of Siphofaneni are ready for this event and will be coming through in their numbers, from incapacitated people, to women and scholars, Simelane said.

He further appreciated to the government, for not distancing itself from giving a helping hand, because some of the people do not have modes of transportation to attend the event, but government has helped cater for all.

Simelane mentioned that he expected the people of Siphofaneni to understand what the coming of the head of government meant. He emphasised that the DPM is at the top of the hierarchy in government, so he expected respect and humbleness from his constituency on the day of the event. Simelane added that he trusts that the people of Siphofaneni will be well behaved. He further invited not only the people of Siphofaneni, but the whole Lubombo region to this momentous occasion.



HOST: Siphofaneni Member of Parliament Mduduzi 'Gawuzela' Simelane.

Jaywalking SNAT members on trial May 21

NOT BY FAVOUR
SNAT UNION
BUT BY MERIT

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Manzini

THE trial for the two teachers who were arrested for jaywalking has been set for May 21.

Mcolisi Ngcamphalala and Njabulo Dlamini were arrested earlier this year by Constable Nkentjane.

According to court records, Ngcamphalala of Mahlabatsini area was arrested for contravening Section 80(5) as read with Section 122(1) and (7) of the Road Traffic Act of 2007. It is said in or upon January 11, near Lamvelase Clinic, along Sandlane Street in the Manzini district as a pedestrian, he conducted himself in a wrongful and unlawful manner as he crossed the road in a dan-

gerous way to himself and other road users by crossing the road without due care, thus contravening the Act. His second count was that of resisting arrest which was effected by 5925 Constable Nkentjane. Meanwhile, Dlamini of Madonsa area, was also in court for obstructing police officers while executing their duties by pushing and blocking them from arresting Mcolisi Ngcamphalala. The two appeared before Manzini Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini for setting of trial date. During their appearance before the Magistrate's Court, the two through their attorneys moved an application that their charges be consolidated and they be tried on the same date.

The magistrate gave them a trial date set for May 21.



Tfwala wakho
umtfwalo

HEAVY LOAD: A pre-school pupil carries his bag on the head as he climbs the steep hill next to MDS High School yesterday morning. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Ngwane Practising Primary decision questioned:

Parents aggrieved over 'extra classes'

STORIES BY STARSKY MKHONTA
Nhlango

SOME parents of pupils at Ngwane Practising Primary have questioned a decision taken by the school where teachers are demanding to be paid for 'extra extra classes'.

Grade Seven pupils are the ones that must attend 'extra extra classes' in the school. The school is known as a best performer as almost every year, the Grade Seven class records a 100 per cent pass rate.

It has been revealed that one of the secrets behind this is that some of the teachers conducting the said 'extra extra classes' where they pay attention on where the pupils have to improve.

There is an amount of money a parent has to pay as an incentive to the teachers for sacrificing their time to assist the pupils.

Only 'weak' pupils in a particular subject are afforded the opportunity to be part of the 'extra extra classes'.

Some parents said as much as they appreciated the good work of teachers at the school, they had a problem when they have to incentivise the educators.

It is said each pupil must part with E20 per subject for the 'extra extra classes'.

The parents are now challenging the arrangement as some feel they are made to pay for what teachers were employed to do.

Employed

"We wonder what is the use of paying the teachers from our pockets as they are paid by government who employed them. If the school feels having such classes is helpful, why should we pay? It is not fair as this means teachers are making extra money and we don't know if this is allowed," a parent said.

Others said the issue should be reported to the ministry of education as they feel the teachers were ripping them off. "It's okay with the parents who afford to incentivise the teachers, but

what about some of us who cannot afford? Does it mean the child whose parents cannot afford to pay should be excluded? If this is a school for only the rich people, let it be clearly stated. In as far as we are aware, this is not a private school and to pay incentives for salaried teachers is unfair. The ministry needs to investigate this issue," another parent said.

School Principal Ephraem Dlamini confirmed that there were 'extra extra classes' where teachers focus on the 'weakness' of the pupil on a particular subject. He said this was an arrangement that was long introduced and it involved only the parent of the child and the teacher.

"This is an arrangement that started even before I arrived in the school in 2015. It is not new, parents of the Grade Seven class reached an agreement with the teachers. It does not involve the administration but we support such arrangement as it has greatly aided in academic performance of this school," said Dlamini.

Principal sees nothing wrong with arrangement

NGWANE Practising School Principal Ephraem Dlamini says there is nothing wrong with parents paying teachers for the 'extra extra classes'.

"Such a practice is used even in other schools and not only here. If you can conduct your own research, you will find that many children are benefiting from this arrangement.

It's a deal between a parent and a teacher and it does not involve gov-

ernment or administration of the school," said Dlamini.

Dlamini said he was surprised to learn that there are parents who are now questioning this arrangement.

"If there are parents who have a problem with this arrangement, they know our offices and we can explain how this is benefiting the pupils and the school.

Going to the media without first seeking explanation from the admin-

istration makes no sense. Even parents who cannot afford to incentivise the teachers for sacrificing their spare time; they can approach us and work things out.

It is the child we are concerned about. Let's not politicise this issue and anyone who has a problem with the arrangement, is welcome to voice this using the right forums and the media is not one of such forums," said the principal.

Local entrepreneur to launch first online supermarket

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane

THE road to Vision 2022 is clearer with each stride.

Local advertising agency, Africa AD Agency is set to launch Eswatini's first online supermarket called Tsenga Smart in April.

According to the CEO of Africa AD Agency Laurence Lukhele, Tsenga Smart is an online convenience supermarket which aims to sell products such as household cleaning products, fresh fruits and vegetables and a wide variety of dairy and meat products.

Lukhele said this initiative would bring convenience shopping closer to busy locals.

"Our aim is to provide a platform where Emaswati can be relieved of the stress associated with shopping for daily essentials. Locals will be in a better position to purchase household products and grocery items in the comfort of their homes. This will reduce the travelling time to major supermarkets and also the time spent in supermarket queues," Lukhele said. Lukhele said the platform aimed at providing fresh fruits and vegetables, top quality pulses and food grains, dairy products and hundreds of branded items.

Lukhele added that for the service to be more convenient for the customer, Tsenga Smart would provide hassle free delivery options.

"At the customer's utmost convenience, Tsenga Smart customers have the option to select a slotted delivery, which will allow the customer to pick the most convenient



OUR AIM: Africa AD Agency CEO Laurence Lukhele.

delivery slot to have their grocery delivered. Alternatively, the express delivery option will be available to customers within the major cities, where we deliver orders directly to the customer's door step within a period of 90 minutes."

With all its convenience, Tsenga Smart will also make it easier for its customers to pay through convenient channels such as credit and debit card payments, internet banking, Mobile Money/eMali and by cash on delivery (COD).

According to Lukhele, through subscriptions made by users, this platform will assist the agency's partner, SEM Cares Foundation, on an initiative that aims to empower the youth through creating job opportunities for them. "All interested users of Tsenga Smart will be required to pay subscriptions of E100 per month to utilise this service. Proceeds of these subscriptions will go towards creating job opportunities for the youth of Eswatini."

Self-made entrepreneur a force to be reckoned with

BY NONGCEBO DLAMINI
Mbekelweni

PHUMLILE Simelane of Mbekelweni in the Manzini region has become a force to be reckoned with.

The self-made entrepreneur has managed to make a successful business from the comfort of her home.

Simelane said her business 'Making Products for life' only started at the beginning of the year where a close relative taught her how to make products which include liquid soap, jik, floor polish, fabric softener, Vaseline waHalibhoma and cayenne pepper.

She added that the business has opened many doors for her.

She said not only is business booming for her, but has also helped others in acquiring the same skill of making the products.

Although competing with well-known brands, Simelane has managed to penetrate the market in an effective way. She stated that she has sold her brands to companies which include Magaye Investment.



FOR LIFE: Products made by Phumlile Simelane.

Simelane mentioned that she goes as far as helping those she has taught how to market their products to their target audience.

She added that she supplied her products to schools, restaurants, churches, offices, car washes and also groups of individuals. In addition, Simelane pointed out that since her business is steadily growing, she has not opened offices, but conducts her classes at Careters Centre in Manzini.

ON THE LOOKOUT



NO CHANCE: A handful of traffic police officers waiting for offenders next to the Mvutshini waiting room yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

BLESSED THE HAND THAT GIVETH: St Francis Primary School pupils Neliswa Dube and Uyizwile Khumalo presenting clothes to their peers from St Lorenta Catholic Primary School Ncamiso Hlandze and Nokwethu Ginindza at St Francis Primary School yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



St Francis Primary donates to St Lorenta

BY COLISILE SACOLO
Mbabane

ST Francis Primary School has donated clothes to underprivileged pupils of St Lorenta Catholic School.

St Lorenta is under Sithobela constituency at an area known as Gucuka.

The school committee and teachers of St Francis Primary School approached their pupils to donate clothes to the underprivileged pupils.

They asked them to ask their parents for old clothes so that they could donate these to St Lorenta since the situation at the school was very bad and shocking. St Francis Primary School Principal Samson Mthupha said, "We were approached by St Lorenta Catholic School, as teachers we decided to donate clothes, including dresses, trousers and shoes, which will help the disadvantaged children. The school is in a serious case of poverty in all terms."

Mthupha said by this gesture, they were encouraging the courage of love



KIND GESTURE: St Francis Primary School Principal Samson Mthupha joined by pupils as he presents a donation to Deputy Principal of St Lorenta Catholic Primary School Vusumuzi Sibanyoni, who was also joined by pupils from the school.

and giving out to poor learners, who require support.

He said they were grateful with what the parents had done, because if it wasn't for their support, the donation was not

going to be productive. Meanwhile, Deputy Principal of St Lorenta Catholic Primary School Vusumuzi Sibanyoni got emotional and could not hold back tears when he delivering his speech. "I

don't have the best adjective to describe this."

He said St Lorenta was confronted by many challenges, adding that some of the pupils usually come to school without wearing (school) shoes. Sibanyoni added that he was humbled by the children of St Francis Primary School for their kind gesture. He said he also appreciates the lesson that was taught by the teachers to the children. He also thanked the parents for giving out the clothes so that they could support the school. Sibanyoni added that government should frequently visit rural areas so that it could be aware of underprivileged schools.

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BUSINESS UPDATE

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King, Ramaphosa concerned about border-gate congestions

BY SIMON SHABANGU

...Heads of State say congestion affects trade between the two countries

THE Business community will be thrilled to know that His Majesty King Mswati III and South African President Cyril Ramaphosa have tasked relevant ministers to do away with the congestion that currently prevails in some of the major borders between the two countries.

This is one of the many deliberations that took place between the two heads of state at the Hlane Royal Residence on Sunday, where Ramaphosa had paid a courtesy call to His Majesty since being elevated as President.

According to a statement from the South African Presidency, the two leaders deliberated on a number of issues, including that of long queues at the border posts, something they said affected trade between the two countries.

The issue of long queues was said to be a 'thorn in the flesh' for business people, especially the retail sector, which sometimes imports and exports perishable goods.

"The two heads of state noted with appreciation the on-going cooperation in many sectors, including trade and investment, security, health and education.

"They directed that ministers should ensure the issue of congestion at border posts and other outstanding issues are attended to.

"They also directed the ministers of international relations and cooperation in the two countries to convene the Joint Bilateral Commission on Cooperation (JBCC) that oversees the implementation of signed agreements between South Africa and Eswatini," reads the statement in part.

President Ramaphosa further mentioned that



WORK IN PROGRESS: His Majesty King Mswati III welcoming South African President Cyril Ramaphosa before their private talks at Hlane Royal Residence last Sunday. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

the talks identified a broad range of opportunities for bilateral cooperation in sectors such as tourism, information and communications technology, the Fourth Industrial Revolution and agriculture.

The two leaders also exchanged views on current developments in the SADC region. They also congratulated Nigeria and Senegal for conducting peaceful elections. His Majesty King Mswati III wished well the people of SA in the forthcoming provincial and national elections.

President Ramaphosa, on the other hand,

expressed appreciation to the King for hosting him during the working visit and commended the kingdom on its celebration of Eswatini culture.

"Now is the time for economic development. Our two countries are focusing on growing our economies and creating jobs for young people," he said.

The SA President was accompanied by Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Lindiwe Sisulu and Minister of State Security Dipuo Letsatsi-Duba.

Local CEOs dine at Mbabane Market

BY BAHLE GAMA AND SANDZA NXUMALO

IT was a busy day at the Mbabane Market food stall as the ministry of commerce, industry and trade Business Eswatini along with over 10 CEOs from different companies in the country visited the market.

These companies included Montigny, FIN-CORP, Inyatsi group, Air liquid, Standard Bank SRA and Municipal Council of Mbabane, amongst others. The purpose of the excursion was to have an insight of the running of small businesses and see what can be done to help them improve.

Business Eswatini CEO E. Nathi Dlamini said they were passionate about small businesses in the country and that their wish is to see them grow.

"We want to see such businesses grow to the extent of seeing these ladies open restaurants," he said. He said the purpose of visiting the market was not only to have lunch but to ensure that SMEs are promoted.

In preparation for the lunch, Business Eswatini brought Mountain Inn kitchen staff to assist and also teach the women how to cook meals at a level that would match that of hotels and restaurants.

The dignitaries were treated to meals, includ-



LUNCH: The CEOs dishing themselves food during the lunch they had at the Mbabane Market yesterday.

ing indigenous chicken, sweet potatoes, cassava, mealie bread and dumplings.

Dlamini also encouraged all Emaswati to visit the market more often to experience affordable indigenous and simple home cooked meals and not depend on fast foods all the time.

The Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo and the other dignitaries toured around the Mbabane market and met with the business owners, who showed their prod-

ucts as well. Interviewed on the day, some of the women said they were happy to see big guns come to their place of work.

"We are really happy to see them here. This is a first of its kind and we hope to see more of such visits in future," said one of them.

Another woman added that such visits would encourage others to come to the market, something that would boost their respective businesses.

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MARKET LUNCH: Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Mancoba Khumalo with Business Eswatini CEO Nathi Dlamini alongside CEOs, directors and managing directors from different companies in the country. (Pics: Bahle Gama)

LET'S SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES - MINISTER

BY BAHLE GAMA

MINISTER of Commerce, Industry and Trade Mancoba Khumalo says small businesses need all the support they can get from government and other organisations in order for them to grow.

The minister said during Business Eswatini's visit to the Mbabane Market yesterday that most of the SME owners were family people, who run the businesses to provide for their families.

He said with the appropriate backup and support, these business were likely to grow.

"Through power and commitment these businesses can be run as eco-system, hence we need to find a way to intervene and help them grow and also assist the municipality in improving the structure," he said.

He further stated that the SME department of commerce worked hard to ensure that small businesses are assisted in getting capital to start and grow their business in the country.



MARKET PLACE: The minister, Mbabane Municipal Council CEO Gideon Mhlango, Montig MD Andrew le Roux and Business Eswatini CEO during the tour.

The minister then urged people from within the kingdom to help support these businesses in order to improve the economy in terms of tax as none will be importing but would be purchasing within the country.



FOOD: The minister dishing some of the food served at the market during the lunch

International Trade Dept short staffed

BY BAHLE GAMA

THE International Trade Department has lamented the lack of staff in the department; something they said slows progress and production.

The department made the grievance known to the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Mancoba Khumalo during his visit last Friday.

It was revealed that there are only 11 staff members while four positions remain vacant. Two of the staff members are away at school, another attached to SADC while the other has not been replaced since resigning from employ.

Director of International Trade Newman Ntshangase stated that even with the whole team present, he still foresees a challenge in terms of executing their.

Freezing

"We had hoped to fill up these vacancies but the move by government freezing the hiring of new offices made it impossible. We find ourselves in a position where officers are doing twice the work they should be doing," he told the minister.

In response, the minister stated that this was a serious issue as about 55 per cent of the work was not covered due to the vacant posts in the department.

He said the ministry would implement an interim solution to get help from government.

"There should be a plan implemented to replace workers who leave the workplace to ensure that work continues and no one found to be doing twice the work.

"Even if government has frozen the hiring of people, there should be some form of improvising, so as a ministry we have to figure out a solution to this issue and not let everything be for a lot will be at stake in terms of production," he said.

Lungelo Simelane's bracelet business booming

BY SANDZA NXUMALO

THE RSSC and Junior Achievement programme continues to produce young entrepreneurs and Lungelo Simelane is another product of the RSSC sponsored out of school programme.

Simelane runs a bracelet branding and wall art business at Simunye tagged 'Ugaco Couture.'

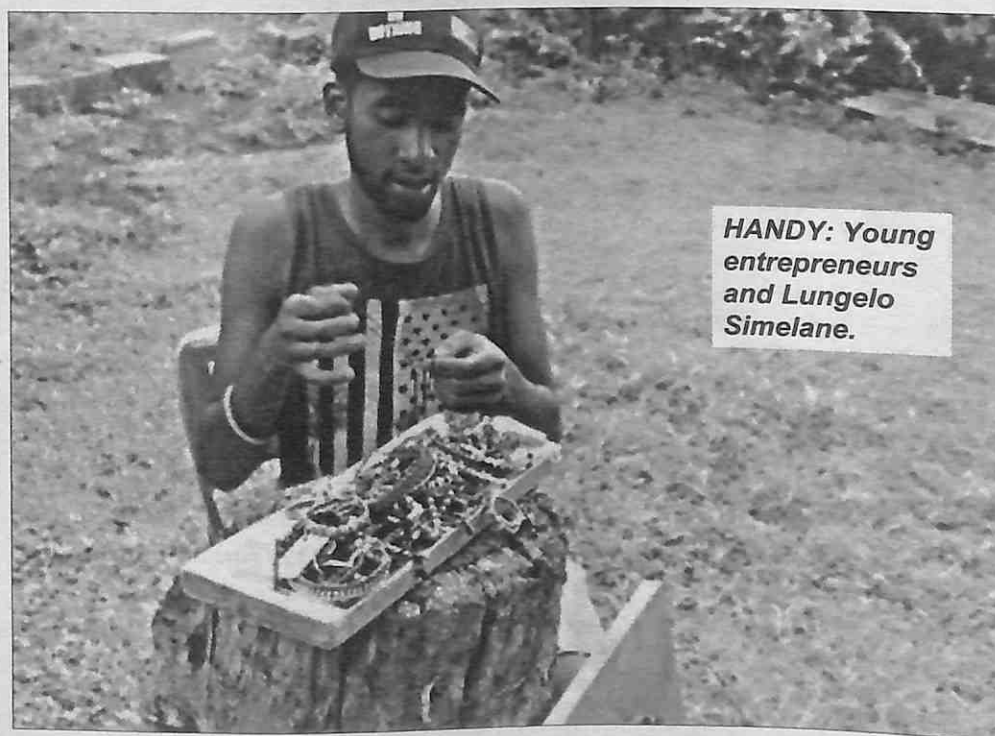
After having undergone the extensive entrepreneurial training provided by Junior Achievement, he has been able to successfully run his business and widen his customer base from selling to individuals, to producing and selling for companies.

He has done FNB bracelets tagged 'I Am FNB' and Lidwala bracelets.

Lungelo joined JA in the year 2017, and through his experience in the programme, has been able to widen his networking towards his business at the age of 26.

"Through the JA programme, I have learnt the skill of drafting a proper business plan, which has not only helped me establish my business but has also instilled the element of professionalism in me," he says.

He has also learnt and mastered the art of crafting and creating patterns using beads to come up with designs, for hand bracelets, which are his speciality.



HANDY: Young entrepreneurs and Lungelo Simelane.

Simelane runs the business on his own but is time and again assisted by his friend in the wall art business.

Even though his biggest challenge has been delayed payment from clients, he is still able to sustain the business.

"My dream is to expand in network marketing and venture into the jewellery business," he says.

"Success is 80 per cent psychological and 20 per cent practical, so invest in both percentage size to achieve your dream," he says.



WITH: Simon Shabangu

CHURCH NEWS

ANOINTING
THURSDAY AT GNF

THE newly-unveiled place of fellowship for God Never Fails Ministry will play host to many people at a special service dubbed anointing service today.

The church recently relocated to their new place of worship at Bethany, where they had their first service last Thursday. Bishop Nhlapho said today's service will be special because it will be dedicated to anointing. He said people must not miss this service because God will be releasing an anointing to His people through the hand of the bishop.

"I invite everyone who believes in the power of God to join us in this service and receive the anointing after which their lives will never be the same," he said.

