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ZIONIST PASTOR ARRESTED FOR DAGGA POSSESSION

BY STARSKY MKHONTA
Hlatikulu

FRESH from ministering the Word of God, a pastor was on Sunday arrested for being found in the possession of dagga.

Pastor Nkosinathi Mkhwanazi (44), a well-known Zionist reverend, who also doubles as a traditional healer at Magele near Hlatikulu was nabbed late on Sunday afternoon by police at a bus stop just after dropping some of the brethren from his church after the service. Mkhwanazi is a leader of Umusa WaMaKhristu Church in Zion, which is located within his home area at Magele.

After the service on Sunday, it is said Pastor Mkhwanazi, who was driving a grey Nissan sedan, transported four members of his church to the nearest bus stop to enable them to connect public transport to their destinations. It was reported that while at Esakeni Bus Stop, just after the four church-goers had alighted from the vehicle, police officers who were conducting roadside spot checks arrived



TRUE: Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (PICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

to conduct their business, where the pastor's car was among those checked on the day. The passengers in the pastor's vehicle included three males and one female, who are all members

of the church. With the four church members not suspecting anything, it's said they were taken aback when Pastor Mkhwanazi was requested to open the car boot and while at it, an

acid smell could have been the sell-out to the pastor as the police had keen interest to thoroughly search the vehicle.

"With the vehicle surrounded by the suspicious officers after the tip off due to the smell of the illegal herb, the curious church members were more shocked when their spiritual father's car was discovered to be carrying a luggage, that of the unholy herb.

Meditating

"The brethren almost froze after learning that while meditating on the day's sermon and also discussing the service, the pastor's car was also transporting the illegal substance, with them not suspecting any foul play and/or smell for that matter," said a source. Witnesses said onlookers at the bus stop abandoned their individual business and became curious when police intensified their search of the pastor's car as if he was the most wanted man. What made them perplexed was the fact that the pastor is also a well-known traditional healer in the area.

"When the police intercepted him,

it's like they were aware or received a tip off about the illegal parcel found inside the car. It was like the whole episode was a finely rehearsed movie script and the pastor's full church gear (*bokhololo*) could not help him to escape the police hawk's eyes. We suspect the dagga's acrid smell, which could be sensed from a distance, was his major downfall as the police left no stone unturned while looking for more exhibits after fishing out the nicely wrapped luggage. When all the drama had ended, it is said police were only able to recover two dagga bags which were nicely tucked inside the car's boot," said a source.

It was discovered that the dagga weighed close to 15kg, however it could not be ascertained if the 'parcel' was destined to a market or the pastor and his accomplices were still looking for a buyer. "All four passengers were also taken to the police station together with the pastor for interrogation. "The pastor was eventually charged for the illegal dagga possession and was locked up at the police station and spent the night in the cells while waiting for his court appearance. "The four church members were cautioned and released, but were warned to be ready to be State witnesses," said sources.

Comment could not be sought from the church members regarding the arrest of the pastor, however Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (PICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the arrest and the name of the suspect. She said the law will take its course while also reminding fellow citizens about the visible policing techniques that will be applied by the police as the festive season approaches.

DISMISSAL UNCONSTITUTIONAL - NOKUTHULA

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

DISMISSED Ezulwini Town Council's Ward Four Councillor Nokuthula Mthembu claims the decision by council to dismiss her was unconstitutional and had no legal basis.

This she claims in her urgent application filed in court, and the Ezulwini Council is yet to file its responding papers.

Mthembu under the grounds of review, she states that there was an absence of Constructional Authority to terminate the term of an elected councillor by a council.

She claims in terms of Section 218

of the Constitution, local government is based on the Tinkhundla system of governance, whose primary objective is to bring government closer to the people. "This is to ensure that people take control of their affairs and govern themselves by electing their representatives every five years.

"The Constitution guarantees that the people they elect will hold office for the period provided in the constitution," she states in her sworn affidavit before court.

Mthembu said, therefore the tenure of office of an elected councillor is five years. She added that the Constitution does not provide for the termination of office of an elected councillor before the term of office expires. She stated that the Urban

Government Act of 1969, which was used to declare a casual vacancy cannot triumph over constitutional provisions. The Urban Government Act according to the court papers must be

Councillors cannot subvert the will of the electorate by arrogating to themselves the power to terminate a democratically conferred mandate through undemocratic means

construed with modifications, adaptations, qualifications and exceptions as may be necessary to bring conformity with the Constitution.

Mthembu mentioned that if the council had construed its powers as provided in the Constitution, it would have concluded that it did not have the power to terminate her term of office before it expires.

She argues that council has no authority or power under the constitutional dispensation to remove a democratically elected councillor.

"Councillors cannot subvert the will of the electorate by arrogating to themselves the power to terminate a democratically conferred mandate through undemocratic means. To the extent that the Urban Government Act pur-

ports to authorise such an action, it is inconsistent with the provisions and spirit of the Constitution and that extent it would be void.

The current Urban Government Act would simply not pass constitutional muster where it authorises the termination of an elected councillor's tenure of office by councillors as this is inconsistent with section 220 of the Constitution," she submitted. Mthembu argues that the councillors' action to declare a casual vacancy is nothing but abuse of power. She argues that if such were to be permitted, it would defeat the entire foundation of the Tinkhundla democracy which is expressed in the Constitution to bring government closer to the people so that people at local level can take control of their own affairs and govern themselves.

Mthembu is presented by Mangaliso Magagula of Magagula and Hlophe Attorneys.

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PARLIAMENT PETITIONED ON SODV ACT

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Lobamba

A petition challenging the constitutionality of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018 was tabled in the House of Assembly yesterday.

The tabling of the petition was done by Dvokodvweni MP Mduduzi Magagula. The petition might be debated next time the House of Assembly reconvenes. The petition was delivered in Parliament by Simanga Lukhele from Dvokodvweni Inkhundla.

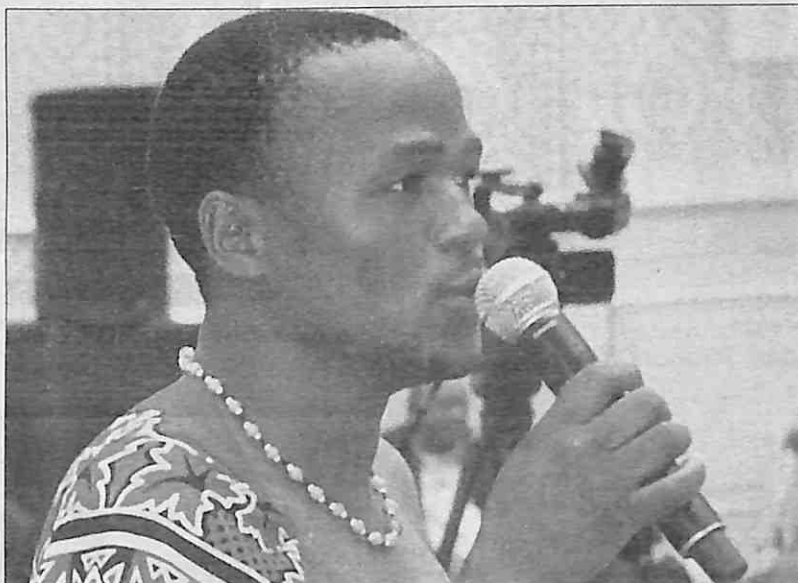
Lukhele said he did so on behalf of all concerned citizens in the country.

Lukhele called upon the DPM's office and the portfolio committee to conduct public hearings and find the views of the public on the Act.

Lukhele stated in the petition that the main term of reference would be to get the views of ordinary members of the public and constitutional experts, bearing in mind that the Act was criticised as unconstitutional. Lukhele said some of the views ventilated by the legal experts were that the Act violated the Bill of Rights.

The petition is said to have been tabled based on a story in which a certain man was allegedly arrested by the police just because he was reported by his ex-girlfriend.

The police acted swiftly in arresting the man, but it was allegedly found that



PROTESTING: Dvokodvweni MP Mduduzi Magagula.

the man had done nothing wrong. Lukhele said, in the petition, that Parliament was premised on the Tinkhundla political system, which was a Monarchical democracy that promoted transparency and accountability.

He further described it as a direct system of representation and a government of the people for the people.

"MPs should let the public speak so that Parliament could self-correct and possibly consider amending the SODV Act, lest it is challenged in courts and declared as unconstitutional," Lukhele said.

He said it was important for the

Legislature to explore the possibilities of legislative reforms by looking into the possible amendments, grey areas or contentious sections, rather than risking the whole Act being declared unconstitutional or null and void by the Supreme Court. Lukhele said no law could stand the test if it was to be found to be unconstitutional, no matter its good intentions.

The Dvokodvweni citizen said the government, under such circumstances, was likely to suffer great prejudice and financial loss in the event that suspects who had been prosecuted under the contentious Act sued for malicious prosecution.

KMIII houses now housing snakes

SNAKES are now inhabitants of institutional houses at King Mswati III International Airport.

The snakes are a menace to those living next to the airport. The snakes are said to be a problem to the livestock of the area as well.

The situation led to Dvokodvweni MP Mduduzi Magagula to move a motion, calling upon the ministry of public works and transport to table a report on the status of the houses. MP Magagula was seconded by Mangcongco MP Oneboy Zikalala.

Minister of Public Works and Transport Chief Ndalahlaza Ndwandwe was given seven days to table a report before the House.

MP Magagula said the houses were built by an Egyptian organisation using lightweight pre-cast concrete panel.

This meant these were sandwiched panels that were fabricated. The MP said such houses were built around 2014 and were air-conditioned as the compound on which they were built was fenced.

"When they finished building, the ministry of public works and transport condemned the houses and were declared not fit for human occupation. What is unfortunate is that the organisation was already paid," the MP said.

MP Magagula called upon Minister Ndwandwe to state how much was used to build the houses. He further told

MPs that the ministry of public works then constructed mobile houses. He said all the houses at that place were not fit for human occupation and were now inhabited by snakes. He said the snakes were multiplying themselves and the more that happened, the more dangerous the situation was to the residents in that area. No one wanted to go anywhere near that place because of the many snakes that lived there.

He wanted to propose a way that would force the snakes not to go out of the vicinity by electrifying the fence.

By so doing, the snakes would be limited in movement. The snakes used the livestock as their source of livelihood.

Seconding the motion, Zikalala sympathised with the people of Dvokodvweni and the entire nation because it was clear that taxpayers' money was wasted on the project.

He suspected that lack of planning led the situation to be what it was. He said government should have built the houses to make savings.

The MPs expressed disappointment on what has happened concerning the institutional houses.

They described the ministry as incompetent. They called upon the minister to do something to officials responsible for the mess. The minister promised to do as he was ordered by the House.

MINISTRY TO DEAL WITH REBELLIOUS TEACHERS

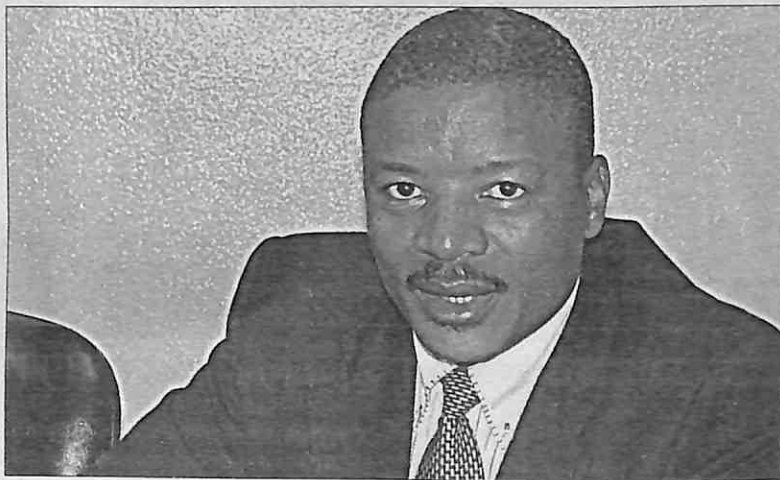
BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

WOE unto teachers who ditched work last Friday for the commemoration of World Teachers' Day which was held at Bosco Skills Centre in Manzini.

This follows the ministry of education and training last Thursday's announcement that ordered teachers not to attend the annually commemorated event.

The ministry in the statement stated that the reason teachers were ordered to cancel the commemoration was because Friday was a working day, therefore, they were expected to report for work.

The teachers' day was well attended by Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT), Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) as well as National Association of Public Services and Allied Workers



WOE UNTO YOU: Principal Secretary at the Ministry of Education and Training Bertram Stewart.

Union (NAPSAWU) members.

However, teachers came out in their numbers to commemorate their day which was themed 'Young Teachers: The Future of the Profession'.

The Principal Secretary at the Ministry of Education and Training Bertram

Stewart said they would deal with employees who defied the directive.

Stewart said at the moment the ministry was waiting for Regional Education Officers (REOs) to bring forth the names of the rebellious teachers.

"When the REOs present the list to

the office, the ministry shall deal with those teachers accordingly," he said.

Despite SNAT hosting the World Teachers' Day, the ministry claims it had not made any communication with SNAT hence teachers would be dealt with individually.

Meanwhile, SNAT Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini said depriving teachers the right to commemorate their day proves that government has never taken teachers seriously.

Dlamini added that the vendetta against teachers is a decade's long attitude wherein they accuse the organisation of pursuing a political agenda.

"This is a lie. Teachers need CoLA; nothing more and nothing less. As the SNAT we remain focussed, we have crossed the Rubicon (Point of no return)," he said.

Dlamini said this attitude has resulted in teachers being paid low salaries, low allowances and poor accommodation or none at all.

He said only pure professional issues

were discussed during the World Teachers Day.

Dlamini said the commemoration of the WTD is a right for the educators because it's a day in which they discuss pertinent issues to them as professionals. "Teachers came out in their numbers to commemorate this day. No communication has been made between the two organisations; SNAT and ministry in relation to the threat to punish those who attended the event," he said.

World Teachers Day is observed on October 5 every year with an aim to improve teachers' situation in the world. Some teachers expressed their disappointment at the manner the ministry treats them, saying it is not consistent with the way other public servants are treated by their ministries.

They claimed nurses, police and the army have never celebrated or commemorated their days on weekends as they are forced to and wondered what makes teachers different.

The day was decided in the meeting between UNESCO and the International Labor Organisation in 1966.

KING ARRIVES IN JAPAN



BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III and Inkhosikati LaMashwama yesterday arrived in Tokyo, Japan, to witness the enthronement of Emperor Naruhito. They were well received by Japanese officials. (Pics: Mxolisi Mavimbela - Outside Broadcast Unit)



RELATIONS: His Majesty and PM Abe converse shortly after their meeting yesterday as Foreign Affairs Minister Thuli Dladla and Eswatini Ambassador to Malaysia accredited to Japan, Mlondi Dlamini look on.



WELCOME: His Majesty and Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe yesterday held bilateral talks at the State House.



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HEAT WAVE BEARING DOWN ON MBABANE



HOT DAY INDEED: A lady takes a sip from her container in a bid to cool down as the hot temperatures persist in the kingdom. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



COOLING OFF: A lady and a pupil enjoy ice cream while doing some errands in the city centre yesterday.



LIQUIDS: Liquids and hats were the order of the day as people try to cool themselves.

MP Scorpion suspected to be asleep

BY MBONO MDLULI
LOBAMBA

MADLANGEMPISI MP Sibusiso 'Scorpion' Nxumalo was suspected to be asleep while the august House was in session.

The MP was suspected to be asleep because of the way in which he was sitting.

This was an hour before the end of business in the House yesterday. MP Nxumalo was sitting in a relaxed posture, with his back leaning against the back of the chair he was sitting on. The situation made him appear as though he was staring at the roof of the Parliament building. Other MPs were convinced that he was asleep because his eyes appeared to have been closed. This caught the attention of Kubuta MP Musa Mabuza, who stood on a point of order to call upon the Madlangempisi legislator to sit up. Deputy Speaker Phila Buthelezi, who was presiding over the proceedings, urged Nxumalo to do as he was asked. Buthelezi tried to defend Nxumalo by saying he was not asleep, but probably meditating with his eyes closed, as that was also possible.

Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Themba Masuku echoed Buthelezi's sentiments. "I usually do this when I want to concentrate. Sometimes, opening your eyes might force you to focus on things that will distract you and lose sight of important things. I saw the honourable MP with his eyes closed and I did not have a problem with that because I understood that he wanted to fully concentrate on the submissions been made," Masuku said. The MPs were amused.

MP Nxumalo said none of the statements by his colleagues were true. He said he did not close his eyes. "Maybe the MPs thought my eyes were closed because they are naturally small. They may sometimes appear to be closed yet they are not," Nxumalo said.

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Mkhulu shoots, injures two sons over land

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
AND SIFISO NHLABATSI
Manzini

A 76-year-old man of KaShali was arrested and charged with two counts under the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act after he shot and wounded his two sons.

Senior citizen Jikijela Samuel Dlamini appeared before Senior Magistrate Sindisiwe Zwane yesterday on the two offences that he allegedly committed on Friday while at KaShali in Ngwane Park.

According to his charge sheet, Dlamini assaulted Mzabalazo and Njabuliso by shooting them with a pellet gun in the back and stomach respectively with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

It is said the bone of contention that saw the two men being rushed to hospital was the sale of a piece of land belonging to

the Dlamini family.

Sources claimed that Dlamini was the one overseeing the family's piece of land that the two injured men wanted to sell. For years, they are said to have tried to no avail to sell the land as Dlamini did not allow them to do so.

However, the land overseer is alleged to have sold the same land, and the buyer is said to have even started working on the land in preparation to construct a structure.

Refused

The two men were against the idea given that Dlamini had previously refused that they sell it. For this, they allegedly impeded the construction progress, a thing that rubbed Dlamini the wrong way.

When he confronted the two sons on Thursday, Dlamini is said to have been assaulted by the family members and he reported the matter to the police.

However, to Dlamini's disappointment,

the two sons are said to have not been arrested although the elderly man had lodged a formal complaint against them.

Hours after this, which was the following morning, the two were allegedly found covering the foundation that had already been dug by the buyer in readiness for construction.

Asked

When Dlamini saw this, he supposedly asked why they were doing so and Mzabalazo and Njabuliso allegedly hurled stones at him.

The elderly man is said to have run for dear life and sought refuge into his house. They allegedly continued to hit the door with stones. A short while later, the agitated man emerged from the house with the gun on and aimed it at his two family members. Magistrate Zwane remanded Dlamini in custody and admitted him to E8 000 bail pending the commencement of the trial.

MATHANGENI CHICKEN SPOT SHUT DOWN

E7m per month business demolished

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Matsapha

STREET vendors who ply their trade by selling live broiler chickens at Mathangeni claim that they will record a loss of over E7 million a month as their business has been shut down.

Yesterday, makeshift structures used by those who sell chickens at Mathangeni, one of the country's busiest chicken selling spots, were demolished and everyone was ordered to vacate.

This comes after a decision made by the ministry of agriculture in collaboration with Matsapha Town Council, Kwaluseni Inkhundla, Masundwini Royal Council and Sigodweni Police to stop the selling of chickens at the busy area. The small scale business farmers were given until yesterday to move to another site, which was identified by Mhlane Umphakatsi. The reason for shutting down the business, which used to be a lifeline for the people of Matsapha, was for hygiene related because the area had not been approved for such. This was considered by the ministry of agriculture as very unhygienic and a huge challenge to public safety.

During a visit to the site yesterday, the dejected and frustrated vendors made it clear that the new site is not suitable for business. The chicken farmers stated that they will be making serious financial losses because of the shut-down. With the festive season having set in, the farmers said the losses that they will make when combined

will amount to millions. Doing the maths, they said an ordinary live chicken can cost about E45 while the broilers cost around E75 each.

There are about 50 people selling chickens at the popular spot. On average, the vendors said they sell over a thousand chickens a day and rake in around E5 000. On a monthly basis, the street vendors revealed that when combined they make about E7 million. This can be translated to mean the chicken farmers were making over E74 million per year. Worth noting is that in 2017, one of the local publications reported that the chicken farmers were making around E203 million annually from their business.

Chickens

Most of those who were found selling chickens next to the road said they were hired by prominent business people. They said they start work at around 3:30 in the morning and knock off late in the evening.

They were concerned that since most of the customers include the thousands of textile workers and other Shisanyama owners around Matsapha, some of the customers who were not aware of the latest developments were shocked when they went to purchase stock yesterday only to find the place empty. Senior Veterinary Officer Patrick Hlatjwani, during a recent meeting with the affected parties, is said to have informed the farmers that the shutting down of the place has to do with the ministry implementing the Veterinary Public Health Act No 17 of 2013, which talks about processed and unprocessed animal products for human consumption.



WHAT NEXT?: Two vendors pondering on their next move after they were banned from selling chickens at Mathangeni in Matsapha by the town council. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Pupil stabbed 6 times by another over schoolgirl

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

A fight between two male scholars of Mvimbeke to High ended with one being admitted in hospital after being stabbed six times all over the body.

The pupils, whose names are deliberately withheld because they are minors, are said to have engaged in a fight after school on Friday.

Sources privy with information claimed that the two pupils, *Sabelo and *Linda had a vendetta that started within the school grounds.

Linda and Sabelo are doing Form Three and Two respectively.

Some of the eyewitnesses claimed that the two were fighting over a girl from the same school, and Linda was stabbed twice in his arm, once on the head, shoulder, thigh and fingers.

It was claimed that Linda is a soccer player and a hit with the girls, and as a result he found himself fighting for one

of his girlfriends. After he was stabbed, Linda is said to have been rushed to Mankayane Government Hospital, where he was admitted until yesterday.

Meanwhile, Sabelo is said to have taken to his heels after committing the offence.

Worth noting is that Linda is the same pupil who allegedly impregnated two girls from the same school in 2017, when there were over 30 pregnant scholars in the same school.

Claimed

Back then, it was claimed that girls fell on the soccer star's feet because of his popularity, and as a result he had a lot of them.

When School Principal Alfred Khanyile was sought for comment, he confirmed that two of his scholars were involved in a fight and one of them was in hospital.

However, Khanyile said he was still to conduct his own investigations since the incident happened after school hours and it occurred outside the school premises.

Later on yesterday, Khanyile said he had managed to talk to Linda who had

since been discharged from hospital. The principal had a different version of the story which was along the lines that the two scholars had a disagreement after Linda was sent by a teacher to call Sabelo who had not worn the proper school uniform.

Passed

Khanyile said when Linda passed the message he manhandled Sabelo, and he did not take kindly to the manner in which he was treated by his senior.

It was for this reason that Sabelo waited for Linda after school and he picked a fight with him and stabbed him several times. The principal further noted that Sabelo handed himself over to the police over the weekend.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident and the arrest of the scholar.

She said since the suspect was a minor the Sexual Abuse and Child Protection (DCS) Unit would deal with the matter.

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Fears as primary pupils exposed to used syringes

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA TWHALA
Mbabane

NEGLIGENCE at Gege Clinic has led to children accessing used syringes.

Not only did they play with them but they started injecting each other. Some of these children attend school at Gege Methodist Primary. Khanyisile Malinga, a concerned parent said they were worried as they didn't know what sicknesses the initial patients suffered from. She said they heard of this incidence from some teachers.

"This is worrisome. It might seem like a small thing but it is very big. As a parent, you wonder what disease

your child has been exposed to through this. As much as we are not condoning the children, we are condemning the nurses for their negligence.

Disputed

This is not right," said Malinga. However, Gege Clinic Sister Nokuthula Dlamini disputed that the syringes had been used but said they had reached expiry date. She said this was expired stock, whereby it fell into a child's hands. "We suspect that the children jumped over the fence to access these as the gate is always locked. We actually cannot even confirm how many they were, no one saw them. The incidence was heard from a local school where they attend. These are minors who normally come to ask for water after school," she said.

DIRECTOR of Health Services Dr. Vusi Magagula said the ministry was going to investigate the matter and someone had to answer.

He said it was wrong for medication and syringes, whether expired or not, used or not to be accessible to anyone who wasn't

Ministry to investigate matter

a medical officer. "In my opinion this has nothing to do with expired meds or not. "If what you are telling me is true, how did anyone who isn't a nurse have access to that, let alone children? Whether expired or not is neither here nor

there. Were these children sick? They are not even qualified for this," Dr. Magagula stated. He said this meant that unauthorised people had access to medication or syringes whether they jumped over the fence or not.

Civil servant, 2 others defrauded E265 000 for same piece of land

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A hard working woman with the drive to own land was shocked when she discovered that the land had been promised to several others.

By that time she had parted with E105 000 to acquire the land. Relaying her account to the court, civil servant Ruth Khumalo said in December 2016, she approached a property agent only identified as Msibi, in the quest for a piece of land she wished to purchase.

It later turned out that the same piece of land had been previously sold to two others with the seller benefitting E265 000 in total.

"Msibi informed me that there was a piece of land at Nkwalini Zone 4 owned by one Joseph Mamba. After a site visit to the piece of land, I was duly impressed and expressed so to Msibi.

...govt employee paid E105 000 for 'promised' land

He promised to set up a meeting with Mamba where we were to discuss a way forward," Khumalo recalled.

It is said that at the meeting with Mamba, Khumalo was showed a sketch map of the piece of land. However, she noticed a receipt from the Mbabane Municipal Council, which indicated that one Zodwa Mkhonta was the owner of the property.

"When I enquired about the true ownership of the property, Mamba insisted that he was the sole owner of the property as he had bought the land from Mkhonta; however, they had not been successful in transferring it to his name.

I was even more suspicious when Mamba became agitated, and demanded I give him the money for the property as he needed it urgently," Khumalo explained.

After further enquiry, Khumalo convinced Mamba to call Mkhonta to

confirm that the land was indeed in her name. "When we called her, Mkhonta confirmed that she was the previous owner and that she had sold the property to Mamba. Upon hearing this, I gave Mamba E5 000 in cash as a show of my commitment in purchasing the property. However, I still needed to meet up with Mkhonta and sign an affidavit so there would be a record of sale," she said.

Alongside

After Khumalo, alongside Mamba and Mkhonta signed an affidavit before Elvis Maziya of Elvis Maziya Attorneys, Khumalo gave Mamba a cheque of E100 000 for the property.

According to Khumalo, waiting for the transfer of ownership into her name was the beginning of her struggles.

"Upon issuing Mamba with the E100 000 cheque, I informed him that he had to vacate the land so that

I could proceed with my building project. However, by January he had not done so. Making several phone calls to him proved futile as he would religiously ignore my calls. That was the second red flag that indicated that he had conman tendencies," Khumalo said.

Mamba only made contact with Khumalo in March 2017 when he visited her office to explain his disappearing acts.

"He told me that he had been busy and that his children were utilising the land in the meantime, however, they planned to vacate soon so that I could move in.

I still needed the lease agreement to be in my name so I approached Mkhonta, who I took to the Mbabane Municipal Council to start processing the transfer of ownership documents," she stated.

A few months after Khumalo approached Mkhonta for the trans-

fer of ownership, Khumalo claimed to have received a call from an officer identified as Phakathi from the Fraud Unit.

"The officer asked me whether I had any knowledge of the ownership of the plot at Nkwalini Zone 4.

I was even more shocked when he informed me that that plot had been promised to many others," she revealed. Joseph Mamba (51) and Zodwa Mkhonta (45) are facing three counts of theft by false pretences, with Mamba facing an additional charge of having resisted arrest by a police officer. Mamba and Mkhonta allegedly defrauded Bhekithemba Agrippa Dladu of E50 000 on September 23, 2016.

This they were said to have done under the pretence of selling the plot at Nkwalini Zone 4, knowing fully well that the ownership of the property could not be transferred to Dladu.

Khumalo was the duo's second victim.

The duo then proceeded to defraud Fanelwako Fakudze of E110 000 on March 31, 2017 when they, again, promised that the ownership of the property would be transferred into his name. The total amount of monies that the duo reportedly received from the unsuspecting buyers is E265 000.

Sipho Shongwe extradition case:

PRETORIA HIGH COURT REGISTRAR GIVES DISTORTED COURT ENTRIES

STORIES BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
Manzini Magistrate's Court

AS the extradition request for businessman Sipho Shongwe nears to an end the Pretoria High Court registrar was yesterday grilled on Shongwe's court entries.

Senior attorney Ben J Simelane put it to Ketsile Ramadwa that the entries she made in her registry do not tell the whole story about Shongwe as purported in the alleged fraudulent escape from Baberton Maximum Prison.

Simelane queried this witness on why her evidence was contradictory in as far as the entries she recorded are concerned.

During cross-examination, Simelane asked Ramadwa if she knows Mdu Thabo Mahlalela who was once mentioned of by one of the witnesses in the matter and she said she does not know him.



Businessman Sipho Shongwe.

This irked Simelane as Mahlalela is the alleged author of the document that facilitated Shongwe's release from that prison.

Questioned

Simelane further questioned the originality of the document submitted before court by the registrar. This, after Ramadwa

told Principal Magistrate David Khumalo that she does not remember some of the records she filed at the Pretoria High Court as some of her colleagues were responsible for it.

When coming to dates, Ramadwa also failed to recall these which did not go down well with Simelane.

'Shongwe's OR Tambo entries reflect one entry'

ALSO giving evidence was an immigration officer from the Republic of South Africa who told the court that Shongwe's passport only had one entry at OR Tambo International Airport.

Based at the OR Tambo International Airport, Albeitus Portgieter told the enquiry that from what he had in his records, only one entry was made for Shongwe at the airport.

"I do not have Sipho Shongwe's

name in the port of entry registry. As far as I am concerned, the record reflects that there was only one entry and no exit," Portgieter said.

Enquiry

He told the enquiry that the movements indicate that the user of the passport was frequently using the OR Tambo International Airport.

He reiterated that all he had in his records was both the port of entry for the user of the pass-

port and nowhere did the user exit the Republic of South Africa.

This was the last witness to be paraded by the state in the extradition request by the Republic of South Africa.

Represented

The matter continues today before Principal Magistrate David Khumalo and the state is represented by Principal Crown Counsel Macebo Nxumalo who indicated that the crown has closed its case.

Drama as woman grabs E100 000 household items from ex-lover

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

HELL hath no fury like a woman scorned.

This is a phrase which can best relate to an incident which left a Siteki based businessman sleeping on the floor after his ex-lover seized his household items and a motor vehicle totalling to over E100 000.

The woman, whose name will be withheld for now for ethical reasons, grabbed the items through the assistance of sheriffs who were armed with documents which were said to be an order of the court. The businessman, Gabriel Gordinho who is originally from Mozambique, owns a reputable boutique within the town centre.

It was gathered that the seizing of his property came after a nasty break-up with the woman who also happens to be the mother of his child.

When relating his side of the story during the incident, Gordinho alleged that he has been in a relationship with the woman who is also a health worker for the past few years. Through these years, the two cohabited at a rented flat near Mlindazwe.

Gordinho claimed to have been the one who called off the relationship after suspecting

that the mother of his child was having another affair with her workmate.

As she would not leave without a fight, the woman is alleged to have collected household items which included a bed and sofas while the father of her child was away at work. She further seized a motor vehicle, meaning the seized items are worth over E100 000.

Gordinho said he took the matter to court where he applied for an order compelling the woman to release the items as he claimed to be the sole owner.

The order was granted by Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso before the woman filed an appeal at the High Court. Some court records, which this publication has seen, indicate that the High Court ordered the woman to comply with the first order.

She eventually released the items to the applicant. However, the woman resurfaced with a new order allowing her to seize the items pending further deliberation of a new application which she has filed with the court.

A verbal showdown ensued between Gordinho and the officials who were armed with documents purporting to be a court order. The documents had the list of items which had to be seized. The motor vehicle was also included in that list.



Some of the items being loaded into a bakkie while an officer of the court identifies them according to the court documents.



HOSPICE: Appreciation certificate awardees pose with Patron of Eswatini Hospice at Home Inkhosikati LaNgangaza after receiving their certificates. This was during the commemoration of the World Hospices and Palliative Care Day on Friday in Matsapha. (Pics: Nokuzola Thwala)

Ministry, WHO thank Inkhosikati LaNgangaza

MINISTRY of Health Principal Health Administrator for Manzini Region Thoko Ngubane has thanked Eswatini Hospice at Home Patron Inkhosikati LaNgangaza for the tireless efforts by the organisation in providing palliative care to patients faced with incurable conditions.

She said what Hospice at Home was doing was commendable.

Ngubane added that the quality of life of patients faced with challenges of living with limiting illnesses was a responsibility for all in society. "Our sick members from all communities need absolute care and they deserve the birth right gift of love, comfort, support and care. Their emotional, social, physical, economic and spiritual needs remain important until the end of life," she stated. The principal administrator said the theme 'My care my right' shouldn't be underestimated. She requested individuals, business people, organisation and companies to make their donations no matter how small to Hospice at Home as they will

be providing compassionate care and support to those facing life limiting diagnosis and their loved ones. Meanwhile, World Health Organisation (WHO) Country Representative Dr. Cornelia Atsyor echoed Ngubane's words as, she applauded and appreciated Inkhosikati LaNgangaza for her visionary and strategic leadership through which she demonstrated the love and care she had for Eswatini.