Meanwhile, the church is now fellowshiping in a much bigger space at their new site, where they are currently housed in a permanent marquee planted just across the newly-built complex at Lozitha. The marquee is visible from the road and easily accessible from the highway through the newly built bridge connecting Lozitha and Bethany.



HOST: Bishop Nash Shongwe.

Praise and Worship
night at Divine

THE Divine Healing Ministries will host praise and worship night at the main branch of the Divine Healing Ministries next week Friday.

The host, Bishop Nash Shongwe who is the founder of the fast-growing ministries which happens to be one of the oldest, said the service is meant to worship God and be glad in His presence.

He said he has invited local and South African ministers of the word of God, including Pastor Keke Phoofo, who is also a well-known gospel artist. Ndawonye Christ Worshippers, Reverend Elias Shongwe of Shongwe and Khuphuka and golden boy of the gospel music Linda Dlamini. "The bishop will also be ministering the word of God on the night where we believe God will continue to show His mightiness through the healing and deliverance of the people on the night," said Reverend Mduduzi Mtambo, who is the church PRO.

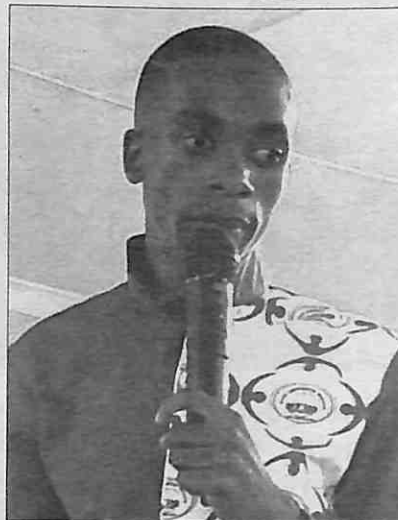
Prophetic Encounter Miracle
service a huge success

THE son of Prophet Elijah Fire, Seer Joshua Angel displayed God's power through deliverance, healing, miracles and prophecy never seen during the encounter miracle service held at Mathendele Hall in Nhlanguano.

Over 500 people witnessed total display of God's power through deliverance, prophecy and miracles during the Sunday service, which proved to be a huge success.

The hall proved to be too small for this explosive service, such that there was an overflow tent pitched outside the hall, which saw both the young and old alike coming from all corners of the country.

The place was so full that there was an overflow in a tent pitched just outside the hall, as people came in their numbers for the Prophetic Encounter Miracle Sunday service, that attracted the young and old alike from all cor-



DISPLAYED: Seer Joshua Angel.

ners of the country.

Having read the Word of God in Mark 2: 1-12 which he titled The grace which

will cause you to overtake and be ahead of others the prophet said he had come to Nhlanguano just to push the people to their places of rest.

"At Hope Restoration Church, we do not look at a person's background or their social standing; the grace of God which is upon my father Prophet Elijah Fire is enough to put us ahead of others," he said.

Meanwhile, Seer Joshua Angel invites congregants of Nhlanguano and surrounding areas to come again in their numbers this Sunday, as he will be delivering people and performing miracles, signs and wonders in the name of Jesus Christ.

"Come in your numbers for this Sunday's services. See you there!" he said. The Nhlanguano branch of Hope Restoration Church has its normal services every Sunday at Mathendele Hall from 11 am.

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IDM BOTSWANA AND LESOTHO JOIN IN FOR THE BUGANU FESTIVAL



The Regional Director of Institute of Development Management (IDM), Richard Malikongwa has applauded His Majesty, King Mswati III and Her Majesty

the Indlovukazi, the Queen Mother for upholding the much admired culture and traditions of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

IDM women from Botswana,

Lesotho and Eswatini joined the nation for the Hlane edition of the Baganu festival.

The Institute brought in cultural dance groups from Botswana and Lesotho in support of this annual event.



Grace Mosinyi of IDM Regional office in Botswana at the Baganu festival



IDM Botswana and Lesotho staff with students pose for a picture



BOLESWA - ready to present their gift to their Majesties



Gothusang Tawana, Makhosi Hialele, Lorato Moloi, Bobana Badisang and Grace Mosinyi of IDM Lesotho and Botswana campuses pictured at the Friday edition of Baganu festival



Botswana campus third year students of Travel & Tourism were able to experience a cultural event of this magnitude



IDM Eswatini staff pictured on arrival in Hlane



Ntombi Groening of Eswatini campus singing during Friday edition of Baganu



IDM Regional Director Richard Malikongwa (R) pictured with Kaelo Ranku(c) (Botswana campus) and Mothusi Modisane



Lutsango from IDM BLE pose with Country Director Botswana campus Dr Onnalena Setio-Kgogwe (in blue) and Acting Country Director Eswatini campus Rose Choto (in brown)



Lesotho campus registrar Makhosi Hialele was also part of the ceremony

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DON'T DRINK BUGANU AND GET DRUNK - KING

STORIES BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

THE nation has once again been warned about drinking until the brew takes over one's head.

Every year, without fail, Their Majesties take time to warn the nation about over

indulging as this can have dire consequences.

Indulging

His Majesty King Mswati III reiterated the Queen Mother's call about over indulging as the fruit has more properties and health benefits than just as an intoxicant.

He called for people to start taking it in moderated doses in order to reap full benefits of the fruit such as using it to heal flu due to its increased Vitamin C content.

"Don't drink until it confuses the brain, just drink a bit so that your body can be in a good condition."



ADDRESS FROM THE THRONE: His Majesty King Mswati III addressing Lutsango during the Baganu Festival at Hlane Royal Residence on Saturday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

At times pain paves way for healing

THE Lutsango's singing about the thorns encountered along the way resulted in His Majesty King Mswati III philosophically calling on the Lutsango regiment to recognise that at times thorns in their way bring about healing.

The King said the singing about thorns was reminiscent of Sibaya: The People's Parliament where people talked about thorns they needed to dislodge.

He said it was important to note that sometimes the pain from thorns can present healing and solutions at the end of the day and as such when a person is

bitten by a snake, the pain of a thorn can bring about relief. As such, he said it was enlightening to note that even though Lutsango face many thorns (problems) along their day to day, they were not discouraged, but spurred to do their best in ensuring that the ceremony became the success that it was and showed the true beauty of the country's culture.

He further praised the regiment who attended the ceremony at Buhleni who returned to attend Sunday's festival.

"The heavy rains depicted visits from the ancestors and God who baptised the nation. Even though the rain left the reg-

iment dripping wet and unable to showcase their talents as well as their uniform *lihiya*, today you came out with them and it is all a marvel to watch."

He noted that the nation was in attendance to encourage the good works done by the regiments.

"We are excited to have the visitors from different countries such as the nation of the Tembes and Vendas which shows that the visitors who come to this annual event are now varied."

The King called for the arena, which was recently enlarged, to be made bigger to accommodate the growing numbers who attend yearly as they observed their God given culture.



APPRECIATING: Her Majesty the Indlovukazi addressing Lutsango while His Majesty King Mswati III appreciates the remarks.

LEFT - IN DANCE: The King joined by his special guests and Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini as they dance.

...More benefits of emaganu revealed by Queen Mother

THE marula tree does not just yield fruit which is only brewed.

Their Majesties called for the Lutsango regiment to embrace the fruit holistically as it not only produces the baganu brew but has a lot of health benefits which can heal the nation.

Speaking during the second instalment of Baganu Festival at the Hlane Royal Residence, Her Majesty the Queen Mother first thanked Lutsango for showing up in their numbers as they showed their love for culture.

Recognising visitors present, she welcomed the kings of Venda and Tembe for coming together with the nation, stating that it was pertinent as a nation to have neighbours when

...women encouraged to collect kernels to be processed at Eswatini Secrets

doing something special.

"I hope they will now understand what we mean when we say we have thorns on our feet simply because we went to look for the marula fruit," she said while praising the regiment for bringing a lot of brew. She said the nation would be enriched because the tree had health benefits in abundance. "The problem comes along when the brew is mixed with other things."

Relenting that the brew intoxicates those who take too much of it, she said was important for those who use the fruit to use it for its health benefits simply because the fruit can assist in

healing non-communicable diseases such as high blood pressure as well as diabetes. She, however, warned that she was not calling on the regiment to discard prescribed medication.

"I am not saying that you should get rid of your prescribed medication and replace them with marula only. Don't go around telling your doctors that I said you should stop taking medication," she pleaded.

She relayed her excitement that there was fruit in abundance and praised the women for their unity as they ensured they attended both ceremonies.

The Queen Mother advised that there were more benefits of the tree as she said it was not only to be consumed only or its oil useful for body soaps and lotions.

She implored women to further use the hard shells of the kernels as fuel for their fires.

Encouraging the women, she said they should not lose steam in collecting the kernels to be processed at the Eswatini Secrets factory at Mpaka.

She further praised the women who brought their produce on Friday as it was evident that the country would be able to reach first world status and sustain the needs of the country where food security is concerned.

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RAMAPHOSA'S VISIT A HIGHLIGHT OF BUGANU CEREMONY

STORIES BY SIMON SHABANGU

IT cannot be disputed that the Baganu Festival keeps growing, as over the years thousands of people have attended the festival, both at Buhleni and Hlane Royal Residences.

In the same spirit, the event is attracting international guests, marked this year by the visit of the South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa. It is a showcase of a growing important cultural event, one everyone wants to associate with.

South African celebrities are also a constant feature, adding the colourfulness that the festival is now being known for.

Significant

However, the visit of a sitting president is very significant, and His Majesty King Mswati III applauded Ramaphosa, who was accompanied by his Home Affairs Minister Lindiwe Sisulu, for attending the last leg of the 2019 Baganu Festival.

The visit was Ramaphosa's first as president of the neighbouring country.

"Lutsango has never been watched by a reign-

ing president," His Majesty pointed out, signalling the importance of the presence of the president of the Republic to such an occasion.

Cordial

The King said Ramaphosa's arrival was to strengthen the cordial relationship the two countries shared.

"I have witnessed the major talent that was showcased by South Africa's Foreign Affairs minister, such signifies the coming together of Africa in strength," he said, in reference to Lindiwe Sisulu's dance moves when doing 'Kutsamba'.



BAYETHE YOUR MAJESTIES: His Majesty King Mswati III smiles in appreciation as South African President Cyril Ramaphosa exchanges pleasantries with Indlovukazi.

...CALLS FOR AFRICAN CULTURE FESTIVAL

SOUTH African President Cyril Ramaphosa has made a call for the African countries to come together for a traditional and cultural display as a way of celebrating our identity and culture as Africans.

He was speaking at Hlane Royal Residence on Sunday where he was a special guest to His Majesty King Mswati III and Her Majesty Indlovukazi. The President got a taste of the Eswatini culture through the cultural display by the Lutsango, on the last day of the annual Baganu Festival which celebrates the harvest of the firstmarula fruit of the season.

President Ramaphosa was indeed impressed with this display noting that there is a need to have this big culture festival where each nation or tribe will come to display their culture before the masses so that people can appreciate the

beauty of African cultures.

"I must say that I am happy that the King invited me to join him in this cultural spectacle after our private fruitful talks.

Identify

"I appreciate the Kingdom for keeping this beautiful culture which identify the nation of Emaswati. We do have siSwati speaking people in South African located in Mpumalanga but, *ninani ngama Swati amahle*, due to the beauty of the culture that was displayed before me today," he said in his remarks.

He said his wish was to one day have all the cultures come together for a cultural display so that the world can get to see the beauty of the diverse African cultures. "As Africans we are one people and such an event can help bring us even closer to one another," he noted.

Minister Lindiwe Sisulu's dance endears her to the masses

THERE was beauty and spectacle when the guests the visiting South African Home Affairs Minister Lindiwe Sisulu joined the members of Lutsango to try the 'Kutsamba'.

"It was endearing," commented one woman, drawn by the South African's appreciation of the singing and dancing. "It sums up what this event is about," she added.

Her Majesty the Queen Mother had also joined Lutsango in song and dance, thus epitomising the beautiful coming together of culture and tradition.

It was evident from Sisulu's dancing that she loved being there, and wanted to feel part of the gathering, not just by attendance but by joining in, and fitting in.

It warmed the hearts of many, as she walked off the arena after having given her version of the traditional dance.

Skills

The ceremony started on Friday, whereby Lutsango from all corners of the country and outside arrived at Hlane Royal Residences. The regiments brought to Their Majesties buganu brew as well as various fruits and vegetables that were harvested from the 2018/2019 ploughing season. Lutsango from corporate organisations were also seen in the ceremony.

On Saturday, Lutsango geared in traditional attire and showcased their dancing skills in front of the nation. The ceremony comes after the first leg of the annually ceremony which was held at Buhleni Royal residents two weeks ago.



KUTSAMBA: SA Minister of Home Affairs Lindiwe Sisulu dances during kutsamba with Mbha Kunene.



Standard Bank Lutsango adds a dash of blue eBuganwini Bakhe at Hlane Royal Residence



T rue to the Standard Bank Brand philosophy 'Eswatini is our home, we drive her growth', the Bank's staff for the first time in their history came out in numbers to add a dash of blue at this year's Buganu Festival.

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According to the Bank's Communication and CSI specialist, Sibusile Sigwane, as part of the efforts to bring the brand closer to the people of Eswatini and in line with the support for local Arts and Culture, it was exciting to see staff members register in numbers to join in celebration at the annual event.

She says the Bank has a series of initiatives planned this year to take the lead in encouraging the support for local women empowerment.

The Marula Festival is therefore one signature ceremony that brings women from all walks of life together to celebrate our culture through song and dance.

This event affords an opportunity for the Bank to

engage and interact with women present on the day to get a sense of the kind of support they require from the Bank. Women and the youth are amongst the key focus groups that we are looking forward to hand hold through supporting their SME initiatives in a manner that will assist their growth.

"Over and above our efforts to engage local SMEs we are pleased to support cultural initiatives that aspire to provide a platform for organizations that look into women issues to interact closely with Emaswati and get a sense of the myriad of issues affecting women," Sigwane said.

She added that at the core of the Bank's strategy is client centricity and keeping clients informed of the product service offering in line with their banking needs.

The participation at this year's ceremony went beyond staff participation as the Sales team was also present to provide insights on what support is available for

women SME's and also to give guidance on the usage of Digital Banking channels.

Sigwane said that the activations on the day further availed an opportunity for the team to share advice on how Lutsango can bank in a more cost effective manner to save on banking fees by making use of the convenient digital channels.

Lastly, she expressed the bank's sincere gratitude to the staff for heeding to the call and coming out in numbers to represent the brand through showcasing their dancing skills in appreciation of our culture.

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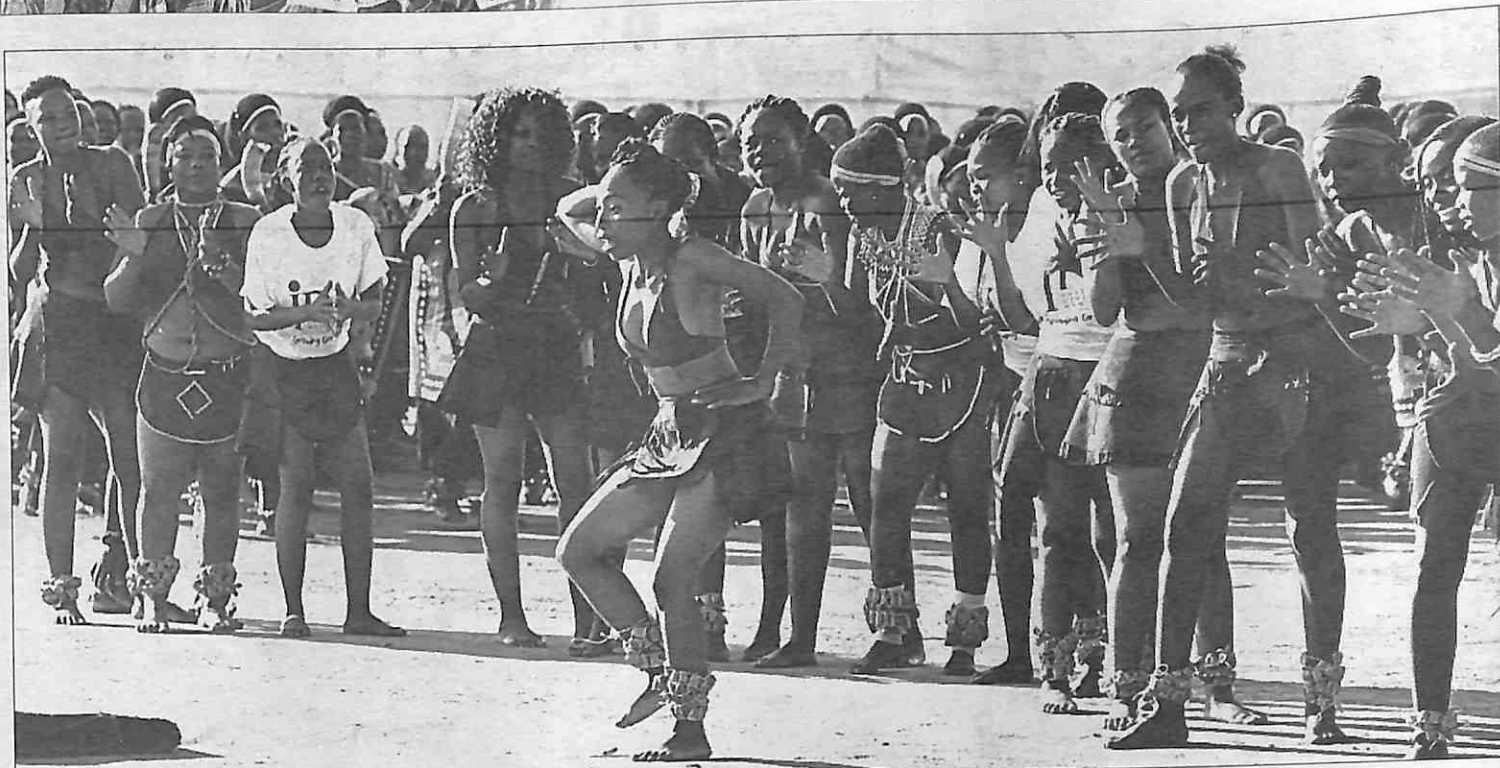
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DANCING FOR THEIR MAJESTIES: IDM Botswana dance troop dancing before His Majesty King Mswati III and Her Majesty the Queen Mother at the Hlane Royal Residence. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

OVER 65 BATSWANA, 20 BASOTHO DANCE FOR THEIR MAJESTIES

LUTSANGO were joined by regiments from different countries and kingdoms, making the Hlane Baganu Festival a united nations' affair.

There was Lutsango from Lesotho and Botswana, who came to the country courtesy of Institute of Development Management.

According to Mapalesa Lemeke from Lesotho, there were 65 students from Botswana and 15 from Lesotho.

Each group came to the country with management from their institutions. Added to

these were executives from the institution as well.

She said the students comprised those who were enrolled for courses in hospitality and tourism as well as the traditional dance troupe.

Compromised

The group from Botswana also comprised maidens who danced before Her Majesty the Queen Mother as Lutsango danced past.

Other Lutsango comprised those from Endishini in Phongola, as well as the Venda and kaTembe kingdoms.

They too partook in the showcasing of their love for the Eswatini culture.

Ensured

The Basotho and the Batswana initially went into the arena wearing their African print dresses dancing with the Eswatini Tourism Authority Chief Executive Officer Linda Nxumalo who chaperones them and ensured they stuck to a matching rhythm.

They were later given the matching orange *lihiya* which has made this year's Baganu Festival uniform.

PERFECT: Nima Lhamo looking every bit part of Lutsango as she wore traditional attire for the first time.

What's left for me is to learn to dance — Nima Lhamo

SHE proudly looked the part adorned in full Lutsango attire.

Nima Lhamo from the Republic of China (Taiwan) wore *imvunulo* for the first time at the Hlane Royal Residence and said she hoped to join Lutsango in dance next time.

Relating how she got to dress up in the proudly Eswatini attire, she said she was helped by her assistant Futhi who connected her with a woman who sells the attire and initially got the goat skin *sidziya* (apron).

Because she was not familiar with the texture of the slightly tanned leather, she was relieved when she was informed there is a synthetic version which she said felt better. As preparations for the day, she said she wore her attire twice in order to get used to it.

"From far, the attire always looked simplistic and I did not know it had so many layers," she said, as she fingered the *sidziya*. The texture of the *sidziya* surprised her as she said it made a defining difference.

She said even though she had tasted *buganu* made by a friend, she found it sweet and was waiting to taste the very traditional.

VISITORS SPOTTED AT THE FESTIVAL



ASSISTING: Eswatini Tourism Authority CEO Linda Nxumalo assisting tourist Paggy Maguire from Canada to dress up.



RIGHT - ATTENDED: Peace Corp volunteers Tibusiso Ginindza, Siphesihle Mhlanga, Nonjabulo and Sandile Magagula were some of the first guests to arrive.

WITNESSED Danish Consular Per Sonne Noddeboe with visitors Maj Fiil-Flynn and Yves Prevost from Denmark watching the proceedings at the Hlane Royal Residence.





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ILO DIRECTOR ATTENDS FESTIVAL

SOUTHERN Africa International Labour Organisation Director Joni Musabayana was one of the guests at the festival.

He was part of the wide-ranging audience which attended the yearly event.

Of note, major business people, as well as potential investors were present.

The director was fresh from holding a series of workshops in the country, where he and his delegation met several stakeholders, who includ-

ed government and unions.

While in the country for his three-day mission, he got to hear how government had created an enabling environment and was promising to cooperate with worker federations.

Ugandan MP calls for replication of local culture Africa-wide

Uganda's Kampala member of Parliament believes cultural events such as the Baganu Festival should be replicated Africa wide.

She was the Queen Mother's guest during the first instalment of the festival held at Buhleni Royal Residence. This being her maiden visit to the country, she said she was excited by the rich cultural display.

Explaining her heritage as a person from the Buganda Kingdom in her country, she said the

uniqueness of the culture in the country was heart-warming to witness.

"The bringing of gifts to the Queen Mother, the heritage of the Kingdom of Eswatini is a homecoming of sorts."

Bond

Lauding the Queen Mother, she said she symbolises the gesture of the African woman and the event is a strong bond that brings the nation together. "It is a rare gift to have been around

her as her warmth is contagious. She was born to be Queen Mother."

Drawing similarities with her home country, she said her nation has in the past had a Namasole; "Currently there are only her heirs."

Speaking about what she has seen since her arrival, she said it was movie like and she wished more Africans could attend such an event. She challenged Africans in the Diaspora to attend the Baganu Festival as a homecoming.



CALLS: Uganda's Kampala MP Nabilah Naggayi Sempala, who was Her Majesty the Queen Mother's guest during the Buhleni Baganu Festival.

MORE VISITORS SPOTTED



POSE: Violet Chen, Kathy Liu and Wei-Ling Hung decided to go traditional for the day at Hlane.

RIGHT - ENJOYING: Swedish Holiness Union Church youth Simon Granso and Henrick Soukka, who arrived in the country over a week ago and are in the country for two months as part of their training, enjoyed the cultural display by Lutsango at the Hlane Royal Residence.



AFRICAN DIASPORA

The Ambassador of the State of the African Diaspora believes linking Africans in the diaspora with the country will be mutually beneficial for all concerned.

Ambassador Gael Owono Essono said his attending of the Baganu Festival was part of their attempts to foster bilateral relations with the country as they attempt to find ways of improving the continent. He said they represent even those who were abducted from the continent over 400 years ago and include countries where all Africans settled during and after the slave trade.



BELIEVES IN MUTUAL BENEFIT: Ambassador Gael Owono Essono with Mduduzi Dlamini.

Medical dagga investor attends festival

AN investor who produces dagga oil for medicinal purposes was impressed by the dancing and singing during the one hour at the Buhleni Royal Residence Arena.

Henry McCarter, kept exclaiming, "What a magnificent display."

He said he was in the country to promote the wealth of improved health as he said his company, Medican African, was trying to get a licence to

use dagga for medical purposes. He said the country was sitting on a huge wealth as the dagga oil was very good in healing a lot of diseases and ailments.

Restored

He said his testament included that when he started taking the oil, a single drop a day a few weeks ago and has stopped wearing glasses because he no longer needs them after his vision was restored. Further,

he showed this reporter a conversation he recently had with his daughter on WhatsApp, that she was cured of ovarian cysts after taking the oil. She had sent him a picture of her medical results.

He said he knew of an octogenarian, who recently stood up and walked even though previously, she used a wheelchair. "We are in the process of processing a plant and are waiting for a license," he said.

Eswatini Bank Lutsango attended Buganu Festival at Hlane



The Bank with a heart: Eswatini Bank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele and Chairperson of the Board Sibongile Mdluli posing with some of the staff members before leaving for the delivery of Buganu at Hlane Royal Residence

Kudla KwesiSwati: some of food items which were delivered at Hlane by Eswatini Bank lutsango regiment



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AT THE STAND: ETA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini and Financial Administrator Gcinithemba Fakudze at the ETA stand. **RIGHT - EXPERIENCE:** ETA CEO Linda Nxumalo leading some of the tourists in dance. (Pics: Qondile Ntiwane)



ETA, ENTC give tourist Eswatini experience

THE Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) went all out in bringing the Eswatini experience to a number of tourists during the Baganu Festival at Buhleni.

The tourists were not only educated on the making of Baganu but were treated to traditional foods courtesy of the Eswatini National Trust Commission (ENTC).

Interviewed during the event, Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati said they were happy with the number of tourists present during the event.

Recognised

"We are happy with the number of tourist present here. We are determined to make this festive a well-recognised event not only in the

Continent but internationally.

We are working on a number of strategies and all I can say is that the best is yet to come and people should watch the space," he said.

About 15 tourists who had come for volunteering with All-Out Africa were spotted clad in Emahiya at the Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) and (ENTC) marquees.

Lidwala Lodge Manager Phumelele Mamba said they had come for volunteer work and also wanted to experience the country's culture.

Cultural

"We have hosted about 15 people from New Zealand, Norway, Canada, United States and Holland. They just wanted something cultural and that's why we are here," said Mamba.

Other volunteer tourists who attended the festival were Savannah Coltes and Jacob London from the United States who had been attached to the Children's Hope Chest in Manzini, who also said they enjoyed the company of Emaswati.

Committed

Meanwhile, other tourists came from Kenya, and these were Margaret Kipruto, Bladi Shazbad and Francesca Obonyo.

The group said they chose Eswatini because they knew how committed and nice the people were.

"We wanted to experience culture; and where else to go than Eswatini? I have been here before and I enjoyed myself; so I invited my friends to come with me," said Kipruto.



UMBUTFO: Some of the tourists clad in traditional regalia upon arrival. **RIGHT - Eswatini Tourism Authority CEO Linda Nxumalo** leading visiting Lutsango from Botswana who also joined the action of the day.



ATTENTIVE: Tourists relaxed at the ETA and ETNC Marquee where the traditional food was sold.



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RAINY DANCE: Tourists who were also among Lutsango also got the 'baptism' of the rainy Saturday at Buhleni Royal Residence. **RIGHT -** Prime Minister's wife Portia Dlamini (left) with Lutsango from NERCHA and that of the PM's Office.

LUTSANGO DANCE THROUGH THE RAIN

CLAPS of thunders and pouring rain only fuelled the Lutsango Regiment to sing louder and dance harder during the first instalment of the Baganu Festival which was held at the Buhleni Residence.

"AsinandzabatsinesitawufelaeNkhosini (We don't mind, we will gladly die for our King," the women sang as

they danced.

The first main day of the festival which saw regiments clad in a single pattern-orange lihiya.

The regiments started entering the arena a little bit before 4pm as they moved to songs of their choice.

The arrival of Her Majesty the Indlovukazi upped the tempo as the

regiments showcased their joy through song and dance.

The start of a light drizzle did not deter them as they carried on as though to the rhythm of the resounding rain which soon followed.

In less than 30 minutes, the regiments were drenched, however, the song did not end as the dancing

became more spirited.

Regiments from the armed forces were a marvel to watch as they kept the spirit high and with their varied dance moves.

The first roaring thunder bellowed at 4:20pm, and the women carried on unflinchingly.

The second one, which was heard

at 4:50pm, caused for programme manager to announce that the dancing would proceed at the marquee.

With the expectation that the drenched women would prefer to go to their quarters, thousands tried to fit into the marquee.

On entering the marquee, the regiments started dancing to the song "AsinandzabatsinesitawufelaeNkhosini.

Within 15 minutes, there was hardly any room left as more women tried to enter the marquee.

After 20 minutes, there was still a large number of women outside and subsequently, they were told to return to their sleeping quarters because the venue was too small and the set up was not ready.



IN NUMBERS: Tens of thousands of Lutsango attended the Baganu Festival which took place at the Hlane Royal Residence.



TIBIYO ADDS COLOUR AT HLANE

LUTSANGO from Tibiyo Taka Ngwane joined throngs of emaSwati in paying homage to the Baganu ceremony.

Jovial and in song, the regiment met both the Managing Director Dr Absalom Themba

Dlamini who gave them the organisation's blessing and wished them well.

The organisation was encouraged by the ladies' participation in the annual event, Dr Dlamini said.

Also present was General Manager Musa Mdluli. The regiment delivered a cocktail of goodies before Her Majesty on Friday, before joining thousands of other Lutsango for the main dance on Saturday.



EPTC, aligning with Their Majesties vision

ONE of EPTC's key values is **Social Responsibility** which entails **uplifting the livelihoods of the communities that we operate in through the stimulation of economic activity, socio-economic programmes and educational programmes.**

The national *maganu* project which is an initiative by Their Majesties not only as a cultural celebration but also as a project that looks at alleviating the socio-economic status of a particularly marginalised group in society, women.

Cornerstone

We as EPTC truly embrace the spirit of this cultural celebration as women are the cornerstone of our societies

and organisations and we are privileged to celebrate hand in hand with Their Majesties and the entire nation as we pay homage to our mothers, aunts, sisters, daughters and nieces.

Platforms

The *maganu* celebration festivities also provide a platform for our organisation to showcase our products and services through the various targeted platforms that are provided to the participants of these activities.

As women at EPTC first and foremost before we are employees of the organisation we are EmaSwati, we are mothers, we are breadwinners, we are sisters and so on and we appreciate that EPTC

recognises that we come from somewhere and let us not forget our other responsibilities out of work.

We have as EPTC Litsango attended the Maganu Festivals ever since inception and we pride ourselves in the sisterhood that we grow year after year during these gatherings.

Activities

The organisation also uses such projects to show the capabilities of our network infrastructure as we are the ones who enable other organisations such as ETVA and EBIS through our fibre network to broadcast these national activities live to the whole nation. We are also the Telecommunications provider at these national celebrations.



Congratulating Their Majesties

The Eswatini Posts & Telecommunications Corporation
Congratulates Their Majesties on the resounding success
of the 2019 Buganu Festivals.

Bayethe! Wena Waphakathi!



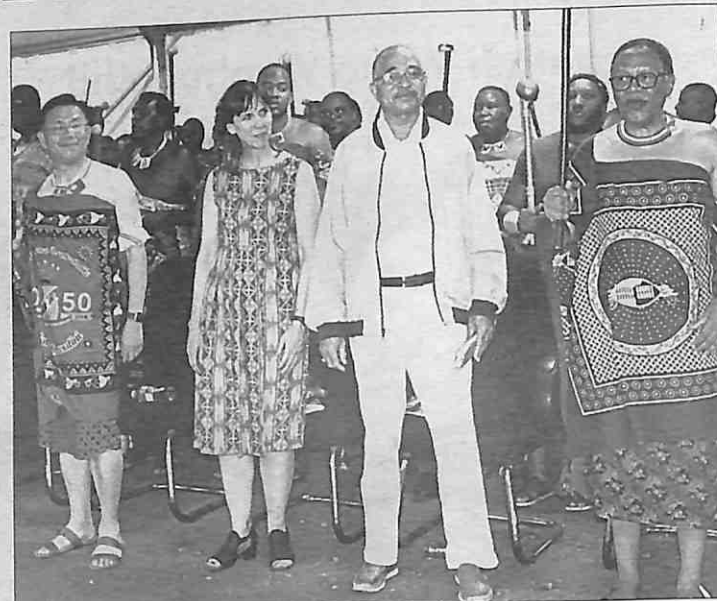
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2019 BUGANU SUPPLEMENT

BUGANU FESTIVAL IN PICTURES



IN DANCE: Emakhosikati leading throngs of Lutsango as they marched into the arena at Hlane Royal Residence on Saturday. This was during the bugane Festival over the weekend.
(Pics: Simon Shabangu)



DPM Themba Masuku with diplomats during the sing and dance at the ceremony.



A section of the throngs of Lutsango who came through to dance before Their Majesties and their guests.



Gweje Manyatsi leading Lutsango from the Royal Eswatini Police as they thrilled the thousands present on the day.



The Swazi Observer could not be left out as a number of the company employees took part.



Tinkhundla and Development Ministry could not miss out on the special day.



His Majesty's Correctional Services Lutsango dancing up a storm.



LEFT - Spectators following proceedings of the event.

2019 BUGANU SUPPLEMENT

Emakhosikati show them how it's done

EMAKHOSIKATI showcased their talents as the evening reached its climax last Saturday.

Starting off with a sterling display of skill and grace, Inkhosikati LaMashwama proved deft on her feet as she moved to the song 'Maye mahle ema shinga, adibanisa umcondvowami.'

Even though her set was brief, her movements had Lutsango amazed as they praised her for being light on her feet, as well as skilful, with most stating that it was their first time seeing her do a solo dance.

Inkhosikati LaFogiyane stood out with her tireless dance, which

had Lutsango applaud her after she danced to several songs with the same gusto as when she started. For over 15 minutes, the inkhosikati danced up a storm closing her set with the gospel favourite 'Gelekece'.

Dazzling

Another brief appearance was by Inkhosikati LaMahlangu, who danced to 'Asikayiboni inkhosi lenjenga Mswati Lomnyama'.

To complete the showcasing of beautiful dancing, Inkhosikati LaMbikiza, dazzling accessories pronounced her dance as she moved to 'KaNgwane ngilileleni ngesaba emasongandaba'.



DAZZLING: Emakhosikati LaMashwama, LaFogiyane, LaMahlangu and LaMbikiza in dance.



Members of the royal family also came through to the arena to showcase before the King.



Dignitaries, VIP Guests and Tourists following the proceedings of the day.



Khanyi Kunene with friends from Zimbabwe Christine Maguwu and Rejoice Mutengwa.



Former DPM Paul Dlamini was also among the VIP Guests who included ministers Madze Bulunga, Ndumiso Mdluli senate deputy President, Former Speaker Themba Msibi, David Cruiser Ngcamphalala and Tourism Minister Moses Vilakati.



Some of the tourists who came through to witness the ceremony.



Some of the local and international spectators who were at the ceremony.



Lutsango from Parliament on arrival with a variety of goodies for Their Majesties.

2019 BUGANU SUPPLEMENT

INYATSI LUTSANGO DELIVERS ITS SHARE



BUGANU CEREMONY UNITES ESWATINI MUNICIPALITIES

What an awesome experience! Bayethe Wena Waphakathi. Ndlovukazi, Mhlekezi



A lot can be said about the annual Baganu ceremony in terms of promotion of Eswatini culture but to the municipal landscape of Eswatini, this year's ceremony was historic in that it managed to showcase a sense of unity and teamwork amongst the various local governments.

For the first time in history, the ceremony saw Manzini, Mbabane, Matsapha and Ezulwini municipalities participating together as one big and happy family. In fact, the municipalities converged at the Manzini Civic Centre, performed a few traditional dances, before departing for Buhleni Royal Residence where an entire tent had been prepared for them so that they could spend the two nights of clean fun together, and indeed they really had a good time.

One of the employees of Manzini Council, Zwakele Zwane, hardly stops talking about how exciting her experience at Buhleni was.

"I personally do not take Baganu but there is not even one moment throughout the weekend when I got bored. Even when you are not taking the drink, you are kept awake by the electrifying traditional dances and jokes that take place through the night in the tents. Akulalwa lapha. It's very exciting," she says.

Zwane adds that having the municipalities come together and participating as a team did wonders in terms of information sharing.

"I discovered that there is actually a lot that we are not aware of in terms of how other municipalities do things. As we were enjoying the ceremony, we also took time to share amongst ourselves as to how we can improve the way we do things in our respective roles at work. In the process we also got to know each other much better", she says.

Another Manzini Council employee, Goodness Magongo, who also had a time of her life at the Buhleni Baganu ceremony says: "The cherry on top was when our dear Mother, Mhlekezi Ndlovukazi, spoilt us with kanga gifts. The gesture was really unexpected. It was a pleasant surprise. She showed that indeed she cares about Lutsango. We were treated to really delicious food too; throughout the weekend".

Cebile Maseko, another Manzini Council employee says she is short of befitting words to thank the leadership of the various municipalities for allowing them to participate in this national ceremony.

"Indeed, they have clearly demonstrated that they love



TOGETHER AS ONE - Manzini Council Lutsango joined by their counterparts from Mbabane and Matsapha municipalities during the 2019 Baganu ceremony at Buhleni Royal Residence.

the authorities of Eswatini and our culture. I just want to encourage other women to participate in this exciting ceremony next year. It's a very nice experience and there is a lot that we learn in the tents about the acceptable conduct of a real Swazi woman; be it in the public domain or at home. Forget about safety.

Security is always guaranteed. At some moment you even forget that you are not at home. It's a home away from home experience. I think that's why even international tourists are increasingly getting attracted to the ceremony. Not at any stage did I feel bored and regretted my participation. It was just awesome. Everyone around me was in a happy mood. We danced, shared jokes and laughed through the night", says Maseko.



PHEZU KOMKHONO - Lutsango dancing in excitement while getting ready to depart from the Manzini civic centre for Buhleni Royal Residence.



NATSI SIYAWATSANDZA EMAKHOSI - Municipal Council of Manzini Lutsango took time to pose for a group photo.



LWAHLOBA LUTSANGO - Some of the Lutsango that represented Manzini Council at Hlane Royal Residence this past weekend.



NGETE SASALA - Manzini Council Lutsango carrying their first harvest to offer to Their Majesties.



BUGANU CEREMONY IS AWESOME... Manzini Council employees, Cebile Maseko, Zwakele Zwane, Menzie Shongwe-Dlamini and Rachel Hlatshwayo.



Royal Science &
Technology Park

ROYAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY PARK LUTSANGO AT BUGANU FESTIVAL 2019

Members of the Lutsango regiment from the Royal Science and Technology Park took part at this year's edition of the annual buganu ceremony.

The company did not only support its staff members who participated in this beautiful tradition of paying homage to Their Majesties but also joined other institutions in using the opportunity provided

by this event to create brand awareness through exhibiting.

Here are some pictorial highlights from the time lutsango presented buganu and vegetables to Her Majesty the Queen Mother on Friday at Hlane Royal Residence and when they danced before His Majesty King Mswati 111 and Her Majesty the Queen Mother on Saturday and Sunday.



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Focus on World News

Global News

The pressure is just beginning - Guaido

CARACAS - Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido vowed on Tuesday to increase pressure on President Nicolas Maduro, who in turn promised to crush a "crazed minority" that wants to remove him from power.

The 35-year-old National Assembly leader returned home to a hero's welcome on Monday, having defied a ban on leaving the country to embark on a 10-day tour of South American allies and remains free after returning despite the threat of arrest by the government.

"They're drowning in contradictions, they don't know how to respond to Venezuela's people," Guaido told reporters. "They thought the pressure had reached its zenith, but it's only just beginning."

On Tuesday, a national holiday, he met public sector union leaders.

"Public sector workers have lost practically all their rights, we have no other option but to call for a civic strike," said Guaido, without giving further details.

Maduro, meanwhile, pressed his supporters to hold "anti-imperialist" marches Saturday to counter fresh protests planned by Guaido. "Today more than ever, we are victorious against the conspiracy, against blackmail, while a crazy minority continues with their hatred," he said in his first public

comments since Guaido's return. Battered by an economic meltdown, Venezuela descended into a major political crisis when Guaido declared himself interim president in January and asserted that Maduro was no longer legitimate. Recognised by more than

50 countries as Venezuela's acting president, Guaido flouted a government travel ban on February 22 to head off and rally support for his bid to oust Maduro. When he returned to Caracas -- his latest challenge to Maduro's authority -- Guaido announced to tens of thousands of supporters his plans for new protests. He has vowed to set up a transitional government and hold new elections.

AFP



WAR: Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido and President Nicolas Maduro are locked in a power struggle.