Dr. Atsyor was represented by WHO Health Systems Strengthening Officer Dr. Khosi Mthethwa. She commended the organisation for the excellent work done for the community with limited resources. She also acknowledged the strategic and policy guidance provided by the Board in creating a conducive environment for the dedicated and hardworking staff.

She assured Inkhosikati and the entire Eswatini Hospice at Home family of the continued support of WHO, in providing technical support and up to date guidelines and tools to support their work.

INKHOSIKATI LANGANGAZA APPLAUDS GOVT FOR PRIORITISING HEALTH

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Matsapha

ESWATINI Hospice at Home Patron Inkhosikati LaNgangaza has applauded government and other partners for prioritising health.

She was speaking during the World Hospice and Palliative Care Day commemoration at the Eswatini Hospice at Home premises in Matsapha last Friday.

The theme was 'My care my right'.

It is humbling to realize that government ensured that organisations like Hospice at Home got the support they needed to continue caring for Emaswati even in their homes when

they were not able to visit health facilities due to different reasons.

"Let us appreciate that the needs of those with life limiting illnesses can only be met by a team's effort, as they are multi-dimensional. I would also like to thank those who have supported the work done by Eswatini Hospice at Home in different ways during the course of the year. We should have it in our hearts that we are to add life into their days and not just days into their lives," said the Inkhosikati. Adding, the patron hoped that the event will increase more passion, awareness and participation to care and listen to Emaswati who were living with life limiting illnesses. She said she was also confident that it will increase part-

ners and donor support to the organisation's mandate. Inkhosikati LaNgangaza said the theme 'my care my right' aimed to communicate that palliative care could be provided with other services within the health care system.

Communicated

She said it also communicated that if clients were well informed about palliative care, they could demand the services. It could also destigmatise hospices and palliative care services, making them live more fulfilled lives regardless of their illnesses. "That demand would also improve the prioritisation of palliative care. The theme also opens our eyes and minds to our responsibility as citizens that all rights come with a responsibility; to make sure pal-

liative care and hospices services are available and accessible to all those who need them and that the services are consumed," she stated. Inkhosikati said there was also a need to raise voices on behalf of children who also need these services and make sure they were also catered for. "We need to always

be mindful of the fact that our life is a gift from the Almighty God and so allow Him to heal us as the works of His hands through all the wisdom and skills He gives to the professionals. Having said that, we also need to live the slogan, 'Prevention is better than cure,'" she said.

Hospice adhering to key parameters of palliative care

WHO Country Representative Dr. Cornelia Atsyor said his organisation was happy to note that Eswatini Hospice at Home adhered to parameters for countries to implement with regards to palliative care.

She said this meant that Eswatini made efforts to integrate palliative care into their health care system. She encouraged universities to add palliative care in their curriculum.

The current reforms in the global healthcare environment enshrined in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

require additional and innovative strategies in palliative service provision to be able to consolidate and sustain the gains made in palliative care, as well as add the WHO advocates for an integrated approach to palliative care in countries.

Develop

"The four key parameters are; to develop appropriate policies on palliative care, ensure adequate drug availability, facilitate education and sensitisation of policy-makers, healthcare workers and the public and to implement palliative care ser-

vices at all levels throughout the society," she cited.

Adding Dr. Atsyor said not long ago they collaborated with other partners to support Eswatini Hospice at Home to review their strategic plan and develop a new strategy plan to be aligned with international standards. "We are humbled to be part of this event, where we can witness the implementation of the strategic plan. This indeed demonstrates that the plan is a living document and it is owned by all stakeholders, for this we say congratulations," she said.

Eswatini Hospice at Home appreciates partners

ESWATINI Hospice at Home Executive Director Zodwa Gamedze thanked companies and organisations which supported their work even during the organisation's dark days.

Gamedze, who doubled as the Master of Ceremonies on the day, said these entities were Esibayeni Lodge, Chicken Inn, Touch IT, Times of Eswatini, John Wesley Methodist Women Lumanyano, Knitting team and Dr. Gcinile Buthelezi. Hospice at Home also honoured nine donors with appreciation certificates. These were Nedbank, FNB, Eswatini Building Society, Public Service Pension Fund (PSPF), Eswatini Post and



CHAIRPERSON: Eswatini Hospice at Home Board Chairperson Arnold Dlamini makes his remarks.

Telecommunications Corporation (EPTC), Eswatini Sugar Association (ESA), NAMBoard, John Wesley Women Lumanyano and Jenny Internet.

Meanwhile, Hospice at Home Board Chairperson Arnold Dlamini

asked the Patron Inkhosikati LaNgangaza to officially launch the organisation's website, where they will upload their activities. He said he noted that Emaswati still took care of each other in their communities.



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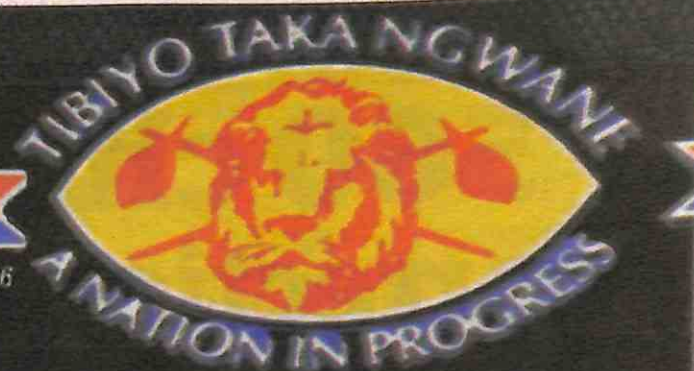
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Congratulations!



The Main Committee, Management and Staff of Tibiyo Taka Ngwane congratulate FINCORP and the Public Service Pension Fund on the official opening of Intfutfuko Building and the Hilton Garden Inn respectively, as well as The Mbabane City Council on the unveiling of the monument of Indlovukazi Gwamile by His Majesty Ingwenyama.

Bayethe Wena Waphakathi!!!

560 children in correctional facilities

STORIES BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Ezulwini

HIS Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Lamakhosini Phindile Dlamini has revealed that there are 560 children in the country's correctional facilities.

She said the total number of offenders in custody stood at 3 781 and of these 560 were children in conflict with the law. Dlamini said a significant number of these inmates have cases related to the highly contentious Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act. "While battling with these figures, the department has over the years ensured quality care for all children under its care and this is because it believes in creating a safe environment for the juveniles to grow and reach their full potential through education, vocational training, culture and other extra-curricular activities," she said.

She highlighted that HMCS had not been spared from the harsh economic wave that the country is currently going through. This period in time has had serious repercussions in the general development of the country.

Dlamini was speaking during the launch of a programme to educate correctional officers on three Acts at Happy Valley yesterday. The three Acts include the Sexual Hotel Offences & Domestic Violence Act 2018, Children's Protection & Welfare



POSE: HMCS Commissioner General Lamakhosini Phindile Dlamini and UNICEF country Representative Dr. Alice Akunga pose for a group photo with HMCS senior officers during the launch of the officer training programme yesterday. (Pic: Bongumusa Simelane).

Act 2012 and the Correctional Services Act 2017. She said as a result of this economic predicament, the country has not been able to create adequate jobs and explore more economic opportunities, amongst other things. Dlamini said these inadequacies have direct effects towards the correctional services. Statistics reveal that unemployment and the lack of education are amongst the factors for increased crime rates in the country.

"This therefore, clearly spells out the amount of work and responsibility bestowed

upon us as we continue to receive more and more offenders in our correctional facilities," she added. She then extended her appreciation to UNICEF, which did not only put its financial support but has worked towards creating a peaceful society that is free from crime, illiterate and unemployed citizens, including children.

Dlamini stated that this underscores the prominence and value with which HMCS and UNICEF take this gathering, which will surely present a break-through and milestone achievement in the history of the department.



MEETING: Pigg's Peak Mayor Victor Rodriguez, councillors as well as Town Clerk/CEO Mzwandile Ndzinisa while attending the Pigg's Peak Town Council annual general meeting on Saturday. (Pic: Sizwe Dlamini)

'Remove Pigg's Peak Town clerk now'

BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

MEMBERS of the Pigg's Peak Ratepayers Association (PPRPA) want Pigg's Peak Town Council CEO Mzwandile Ndzinisa removed from his position.

The ratepayers even labelled the recently refurbished Delivery Road, which cost E4 million a waste of money.

These statements and many more were made during a heated question and answer session at the Pigg's Peak Town Council annual general meeting held at the Civic Centre building on Saturday.

Present at the poorly attended meeting were Pigg's Peak Mayor Victor Rodriguez and all six councillors. Ndzinisa was also present at the meeting. Former Indvuna of Pigg's Peak Muzi Phiri asked council why they had spent E4 million refurbishing the Delivery Road that was not in use.

"Why did council spend E4 million refurbishing the Delivery Road, yet the road will not be used for its intended purpose?"

We can all remember that construction of the road was completed late in 2018.

At the time we were told that the road will be used by trucks which will deliver stock to Shoprite from the back but that has not happened. Trucks continue to disturb traffic in Pigg's Peak because they park next to Shoprite causing long traffic jams," he said.

Another resident Loma Dlamini said councillors only appear when it was time for elections.

"At Glen Township, I have a problem with snakes as they invade my

yard and I wish to kill them but I respect the law. At one point I contacted my councillor for advice but he never answered his phone.

"He only comes to my home to knock on my door when it is election time and that is not fair as he is supposed to represent my ward at the council," she said.

Hard

Police officer Busta Vilakati as well as former Bucopho of Pigg's Peak Stan Dlamini said it was hard for them to participate in the meeting due to the fact that the current Clerk/CEO was an opponent to the development of Pigg's Peak Town and he should be removed from office.

"Last year, the PPRPA gave Ndzinisa a letter of no confidence and we asked that he removed himself from Pigg's Peak, but he is still here and that makes no sense to us," said one of the residents.

Vilakati went on to say the meeting had a poor attendance due to the fact that council failed to advertise the meeting on radio.

Pigg's Peak Mayor Rodriguez said all concerns were taken into consideration and will be addressed at a later date.

"Why did the council spend E4 million refurbishing Delivery road, yet the road will not be used for its intended purpose?"

Correctional officers capacitated on three legislations

THE United Nations Childrens Fund (UNICEF) together with His Majesty's Correctional Services are capacitating correctional officers on three Acts.

The initiative is aimed at reinforcing capacity within the Correctional Services department on three pieces of legislation that have a bearing on the protection of children, including those children in contact and in conflict with the law.

The three Acts are the Sexual Offences & Domestic Violence Act 2018, Children's Protection & Welfare Act 2012 and the Correctional Services Act 2017.

Speaking during the launch of the programme, UNICEF Country Representative Dr Alice Akunga said all three pieces of legislations will form the core content of the upcoming training sessions for about 130 Correctional Services officers, have provisions that relate to children and how matters relating to children should be dealt with by different service providers in the justice system.

She said it was equally important that all actors in the justice delivery chain adhere to the same standards and values when

dealing with children. She said these include the a social worker, police officer, prosecutor, magistrate or judge, or correctional services officer. During the trainings, there will be a session where all the justice service providers will interact, each outlining their role in dealing with a child in conflict with the law and sharing experiences on how best they have handled the matter in their respective areas of work.

Mentioned

Akunga mentioned that this will give everyone a chance to objectively evaluate their own spaces of work.

"The children that are received at the correctional centres are children who have been convicted of different wrongdoings, some more serious than others. The more serious the crime, the harder you might find it to remember that you are dealing with a child," she added.

She said UNICEF's plea is that correctional services have to desire the see that children come out of the facilities being a better person than he or she was when they arrived. "Sometimes, this calls for looking deeper into the lives of these children to, for

example, the circumstances they grew up under, what experiences and influences might have made them susceptible to crime, and then determine what skills they can be equipped with to be better individuals in the future," Akunga said.

Marks

Meanwhile, HMCS Commissioner General Lamakhosini Phindile Dlamini stated that the initiative marks a very significant route for the department, as it will the set tone and direction for all officers within the correctional services.

The ComGen said if one carefully analyses the three pieces of legislation, it is clear that they are all founded on the premise of her organisation's rehabilitation efforts for offenders under their care.

She mentioned that it is on this basis that she is confident that the training sessions will be effective and beneficial, especially to the officers.

Dlamini further commended the executive and those in the fore-front of the department, hence it is crucial that they embrace such initiatives as they are the ones steering the ship.

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

TWO young people recently had the privilege to represent the country at the YouthConnekt Africa Summit held in Kigali, Rwanda from October 9 to 11.

With the support of UNFPA Eswatini in collaboration with Eswatini National Youth Council, the two joined thousands of other participants from across the continent in this meeting.

The YouthConnekt Summit is an annual summit that connects youth from across the continent for continental transformation.

Two youths represent country at YouthConnekt Africa Summit

Eswatini National Youth Council (ENYC) CEO Makhosami Dlamini confirmed that Sibongakonkhe Dlamini and Lwazi Kunene represented Eswatini's youth at the youth conference in Rwanda.

Dlamini said the summit provide a platform for all partners involved in youth development to synergise around policies, programmes and partnerships that will connect youth for socio-economic transformation.

The CEO stated that one of ENYC's core mandates was youth empowerment, hence this is an opportunity for the country's youth to get equipped and

engage in significant information sharing so as to provide solutions to alleviate the challenges faced by the youth of Eswatini.

"As a council, we are confident that such participation will help the country achieve Agenda 2030's Sustainable Development Goals in improving issues such as health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth and in turn eradicate poverty," Makhosami said.

Sibongakonkhe, one of the participants, stated that the summit, which was themed 'Boosting an Industrious Young Africa' and in line with this year's international

youth day theme 'Transforming Education', gave an opportunity for the youth to share ideas on how they could best help their countries improve the educational curriculum to meet industry needs, whilst also inculcating the culture of entrepreneurship at a tender age.

Celebrated

The countries also celebrated the International Day of the Girl Child, where Lwazi presented a speech that acknowledged the role of the girl child in society. The two further engaged in a tree planting activity, representing the kingdom as a way to show support to

SDGs in relation to environmental sustainability. Youth Connekt Africa's central role is to primarily strengthen the African youth empowerment ecosystem by equipping already existing initiatives with technical and financial resources, knowledge sharing and improved national ownership of the youth's socio-economic transformation agenda.

Furthermore, it widens the pool of economic, social and civic leadership opportunities. Essentially, the Hub will be supporting already existing African youth empowerment initiatives to propel and scale their efforts further.

Mentally challenged man steals car, drives home

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

A car owner was shocked to discover that his prized asset had been stolen by a mentally challenged man.

Siyaphi Matsebula had reported his car stolen after it went missing in Manzini.

Matsebula is a vendor at the bus rank opposite Shoprite Supermarket, situated within the Manzini Bus Rank. When the car was stolen, Matsebula had left the keys on its ignition and went to buy something to eat not very far from the car.

It was a Sunday around 5pm when this happened.

A short while later when Matsebula returned to where he had parked his car, he was shocked when the

he realised that the blue Honda Fit was no longer there.

When he asked around, Matsebula was told that an unknown man had honked the horn of the car twice before he got behind the wheel and drove off.

The following day, Monday, Matsebula received a phone call informing him that his car was at a car wash in Fairview. He in-turn notified the police about this and when the men in blue went to the car wash, the person who had brought the car was not there.

When the car wash employees were asked as to who owned the car, they said it was one Mbongiseni Mkhathshwa; a barber shop owner.

With this information, the police followed the lead that led them to Mkhathshwa who was found at the barber shop not too far from the car

wash. When interrogated on the crime he had committed, Mkhathshwa told the police that he was in a hurry to get home and after he had honked the car's horn twice, no one responded so he decided to drive it home, especially because the keys were in the car.

Detained

He was detained for two weeks before the matter was heard in court. Matsebula also got an opportunity to ask Mkhathshwa why he had stolen his car and his response was not satisfactory to Matsebula.

While at the Zakhele Remand Centre, psychiatric documents belonging to Mkhathshwa were brought, which was proof that he was a client of the National Psychiatric Centre.

For this reason, when the matter was brought before Magistrate

Mthokozisi Dlamini last Wednesday, the complainant withdrew the charges based on that Mkhathshwa seemed to be mentally challenged.

When the magistrate asked about the condition of the car, Matsebula said it was all in one piece and without a scratch.

“He was detained for two weeks before the matter was heard in court. Matsebula also got an opportunity to ask Mkhathshwa why he had stolen his car and his response was not satisfactory to Matsebula”



CRASHED: Traffic police officers search for some belongings inside the Toyota Vitz after its driver lost control and overturned at Elangeni along the Mbabane/Manzini Highway yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Man steals E6 500 worth of casino 'chips'

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man may have failed to maintain his 'poker face' after he was arrested for having stolen 13 casino chips at Happy Valley Casino.

28-year-old Ndumiso Mlota of Kwaluseni was granted bail fixed at E2 000 after he appeared before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati.

Mlota was arrested and charged with theft, when he was said to have, on September 29, stolen 13 white chips valued at E6 500 from Happy Valley Casino in Ezulwini.

The chips were said to have been in the lawful possession of Bricks Chirwo.

During his appearance before the court, the prosecution made an application for the trial date to be set for November 15 and that Mlota be remanded back into custody until October 25 in preparation for his trial.

Two govt employees dispute stealing fertiliser at RDA

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

TWO government employees have come out guns blazing to dispute that they stole 24 bags of fertiliser from the Motshane Rural Development Area (RDA) offices.

Sibusiso Khumalo (34) of Hlatikulu and Thulasizwe Shabangu (35) of Ekuphileni are facing two counts of theft, after they were said to have used a government vehicle to transport 24 stolen fertiliser bags from Motshane RDA on April 5, 2018.

Khumalo was charged separately, with the offence of contravening the Road Traffic Act, after he was said to have, being an authorised driver to drive a government vehicle, did wrongfully and unlawfully drive a government vehicle on a Saturday.

It is worth mentioning that Khumalo was employed as a driver at Motshane RDA, while Shabangu was attached to the National Fire and Emergency Services when the offence was committed.

The government vehicle has since been released back into the custody



EXHIBITS: Some of the fertiliser bags which were presented before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati as evidence during the inspection in loco at the Mbabane Police Station yesterday.

of the ministry of agriculture, whereas the fertiliser bags are being kept as exhibits at the Mbabane Police Station.

Surrendered

While leading evidence before the court yesterday, Detective Constable Dumsani Dlamini stated that Shabangu and Khumalo surrendered themselves at the Mbabane Police Station only two days after the offence was committed.

"I received a report that an employee of Motshane RDA was suspected to have stolen 24 bags of fertiliser, valued at E8 800, and used the vehicle in the commission of the offence. It was the security guard, Siph

Tsabadze, who was manning the Motshane RDA offices who confirmed that he had seen Shabangu with Khumalo," Dlamini stated.

Dlamini further informed the court that further investigations revealed that, as an employee of Motshane RDA, Khumalo had requested permission to use the vehicle the day before the offence was committed, however, his request was denied.

"A manager at Motshane RDA Mangoba Shongwe, informed us that the vehicle in question was not assigned to Khumalo for him to utilise.

He further informed us that Khumalo did not act on his instructions when he stole the fertiliser bags.

'I only need him to bond with his children'

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A mother is pleading with the father of their two children to spend more time with them.

Nolwazi* has since approached the court for the maintenance of her two children with Sifiso,* claiming that she needs E3 700 in order to provide for their needs.

However, Sifiso has responded that he could only offer to pay E500 as maintenance since he recently lost his job.

"I am currently studying for a certificate in construction as I need to sufficiently provide for my children in the way that Nolwazi expects me to. This can only happen next January, as I am not yet done with the course," Sifiso claimed.

Nolwazi expressed that in as much as that was true, Sifiso needed to spend time with his children on a regular basis.

"How can he even say that he doesn't have money when he drinks Hennessy with his friends every weekend? I can bet that a bottle of Hennessy is enough to take care of even one of his children. I just want him to communicate with, and see his children on a daily basis Your Worship," Nolwazi stated. She added that their communication was strained to the extent that Sifiso once dropped off their son's birthday cake at her workplace and did not inform her that he had done so.

"I was not at work that day, however, I was surprised to get a call from a colleague that Sifiso had dropped a cake. More than anything, I need him to make an effort to see his children because at the end of the day, he is their father and they need him," she added.

Upon hearing this, Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati issued an interim order for Sifiso to pay E800 as maintenance for both children until January 2020, dependent on Sifiso's economic situation.

The court further ordered Sifiso to purchase clothing for his children, and granted him visitation rights so that he would visit them when it pleases him.

We received more information that the vehicle, along with the fertiliser bags, were found hidden behind Shabangu's home.

That was when the duo came to the police station to surrender themselves," Dlamini revealed.

Cross examination

However, during cross-examination, Shabangu vehemently denied having surrendered himself to the police station.

He revealed that he was coerced by Dlamini to hand himself over. "On the day that we were said to have surrendered ourselves to the police, I received a call from one police officer who identified himself as Malinga. He asked me where the fertiliser bags and vehicle were and I informed him that I had no idea.

He then told me that I needed to surrender myself to the police station as I was identified as a suspect in the crime.

Other than that, I would not have made an appearance at the police station," Shabangu stated.

The matter was postponed to Friday where the prosecution led by Christopher Sibandze will bring its final witness.



INYATSI ACTIVE IN CAREER DEVELOPMENT

...company invests in its human capital and Eswatini's tertiary graduates.

MANZINI - Inyatsi Construction Group Holdings is investing in the career development of Eswatini's youth with various empowerment and training initiatives it has been rolling out. Inyatsi's Group Marketing Manager Gugu Bennett said Inyatsi worked consistently to lay down the groundwork in order to provide a strong foundation for developing a more highly-skilled, productive and diverse workforce. To achieve this, she said Inyatsi had been quite active in staff training and development and mentorship. "On an annual basis the Group also provides opportunities to high school students and university and college students who are willing to come on board for job shadowing, attachments and vacation work," she said. Through attachments and vacation work, Inyatsi is supporting the country in developing young engineers and other student trainees.

Inyatsi's Group CEO John Hamilton said this was an important part of the organization. He expressed satisfaction at the results of the investment in developing others. He said the Career Development programme had been maintained by having good mentors and continuous in-house training. Speaking specifically on the impact it has had on the company he said it had been quite beneficial.

"The career development programme has led to promotions among the staff to some of the senior position. The current Inyatsi Eswatini MD also went through the programme and any personal and professional growth in individuals is considered a highlight," he said. Inyatsi Group has trained over hundreds of apprentices in different fields over the past years



Inyatsi's Group Marketing Manager
Gugulethu Bennett.

with the number increasing each year. Inyatsi has afforded an opportunity to several civil engineering students to be engaged in this program. For more information about these programmes you can contact the Inyatsi Head Office.

HOW THIS PROGRAMME WORKS, DEVELOPS OTHERS

MANZINI - Human Resources Manager Edwin Mbingo said this career development programme focuses on various areas key in its operations.

He said it started about 10 years ago concentrating on civil engineering, finance and accounting, quantity surveying, human resources management, health and safety and environment to name but a few. It also covers technical skills development like artisan, carpenters and brick layers as well as in the construction plant maintenance field.

"The intake is usually a minimum of 20 candidates at each point in time for a period of two to five years depending on the structure of the programme in that specific field. The reason the company engaged in this is upon discovery that there are so many graduates that complete their study programmes in institutes of higher learning but end up idle because they lack experience which is normally a prerequisite by most employers," he said.

He said some of the highlights of the programme have been seeing the trainees grow to being leader of massive projects in subsidiaries in the group.

"The success of students and their development depends on each individual. The programme is structured in such a way that students are empowered holistically and those who have taken it seriously go up the corporate ladder," he said.

With a rich, skilled and knowledgeable trainers' base, Inyatsi has afforded an opportunity to several civil engineering students to be engaged in this program.

For more information about these programmes you can contact the Inyatsi Head Office.

INYATSI ALSO REACHES OUT TO SCHOOLS



Inyatsi's IT Officer Sammy Msibi
with the pupils about IT sector.

BIG BEND - Inyatsi not only trains people in house, but also travels with its officers around the country to inform young people about opportunities in the construction industry.

This is done particularly in areas where Inyatsi is doing construction work and such empowerment talks are done as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility Programme. (CSR).

An example of this exercise was on September 27 when the company's management together with a NGO called TIM Group visited Big Bend High School to inform them about career choices.

TIM Group is an organization that has partnered with Inyatsi and motivates students about education and how go into business. During the presentations, Sammy Msibi, Inyatsi's IT Officer, told the pupils about Information Technology and how to make it in the field, while Ncamiso Ngwenya a Site Engineer explained what they need in order to be engineers.

Creating diversity Ncedile Mngometulu, Traffic Controller shared on what her department does in ensuring safety on the roads during construction and how one can have a career in that field.

Progress Mbingo, Inyatsi's Financial Controller gave an overview of finance sector. All the speakers also highlighted the key subjects the students needed in order to embark on each field with Mathematics, Science and English the three most common subjects.

TIM Group's Celumusa Dlamini motivated the youth urging them to work hard at school and also not only focus on being employed but also consider going into business.

WHAT THE PUPILS THINK OF INYATSI'S PROGRAMME



KHETSIWE NXUMALO - FORM 4



TEVANGELI HLOPHE - FORM 4



MTHOKOZISI
MNGOMETULU - FORM 5



MTHOBISI NDZINISA - FORM 4

"This is quite a motivating visit by Inyatsi and it will change my life for the better. It has helped me to reflect on the outlook I have to not concentrate on lack but find ways to better myself through education.

I'm even inspired to go into business."

"From this session I learnt that in order to develop and be successful one needs to work hard and be disciplined.

I am grateful we were also taught of the different jobs available and I like the one of a Financial Controller. Thanks Inyatsi for coming to visit us!"

"I learnt a lot today and from the careers they told us about I would like to pursue engineering. This is a good thing to hear from the people from the offices themselves what we need to do to one day be like them and one can ask that Inyatsi continues to visit other schools."

"I feel better equipped to make informed career choices. What I liked the most was how every speaker told us to always strive for excellence and that is what I want to do. I have always liked Civil Engineering and had been wondering how one could be in that field and today I got my answers thanks to the presentations."

EX-HEPTAGON EMPLOYEES' TERMINAL BENEFITS IN LIMBO

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THERE seems to be no hope for former employees of Heptagon Civil Engineering on getting their terminal benefits anytime soon.

The ministry of labour and social security's legal department is yet to look into the submissions of the former employees. The former employees said from what they gathered from the ministry, it was clear that they would not be getting their benefits anytime soon.

They said they made a follow-up on how far the ministry had gone in locating Heptagon owner Lucky Thamie Nkambule who reportedly owed them about E1 million in terminal benefits.

One of the former employees Bongani Mabilisa said the ministry's officials

were able to locate Nkambule, however, they did not specify his whereabouts.

He said the officers claimed they could not engage Nkambule because he was asleep. Mabilisa with the other former employees accused the ministry of not having their best interests at heart.

"They did not take time to even verify that he was indeed asleep," he said, while the other employees nodded in agreement.

Awake

They also claimed that the ministry's officials informed them that they were not police officers to forcefully awake a person so that they could talk to him.

The former employees alleged that Nkambule's excuses that he made when these problems started were not genuine. They alleged that Nkambule had the money to pay them, but was not doing the right thing. Nkambule is expect-

ed to pay the 21 former employees a total of E1 267 148.23 in respect of terminal benefits. He was supposed to pay them by April following a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) he signed in the presence of TUCOSWA Labour Officer Gcina Ndwandwe.

Issue

Meanwhile, Ministry of Labour and Social Security Principal Secretary Thulani Mkhalihi said he was aware of the issue between the former employees and Nkambule. Mkhalihi said the ministry is working hard to resolve the case and the legal advisor is also looking into the matter.

Mkhalihi refuted allegations that the ministry's officials were bribed not to action the matter.

Meanwhile, efforts to get a comment from Nkambule proved futile as his phone rang unanswered.

Man fined E500 for stealing duvets

BY MELUSI TSABEDZE
Eswatini National Court

A 30-year-old man from Mangwaneni under Chief Zembe has been fined E500 for stealing duvet covers at Sheet Street.

Sakhelo Kunene appeared before the Eswatini National Court President Chief Mabhedla Hlophe after having been charged with theft.

He unlawfully and purposefully stole two duvet covers valued at E304 while at Sheet Street on Sunday.

The stolen items were in the rightful custody of Nomsa Msibi who then reported the incident to the police.

Kunene pleaded guilty to the charge. Msibi told the court that while she was in the store, she was

disturbed by noise from the shelves.

"The accused entered the shop in the company of his friend. I asked them if they needed any assistance, but they told me they were fine. I continued with my work. At the exit point I asked to conduct a body search on the two," said Msibi.

Msibi said the accused had hidden the two duvets under his armpits. Kunene apologised for his actions.

Sorry

"I am very sorry for committing the offence. I was with a friend in town and he told me he wanted to buy two duvets from Sheet Street. He then asked me to steal the items for him. I ask the court for a lesser sentence," said Kunene.

He was sentenced to five months in a correctional facility with a fine option of E500.

Magistrate fines five DD accused E10 000

BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

FIVE men appeared at the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court for driving under the influence of alcohol.

First to appear was Njabulo Dlamini from Mkhuzweni who was arrested while at Buhleni. Traffic police found that Dlamini had a blood alcohol reading of 0.95ml. This reading is well above the legal blood alcohol limit of 0.38ml. Another drink-driving accused who appeared before the magistrate was Themba Mamba who was arrested in Pigg's Peak town. He had a blood alcohol reading of 0.40ml.

Meanwhile, Aaron Mthembu who was also nabbed in Pigg's Peak town on Saturday evening while driving his Ford, had a blood alcohol reading of 0.85ml.

Birthday 'boy' Mario Signe told the court that he was drunk because he was celebrating his 19th birthday.

"I am so sorry for my actions. I was celebrating my birthday then I decided to drive home and I did not realise that I was drunk," he said.

Arrested

Signe was found to have a blood alcohol reading of 0.95ml.

The fifth accused was Mlungisi Shabangu who was arrested at Buhleni after his car swiped the side mirror of another car belonging to Celmusa Magongo.

After the accident, Shabangu tried to flee from the scene, but he was eventually apprehended by Buhleni police.

In court Shabangu said he was not drunk, however, the owner of the other car got out and assaulted him, hence he attempted to flee.

"I am guilty of causing the accident, however, after the incident the owner of the other car decided to assault me with his friends, hence I fled into the nearby bushes until police arrived," he said.

After hearing all submissions, Pigg's Peak Magistrate Simangele Mbatha sentenced all the accused individuals to two years in a correctional facility each if they failed to pay E2 000.

INCOME TAX RETURNS

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The SRA will be hosting Income Tax Returns Mobile Clinics as per schedule below:

| TOWNS | VENUE | DATE | DATE |
|---------------|---|-----------|-----------|
| | | September | October |
| Big Bend | 1. Next to Shoprite Complex | 11-Sep-19 | 09-Oct-19 |
| Mbabane | 2. Swazi Plaza | 11-Sep-19 | 03-Oct-19 |
| Mankayane | 3. Buy Cash Hardware Complex | | 05-Oct-19 |
| Pigg's Peak | 4. Boxer Shopping Complex | | 05-Oct-19 |
| Mbabane | 5. Industrial Site/HI FI Corp | 12-Sep-19 | 09-Oct-19 |
| Big Bend | 6. Metata Shopping Complex | 12-Sep-19 | 02-Oct-19 |
| Manzini | 7. Manzini Post Office | 13-Sep-19 | 31-Oct-19 |
| Simunye | 8. Simunye Plaza | 13-Sep-19 | 03-Oct-19 |
| Manzini | 9. Bhunu Mall | 17-Sep-19 | 02-Oct-19 |
| Matsapha | 10. Mashayitafule | 18-Sep-19 | 10-Oct-19 |
| Tjaneni | 11. Boxer Shopping Complex | 18-Sep-19 | 10-Oct-19 |
| Hluthi | 12. Hluthi Town - Henwood Butchery | | 19-Oct-19 |
| Mbabane | 13. Swazi Plaza | | 19-Oct-19 |
| Matsapha | 14. Matsapha Service Centre | 19-Sep-19 | 31-Oct-19 |
| Mhlume | 15. Pick Yours | 19-Sep-19 | 22-Oct-19 |
| Manzini | 16. Bhunu Mall | 21-Sep-19 | |
| Hlathikhulu | 17. Hlathikhulu shopping complex (Shoprite) | 21-Sep-19 | |
| Sileki | 18. Sileki Service Centre | 25-Sep-19 | 22-Oct-19 |
| Buhleni | 19. PICK YOURS Shopping Complex | 25-Sep-19 | 23-Oct-19 |
| Nhlangano | 20. Shoprite Complex | 26-Sep-19 | 24-Oct-19 |
| Siphofaneni | 21. Nokuphila Shopping Complex | 26-Sep-19 | 24-Oct-19 |
| Madlangempisi | 22. Pick yours | 26-Sep-19 | |
| Luve | 23. Luve shopping complex | 26-Sep-19 | |

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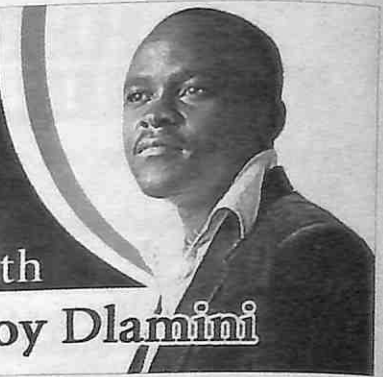
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'DO NOT SHY AWAY FROM AGRI-BUSINESS'

AMID the ailing economy of the country and the subsequent high rate of unemployment, Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries Bulunga has encouraged the youth to embark on agri-businesses to sustain themselves.

The minister has noted that the youth have the potential to reshape their lives and the economy of the country if they can reconsider their priorities and focus on creating employment as opposed to searching for one.

Bulunga was speaking during the celebration of the International Youth Day at Mphundle High School, Maphungwane.

The minister said it was about time that the nation at large practised commercial farming more than domestic.

He said the youth must take the lead in the fight for economic recovery.

Facilitated

The minister said as much as government facilitated some programmes to empower the youth, the responsibility lay with the youth to make use of those programmes.

"The adage that says, there is nothing for the youth without the youth means just that, take charge of your future," said the minister.

Bulunga noted that young people were reluctant in attending to educational gatherings, which could empower them with knowledge.

He said it was even worse when the youth is asked to involve them-



ENCOURAGED: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries Bulunga

selves in manual work such as in agriculture. The minister said however, researches have proven that

agriculture was one sector which will remain profitable for the next coming years.

He urged the youth to reshape their minds and take up the responsibility to improve their livelihood.

Meanwhile, the minister said his ministry remained committed to creating better and sustainable lives for the youth.

He called upon all stakeholders to work cooperatively with government in ensuring that the youth and the country at large have a better future.

Bulunga said in the meantime, his ministry was planning to develop the sporting and arts industries to create bigger and better spaces for the youth to flourish in.

Strategy

He said the strategy would allow the ministry to strengthen its advocacy role for better coordination of youth focused interventions in the country.

In addition, the minister disclosed that in the recently launched government Strategic Roadmap 2019-2023, the review of the education system's effectiveness was a medium term goal, which will be spearheaded by the ministry of education and training.

The roadmap puts emphasis on employment creation outside government that will be driven by the identification of skills requirements.

The minister said these were part of government's efforts to align the education system with current needs so as to, amongst other things, alleviate the scourge of unemployment, which is particularly felt by the youth.

Maphungwane happy to host sports minister first

THE chiefdom of Maphungwane has expressed its gratitude for being the first to host Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries Bulunga in the celebration of youth day.

Speaking during the event, Indvuna of the *umphakatsi* Morris Mbuli said the *umphakatsi* did not take the minister's visit lightly but observed it as an honour.

Mbuli said as a remote community, they have had very few ministers visiting the area over the past few years.

He said in many instances, ministers who would be expected to grace some events in the area normally sent representatives as they shied away from the poverty-stricken community.

Mbuli noted the minister's eagerness to visit the area, as he even asked for the postponement of the event when it clashed with other national assignments.

Commemoration

Apparently, the commemoration of the day was supposed to have been held early last month, but it was postponed after it transpired that the minister would be held up in another assignment.

"The minister's eagerness to visit this area has been evidence that he valued and respected the authorities of this area," said Mbuli.

Mbuli then presented the minister with a goat on behalf of the *umphakatsi*.

Meanwhile, Mbuli urged the youth of the area to make use of empowerment initiatives which would be availed by the Inkhundla.

Mbuli noted that the youth was reluctant to attend gatherings where they would be empowered with the knowledge. This was also evident on this day as only a handful of the youth were present.

Motorists can't wait for completion of Siteki- Big Bend road

IT seems motorists cannot wait for the completion of the Siteki-Big Bend road reconstruction.

Government has embarked on a major project of reconstructing the said road, a project which has come as a huge relief to motorists.

For the past few years, the road has been a thorn in the flesh of motorists as it was characterised with basin-sized potholes which would also turn into water ponds for livestock when there has been some little rain.

At present, the road is being reconstructed by two reputable companies. The old tar has been completely removed, leaving the stretch as a gravel road. It is expected that the laying of the tar will commence soon. Speaking during random interviews, some motorists, mainly public transport operators, expressed their eagerness to final-



ly have a new road. One Siboniso Maziya said they were happy that they would soon have reduced breakdowns which were caused by the bad road. "Already we have seen a reduced number of breakdowns which were caused by the potholes," said another kombi driver. The reconstruction of the road also stretches to Lonhlupheko and Siteki Town Centre.

Community police prepares for festive season

AS the festive season approaches, community police are reportedly making preparations to ensure safety and security for residents.

Lubombo is one of the regions which still observe community police as first responders to criminal activity.

This has been evidenced by initiatives which were also facilitated by the Royal Eswatini Police Service where community police were trained on some prevalent crimes.

Speaking during an interview, Lugongolweni com-

munity police leader Kaizer Mathonsi said they were currently preparing to have capacity building workshops, which will help in reminding the community police about their duties in the communities.

"We have noted that some crimes escalate during the festive season, which is why we need to work hard in eliminating them," said Mathonsi.

Mathonsi said such crimes included stock theft and cattle rustling.

Cases of stock theft are said to be indicating an increase between November and January

of every year.

Mathonsi said they were yet to consult with the police in arranging for awareness gatherings, where members of the public would also be engaged on safety precautions.

At present, Mathonsi said there have been some cases of stock theft which have already been reported. The stolen cattle belong to farmers in Siteki and Maphungwane.

"We would also like to appreciate the work of the community police who have ensured that some cases of stock theft are resolved," said Mathonsi.

SHEBEEN QUEEN NABBED FOR SELLING DAGGA TO PUPILS

STORIES BY STARKY MKHONTA
Nhlango

A shebeen queen involved in drug dealing who reportedly sells to school going children has been arrested.

The woman identified as Carol Mamba (33) who operated a spaza shop at Mangwaneni Township was last Thursday arrested for drug dealing. In her spaza shop, amongst other items, she sells liquor.

It is said she also sold the illegal substance items to pupils.

A senior police officer, Nhlango Police Station Deputy Commander Assistant Superintendent Lucky Msibi had visited one of the schools around Nhlango when he bumped on some male pupils and he noticed one of them acting strangely.

The senior police officer then wanted to know the cause of that.

Msibi alerted the teachers and then means were made to find out what exactly was making the boy to behave in the way he did.

"The pupil acted drunk hence Msibi was inquisitive. The boy's bag was searched and dagga was found," said a source. Msibi questioned the pupil as to where he got the illegal herb from. "He revealed that he is one of the cus-



CONFIRMED: PICO Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

tomers of the shebeen queen at Mangwaneni.

With such information, Msibi assigned his subordinates to search the spaza shop the shebeen queen operates.

The police found dagga wrapped in small plastic bags and that was when the woman was subsequently arrested and charged with dagga possession," said a source.

It is said she confessed that she was

indeed a drug dealer and identified pupils from schools around Nhlango as her clients. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (PICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that a woman aged 33 was arrested for being a drug dealer.

"She is facing two counts, for being a dealer and also dagga possession. She is expected to appear in court soon," she said.

Woman to also answer before area's authorities

THE shebeen queen, will be hauled before the authorities of the area.

There are already calls for action to be taken against the woman, Carol Mamba who operates a spaza shop which also sells dagga to school going children.

It's believed that some parents whose children have been fingered as the shebeen queen's customers are keen to know the outcome of the case.

Sources said even if she was eventually convicted by the courts, she would still need to explain to the overseer of the area why she was trading on an illegal substance in the community. Mangwaneni is said to be under His Majesty.

The office of Ndabazabantu (King's Liaison Officer) is responsible for the area. It has to decide on the woman's fate. "Some of the parents are angry and

want the woman punished.

There are other parents and relatives of the children who are calling for her eviction as they believe she won't stop selling drugs to children.

The office of Ndabazabantu will be approached and it will decide on her fate. Otherwise, some of the parents and relatives of these children want her spaza shop closed," said one of the sources close to the matter.

Single mothers nabbed for DD, apologise for abandoning children

STORIES BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

THE only two women to be nabbed for drink-driving on Sunday, expressed their regret at spending a night in prison when they could have been spending time with their children.

First to admit so was Lindelwa Hlatshwayo aged 21 of Thembelihle, who was apprehended at Malunge Township in the late hours of Saturday evening.

Hlatshwayo was driving her VW Polo sedan when she was nabbed. When a breathalyser test was conducted by police officers, she was found to have a blood alcohol content reading of 0.76 mg/l.

In her mitigation, Hlatshwayo admitted that her night in prison helped her align her priorities.

"Your Worship, after spending the night behind bars I realised that I made a grave mistake of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

I am a single mother and as I have no partner to help me with

my child, he has no one else but me. I am truly hurt that instead of spending time with my son, I was behind bars for driving drunk," Hlatshwayo expressed, as she wiped tears from her eyes. In the same breath, 49-year-old Mayoyo Mbuli of Sidvashini told the court that she had minor children, and she was their only source of support.

"Please consider that I am taking care of these children on my own.

Their fathers are no longer in the picture and I have no one else to help me support them," Mbuli added.

Mbuli was charged with two counts of contravening the Road Traffic Act, when she was said to have been driving her Honda Fit vehicle while under the influence on Sunday morning. When a breathalyser test was conducted on her, she was found to have a blood alcohol content reading of 0.47 mg/l, thus exceeding the legal limit of 0.38 mg/l.

After finding her guilty as per her own plea, Mbuli was sentenced to pay a fine of E1 500 and in default of payment, serve eight months in prison.

| Name | Alcohol Content | Sentence |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Bongani Nhlengetwa | 1.00 mg/l | E2 000 or two years |
| 2. Mlandvo Dlamini | 1.07 mg/l | E2 000 or two years |
| 3. Sive Zubuko | 1.00 mg/l | E1 500 or 8 months |
| 4. Kevin Smith | 0.97 mg/l | E2 000 or two years |
| 5. Dumsani Mntungwa | 0.48 mg/l | E1 500 or 8 months |

11 'breadwinners' to contribute E19 000 in DD fines

IN the event that all 11 drink-drivers that appeared in court on Sunday will pay the fines stipulated by the court, this will see government coffers boasted by E19 000 from 'DD' fines alone.

The drink-drivers appeared before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini where they were all convicted and sentenced for having been found guilty of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

With the highest alcohol content reading recorded, Sandile Dlamini (33) of Nkwilini is set to pay a fine of E2 000 and in default of payment, serve one year in prison after he was found guilty of having driven while under the influence of alcohol.

According

According to his charge sheet, Dlamini was nabbed on Saturday evening near the Theatre Club in Mbabane, and when a breathalyser test was conducted on him, he was found to have a blood alcohol content reading of 1.24 mg/l.

Dlamini informed the court that he made a bad judgement call when he drove under the influence of alcohol, however, he claimed that it was an emergency.

"I had to fetch my son from my mother's house, where I usually leave him when I have errands to run. I am the backbone of the family and everyone looks up to me to support them. Thus, I plead with the court to at least detain

my car as surety so that I can raise enough money to pay the fine," Dlamini pleaded.

Another 'breadwinner', Philiswa Ferreira was charged with two counts of contravening the Road Traffic Act, when he was found to have been driving his Toyota RunX while under the influence of alcohol.

Ferreira also parked his motor vehicle in the middle of a public road.

When a breathalyser test was conducted on him, Ferreira was found to have a blood alcohol content reading of 0.46 mg/l.

In mitigation, Ferreira claimed to have been just passing by his friend's house before he was arrested. "Please consider that the alcohol content is lower than those who have appeared before me.

I only had a few alcoholic beverages before I was arrested, hence the 'lower' alcohol content. I have the sole responsibility of providing for my family so I plead with the court to consider this fact," Ferreira expressed.

Sentenced

Ferreira was sentenced to serve eight months in prison, with the option to pay a fine of E1 500 for driving while under the influence of alcohol. For having stopped his vehicle in the middle of the road, Ferreira was sentenced to pay a fine of E200, and in default of payment, serve one month in prison.

DOWN AND OUT:
A vendor minds
her business while
a man who had
taken one too
many passed out
next to her along
Bethusile Street
over the weekend.
(Pic: Mduduzi
Mngomezulu)





RENOVATIONS: Residents of KaLanga came in their numbers to renovate one of the ruling residences on Thursday. (Pics: Wonderboy Dlamini)



AT WORK: The Lutsango regiment working on liguma.

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

Over 100 KaLanga residents rehabilitate umphakatsi

IT seems like residents of KaLanga chiefdom just cannot wait to have a new ruler of the area finally endorsed by the country's authorities.

This is evidenced by the number of residents frequenting one of the Maziya households, which is observed as *umphakatsi* to carry out the customary *kuhlehla* as they rehabilitate it.

Residents

Kuhlehla is a customary practice where residents carry out some duties as a form of paying allegiance to a traditional leader. About 100 residents on Thursday gathered at the Maziya residence where they refurbished a cattle byre and *emaguma*, amongst other establishments. This comes approximately three weeks after the ruling Maziya family introduced Sifiso

Khisimusi Maziya as the rightful candidate to take over the reins as the ruler of KaLanga. The elders of the family further announced that Maziya will be known as Chief Jozane. He is expected to take over the reins from his father, Chief Mlimi Maziya who passed away approximately 34 years ago.

Speaking during an interview at the Maziya residence, Indvuna Solomon Fakudze said the gathering was in preparation for the installation of Chief Jozane. Fakudze said residents were at the residence to rehabilitate its structures as they anticipate for a major celebration after the endorsement of the chief. He also stated that the number of residents coming to the residence had significantly increased since the



INNER COUNCIL: Members of the inner council pose at the homestead.

introduction of the next ruler. Fakudze was echoed by Dino Maziya, a senior member of the ruling Maziya family. Maziya said the family had put every-

thing in order as they awaited the endorsement of Chief Jozane. "We are certain that we will soon have the chief endorsed by authorities of the country, and we are already planning for *sibhimbi*," said Maziya.

Ruling

Meanwhile, another faction of the Maziya family, which is led by Acting Chief Rudolph Maziya has adamantly disputed the legitimacy of Sifiso as a chieftaincy candidate. This publication recently interviewed Rudolph while pointing out some traditional anomalies as his reasons to dispute Sifiso. The introduction of Sifiso to the residents has, however seen a majority of them shunning community meetings convened by the acting chief. The residents who are hoping to have Sifiso eventually endorsed as their chief, have stated that they were not shaken by the acting chief's stance to dispute the legitimacy of Sifiso's installation.

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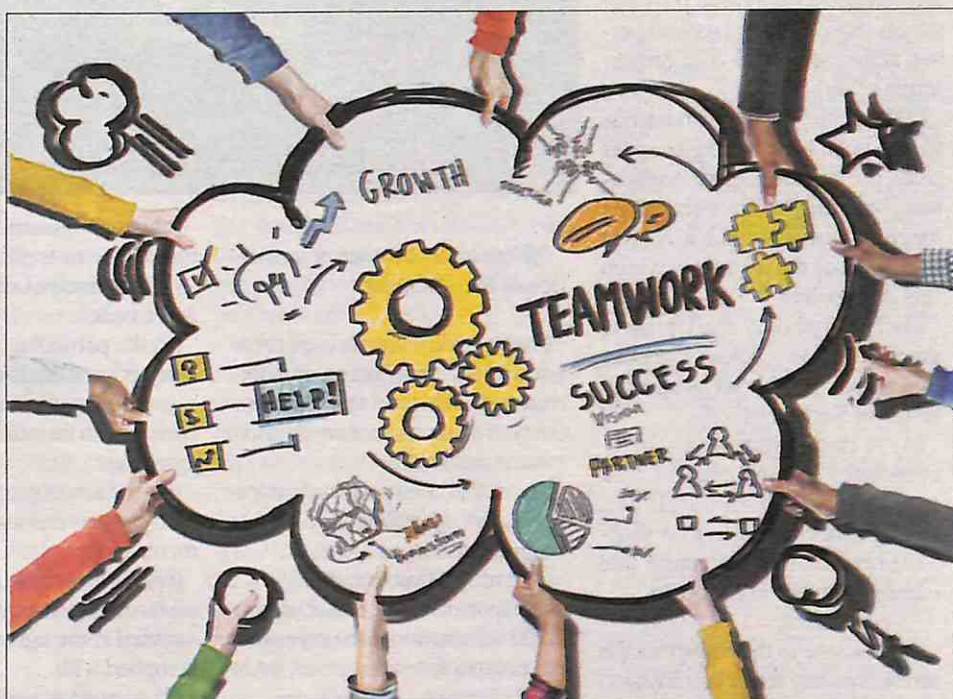
We continue to see diverse cultures settling in Eswatini and children are born in our beautiful land, which means soon the business community will be dealing with multi-cultural employees and somehow, we need to know how to relate in a multi-cultural setting.

THE NEED FOR PEOPLE SKILLS

People skills for leaders and managers are very important in the workplace. In the past every grouchy leader/managers could succeed by just knowing the business. Now managers and leaders have to be taught on how to relate better to others. Pure technical knowledge can only get you to a point, beyond that, interpersonal skills become critical.

In the new information era, interpersonal communication is a valuable business tool. Understanding different mind-sets and culture perspective is more crucial than ever for leaders. To deal effectively with diversity, leaders have to be flexible in how they relate to people from diverse backgrounds. No one's personal set of culture rules will prevail intact in organisations designed to incorporate diversity and still provide a common integrating culture which promotes the organisation's goals.

To make organisations with diverse work-force viable and to be effective, leaders need to learn a new respect for cultural differences.



The question is how well are leaders and managers equipped to deal with diverse work-forces, to optimise productivity through the human resource - leaders and managers need to be trained on interpersonal skills.

WHY ARE INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS IMPORTANT?

Whenever two people get together to do a job, whether at the executive level or at junior level, the success depends on how well they get along. This is especially true if they are required to work together for a long time. If they do not trust each other, fail to communicate openly, or try to discredit each other, their satisfaction and productivity will suffer.

Most work either requires or encourages interaction among individuals. The more a job requires two people to work together, the more important the nature of the relationship between them becomes. There are a lot of brilliant people who cannot relate with others, sadly, such people do not yield the results they would if they master how to relate to others. Even where

interaction is only peripheral to the task, relationships can still be a source of satisfaction or frustration and affect the total work effort in many ways. Good interpersonal relations support the work effort.

In work settings, you cannot always choose compatible people to work with, but you can learn to understand and improve your work relationship even with people you may not have chosen to work with in the first place.

Leaders must bear in mind that the interpersonal relationships among subordinates can enhance or sabotage their ability to achieve organisational goals. For any organisational member, being able to relate effectively with others is crucial to personal satisfactions, productivity and career development.

WHAT INFLUENCES INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS

It can be very frustrating trying to figure out all the possible reasons why people do or do not get along well together, some of the reasons

● Personality factors

When trying to understand our feelings and behaviours, it is useful to be aware that how we think and feel about ourselves and others may be very unlike how they think and feel about themselves or us. These different evaluation and reactions depends upon each individual's self-concept, frame of references. Defences, needs and feelings.

● Self-concept

Starting with the messages we get from our parents, which are later reinforced by significant others in our lives. We learn to view the world and ourselves in certain ways. The view that we accept of ourselves in our self-concept, which may be anything from essentially positive to negative, most of us protect ourselves from any attempt to change our self-concept even if ourselves is a painful way, we somehow learn to accept that. Our value system also affects how what we view as right or wrong.

● Frame of reference

Everyone's frame of references is an abstraction of reality and everyone sees reality differently because of different past experiences. Furthermore, constant experiencing keep the reality changing somewhat. Therefore, it is very difficult to understand another's frame of reference, especially since we tend to filter their behaviour through our own frame of reference. Our behaviour is logic to us given our frame of reference, and so is everyone else given his or hers. We may respond unconsciously to an interpersonal encounter that threatens our self-concept or frame of reference by applying one or more psychological defences.

A defence is a cognitive distortion that protects the self-concept from being diminished.

Defensiveness occurs when you protect yourself by denying, excusing, or rationalising your actions to protect self-concept against the threat of being damaged by failure, guilt, shame or fear.

● Feelings

We all continually experience feelings about ourselves and others, but many of us have not learned to accept and use feelings constructively. How we express our feelings is perhaps the most frequent source of difficulty in interpersonal relationships. Problems arise not in interpersonal relationships not because emotions are present, but because they are not used well. Rather than express our feelings constructively, we often deny or ignore our own and others feelings in an attempt to avoid rejection or a struggle for control.

Without awareness of feelings, however, you cannot deal with them constructively. Feelings not deal make for biased, non-objective judgments and actions or interpersonal situations. A person may refuse to accept a good idea for example, because he does not like the person who suggested it or the way it was presented

Mashaba punches DA in the face, Maimane calls him a hero

JOHANNESBURG - DA leader Mmusi Maimane has cut a forlorn figure over the last 24 hours.

On Sunday, he had to grit his teeth when his predecessor and *bête noire* Helen Zille completed her stunning comeback to politics with her election as chairperson of the party's federal council. And yesterday he stood by while Herman Mashaba, the Mayor of Johannesburg and another drop-in DA leader, hammered the party while announcing his resignation.

Maimane, the party's leader since 2015, is facing a grim and uncertain future. Under his watch the party seems to be coming apart at the seams, with a disastrous election result in May being compounded by a series of by-election defeats and internal ructions now spilling over into the public domain. yesterday's remarkable events at the Johannesburg Civic Centre, however, are sure to harden opposition against him even more.

Despite a frantic 24 hours in which

he tried to convince Mashaba not to resign his mayoralty, Johannesburg's first citizen did exactly that. In spectacular fashion he delivered a series of broadsides to the DA which not only laid bare his true feelings and ambitions, but came as another body blow to a party already crippled by indecision and division.

While Mashaba attacked his party as being the 'most difficult partner in the city's coalition arrangement' (and not the EFF), opposed to his 'pro-poor'

policies and lurching away from principles he believes with Zille's return, a stoic Maimane sat in the front row.

When Mashaba concluded, Maimane stepped up to the podium and praised him for the work he did in the city and committed the party to continue in a governance arrangement with the EFF, despite the enormous cleavages between the parties' ideologies and approaches to governance.

He then held Mashaba's hand aloft, like a boxing referee after a bout, praising him, before adding, "You're a hero to me... a hero..."

And this after Mashaba resigned his position and called a press conference to publicly launch an unrestrained and blistering attack on the party that he, Maimane, leads.

Mashaba, a favourite of the EFF, has now given the DA's opponents ample targets to aim for.

His statement and actions tell the public that the DA were unwilling and difficult in his endeavours to ensure that the city is cleaned up and returned to a functional state.

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ON THIS DAY

...OCTOBER 22

1979 - The ousted Shah of Iran, Mohammad Riza Pahlavi was allowed into the US for medical treatment.

1981 - The Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organisation was decertified by the federal government for its strike the previous August.

1983 - At the Augusta National Golf Course in Georgia, an armed man crashed a truck through front gates and demanded to speak with US President Ronald Reagan.

1986 - US President Reagan signed the Tax Reform Act of 1986 into law.

1991 - The European Community and the European Free Trade Association agreed to create a free trade zone of 19 nations by the year 1993.

1995 - The 50th anniversary of the United Nations was marked by a record number of world leaders gathering.

1998 - The United Nations announced that over two million children had been killed in war as innocent victims since 1987.

1998 - Pakistan's carpet weaving industry announced that they would begin to phase out child labour.

1999 - China ended its first-ever human rights conference in which it defied Western definitions of civil liberties.

1999 - The UN Security Council voted to send 6 000 troops to Sierra Leone to oversee a peace plan that had been signed in July.

2008 - The iTunes Music Store reached 200 million applications downloaded.

2010 - The International Space Station set the record (3 641 days) for the longest continuous human occupation of space. It had been continuously inhabited since November 2, 2000.

2014 - The iPad Air 2 was released in the US.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



21 Savage (Rapper) - 1992 (age 27 years old)



Arsene Wenger (Soccer coach) - 1949 (70 years old)

WHAT THE LAW SAYS

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THE CONSUMER CREDIT ACT 2016

Pawn broker licence

70. (1) Any person may, subject to Section 61 and 62 apply for a pawn broker licence.

(2) An application for a pawn broker licence shall comply with the requirements set out in Section 36 of the Financial Services Regulatory Act and the provisions of this Act relating to credit providers.

Credit agent

71. (1) A person shall not act as a credit agent for a credit provider unless that person is a natural person authorised by the Authority in terms of this Act.

(2) A credit provider who intends to appoint a person a credit agent shall, prior to lodging the application, train the person or employee the credit provider intends to appoint in respect of the matters to which this Act applies.

(3) The Authority shall, prior to granting authority, consider whether that person is fit to act as agent in terms of Section 61.

(4) A credit agent who solicits, completes or concludes a credit agreement for or on behalf of a credit provider or a consumer shall-

(a) be identified by name and identity number in the credit agreement;

(b) disclose to the consumer the amount of any fee or commission that will be paid if the agreement is concluded.

(5) A credit agent shall not claim or demand any fee, commission or charge from a consumer for a service in this Act.

Grant, suspension, revocation of licence

72. A licence under this Act may be issued, suspended or revoked in terms of the provisions for issuing, suspending or revoking a licence under the Financial Services Regulatory Authority Act.

PART VI
CONSUMER CREDIT
INFORMATION*Confidential treatment of information*

73. (1) A person who, in terms of this Act, receives, compiles, retains or reports any confidential information pertaining to a consumer or prospective consumer shall protect the confidentiality of that confidential information, and in particular, shall-

(a) use that confidential information for a purpose permitted or required in terms of this Act or any other law; and

(b) report or release that information to the consumer or prospective consumer, or to another person-

(i) to the extent permitted or required by this Act or any law; or

(ii) as directed by-

(aa) the instructions of the consumer or prospective consumer;



or

(bb) an order of a court or instruction of the Authority.

(2) A person who receives, compiles, retains consumer credit information shall protect the confidentiality of that consumer credit information and shall-

(a) use that consumer credit information for a purpose permitted or required in

terms of this Act; and

(b) report or release that consumer credit information to the consumer or prospective consumer, or to another person-

(iii) to the extent permitted or required by this Act or any law; or

(iv) as directed by-

(aa) the instructions of the consumer or prospective consumer; or

(bb) an order of a court or instruction of the Authority.

Submission of consumer credit information to credit bureau

74. (1) A credit provider shall submit consumer credit information to a credit bureau and may submit such credit information to more than one credit bureau.

(2) Upon entry into or amendment of a credit agreement, the credit provider shall submit to a credit bureau consumer credit information, in the prescribed manner and form, and within the prescribed time -

(a) the name, principal business address, and registration number of a credit provider;

(b) the name and address of the consumer;

(c) if the consumer is-

(i) a natural person, their identity number, or in the case of a person who is not a citizen and who does not have an identity number, a passport number; or

(ii) a company or body corporate, its registration number or tax certificate number;

(d) if the agreement of a credit facility, the credit limit under that facility, and the expiry date of the agreement, if any; and

(e) if the agreement is a credit transaction or credit guarantee-

(i) the principal debt under the agreement;

(ii) the particulars of any previously existing credit agreement that was terminated or satisfied in connection with the making of the new agreement;

(iii) the amount and schedule of each payment due under the agreement; and

(iv) the date on which the obligations of the consumer will be fully satisfied if the agreement is fully complied with.

(2) A credit provider shall report the particulars of the termination or satisfaction

of any credit agreement reported in terms of subsection (1), in the prescribed manner and form to a credit bureau.

(3) Where a person transfers to another person the rights of a credit provider under

a credit agreement referred to in subsection (1)-

(a) the person who transfers those rights shall report the particulars of that transfer, in the prescribed manner and form to a credit bureau; and

(b) the person to whom those rights are transferred shall satisfy any subsequent obligations of the credit provider under this section.

Credit bureau activities

75. (1) A credit bureau -

(a) may accept the filing of consumer credit information from any credit provider on payment of the filing fee;

(b) may accept without charge the filing of consumer credit information from the consumer concerned for the purpose of correcting or challenging information otherwise held by that credit bureau concerning that consumer;

(c) shall take reasonable steps to verify the accuracy of any consumer credit information reported to it;

(d) shall retain any consumer credit information reported to it for the prescribed period, irrespective of whether that information reflects

positively or negatively on the consumer;

(e) maintain its records of consumer credit information in a manner that satisfies the prescribed standards;

(f) promptly remove from its records any prescribed consumer credit information that, in terms of the regulations, is not permitted to be entered in its records or is required to be removed from its records;

(g) issue a report to any person who requires it for a prescribed purpose or a purpose contemplated in this Act, upon payment of the credit bureau's fee except where the Act explicitly provides that no fee be charged;

(h) shall not draw a negative inference about, or issue a negative assessment of, the creditworthiness of a person on the basis that the credit bureau has no consumer credit information concerning that person;

(i) not knowingly or negligently provide a report to any person containing inaccurate information; and

(j) provide negative and positive consumer credit information of a the creditworthiness of a consumer.

(2) In addition to-

(a) the consumer credit information contemplated in subsection (1), a credit bureau may receive, compile and report only other prescribed information in respect of a consumer; and

(b) the sources of consumer credit information contemplated in subsection (1),

a credit bureau may receive consumer credit information in respect of a consumer from other prescribed persons.

(3) The Minister may prescribe-

(a) standards for the filing, retention and reporting of consumer credit information by credit bureaux, in addition to, or in furtherance of the requirements set out in this section; and

(b) maximum fees that may be charged to a consumer for accessing consumer credit information concerning that person.

HOSPITALS NOW SLAUGHTERHOUSES

REFLECTIONS



With Mike Drew
GUEST WRITER

IN my 'Reflections' article last week, I suggested that the 11th Parliament needed to adopt a more socialist-driven agenda and to focus more on the needs of the elderly, the poor and the sick.

I have never met the Minister of Health, Lizzie Nkosi but, after listening to her speak on national radio last week, my intuition is telling me that the minister is hardworking, caring and committed – a minister who wants give her best.

I have however, had the dubious pleasure of visiting (as opposed to being treated at) the Mbabane Government Hospital.

My visit left a lasting impression on me.

Structurally, the original building is run down and dirty. There is an absence of an adequate number of staff, without access to even the most basic medical equipment and adequate medication. There were a number of young people of employable age, waiting patiently to be seen by the overworked doctors and nurses.

To have any chance of achieving Vision 2022 requires a healthy workforce.

Demotivated

It, therefore came as no surprise to me that the PSAs, to include the demotivated members of the Swaziland Democratic Nurses Union (SWADNU), completed an impromptu and peaceful march to the ministry of health two weeks ago, to deliver a petition on the current crisis facing the country's hospitals.

As the President of NAPSAPU pointed out, when delivering the petition to the Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Health Dr Simon Zwane, "hospitals have turned into slaughterhouses because people go there to die". Emotive words but, from my own limited exposure, very true.

Much as the minister of health obviously cares, she does not have access to the financial resources to turn the ship around on her own. After his own recent visit to the Mbabane Government Hospital, Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini has hopefully had time to reflect too.

What he might think in private may be very different to his pub-

lic comments, which I suspect will include his undying gratitude that his own family will never have to be treated there.

So, when the principal secretary announces the recruitment of an additional 13 nurses and then continues to suggest through the media that everything is normal at the ministry, there is the need perhaps for an urgent reality check.

A situation compounded by the fact that, even though the frustrated nurses see themselves as an essential service and believe in peaceful protest, SWADNU is clearly beginning to run out of patience too.

The government's desire to reduce doctors' on-call allowances is perhaps yet further evidence, if further evidence were needed, of this government's double standards. Why is it viewed as acceptable for this government to seek to reduce doctors' on-call allowances but for Finance Circular No.3 to be suspended indefinitely? I just do not get it.

Crisis

In my opinion, the role of a guest writer is not only to highlight the problems but, to offer possible solutions too.

So, whilst fully accepting that the minister of health is genuinely passionate about delivering an acceptable standard of health service to Emaswati, let me offer my possible solutions, whilst very aware that they might raise a few eyebrows. As always, please feel free to exercise your right of reply through this newspaper.

Firstly, there has to be an early acceptance by the minister of health and her principal secretary that, the health service is already in crisis and they should not continue to try to paint a picture of normality.

The principal secretary's recent decision to now engage with union representatives and to 'meticulously attend' to their concerns is encouraging.

Hopefully, both sides have learnt lessons from the recent PSA's industrial action in Mbabane and Manzini, which ended in the well publicised violence.

The minister of health could try and seek a bigger slice of the budget for health but my feeling is that this will not happen under the stewardship of the present minister of finance.