Trump launches political war

WASHINGTON - Donald Trump's entire life story of fighting and surviving, of cheating personal and professional ruin over and over, has delivered him to his greatest battle yet -- the one to save his presidency.

Trump is facing down a swarm of investigations from multiple congressional committees, a special counsel, state and federal prosecutors, and private litigants. His entire life is under scrutiny.

But the fight back has begun. If there is any president who could bear such strain, who would perhaps relish the struggle, prosper amid its cacophony and be willing to cross all sorts of conventional lines to stay alive, it would surely be Trump.

As a youth at New York Military Academy, the future president learned one thing above all else: "life is about survival. It's always about survival," according to writer Michael D'Antonio in his biography of Trump.

It's been Trump's motto ever since, no matter the collateral damage and the cost of legal battles and reputational hits, personal scandals and bankruptcies.

Now America is about to be dragged along on Trump's most existential struggle yet. Survival in a person-

al and political sense now defines his life, with Robert Mueller's report expected to be filed soon and Democrats unfurling an oversight blitz that could lead to impeachment.

When House Democrats on Monday unveiled a mammoth document demand from a list of 81 potential witnesses linked to Trump's businesses, campaigns, presidency and family, he and aides initially pledged cooperation.

But the mask soon slipped.

Trump responded on Tuesday according to his creed, with a promise of all-out confrontation and a searing blast at his enemies.

"It's a disgrace. It's a disgrace to our country," he said, accusing Democrats of being consumed by anger at their loss in 2016, and framing the coming fight as an extension of his 2020 re-election campaign. Trump's Press Secretary, Sarah Sanders, set the vituperative tone of a fight against a Democratic majority seeking to expose the president as historically corrupt.

"Democrats have embarked on a fishing expedition because they are terrified that their two-year false narrative of 'Russia collusion' is crumbling," Sanders said in a statement on Monday night.

CCN

Senegal's president declared election winner

DAKAR - Senegalese President Macky Sall was officially declared winner of the Feb. 24 vote on Tuesday, after the constitutional council confirmed his re-election with 58 per cent of votes.

Provisional results announced by Senegal's official counting body last week had showed Sall comfortably securing a second term without a run-off vote.

Sall had been tipped to win after a first term that propelled the West African country's economic growth to

more than six per cent - one of the highest on the continent.

Rights groups criticised him for squeezing out rivals and the opposition rejected the results, but decided not to appeal.

"This renewed trust motivates me to work twice as hard, to do more and better," Sall told a crowd of reporters gathered at the presidential palace on Tuesday.

Commenting on the election results for the first time, Sall thanked the voters for choosing continuity and supporting his modernising plans. He also addressed opposition candidates, calling for dialogue and unity.

The council confirmed that runner-up Idrissa Seck secured 21 per cent of the votes, while Ousmane Sonko came third with 16 per cent.

More than 66 per cent of 6.7 million registered voters took part in the election.

Reuters



ALL OUT: US President Donald Trump.

BRIEFS

Pakistan detains relatives of militant leader

KASHMIR - Pakistan has detained dozens of suspected militants following the attack in Indian-administered Kashmir, which sparked a crisis with India. They include the son and brother of Masood Azhar, founder of the group behind the attack, Jaish-e-Mohammad. Pakistan, which has been under international pressure to crack down on militancy, said 44 suspected militants are in "preventative detention". Many feared the escalation of tensions could trigger a dangerous conflict. It began on 14 February when a suicide bomber killed more than 40 Indian soldiers in Indian-administered Kashmir - one of the deadliest attacks in years. Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) said it carried out the attack - the deadliest to take place during a three-decade insurgency against Indian rule in Kashmir.

BBC

Rwanda accuses Uganda of supporting rebel

KIGALI - Rwanda has accused Uganda of supporting rebel groups opposed to President Paul Kagame and his government. The Rwandan Foreign Minister, Richard Sezibera, said the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR) and the Rwanda National Congress (RNC) worked from Uganda. Ugandan Foreign Minister Sam Kutesa described the accusations as false. Relations between the two countries are deteriorating, with Rwanda preventing Ugandan trucks from entering its territory and forbidding its citizens from entering Uganda. Rwanda has also accused Uganda of detaining, torturing and illegally deporting its citizens.

BBC

Zim allows mines, others to import own fuel

HARARE - Zimbabwe on Tuesday allowed mining companies and other businesses to import their own fuel following shortages that have gripped the economy in the last six months due to a severe dollar crunch, a Cabinet minister said. Supplies of fuel in the southern African nation have been intermittent since September, which has seen motorists spending hours in queues at service stations. President Emmerson Mnangagwa in January announced a 150 per cent hike in the price of fuel, sparking violent protests in major towns, which were met by a brutal security crackdown. "Cabinet has given a green light to large companies such as those in the mining sector, transport sector, commerce to use their funds to import fuel for their use," Information Minister Monica Mutsvangwa told reporters after a weekly Cabinet meeting. News24

Spicer will cooperate with House Judiciary

WASHINGTON - Former White House press secretary Sean Spicer said on Tuesday that he plans to cooperate with the House Judiciary Committee's probe into President Donald Trump. "I will do everything to facilitate this investigation, and there's nothing I have to hide," Spicer said in an interview on Fox News. He is one of 81 individuals and entities that the committee sent letters to on Monday requesting documents relating to the president's campaign, businesses, transition and administration. The requests began a broad probe into possible corruption, abuses of power, hush money payments and collusion with Russia. Although Spicer intends to cooperate with the probe and said he respects the committee's authority, he called it a "fishing expedition" by the Democrats.

CNN

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EFF accuses MPs of rejecting Winnie Mandela

CAPE TOWN - The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) has accused Members of Parliament of rejecting the late struggle stalwart Winnie Madikizela-Mandela.

Party leader Julius Malema brought a motion calling on Parliament to throw its weight behind renaming Cape Town International Airport after her.

After a rowdy debate, which saw one EFF MP Primrose Sonti ordered out of the house, African National Congress (ANC) Chief Whip Jackson Mthembu moved an amendment to the red berets' motion.

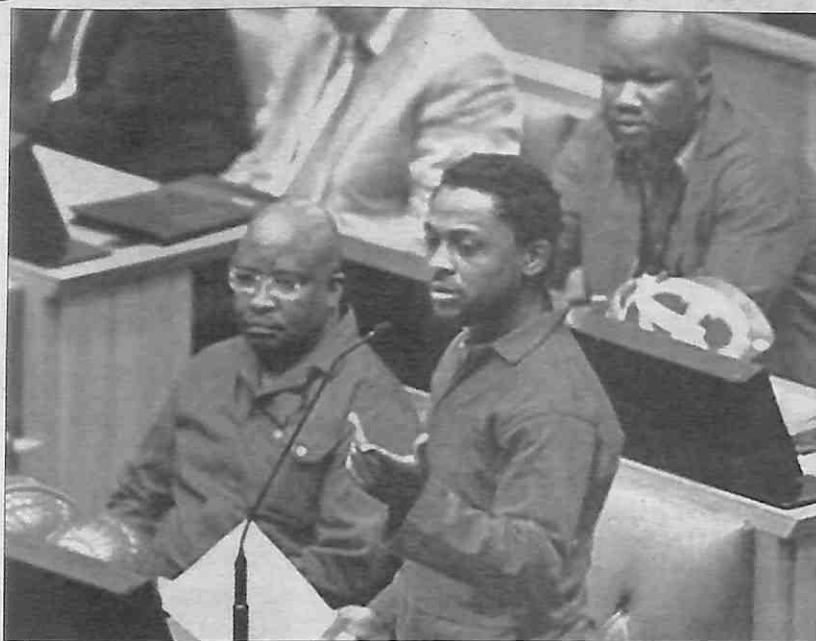
The amendment recognised that Madikizela-Mandela's name is already among those being considered along with Krotoa, Albertina Sisulu, Robert Sobukwe, Alex la Guma and Nelson Mandela.

It reaffirmed Parliament's support for the public participation the Airports Company of South Africa is already managing, the outcome of which must go before the Geographical Names Council for a final decision.

Deputy Speaker Lechesa Tsenoli told the House there were 224 votes in favour of the ANC's amended motion, 25 against and six abstentions, sparking a furious response from.

The EFF's Mbuyiseni Ndlozi said Tsenoli should register his party's rejection of the motion: "You reject it because you reject Mama Winnie."

Meanwhile, the Department of Arts and Culture says plans to restore



NOT HAPPY: EFF's Mbuyiseni Ndlozi speaks in Parliament.

Madikizela-Mandela's Brandfort house, in the Free State, into a museum are still underway despite delays.

The project has been dogged by allegations of corruption, while the house remains in a dilapidated state.

The project was supposed to be completed by the end of this month, however, there's been a delay in appointing a suitable contractor to complete construction.

The department's Director-General Vusi Mkhize said: "Unfortunately when the bidders who responded were unsuitable so, we could not take a risk with

people who may not have the capability of delivering the project because that would have put it at a worse risk. And that is why we have to retender."

Mkhize said the aim of the project is to honour the legacy of the late Mother of the Nation.

"It will have a wifi system in which learners and students will be able to access information and do their assignments. There will also be an interactive area where you will be able to learn more about Mama Winnie and her struggles," he added.

Eye Witness

Gungubele says he 'didn't lie' at PIC inquiry

JOHANNESBURG - Deputy Finance Minister Mondli Gungubele has denied claims he lied to the Public Investment Corporation (PIC) commission of inquiry.

Gungubele is under pressure from the South African Federation of Trade Unions (SAFTU) to resign after he testified at the commission that he was not forced by Finance Minister Tito Mboweni to step aside as board member of the PIC.

It later emerged that Gungubele

received a phone call from Mboweni instructing him to resign or be fired.

As the PIC commission of inquiry resumes on Monday, Gungubele has asked SAFTU to bring evidence proving that he misled the commission during his testimony.

"The minister asked us to look at ourselves. Those words become straight forward words which I put before the board, but I'm challenging anyone who says I'm lying."

However, PIC Board member Dudu

Hlatshwayo contradicted Gungubele's statements when she appeared at the commission last week, saying Mboweni did, in fact, call his deputy instructing that the Board resign or be axed.

Gungubele said he has done nothing wrong.

"I didn't lie... I remember exactly not every detail of my words."

SAFTU has called on President Cyril Ramaphosa to intervene and take action against Gungubele.

Eye Witness

No more excuses, warns Mabuyane

EASTERN CAPE - Finance MEC in the Eastern Cape, Oscar Mabuyane, has delivered an R82 billion budget for the province with the lion's share going to education.

Speaking at the Bhisho Legislature on Tuesday, Mabuyane said that though the province's economy was not at the desired growth levels, it has the hallmarks of reaching growth levels of three percent that the province's economy reached before the 2008 global economic downturn.

Education and health took up 75 per cent of the budget, getting R36 billion and R25 billion respectively.

"Education and health are taking 75 per cent of the budget because of our programme of skills revolution and of having a healthy society," he said.

Mabuyane - who took over the role of finance MEC last year following the reshuffle of the provincial cabinet which saw him replace Sakhumzi Somyo - was delivering his maiden budget speech.

It was also the last speech for the fifth administration in the province.

He said the Eastern Cape needed to deal with bad audit outcomes from the Auditor-General.

"We must ensure that this issue of bad audit outcomes is history. We cannot wait for the Auditor-General to tell us that we are not doing right

when there are people employed and the legislature is meant to do that and there are people like internal audit committees, even in municipalities, but due to dereliction of duty people simply decide not to care ... we should be considering going back to operation clean audit," said Mabuyane. The MEC said he found it odd that some municipalities in the province could move from an unqualified audit opinion to a disclaimer within a year. He warned that those who are not doing their jobs would not be tolerated. "With this six-forward speed we are moving on there is no one that will be wobbling. Everyone is going to move in one direction and must have his or her safety belt on because people out there are losing patience with all these excuses we are making at a point of delivery," said Mabuyane.

City Press

The province's economy is not at the desired growth levels, it has the hallmarks of reaching growth levels of three per cent that the province's economy reached before the 2008 global economic downturn

Leaderless AIC has only R3 000

JOHANNESBURG - The African Independent Congress (AIC) is going into the election campaign with just R3 000 in the bank and without a leadership structure - following a high court ruling that dissolved its national executive.

The party, which walked off with 0.53 per cent of the vote in 2014 and became kingmakers in the Ekurhuleni municipality in 2016, is hoping that enough contributions will come through to enable it to contest on May 8.

The Pietermaritzburg High Court on Friday set aside and declared invalid the AIC's elective conference which took place in April last year.

"The second national congress of the first respondent held on 27 to 28 April 2018 at Kokstad, KwaZulu-Natal, and its decisions and resolutions are declared unlawful, invalid and, as such, are hereby set aside," the judgment reads.

Warring factions between the party's president Mandla Galo and deputy president Lulama Ntshayisa have been at odds over the credentials leading up to that conference.

Ntshayisa insisted that proper protocol was not followed, including the establishment of a national



preparatory committee ahead of the conference.

Ntshayisa told City Press that Galo was within his rights to appeal the damning judgment but that he would have to do so with his personal finances.

Ntshayisa claimed that the Galo faction's use of party funds to sponsor the legal challenge had left the coffers empty.

As of Friday afternoon, the official party account was said to be left with just R83.

The account has since been bolstered by the contribution of a councillor's tithe, bringing the current tally up to just less than R3 000.

The party will need just less than R600 000 to contest the national elections, as well as each provincial election.

Ntshayisa said that the party was hoping that private funders would sponsor the party and help put together the necessary monies.

City Press

I'm without power to remove City Manager Mosola - Mokgalapa



JOHANNESBURG - Tshwane's new mayor Stevens Mokgalapa has defended Moeketsi Mosola remaining in his position as city manager, arguing that he lacks the powers to oust him.

Mosola has been accused of disregarding legal processes in the awarding of a R12 billion contract to engineering firm GladAfrica. The contract was cancelled after an Auditor-General's report found that it was irregular.

Mokgalapa, who's been accused of

failing to act against Mosola, was on the Karima Brown Show on Tuesday night. He said: "Remember the municipal manager is a Section 56 employee of council. This means he gets fired by council. It can be taken to council, but as you know it was turned down thrice by the ANC and EFF." Former mayor Solly Msimanga fell out with Moeketsi after the scandal came to light last year and recommended to council that he be suspended. *Eye Witness*

IN SMILE: City of Tshwane Manager Moeketsi Mosola.

Observer Entertainment

New Reviews Star Signs Celebrity Watch Cartoons



BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

IN the quest to serve orphaned and vulnerable children in the country, Young Heroes has partnered with local artists Velemseni and Fakazi Samuel.

This was confirmed by Young

Heroes' Phumzile Hlatjwayo yesterday.

Hlatjwayo said the two have joined forces with them to help with their campaigns.

Founded and established in 2006 and registered as an NGO in 2014, Young Heroes through a number of activities such as healthcare, life support grants, HIV education and economic empowerment programmes supports under-privileged children. "During the campaign, we aim to partner and collaborate with different organisations and influencers in order to raise funds for the success of the campaign and to be donated towards the beneficiaries of Young Heroes," reads their campaign statement, which was forwarded to the Entertainment Desk yesterday.

It also reveals that the campaign serves as an informer for their targeted audiences and a position for Young Heroes in the minds of potential sponsors, partners and donors. All these activities are set to happen pre, during and post the MTN Bushfire festival.

The objectives of this campaign include creating and promot-

ing the awareness and hype about Young Heroes pre, during and post MTN Bushfire festival.

"We are aiming to raise donations of at least E25 000 pre, during and post MTN Bushfire festival, position Young Heroes at the top of the mind of potential sponsors or donors. To create self-sustaining activities that will be beneficial to the beneficiaries of Young Heroes and to more openly inform the public about Young Heroes organisation and its cause," reads the statement.

On another note, Samuel said he was happy to be part of the campaign because it was in line with what he does. "When Young Heroes approached me, I was delighted because I am not just a musician but I also preach the word of God through other projects such as this one," said the artist. Velemseni also shared the same sentiments, saying it is important to do something that will help the next person.

"I am truly honoured to be part of this campaign. I do a lot of work with young people and being able to use my voice by saying something that will benefit the next person is truly a great feeling," she

PARTNER: Fakazi Samuel. said.

ALLIANCE GIVES RAPPERS A PLATFORM TO SHINE

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

THE home of arts; Alliance Francaise will together with MTN Bushfire festival host a rap battle contest.

The contest will be held at Alliance Francaise on March 23.

The first prize winner of the contests will get the chance to perform at the MTN Bushfire festival 2019. The second prize winner will get a Bushfire full festival ticket.

MTN Bushfire Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini said this rap battle was part of their festival activations.

Interested candidates are requested to pay E100 as a joining fee.

Speaking to Siphosha Shiba of Alliance

Francaise, he said they were trying to give local artists a platform to perform at the biggest stages in Eswatini.

Registration

"Artists should be registered by noon because the contest will start at 3pm.

"This is the sixth year with them, they have sponsored us with a ticket for the second and third winners, and we will continue to help upcoming artists to be recognised," said Shiba. Shiba urged all interested participants to be on time and to ensure that they are registered before the competition begins.

"There is no maximum number of people that we are looking for, so people should come in their numbers," he added.

Outdoor movie night is here

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA

JABULA Events, in partnership with Swazi Plaza, will this coming weekend host an outdoor movie night to be held at the Plaza Roof Top in Mbabane.

There will be comedy, family and action movies tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday respectively at E50 per person, per night.

The only exception will be for children under 10 years old on the Saturday as it is for the whole family.

Moreover, the audience is encouraged to bring either a mat or cushion and buy food at the food court. Everyone should be seated by 7pm, which is the starting time every night; however, gates will be opened

at 6pm. Jabula Event's Pearl Tukamuhedwa said this was the second time the event was held and their audience was supposedly happy as they never received any complaints. "This is an entry level for us; more concepts are yet to be unfolded. Our heart is to create an environment of entertainment that is different from the norm. We

also want to create concepts that haven't been captured in the country, concepts that will be aligned with vision 2022 and the country reaching First World status," she disclosed. Lastly, she mentioned that they had considered the weather can

never be trusted these days, but they hoped it remained as forecasted. The audience is urged to check their Facebook page for any changes in the weather. "Disclaimer: this event depends on the weather on the day," she stated.



E60 000 UP FOR GRABS AT WOMSZ

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Mbabane

THERE is a prize of E60 000 to be won during the Championship Round 1, which is slated for Saturday afternoon at Rider's Ranch, Sidvokodvo.

The spinning competition is powered by World Motorsport SZ

(WOMSZ).

According to WOMSZ's Banele Dlamini, this will be a family friendly event, where every member of the family could join and participate.

Ordinary (without turbo) cars can be brought and used at the drag race open session.

"There will be Gym Khana which is for drifters and Spin Khana which is for spinners. Cars, bikes, good

music and more will be the order of the day. Food and drinks will also be sold at the arena. DJ Lady Zee and DJ 2011 will be on the decks," he divulged. Entrance fee is E100 for adults, half price for children from 7-12 years and free for those under the age of six years.

There will be jumping castles and car friendly activities for the children.



ENCRYPTO ARTS LOUNGE TO HOST CULTURAL DANCE AUDITIONS

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

Encrypto Arts Lounge is set to tap into the tourism industry.

It's business as usual at Encrypto Arts Lounge an establishment based at Ngwenya as prior to the FUNOUT-OFTOWN to be held in March 30, the lounge will also conduct cultural dance auditions on March 23 set to start at 11am.

"This is a call to all cultural dance groups around Ngwenya, Motshane, Hawane, Ekupheleni, Nkhamba, Nkoyoyo, Mnyokane and surrounding areas to register with the lounge on or before March 15," said the lounge's Administrator Lerato Chirwa.

Chirwa said the auditions were part of the lounge's development and tourism initiative known as Tiyatekwa, which focuses on initiatives to equip and empower the youth and communities around the lounge.



AUDITIONS:
Lerato Chirwa.

"With this programme, we want to have programmes that will entice our tourists to visit the country and the lounge. We want them to experience

and appreciate our culture and also encourage our communities to use their artistic abilities to make a living," she said. She said the lounge

will, however, bring in other cultural dances for entertainment purposes. "All interested cultural dance groups are encouraged to register at a fee of E50 and each dance group should not have more than eight members and participants will be contesting on: Sibhaca, ummiso, Ingadla, Tswana dance, Zulu dance and Zimbabwe traditional dance. Overall winners of the auditions will feature during the Likwindla Festival to be held on March 30," said Chirwa.