So, what are the alternatives? When driving past the ICCFISH, I do not see a conference centre and five-star hotel.

I actually see the new government hospital. So, my radical suggestion is that the construction work is to stop immediately and the order for the bespoke Italian bathrooms is to be cancelled.

The capital project to be redesigned

internally and the Loan Bill to borrow over E1.2 billion from the Export-Import Bank of the Republic of China (Taiwan), to be re-presented to Parliament (if not already too late). As an aside, it was really disappointing to read that those MPs who shouted the loudest, have rolled over so easily on the Loan Bill. The project is to be taken over by a Public Private Partnership (PPP) with the Republic of China (Taiwan).

As rightly pointed out by the prime minister, when addressing the House of Assembly last week, the best option would have been to adopt a design and build strategy, in which the project would be funded and managed by external organisations, but directly accountable to an elected Board of Trustees.

With the powers of oversight and with robust forensic audit procedures in place, to reduce the inevitable risk of corruption, in areas such as the procurement of medical equipment and medication.

Pledging

The future monies received from the Global Fund should be used to set up a dedicated unit within the new government hospital for HIV and AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, to be coordinated by the Eswatini Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) and to be named the King Mswati III Unit; to recognise His Majesty's vision and foresight by pledging E90 million at the recent Global Fund Replenishment Conference in France, to secure a global commitment to future investment in the kingdom, to address these pandemic diseases.

To further assist in the funding of the capital project and the recruitment of an adequate number

of nurses and doctors, together with the purchase of medical equipment and medicines, the government to reach out to other embassies/consulates in the kingdom to obtain financial support for this ambitious project.

A new means tested health tax to be introduced based on the salary of the higher income earners only; any tax revenues raised by the introduction of the long awaited Cannabis Licensing Regulations, after the recent passing of the Opium and Habit Forming Drugs (Amendment) Bill 2019, to be paid directly to the ministry of health. On completion of the work, the new central hospital to be named the Queen Gwamile Government Hospital, in acknowledgement of her resilience in the face of adversity (I mean the queen and not the minister), with all the existing government hospitals to be closed. The new government hospital is to be fully resourced to offer employment to the circa 400 currently unemployed nurses and to share 'best current' nursing expertise with the private hospital currently under construction in Ezulwini.

The present very capable minister of health to be allowed to continue to focus her energies on the health needs of the elderly, the poor and the sick but now with access to adequate funding.

Well, I did say that my ideas might raise a few eyebrows but sometimes, a crisis needs creative solutions.



HARD-WORKING: Minister of Health Lizzie Nkosi.

Wisdom and Wisdom

● "You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated."
-Maya Angelou

● "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
-Mandela

● "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."
-Abraham Lincoln

● "Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."
-Babe Ruth

● "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all."
-Helen Keller

● "Many of life's failures are people who did not realise how close they were to success when they gave up."
-Thomas A. Edison

● "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."
-Dr. Seuss

● "If life were predictable, it would cease to be life and be without flavour."
-Eleanor Roosevelt

● "The purpose of our lives is to be happy."
-Dalai Lama

● "Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans."
-John Lennon

● "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."
-Mae West

● "Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

● "Life is never fair, and perhaps it is a good thing for most of us that it is not."
-Oscar Wilde

● "The only impossible journey is the one you never begin."
-Tony Robbins

● "In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love."
-Mother Teresa

● "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."
-Albert Einstein

● "Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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VITALS

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| Prime Rate | 10.50% |
| First National Bank | |
| Inflation Rate | 2.0% |
| Central Statistical Office | |
| Mortgage Rate | 10% |
| Swaziland Building Society | |
| Bank Rate | 6.5% |
| Central Bank | |
| Petrol (u) | E12.80 per litre |
| Replacement | E12.85 per litre |
| Diesel | E12.80 per litre |
| Paraffin | E 9.15 per litre |
| Engen Garage | |

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 21 OCT 2019

| CURRENCY | BUY | SELL |
|-------------------------|------------|---------|
| US Dollar / SZL | 14.7690 | 14.8190 |
| British Pound/SZL | 19.0830 | 19.1476 |
| Japanese Yen/SZL | 7.3237 | 7.3465 |
| Swiss France/SZL | 14.9833 | 15.0279 |
| Botswana Pula/SZL | 1.3528 | 1.3678 |
| Australian Dollar/SZL | 10.1374 | 10.1732 |
| Canadian Dollar/SZL | 11.2474 | 11.2821 |
| Mozambique Meticals/SZL | 5.5211 | 5.5942 |
| Euro/SZL | 16.4770 | 16.5328 |
| Gold | 1,491.4000 | |
| Oil | 60.5 | |

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0% IMPORT DUTY FEE TO EXPORT GRAPEFRUIT TO TAIWAN

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

...Taiwan scraps 15 per cent import duty fee for Eswatini farmers

ESWATINI farmers will be pleased to know that the Republic of China (Taiwan) has introduced a zero per cent import duty fee for the exporting of grapefruit.

For the past years, farmers exporting the fruit have been paying about 15 per cent import duty free but it has since been scrapped for local farmers.

Worth noting is that about **E1 065 750** worth of grapefruits have been exported to Taiwan since the beginning of the year up to the end of September.

Economic Counsellor at the



EXPORTS: Eswatini farmers toiling the soil.

Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to the Kingdom of Eswatini, T Chen explained

during an interview that this was one of the incentives to boost agriculture in Eswatini.

"For a while, farmers had to pay a 15 per cent duty fee for grapefruits but that has been scrapped and farmers can export without having to pay duty fee."

Benefit

This is one of the benefits of Eswatini-Taiwan Economic Cooperation Agreement and we believe it will continue to reap positive results," he said.

Grapefruits are currently the only product though being exported to Taiwan at the zero per cent duty fee.

Other products exported by Eswatini to Taiwan include avocados, sweet potatoes, oranges, pineapples and nuts.

Eswatini, Indonesia relations an opportunity for global competitiveness

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

ESWATINI is expected to benefit much from the Indonesian economic cooperation.

Some of the areas to benefit in this are; achievement for economic diversity, global exposure and competitiveness, industrial revolution, human capital development, and achievement of sustainable development.

Following the Head of State's visit to Indonesia for the purpose of economic cooperation, the Southern African Research Foundation for Economic Development (SARFED), has congratulated His Majesty and the government for the countless efforts of strengthening economic development for Eswatini through diversity and international economic cooperation. In a statement released by the organisation yesterday, it was stated that instability of the SACU receipts, which has been one of the key sources of revenue for Eswatini, has always put the country under fiscal and economic threat.

SARFED states that, however, government's attempt to mitigate this challenge was seen in its creation of economic cooperation based on comparative advantage. "From a general perspective, it can be said that it is always wise to put strategic measure in place through diversity before it was too late.

"The country is expected to regain its momentum through international cooperation and diversity in the sense that it would trade and explore new

competitive markets globally where its commodities such as natural resources would not only be sold, but marketed as well," reads part of the statement.

It further highlighted that developed countries like Indonesia which is also the largest economy in Southeast Asia would play a critical role in exposing and marketing Eswatini products, especially the iron ore, and that this would be an opportunity for the country to attract other prospective investors who would wish to explore and other related in Eswatini.

Economies

"It is also wise to bear in mind that Indonesia is ranked as one of the top 50 most competitive economies in the world among the 140. The country demonstrated a competitive transformation process since 2007 whose spell over benefits would be beneficial to Eswatini.

"Economic competitiveness is what counts in the global market these days and the fact that Eswatini has been exposed to this through its sugar on the European market, the chances that it would even gain greater mileage in other natural resources like iron ore would be an additional benefit. Research indicates that countries that explored various areas of competitive advantage through diversity were mainly sustainable in nature. Therefore, the country's strategy of strategic international economic cooperation would work better in the long

run," it stated. It was also stated that another sector that Eswatini was likely to benefit from the Indonesian economic cooperation is the implementation of the fourth generation industrial revolution agenda.

"Indonesia enjoys the status of being classified as the 16th largest economy in the world by nominal GDP and the 7th largest in terms of GDP (PPP) whose one key sector of development was that of industrialisation. Eswatini would benefit in adopting to better and efficient production means such as automation technologies in the manufacturing sector. This would spur the production of essential goods and services which would eventually stabilise fiscal policy of the economy at the same time facilitate a smooth achievement of the 2030 sustainable development agenda," the statement says.

SARFED further highlighted that Indonesia's advancement in sustainable development is another area that would hasten development for Eswatini.

"As it is the global mandate that by 2030, every country will have to account for its contribution in promoting sustainability, hence the fact that the Indonesia's commitment to such policies would contribute to Eswatini's advancement of the development agenda."

The statement further touched on the issue of human capital, stating that the development of human capital

ital lied at the heart of any developing country like Eswatini.

It noted that research indicated that transfer and facilitation of strategic skills and technological knowledge among countries catalysed a mutual trend of economic growth.

"In this regard, Indonesia is Eswatini's strategic partner in the sense that it is has a vibrant business and work culture characterised with a high rate of technology adoption and technical know-how which would in return bring about competitive human capital development in Eswatini. The fact that the labour force was expanding at a higher rate, Indonesia would be a better learning platform in the advancement of Eswatini's human capital," the statement reads.



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INDIA PUMPS IN OVER E2.9m FOR LUBUYANE PROJECT

BY BAHLE GAMA

THE Government of the Republic of India has made an initial deposit of over E2 million towards Lubuyane Irrigation Scheme Project.

The Government of the Republic of India pronounced the financial support to the Kingdom of Eswatini on the Lubuyane Irrigation Scheme project through President Shri Ram Nath Kovind doing his official State visit to the Kingdom of Eswatini in April 2018.

Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza disclosed this information during the launch of Lubuyane Irrigation Scheme Project at Maphalaleni yesterday.

He said that the Government of India, through the embassy has since kept its promise and have made an initial deposit of E2 947 102 (US\$200 000) towards the project.

"The overall objective of the project is to contribute to eradicate food insecurity, while contributing to sustainable economic growth, as set out in the National Indicative Programme (NIP).

"In this project, 50 individual homesteads will benefit, and each homestead is expected to at least have one hectare of land installed with sprinkler irrigation (dragline system). More than 350 people will benefit directly from the project," he said.

He further stated that rainfall patterns were no longer predictable due to the impacts of climate change as a result this has significantly, negatively affected agriculture productivity under rain



INJECTION: Maphalaleni MP Mabulala Maseko, Brabeep Kumar, Ministry of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza and the High Commissioner of India Radha Venkataram having a conversation during the sponsorship launch. (Courtesy pic)

fed agriculture.

He added that this project was one of the adaptation strategies the ministry had continuously been engaged into in order to negate the negative impacts of climate change. Maphalaleni constituency is well-known for the high production of maize in the country. Thus, the community will be able to grow different crops throughout the year and not depend on rainfall.

"This donation has therefore come at the right time, when our government is experiencing financial challenges.

"The ministry has prepared a recov-

ery strategy that needs such funding in order to improve agriculture in the kingdom. Thus I will appeal to you your excellency to further support us in other areas," he said. The minister further appealed to the local community and Member of Parliament Mabulala Maseko that they were expected to work with the contractor in order for the project to be completed within the stipulated time. "Please assist them when they need help, especially with issues such as security for their properties and material they will be installing in the project," he added.

Eswatini Service Excellence Awards recipients grateful to customers

BY BAHLE GAMA

THE Eswatini Service Excellence Awards saw 40 awards being presented to different service providers in the country.

These included MTN Eswatini, Dixies, His Majesty's Correctional Services, Swazi Med, Eswatini Mobile, Woolworths, Standard Bank, CONCO and Spur The Gables amongst others. Interviewed after the event, the service providers expressed gratitude to the customers for their loyalty and nominating them for the awards. This is what some of the recipients had to say:



FOR OUR CUSTOMERS: Dixies staff members pose with their trophy.

EPTC staff on behalf of Petros Dlamini, EPTC MD

"Winning this award means a lot to us, but most importantly it means we have to keep delighting our clients by always exceeding their expectations. Our customers have trust in us, so we must not disappoint them; they always come first to us. We know that they are the reason we still exist even today. As we are going global, they should expect more from us."

Shane du-Plessis (Sales Director at Dixies)

"This award means a lot as it is a rewarding sign that our customer service training is working. As we deal with customers and clients of different characters, we have to adapt to ensure a welcoming and professional experience at Dixie's. We thank all our clientele for the continued support and promise to be the leading and innovative printers in Eswatini."

Chunky Mdluli-Dlamini (Genesis Mbabane)

"This award is an indication that our customers see value in what we do; We thrive in excellence all the time. Our motto is providing health care service to the nation. We will continue to provide excellent services to our esteemed customers because they make us who we are. We value and appreciate their support, in that notion we extend our gratitude and we promise to deliver the best at all times."

Matildah Chiwi (MTN)

"MTN Eswatini is known for excellence and it is an honour for us to know that customers appreciate the dedication and commitment MTN has put to improve service within our contact centre. We will continue to improve the contact centre service being offered to customers and we will continue to evolve and give them excellent service."

Xolile Magagula (Director at Molly's)
"First and foremost, we would love to thank all our customers for the love and support, without them we are nothing. Being a proudly Emaswati restaurant means that Swatis are capable and we are honoured to have been recognised for the passion, dedication and patience we put at Molly's. "We promise our customers the best customer service ever."

Ceb'sile Masuku (Quality coach at Swazi Med)

"We feel humbled, motivated and very grateful to our members for the support. This tells us that we should keep looking for what clients want and improve where necessary. Our clients are still happy with our services and they appreciate our services and the feedback we receive from our members will make us improve and give quality services. At times we should also give room for improvement and be innovative."

SRA PUBLIC LECTURE ON EEC TOMORROW

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

THIS year's Eswatini Economic Conference (EEC) diamond partner, the Eswatini Revenue Authority (SRA) will tomorrow afternoon host a public lecture, where delegates will be afforded an opportunity to get clarity on tax issues.

The EEC will take place at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre starting tomorrow until Friday. The conference is jointly hosted by the Eswatini Economic Policy Analysis and Research Centre (ESEPAC), the Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE), and the University of Eswatini (UNESWA). The theme for this year's conference is "Knowledge, Innovation and Development in Eswatini: Current and Future Prospects".

SRA Commissioner General (CG) Dumisani Masilela will be the main speaker during the lecture scheduled to start at 3pm. The CG will discuss a topic on Domestic Revenue Mobilisation; Current State and Opportunities for the Future.

This topic will cover, amongst other issues, revenue mobilisation in the government Strategic Roadmap, Current state of revenue mobilisation and international comparisons, tax compliance and international comparisons. Strategies the SRA is currently engaged in and the informal sector and tax revenue mobilisation. The public lecture was confirmed by SRA Director Communications Vusile Dlamini yesterday.

Issues

"Need to know more about issues such as submitting income tax returns online, tax compliance, and the role of the SRA in the implementation of the country's Strategic Roadmap? "This public lecture promises to be exciting and just the right platform for Emaswati and local businesses to receive more insight into the operations of the revenue authority, and its role in ensuring economic recovery and growth in Eswatini," he said. He added that the organisation would further host a workshop on Thursday, starting at 11am-1pm under the topic Innovation in Domestic Revenue Mobilisation.

ECC wins review case against Siyembili Motors, Ma Props

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

THE Eswatini Competition Commission (ECC) has emerged victorious following a ruling by the High Court where it dismissed an application by Siyembili Motors and Ma Props.

The ECC was cited as respondents in the matter, where Siyembili Motors and Ma props (PTY) Ltd, cited as the first and second applicants, respectively were praying for orders setting aside the decision of the commission that the sale between them constitutes a notifiable transaction and also declaring that the sale was not a notifiable transaction under the Act. This follows a transaction between the two in October 2017 where the first applicant sold two pieces of land within the Mbabane urban area to the second applicant. The ECC came to the conclusion that the said sale constituted a merger as defined by Section 35 of the Competition Act, 2007 and therefore ought to be notified to the commission.

The respondent, therefore called upon the first applicant to notify the transaction within 14 days from the 25th January 2019.

According to the judgment issued on October 17, the ECC had raised some points in *limine* and one such point was that the wrong procedure had been used by the applicants. "The respondents maintain that Section 40 of the Act prescribes the procedure to be followed in challenging decisions of the commission to be an appeal and not an application for review.

The respondent maintains that the provisions of Section 40 are peremptory and cannot be overlooked by the court," he said. In reaching the judgment, the court stated that, for the foregoing reasons the following order was made, the court had no jurisdiction to review decisions of respondent.

"In *casu* the applicants seek an order declaring the decision of the commission as incorrect and therefore that it be set aside.

"They also seek an order declaring that the transaction in question is not a notifiable one in terms of the Act. This would be clearly a review of the decision of the commission and the respondent maintains that his court has no jurisdiction to review decisions of the commission. It only has jurisdiction to hear appeals against decisions of the Commission.

Decision

In light of the Supreme Court decision cited above, it is abundantly clear that the applicants have used the wrong procedure in approaching this court for the remedy sought," reads part of the judgment. IT further stated that the respondent had challenged the procedure and sought that the case be dismissed on account of wrong procedure and sought that the case be dismissed on account of wrong procedure employed.

"The respondent is therefore entitled to a ruling based on its challenge of the proceedings. There is no doubt in my mind that indeed the wrong procedure has been employed and that the objection by the respondent ought to be upheld", it reads.



THE FSRA ON TUESDAY

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UNDERSTANDING the complexity of credit and its implications is the foundation of a better and improved financial well-being for consumers.

The awareness and protection of consumer interests in relation to credit and savings institutions is one of the main objectives of the FSRA.

What is Credit?

Credit means having the use of something before you pay for it. It adds flexibility to planning and makes it possible to pay for expensive items over a period of time. Credit comes in many different forms, and it is important to understand how each works so you can obtain the right type for your needs.

Secured Credit

This is commonly used to purchase a large item, such as a home, car, or appliance. An asset (most often the item purchased) called collateral secures the loan. If you do not keep the monthly payment arrangement, the creditor may reclaim the collateral. There are two types of secured credit:

- **Secured/closed-end** – With a secured/closed-end credit instrument, a set amount is borrowed up front, and you cannot borrow more from it later. The balance is usually repaid in equal instalments over a specific period of time. Mortgages and car loans are an example of this type of credit.

- **Secured/open-end** – With a secured/open-end credit instrument, you are given a credit limit, and you can repeatedly borrow up to that amount. With a secured credit card, you can usually borrow as long as the account is open. With a home equity line of credit, you can only borrow for a fixed period of time (called the draw period). The minimum required payment is typically based on the current balance (amount owed), so it can vary from month to month.

Unsecured Credit

This is credit extended without collateral (security). Because of the higher risk to lenders, unsecured credit generally carries a higher interest rate than secured credit. It can be:

- **Unsecured/closed-end** – Like with its secured counterpart, a set amount is borrowed up front, and the repay-

SECURED AND UNSECURED CREDIT



ment is typically made in equal, monthly instalments. An example is a debt consolidation loan.

- **Unsecured/open-end** – You are given a revolving line of credit that you can continue to borrow from as long as your account is in good standing. The minimum monthly payment is based on the current balance. Credit cards are the most common form.

What You Should Look For

Before you apply for credit, make sure you know what the terms of borrowing are, especially the following:

- **Annual percentage rate (APR)** – The APR is the annual rate of interest charged on the outstanding balance.

The lower it is, the lower the cost of borrowing. The APR can either be fixed, meaning it never changes, or variable, meaning it fluctuates

according to an index. For credit cards, a variable rate is common, as is charging a different rate for different types of transactions. (For example, the APR for cash advances is usually higher than the APR for purchases.) For mortgages and other large loans, a fixed rate is usually preferable because the payment is set.

- **Collection costs** – means an amount that may be charged by a credit provider in respect of enforcement of monetary obligations for a consumer under a credit agreement but does not include a default administration charge.

- **Default administration charge** – means a charge that may be imposed by a credit provider to cover administration costs incurred as a result of a consumer defaulting on an obligation under a credit agreement.

- **Initiation fee** – means a fee in

respect of costs of initiating a credit agreement, and-

- a) charged to the consumer by the credit provider; or

- b) paid to the credit provider by the consumer upon entering into a credit agreement.

- **Settlement value** – means the amount in respect of a credit agreement that is required to be paid on a particular date to satisfy all the financial obligations of the consumer to the credit provider, as calculated in accordance with Section 97 (2) of the Consumer Credit Act, 2016.

- **Early termination charge** – According to Section 97 (3) of the Consumer Credit Act, 2016 early termination charge means a penalty in the form of interest rate or otherwise charged for early settlement of a credit agreement.

What Creditors Look For

To get a credit, you must fill out and submit an application. While specific approval guidelines vary from lender to lender, many base them on:

- **Character** – Character refers to how responsible you are with repaying your debts. Most creditors judge this by looking at your credit report and/or score.

Your credit report tracks your credit activity: what accounts you have, how much you owe, your payment history, etc. Your credit score is a numeric summary of the information in your credit report and is formulated to predict the likelihood you will not repay what you borrowed. The two most important factors in your credit score are your payment history and level of debt (the higher the balance, the lower your score, especially if the balance is close to your credit limit).

- **Capacity** – Capacity refers to the ability to repay what you borrow. Creditors also consider what your current debt obligations are. If a creditor feels you do not have the capacity to pay back the amount you want to borrow, they may deny you or approve you for a lesser amount.

- **Capital** – Capital refers to the assets that you have. Basically, the creditor wants to know if you have savings or other assets that you can use to make your payments if you lose your job or experience something else unexpected.

- **Collateral** – Collateral is a property, surety or other asset that a borrower offers as a way for a lender to secure the loan. If the borrower stops making the promised loan payments, the lender can seize the collateral to recoup its losses.

New to Credit

If you are new to credit you may find it difficult to get approved for credit. However, if you are approved, the credit limit is often low, and the fees can be high. To establish your credit reputation, make sure that the creditor reports your account to the credit bureaus – if they don't, you won't be establishing a credit history. **For more information contact the FSRA at 2406 8000 or alternatively visit our offices at the 2nd and 5th Floor, Ingcamu (PSPP) Building in Mbabane.**

BEIJING - China's policy makers are preparing for two key policy meetings in the coming weeks with fresh evidence that sooner rather than later, the number for gross domestic product growth will start with a five.

Data released on Friday showed an economy expanding at just 6.0 per cent, the slowest in almost three decades, and with broad investment growth too tepid to rely on an upturn down the road.

People's Bank of China Governor Yi Gang responded to the data not by hinting at much greater stimulus in the pipeline, but by reminding investors that China's focus remains on keeping its heavy debt load under control.

China braces for economic growth to fall below 6%

Yi's comments may set the scene for a meeting of the Politburo, the Communist Party's top leaders, and the ensuing Fourth Plenum of the Party's Central Committee, a broader gathering that may mull longer-term questions of economic policy.

While those events could produce a shift away from the current targeted, moderate stimulus regime, there have been few signals to date of any change.

The leaders are "looking at a very long horizon," and that approach makes the headline growth rate – either above six per cent or slightly below it – not that important, Yao Wei, chief China economist at Societe Generale SA in Paris, said in an interview on the sidelines of the International Monetary Fund's annual meetings in Washington last week.

"They measure the policy scope by looking at the overall debt, by looking at how much risk there is

in shadow banking, in the housing sector and in inflation," Yao said. "Looking at all these things, they judge they actually don't have much scope from a long-term perspective."

So they're very careful about how to use it and when to use it."

Growth volatility is acceptable if other targets on employment, income and environmental protection are met, according to the top economic planning agency.

China is facing downward pressure and challenges, but the country is able to meet major economic targets for this year, the National Development and Reform Commission's spokesman Yuan Da said yesterday.

In the first three quarters of 2019, there were 10.97 million new urban jobs created, 99.7 per cent of the target for the full year, according to the Statistics Bureau.

News24

'IRP will cost SA R100bn more than planned'

JOHANNESBURG - The Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) 2030, the government's electricity blueprint up to 2030, is likely to cost the country R100 billion more, Peter Attard Montalto, the head of Capital Markets Research said, as reports emerged that initially the wrong version of the plan was gazetted on Friday.

The government unveiled the IRP 2030 on Friday, saying it was an electricity infrastructure development plan based on the least-cost electricity supply-demand balance, taking into account the security of supply and the environment.

In the plan, coal and nuclear remain the cornerstone of the energy mix despite the decommissioning of old power plants and the preference for renewables and gas. Mineral Resources and Energy Minister Gwede Mantashe said on Friday that the IRP aimed to develop adequate generation capacity under the current low-growth economic environment and when the economy improved to 4 per cent annual growth.

"Generation capacity must accordingly be paced to restore the necessary reserve margin and to be ahead of the economic growth curve at least possible cost," he said.

"It is not the least cost. The IRP lays out the least cost version and shows how the chosen policy costs the economy some R100bn more through higher tariffs than the least cost version. The IRP artificially pulls away from least cost through the imposition of annual



limits on renewables as such. While the increase in renewables is welcome it is still not as much as it could have been," Montalto said. Montalto charged that the plan said nothing on who should undertake the new renewable energy. He also said the plan's lack of detail on the accelerated decommissioning of coal meant that a green transition fund cannot not work. Funding from international financial institutions cannot be procured until the government does come forward with such a plan in the coming years. "The IRP is going to be seen as a tick for the market, but remains problematic and will have to be updated in a few years as demand growth

turns out to be lower and coal and nuclear are unworkable and a faster move to a just energy transition is required," he said.

"As such the energy system will remain very much in flux, and the IRP won't be able to be fully considered until we see the Eskom white paper next week, and indeed the debt solution in the medium term budget policy statement," he said. Mantashe said the integrated plan up to 2030 comprised of 1500 megawatts (MW) of generation from coal, 2500 MW from hydropower, 6000 MW from photovoltaic, 14400 MW from wind, 2088 MW from storage and 3000 MW from gas. *Business Report*

Ramaphosa to announce CEO for crisis-hit utility Eskom

JOHANNESBURG - South African President Cyril Ramaphosa said yesterday that the government will soon announce a permanent CEO for state-run Eskom, after the struggling power utility reintroduced rolling blackouts last week.

The crisis-hit utility, which produces more than 90 per cent of South Africa's electricity, has been hobbled by technical and financial woes, and implemented days of power cuts last week after a number of its generating units broke down.

Eskom's decision highlighted the challenge Ramaphosa faces in rescuing the State-run firm, whose problems hurt his efforts to restore investor confidence in South Africa and turn around a flagging economy.

In a statement, Ramaphosa said the return of power cuts underscored the urgency of action required, and the government will do all it can to restore Eskom to viability and tackle its 'daunting' level of debt.

The company's debt stood at more than 440 billion rand (US\$29.79 billion) in 2018/19, when the company reported a

mammoth 20.7 billion Rand annual loss.

"We will soon be announcing the appointment of a permanent Eskom CEO who, together with a strengthened Board, will be tasked with turning the entity around," he said, adding the person would be guided by a special paper on Eskom which would also be released shortly.

Specific measures he highlighted included the long-planned restructuring of Eskom into three entities, improving Eskom's credit rating and tackling the high levels of debt owed to the company by defaulting municipalities, government departments and individual customers.

Eskom said on Sunday that no power cuts were currently planned for yesterday, though the power system remained constrained and they could be implemented at short notice if necessary.

The utility's acting CEO, Jabu Mabuza, said last week that a new CEO for the company would likely be announced before the end of October.

Reuters



Digitisation of farming creating solutions

DURBAN - Digitisation of the agricultural industry was creating solutions that were fast becoming integral in farming practices with potential to improve the industry's economic impact.

Standard Bank's Head of Agribusiness Nico Groenewald said that precision farming, which refers to modern farming practices that make production more efficient, combined with larger and more effective planting and farming equipment, has made it possible to cultivate land more efficiently than before.

"While agriculture technology (Agritech) solutions are available to farmers, affordability is often a stumbling block. For example, this sophisticated equipment is likely to be out of reach for the average-sized grain operation as a sizeable capital investment is required," said Groenewald.

He added that technology was an ever evolving space and differed greatly from one farming activity to another.

Groenewald said that it was important that as the digitisation

of agriculture continued, farmers were forced to adapt to new practices and ways of thinking to stay competitive.

"That said, there are more economical digital technologies available to smaller scale farmers. These solutions don't require expensive equipment and can be applied in areas such as yield estimation, growth monitoring, soil fertility, crop stress, disease detection and weather forecasting."

Standard Bank Agribusiness said agricultural productivity was inherently unpredictable as the industry was to weather patterns or biological processes, which, if unfavourable, could impact growing conditions and crop production. *Business Report*

While agriculture technology (agritech) solutions are available to farmers, affordability is often a stumbling block

ESKOM, weak tax to raise SA's budget gap to decade high

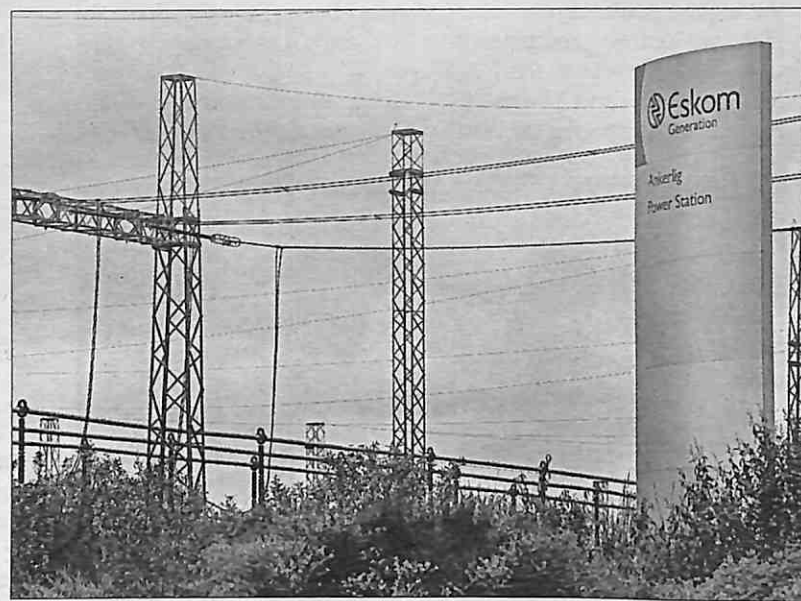
JOHANNESBURG - Billions in bailouts for South Africa's power utility will probably widen the budget deficit to the biggest since the financial crisis, threatening the nation's remaining investment-grade credit rating.

With the National Treasury's medium-term budget due for release towards the end of the month, economists in a Bloomberg survey expect a fiscal gap of 6.1 per cent of gross domestic product for this year as money for Eskom, the public broadcaster and national airline sap resources. That's compared with the Treasury's 4.5 per cent February estimate and would be the biggest gap since 2010.

Power shortages and policy uncertainty have damped economic growth and plunged business confidence to multi-decade lows, while the revenue service has struggled to meet tax estimates. Finance Minister Tito Mboweni reiterated in July that the bailouts will come at a cost to taxpayers, who have faced a series of tax hikes since 2015, including the first increase in VAT since 1993.

"We cannot rely on fiscal policy to stimulate the economy," Lullu Krugel, the Chief Economist at PwC, said by phone from Johannesburg. "If we see a global economic downturn, we don't have any buffer against it. There's no chance of spending ourselves out of it like we did in 2008 and 2009."

South Africa's R128bn three-year



package for power producer Eskom - the utility that's seen as the biggest risk to the economy will add to state liabilities and widen the deficit, Moody's Investors Service said last month. It's the only major ratings company that still assesses the country's debt at investment-grade.

Analysts are speculating that Moody's may cut the stable outlook on the Baa3 rating to negative because of rising debt and lower economic-growth projections, putting the country on the verge of another junk rating.

A downgrade would leave South Africa without an investment-grade ranking

for the first time in 25 years, and see the nation fall out of key debt gauges including the FTSE World Government Bond Index, prompting capital outflows.

Mboweni's policy statement needs to 'send a signal to rating agencies that the state remains committed to fiscal consolidation,' said Jeffrey Schultz, a senior economist at BNP Paribas South Africa. The economy needs non-interest spending cuts of more than two per cent of GDP to stabilise debt metrics 'today' although a 0.5 per cent reduction within a solid macroeconomic plan would make for a credible budget, he said.

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Mmusi Maimane on notice as Helen Zille returns to action

JOHANNESBURG - DA leader Mmusi Maimane is likely to face frustration and isolation within the party following the election of his predecessor Helen Zille as chairperson of the party's federal council at the weekend.

This is according to UNISA's political expert, Professor Somadoda Fikeni.

Fikeni maintains that soured rela-

tions, political and policy differences between Maimane and the former DA powerhouse could mean that his influence would wane in the party.

This comes as the DA on Sunday concluded its meeting of the party's federal council in which it discussed the review panel report which looked into the party's leadership and bad electoral performance at the May 8 general elections. "He might even be

rendered insignificant even when he is still in power. "Being the chair of the federal council, which deals with the core, the administrative part, Zille may actually criss-cross the country under the guise of trying to revive the DA's administrative systems, only to campaign for the next leadership that will suit her," Fikeni added.

Zille's victory against other contenders, who included Maimane's

ally Athol Trollip, has been viewed as leaving Maimane's political career hanging in the balance as she is said to be close to those who want him out. Zille, who enjoyed approval from the party's traditional support base, has openly questioned the policy direction of the DA under Maimane, saying she was forced to run for the post because the party was moving away from its liberal values.

Maimane on Sunday also indicated that he might not seek re-election

when the party holds an early congress next year if the official opposition rejected his vision at its upcoming policy conference. "I must deal with this policy conference because it (the policy conference) is coming up now and I actually want for our values and our principles to be given more life so that we can make a compelling offer to all South Africans. If that vision finds expression there, then you can lead," he said.

Political Bureau

Could the ANC take back Joburg?

JOHANNESBURG - The resignation of Johannesburg mayor Herman Mashaba might give the ANC another shot at trying to form a coalition to lead the city.

This is the view of political analyst Ralph Mathekga, who said the mere mention of Mashaba's resignation brought into question the state of the DA's coalition with other parties, including the EFF.

"Mashaba has put in personal effort to keep the coalition going. That coalition has significance for the Democratic Alliance, as it signifies the DA's attempts to grow outside the Western Cape. "If he leaves, the DA must make a new case for a growth strategy. The EFF might get out of the coalition with the DA, and this might affect Tshwane, too."

Mathekga said the ANC gained the highest percentage of votes in the last local government election - 44.5 per cent to the DA's 38.4 per cent - and Mashaba's resignation might give the ANC

another shot at forming a coalition to take charge of the city.

"The ANC has been trying to remove Mashaba as mayor and his resignation might put the ANC in a strong position to negotiate a coalition to lead," Mathekga said.

However, University of SA (UNISA) political analyst Prof Dirk Kotze said it was impossible to predict what would happen after Mashaba's resignation.

"The coalition agreement was between the DA and other parties, and not with Mashaba as a person. Strictly speaking, his resignation should not affect the coalition and the mayoral committee," Kotze said.

However, he said the resignation might have an effect if the DA no longer had the support of the EFF.

The question was whether there would be sufficient support for Mashaba's successor and whether the EFF, the DA's coalition partner, would support that candidate, said Kotze. *Times Live*

Herman Mashaba resigns from DA

JOHANNESBURG - Johannesburg Mayor Herman Mashaba has resigned as a member of the Democratic Alliance and will no longer serve as the mayor.

Mashaba announced his resignation yesterday at a wide-ranging press conference where he spoke of the difficulty of deciding to resign from the DA.

His decision follows the DA's federal council conference which saw the election of former Western Cape premier Helen Zille as the DA's federal council chair.

Mashaba has pointed to Zille's win as the reason behind his decision to step down, specifically what he calls a "win" by those within the DA who have broadly stood against his pro-poor policies.

He said it was not in his nature to quit, especially as a businessman whose business ventures thrived during the apartheid era.

Even with this history, Mashaba said he had no choice, even as a liberal. He said there was a faction within the DA that has been against his policies and has cost him support for his work as mayor of Joburg for the past three years.

Mashaba believes that his role as mayor could have been at risk, especially the coalition partnership with smaller opposition parties such as the EFF.

It has been reported that some within the DA believe it was a mistake for the party to get into partnership with the EFF in Joburg.

Mashaba disagreed and said these partnerships are part of South Africa's future.



DA leader Mmusi Maimane and City of Joburg ex-mayor Herman Mashaba.

He said some within the DA were against insourcing policies, those who believed race mattered less and those who did not believe in ending equality.

"It is for this reason that I have called this conference to announce my resignation from the DA. I will no longer serve as a councillor and as such cannot be mayor.

It is not in my nature to quit anything in life. I cannot be a willing participant in a process that is against the needs of the people of this city. I have had to choose between my party and my coun-

try," Mashaba said.

"I am forced to choose between my party and country, I will always choose my country first."

Mashaba ended his speech by boasting about his mayorship and the achievements which included the insourcing of workers in the city.

"Our multi-party partnership has achieved a lot".

Mashaba is likely to serve as mayor until end of November to allow for a successor to be found.

IOL



Malema, Ndlozi troll Athol Trollip

JOHANNESBURG - While the return of former DA leader Helen Zille has received mixed reactions, EFF leader Julius Malema and his party national spokesperson, Mbuyiseni Ndlozi, have been having fun trolling former Nelson Mandela Bay mayor Athol Trollip.

This comes after Zille defeated Trollip and MPs Mike Waters and Thomas Walters in a contested election on Sunday for the federal council chair

position.

Times Live reported that she replaces James Selfe, who announced in June that he would be stepping down.

Wasting no time after the news broke, Malema shared a meme that saw social media buzzing.

Ndlozi joined in on the joke by sharing two laughing with tears emojis.

Sowetan Live reported that DA provincial leaders in the Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Free State, Limpopo,

and Northern Cape were confident Trollip would win, saying he was the right man for the job.

Last week Trollip told the Dispatch Live he had made himself available for the position because of his "great affection for this party" and his belief that the DA "represents the only realistic alternative to the failing ANC".

"The challenges the DA is facing are centred on factional interpretation of what we are trying to achieve, which

is 'one SA for all' based on 'freedom, fairness, opportunity, and diversity'.

"Factionalism occurs when there is weak leadership and ill-discipline. I believe I can strengthen both," he said.

Trollip even threw shade at Zille's way, saying her time had "come and gone," Sowetan Live reported.

"I fancy my chances against Helen Zille. There's a Greek philosophy that says one shouldn't step in the same river twice.

She resigned of her own volition and handed over.

Times Live

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Ministry of Agriculture promotes commercialized goat farming

The Ministry of Agriculture and ESWADE have encouraged farmers to utilize goat production and commercialization opportunities that have been identified in the country.

This was communicated in a one-day workshop that was held at Edwaleni Farm Lodge. The workshop was attended by over 120 Smart Innovative Farmers and relevant stakeholders within the goat value chain which includes University of Eswatini (UNESWA), Centre of Financial Inclusion (CFI), Small Enterprises Development Company (SEDCO), Mashayinkonjane Meat Butcheries.

The Programme Director, Dr Xolani Dlamini who is also Director of Veterinary and Livestock Services highlighted that the main objective of the training was for information sharing so that farmers are able to produce according to the standards required by markets and also exploit other opportunities within the goat value chain.

Another objective of the meeting was to adopt a goat production model which seeks to address number of challenges experienced in the goat value chain in recent years such as inbreeding, poor nutrition and many more other challenges.

GOAT PRODUCTION MODEL DEVELOPED BY ESWADE IN COLLABORATION WITH MOA

Speakers during the workshop include Mr Tammy Dlamini who shared farmers experience, Dr. Vilakati (UNESWA) - Nutrition, Mr Thulasizwe Simelane (SEDCO) - Business Development, Dr. Thembi Ndlangamandla (MOA) - Goat Health, Mr Thulasizwe Dlamini (MOA) - Breeding, Mr Sandile Mbusi Sihlongonyane - Value Chain Development Strategy, Mr Sifiso Nhlengetfwa (Mashayinkonjane) - Slaughtering and Value Addition, Mr

Sibonangabo Sikhondze (ESWADE) - Goat Production Model, Mr Sicelo Manyatsi and Mrs Prudence Mnisi (CFI) - access to finance.

Gracing the training was the Minister of Agriculture, Honourable Jabulani Mabuza and the portfolio committee. In his speech Mabuza said government has made goat farming a priority. He also highlighted that since joining the agriculture ministry, he has learnt a lot about agriculture and now fully understands the opportunities and challenges facing the farming industry.

He also said that he has been reliably informed that the population of goats has increased to match that of cattle as just over 500,000 and 95% are in the traditional sector where they are kept for domestic meat, cultural and as a source of income.

He went on to say that the goat market is huge and therefore there is need to meet local demand and penetrate international markets "there is a good breeding population of goats on one side and an undersupplied market on the other side. What is missing is a reliable link, he said.

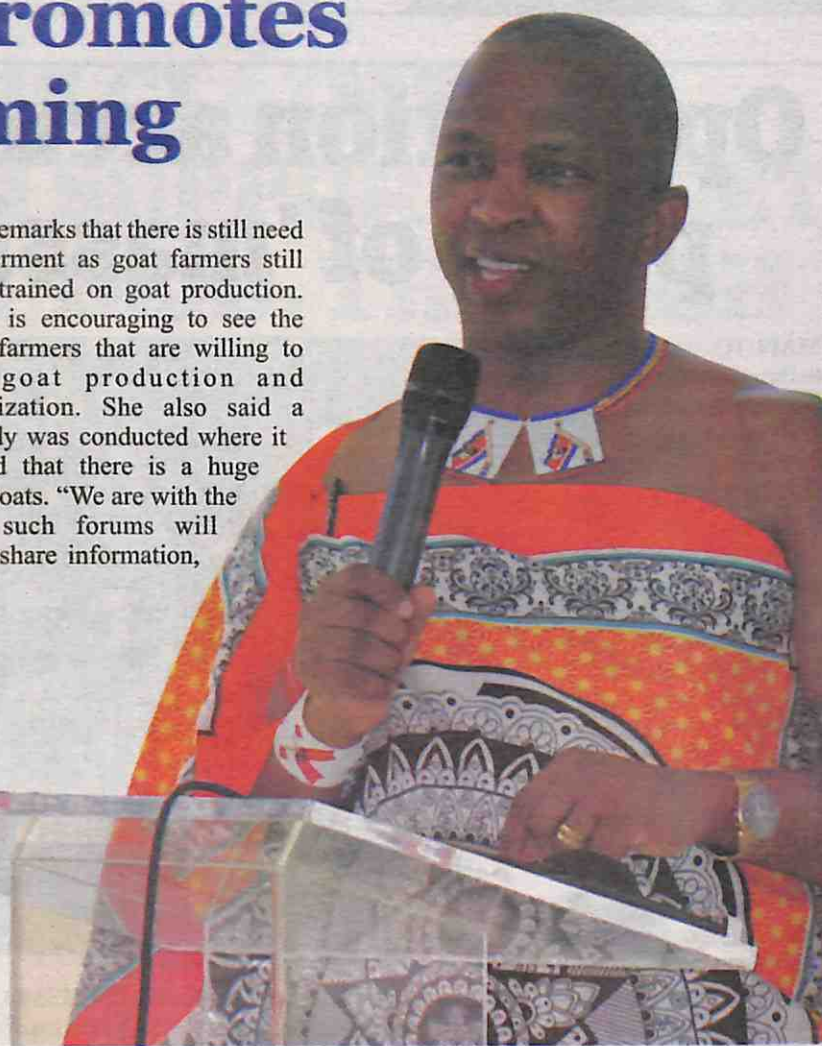
He highlighted that government's expectation is that with the said national goat population, this value chain should be able to produce a meat yield of 1500 tons annually to the formal market.

He implored farmers to produce goats in the quality and numbers required by the markets in order to make money. He further said as parents they should also engage and train the youth on farming practices as seemingly the youth has lost interest in this kind of practice.

In conclusion he thanked the participants for attending an event of this nature where information sharing was made a priority. He further said the biggest challenge facing the country was lack of information. He then encouraged the use of such forums for information sharing.

ESWADE's Lynn Kota highlighted in

her closing remarks that there is still need for empowerment as goat farmers still need to be trained on goat production. She said it is encouraging to see the number of farmers that are willing to promote goat production and commercialization. She also said a scoping study was conducted where it was realised that there is a huge market for goats. "We are with the hope that such forums will continue to share information, she said".



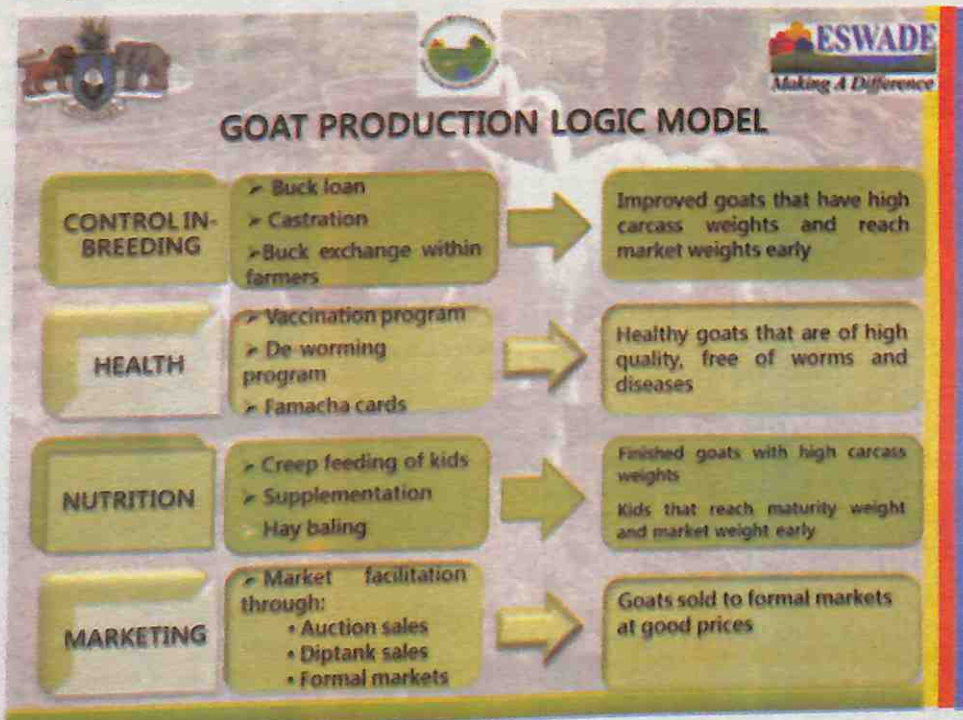
Honourable Minister for Agriculture Mr Jabulani Mabuza delivering his speech



ESWADE CEO Mr Samson Sithole following proceedings



The portfolio committee and on the far end is Ms Lynn Kota SMLP National Project Director.



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Opposition accuses Nyusi's party of 'massive fraud'

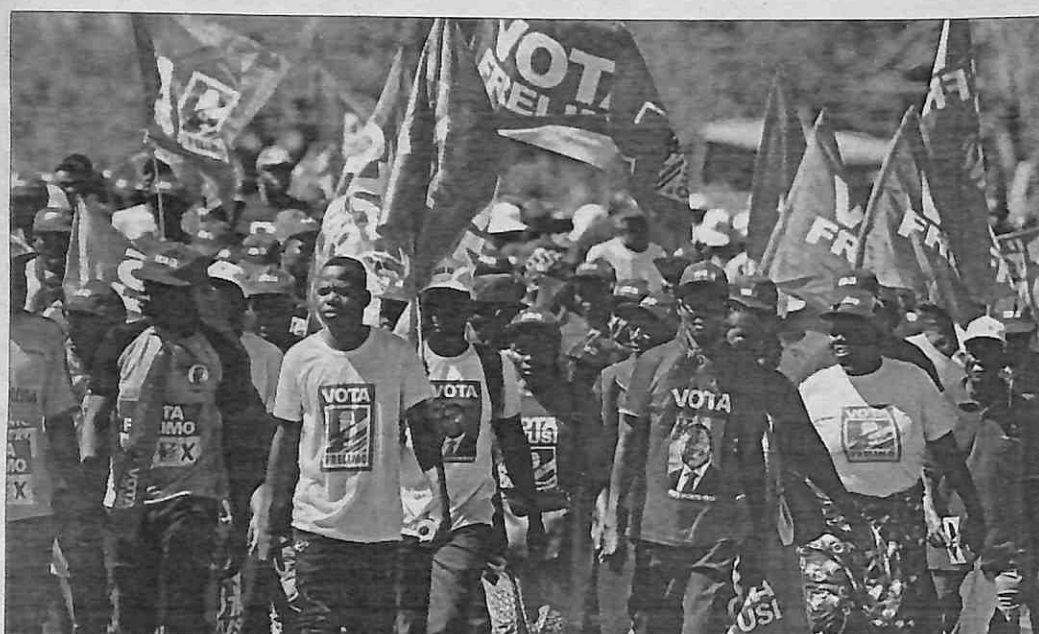
MAPUTO - Mozambicans took to the polls last Tuesday taking part in presidential, provincial and legislative elections, pitting the two main parties, FRELIMO and RENAMO against each other.

In this article, we highlight the election issues, presidential candidates, electoral guidelines and the process from voting to announcement of official results.

The main opposition party, RENAMO on Saturday accused the ruling FRELIMO party of violating a recently signed peace deal, by using 'violence and intimidation' to pursue political objectives.

With around 39 per cent of the votes counted from roughly 13 million registered voters, incumbent President Filipe Nyusi has taken a lead securing 68.85 per cent, while his main competitor Osufio Momade of the RENAMO party has racked up 26.20 per cent of the vote so far.

The Secretary General of RENAMO, Andre Magibire, said the party was unhappy with the way Tuesday's presidential, legislative and provincial elections



were carried out and that there had been "massive fraud".

FRELIMO's spokesman Caifadine Manasse said the elections were fair, free and transparent and would not affect the peace agreement.

This election was seen as make or break for the peace pact, which put a formal end to decades of hostility between RENAMO and

FRELIMO.

The two fought on opposite sides of a civil war that ended in a truce in 1992, but have clashed sporadically in the years since.

Magibire said RENAMO would hold a meeting on Monday to decide its next steps. The opposition Democratic Movement of Mozambique (MDM) denounced a "shameful electoral process".

In a statement issued on Friday, the MDM expressed its "indignation" and "rejection" of the electoral process. "We claim that there has been fraud," the party added, "these elections were neither fair, free nor transparent." The main opposition party, RENAMO has refrained from making any official comments since Tuesday's election. *Africa News*

I'm likely out of govt unity deal - Machar

JUBA - South Sudan's main opposition leader Riek Machar said on Sunday he will likely not be a part of a unity government in November.

Machar revealed this to a visiting UN Security Council delegation, thus dashing hopes of progress on peace process.

"We want to do this right, we want to do it right. So if we are not there on the 12th as President Salva (Kiir) had threatened that he will form the government on the 12th, I ask my colleagues here do not blame us. We have a volatile situation that we want to control. We want this country to be peaceful", Machar said.

But the UN Security Council is positive the issues identified by Machar can be solved by the deadline.

"The security council called on parties of the agreement to expedite the process of implementing transitional security arrangements, to continue consultations on the issue of the number and boundaries of states and to peacefully form the revitalized transitional government of national unity by November the 12th", the US Ambassador to the UN, Kelly Craft said.

In May, President Salva Kiir and Riek Machar agreed to form a unity government in six months. In September, both leaders said they will set up a transitional government by November 12 as part of the peace deal.

The pact has stalled. The government said it lacks finances to fund disarmament and integration of the army.

Reuters

Somalia aims to reduce poverty, pump up infrastructure

WASHINGTON - Somalia will press ahead with poverty reduction efforts and a major regional ports and corridors initiative if international creditors forgive the country's \$5 billion debt this February, as expected, the country's finance minister said on Sunday.

Finance Minister Abdirahman Duale Beileh said he was heartened by progress made during discussions with officials from the United

States, Somalia's biggest creditor, Britain, and others during the IMF/World Bank annual meetings this past week.

"Things are looking up... Everybody was positive," Beileh told Reuters in an interview.

He said US and other officials were pleased with Somalia's strong performance in hitting key benchmarks in a programme to work toward debt forgiveness.

International Monetary Fund

Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva on Saturday pledged the IMF's full support for Somalia's push for debt relief in the "near future."

The African nation has about \$4.7 billion in external debt, which the IMF has declared to be unsustainable.

The Fund is analysing the exact grants needed from members to address Somalia's debt arrears ahead of a board meeting in mid-November,

Beileh said.

Britain, the European Union and Qatar had offered to cover about \$150 million of the roughly \$330 million that Somalia owes the IMF, he said.

The US Treasury, which is owed \$1 billion by Somalia, had played a role in encouraging support from other IMF members, and was in talks with Congress about steps needed to erase the big bilateral debt pile. *Reuters*



REVEALED: Riek Machar.

BRIEFS

Navy rescues nearly 200 illegal immigrants

TRIPOLI - Libyan navy on Sunday said it rescued 196 illegal immigrants in two separate operations off the country's western coast. "A rubber boat with 89 illegal immigrants was rescued nearly 75 miles off the coast of Khoms city (some 120 km east of the capital Tripoli)," the navy's spokesman Ayob Qassem told Xinhua. Altogether 107 illegal immigrants were rescued on another rubber boat off the city of Zuwara, some 120km west of Tripoli, Qassem said. The rescued, including women and children, were provided with humanitarian and medical assistance and handed over to the Illegal Immigration Control Department, the spokesman added. *Xinhua*

Egypt to press for outside mediator

CAIRO - Egypt will push Ethiopia this week to agree to an external mediator to help resolve a deepening dispute over a giant hydropower dam being built on Ethiopia's Blue Nile, officials said on Sunday. Egypt sees the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) as an existential risk, fearing it will threaten scarce water supplies in Egypt and power generation at its own dam in Aswan. Cairo says it has exhausted efforts to reach an agreement on the conditions for operating GERD and filling the reservoir behind it, after years of three-party talks with Ethiopia and Sudan. *Reuters*

Togo leader validated

LOME - The main opposition party in Togo has validated its leader, Jean Pierre Fabre as a candidate for the presidential election scheduled for early 2020. His confirmation was held at a congress by his National Alliance for Change party on Saturday. "I accept to be the standard-bearer to achieve an alternative with you and real change," he said. For the main opponent of the current regime, it is important that Togolese fight "for reforms aimed at improving the electoral framework in the unity of action". "Together we will exert the necessary pressure to obtain what we call the improvement of the electoral framework," Fabre added. *AFP*

Drogba is new tourism ambassador

MADRID - Ivorian and African football legend Didier Drogba is the latest ambassador named by the world tourism organisation (UNWTO) to help promote responsible tourism in Africa and beyond. The secretary general of UNWTO Ambassador Zurab Pololikashvili made this announcement during the Côte d'Ivoire roundtable investment event in Dubai over the weekend. The Secretary General said, "It is an honour to have such legendary personality and ambassador for tourism and am sure we can promote tourism in Africa because the continent need more visibility, more promotion, and we could not find better person than Didier Drogba." *IOL*

Focus on World News

Global News

Canada vote too close to call

OTTAWA - Canadians voted in a general election yesterday with polling predicting a minority government as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party risks losing its majority or even being kicked out of office.

The Liberals and the Conservatives, led by Andrew Scheer, could be set for a near dead heat with pundits calling it one of the nation's closest elections ever.

But neither of the two parties that have led Canada since Confederation in 1867 is forecast to win enough support to secure an absolute majority of seats in parliament.

At final campaign stops in west-

ernmost British Columbia on Sunday, former golden boy Trudeau made an emotional appeal to voters to enable him to build on the achievements of his first term.

He warned against Scheer's pledged roll-back of environmental protections, including a federal carbon tax that discourages the use of large amounts of fossil fuels.

"We need a strong, progressive government that will unite Canadians and fight climate change -- not a progressive opposition," Trudeau told a rally in a suburb of Vancouver after whistle-stops in Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta.

AFP



CHIEF: White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney arrives to a news conference, in Washington.

Mulvaney's mis-steps draw scrutiny from Trump allies

WASHINGTON - For Mick Mulvaney, the hits just keep on coming.

First, President Donald Trump's acting chief of staff stirred up a tempest by acknowledging that the administration had held up aid to Ukraine in part to prod that country to investigate Democrats and the 2016 elections. Then Mulvaney went on television on Sunday to defend his boss in effusive terms -- and ended up making a new problematic comment.

Explaining why Trump had tried to steer an international summit to one of the president's own properties before giving up on the idea, Mulvaney said Trump 'still considers himself to be in the hospitality

business.' That did nothing to allay concerns that the president has used his office to enrich his business interests.

The book-ended performances over the span of a few days were panned by the president's allies and cast doubt on Mulvaney's job security at the White House.

Mulvaney denied on 'Fox News Sunday' that there was any consideration of his resignation, 'Absolutely, positively not.'

At a press conference on Thursday, Mulvaney tried to put a positive spin on Trump's selection of his Doral, Florida, golf resort to host next year's Group of Seven world summit.

AP

BORIS CLAIMS HAS ENOUGH SUPPORT TO GET BREXIT DEAL THROUGH

LONDON - Boris Johnson will attempt to rush his Brexit deal into law by the end of this week as ministers declared yesterday they believe it now has the support of a majority of MPs.

The prime minister is planning late-night sittings in the Commons and a special weekend session in the Lords as he attempts to pass the Withdrawal Agreement Bill.

Usually, it takes weeks for pieces of legislation to go through all their stages in the Commons and the Lords but ministers are desperate to get the deal into law ahead of a planned EU summit next Monday on whether to have another Brexit delay. In a boost for Johnson's plans, it was claimed on Sunday that 15 Labour MPs were ready to back the deal on Saturday -- enough to give the prime minister a Commons majority -- before plans for a yes-or-no vote were postponed.

Ministers now believe they have the numbers to force the package through, after three years of bitter wrangling and delays. But Labour and other opposition parties could yet join forces to wreck the process, with plots to trigger votes on a the support of the DUP could allow the customs union amendment to pass. Its Brexit spokesman Sammy Wilson yesterday warned Johnson the votes of its MPs were 'crucial on the issue of Brexit'.

He said the DUP 'does not seek a second referendum' but a Brexit where the UK leaves 'as one nation'. This opened the door to supporting the plan to keep



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the whole of the UK in the customs union, rather than creating separate arrangements for Northern Ireland.

Brexiters oppose the move because it would restrict Britain's ability to strike independent trade deals.

Sir Keir yesterday suggested Labour and the DUP could work together. Speaking on the BBC's Andrew Marr Show, he said: "I would openly invite the DUP to

talk to us. 'If you want to work with us to improve the situation we're in, our door is open to that discussion.'"

Some of 21 rebel former Tories, including former chancellors Philip Hammond and Ken Clarke, could back the customs union plan. Clarke tabled a similar proposal that was narrowly by just three votes in April.

Daily Mail

'US, South Korea must present new solutions for conflict'

BEIJING - The United States and South Korea must produce new solutions for the current stand-off on the Korean Peninsula, a senior North Korean military official said yesterday, warning that hostile policies towards Pyongyang would lead to serious consequences.

The remarks add to recent comments from Pyongyang expressing discontent at the lack of progress in its negotiations with Washington.

This month North Korea issued a veiled threat about ending the freeze in long-

range missile testing amid continued economic sanctions and pressure aimed at pushing it to give up its nuclear and ballistic missiles programmes.

Kim Hyong Ryong, North Korea's Vice Minister of the People's Armed Forces, said at the Xiangshan Forum in Beijing that North Korea has worked to build lasting piece but that the situation has relapsed into a "dangerous, vicious cycle" of exacerbating tensions because of the actions of the US and South Korean governments.

"Though it has been more than one year

since the DPRK-US joint statement was adopted, there is no progress in improving bilateral relations between the two countries, completely because of the US' anachronistic, hostile policies against the DPRK," Kim said, referring to his country by the initials of its formal name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

He also accused South Korea of a 'double-dealing attitude' in continuing to carry out military drills with the US and buying advanced military equipment.

Reuters

BRIEFS

Turkey's Erdogan rejects Trump's 'don't be a fool'

ANKARA - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan trashed a letter from Donald Trump which urged him not to 'be a fool' over Syria, it was revealed today.

Turkish officials told the BBC that the letter was 'thoroughly rejected' by Erdogan last week, who promptly placed it in the trash and considered it 'the final straw'.

In Trump's October 9 letter, written as Erdogan's forces prepared to cross into Syria, the president wrote: "History will look upon you favourably if you get this done the right and humane way. It will look upon you forever as the devil if good things don't happen. Don't be a tough guy. Don't be a fool!" *Daily Mail*

Prince Harry, Prince William 'on different paths'

LONDON - Prince Harry has admitted he and his brother are now 'on different paths' and have 'good days' and 'bad days' in their relationship.

The Duke of Sussex has been plagued by rumours in recent months of a rift between him and Prince William, and in an interview with ITV he acknowledged that "inevitably stuff happens" given their high-profile role and the pressure the family faces.

Speaking during his recent tour of southern Africa with his wife Meghan Markle, he said: "We are brothers.

We will always be brothers."

AFP

Morales narrowly wins first round election

SUCRE - Evo Morales, seeking a controversial fourth term, led Bolivia's presidential election race on Sunday but faces a historic second round run-off against opposition rival Carlos Mesa, partial results showed. Morales had 45 per cent of the vote to Mesa's 38 per cent, the Supreme Electoral Tribunal announced, with most of the votes counted. Elected Bolivia's first indigenous president in 2005, Morales has won his previous elections in the first round, never having to contest a run-off. The former cocoa farmer and leftist union leader has led the poor but resource-rich Latin American country for the past 13 years, though his popularity has waned amid allegations of corruption and authoritarianism. *AFP*

PM under pressure over Catalan protests

MADRID - Spain's Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez faced sharp criticism on Sunday for his handling of violent Catalan separatist protests ahead of next month's general election, even as calm returned to Barcelona and other cities.

Hundreds of people packed a square in front of Catalonia's regional government headquarters in Barcelona for a rally by the centre-right, pro-union Ciudadanos party.

They called on the government in Madrid to restore order in Catalonia and defend the rights of Catalans opposed to independence. Many waved Spanish, Catalan and European Union flags and chanted 'Viva Espana!' *AFP*

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CLEOPATRA WINS BIG IN TEXAS

● Scoops The Rising Star of the Year and Best Duo of the Year gongs

BY DELISA THWALA

COUNTRY music first lady Cleopatra Methula, aka Miss Roses bagged two awards at the Texas Country Music Awards.

Miss Roses scooped two gongs at the event; The Rising Star of the Year and Best Duo of the Year awards. Speaking to the Entertainment Desk, the singer sounded elated and over

the moon with her wins.

"I am more than humbled and excited with this win," expressed Methula.

She also thanked Texas Sounds for a great experience and all round training on being a country musician.

"I am happy we got the opportunity to be part of the awards. With over 15 musicians and bands from all over the world, we are blessed to be bringing two awards back home," said the elated Methula.

Back home the singer was congratulated by the SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini who said as an art fraternity, they were truly happy for the singer.

"We knew she would bring it home, this was a matter of confirmation. She is surrounded by country music pioneers and mentors who have her interest at heart.

Excited

We are very excited about her journey, she has made us proud and we wish her more," said Dlamini.

The Texas Country Music Awards was produced for the third year in a row by well-known record producer Chad Mauldin of Mauldin Productions from Gilmer TX, alongside the second year Executive Director Chris Romain of Jett Danger Entertainment and Split Window Studios.

The event kicked off with the Red-Carpet interviews at 3pm on Saturday and hosted by TCMA's Kris Young assisted by Erin Wilde of 92.1 Hank FM.

The main awards ceremony began at 6pm with greetings from TCMA Founders, Executive President and Vice President Linda and Richard Wilson, followed by a video welcome from Red Steagall.

The opening prayer was offered by Christian Country Artist and Christian Country Songwriter award winner Justin Todd Herod, and a video was sent from Neal McCoy leading the Pledge of Allegiance.



TO COMPETE: K.I.M Director Velile Dube with her dancers.

K.I.M bags another international competition

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

KIDS in Motion dancers are set to compete at yet another international competition in Porec, Croatia next year.

This was confirmed by K.I.M Director Velile Dube, who revealed the list of ballet dancers who will compete at the international competition.

The travelling ballet dancers include the director herself and other eight girls ranging between the ages of one to 10.

The International Dance Fest Porec Finals will run from April 22 and 29 next year.

"By participating in the Dance Fest Porec Finals, they will have

the unique opportunity to perform for, and be judged by the Entertainment Industry's top agents, dancers, casting directors, managers, choreographers, photographers, promoters, publishers and producers and become part of an elite group of performers," said Dube.

Dancers

This international competition is attended by dancers from over 25 countries.

"We are still welcoming any form of help from everyone who is willing to help for the trip including corporate companies," Dube shared. She also added that Talent Africa made it happen hence team Eswatini has made it through to the international competition.

MTN Bushfire ticket outlets activated

BY DELISA THWALA

THE MTN Bushfire team brought their fire yesterday as they activated the MTN Bushfire ticket outlets at the MTN Service Centre in Mbabane.

Fans of the festival who purchased their Phase one tickets were treated to prizes such as MTN backpacks, caps and cooler bags.

They also got a chance to meet the MTN and MTN Bushfire teams as they asked questions about the festival.

Festival goers were notified that physical tickets at the MTN outlets can only be purchased using cash. However, fans can also get their tickets using bank cards from The Gallery at House on Fire.

Speaking to the House on Fire Communications Officer Phiwoyinhlanhla Dhlamini during the tickets activation, she said the purpose of the activation was to kill the stigma around Bushfire which is being an event that excludes Emaswati.