She added that the public, traditional associations and the communities around the lounge are invited to come and experience the talent available within the communities.

Furthermore, following the cancellation of the second schedule of the FUNOUTOFTOWN event on February 16 due to bad weather, Encrypto Arts Lounge will host the event on March 30, starting at 11am till late. Now themed 'Jazz meets

Country Music', the event will be held in honour of the harvesting season and in celebration of the great harvest of fresh produce and also in honour of the creativity of the art industry.

This was also confirmed by Chirwa.

Chirwa said they were inviting farmers in vegetable farming, fresh produce, including legumes and other farm products residing around Ngwenya, Hawane, Ekupheleni, Nkhamba, Motshane and surrounding areas to buy stalls at E50 in order to be able to display their produce and products.

"Artists are also encouraged to register with the lounge, so they can showcase and sell their artistic products. The lounge has packaged an all-inclusive entertainment package that includes traditional dances, live music renditions, which will include different genres; country music, jazz and afro soul and other genres," she said.

Amongst the line-up, Chirwa said there would have MTN SWAMA award winners, Quad Element and other local artists. She announced that there would be hosting artists from Durban, South Africa.

AMADODANA ASELWANDLE OFF TO SA

BY NJABULO DLAMINI

THE country's best acapella group, Amadodana AseLwandle leaves the country today for Johannesburg, South Africa, to record their latest album that would comprise 14 tracks.

The recording will last five days, starting from tomorrow, as confirmed by Kwakhe Mkhathshwa, Amadodana AseLwandle PRO.

"We are once again excited as a group for the opportunity to record our latest album and are looking forward to it as we are well prepared," Mkhathshwa said.

The group last released their fourth album titled Umalusi NguJehova in 2017.

Asked about the title track of the new album, Mkhathshwa said that would be determined when they get to the studio, including arrangement of the already composed songs.

"But we can mention that we have two Sotho tracks for our fans across the spectrum, some of whom are not locally-based. We have choruses, as well as Methodist hymn books tracks in the new offering and are anticipating that the album will be out by the Easter holidays," he added. Amadodana AseLwandle has strong ties with SA's top acapella group; Amadodana AseWesile and have been involved in exchange programmes with either group gracing each other's event.



OFF: Amadodana AseLwandle.

"We are about to unleash a compact album to leave our gospel music fans even outside of the Methodist Church thrilled. We further hope that this album will touch every soul because in our composition we tried to cater for everyone, irrespective of (denominational) affiliation," Mkhathshwa said.

Amadodana AseLwandle was founded in 2009 and is under the Methodist Church central Swaziland circuit.

Tracks in the new release are: Khristu Mkhululi, Dumisani uJehova, Singabazalwane Hosana enyangweni, Thixo ulilanga lethu and Bulelani. There are choruses like Sinje Ngilemithandazo, Mfazi waSamariya, Ulihemba lethu and Sebenzela moya wami.

While the Sotho songs are Ka matsatse le matsatse (Amalanga namalanga Jehova ngetsembe wena) and Mele pelo le moa (Umzimba Inhliziyo umoya).

DJ SABZ' SOUL TRAIN BIRTHDAY TOUR

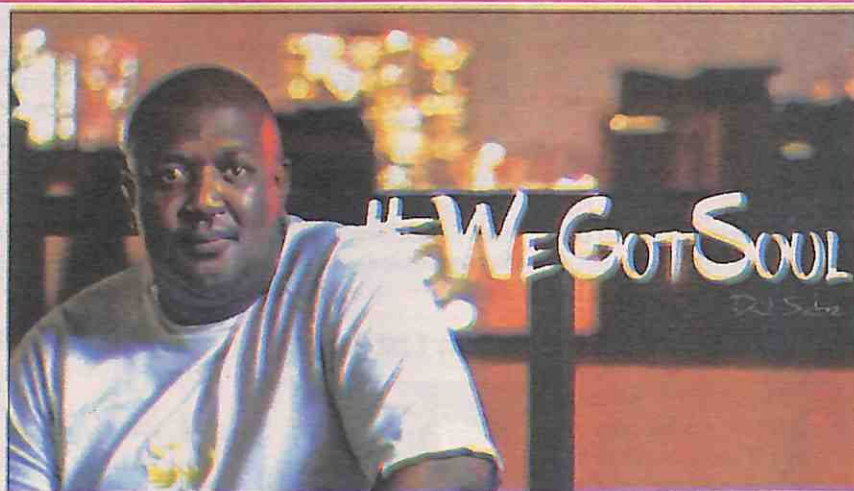
BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

SWAZI-born DJ Sabz, now based in Johannesburg South Africa, will be in the kingdom for The Soul Train Birthday Tour to be held at Déjà vu Cocktail Lounge on April 4.

This was confirmed by the artist, who said the idea for the tour is to bring his friends who are game changers in the deep house music industry to his home country.

"I am bringing huge names from the deep house industry who will give the people a night to remember, I also have a few surprises up my sleeves," said the DJ. Real name Sabelo Kunene, the DJ was born in Mbabane and started his career in high school.

He has released his EP titled 'Magic in Music' in August 2018. DJ Sabz started working as a resident DJ at Shaguma Garden Café, owned by DJ Christos and the following year joined the Katsaitis



Music family. Since then DJ Sabz has been featured on Metro FM's Urban Beat, Good Hope FM's Godfathers of House show, Vuzu TV's Hitrefresh, Deep Inspiration Show Guest Mix and Deeper Shades of House Guest Mix.

The DJ said he is proud of the music industry in the country. "The production coming from Eswatini is really amazing

with guys like Slotta, !Sooks and Secret Soul and The Antidotes producing some major tracks, which are even big internationally.

It really makes me proud when their tracks are played and people go crazy and I can tell them these hot tracks are from home; let's have fun with this event," he said.

Sky World Travel giving away MTN Bushfire tickets

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA

IN conjunction with MTN Bushfire, Sky World Travel and Tours will give away general tickets to the MTN Bushfire 2019 festival.

This competition started early last month and it will run until April 15.

To qualify for this competition, Sky World's Temangwane Mtsetfwa said one has to book a trip at Sky World to Johannesburg or Eswatini, take a picture either in the shuttle or at their office, post it on Sky World's Facebook page then tag friends. The winner will be announced on May 23; a day before the commencement of the event. Furthermore, South African artist Mahube has been added to the festival's line-up. Mahube brings together

some of Southern Africa's top musicians in an explosive collaboration directed by the multi-award-winning Steve and Bokani Dyer.

Their music includes contemporary arrangements of traditional music from Southern Africa, as well as inspired originals which are sure to touch hearts and souls and get feet on the floor dancing in celebration of the rhythms of Africa.

Perform

The group will also perform a tribute song to one of its iconic members, Oliver Mtukudzi. The MTN Bushfire will be returning again this year and promises to be bigger and better than ever with a brand new set of international artists and entertainers, all ready to bring their fire.

The festival will also be introducing some new improvements to make the



ADDED: Mahube.

event even more entertaining. The recently launched festival is slated for the weekend of May 24-26.

Celebville

International Celebrity News

Jenner the youngest self-made billionaire

HOLLYWOOD - Kylie Jenner, star of the hit reality show 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians,' is the youngest self-made billionaire in history, according to Forbes.

There are 2 153 billionaires in the world, with their wealth amounting to \$8.7tn, which is down by \$400bn from 2018.

Thanks to her beauty and make-up range, Kylie Cosmetics, and other ventures, the 21-year-old has a net worth of \$1bn, surpassing Mark Zuckerberg's billionaire milestone at age 23. *News24*



YOUNGEST BILLION-AIRE: Kylie Jenner.

Paris Jackson still believes MJ's innocent

HOLLYWOOD - Paris Jackson isn't swayed by the allegations levied against her father in 'Leaving Neverland' - and firmly believes Michael Jackson was not a child molester.

Sources close to Paris tell TMZ, she hasn't seen the explosive new documentary, and contrary to reports, she was not offered the chance to see it before it premiered at Sundance.

We're also told she's not the least bit torn or conflicted about its content -- Wade Robson and James Safechuck's graphic description of their alleged molestation at Jackson's hands.

Reaction to the project has been intense and passionate -- on both sides with even the almost universally beloved Oprah catching flak



BELIEVES: Paris and Micheal Jackson.

for her interview with the accusers.

The Jackson family as a whole has been outspoken about their anger over the documentary -- and Tito's son, Taj Jackson, told us he thinks Robson's making it all up for revenge. *TMZ*

Oprah getting more hate for interviewing MJ's victims

HOLLYWOOD - Media mogul Oprah Winfrey has received backlash after hosting a show called 'After Neverland' which features Michael Jackson's alleged abuse victims.

The Q&A followed the preview screening of 'Leaving Neverland', a documentary by Dan Reed.

According to the New York Times, the two-part documentary profiles Wade Robson and James Safechuck, who say they were allegedly sexually abused by Michael Jackson when they were children.



CRITICISED Oprah Winfrey.

Oprah was criticised for hosting the conversation with Michael Jackson's alleged victims.

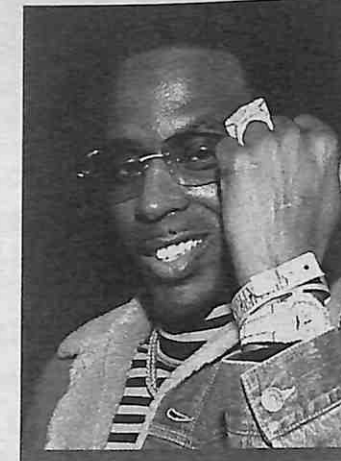
Sunday Times

Dolph not mad about getting half a Mil Jacked from his car

NEW YORK - Young Dolph's got a lesson for ya in cutting losses and counting blessings' cause he actually has some well-wishes for the punks who jacked a small fortune from his car.

The Memphis MC told us why he's isn't mad about the nearly \$500k worth of goods he lost in the smash-and-grab heist last week. We saw him at LAX, and he couldn't have been more chill, telling us, he's simply "too blessed and highly favored" to give a damn about material stuff.

Considering how much he lost, we wouldn't blame him if he was pissed



NOT MAD: Young Dolph.

but he genuinely seems at peace with it. *TMZ*

'Mampintsha's story: Why I hit Babes

DURBAN - Mandla 'Mampintsha' Maphumulo has offered a reason for hitting his long-time girlfriend and business partner, Babes Wodumo, explaining outside of his court appearance on Tuesday that he was attacked "first".

"We fought from the room to the bathroom, she kept hitting me while I was trying to make my way to go and wash the blood off my lips."

"Babes is very provocative and she knows that I will get angry at the end of the day. I hit her twice on the back, not on her face. I was asleep when she arrived back home and was sober."

"So when she comes to me and starts being violent, what must I do? When she comes back home drunk,



JUSTIFIED: Mandla 'Mampintsha' Maphumulo.

I usually leave the house. I can't allow Babes to keep hitting me because when I inform her parents, they can't even assist." *Sowetan Live*

De Rocka hits back at 'not cute' slur about daughter

PRETORIA - Musician Junior De Rocka made it clear he will not tolerate any form of slander when he slammed a cyberbully, who said his daughter is "not cute".

Junior and his ex-girlfriend Ntando Duma share a one-year-old daughter, who he often shares pictures of on social media.

The musician did not take it lightly when a Twitter follower replied to a picture of his little girl with a negative comment.

Junior shared a collage of pictures with the caption: "What it means to be a father". "I'm sorry but this



HITS BACK: Junior De Rocka.

baby isn't cute," said the follower. As any father would, Junior called out the person for "bashing" a toddler. *Times Live*

Boycotting Mampintsha will hurt Babes Wodumo

DURBAN - As the calls to mute Mampintsha grow louder, an expert warns that Babes Wodumo will suffer the most in the long run.

Mampintsha, through his label West Ink, has run Babes' recording career with his fingers in all the pies of music creation, thereby positioning himself to benefit from her success.

Muting Mampintsha or boycotting his work will prove to be a double-edged sword.

Vusi Leeuw, former record label owner turned music business consultant, warns: "It's a tricky situation. Babes's music has Mampintsha written almost all over it. If you close Mampintsha, you close Babes



WILL SUFFER: Babes Wodumo.

as well since he is the composer, owns publishing rights, owns the master recording and he features as a singer." *Sowetan Live*

Soweto Gospel Choir riding high after Grammy win

AUCKLAND PACK - When the Soweto Gospel Choir was named as winner of the Grammy for Best World Music Album, it earned the ensemble a place in the music history books. Announced by Questlove, drummer from the US hip hop band The Roots, the award sparked an explosion of excitement among the South African singers.

"He was almost stuttering, like: 'And the winner is Fr- Fr- Freedom, Sss-Soweto Gospel Choir,' then we jumped up! Like he took long, man," chuckled choirmaster Shimmy Jiyane. "I screamed my lungs out," admits



WINS: Soweto Gospel Choir.

choir member Mary Mulovhedzi. "Then the ululating came, the Sowetans (in us) just came out -- we couldn't hold back." *Sowetan Live*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



TRUTH: Dabula.

Ntwenhle has a hard truth for Dabula. Mehlemamba acts suspiciously in the build-up to an important ritual cleansing. A fierce competition is developing between Qondi and Cebisile.



TODAY



KNOWS: Nina.

Nina knows there is no turning back from the plan when Lincoln gives her the tools to pull off a dangerous job. Lalage runs into the two lovers. Sibiya gets business idea that could get him into trouble.



TODAY



DISTURBS: Susan.

Susan disturbs Mpho's dream. Marang is faced with a dilemma. Rendani's suspicions are aroused.



TODAY



ADVICE: David.

David has some sinister advice for Bash. Dumi defies Sabelo and rejoins the 68s. Tshiamo and Lefa feel unwanted.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Do you think your current relationship petrol iyofika ku June 16?

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Aquarius January 20 – February 18

You may find that you're indecisive when it comes to issues concerning love and romance, Aquarius. For some reason, you have a tendency to pull one way and then the other, yet neither way seems very rewarding. Don't feel like you have to take concrete action at this time. In fact, if you do, this commitment may cause you more frustration later.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

An opportunity to earn extra money in a creative way may come today from an unexpected and perhaps even previously unknown source, Pisces. This could come as a surprise, but you're likely to want to take advantage of it. You could also be the lucky recipient of a financial windfall. Someone who owes you money might suddenly pay you back. This should definitely be a good day for money!



Aries March 21 – April 19

You're quite sure of yourself and solid about many things except one. When it comes to romantic relationships, you feel a bit unsure and inadequate, Aries. It could be that you're indecisive about how to proceed. There's a strong urge to take charge, but also a tendency to slow things down and let others take the lead. Figure out your needs before you make long-term plans with others.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

When it comes to love and romance, things are definitely in your favor, Taurus. The thing to be aware of today is that there might be some manipulation on the part of someone close to you. Take care that someone else's need for freedom isn't negatively affecting your relationship. Communication is key in order to maintain a healthy romance at any level.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

Things regarding love and romance may be a bit dicey for you, Gemini. You may find that you have to make a few adjustments in order to remain on the same page as your loved ones. Neither one of you may feel like taking the lead at this time, causing some hesitation in the relationship. While each of you is trying to second-guess the other, confusion is likely to reign.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

The more tightly you try to hang onto something, Cancer, the more likely it is it will want to slip through your fingers. Grab what you want, but don't squeeze too hard. Maintain an important balance between showing someone you care by taking them under your wing and allowing them the freedom to be their own person. Sensitive feelings are operating today,



so proceed with care.

Leo July 23 – August 22

Matters involving love and romance might not go exactly the way you'd like, Leo. You could be waiting for your partner to make the next move, since you're unsure of which way the relationship is progressing. At the same time, it may be that your partner is the one waiting for you. Keep the lines of communication open and stop playing confusing mind games.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

Things should be going well for you in the love and romance department, Virgo, but you could find that today things get a bit tenuous. While you want things to be clear and planned out, it could be that your partner longs for more freedom and spontaneity. Tension may result if either party becomes too set in their ways. The tension may arise when neither partner wants to take the lead.



Libra September 23 – October 23

People may be wondering how to proceed while you're off doing your own thing. Don't go in one direction and leave someone else behind, Libra. In matters regarding love and romance, you may have to slow down and communicate with your partner. Take the lead and try not to get slowed down by other people's indecisiveness. You know which direction to go, so go there.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Recent events in the love and romance department may have you feeling like you aren't getting your needs met, Scorpio. Remember that other people aren't mind readers the way you are. If someone's behavior isn't right with you, say so. Romantic partnerships should uplift and support your dreams, not something you make personal sacrifices for just to maintain.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Be careful that you aren't manipulating a romantic situation so your partner loses any power, Sagittarius. You may think your actions are noble and well meaning, but you may be creating a scenario that has no basis in reality. People could be impressionable, but that doesn't mean you should take advantage of this by promoting your own interests at the expense of another's.



Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Things in the love department may be looking up for you, Capricorn, but beware that you aren't getting pushed around. Your partner could feel the need for more freedom in the relationship, while you're hoping to find more commitment. Take it one day at a time. Don't get ahead of yourself by projecting scenarios that may not come to fruition. You're only setting yourself up for disappointment.



BABY BLUES



BUCKLES



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

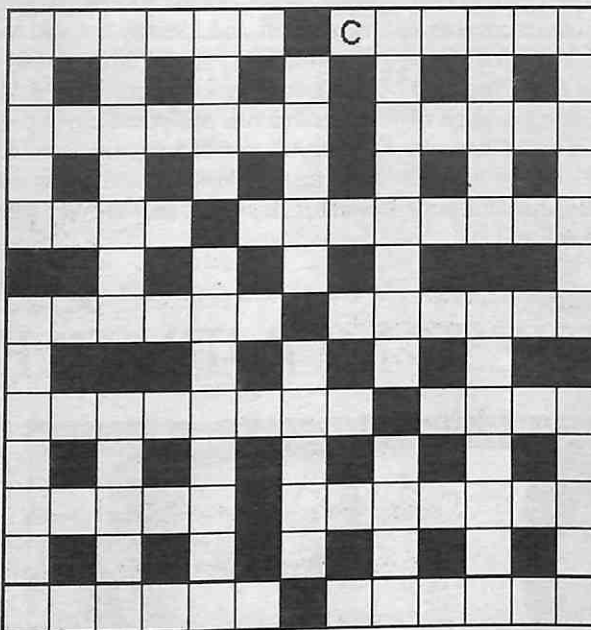


HOME WORD SEARCH

PUZZLE CHOICE

ALPHA-CROSS 13

The first letter of each answer is written next to its clue in alphabetical order. One letter has already been entered. Can you find the words then fit them correctly into the grid?



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| F. Coerced (6) | A. Accumulate (5) |
| L. Freedom (7) | A. Aspiration (8) |
| L. Book depository (7) | A. Main artery (5) |
| N. Tide (4) | B. Alloy of copper and zinc (5) |
| N. Synthetic fabric (5) | C. Desert plant (6) |
| S. Cutting tool (6) | C. Title-holder (8) |
| S. Find the answer (5) | C. Parts of a book (8) |
| S. Attain an objective (7) | C. Rough (6) |
| S. Bar temporarily (7) | C. Type of tree (7) |
| T. Diplomatic (7) | C. Carry on (8) |
| T. Total (5) | D. Refrain (6) |
| T. Claws (6) | E. Reverberation (4) |
| T. Form of transport (5) | E. Concludes (4) |
| Y. Tale (4) | E. Dodge (5) |

LOL

Laughing out Loud

A DRINKING MAN AND BARTENDER

A man sat down at a bar and told the bartender, "I bet you three hundred dollars that I can piss into the cup all the way over there on the other side of the bar and not miss a single drop." The bartender said, "There is no way you can do that. Sure, I'll bet you three hundred dollars." The man then begins to undo his pants and begins pissing. He starts pissing all over the bar, spraying on the bottles and the bartender, not making a single drop in the cup. The bartender starts smiling and laughing and says, "That's it, you owe me three hundred dollars." The man then gets up and walks over to the pool table and starts laughing and shaking hands with the men standing there. He walks back to the bar, sits down and starts laughing at the bartender and hands him the money. The bartender asks, "Why are you laughing? You just lost the bet." The man said, "I'm laughing because I bet those guys over there one thousand dollars that I could piss all over you and your bar and you would still be laughing when I was done."

USELESS FACTS

1. The name for Oz in the "Wizard of Oz" was thought up when the creator, Frank Baum, looked at his filing cabinet and saw A-N, and O-Z; hence the name "OZ."
2. The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
3. Rogers is an ordained minister.
4. John Lennon's first girlfriend was named Thelma Pickles.
5. There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.

BRAINTEASERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

YESTERDAY'S BRAINTEASERS:

1. A man claims that his dog can jump over his house. No one believes the man but he is telling the truth. How can that be?
Answer: The dog can jump over its dog house.
2. How can you add 4 to 10

and get 2 as the answer?
Answer: When you are using a clock.

TODAY'S BRAINTEASERS:

1. What demands an answer but asks no questions?
2. What can travel around the world without ever leaving the corner?



MEET THE NEW FACES OF ISITHEMBISO

MEET the first year students who are shaking things up!

It's a new year and a new life is injected into campus! That means your favourites have to deal with new blood! How will these faces fit into the storyline? Time will tell, let's first give you a young profile of who's who!

Zoleka

Zoleka is related to the notorious Zebediah 'Diamond' but she has no plans to fall under his shadow. She's a girl with big dreams who is willing to do anything to get to the top! No one tells her what to do! Zo is a hard worker who always strategises on what her next step should be. To Sne's disappointment, it seems she is no pushover and

pushes back twice as hard. She definitely seems like she has what it takes to survive! She just might become JUS FM's next big thing if she plays her cards right. Will she crack it?

Mulo

Mulo is the gentle brother who gets an easy pass at life cause of his good looks and deep pockets. He is the son of a highly respected but controversial mayor; however we soon discover that his relationship with his father is not that breezy! Mulo has a good heart but he might just care a little too much of what everyone thinks of him. This could land him in financial distress! Will he learn to be independent and make unpopular decisions? Time will tell!

Ayanda

Ayanda gave us a great grand entrance! When we first met her she was drunk and even got sick all over Mam Dolly's carpet! Can we say disaster? This would make her life extremely difficult as Mam Dolly has eyes on her. When she confessed that she did not believe in God, Mam Dolly decided it was time to change that. It seems Ayanda is steadfast in her own beliefs and identity but will she eventually give in to Mam Dolly's demands? These students will tackle issues that real life youth are experiencing, where will their story lines take us? Tune into #IsithembisoMzansi and watch their journey unfold every week day at 7:30 pm!

'You and I': Ricky's latest hit - The Voice SA

THE tune is collaboration with Mlindo The Vocalist.

The Voice SA coach Ricky Rick has a brand-new track out – and it's hot!

'You and I' comes with backing vox from Mlindo The Vocalist, who's perhaps better known for his work in dance music.

On the track, he supplies a melancholy backing – some commenters think he sounds like he's crying! – for Ricky's dedication to 'the lady of my life – my future wife.'

He basically tells her that while he hasn't necessarily always treated her right, he promises to do

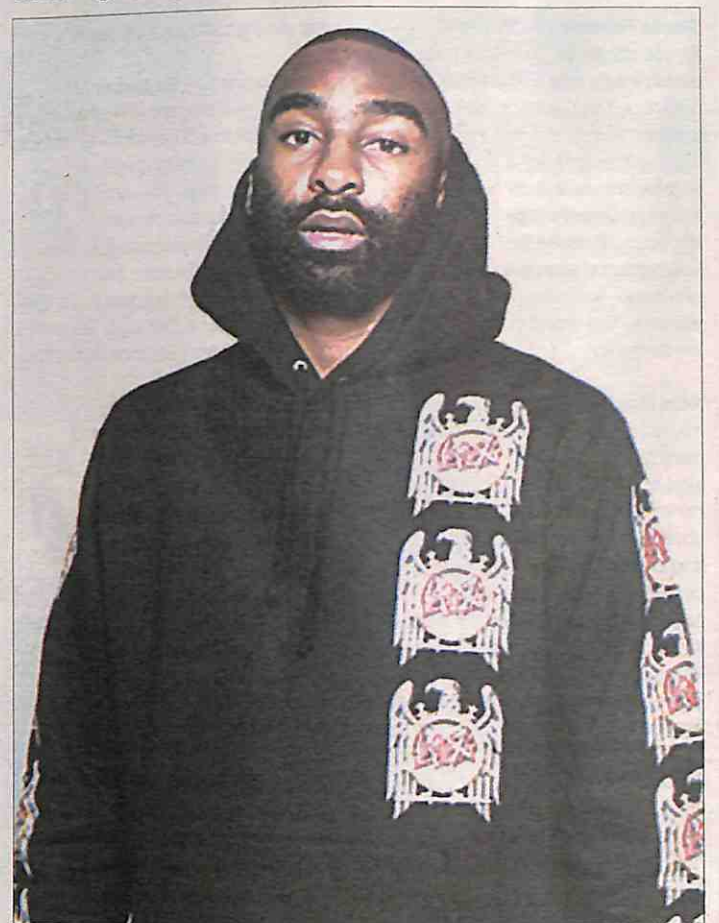
better. 'You and I / 'til the day we die.'

All this happens across moody and hi-tech musical bedrock. We also love the cover art!

The track has been out for a couple of weeks and has slipped into the radio airplay Top 10, prompting Ricky to ask if they should make a video. Yes is the answer!

The Voice SA airs on Sundays at 17:30.

Join the conversation on our Facebook page, and on Twitter and Instagram using the hashtag #TheVoiceSA.



NEW TRACK: Ricky Rick.

FOUR OF THE CATTIEST MOMENTS FROM LAST NIGHT'S EP

ALL together now – 'Meow!'

We're still reeling from all the drama last night's The Bachelor SA served up. From poolside bust-ups over 'attitude', to jealousy over one-on-one dates, the claws were sharpened and ready to strike at a moments notice, in The Bachelor SA mansion. Here's a countdown of all the moments that made us clutch our pearls.

Reactions to Edith Scoring A Solo Date

With 17 ladies all waiting for their chance to breakaway and get to know Lee better, it came as no surprise that feelings were hurt (badly) when Edith scored a coveted one-on-one date with our Bachelor. Edith, who



was completely blind-sided by her stroke of luck, even made a miraculous recovery from illness after hearing the news. There were cries of 'I was kinda hoping that would be me,' from America and Nontombi, as well as a 'She's been healed, Touched By A Date Card' snipe by Natasha, but unfortunately, the dye

had been cast.

Jacqueline Finding Out She Wouldn't Be Going On Group Date

After expressing how unhappy she was that she hadn't scored one-on-one time with Lee, Jacqueline set her eyes on this week's Group Date. Unfortunately, that also didn't happen for her, which resulted in this

moment.

The Girls Throwing Shade After Edith and Lee's Date

The one-on-one date debrief in the mansion lounge turned into a shade-fest. As soon as Edith took a seat, Natasha wondered aloud how Edith's head could possibly fit through the door, because it was so big.

Ouch! The first question on everyone's lips was obviously if Edith and Lee had kissed on their date. As soon as Edith revealed Lee had only given her a small peck, Kelly-Tiegen, who had a full-on kiss with him last week, made her feelings known. 'I'm happy they didn't make out'.

Annalene's Outburst At The Rose Ceremony

Things got a little interesting at the Cocktail Party during Lee and Annalene's chat.

We learned that Annalene totally has one of the most unique takes on what love is.

Soon after, Lee gave insights on Annalene.

"She's a beautiful, special woman – but I do have my concerns," referring to her putting him on the spot about the time he spends with the other ladies. After much thought, Lee ended up not giving Annalene a rose – and she responded in the most colourful fashion.

The Bachelor SA is screened on M-Net Channel 101 every Thursday evening at 19:00 and is also available on DStv Catch-Up.

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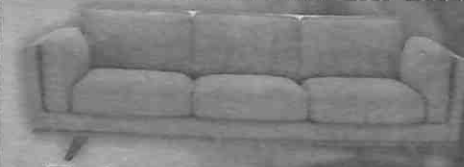
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Place: Emanyeveni

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Menners Elijah Gwebu



Funeral: 09/03/2019
Vigil: 08/03/2019
Place: kaLuhleko

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Fakudze Shonaphi



Funeral: 09/03/2019
Vigil: 08/03/2019
Place: eNgoba

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Patrick Boy Dlamini



Funeral: 09/03/2019
Vigil: 08/03/2019

Kwatiswa tihlobo, umndeni, bekhahonina ka Dvuba eMbebebeni, bakubo e Gundwini nabo bonkhe labamatiko kutsi Patrick Boy Dlamini wase Siohofaneni akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa nge Mgcibelo mhlaka 09/03/2019, ngelisiko le Mlangeni emva kwaemlindzelo ngalesihlanu mhlaka 08/ 03/2019. Kutoba nenkonzo yesikhumbuto ngalesihlanu Roman Catholic Church. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu mndeni.

Aretha Thembe Thring
Ndwandwe

Funeral: 09/03/2019
Vigil: 08/03/2019
Place: Sphofaneni

Friends and Relatives of Aretha Thembe Thring Ndwandwe are notified of her passing. She will be laid to rest at her home Sphofaneni on Saturday 9 March. Night Vigil on Friday. Announcements by her husband, Shemane Ndwandwe.

Philswe Dlamini
ulaSihlongonyane

Funeral: 10/03/2019
Vigil: 09/03/2019
Place: kaBhudla

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa Philswe Dlamini ulaSihlongonyane kutsi sewusishiyile. Utawubekwa endzaweni yakhe yekugcina mhlaka 10/03/2019 kaBhudla emva kwemlindzelo ngemgibelo 09/03/2019. Kwatiswa bekhakhakhe bantfwebenkhosi bakaMalandzela nase Nhlambeni bekhahonina kaShongwe nebaka Sihlongonyane kanye nelibandla inkanyezi yokusa Church in Zion, Batukulu kuGege. Simemetelo sikhishwa bantfwabakhe egameni lemndeni.

Emmelinah Simelane
Ulambonane

Funeral: 09/03/2019
Vigil: 08/03/2019

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Sindisiwe Juda Littler
Nee Shabangu

Funeral: 10/03/2019
Vigil: 09/03/2019
Place: kaManzini

Relatives And Friends Of Sindisiwe Juda Littler Nee Shabangu Are Notified Of Her Sudden Death. She Will Be Laid To Rest On Sunday 10/03/19 Ka Manzini. Night Vigil Is On 09 / 03 / 19 Announcement By Her Husband Duane Littler

Esther lomasotsha Tsela
(laTfwala)

Funeral: 09/03/2019
Vigil: 08/03/2019
Place: eMzimnene

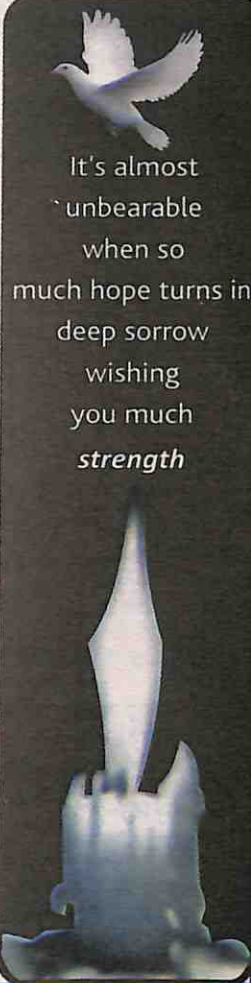
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JOB 13:15

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South African SOCCER

Bernard Parker signs new Kaizer Chiefs deal

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs have confirmed that striker Bernard Parker has signed a contract extension with the club.

Parker is set to continue his stay at Naurena beyond the current season after signing a new one-year deal, with Chiefs adding a further option of another year.

The 32-year-old, who will be turning a year older on March 16, will now reach at least the nine-year mark with the club, since arriving from FC Twente in July 2011.

'Die Hond' has been an ever-present as one of the senior members of the squad, with only Itumeleng Khune having been around for longer.

Meanwhile, Amajita youngster Njabulo Blom has also been handed a four-year first team contract, joining Happy Mashiane and Nkosingiphile Ngcobo amongst the youngest players in the team.



Middendorp feels Castro must give more for Chiefs

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs coach Ernst Middendorp believes striker Leonardo Castro can still give more for the club this season after a spell of frustration and dip in form.

Castro has struggled for consistency this season and, prior to his goal and assist against Highlands Park over the weekend, had managed just one goal in seven matches in 2019.

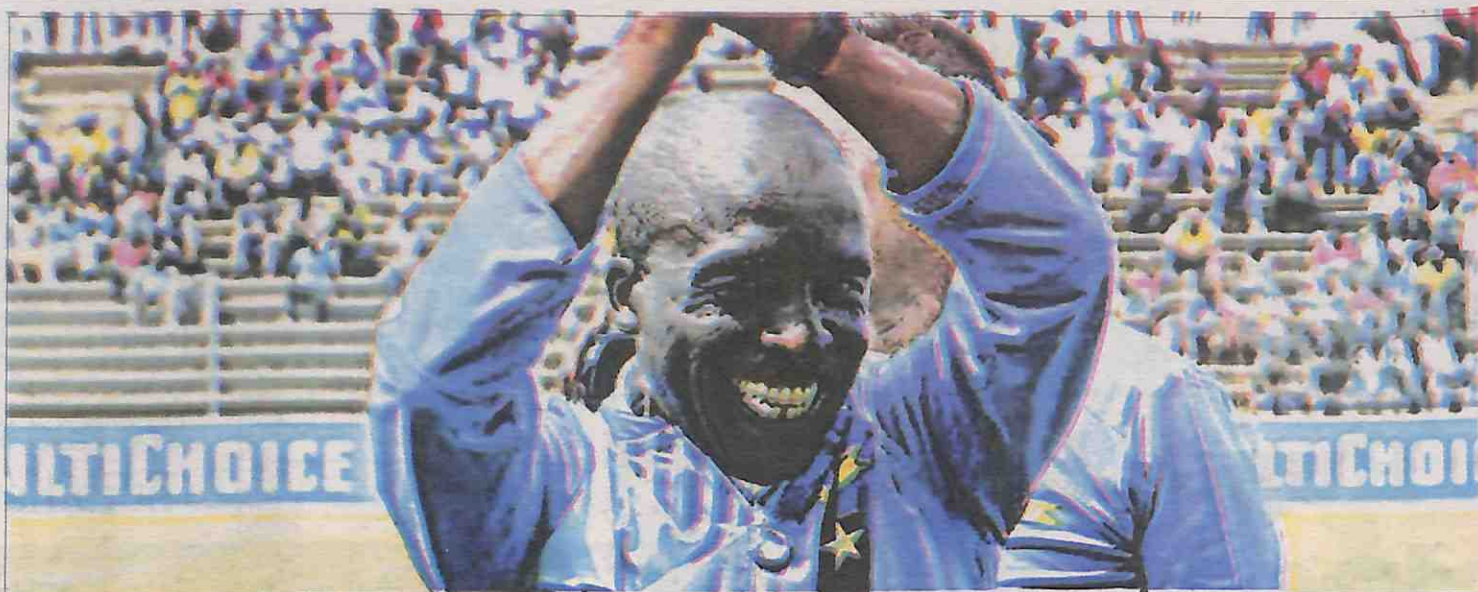
He was also omitted from the squad against Polokwane City 10 days ago, after suffering a knock which Middendorp recently described as a lack of mental strength being the reason.

However, the German has since highlighted what is expected of a player of Castro's calibre at a club like Chiefs and believes he can still deliver in the remaining games this season.

"Of course, if a brand or club is going to bring in high-profile players, then you'll always have expectation, but that is very often something that you have to be very clear and do your homework on," said Middendorp.

"Bringing players into Kaizer Chiefs or Orlando Pirates, or any team with a high profile or expectations, you must know that in every test, PSL and cup game you have to win. And, if you do a certain [thing] incorrectly then you have to be strong to continue doing and showing your best.

"Of course, it was a bit of a surprise to see that there was a bit of a knock, which was disappointing from his perspective, but I believe he needs support and I believe he is still able to give us a good run during the rest of the season."



Pitso says Notoane deserves to be SA's under-23 coach

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane has hailed the appointment of David Notoane as the national Under-23 coach.

Notoane was appointed last week and has been tasked to take the country to the Olympic Games in Tokyo next year.

South Africa are set to begin their campaign with a clash against Angola this month. The

winner will face either Zimbabwe or Mozambique/Eswatini for a place at an eight-nation tournament in Egypt, which will produce three teams to represent Africa at the Olympics.

Mosimane believes Notoane, who has been in charge of Sundowns' MultiChoice Diski Challenge team, has the credentials to be in charge of a national team.

"He deserves it," said Mosimane.

"He has the experience. He has been there before, it's not the first time. He has been in and out. He is a sober-minded coach, he knows what he does. He is not going to mess it up and bring Mamelodi Sundowns players. He understands that he's an important coach," he added.

Notoane is being assisted by SuperSport United development coach Kwanele Kopo in the mission to help South Africa qualify.

SREDOJEVIC CONCEDES PIRATES NEED INTROSPECTION

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates coach Milutin Sredojevic has conceded that their habit of conceding first is a problem that needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

Pirates' 1-1 draw at home with Bloemfontein Celtic on Tuesday evening saw them having to claw their way back from a goal down for the fourth time in their last five consecutive matches.

The Buccaneers seem to have a knack for reacting rather than being proactive in their approach to matches, which could be seen as a major stumbling as competitions - both domestic and on the continent - begin to reach fever pitch.

For a side currently challenging for the ABSA Premiership title as well as a place in the CAF Champions League knock-out stages, Sredojevic has admitted that they have some introspection to do.

"Facts are facts, and the language



of facts is something we need to accept," conceded Micho, after being pointed towards their recent fixtures in which they conceded the first goal.

"For a team that has an approach

of using a high-line [in defence] and risking with an attacking approach towards every game, as a result we've been falling behind.

"The moment we fall behind is like something injecting us and we

then react in that moment. It's something hard to explain, but in the language of facts we really need to enter into the deepest possible analysis.

"We have players that are ready to challenge that problem; we have a technical team ready to address it and we shall look to use this as a light inside our head in the coming matches.

"We shall start every game the same as when we are one goal down, because it looks like something needs to provoke us before we react. It's hard to explain, it's not our intention.

"We want it in a different way, but this is what football has brought us. And the same way in which life without problems is not life, football without problems is not football.

"Those football problems are factors we really need to address in the seven remaining league matches."

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Mourinho tops Real Madrid's list of managerial candidates - Calderon

MADRID - Jose Mourinho is the first choice to takeover at Real Madrid and has already been approached by the club, according to former president Ramon Calderon.

Santiago Solari, Real's head coach, looks to be under pressure at the

Bernabeu after losing back-to-back games to Barcelona and being knocked out of the Champions League by Ajax in the last week.

Mourinho, who left Real in 2013, said last week he was flattered to be linked with a return to Real, and appears to be a popular choice among

fans, who were chanting his name after Tuesday's humbling 4-1 defeat by Ajax.

Real's President Florentino Perez needs a "bombshell" to keep calm among the supporters and is set to call on Mourinho - the "only coach he respects," according to Calderon.

He told Sky Sports News: "I have no doubt Mourinho is the first option for the president. He's been called in the last weeks. It was when Zinedine Zidane left, Mourinho was with Manchester United and he said it was not the right moment to come back, but maybe now he's free."

"I think there will be many chances he will be on that bench next season."

Asked about other potential candidates, he added: "Maybe Mauricio Pochettino, they are talking about him. But there will be many in the next days because fans can't accept this situation. There's been three or four months moaning now, lamenting and regretting what we did planning this team." *Sky Sports*

Hugo Lloris keeps hosts out before Kane winner

Harry Kane's second-half winner settled Tottenham as they beat Dortmund 1-0 on the night and 4-0 on aggregate in their Champions League last-16 second leg in Germany.

Hugo Lloris kept Dortmund out in the first half with fine saves from Marco Reus, Julian Weigl and Mario Gotze as the hosts went gung-ho, while Heung-Min Son poked wide having gone through on goal during a rare Tottenham attack.

But Kane's vital away goal flattened Dortmund, producing a fine finish having been played through on goal by Moussa Sissoko (49), and with it becoming Spurs' all-time top European scorer. The result means Spurs reach the Champions League quarter-finals for the first time since 2011, with the draw for the last eight on March 15.

Dortmund dominated the ball in the first half, registering 70 per cent possession, but could not find a way through Spurs as Lloris came to the rescue on more than one occasion.