LAUNCHED: (r) MTN Bushfire Festival and House on Fire Director Jiggs Thorne poses with MTN Eswatini and MTN Bushfire Festival teams during the ticket activations held at the Corporate Place in Mbabane yesterday. (Pics: Delisa Thwala)

"MTN Bushfire is authentically an Eswatini event, we also cannot run away from the fact that it is a festival that has attracted tourists from beyond our borders, this is a global event if I may put it. "With this activation, today we are welcoming everyone to buy the tickets while they are still cheap and have not run out," expressed Dhlamini. MTN Bushfire fans can get this phase of reduced ticket prizes and

camping tickets for the Bring Your Own camping option from MTN Service Centres at the Corporate Place and Bhunu Mall in Manzini. Tickets are also available at Shaks Gables at The Gables in Ezulwini and at The Gallery at House On Fire in Malkerns. Campers can also visit www.bushfire.com to choose from a wide range of camping options to suit their festival desires.

Nichola for Bahle Art Gallery Exhibition

BY DELISA THWALA

NICHOLA Cass Johnston will on Thursday showcases her fine art at Bahle Art Gallery before art devotees and pioneers.

Hosted by Bahle Art Gallery, the exhibition is

dubbed 'Black and White in Colour'. This was confirmed by the artist yesterday. She said she was looking forward to share her art with everyone who is an art lover. "Most of my art-work is abstract pieces. Paintings and mixed media is basically an exhibition for the public to be exposed to a

variety of art-works and an opportunity to them to purchase art pieces," said Johnston.

Shared

Furthermore, the art master shared that she has been doing art for as long as she could remember.

"It started back in school, where I would draw just to

pass time, anything art was my favourite. I fully ventured into art after I realised it is my passion and I could do it for real," further shared the art lover.

She also encouraged other artists to follow their passion and not give up until their art opened doors for them.



GREETINGS: Isibaya actor Judas Ngwenya greeting fans.

BY MBONO MDLULI



LOVED: Isibaya actor Qaphela Ngwenya was also well received by his fans.

A cultural festival was graced by over 10 actors and musicians who not only attended but shared about the importance of culture.

The festival was basically Ummemo at Mgobodze in the Mpumalanga Province, where the Mawewe Traditional Council Umphakatsi is situated.

The actors were invited by the Chief of the area, Khulile Mkhathshwa. The presence of the actors brought untold joy to the residents of that area and the delegation from Eswatini, which was sent to grace the occasion by His Majesty King Mswati III. About 1 500

OVER 10 CELEBRITIES GRACE MAWEWE UMMEMO

people attended the event.

The actors included those from popular Mzansi Magic soapie *Isibaya*. These were (listed as their stage names) Judas Ngwenya, Skhaleni, Qaphela, Ntandane, Mpiyakhe Zungu and Pam. Others were Nkunzi, MaNgcobo, Dokotela, and Sbu from SABC 1 soapie *Uzalo*.

Others included Bash from *Rhythm City* (on e-TV). The actors literally stole the show when they arrived at the area to be part of the event. Musicians Arthur Mafokate, Mlindo, and Chomee also performed at the event and they thrilled attendees.

The cultural festival commenced at noon and the actors started arriving at 12:30pm. No one announced the arrival of the actors, but the audience was quick to note their arrival. Screams from all corners were heard in appreciation of the actors. Masotja Msiza, who plays Nkunzi Mhlongo on *Uzalo* was leading the performers, and he was the first to be spotted. The audience went wild as they screamed on top of their voices. While screaming for Nkunzi, they realised that he was part of popular actors. That nearly caused chaos as the crowd was happy to mix with their favourite actors and musicians.



LOVED: Isibaya actor Ntandane dancing before making his remarks. This was during Ummemo held at Mgobodze in the Mpumalanga Province.



PERFORMING: Mlindo The Vocalist performing.

Upon seeing that the situation was getting out of hand, the South African police moved swiftly to calm it. They roped in the community police as well. The attention was no longer on the event itself, as it was taken away by the thespians.

Programme Director Olga Malinga, who is a member of Liqoqo, called the actors to the stage to greet the traditional leaders and the rest of the attendants.

Thunderous screams followed upon seeing the artists take to the stage. Each one of them was given an opportunity to greet and the audience was happy. All the actors emphasised on respect of cultural values and traditions.

They also spoke against xenophobia, racism and tribalism, pleading with everyone to stop such habits because they did not help anyone in any way.

Chief Khulile Mkhathshwa thanked the actors for honouring the invite. She also expressed gratitude to her guests whom she invited them to be part of the event.

Mkhathshwa said it was important for artists to honour such events because the people, especially the youth idolised the actors and musicians. "If Arthur says drugs are not good, the people will listen. If Nkunzi says xenophobia must be stopped, the people will listen. It is important for us to invite them to these

events because their messages are powerful," Mkhathshwa said.

On the following day, the Eswatini delegation expressed gratitude to Mkhathshwa for such an opportunity to be part of the historic event. Indvuna Lutfwacula Fakudze said some of them had never met the actors, but because of Mkhathshwa's efforts, they were able to mix with them.



Benjamin Dube's 'Glory In His Presence' Eswatini tour tickets out

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

TICKETS for Benjamin Dube's 'Glory in His Presence' tour to be held on November 30 at Metropolitan Church in Manzini have hit the market.

This was confirmed by Leserato Events' PRO Lerato Mtshali, the newly-appointed PR and Marketing Consultant for the company.

Other ticket outlets are all Mgavuzi stores, Ocean Basket, and Galito's eateries at E200 per general pass and E500 for the VIP.

The celebrated SA gospel music singer recorded the seventh instalment of his

widely-revered 'In His Presence' album series live at Sun Arena Times Square in Pretoria in July.

Sold

This was a sold out show where about 8 000 tickets were sold. The CD for this project was released in September, with the DVD coming out on Friday.

Loved by audiences of every age and background, Dube's previous offerings include 'In His Presence', 'Worship In His Presence', 'Healing In His Presence', 'Renewal In His Presence', 'Sanctified In His Presence', 'Victorious In His Presence', and now 'Glory in His Presence'.

The 'Glory in His Presence' album

features a number of well-known artists including: Vashawn Mitchell, Jekalyn Carr (both from USA), Khaya Mthethwa, Mahalia Buchanan, Putuma Tiso, Hlengiwe Ntombela, Dube Brothers, Unathi Mzekeli, Faith Mussa (Malawi), Liesl Penniken, Collin Damans, and many more.

Released

This is a 25 track album with two discs, and the lead single 'You will never leave me' featuring Khaya Mthethwa has amassed over 480 000 YouTube views over the last three weeks.

"The Eswatini Tour is only the second to ever happen since the release of the album, with Durban having been the first on the tour this past Saturday.

"We encourage people to get to the outlets immediately to secure their tickets to avoid disappointment. 300 VIP tickets have been allocated for this event and we want the people to enjoy the benefit of being part of this section.

"We are excited to be part of this history and are looking forward to being part of this great night with one of the greatest gospel musicians of our time," shared Mtshali.





Celebville

International Celebrity News

Mashaba wins big as Limpopo celebrates its talent

LIMPOPO - Gospel sensation Winnie Mashaba reigned supreme at the third annual Limpopo Music Awards (LIMA) at the weekend. For her latest album, *The Journey with Winnie Mashaba*, celebrating her illustrious 20-year music career, the 38-year-old singer scooped Best Traditional Gospel Artist at the awards held at the Meropa Hotel & Casino in Polokwane. She won the award for a third consecutive year.



WINS: Winnie Mashaba.

Mashaba looked ravishing in a red gown designed by Manyaku Mositsa.

"It's an overwhelming feeling. I think I'm on the right track if people trust me with the traditional gospel award. It means I'm doing something good and I'm motivated to do even more," Mashaba said. "My fans were waiting for me at the show to hold my award because it's really theirs. So, we sang together and celebrated. It was just an amazing mood." (*Sowetan Live*)

Dancer Radebe's dream comes true

CAPE TOWN - For four seasons, Johannes Radebe has been competing in both the South African and British bouts of popular celebrity dance series, *Strictly Come Dancing*. While he has not taken the iconic Glitterball trophy home, he is not backing down in the 17th season of the UK version. While *Strictly Come Dancing* was not a pursuit Radebe could have imagined as a child, it has become a platform for him to strive in the world. "I'm liv-



DREAMS: Dancer Johannes Radebe and his partner Cath Tyldesley.

ing in a sparkling world," he enthuses. The Free State-born dancer credits his perseverance as the winning recipe of his road to success. The opportunity has been one of many career-defining moments for Radebe who shares his excitement of being on the *Strictly Come Dancing* UK stage, not only with his fellow cast mates but the many celebrities they have danced with, especially Australian-born pop star Kylie Minogue. (*Sowetan Live*)

Cabello, Biebers, young Hollywood crash Watt's birthday

HOLLYWOOD - If half of Hollywood's elite were in Rhode Island this weekend for Jennifer Lawrence's wedding, then the other half was almost certainly at Andrew Watt's birthday party in L.A. Tonnes of celebs were out in force on Saturday night to attend the musician/producer's 29th born day at an exclusive house party in Benedict Canyon, where it basically became a parade of star power for the young and famous as folks made their way home one after



BIRTHDAY BOY: Andrew Watt.

another. Justin and Hailey Bieber were there, as was Camila Cabello (sans Shawn Mendes), Jared Leto, Miguel, Diplo, Brooklyn Beckham, Josie Canseco, Kaia Gerber, Kelly Osbourne, Travis Barker, Luka Sabbat, Jasmine Tookes and lots of other whipper-ish snappers. Adam Levine was there too, BTW - he performed on stage, alongside the Foo Fighters' Taylor Hawkins and Chad Smith and Josh Klinghoffer of the Red Hot Chili Peppers. (*TMZ*)

Quaid's girlfriend appears to flash engagement ring

HOLLYWOOD - Dennis Quaid seems ready to walk to the altar again -- the guy's reportedly engaged to his WAAYYY younger girlfriend, and we got what looks like the first photo of the ring. TMZ has obtained a photo of Dennis with his 26-year-old GF (and now, apparent fiancée) Laura Savoie holding up her left ring finger, which has a giant rock on it. We're told this photo



COMMITTED: Quaid's girlfriend Laura spotted with the ring.

Laura's a grad student at the University of Texas. (*TMZ*)

Fashion world beckons for Mbali Maphumulo

PRETORIA - Actress Enhle Mbali Maphumulo is putting the finishing touches to her debut fashion collection set to showcase in a week. As *Sowetan* first reported in February, Maphumulo will launch her label at SA Fashion Week. She will showcase the collection tomorrow. Maphumulo told *Sowetan* last week that the collection will have 30 pieces. "I'm



NEW COLLECTION: Actress Enhle Mbali

getting new fabric today because I want to change designs. I want to be happy with what I offer people. I want it to be fresh and playful," she said. "I want it to be something you can wear from office to a party. I think designers sometimes design for themselves and art, forgetting that people buy clothes and they want to keep them as long as possible." (*Sowetan Live*)

Malcolm X distances himself from fake Twitter account

PRETORIA - Malcolm X has urged followers not to be duped by a fake Twitter account, using his name to advertise sex parties at R500. The businessman, who is known for his charity work, reposted a screenshot of the advert on Instagram.

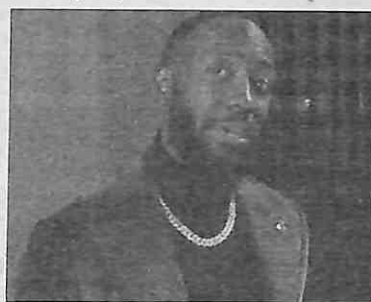


NOT ME: Malcolm X.

It invited people to book their place at a sex party for R500. "I have nothing to do with this Malcolm X @Tall_DarkUgly Twitter account, its creators and content, including their sex parties," Malcolm said. He also shared a screenshot of his real Twitter account, saying: "The one above is mine that I created and never used, as in I've never been active on it." (*Times Live*)

Morris detained for filming cops arrest his friend

HOLLYWOOD - 'New Girl' star Lamorne Morris was handcuffed by cops as he filmed them arresting his friend outside a club in Hollywood. Lamorne's friend got into it with security at Avenue nightclub on Saturday night. His friend was bleeding from the face when cops arrived, and they cuffed and arrested him. Lamorne did not understand



DETAINED: 'New Girl' star Lamorne Morris.

why his buddy was busted, saying his friend was the one who was attacked. As the actor filmed the arrest on his cellphone, a cop manhandled him, placed him against the wall and handcuffed him. Lamorne says he was told he got in the cops' space, a justification he scoffed at. He was eventually let go but was super angry. (*TMZ*)

Suge Knight signs life rights over to Ray J

NEW YORK - Suge Knight could be in prison for the rest of his life, but he doesn't want to go out a broke man, so he's entrusting Ray J to cash in on his name. Sources close to the former Death Row Records boss tell *TMZ*, he's signed over his life rights to Ray, with the expectation he'll make the right decisions with Suge's story and make some money for him and his family while



LIFE RIGHTS: Suge Knight with Ray J.

Shakur and there are discussions of bringing Death Row back. (*TMZ*)

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



NOWHERE TO GO: Phumelele

With nowhere else to go, Phumelele turns to Jabu for refuge. Iris is more than happy to accommodate her. Melusi and Thokozani have a huge fall out when Melusi blames their mother for all of their family problems.



TODAY



TAILSPIN: Nina.

Majola is thrown further into a total tailspin by Nina. Gatanga breaks a heart. Lefa and Sechaba complicate Phindi and Kgothalo's plans.



TODAY

Mulalo is determined in proving Tenda's involvement in the corruption. KK resorts to lies just to make a better impression on Kgosi. Vhangani faces a royal disciplinary hearing.



CORRUPTION: KK.



TODAY

Rene and Mark butt heads over their secret, but Mark has another big surprise. Mapula is caught between Banele and Gift. Kop tries to make it up to Lefa.



MAKING UP: Lefa.

MEME OF THE DAY

This December when we take you out and you decide to go to the bathroom, you leave your weaves and wigs behind, skhathale



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Consider cooking dinner for a large group tonight. Ask everyone to pitch in some money and you'll be surprised at the fantastic masterpiece you can create with just a small amount of effort on your part. Set the table with candles and add good music in the background. Even if a dinner party doesn't sound like a fun idea now, take a leadership role in whatever events come your way.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

You're competing with someone today as you fight for dominance in a situation. The unspoken battle has begun, and the war won't end until you've successfully claimed your victorious position as ruler of the mountain. Defend your territory if you feel that someone is stepping on it. If you don't make it known that you're the boss, someone else surely will claim that spot.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

Once you take the first step today, the rest of the way will be a piece of cake. Before you know it, you'll have completed the entire marathon with very little sweat on your brow. The one thing to watch out for is that you don't run over anyone in your dash to the finish line. Be careful of the runners beside you and treat them as friends and supporters instead of opponents.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

You could feel a great deal of pressure from the people around you to join in their festivities. Perhaps you're being lured into the frenzy of activity. Don't feel like you have to be a part of the party if you don't want to be. The worst thing for you to do would be to pretend that you're interested when you aren't.



Aries March 21 – April 1

You may have so much fun today that you forget to check on the happiness of the people around you. You should feel quite a surge of strength because of the energy of today, but realise that other people may have a hard time keeping up with your fantastic pace. Stop and take a break in order to allow other people to catch up.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

You may not be terribly impressed with the activity going on around you, but that doesn't mean you have to be miserable because of it. This isn't the time to sit back and let others take the lead. If you see something you don't agree with, step up and make it known. Do what you can to change the course of events by letting your powerful voice be heard.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

There's a trajectory of truth to maintain today. If you try to go against the flow, you'll have a difficult time achieving your goals. You're much better off setting your sights on something downstream so that you can utilise the incredible force that already has a great deal of momentum behind it. There's no need to reinvent the wheel on a day like this.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

In many respects, the energy of the day can't get much better for you. It's up to you to direct this energy into action that will nourish your soul. There's a great deal of power and strength behind your emotions. You should make sure that you carry this good feeling with you into every situation from now on.



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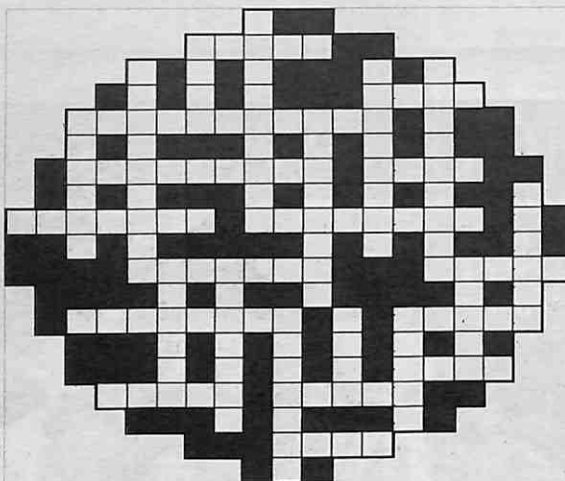
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PUZZLE CHOICE

Global Word-Fit 08

Can you fit the words from the list correctly into the grid?



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UTAH

7 LETTERS

AUGUSTA
BEIJING
URUGUAY
YUCATAN

8 LETTERS

HONDURAS
PARAGUAY
SRI LANKA
TRINIDAD

9 LETTERS

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SANTORINI

11 LETTERS

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5 LETTERS

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SPAIN

6 LETTERS

AUSTIN
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LOL
Laughing at Loud

BEWARE OF DOG

Upon entering the little country store, the stranger noticed a sign saying "DANGER! BEWARE OF DOG!" posted on the glass door. Inside he noticed a harmless old hound dog asleep on the floor besides the cash register. He asked the store manager, "Is THAT the dog folks are supposed to beware of?"

"Yep, that's him," he replied. The stranger couldn't help but be amused. "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?" "Because," the owner replied, "before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

DID YOU KNOW

- Barcelona is home to hundreds of playgrounds for seniors.
- In Switzerland, it's illegal to own only one guinea pig.
- Foreign Accent Syndrome is a rare side effect of brain trauma.
- Queen Elizabeth II has had over 30 corgis in her lifetime.

MOVIE QUIZ
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The MOVIE QUIZ

Friday's Quiz

- Actress best known for her roles in 'As Good as It Gets,' and 'Twister.'

Answer:
A. Helen Hunt.

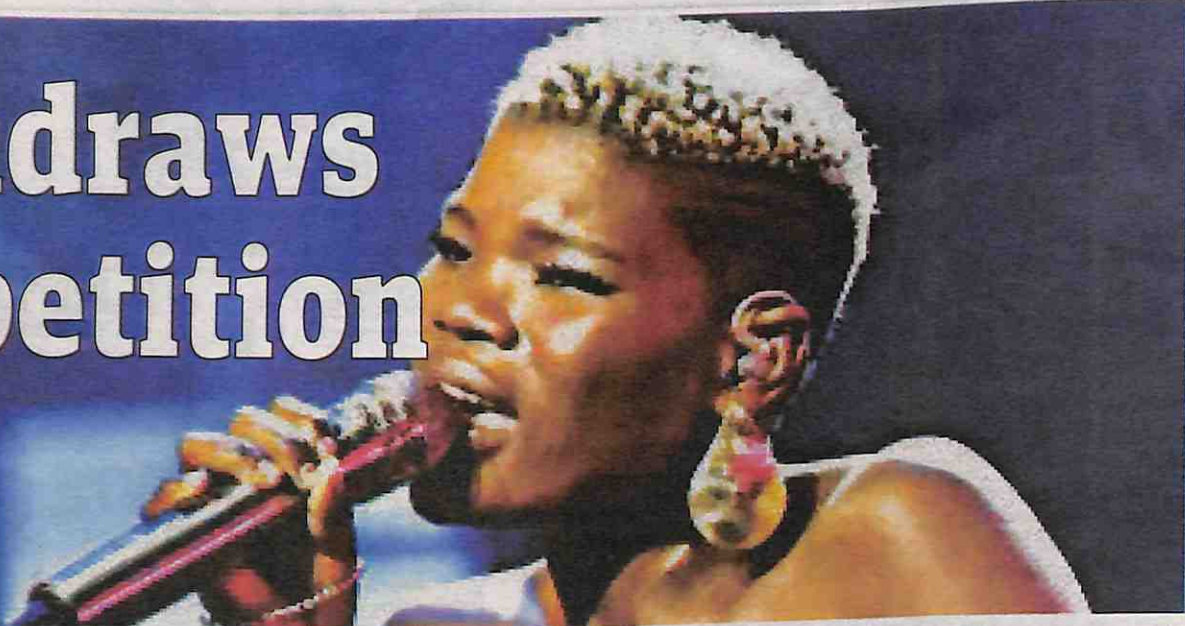
Today's Movie Quiz

- Star of both the 'Wedding Crashers' and the 'Internship.'

Answers:
A. Steven May
B. Vince Vaughn.



Viggy withdraws from competition - Idols SA



SEASON 15 of Idols SA has been full of firsts with the Qwabe twins making it to top six.

From the beginning of their Idols SA journey, the twins, Viggy and Virginia have always said they are in this together.

After lengthy discussions, Viggy, who still remained in the Idols competition post Sunday night's elimination, has decided to exit the competition. We would like to wish both Viggy and Virginia Qwabe all the best in their careers as they are both extremely talented.

The Qwabe twins, their family, production company and channel met after the show on Sunday night to formalise Viggy's decision.

"Mzansi Magic would like to advise all Idols fans to note that all voting lines have been closed for this round and there will be no elimination in

the upcoming episode" said Philly Kubheka HOD PR & Publicity Local Entertainment Channel.

Coming to Sunday's show, the first performances were cover songs, which are now available on iTunes. In the second half of the show, the contestants paid homage to US super-producer and songwriter, Timbaland.

It's getting tougher and tougher to predict who will be eliminated next as the contestants continue to bring their A-game to the stage.

Sunday's first performer was Micayla Oelofse, who was back in top form as she sang 'Lights' by Ellie Goulding, and went to perform Justin Timberlake's 'Until the End of Time.' Randall Abrahams said she had redeemed herself, but encouraged her to try other styles. Unathi Nkayi, however, believed both performances were solid, while Somizi

Mhlongo said she had all the makings of a superstar, but just needed to add some chutzpah to her performances.

Nolo Seodisha performed Letta Mbuli's *Ngiyabuzwa* and Timberlake's 'What Goes Around Comes Around.' Reaction to his performances was mixed, with the judges saying he misinterpreted the lyrics of the first song, but redeemed himself with his second performance.

Sneziey Msomi was next and the judges could not give her enough praise for her performances. Her renditions of a fairly unknown 'Black Sheep' by Gin Wigmore and 'Drunk in Love' by Beyonce were spectacular. The judges were unanimous – she had stolen the show. Mhlongo said she oozed confidence and topped his praise with a Whoo Shem!

Luyolo Yiba impressed the judges

with his second performance of Timberlake's 'Cry Me a River,' while they were not so convinced with his first performance – 'Learn to Love Again' by Lawson. Abrahams called that performance a Sunday snooze fest, though Nkayi was content that Yiba had redeemed himself. Mhlongo was confident he had secured his place in the Top 4, thanks to his first performance.

The last performer of the evening, Viggy Qwabe, so killed her performance of One Republic's 'Too Late to Apologise,' that there was barely any mention of her rendition of Amanda Black's *Sinazo*. The judges were impressed with her fighting spirit, with Nkayi encouraging her to continue till the end. Abrahams said her second performance had saved her.

Of course, the evening was not

without its emotional upsets as we said goodbye to one of our twins, Virginia Qwabe. With the Top 5 having performed, it is now up to the viewers to once again decide who will be the last man or woman standing. Idols South Africa airs Sundays at 17:00 on Mzansi Magic Ch161.

Mzansi Magic would like to advise all Idols fans to note that all voting lines have been closed for this round and there will be no elimination in the upcoming episode

IF the song 'Fancy' by Drake is anything to go by then this is the show for you.

They do lavish, facebeats, lashes, and ball gowns, and only the best for this group of ladies. Glamour is not a question, money is not an issue and drama is the name of the game. 1Magic is thrilled to be bringing back its viewers their favourite reality franchise, the 'Real Housewives of Johannesburg.'

"Friday prime time television is about to get better. 'The Real Housewives of Johannesburg' Season 2 will keep viewers on their seats and entertained," says Philly Kubheka Head of PR and Publicity.

Season 2 promises the usual over the top splendour and entertainment, expect more sparkle, over the top parties, expensive shoes and bigger handbags. 'The Real Housewives of Johannesburg' introduces five new game changing queens and premiered on Friday, at 19:00 CAT on 1Magic.

Be sure to tune into your screens with anticipation as we bring back our songstress and former lawyer turned businesswoman, Christall Kay as she takes us on a journey with her growing music career. She also learns to juggle new dynamics and everyday pressures of daily life and making

THE HOUSEWIVES ARE BACK!



'new friends.' We also get a glimpse into her charitable side that is as full of sparkle as she is.

Another returning fan favourite is Brinnette Seopela. The beauty and cosmetic entrepreneur is on the rise with major plans in the pipeline. Audiences fell in love with her gorgeous spirit and looks in Season 1, while she was planning the most lav-

ish traditional and white wedding. Gof is the new love in her life as she rebuilds and reinvents her business.

Amongst these driven and charming ladies is Welkoim born, Lebo Gunguluza, who is married to a well-known businessman, Lebo Gunguluza. She has published The South African Music Awards (SAMA) magazine for past five years, and was dubbed SA's

youngest publisher. She's currently working on another bestseller that's set to equip women and young girls with great life tools.

She is known for saying "My definition of wealth is sleeping, waking up and still making money."

We will also meet Lethabo 'Lejoy' Mathatho, who is hard to miss with banging blonde locks and a personal-

ity to match. She comes all the way from Seshego, Limpopo. Lethabo is a founder of LeJoy Foundation that is set to change lives.

Lethabo is a radio and TV presenter who studied Journalism at TUT, and has become a role model in her community on a mission to empower those less fortunate. She usually says "I know where to find gold. I don't need a man."

Nompumelelo 'Mrs Mops' Mophatlane is the quintessential Housewife married to an IT mogul Isaac Mophatlane. Born in the east of Johannesburg Tsakane, 'Mrs Mops' is a drama and theatre graduate from the University Of Witwatersrand (WITS). The mother of three enjoys boxing and yoga.

Amongst the new Housewives is the worldly free spirited Botswana born, UK raised mother of five. Mpho Merriweather is a chic wife, Afropunk Project Manager and trained Jewellery Designer. She's considered the life of a party, a global nomad.

The gorgeous Tarina Patel is a Bollywood star and businesswoman born in Cape Town and raised in Durban. The Psychology (cum laude) graduate has been in a number of Bollywood films and South African soaps.

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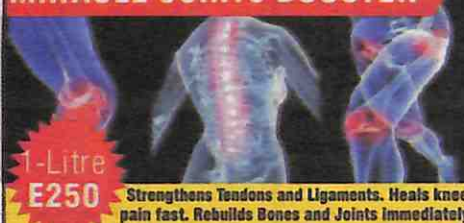
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new phyto chemical (herbs on stock)

- 1- Mkumba libombo- for blocked fallopian tubes.
- 2- Mwinzuka ubombo- for non conceiving women.
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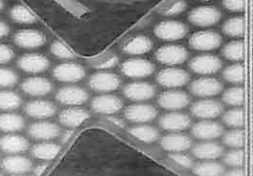


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BEAST APOLOGISES FOR SHOCKING SPEAR TACKLE

TOKYO - Springbok prop Tendai 'Beast' Mtawarira has apologised to Japanese opponent Keita Inagaki for his shocking spear tackle in Sunday's Rugby World Cup quarter-final in Tokyo.

Mtawarira lifted and drove Inagaki

into the ground as early as the ninth minute of the Springboks' 26-3 victory.

Referee Wayne Barnes, without consulting the TMO, brandished a yellow card, sending Mtawarira to the sin-bin for 10 minutes.

Mtawarira was making his 100th Test start for the Springboks - and playing his 115th Test in total.

Many felt Mtawarira could consider himself fortunate not to have been shown a red card for his actions, especially in light of World Rugby's

clampdown on foul play.

At the time of writing, World Rugby has not cited Mtawarira, freeing him to play in Sunday's semi-final against Wales in Yokohama.

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I APOLOGISE: Tendai 'Beast' Mtawarira.

BOKS' SMOKING PACK: SIYA COMPLETES THE CIRCLE

CAPE TOWN - You can safely tick that last box now.

The return to the cusp of his A-game - at a perfect bend in the road - of captain Siya Kolisi in the openside flank berth means the Springboks can boast a pack now firing consummately on all cylinders.

It is a unit which, if studied in isolation, gives Rassie Erasmus' charges a very tantalising chance indeed of dominating proceedings sufficiently for some 160 further minutes at the World Cup to lift the Webb Ellis Cup for the first time since 2007, and third time overall.

The unapologetically conservative nature of the Bok game-plan - characterised by Faf de Klerk's much-debated, near-constant monopoly of the tactical play with his box kicks - is unlikely to change profoundly for either Sunday's semi-final against Wales at Yokohama (11:00 SA time) or onward to a possible final against either of New Zealand or England.

It is an acknowledgement, in many respects, of the Springboks' inherent comfort with letting their foes have the ball to a generous extent and coaxing them to run it back to them, relying on their increasingly leakproof, supremely aggressive defensive systems to force them into demoralising



WE READY: Springboks captain Siya Kolisi.

(and just as often bruise-inflicting) cul-de-sacs.

The Boks' eager physicality across the park - but especially apparent among their brawny, well-conditioned forwards - comes into the picture to an increasing extent in that scenario, with any opportunities for set-piece dominance only adding to the intended slow poison.

Under Erasmus' tutelage, almost all of the Bok players have become effective at both quickly identifying and then executing turnovers, but

Kolisi, in his mainline position in that regard, recapturing his premier open-play vitality in time for the knockout rounds amounts to a bit of a cherry on top. He has now had two suitably strong showings as a Bok starter in the space of 12 days, considering that he was one of only two current "first-teamers" - the other Damian de Allende - to also have had a full outing against minnows Canada (the 66-7 victory to close the pool phase) ahead of Sunday's safely negotiated quarter-final against Japan. *Sport24*



RULED OUT: Josh Navidi.

WALES STAR NAVIDI RULED OUT OF SPRINGBOK CLASH

TOKYO - Wales coach Warren Gatland has confirmed that star loose forward Josh Navidi has been ruled out of the remainder of the 2019 Rugby World Cup in Japan.

Navidi limped off during Wales' 20-19 quarter-final victory over France on Sunday with a hamstring injury.

Gatland yesterday said: "He'll be ruled out. He's no good.

"We'll be looking to bring in a replacement tomorrow, but we've got to go through that process."

Gatland added: "It's disappointing for him. We'll keep him out here. It will be nice for him to stay out for the next couple of weeks. He'll obviously lose his accreditation."

"It's disappointing for us to have a player ruled out.

"In saying that, these games are so physical to have only lost one player is a real positive for us.

"We've been pretty lucky. We're trying to keep everyone as healthy as we possibly can."

The Wales coach confirmed they won't be bringing in another back-rower as a replacement and had yet to make the decision on who will be called up.

Meanwhile, Wales are also sweating on the fitness of centre Jonathan Davies who was a last-minute withdrawal ahead of the France match.

Wales and the Springboks will clash in the semi-finals on Sunday at 11:00 SA time.

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MURRAY'S RISE CONTINUES

PARIS - Former world No. 1 Andy Murray was rewarded for his victory in Antwerp at the weekend, with another dramatic rise in the ATP rankings which were released yesterday.

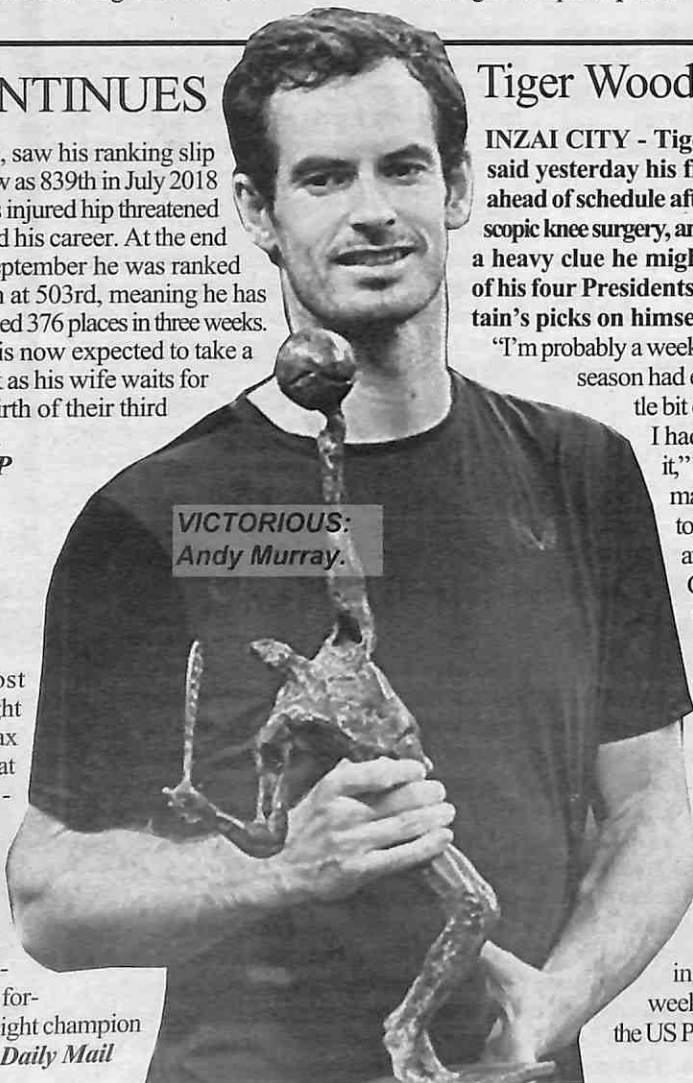
The Scotsman, who is on the comeback trail after career-saving hip surgery, climbed 116 places to 127th following his 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 win over Stan Wawrinka - his first title in two years.