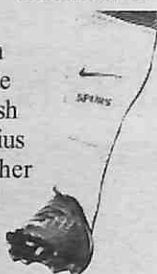
Jan Vertonghen made a fantastic last-ditch tackle to deny Reus, but Reus did then manage to get a shot off on goal,

forcing Lloris into a sharp save after deflecting off Davinson Sanchez.

Son spurned a rare Spurs opportunity after being played through one-on-one by Christian Eriksen, poking wide after a suspected push in the back by Marius Wolf, before another onslaught on Spurs' goal at the other end saw Lloris make two quickfire stops. First, the Frenchman saved on the line from Julian Weigl's header, before keeping out Mario Gotze's curling effort from inside the box with a fine one-handed stop.

But Kane became Spurs' all-time top European scorer after the break, overtaking Jermain Defoe with his 24th in trademark style as he curled a fine finish around Roman Burki from 18 yards after Sissoko's through ball cut open a snoozing Dortmund back line. Soon-to-be Chelsea midfielder Christian Pulisic headed over in space with 15 min-

Harry Kane celebrates opening the scoring for Spurs at Dortmund.



utes remaining, and Lloris earned a deserved clean sheet with a fine low save from Paco Alcacer's drive. *Sky Sports*

We had to improve following humiliating defeats - Pedro

LONDON - Pedro has revealed he and his Chelsea team-mates demanded a reaction in order to improve their form following humiliating defeats by Manchester City and Bournemouth.

The Blues suffered their heaviest league defeat since 1996 at the hands of the Cherries on January 30, losing 4-0, and it did not take long for Maurizio Sarri's side to set a new record as they were thrashed 6-0 at the Etihad Stadium on February 10. Form has picked up in recent weeks with victories over London rivals Tottenham and Fulham and Chelsea sit just two points outside the Champions League qualification spots with a game in hand over fourth-placed Manchester United.

Winger Pedro has opened up on what was said after suffering such big league defeats. "We said 'this is enough'."

I spoke during the week about the situation (with my team-mates), but now we're all focusing on reaching the top four," he told Sky Sports. "It's the most important thing for us until the end, to try to win every game. They're all finals because it's so important to get points, try to win every game and if not, it's going to be so difficult to qualify."

Pedro has netted eight times and provided three assists in 37 appearances for the Blues this campaign with all of his goals coming in the top flight. "It's probably the best form I've been in. Maurizio is very clear with his ideas and that's good for me because I run, press high and recover the ball. I stay close to the target to score goals and help my team - that's good," Pedro added.

Pedro and his team-mates welcome Ukrainian Premier League outfit Dynamo Kiev to Stamford Bridge in the last 16 of the Europa League tonight.

AFP

Dusan Tadic shines as reigning champions crash out in humiliation

MADRID - The bigger they come the harder they fall. After 1 011 days as Champions League holders and 13-times winners, Real Madrid crashed out of the competition, losing 4-1 on the night to Ajax and 5-3 on aggregate.

It was a humiliation. Gareth Bale watched it unfold from the bench and was helpless to change it when he came on as a first-half substitute. Thibaut Courtois was as culpable as anyone letting in the fourth from a direct free-kick.

Things started well enough. Rafael Varane headed Lucas Vazquez' cross on to the cross bar after just four minutes and the Bernabeu believed Madrid had simply slipped

into Champions League gear. They had not and the wheels were about to come off. First Toni Kroos lost the ball in midfield and in a flash Dusan Tadic was crossing for Hakim Ziyech to score past Thibaut Courtois. There was stunned silence from the Bernabeu and more than 4 000 Ajax fans, many now with shirts off, celebrated. That was after seven minutes. By the 18-minute mark, Madrid were going out. Tadic spun brilliantly away from Casemiro and ran at the heart of the Real Madrid defence. There was no resistance and it was Luka Modric left as the last man as David Neres got in behind him to slot the ball past Courtois. *Daily Mail*

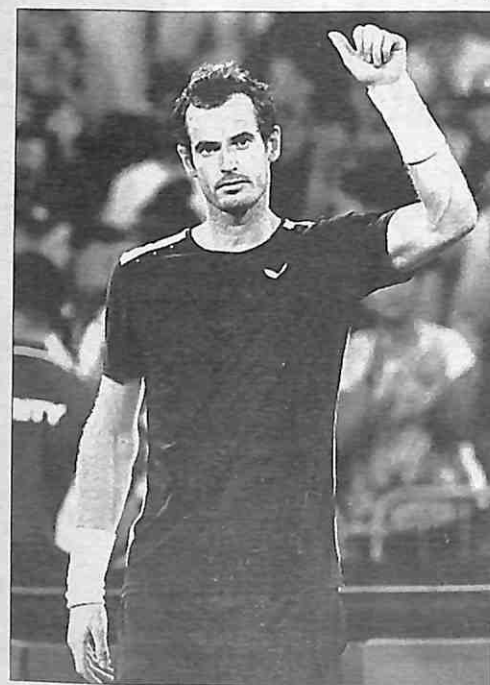
Murray 'pain-free' but unsure over future after hip surgery

LONDON - Andy Murray says he is no longer in pain but the former world number one is unsure whether he will be able to play top-level tennis again following a second hip operation.

The 31-year-old underwent hip resurfacing surgery at the end of January in a final throw of the dice to try to overcome the problem that first became a serious issue in 2017. "I want to continue playing, I said that in Australia," Murray said at a sponsorship event at London's Queen's Club. "The issue is I don't know whether it's possible." "I'm a lot happier now than I was, certainly the last 12 months, because I have no pain in my hip now and I was in pain for

a long time," he added.

"The rehab is slow but it's been going pretty well. I just need to wait and see how things progress. If it's possible, I'd certainly love to compete again." Murray, who has won three Grand Slams, announced at an emotional press conference ahead of the Australian Open in January that he planned to retire after Wimbledon but was more hopeful following a remarkable five-set defeat by Roberto Bautista Agut in the first round. No player has come back from the same operation to play singles but American Bob Bryan recently returned in doubles and won an ATP Tour title in Delray Beach last month with his brother Mike. *AFP*



FINE: Andy Murray.



'Irritated' Bayern condemn Germany's decision to axe trio

MUNICH - Bayern Munich have reacted angrily to Germany coach Joachim Low's decision to rule three of their veteran stars out of further international football.

Low has indicated he will not select Thomas Müller, 30, Mats Hummels, 29, and Jerome Boateng, 30 - who have 246 caps between them - for future games, summarily retiring the trio.

The decision comes with the national team boss ready to move on to a new generation, saying: "This is the year for our new beginning."

But the timing of it - ahead of key Bundesliga and Champions League games - and finality of the treatment of the three 2014 World Cup winners on a surprise visit to the training ground, has annoyed their club.

In a statement, Bayern said: "National coach Joachim Low has decided not to consider our players Thomas Müller, Mats Hummels and Jerome Boateng in the future."

"Basically, we do not comment on sporting decisions of the national coach, the nomination of the squad of the national team is solely the responsibility of Joachim Low."

"However, we believe the timing and circumstances of the announcement of this decision to the players and to the public is questionable. The last international match of the German national team took place on 19 November 2018. "The fact that the players and the public were informed three months later, just ahead of important matches for FC Bayern next Saturday in the fight for the Bundesliga title against

VfL Wolfsburg and a few days before the decisive second leg in the round of 16 of the Champions League next Wednesday against Liverpool, irritates us. "In addition, we were surprised that this was done yesterday in the context of an unannounced visit by Joachim Low and Oliver Bierhoff (Director National Teams and Academy) at Bayern."

"Müller (100 caps), Hummels (70) and Boateng (76) have completed 246 internationals for the German national team, they have had an extremely successful decade of the DFB crowned by winning the world title in 2014 as an absolute highlight. "FC Bayern have great respect for the athletic merits of Thomas, Mats and Jerome for the national team and German football."

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Manchester United eye £120m bid for Dybala

MANCHESTER - Manchester United have lined up a move for Paulo Dybala from Juventus this summer, if Romelu Lukaku is allowed to leave Old Trafford.

The Argentine forward has impressed watching scouts over the past few seasons and is believed to be earmarked as the man to take the club to the next level.

They have already enquired about availability and cost, but Juve are reluctant to lose one of their star assets. The runaway Serie A leaders could ask for as much as £120million for the 25-year-old, according to The Sun.

And they report that any move could form part of a sensational swap deal that would see Lukaku move the other way. The Belgian striker has been in fine form recently and netted a brace against Southampton at the weekend, but could still be forced out. It is believed he would prefer a move to Juventus that would see him line up alongside Cristiano Ronaldo. The 25-year-old has scored 40 goals in 87 appearances for

United, who would look to recoup the £75m they paid Everton in 2017.

Dybala joined Juve from Palermo in June 2015 and is set to lift a fourth league title in as many seasons at the end of the current campaign.

Daily Mail



TARGET: Juventus star Paulo Dybala.

Torreira will serve 3-game ban after appeal

LONDON - Arsenal midfielder Lucas Torreira will serve a three-match suspension after the appeal to the Football Association over his red card against Tottenham was rejected.

Torreira had come on at half-time during Saturday's north London derby at Wembley, and was sent off by referee Anthony Taylor during stoppage time after catching Danny Rose with his studs in a sliding challenge. Following the decision by the FA, Torreira will be banned for Sunday's clash against

Manchester United at the Emirates Stadium, while also missing the home game with Newcastle on April 1 and the trip to Everton on April 7.

The north London derby ended 1-1 after Hugo Lloris saved a last-minute spot-kick from Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang. Harry Kane had earlier levelled when Spurs were awarded a controversial penalty.

Arsenal will be back in action tonight in the first leg of their Europa League tie against Rennes in France.

Daily Mail

Vinicius Junior set to miss 2 months of action

MADRID - Vinicius Junior's season is all-but-over after Real Madrid doctors confirmed the Brazilian youngster has torn a ligament in his calf.

The 18-year-old forward was just finding his feet at the Bernabeu, but was left in floods of tears at pitchside after suffering the blow against Ajax on Tuesday.

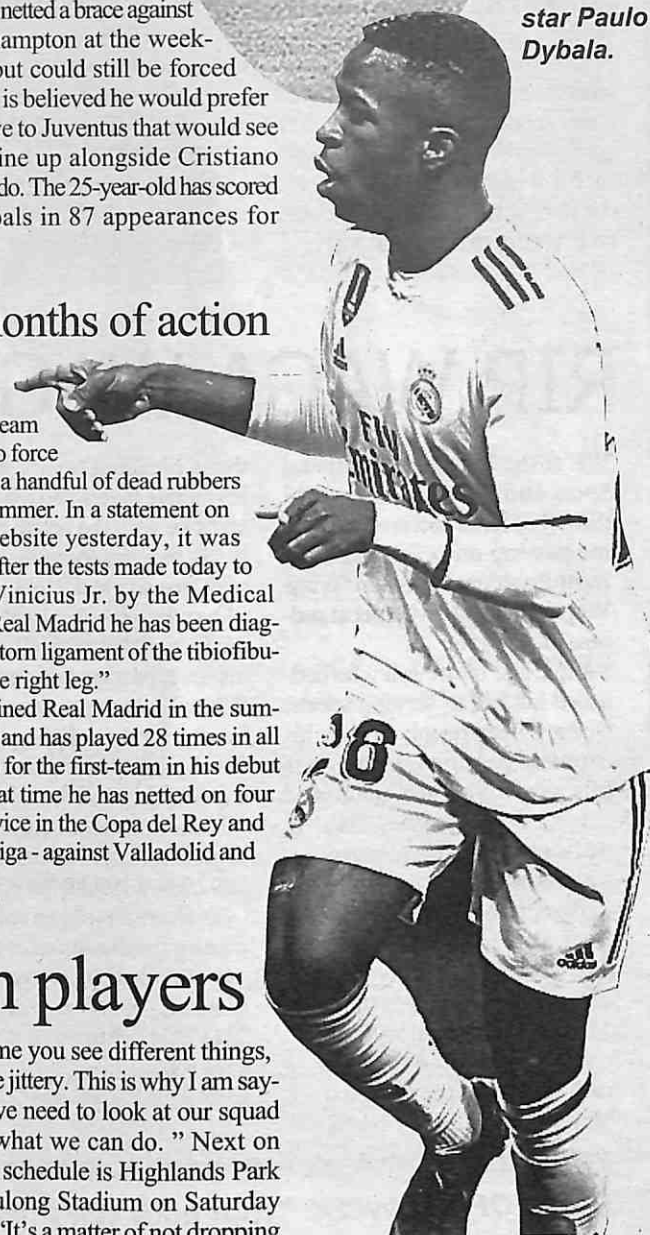
It has now been confirmed that Vinicius will miss around two months of action, and if the club decide to not rush him back he could miss the remainder of this season. The youngster is likely to miss the rest of March and the whole of April - a total of nine matches - meaning the maximum he could play is the final three games of Real Madrid's season.

It is unlikely Real will be fighting for the title, given they are currently 12 points behind

Barcelona, so the medical team are unlikely to force him back for a handful of dead rubbers before the summer. In a statement on the club's website yesterday, it was revealed: "After the tests made today to our player Vinicius Jr. by the Medical Services of Real Madrid he has been diagnosed with a torn ligament of the tibiofibular joint of the right leg."

Vinicius joined Real Madrid in the summer of 2018, and has played 28 times in all competitions for the first-team in his debut season. In that time he has netted on four occasions, twice in the Copa del Rey and twice in La Liga - against Valladolid and Alaves.

Daily Mail



INJURED: Real Madrid forward Vinicius Junior.

Wedson Nyirenda demands consistency from players

DURBAN - Baroka FC coach Wedson Nyirenda wants his players to mature, as they are currently giving away easy goals to opponents.

Bakgaga were beaten 2-1 by Limpopo rivals Polokwane City over the weekend, a defeat which puts the relegation threatened side under more pressure heading into a crucial stage of the season.

The Telkom Knockout champions are in 13th place on the ABSA Premiership standings, just four points ahead of bottom of the table Maritzburg United.

"It pains so much when you are doing all the work and then suddenly you see your players giving away goals. You

can't give away goals like that. There's [a] need to mature. Players must mature. If players can't mature, [then] you find mature players, simple! This is PSL," the Zambian born coach said after the game against Rise and Shine.

"Come to training, you talk about these things, you put in the exercises and players are doing it. [But] Come

to the game you see different things, people are jittery. This is why I am saying that we need to look at our squad and see what we can do." Next on Baroka's schedule is Highlands Park at Makhulong Stadium on Saturday (15h30). "It's a matter of not dropping points. You have to be consistent in this business." *Kick-Off*

SHUKUMA ESWATINI

COUNTDOWN TO NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS: 23 DAYS TO GO!

NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS: THE REAL DEAL!

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SHU.....Shukuma Eswatini!
Greetings and welcome to yet another edition of your favourite read, Shukuma Eswatini.

There is an ageless saying, which holds true for what we are currently feeling at the moment; 'The closer to the bone, the sweeter, the meat'. We are indeed moving closer to the second instalment of the National Sports Awards and in all honesty,

we just cannot wait. We have more or less 23 days to go before this special night for local sports.

The venue, as stated in previous articles, will be the Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha on March 30. Remember, on this day, we will be celebrating the ultimate reward programme of sport in the country, as these awards do not only seek to recognise but to also motivate excellence in sport participation by all sport practitioners in the land.

The nomination process has already been done by the respective National

Sports Associations. Nomination is of courses guided by the National Sports Awards Rulebook.

The National Sports Awards are designed in a way that involves contributions from all of the over 25 recognised National Sports Associations and other relevant stakeholders, which includes the media.

Recognised National Sport Associations are encouraged to host their own respective annual awards whose winners should ideally become nominees of these National Sports

Awards. Nominees in each category are unlimited in number. However, only the top three nominees for each category are announced prior to the awards night, with the exception of the Lifetime Achievement Award, whose winner will be announced on the night by the Honourable Minister of Sport, Culture and Youth Affairs, Harries 'Madze' Bulunga. Please note, however, that the SNSRC Chairman, Lawrence 'Lolo' Mthethwa may from time to time award additional special awards to deserving sport practitioners.

As one of the 10 African member states of the African Union Sports Council (AUSC) Region 5, the SNSRC is determined to play its role in realising the mandate and the vision of the AUSC Region 5. By hosting the National Sports Awards, this is but just one of the many routes we have decided to take for the country to be relevant and not left behind.

This mandate of course translates into recognising sports achievers within the region, as all 10 member states are required to host their National Sports Awards for them to qualify for the Regional Annual Sports Awards (RASA).

Only E250 will get you a seat at Awards

IT will cost members of the public only E250 per person to be part of the second instalment of the National Sports Awards.

As already stated, the awards will be held at the spacious Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha. We at the SNSRC are here to serve the nation. That is why we have made it so affordable for members of the public to be part of the occasion, which is expected to be graced by a number of our leaders in the kingdom.

The awards are meant for the nation. In the same vein, we still have a lot of space to offer to corporate companies. This column did disclose about two weeks ago that tables are selling at E5 000 each for a group of 10 individuals. This offer is strictly for corporate companies. Interested companies should not hesitate to contact our offices at 2404 1590 or 2404 1525.

Alternatively, interested groups can call the SNSRC Business Development Manager Zama

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RIP WAGA WAGA!

WE at the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) have received news of the passing on of long serving Darts President Hamilton 'Waga Waga' Nxumalo with great sadness and regret.

A true son of the soil who dedicated his life to serving sports, we have been deeply hurt by his untimely passing on. From the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, Board Chairman, Lawrence 'Lolo' Mthethwa, CEO Darius Dlobo, the SNSRC entire staff and indeed the Sports Movement in the kingdom, we sincerely send our heartfelt condolences to Nxumalo's family.

May God comfort them during such a terrible time in their lives. May our heavenly Father bandage

those bleeding hearts with His invincible hands and may God's spirit be with the bereaved family, as they try to come to terms with this so great a loss.

Over the years, Nxumalo became the face of the sport of darts with his love, passion and dedication. We will always remember him fondly for the role he played in developing the sport in the country. May his soul rest in peace!

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R.I.P.: The late long serving Darts President Hamilton 'Waga Waga' Nxumalo.

HERE IS THE FULL LIST OF THE NOMINEES

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1. Lukhele Melusi (Taekwondo)
2. Cameroon Thomas Jele (Karate)
3. Simanga Maseko (Athletics)
4. Sikhanyiso Sihlongonyane (Chess)
5. Sisekelo Matsenjwa (Shooting)
6. Bandile Shabangu (Football)

JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN

1. Sikhulile Mahlalela (Taekwondo)
2. Mitchele Amor Shen (Judo)
3. Lamulela Magagula (Judo)
4. Safiya Mansoor (Karate)
5. Hlatshwayo Khanyisile (Athletics)
6. Young Robyn (Swimming)
7. Simangele Sikhondze (Football)

SPORTSMAN

1. Thandukhanya Dlamini (Taekwondo)
2. Sibusiso Matsenjwa (Athletics)
3. Sibusiso Matsenjwa (Athletics)
4. Sikhanyiso Sihlongonyane (Chess)
5. Simanga Dlamini (Swimming)
6. Sifiso Vilane (Golf)
7. Tony 'TT' Tsabadze (Football)
8. Zweli Dlamini (Boxing)

SPORTSWOMAN

1. Carlota Munave (Taekwondo)
2. Sindisiwe Maphalala (Karate)
3. Nonhlanhla Seyama (Athletics)
4. Leticia Viana (Football)

SPORTSMAN - SPWD

1. Thobani Zikalala

SPORTSWOMAN - SPWD

1. Nomsa Mkhonta

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Your body can stand for almost anything, it is however the mind that you must convince - Unknown"

More on Golden Foot 'Tuff One' 21km race



LEADING: Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force athletics team members with winner in the 10km Zwelithini Mndzebele (l) in full sprint during the Golden Foot Club 'Tuff One' 21km race held in Manzini on Saturday.



OFF THEY GO: Runners at the starting point of the race. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



SMILE: Masters winners Tracey Stewart and Debby Hauley posing with Total's Sindi Horton and Sportz House's Tokky Hou.



THIS DIRECTION: Sithembiso Nzalo of TZD being directed by race marshal Thulani Gule.



HAPPY PEOPLE: TZD Athletics Club led by Zakhele Dlamini (l) congratulating Sithembiso Nzalo after she came first in the 21km (ladies category).



TOP THREE: 10km winners Zwelithini Mndzebele, Melusi Khumalo and Ntokozo Dlamini with Sportz House's Jeff and Tokky Hou.



SUPPORT: Tilwane Social Club members who provided water along the way led by Richard Mdziniso (far right) posing at Zakhele Sports Ground.



SHUKUMA ESWATINI: Athletes participating in aerobics after competing in the 21km and 10km races.



MEDALLISTS: Manzini Mayor Mxolisi Mabuza with some of the runners who participated.



HOST: Golden Foot Club officials led by President Tokky Hou posing after a successful event.



FULL HOUSE: Zithande Athletics Club coach Nsizwa Thwala (l) with other members in a jovial mood.

FOOTBALL TALK

All your latest WORLD FOOTBALL News

● Manchester United are prepared to make a £120m bid for Juventus and Argentina forward Paulo Dybala 25, if Belgium striker Romelu Lukaku, 25, leaves Old Trafford in the summer. (*Sun*)



● Manchester City may have to have to break the world record transfer fee of £75m for a defender, which Liverpool paid for 27-year-old Dutch centre-back Virgil van Dijk, if they want to sign Leicester City and England left-back Ben Chilwell, 22. (*Telegraph*)

● Chelsea are interested in recruiting French club Lille's sporting director Luis Campos, who has also been linked with a boardroom role at Manchester United. (*France Football, via Star*)

● Tottenham manager Mauricio Pochettino is braced for a touchline ban from the Football Association for his confrontation with referee Mike Dean following his side's defeat by Burnley. (*Mail*)

● West Ham midfielder Declan Rice, 20, is set to be included in England's squad for the forthcoming European Championship qualifiers after the FA completed the paperwork for his switch from the Republic of Ireland. (*Telegraph*)



● Leicester City boss Brendan Rodgers knows he could face a fight to keep Harry Maguire this summer, with Manchester United interested in the England defender, 26. (*Leicester Mercury*)

● Rodgers will go back to former club Celtic in the summer to try to recruit their head of recruitment, Lee Congerton, for Leicester City. (*Telegraph*)

● Former Chelsea and Manchester United chief executive Peter Kenyon has launched a last-minute bid to buy Bolton Wanderers. (*Sun*)

● Cardiff City defender Sol Bamba, 34, has backed the Welsh side to avoid relegation from the Premier League, despite the Ivory Coast international being ruled out for the rest of the season. (*Mirror*)

● Contract negotiations have started between AC Milan and their 20-year-old goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma. Milan are keen to extend the Italian's contract to 2024 at the earliest. (*SportMediaset, via Calciomercato*)

● Schalke hope to tempt Liverpool into selling striker Taiwo Awoniyi. The 21-year-old Nigerian is currently on loan at Belgian side Mouscron. (*Liverpool Echo*)



● Hull City are scouting Reading's 21-year-old goalkeeper Luke Southwood, who is on loan at Eastleigh and has played for England at youth level, ahead of a potential summer move. (*Mail*)

SA TEAM TO GRACE LOCAL CYCLING RACES

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

CYCLING - THE Vukani Cycling Club from South Africa will take part in two local road competitions set to take place later this year.

The Ermelo-based team promised to grace the upcoming MTN Khemani and Dups Mafutseni Classic during their visit in the country over the weekend at Mhlanganya.

The SA club took a 160km ride from Ermelo to the Kingdom of Eswatini to mingle with their local counterparts.

Revealed

This was revealed by the Eswatini Cycling Association executive member and national team coach Mbusi Motsa, who welcomed the visiting team in the country.

"The Vukani Cycling Club has promised to attend two local races in the country later this year, where they promised to bring their strong team during the two races.

The move is aimed at adding more



competition for local riders and we strongly believe this move will surely improve the standard of the sport in the country," he said.

Motsa further stated that they

would also send local riders to training camps in South Africa during the course of the year.

"We hope to send some of our riders to South Africa where they would

get more training, something that can help them gain international more exposure.

"We will announce other details in due course."

Zamalek claim top spot in RSSC Siyakha North East League

STORIES BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SOCCER - ZAMALEK FC have leapfrogged Shewula Professionals to claim the top spot in RSSC Siyakha North East League after beating XI Stars 5-2 in a one-sided encounter played last weekend.

Zamalek, are now tied on 34 points with second placed Professionals, who in turn lost 0-1 to Cosmos.

In what can be regarded as one of the most competitive seasons for this zone, another title hopeful Free At Last were beaten 2-1 by Bacambi FC.

Free At Last are now occupying position three with 31 points, while Classic are fourth with 30 points. Other results of the weekend saw Summerise beating strug-



TOP: Zamalek FC.

gling JB 4-1 while Rhinos put Juventus to the sword with a 2-0 win.

The league comprises 13 teams whose champions are promoted

to the Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League. The bottom placed team is currently JB, who have four points in 17 games, after suffering 15 defeats. JB is trailing 12th

placed XI Stars with nine points. Table toppers Zamalek have proven to be the high scoring team as they banged 39 goals so far against 21 they conceded.

...while Celtics remain on top in North West League

SOCCER - DESPITE being in-active this past weekend, leaders Tambankulu Celtics remain on top of the RSSC Siyakha North West League table.

The Tambankulu side had opened a 10-point lead going to the past weekend fixture, and their closest Tsambokhulu Rovers were also not in action.

Interestingly, the other title contenders Tambankulu FC succumbed to a 1-2 defeat at the

hands of Njakeni United, giving advantage to Equator FC, who have since jumped to second spot after beating Professionals 3-1.

Young Killers annihilated struggling Tongaat Young Stars 5-1 to maintain their 10th spot, while Revelations also piped basement side Skyline 1-0 to surge closer to the top. The RSSC Siyakha North West League is made out of 13 teams, who are competing for promotion to the Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League.

Goals galore in RSSC Siyakha Under-15 League

SOCCER - IT was raining goals in the RSSC Siyakha Under-15 Mhlume League this past weekend, as the young players demonstrated a high level of sharpness in front of goals.

The team which proved to be high scorers is Young Reds, who scored five past Ngomane Academy in a 5-0 massacre, while Mhlume Peacemakers also showed their goal scoring prowess by beating Skomboys 4-0 in another one-sided encounter.

It was also goals galore for Young

Reds, who beat Stumbo 4-2 in their second match, while rampaging Lomkhehle beat Professionals 3-1 to show strong title intent. There were no goalless draws during the weekend fixtures as the only stalemate was the 1-1 draw between Mhlume Highlanders and Thiba FC.

Young Reds' Thandukwazi is the current leading goal-scorer with three goals, closely followed by the duo of Peacemakers' Sne and Lomkhehle's Luganda Dlamini, who have two goals apiece.

'SIKEBHE' IS WANDERERS MANAGER

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – FORMER Manzini Wanderers director Vincent 'Sikebhe' Dlamini has bounced back as the team's manager.

Dlamini, who held the director position between 2003 and 2009, assumed the managerial position on Tuesday afternoon after being introduced to the team's players.

The veteran administrator was also part of the supporters' task team, which was recently involved in the leadership transition that eventually saw South Africa-based businessman Mehluhi Nhlengetfwa taking over as the hub giants' managing director.

Dlamini's first match as the manager was

the crunch MTN Premier League clash against log leaders Royal Leopard last night at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

Dlamini has replaced Sabelo Nxumalo, who was the acting team manager and will now remain the club's finance manager.

Wanderers Marketing and Communications Manager Bhethemba Zwane could neither agree nor deny the matter when contacted yesterday. "I haven't heard of any managerial changes in the team from the directors and, therefore, it would be folly for me to comment until I get a formal briefing."

Dlamini is expected to lead the team to a respectable finish in the ongoing league campaign where they were currently perched at position eight before yesterday's clash.

Zithande begins Comrades high peak mileage training

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

ROAD RUNNING – ZITHANDE Athletics Club has released its programme for High Peak Mileage Training in preparation for this year's Comrades Marathon.

This year's Comrades is an 'UP RUN' starting at the City Hall in Durban and finishing at the Scottsville Racecourse in Pietermaritzburg. The race distance is approximately 87km, and it takes place on Sunday, June 9th. Zithande Athletics' coach Nsizwa Thwala said the main ingredient of marathon running is mileage training. "Mileage is the time you spend on the road. The body doesn't understand the distance and speed you are running at, which is why we use a GPS watch. The body only understands the effort given," he said.

Thwala made the example that if one trains for three hours, the body will reward that long in a race. "Because the Comrades marathon covers a long distance, one needs to put in the hours in training and have a designated training programme to get to the

Zithande's High-Peak Mileage Training Programme:

March 9
● Zakhele - Zakhali - Mkhweni - Nhlambeni - Masundwini - Phocweni - Sigodweni - Mahala - Uniswa - Nkabezweni - Lozitha - Ludzeludze - Boyane - Mbekelweni - Magwaza - Hillside - Mthunyelelwa - Zakhele. 65 km
March 16
● 3 hrs Bootcamp @ Mbabane.
● Mbabane to Manzini road trip 35 km
March 23
● Zakhele - Zakhali - Mkhweni - Nhlambeni - Sidvokodvo - Gundwini - Lwandle - Sidzakani - Mathayini - Zakhali - Zakhele. 40 km
March 30
● Zakhele - kaKhoza - Mahala - Phondo - Malkems - Mahlanya - Lobamba - Langeni - Lozitha - Nkabezweni - Uniswa - Ndlunganyane - kaKhoza - Zakhele.
April 6
● Mhlabavubu - Nkwini - Nyanyali - Mkhondvo - Tri-cash - Sidvokodvo - Nhlambeni - Mkhweni - Mathayini -

Zakhali - Zakhele.
April 13
● Luyengo - Phondo - Mahala - Magevini - kaKhoza - Mavuso: its TinyawoNgethale
● 3 hrs Bootcamp.
19 April Fit Swazi 100 km in 3 days
● Friday 46 km
● Saturday 33 km
● Sunday 21 km
27 APRIL: Swazi Poor Men's Comrades Nhlangu to Manzini.
May 4
● 3 hrs Bootcamp
May 11
Last Comrades long run training.
● Zakhele - Zakhali - Mathayini - Sidzakani - Sikheleni - Lwandle - Lugagani - Malyaduma - Nyakeni - Kuganyeni - Sigombeni - Mbekelweni - Hillside - Fair View - Mthunyelelwa - Zakhele. 60 km

NB: There will be mid-week long runs and Sunday recovery runs not less than 20 km

"Champions are not made when they cross the finish line, they are made when they look back at the months, weeks, days and hours spent on preparations," he said.

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Adding, he said their High Mileage Training will be open to everyone to transform themselves and train like a Comrades marathon runner.

SNSRC'S E48 000 BOOST FOR LOCAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEAM

STORIES BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

ATHLETICS – THE Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) has spent over E48 000 in travelling expenses for the Eswatini Special Olympics special team.

The council purchased air tickets for the four-member team to represent the country during the upcoming Special Olympics World Summer Games at Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates from March 14-21.

The local team comprises coach and physical trainer Fanelo Nkonyane, and three athletes in Mancoba Magagula, Fisokuhle Maseko and Luwandile Dlamini. SNSRC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Darius Dloomo implored the team to make the country proud in the competition. He said this during the squad's farewell function held at the organisation's offices yesterday. "Go and make the country proud during the games and we expect you to

Athletes vow to make the country proud

ATHLETICS – THE local Special Olympics World Summer Games bound squad has vowed to make the country during the global showpiece set to kickoff next weekend in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Member of the Eswatini team Mancoba Magagula said they were ready to compete effectively in the upcoming international championships.

strive for podium finishes. "We are confident you will all do well in the games since our mandate is to give every child in the country an opportunity to take part in sports. "You should all put the country first during the competition and remem-

"We are looking forward to the games and we are ready to compete after spending several months at training. We promise to bring medals for the country," he said.

The squad will leave the country this morning by road to Johannesburg where they will connect a flight at the Oliver Tambo International Airport this evening.

ber that you are representing the nation during the international games," he said. Also present during the farewell function were Swaziland Special Olympics Chairman Louis Nxumalo and National Director Ntombi Nkambule.



Members of the Eswatini Special Olympics team posing with SNSRC CEO Darius Dloomo and local special Olympics committee officials in Louis Nxumalo, and Ntombi Nkambule and SNSRC staff members. This was during their farewell function to the World Summer Special Olympics Summer to take place at Abu Dhabi next weekend. (Pic: Sibusiso Masilela).

Tunisia name strong squad for Sihlangu

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SOCCER – TUNISIA are leaving nothing to chance as they have named a very strong squad to play Sihlangu in an AFCON qualifying match in about two weeks.

Although they have already qualified for the 2019 AFCON finals to be staged in Egypt in June, the Tunisians look intent on finishing top of Group J. They are currently second on the standings with 12 points, tied with Egypt, who would also be looking to finish at the summit with a win over Niger.

Sihlangu are at the basement of the group with only one point, and the best they could do is hope for a Niger loss so they could leapfrog them to third



place.

Sihlangu's coach Kostadin Papić has also named a 30 man squad for a training camp that was expected to begin

yesterday. He said they would not be going to Tunisia as tourists, but it would seem they have a high mountain to climb in North Africa. "We have noth-

ing to lose, so I guess we do not have to be worried about anything," Papić said.

Only nine of the 26 man squad named by Tunisia coach, Alain Giresse, plays at home. The rest play overseas, mainly in France, Greece, Saudi Arabia and Turkey. The home-based players also play for top African teams like Esperance, CS Sfaxien, and Club Africain. In contrast, six of the 30 players named by Papić in his squad play outside the country. Two of them are in the ABSA Premiership in South Africa, while the rest play in SA's National First Division (NFD).

THE TUNISIA SQUAD

Goal-keepers – Farouk Ben Mustapha (Al-Shabab Riyadh – Saudi Arabia), Moez Ben Cherifia (Esperance), Makram Bediri (Etoile du Sahel).

Defenders – Dylan Bronn (KAA Gent – Belgium), Yassine Meriah (Olympiacos

– Greece), Syam Ben Youssef (Kasimpasa – Turkey), Rami Bedoui (Al-Feiha FC – Saudi Arabia), Oussama Haddadi (FCO Dijon – France), Ali Abdi Ali Abdi (Club Africain), Slimen Khouk (St. Gallen – Switzerland), Ayman Ben Mohamed (Esperance), Hamdi Nagguez (Zamalek – Egypt), Mohamed Dräger (SC Paderborn 07 – Germany), Hamza Mathlouthi (CS Sfaxien – Tunisia)

Mid-fielders – Ellyes Skhiri (Montpellier – France), Mohamed Amine Ben Amor (Etoile du Sahel), Bilel Saidani (Al Saliya Sport Club – Qatar), Walid Karoui (CS Sfaxien), Ferjani Sassi (Zamalek – Egypt), Ghaylen Chaaleli (Esperance), Wahbi Khazri (AS Saint-Etienne – France), Saif-Eddine Khaoui (SM Caen – France).

Strikers – Naïm Sliti (Dijon – France), Bassem Srarfi (Nice – France), Fakhreddine Ben Youssef (Al-Ettifaq – Saudi Arabia), Firas Chaouat (CS Sfaxien)

RESULT

Free State Stars 1-1 Polokwane

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE		
Manzini Sundowns	0-0	Young Buffaloes
Mweni Pirates	0-0	Malanti Chiefs
Mbabane Highlanders	3-0	Moshoeshoe Citizens
Manzini Wanderers	0-2	Royal Leopards
Matsapha United	1-1	Manzini Sea Birds
Molotsane Swallows	0-0	Green Mamba

BULL JUMP TO THIRD SPOT

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

Highlanders..... (2)3
Citizens..... (0)0

SOCCER - CAPITAL city giants Mbabane Highlanders needed resounding 3-0 victory over Mbabane Citizens to keep their MTN Premier League title hopes alive.

The two teams clashed at Somhlolo National Stadium last night where Highlanders displayed superiority over their Mbabane rivals.

The 'Black Bull' displayed an inspiring first half performance to brush aside the rookies to further jump into the third spot in the log table with 39 points.

The victory further helped Highlanders to appease their supporters following their exit in the Eswatini Bank Cup at the hands of Matsapha United last weekend.

Following a cagey opening halfhour from the two sides, Highlanders eventually broke the deadlock in the 36th minutes through their utility player Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze, who rounded off the opposition backline before releasing a rasping shot that rattled the roof of the net to provoke wild celebrations from the Highlanders grandstand.

South African striker Mthobisi Mngometulu made it 2-0 at the stroke of half-time with a beautiful diving header delivered after connecting a Mlamuli 'Mlaba' Nkambule corner kick.

The second half saw Highlanders possessing the ball more with the likes of 'Mlaba' and Vusumuzi Zungu bossing the belly of the park. Citizens nearly pulled one back nine minutes into restart through a good header from Richard Botwey after meeting a cross from Ayanda Kunene but the effort was saved by Highlanders goal-keeper Khanyakezwe Shabalala.

Highlanders then put the final nail on the opposition's coffin five minutes before full-time through their second half substitute Menzi Sithole, who finished off a rebound from a corner.

Citizens couldn't force their way back into the match as they failed to visit the back of the net until full time.

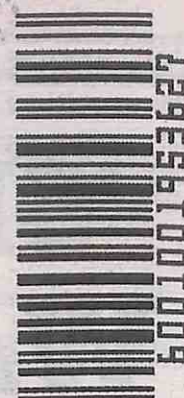
The Charles Manda-led side is still languishing at the bottom of the table with 16 points.

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WANDERERS' WOES CONTINUE!

...as Royal Leopard cement top spot

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

Wanderers..... (0)0
R. Leopard..... (1)2

SOCCER - INCONSISTENCY is letting down Wanderers!

Straight after a promising 2-0 win over Manzini Sundowns in their previous league match, Manzini Wanderers were at it yet again at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday as they went down 2-0 to a rejuvenated Royal Leopard.

It was Leopard's tenth win in 11 matches, which only helped consolidate their top position on the log standings.

If anyone had any doubt whatsoever that Leopard were the form team in the league at the moment, they better start believing because the police side do not look like a side ready to take their foot off the pedal anytime soon.

Lungelo Tsabedze opened the floodgates in the 21st minute when a mistake by goal-keeper Romanus Igidimba allowed him to poke the ball into an empty net. Igidimba failed to clear what looked like an innocuous back pass as he tried to control the ball unnecessarily before striker Charles Edoa-Nga forced him into a tame clearance that landed at the feet of the goal-scorer.

Coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati



TEAMS

WANDERERS - Igidimba, Machado, Ugochukwu, Sihle, Shana, Sifiso Maseko, Dombo, Moebo (Mensah), Mthobisi Mazibuko, Mancoba Maseko, Pako (Taribo)

LEOPARD - Phephisani, Muzi Dlamini, Mlamuli, Sikhumbuzo Magagula, Frank Dlamini, Lungelo, Sifiso Nkambule, Fanelo, Edoa-Nga, Bongani Ndzimandze, Manyovu.

brought on Johnson Mensah for Mcebo Mdluli three minutes into the second half in search of the equaliser but it was not forthcoming. Mfanafuthi 'Taribo' Bhembe joined the fray after 65 minutes but Wanderers still could not find a way.

End

Instead, it was Leopard who broke through on the other end of the pitch to score through Edoa-Nga who slid the ball past the keeper from a narrow angle in the 71st minute. Wanderers' best

chance fell to 'Taribo' in the 84th minute but he ballooned the ball over the bar from six yards out.

Wanderers appeared dead and buried at this point and hope for a goal was also waning. They chased the game until the final whistle when referee, Mbongeni Shongwe, blew to end with the log leaders in complete control.

The defeat means Wanderers remain rooted on 8th position on the log with 21 points, four away from the danger zone with six games remaining.

MTN Premier League

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	G.D	Pts
Leopard	20	14	3	3	34	11	23	45
Green Mamba	20	12	4	4	34	11	23	40
Highlanders	20	11	6	3	27	16	11	39
Buffaloes	20	10	8	2	27	12	15	38
Swallows	20	11	4	5	24	15	9	38
Sea Birds	20	7	4	9	20	24	-4	25
Malanti	20	5	8	7	16	25	-9	23
Wanderers	20	6	3	11	19	28	-9	21
Sundowns	20	5	6	9	16	25	-9	21
Pirates	20	5	6	9	18	28	-10	21
Tambuti	19	5	5	9	18	22	-4	20
Matsapha	20	6	3	12	20	29	-9	18
Vovovo	19	4	5	10	12	23	-11	17
Citizens	20	2	9	9	12	24	-12	15

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