Murray, who has won three Grand Slam titles and spent 41 weeks at No. 1 from November 2016 to August

2017, saw his ranking slip as low as 839th in July 2018 as his injured hip threatened to end his career. At the end of September he was ranked down at 503rd, meaning he has climbed 376 places in three weeks.

He is now expected to take a break as his wife waits for the birth of their third child.

AFP



VICTORIOUS: Andy Murray.

McGregor looking for way back into UFC

NEW YORK - Conor McGregor is looking for the easiest comeback fight possible, according to UFC rival Dustin Poirier.

McGregor has not fought since losing against Khabib Numagomedov last October, but continues to flirt with a return to the octagon before the end of the year. Poirier is a potential opponent for McGregor, but the Irishman appears to have his eyes firmly set on facing veteran fighter Frankie Edgar after suggesting the two will meet in December.

Edgar lost his last fight against Max Holloway at featherweight, meaning he would have to jump up a weight division to face former lightweight champion McGregor. *Daily Mail*

Tiger Woods hints he'll pick himself for Presidents Cup

INZAI CITY - Tiger Woods said yesterday his fitness was ahead of schedule after arthroscopic knee surgery, and dropped a heavy clue he might use one of his four Presidents Cup captain's picks on himself.

"I'm probably a week early. My season had ended a little bit earlier than I had expected it," the 15-time major winner told reporters at Narashino Country Club near Tokyo.

"I had the procedure a little bit early and got ahead of it," he added.

Woods is in Japan this week to play in the US PGA Tour's



FIT: Tiger Woods.

inaugural Zozo Championship, a US\$9.75 million event that is the second tournament of an almost \$30 million Asian swing.

Round off

He then intends to round off his year by playing in the Hero World Challenge on December 4, before going to Australia to captain Team USA in the Presidents Cup which begins on December 13.

"I thought that I had enough time to rehab it correctly and be ready for this event, be ready for Hero, and I'm going to Australia either way whether I'm playing or not,"

Woods said.

"I had it done and, as I said, it's been nice to be able to squat down and read putts and I started going at it full speed again."

Woods, who completed a remarkable return from years of injury and personal problems to win the US Masters in April, said his knee had been giving him more pain as the year wore on.

"It progressively got worse and got to the point where it was affecting even reading putts," the 43-year-old Woods said.

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AJAX ARE LIKE US - CHELSEA STRIKER ABRAHAM

LONDON - Ajax present arguably the toughest test for Chelsea in their Champions League group this season and Tammy Abraham thinks that tomorrow night's opponents are similar to the Blues given their emphasis on youth.

Chelsea have taken three points from their first two games in Group H but Ajax are top after winning both of their opening fixtures going into the match at the Johan Cruijff Arena.

Erik ten Hag's side narrowly missed out on the final last season following

a last-minute goal from Tottenham in the semi-finals as a clutch of young stars impressed for Ajax.

The Dutch giants remain focused on youth and it is an approach Chelsea have adopted this season due to a combination of a transfer ban and the appointment of Frank Lampard as manager.

Abraham, who is embarking on his first campaign in European football, has been one of the beneficiaries of the change in focus at Chelsea, and he has seen the similarities with Ajax.

"We know it's a massive game for

us," Abraham told reporters after Chelsea's 1-0 win over Newcastle at Stamford Bridge. "Ajax are like us, with a lot of young players that like to keep the ball and play good football."

"Off the ball as well they like to win it back quickly."

It's not going to be easy but I believe in myself and my team. Hopefully, we can get a result there."

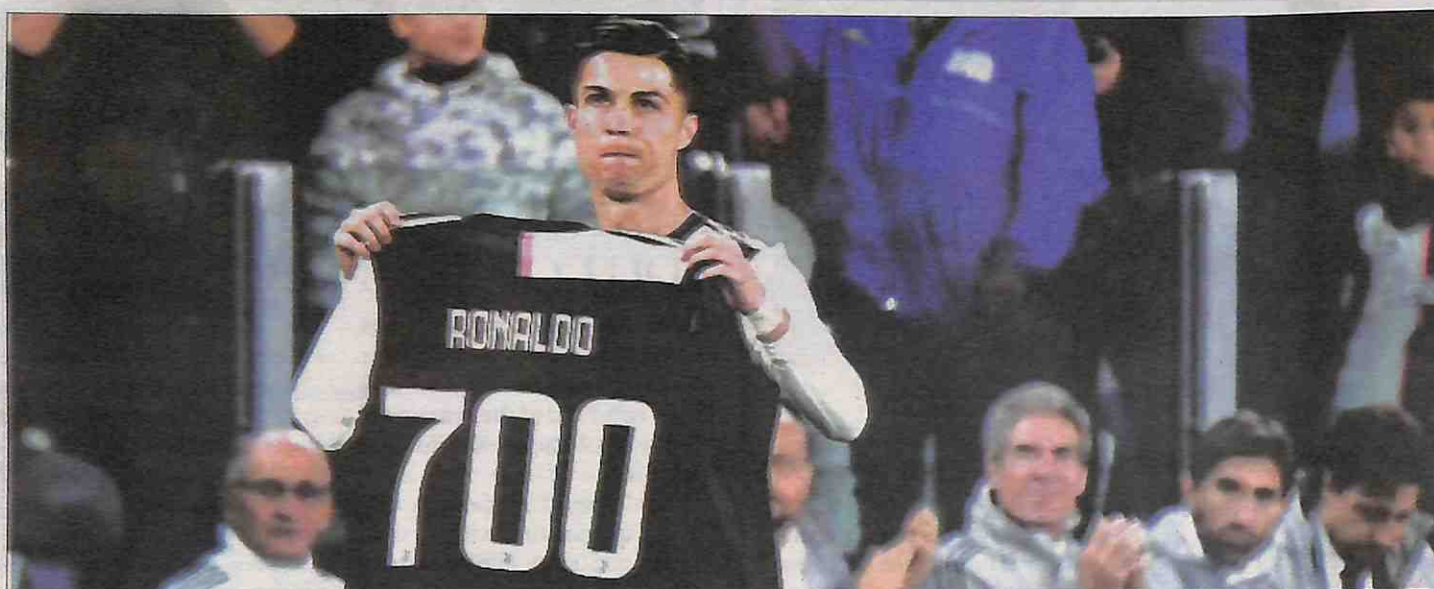
With Chelsea having lost their opening group game at home to Valencia, it is likely to be tight all the way through to the final round of matches in terms

of who qualifies for the last 16.

Lampard is expecting a stern test in the upcoming double-header against Ajax, but is looking forward to the challenge with his young squad.

"Yes, yes it is [a tight group]," said the Chelsea boss. "We got a good result in Lille which changes the face of it slightly. Now, these two games against Ajax are really big. They have been such a strong team, they've got points on the board and they will give us a problem."

Goal

700 GOALS JUST A
NUMBER FOR RONALDO

TURIN - Cristiano Ronaldo will be wasting little time reflecting on the achievement of reaching 700 career goals, with the Juventus superstar focused only on the future and further trophy challenges.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner has reached another notable milestone in his remarkable career when he recorded a 700th strike for club and country during an outing for Portugal against Ukraine in Euro 2020 qualification.

Another effort was added to his tally when he returned to domestic action over the weekend in Juve's 2-1 win over Bologna.

A special shirt recognising his exploits was awarded to Ronaldo before that contest, but the 34-year-old claims to have already moved on.

He told reporters ahead of a Champions League clash with Lokomotiv Moscow tonight: "I am not thinking about the 700 goals, it is past. I want to help the team and that is more important."

...as he sets sights on more silverware with Juventus

"I want to be on the pitch and help the team win trophies. I am, of course, proud to score 700 goals but the priority is to win with Juve. The individual records will come in a natural way."

"Football every year is a challenge, not just for me but for Juve. Of course, we want to win Serie A, the Champions League and Coppa Italia."

"I think Juventus should think big, they are a big club and we need to think in a big way. We want to win the league and Champions League."

The Bianconeri are back at the top of the Serie A standings, as they chase down a ninth successive crown, and lead the way in their Champions League group.

Ronaldo is pleased with the progress being made by Maurizio Sarri's side and says he has adapted quickly to the demands of a new boss in Turin.

"I think the team is much better and we are more

confident," Ronaldo added. "We play, in my opinion, a different type of football, in attack with more possession. My role is similar, maybe a bit freer in the way I feel comfortable and the way I feel good. "Step by step we should be Juventus. We have a different coach, a new system, new players and I think we have changed for the better. We are happy."

"I like the way Sarri wants the team to play. I think the team is more confident, we create more chances and you can see that by the way we move the ball. "I am happy. We play more forward and with more confidence."

Ronaldo is considered to be untouchable at Juventus, but there are others eyeing up his spot and he is aware that standards need to be maintained by those in the starting XI and on the fringes of the fold. Goal

ALCOHOL SALES
BANNED IN
AMSTERDAM

AMSTERDAM - The Amsterdam City council has announced that it will prohibit the sale of alcohol in the Red Light District before Ajax host Chelsea in the Champions League tomorrow night.

This decision was made in an effort to reduce the risk of any unwanted fan trouble in the city centre ahead of the European tie.

The temporary 'dry law' will be applied between 12:00 and 18:00 local time, with the match kicking off at 18:55. If any establishment is caught still selling alcohol between those hours, they risk a fine of 1 200 euros, AS reported.

"Traditionally, foreign football fans go to the Red Light District before a game. This is accompanied by a lot of drinking. Previously, residents and businesses in the area have suffered huge inconvenience and the police have had to intervene," said the statement.

The Dutch authorities have classified Champions League Group H match as high-risk, with around 3 000 Chelsea supporters expected to make the trip to the Dutch capital.

In March 2018, hundreds of English fans were involved in fights across the Red Light District when Holland hosted England in an international friendly. The trouble led to over 100 arrests and 25 travelling fans being detained - a problem the council want to try and prevent from happening again.

Chelsea supporters have also been part of some unsavoury scenes in recent years when their side travelled to Paris. Fans took the streets and metro lines in the French capital where fights broke out and damage was caused.

The match could prove pivotal in Frank Lampard's bid to get Chelsea to the knockout stages of the Champions League in his first season as manager.

Chelsea made up for the 1-0 loss in their curtain raiser against Valencia with a 2-1 victory against Lille in the last round of matches.

The hosts have had a perfect start to their campaign with wins in both their opening matches.

Daily Mail

ERIKSEN RETURNS TO TRAINING
AHEAD OF CRUNCH MATCH

LONDON - Christian Eriksen returned to training ahead of Tottenham's crunch Champions League clash with Red Star Belgrade.

The wantaway midfielder missed Saturday's drab 1-1 draw with Watford with a dead leg, but was back with his teammates yesterday.

Michel Vorm was not with the group following

his return on a short-term contract last week, with Hugo Lloris the only senior absentee.

Harry Kane joined Manager Mauricio Pochettino in the press conference to preview the match and - when asked if Spurs are being worked too hard in training - said: "There is going to be speculation when things aren't going well, from the outside."

Daily Mail



Guardiola blames Man City's failure in Champions League on mental lapses

MANCHESTER - Pep Guardiola believes mentality is the main barrier to Manchester City securing Champions League glory.

City have not progressed beyond the quarter-final stage under his management and he puts that down to faltering in both boxes at crucial moments.

The Premier League champions, who face Atalanta tonight, have scored 38 goals in all competitions already this season but Guardiola insisted they are not clinical enough. City missed a raft of chances during Saturday's 2-0 victory over Crystal Palace. That sort of performance, to

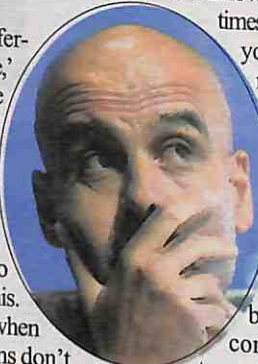
Guardiola's mind, puts undue pressure on the back four and is one that would make them vulnerable in Europe.

"Little margins are the difference in the Champions League," he said. "I really believe these situations is about the mentality. We are working on it."

"When we talk about boxes it's always (focused on) the defence but it is in front too. That is where we have to improve. It was always like this. We've got to think, to know when things are dangerous. "Teams don't

give you 20 chances in Europe. The players know this. We've spoken many times about it. After creating chances you have to be solid, you cannot give away the goals we've given this season. We've made a number of mistakes that we shouldn't make at this level."

"If you're two on one, or around the six-yard box, you have to score a goal. If not it becomes more difficult in this competition against these top teams." Daily Mail





Wits preparing major squad overhaul in January

CAPE TOWN - The January transfer window could be a busy one for ABSA Premiership side Bidvest Wits who are reportedly set for a major squad overhaul.

According to a report by The Citizen, head coach Gavin Hunt will release a number of fringe players to make room for new signings to galvanise his squad.

Veteran forward, Elias Pelembe is set to be released alongside left-back Lehlohonolo Nonyane and centre-back Joseph Douhadji. With Douhadji failing to make a single league appearance - despite having joined at the start of the season.

"They will either loan him out to get game time or they will release him if no club is willing to take him. As for Nonyane, he is definitely on his way out," a source close to Wits said. "Coach Gavin is looking to add a couple of players in January to beef up his squad, so Wits have to release some players to make way for the new signings."

Failed

Hunt has shown a merciless streak having already shown Fagrie Lakay and Prince Nxumalo the door, who also failed to make a single appearance.

The Students are believed to be undergoing a restructuring period with players being told that they would be allowed to leave if the right offer was made.

Despite being second in the standings, Sport24 understands that the morale of the squad is low with Hunt's overly harsh criticism and negativity leading players to question their futures at the club.

Sport24

'Erasmus cried to come off'

CAPE TOWN - Cape Town City head coach Benni McCarthy has explained that he was forced to substitute Kermit Erasmus late in the Telkom Knockout clash against Kaizer Chiefs on Saturday.

Erasmus gave the Citizens the lead with a cracking long-range effort and was a constant threat for the Chiefs defence throughout the match.

However, the Bafana forward was replaced late on and afterwards Amakhosi scored the equaliser and then went on to win the match on penalties.

It was a repeat of events in a league game against Kaizer Chiefs earlier in the season when Erasmus scored the opener and was replaced only for the visitors to come back and win 2-1.

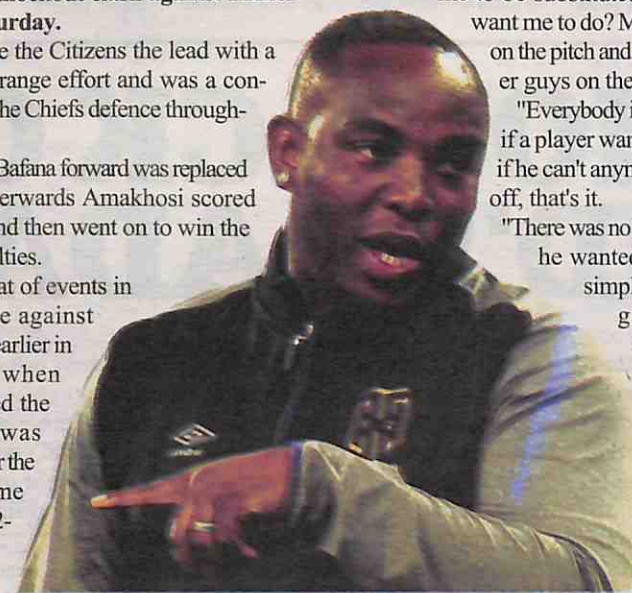
When asked why he took Erasmus off

on Saturday, McCarthy told reporters: "Was he running fine, or was he sitting on the field every five minutes? "I am just a coach, if a player asks me to be substituted what do you want me to do? Must I keep him on the pitch and leave the fresher guys on the bench?"

"Everybody is good enough, if a player wants to come off, if he can't anymore, he comes off, that's it."

"There was no tactical change, he wanted to come off, simple, like the first game against Chiefs, he cried to come off and I took him off."

Sport24



EXPLAINS: Cape Town City head coach Benni McCarthy.

Middendorp relishing 'Downs re-match

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs coach Ernst Middendorp cannot wait for their upcoming clash against Mamelodi Sundowns after progressing in the Telkom Knockout.

Chiefs continued their fine form, picking up their seventh victory of the season as they overcame Cape Town City via a penalty shootout in their first round TKO tie on Saturday.

Amakhosi showed strong character as they fought back from a goal down before holding their nerve in the shootout, to win 4-2 in the end.

Middendorp gave credit to his charges for their resilience, after a missed penalty in the first half nearly cost them a place in the quarter-finals. "It was expected to be an intense game. We knew they were

going to come hard at us," said Middendorp post-match.

"We dominated in the initial stages of the game but I thought missing the penalty slowed us down a bit and afterwards we allowed them to come at us."

Penalties

"But missing penalties is part of the game and it happens to the best in the world. Credit, though, must go to the team because we fought until the end."

"Moments later we conceded against the run of play, and it was good that we regrouped and came back strongly after making a series of changes."

"The injuries changed our game plan, but we kept the shape until we got the equaliser."

Baroka boss takes stance on Nyirenda

DURBAN - Baroka FC Chairman Khurishi Mphahlele has responded to reports of Zambia trying to snatch away head coach Wedson Nyirenda.

The former Kaizer Chiefs striker, who helped Bakgaga win the Telkom Knockout last season, recently admitted that he was approached to take over the Chipolopolo job.

The Zambia coach position has been vacant since the sacking of Belgian Sven Vandenbroeck at the beginning of the year.

Although Nyirenda says he will always be loyal to the Limpopo side, who gave him his first coaching job in the PSL, his boss at the club says he is prepared to let go of the Zambian without expecting any compensation if his country needs him. "That means he is a good coach. If your coach is linked with a national team that means he is good," Mphahlele tells KickOff.com.

"That means you've got a good coach and you must just keep him. We've got a contract with him, we will keep him. They will make us to keep him even more." Asked if there is any buy-out clause in the coach's contract, Mphahlele laughed off the idea. "[Laughs loudly] I don't have that idea of selling the coach. I don't have it, to tell you the truth. I don't regard the coach

as somebody I can sell. Yes a player can be sold, but not the coach."

"If Zambia wants the coach, they can come, they can approach us, then we will release him. We can't sell the coach. Yes we will release him for free, why not? We didn't buy him."

Did we buy him? Then why do we sell him? "If they approach me and say they need the coach, I will respect the country of Zambia, as much as I respect my country."



IMPRESSES: Baroka FC Coach Wedson Nyirenda.

Sundowns release assistant coach

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns have temporarily relieved their first team assistant coach Manqoba Mngqithi of duty ahead of their clash with Highlands Park.

Sundowns have announced that Mngqithi will be absent from the bench again when they face Highlands in a catch-up league fixture tomorrow evening.

Excused

The long-serving deputy to coach Pitso Mosimane has been excused following a bereavement in his family, with the club affording him time off to attend to matters at home.

Mosimane will be without his right-hand man, just as he was on Sunday against AmaZulu, with goalkeeper coach Wendell Robinson continuing to fill in against the Lions of the North.

However, Mngqithi will likely return in time for the much-anticipated encounter against Kaizer Chiefs set to take place on Sunday afternoon (15h30).



SHAKEN: Mamelodi Sundowns technical team.

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Neymar's injury run has him missing significant time

PARIS - Among the many ways to describe Neymar, 'injury prone' has sadly become an all too familiar one of late.

The Paris Saint-Germain star is once again set to miss up to a month of football after picking up a hamstring injury while on international duty with Brazil last week.

Neymar limping from the pitch is an image fans of the talented attack-

er are now very accustomed to seeing as the 27-year-old struggles to get his body right during what should be the peak of his career.

Since moving to PSG from Barcelona in 2017, Neymar's injury woes have only worsened as he fails to live up to the lofty expectations his world record €222 million (£198m) transfer fee demanded.

According to Transfermarkt, prior

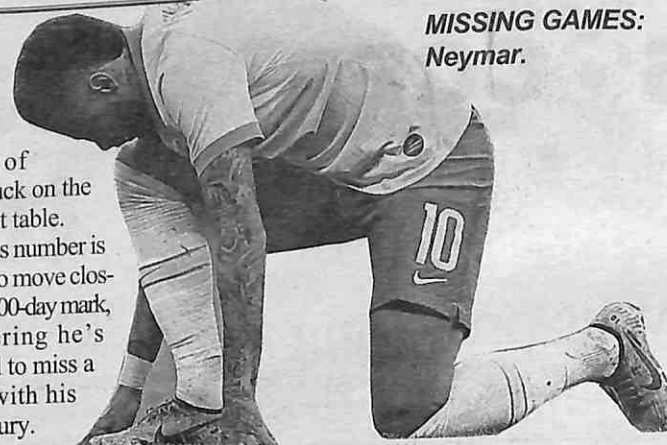
to his latest injury, the Brazilian had already missed 53 matches for the Ligue 1 champions since making the move to Paris.

Contrast

That's in stark contrast to the 29 games he skipped during four years with the Catalans. All in all, since leaving Santos in 2013 as a 21-year-old, Neymar has been sidelined for a total of 469 days. That's more than

a year and three months of being stuck on the treatment table.

And this number is only set to move closer to the 500-day mark, considering he's expected to miss a month with his latest injury.



MISSING GAMES: Neymar.

MOURINHO BACK ON R. MADRID'S RADAR

MADRID - Zinedine Zidane is entering must-win territory at Real

Madrid, with Goal learning that the Frenchman has lost the trust of certain Board members amid talk of a return to the Santiago Bernabeu for Jose Mourinho.

An iconic figure in the Spanish capital accepted an SOS call from the Blancos in March, with the decision taken to take the reins for a second time just a matter of months after bringing an initial spell as head coach to a close.

Zidane delivered La Liga title success and a hat-trick of Champions League crowns during a dream start to his

managerial career, but replicating those triumphs is proving difficult.

A 7-3 defeat to arch-rivals Atletico Madrid over the summer and a 3-0 reversal to fellow European heavyweights Paris Saint-Germain in the current campaign have seen questions asked of the man in the dugout.

Setback

A further setback at Mallorca on Saturday, which saw Real knocked from the Liga summit by Clasico foes Barcelona, has intensified the pressure on Zidane and tarnished his image further in the eyes of some of those calling the shots at the Bernabeu.

A Champions League clash with Galatasaray on Tuesday has now taken on added importance, with defeat unthinkable for a side that would then be left sweating on a place in the last

16 and their boss hanging by a thread.

A lack of progress is concerning those in Madrid's corridors of power, with some of the opinion that turning to Zidane again was the wrong decision.

He has been given time and money in which to deliver a reversal in fortune, but there have been few signs of encouragement in 2019-20 - although injuries have been doing the Blancos' cause few favours.

Victory over Galatasaray in mid-week would buy Zidane a little breathing space, but another untimely reversal could leave him on borrowed time as another change in the dugout is mulled over.

Real are wary of allowing sentiment to cloud their judgement when it comes to the ongoing presence of a club legend.

With there still a long way to go in the current campaign, the board acknowledges that a fresh start could yet deliver rich rewards both in La Liga and the Champions League.

Goal

Boks back into top 4 of World Rugby ranking

CAPE TOWN - The Springboks have moved up a spot to fourth in the latest World Rugby rankings.

This follows the completion of the past weekend's Rugby World Cup quarter-finals.

South Africa's 26-3 win over Japan in Tokyo on Sunday was enough to see them leapfrog Ireland, who were hammered 46-14 by top-ranked New Zealand on Saturday.

England climbed above Wales into second spot after a 40-16 win over Australia in Oita. The Welsh beat France 20-19, but England's margin of victory was enough to see the Red Roses move into second spot. World Cup hosts Japan briefly rose to their highest-ever ranking of sixth after Australia's heavy loss to England on Saturday, but the Brave Blossoms' defeat to the Boks 24

hours later saw the Wallabies regain sixth place, with France also climbing one spot to seventh and Japan moving back to No 8.

Sport24



SWEEPING STAKES: Zinedine Zidane and Jose Mourinho.

Man U to offer Gomes new contract

MANCHESTER - Manchester United will fend off interest from the likes of Barcelona by offering 19-year-old midfielder Angel Gomes a bumper new deal, according to reports.

Gomes joined United's academy at the age of six and has now broken through into Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's first-team plans after a series of impres-

sive performances. With Barcelona among the teams credited with an interest in the England U20s star, it has been reported in Italy that United are now set to agree fresh terms with him. United are said to be closing in on a new contract for Gomes with an announcement expected in the coming days, as they bid to keep hold of one of their brightest young talents.

Gomes has played three times for United's first team this season, opening his senior account against Astana in the Europa League. He played 68 minutes in the 1-0 victory, before then coming off the bench against West Ham in the Premier League just three days later.

At the start of October, he completed his first 90 minutes in a Red Devils shirt, away at AZ Alkmaar in the Europa League group stages.

Elsewhere, another youngster United are likely to open fresh contract talks with in the coming weeks is Tahith Chong.

Daily Mail

NEW CONTRACT: Angel Gomes.

WHAT RONALDO REALLY NEEDS TO OVERTAKE PELE

TURIN - Portuguese super-agent Jorge Mendes is rarely shy when it comes to extolling the virtues of his elite clients.

It is part of the job, of course, and one of the reasons that stars like Cristiano Ronaldo continue to place their trust in the wily businessman to take care of their affairs.

Last week, however, Mendes made a fairly startling assertion that immediately sparked widespread debate. At its heart was Ronaldo, fresh from adding to his already impressive goal tally for the Portugal national team with a landmark strike, and none other

than Pele, owner of the biggest - and, for many, most contentious - scoring record in professional football. "His numbers don't lie and light up the overwhelming way Cristiano Ronaldo shatters records, which elevate him to the category of the best player in the history of football, with a big difference compared to the second (best) for all he achieved with the different clubs he represented, whether in England, Spain or now in Italy and also with the Portuguese national team," Mendes beamed to Tuttosport when quizzed on his client. "The fact is that, with

Cristiano Ronaldo, Portugal have already played in three finals, winning two of them.

Goals

"Cristiano has reached the remarkable milestone of 700 goals, but I have no doubt that he'll surpass Pele as the best scorer in football history, and he'll do it with Juventus.

"After all, 68 goals aren't a lot for this extraordinary Cristiano Ronaldo, are they? It's also because I'm convinced that his best is yet to come." As emphatic as Ronaldo's strike-rate is - and, thanks to Saturday's strike against Bologna, his tally now stands at 701 - it still

takes a rather optimistic observer to see him surpassing the Brazilian great in these last years of his career. Pele is credited with no less than 767 official strikes, during his time with Santos, the New York Cosmos and the Brazil national team. Goal

MILESTONE: Cristiano Ronaldo.

Weekend Sports Results

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Milky Max Mbabane Juniors League – U13

| | | | |
|----------------|---|---------------|---|
| Supersport | 4 | Mantsholo utd | 0 |
| Umbelebele | 0 | Swallows | 1 |
| Real Tec | 0 | Dark City | 1 |
| Lobamba Cosmos | 3 | Zulwini Aces | 3 |

Furniture Warehouse Mbabane Juniors League U20

| | | | |
|-------------|---|------------|---|
| Interstars | 3 | Red Stars | 0 |
| Veni Cosmos | 3 | Mphalati | 0 |
| Hurricane | 3 | Imbumbé | 0 |
| Freestyle | 3 | Umbelebele | 0 |

Ingwenyama Cup Hhohho Super League

Southern Zone

| | | | |
|-------------|---|---------------|---|
| Seven Stars | 2 | Horo Spinners | 0 |
| Manchester | 4 | PP Rangers | 0 |

Northern Zone

| | | | |
|-------------------|---|------------|---|
| Billy Ocean | 2 | Sidwashini | 4 |
| H. Shooting Stars | 1 | Sunrise | 4 |

Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League – E77 000

Southern Zone

| | | | |
|--------------|---|--------------|---|
| Mbabane City | 0 | Emajukujuku | 2 |
| Imbumbé | 0 | Community | 1 |
| Corporation | 0 | Junior Stars | 5 |

Northern Zone

| | | | |
|----------|---|-------------|---|
| Sigodlo | 2 | Msahweni | 0 |
| Mvuma | 1 | Machibini | 0 |
| Vultures | 2 | Kappa Kappa | 3 |

Mandla Mahewu Mbabane League – E70 000.00

Promotion

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|---------------|---|
| Sandla | 4 | Multi Classic | 1 |
| PG Dribbling Stars | 0 | Freestyle | 1 |
| Real tec | 2 | Pot O Gold | 2 |
| Wizards | 1 | FC Vaal | 2 |
| Mbabane Celtics | 2 | Mvakwelitje | 0 |
| Amawebe | 3 | White City | 3 |
| Double Action | 0 | Young Stars | 1 |
| Interstars | 6 | Village Stars | 0 |

B. Division

| | | | |
|-------------------|---|-------------|---|
| Veni Cosmos | 3 | Lusoti | 0 |
| Mantsholo | 1 | Red Stars | 2 |
| Junction Stars | 1 | Movers | 4 |
| Real Stars United | 1 | Y. Fighters | 0 |
| Mantsholo Utd | 4 | N. Rangers | 0 |
| R. Dynamos | 2 | D. Darkies | 1 |
| Mphalati | 3 | Hurricane | 1 |

Buy Cash Pigg's Peak League – E50 000.00

| | | | |
|---------------|---|-------------|---|
| Rise & Shine | 2 | Thuluzobona | 0 |
| Mhlatane | 1 | Supersport | 1 |
| Citizens | 5 | Bush Bucks | 0 |
| Ndeva Galaxy | 0 | Phophonyane | 0 |
| Peak City | 0 | 19 Celtics | 7 |
| Hotspurs | 1 | Darkies | 5 |
| Maguga | 1 | Nkomazi | 3 |
| Mangwaneni | 2 | Rockville | 4 |
| White Killers | 2 | Peak Forest | 2 |

Futis Nkhaba League – E30 000

| | | | |
|-----------------|----|----------------|---|
| Bafama | 0 | M. Very Good | 1 |
| Nkoyoyo Jnr | 0 | Majotini Rebel | 3 |
| Nkoyoyo Utd | 4 | MAnyisa | 1 |
| Dribbling Stars | 5 | M. Celtics | 3 |
| Fast Movers | 2 | Superstars | 0 |
| Barcelona | 3 | Crocodiles | 4 |
| Lubhedze | 3 | Real Rovers | 1 |
| Ngwenya Utd | 2 | KAsi Xi | 1 |
| Majotini Utd | 5 | H. Arsenal | 2 |
| Atletico | 16 | Sivutsa | 0 |
| White Rhinos | 2 | M. Cosmos | 0 |

MP Shebeleza Ntabenezimpisi League – E50 000

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|
| City Stars | 2 | Mayiwane | 1 |
| City Cosmos | 3 | Buhleni Aces | 2 |
| Fontotje | 3 | Y. Professional | 1 |
| Special Killers | 0 | N. Swallows | 1 |
| Skom Boyz | 1 | Hungry Lions | 1 |
| M.Arsenal | 2 | Manchester | 2 |
| Mazulwini | 2 | D. Darkies | 2 |
| Russian Bombers | 5 | Super Stars | 0 |

Bhulane Resort Ndzingeni League – E50 000

Mvuma Stream

| | | | |
|------------|---|------------|---|
| KK Ajax | 3 | Blue Birds | 1 |
| M. Celtics | 2 | Blue Ocean | 1 |
| D. Darkies | 1 | Tihlabani | 1 |
| M. Madrid | 3 | Red Sea | 2 |
| FC Academy | 3 | Super Aces | 0 |
| Happiness | 3 | Volcano | 0 |
| Lozaza | 4 | Zizweni | 1 |
| Gebhulas | 1 | Tsunami | 1 |

Bulandzeni Stream

| | | | |
|--------------|---|-----------------|---|
| K. Celtics | 2 | M. Aces | 2 |
| Young Stars | 2 | M. Professional | 2 |
| Sweet Banana | 1 | White City | 0 |
| Arsenal | 1 | Roman Utd | 2 |
| Supersport | 1 | B. Rebels | 3 |
| Winners Park | 0 | Liverpool | 2 |

MP Nelson Mamba Timphisiini League – E25 000

Promotion

| | | | |
|----------------|---|----------------|---|
| Golden Arrows | 1 | Matsamo | 1 |
| Star Wanderers | 1 | Mb. Swallows | 1 |
| Ak 47 | 3 | Kudwaleni | 4 |
| Mv. Sundowns | 7 | Young Tigers | 1 |
| H. Pirates | 0 | Soccer Rose | 1 |
| Ngonini | 0 | Njakeni City | 2 |
| Ellegence | 1 | Besuthwini | 1 |
| Vusweni Cosmos | 2 | Young Stars | 0 |
| Young Tigers | 1 | Star Wanderers | 2 |

B. Division

| | | | |
|---------------|---|----------------|---|
| Njakeni Utd | 1 | Gunners | 1 |
| Rockville Utd | 0 | All United | 3 |
| Sikhaleni | 1 | Young Savilla | 1 |
| Zamalek | 4 | Superstrikes | 1 |
| All Stars | 0 | Y. Bombers | 1 |
| JB Arsenal | 1 | Mv. All United | 3 |
| Blue Birds | 6 | Y. Swallows | 2 |

Oupa Mhlangatane Football League – E50 000

Western Stream

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|---------------|---|
| Lonhlalane | 2 | Arsenal | 1 |
| Zinyane | 1 | Manchester | 1 |
| Democracy | 1 | Professionals | 0 |
| Sihhoye Academy | 1 | Fast Movers | 5 |
| N. Liverpool | 1 | Weirna | 6 |
| Chelsea | 1 | Celtics | 3 |
| Mpofu Aces | 0 | CityStars | 3 |
| Hotfighters | 0 | Thuluzobona | 2 |

Eastern Stream

| | | | |
|--------------|---|-------------|---|
| H. Defenders | 2 | Newcastle | 3 |
| Liverpool | 3 | Malibeni | 3 |
| T. Wizards | 0 | M. Cosmos | 7 |
| Manjengeni | 2 | Z. Swallows | 0 |
| Makhweya | 1 | Macocweni | 2 |
| Xi Men | 1 | M.Bombers | 1 |

Bakhanyisele Mabulala & Gongz Maphalaleni Football League – E60 000

Western Stream

| | | | |
|---------------|---|-------------|---|
| Young Lovers | 3 | Breakers | 1 |
| Xi Experience | 2 | Umkhokha | 0 |
| Manchester | 1 | Thuluzobona | 1 |
| Professionals | 2 | Young Stars | 2 |
| Blue Birds | 5 | Hotspurs | 1 |
| Khulangwane | 1 | Rangers | 1 |

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|---------|---|------------|---|
| Killers | 2 | Liselesele | 1 |
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Eastern Stream

| | | | |
|--------------|---|--------------|---|
| Top Classic | 0 | Hill Stars | 1 |
| Mighty Birds | 2 | Jubukweni | 3 |
| Happy Tigers | 1 | Love & Peace | 1 |
| Young Aces | 2 | Rollers | 1 |

Pots Construction Sigangeni Football League – E30 000

| | | | |
|----------------|---|---------------|---|
| Sibovini | 1 | Mhlane | 2 |
| Real United | 1 | Kangaroo | 0 |
| Total Xi | 6 | Y. Fighters | 2 |
| Ntsetse Flyers | 5 | Sigangeni | 0 |
| U. Eagles | 1 | Mighty Chiefs | 3 |
| Real Touch | 2 | Villa Sport | 2 |
| Black Aces | 7 | L. Nationals | 0 |
| Kupheleni | 3 | Maz. Celtics | 2 |

Sompisi Ntfontjeni Football League – E40 000

| | | | |
|------------|---|--------------|---|
| Barcelona | 1 | Hellenic | 0 |
| Trounge | 3 | Chelsea | 2 |
| H. Pirates | 2 | Young Tigers | 0 |
| Zibonele | 3 | Ntintinyane | 1 |
| Gunwane | 2 | R. Madrid | 1 |
| Teenagers | 2 | Arsenal | 1 |
| Seven Up | 2 | FC casino | 0 |
| Express | 1 | Foster Utd | 2 |
| Mbabatane | 1 | Suncity | 2 |
| Sdwasini | 1 | Nkonjaneni | 0 |

Tee & Jay Lobamba Football League

Promotion

| | | | |
|---------------|---|---------------|---|
| Emaselesele | 3 | City Stars | 1 |
| E. Rangers | 1 | Liwakawaka | 2 |
| Vutha | 0 | Real Masters | 0 |
| Lusito Lions | 2 | Servest | 0 |
| Fast Reaction | 2 | E. United | 1 |
| L. Dynamos | 1 | Kasi Warriors | 2 |
| L. Cosmos | 3 | Power Stars | 0 |
| L. Wanderers | 3 | Ezulwini Aces | 0 |

B. Division

| | | | |
|----------------|---|-----------------|---|
| Luveve Killers | 1 | Ezulwini | 2 |
| Silomo | 1 | E. Vultures | 1 |
| X Eleven | 1 | M. Invaders | 0 |
| Stoke City | 1 | Zabeni All Star | 3 |
| Scorpion | 3 | M. Bombers | 1 |

South Star Mzimba Football League – E65 000

Promotion

| | | | |
|------------------|---|------------|---|
| Mzimba Achievers | 2 | Kasiko | 0 |
| Mzimba Arsenal | 0 | Sibuyeni | 1 |
| Chiefs | 1 | Amacabane | 1 |
| Cosmos | 2 | Monaco | 1 |
| Rangers | 2 | Green Sea | 1 |
| Sundowns | 0 | All Stars | 1 |
| Rhumbas | 1 | Timbungulu | 2 |
| Rhinos | 2 | Swallows | 1 |

B. Division

| | | | |
|-------------|---|--------------|---|
| Bush Bucks | 2 | Africa Stars | 1 |
| Bombers | 1 | City Stars | 0 |
| Highlanders | 3 | Top Centre | 4 |
| Drikoppies | 4 | Barcelona | 3 |

Shiselweni MVA Ingwenyama Cup Super League Last 8

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|
| Nyatsini United | 2 | Manchester | 4 |
| Peace Makers | 0 | Amalanda | 2 |
| Shooting Stars | 5 | Vusweni Killers | 4 |
| Black Aces | 2 | Assegai Killers | 4 |

Nhlangano Promotion League

| | | | |
|-------------------|---|---------------|---|
| Mvela | 5 | Intermilan | 0 |
| Sibovu | 1 | City Stars | 0 |
| Mahlalini | 1 | Makhwelela | 1 |
| Maganwako | 2 | Nedso Arsenal | 2 |
| Sprinters | 2 | Fast Xi | 0 |
| Mkhitsini Killers | 1 | Mashobeni | 1 |

Siphosethu Grocery – Hlatikulu Promotion

| | | | |
|--------------|---|-------------|---|
| Red Swallows | 2 | New Classic | 0 |
| Real Tigers | 3 | Magele | 0 |
| Black Aces | 1 | Boko | 1 |
| Liverpool | 2 | Free State | 1 |

Ingwenyama Cup – Lubombo Super League

| | | | |
|---------------|---|-------------------|---|
| Rail | 5 | Juventus | 4 |
| Ubombo Flyers | 1 | Tabankulu Celtics | 0 |
| Magwanyane | 2 | CPL | 1 |
| CK Survivors | 4 | Bhelebane | 2 |

RSSC Siyakha 1800 North – East

| | | | |
|---------------|---|--------------|---|
| Zamalek | 3 | Summerise | 2 |
| Professionals | 1 | Zwelabantu | 0 |
| Juventus | 0 | Free at Last | 2 |
| Arsenal | 1 | XI Stars | 0 |
| Bacambi | 3 | Classic | 1 |
| Silver Stars | 0 | JB | 0 |

RSSC Siyakha 1800 North – West

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| Revelations | 2 | Skyline | 1 |
| Tonga | 1 | Tabankulu FC | 5 |
| Equator | 0 | Brave Lions | 0 |
| Professionals | 1 | Young Killers | 0 |
| Mhlume Highlanders | 1 | Tsambokhulu Rovers | 1 |

Ngomane RSSC Siyakha Juniors

| | | | |
|---------------|---|------------------|---|
| Young Reds | 0 | Simunye United | 0 |
| Lomkhehle | 1 | Simunye Sporting | 0 |
| Professionals | 0 | Thiba FC | 0 |
| Macetfuka | 0 | Academy | 0 |

Lubombo Southern Zone

| | | | |
|--------------|---|---------------|---|
| Liverpool | 2 | Luvatsi | 0 |
| Matala | 0 | Richmond | 0 |
| Manyovu | 2 | Ubombo Flyers | 1 |
| Crookes | 2 | Phafeni | 1 |
| Manzanmyama | 2 | Juluka | 1 |
| Young Stars | 3 | Asbestors | 2 |
| Future Stars | 1 | Gamula | 1 |
| Nisela | 4 | Black Aces | 0 |

Lubombo Eastern Zone

| | | | |
|----------------|---|---------------------|---|
| Boys to Men | 2 | City Rollers | 0 |
| Real Madrid | 0 | Six to Six | 0 |
| Young Zebras | 2 | Mpolonjeni United | 0 |
| Zero Cosmos | 0 | Ngcina FC | 1 |
| Toger Boys | 2 | Matsela Chiefs | 1 |
| Hot Chillies | 0 | Good Shepherd | 3 |
| Young Heroes | 1 | Lukhula Bayern | 1 |
| Kasi Kings | 1 | Lukhula Black Stars | 2 |
| Kotas | 0 | Wenela Pirates | 4 |
| Eagles | 0 | Langa United | 0 |
| Double Classic | 2 | Dangerous Darkies | 3 |
| Bush Ranger | 1 | Mkhutjane FC | 2 |

Lubombo Western Zone

| | | | |
|----------------|---|---------------|---|
| Vultures | 1 | Kukhanyeni | 0 |
| Sea Birds | 2 | Mamisa prof | 2 |
| Black Swallows | 1 | Manchester | 2 |
| Stone breakers | 1 | Mamisa United | 2 |
| Heroes | 0 | Tawern | 1 |
| Red Lion | 2 | Bhnumall | 1 |
| Nkunzemnyama | 1 | Bombers | 1 |
| Mighty Birds | 5 | Celtics | 0 |

Lubombo Central Zone

| | | | |
|------------------|---|----------------|---|
| Bombers | 2 | Siphofaneni FC | 0 |
| NMPS | 4 | Happy Fighters | 3 |
| Super Eagles | 0 | Mkhewi Rhinos | 0 |
| Renamo | 0 | Junior Stars | 1 |
| Mkhewi United | 2 | Blue Prince | 1 |
| Mkhewi All Stars | 1 | Storm City | 0 |
| Crystal Palace | 2 | Lanjani Cosmos | 2 |
| Tonga FC | 7 | Home Defenders | 2 |
| Mthombo | 4 | Insha Sport | 0 |
| Ntengenyane | 2 | Skom boys | 0 |
| New School | 1 | African Pride | 1 |

Malindza Football League

| | | | |
|---------------------|---|----------------|---|
| Siweni Utd | 4 | Lubhuku united | 3 |
| Highway | 3 | Umseshi | 1 |
| Calabash | 2 | Eleven angels | 1 |
| Promising stars | 2 | Juventus | 1 |
| Lubhuku young stars | 1 | Zamalek | 0 |
| Mshana | 1 | Black mamba | 0 |
| Dvokodvweni | 1 | Malindza utd | 1 |



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SIHLANGU TALE

THE problem with our football is not in the playing personnel but in administration.

We seriously and urgently need individuals with principles and feel it when this country is losing and not what we have currently. We have just been booted out by Zambia and it ends there with our football leaders.

They are just happy the players tried their best in Zambia, which is not the point here. I choose not to say anything about the game against Zambia because I know some believe we played well, yet we did not qualify. It was a case of so near, yet so far and I repeat very far.

How can we play well and not qualify? To me that's just nonsense.

The CHAN exit should serve as a wake-up call to the FA to look into development very seriously. We cannot afford to overlook this issue any further.

Show me a team in the elite league with two Under-20 players! I listened to the Sports Show yesterday where our PROs have been banned and the rants by members of the public, who were able to voice their views about Sihlangu, indicate that they have lost faith in our football leaders. It's not about winning games but about how you prepare as well.

If anyone is to be blamed for the mess of our soccer it's the EFA. I just don't know how we are supposed to encourage the FA to invest in development so as to be counted among the developing countries in Africa. Egypt, Nigeria and Ivory Coast are shining examples of investing in youth development.

I wonder what this 'Bomber' guy and his 'side kick' Frederick Mngomezulu can tell you if you were to ask them of their future plans on soccer development in the country. What policies does the FA have on that? Question should be: are we as Emaswati encouraging public mauling by our football leaders or are we rooting for responsible individuals even in time of distress?

We have been changing coaches but still have nothing to show. It is now clear where the problem is and no wonder supporters have lost interest of watching the national team.

The problem is not so much with the players nor with the coach (even though Papic is one lucky guy). How can you go for 11 games without a straight win?

If it was a local coach, he would have long been fired, but because it's Papic, it's okay. Coming back to the point, there is ZERO development in local soccer - if you go to prima-



ry and secondary schools, especially in the rural areas, there is no development from a grassroots level. I know TD Boy 'Bizzah' Mkhonta is trying in this regard but he is not getting support. I can tell you now that with no development of players there is obviously no pool where players can be selected.

We have been advised that we should develop local soccer but the FA decides to ignore such wise advice and because of that, players are only noticed at their prime, already playing for the likes of Mbabane Swallows, Young Buffaloes, Royal Leopard and Mbabane Highlanders, among other elite teams. What good is a 27-year-old against a 19-year-old; that is a recipe for disaster!

The FA should be going around the country, rural areas, townships and look for talent. It's very easy to point fingers now but truth is this disaster could've been mitigated a long time ago. As a matter of fact, the FA should be gutsy enough and take the blame because the buck stops at the top. The players we have in the squad can't do any more than they are doing already. FA needs to take responsibility and DEVELOP local soccer, there is abundant talent in these small unnoticed places and they will remain a hidden treasure until FA gets off their butts and actually do some work.

Before I forget, we also have a minister of sports and I wonder if he does

realise that the buck stops with him.

He is the one who has the authority to change structures, hire and fire people in strategic positions. Our football needs proper structures as this seems to be lacking with soccer. Why?

This seems to be the crux of the problem. I cannot believe for one moment that with a sport that offers so much financially, that we don't have the talent to build a world-class side. Please 'Madze' sir, help us here. You cannot change everything but there is something you can do. Not unless the minister sees nothing wrong with the national team and how our football is run.

Being a football person through and through, I know the minister is also worried with what is happening with the national team. He surely must do something. I know he cannot just

interfere but being a minister, he can help us somehow.

We have not forgotten that he was once our national team coach and surely knows exactly what

should be done. Please 'Madze' save us minister.

I was personally one of the many people who were happy when you were appointed minister by His Majesty King Mswati III because in my mind I thought you were the right person for the position. I know you can help us in this regard and you can only prove me right.

Minister, you know Sihlangu have failed dismally to qualify for the CHAN finals and I must say it stands to reason that the matter could be deeply rooted and you also know that. *Sisite babe*, please.

If some people must go home, let it be. If some changes need to be made, let it be; only if it will benefit and revive our 'dying' football. Remember you are minister of sports because of football and it is the same football that can make you a great minister.

Or you are not doing

anything because you are still 'angry at our football' for obvious reasons? Minister, I know you can do something and take us somewhere in as far as our football is concerned.

Perhaps I understand the basis, however, the approach

that the FA is using to recruit players may be a point of concern, like I have already mentioned. Again you can help us in that regard; you were once our beloved national team coach.

Why is it that our national team fails to perform well against other nations?

Have you ever wondered why Sihlangu always performs so badly despite declaring readiness for any tournament?

My response to all of these concerns and questions is that it's not Sihlangu's fault but the FA.

All I am saying is; players should 'qualify' to wear the national team jersey and not 'picked'.

In my own opinion, we need a coach that will not select players based on what he's told or who has told him (to do what). If we want to pursue excellence as a country, then it's time to effect change.

We should stand together as a nation and remove the people we no longer need in our football, criticising one another will not serve any purpose. We need to determine where is the problem, come up with solutions and action, we need to love each other by respecting different opinions, failure to deliver cannot be tolerated, however, our response to the results is very critical, especially when you are a leader, remember we are judged based on the perception, not the facts.

Therefore, mediocre performance is not good for us as a country. Let us stand up and fight for what is ours; it's the nation's pride, Sihlangu Semnikati.



ESWATINI NOMADS CHAMP OF CHAMPIONS PRESENTATION



PACKED: A section of guests who were present during the prize presentation.
(Pics: Jongile Xuba)



ALL SMILES: Eswatini's Jacobus Pienaar took home the Best Gross Award after finishing at 69 points.



AWARDS GALORE: South Africa's Ken Walker took home the Past & Present Captains award.



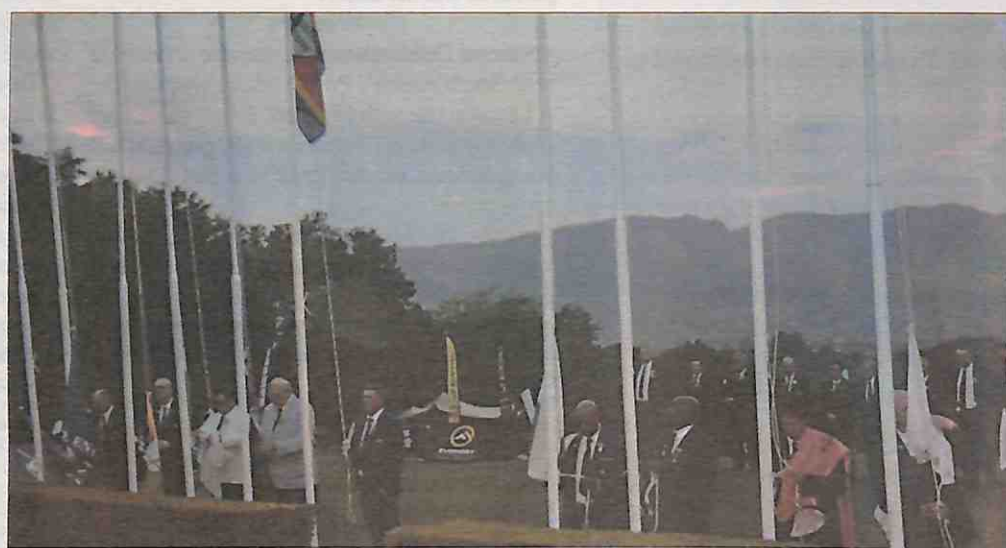
WINNERS: Frans Strauss, Martin Litschka, Stuart Hulley and Steven VD Merwe pose with their trophies.



TROPHY: Eswatini captain Martin receives the team's prize after winning the Flame Lily trophy.



Nomads golfers from various countries show respect by standing for the flag lowering ceremony.



ADIEU: Team captains lowering their respective flags after the competition had been completed.



FEW WORDS: Nomads Eswatini National Coordinator Theo Mason making his remarks during the presentation.



TROPHIES: Some of the prizes on display before the presentation.



CAPTAINS: Some of the captains from the teams having a quick discussion before the flag lowering ceremony.



● Real Madrid are monitoring Borussia Dortmund and England winger Jadon Sancho, 19, as well as Norway's 19-year-old forward Erling Braut Haaland, who plays for Red Bull Salzburg. *(El Desmarque, via Mail)*

● Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is interested in signing RB Leipzig's 23-year-old German striker Timo Werner, who has previously been linked with Liverpool. *(Express)*



● Manchester United are set to offer a new contract to English midfielder Angel Gomes, 19, amid interest from Barcelona. *(Sun)*

● Newcastle United scouts are monitoring 20-year-old Lille and Nigeria striker Victor Osimhen. *(Chronicle)*

● Chelsea manager Frank Lampard says he wants 33-year-old France striker Olivier Giroud, who is unhappy with his lack of first-team football, to stay at Stamford Bridge. *(Telegraph)*

● Chelsea have added Atalanta and Ukraine midfielder Ruslan Malinovskyi, 26, to their list of possible transfer targets for next summer. *(Express)*

● Paris St-Germain defender Thomas Meunier, 28, says he could have moved to Everton in the summer but the Belgium international was put off by the lack of European football on offer at Goodison Park. *(Het Laatste Nieuws, via Mirror)*

● Arsenal manager Unai Emery is not worried about England Under-21 striker Eddie Nketiah's lack of action on loan at Leeds United. The 20-year-old has still not started a Championship game for the club. *(Mirror)*

● Netherlands manager Ronald Koeman would like to manage Barcelona one day and has a clause in his contract allowing clubs to hire him after the 2020 European Championships, according to Dutch Football Federation sporting director Nico-Jan Hoogma. *(Fox Sports, via Marca)*

● Arsenal striker Alexandre Lacazette, 28, is aiming to make his return from an ankle injury in the Premier League game at Sheffield United on Monday. *(Mail)*



● Millwall are in advanced talks with Gary Rowett which could see the former Birmingham City, Derby County and Stoke City boss become their new manager. *(Telegraph)*

Nobuhle will soon be in top 100 in the world - Mhlanga

BY COLISILE SACOLO

GOLF - ESWATINI Golf Union President Albert Mhlanga says with such great performances, ace woman golfer Nobuhle Dlamini will in no time break into the world top 100.

He said this following that Dlamini was now ranked third in Africa, behind South Africa's duo of Lee-Anne Pace and Stacy Bregman.

She is globally ranked 631st out of 1 348. She is competing abroad with superstars in the Ladies European Tour (LET)

Soon

Mhlanga said the 27-year-old golfer would soon be in the top 100 in the world.

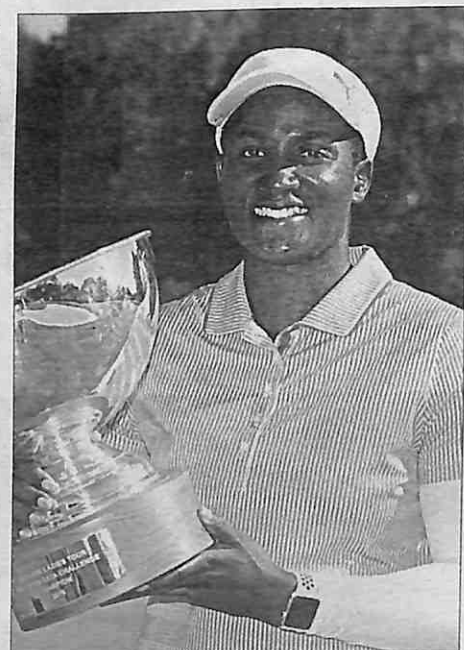
"She has a great chance of achieving that since she is working hard and doing her level best in the sport." He said as a union, they were very proud of Dlamini's progress now that she had broken into the European Ladies Professional circuit. "We wish her all the best and we are

proud of her. She is representing the country well and we hope she will continue to shine and achieve her goal of being the best golfer in the world. She is already the best female golf player in the country."

Tournament

He said there were other professional golfers such as Jamie Pennington, who is also playing a tournament abroad and those who were doing well locally such as Meshack Zwane, Peter Dlamini, Raymond Mathonsi and Robert Shiba to mention few. Mhlanga further said it was a pity that most females were not supporting the golf sport in the country. He said it was mostly males, who were dedicated and committed to the sport. "Mine is just to encourage more females to join the sport. I also urge parents to allow their children to play golf."

GOING TOP: Ace golfer Nobuhle Dlamini.



Stephen crowned Eswatini Nomads Champ of Champions

BY JONGILE XUBA

GOLF - SOUTH African golfer Stephen Van de Merwe was crowned this year's Eswatini Nomads Golf Nationals Champion of Champions during the competition played at Royal Swazi Golf Course on Sunday.

It was the seventh edition of the Eswatini leg and Van de Merwe played well over the two days, which saw him accumulate a score of 71 points to win the title.

Winners

National Division winners were also announced with South Africa's Puso Maloka winning the A Division title with 69 points. Eswatini's Stuart Hulley won the B Division with 69 points, while South Africa's Van de Merwe won the C Division on 71 points.

Local golfer Jacobus Pienaar also walked away with an individual prize after he won the best gross prize for finishing on 69 points. In the

team category, Eswatini finished first to win the Flame Lily trophy. They were followed by South Africa, while Zimbabwe finished third with Zambia fourth and Botswana in last place.

Nomads Eswatini National Coordinator Theo Mason thanked all the participants for taking part in the competition and congratulated all the winners.

Competition

"We would like to thank everyone who took him time to join us during the competition. Everyone from the organisers, officials to the players made sure this year's edition was a huge success," he said.

The Eswatini Nomads National Golf Tournament is an annual competition played by nomads golfers from the different member countries. This year's edition had golfers from South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Eswatini competing against each other. All proceeds from the competition go towards helping the less fortunate.

ESWATINI NOMADS NATIONALS RESULTS:

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|--|-----------|--|---------------|
| Champion of Champions Stephen Van De Merwe | 71 points | Best Gross Jacobus Pienaar | 69 points |
| National Division winners | | Champion over 55 Ken Walker | 68 points |
| A Division - Puso Maloka | 69 points | Longest weekend Phutego Modire | 38 points |
| B Division - Stuart Hulley | 69 points | Flame Lily Trophy | |
| C Division - Stephen van De Merwe | 71 points | 1. Eswatini | 29,167 points |
| National Champions | | 2. South Africa | 28,958 points |
| Botswana - Charlie Jansen van Vuuren | 63 points | 3. Zimbabwe | 28,125 points |
| Eswatini - Stuart Hulley | 69 points | 4. Zambia | 27,958 points |
| South Africa - Stephen van De Merwe | 71 points | 5. Botswana | 26,000 points |
| Zambia - Jono Johnstone Butcher | 67 points | | |
| Zimbabwe - Nyasha Chirhara | 68 points | | |

TITLE RACE HEATING UP IN ECA U-13 T20

BY JONGILE XUBA

CRICKET - SIFUNDZANI Primary School faces Montessori Life Primary in the Eswatini Cricket Association (ECA) Under-13 T20 League which continues at Malkerns Club tomorrow.

The impressive Sifundzani are chasing Usutu who sit on six points having completely swept all the points into their bag with one game remaining, Enjabulweni. Sifundzani knuckled under Usutu's bat hence losing ground on the title chase, the same was true for Montessori and whoever wins tomorrow

can only hope that Enjabulweni topples Usutu on the final round and collect the big trophy. However, Usutu has proven to be quite a formidable outfit and aware of the permutations, they will not leave any stone unturned to complete the whitewash.

Enjabulweni will take on the newcomers Msunduzi today at Malkerns Country Club where both teams will look to get at least two points on the points table and still have a chance to finish second. Enjabulweni has been leaving a mark in the league for their generosity sharing refreshments with the fellow opposition living up to the 'Spirit of Cricket.'

The Under 13 league is in line with the International

'Kina' leading NFD top goal-scorers charts

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCER - TINYOSI free-scoring striker Phumlani 'Kina' Shabangu is leading in the MTN National First Division League scorers-chart with eight goals.

The top goal-scorer award carries E6 000 at the end of the season. The former Royal Leopard player increased his tally on Sunday when he scored a brace against Umbelebele in a match that was played at Killamey Stadium. Interviewed yesterday, the player attributed his success to hard work.

He said he would take each game as it comes. "I thank my coach for giving me the opportunity to play. I am not worried about my competitors, I just have to focus on helping the team," he said. Shabangu is closely followed by Tambankulu Callies player Mazwi Sihlongonyane and Mbabane Citizens player Mancoba Vilakati, who have five goals under their belts. Madlenya FC defender Senzo Fakudze and Hlatikulu Tycoons duo Senzelwe Dlamini and Ayanda Mabuza have four goals each.

THE NFD TOP GOALS SCORERS' CHART

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| 1. Phumlani 'Kina' Shabangu (Tinyosi) | 8 goals |
| 2. Mazwi Sihlongonyane (Tambankulu Callies) | 5 goals |
| 3. Mancoba Vilakati (Mbabane Citizens) | 5 goals |
| 4. Senzo Fakudze (Madlenya) | 4 goals |
| 5. Senzelwe Dlamini (Tycoons) | 4 goals |
| 6. Ayanda Mabuza (Tycoons) | 4 goals |
| 7. Owa Matsebula (Madlenya) | 3 goals |
| 8. Senzo Tsabedze (Illovo) | 3 goals |
| 9. Vusi Mavuso (Callies) | 3 goals |
| 10. Sandiso Masuku (Callies) | 3 goals |
| 11. Wandile Simelane (Callies) | 3 goals |

ECA U13 T20 FIXTURES

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|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Today at Malkerns Country Club | |
| Msunduzi | vs Enjabulweni |
| Tomorrow at Malkerns Country Club | |
| Sifundzani Primary | vs Montessori |

ECA U13 LEAGUE LOG STANDINGS:

| Team | Matches | Won | Lost | Tied | Points | NRR |
|----------------------|---------|-----|------|------|--------|--------|
| Usutu Forest | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2.555 |
| Sifundzani | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0.621 |
| Montessori Life | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0.375 |
| Enjabulweni | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | -1.045 |
| M.a Township Cricket | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | -3.450 |

Cricket Council (ICC) requirements and ECA is determined to grow the sport and have an Under-15 and 19s league next year as confirmed by the ECA Administration Officer Mandla Dlamini.

SITHOLE BOOST FOR BULL

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCER – CAPITAL city giants Mbabane Highlanders will be boosted by the return of their captain Menzi Sithole, who has fully recovered from an injury that kept him out of action for six weeks.

Information gathered is to the effect that the former Royal Leopard player started training with the black and white ensemble last week in readiness for their upcoming game against Manzini Wanderers.

The player sustained the injury last month, while doing international duty with the nation's pride Sihlangu Semnikati. Sithole also confirmed that he was back in action when contacted yesterday morning. He said he was looking forward to the next match against Manzini Wanderers. "Yes, I'm back in action after six weeks on the side-

lines due to an ankle injury. I have to work hard to regain my fitness," he said.

Meanwhile, it has been gathered that South Africa-born striker Josef Lekata has started light training with the team while his countryman Patrick 'Nandos' Mashele is still on the treatment table.

Mbabane Highlanders Communications Officer Bhakisisa Dlamini said he was yet to get feedback from the team's technical bench when contacted.

"I will check the latest developments from the technical team," he said. The Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati-led charges will lock horns with Manzini Wanderers on Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium in what is expected to be an epic clash. The hub giants will be looking for revenge after they lost 1-3 in the EPTC Charity Cup played on August.



BACK: Mbabane Highlanders captain Menzi Sithole.

Callies, Tinyosi for E100 000 NFD first round carrot

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER – TAMBANKULU Callies and Tinyosi are serious contenders for the MTN First Division League first round E100 000 incentive.

Callies are sitting at the top of the log with 22 points after nine games, while Tinyosi are second after the same number of points.

Both teams secured wins over the weekend, with Callies beating Madlenya 3-2 while Tinyosi got the better of Umbelebele, winning 2-0.

Callies coach Mduduzi 'Nyama' Shongwe said they were only focusing on securing enough points in the first round to survive relegation.

"We obviously know we are in a good position to finish top at the end of the first round but anything can happen. We are just focusing on securing enough points to ensure we survive relegation which is our main goal," he said.

The former Denver Sundowns player said once they had achieved that target, they would start considering themselves favourites to clinch the E100 000 carrot or even win the league. Other weekend game saw Mbabane Citizens thrash Rangers

Results:

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| Citizens | 4-0 | Rangers |
| Seven Dreams | 2-1 | Killers |
| Madlenya | 2-3 | T. Callies |
| Illovo | 3-1 | Young Movers |
| Tycoons | 2-2 | Vovovo |
| Umbelebele | 0-2 | Tinyosi |

4-0, while Illovo beat Young Movers 3-1. Seven Dreams managed to brush aside Killers 2-1 with Hlatikulu Tycoons playing to a 2-2 draw against relegated side Vovovo. Worth noting is that Mbabane Citizens and Madlenya have pending games as all the other teams have played nine games. It's now only two games left before the end of the NFD first round.

We obviously know we are in a good position to finish top at the end of the first round but anything can happen

Manchester face Seven Stars in Ingwenyama Cup Stream Finals

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER – MANCHESTER will face-off with Seven Stars in the Ingwenyama Cup Super League finals on Saturday.

Hhohho Regional Football Association (HRFA) Secretary Nkosingphile Shongwe confirmed the venues and fixtures yesterday. With two Zonal streams under the HRFA, Northern stream outfits Manchester and Seven Stars will battle it out at Killamey Stadium to determine who will play in the regional finals. Manchester will believe they have what it takes to go through as they were the first team to win the Ingwenyama Cup Super League regional competition. Stars, on the other hand, who are new in the Super League and Ingwenyama Cup, gained promotion at the start of the 2019/2020 season.

In the Southern stream, Sidwashini are up against Lobamba Sunrise with the match to be played at Mhlambanyatsi Stadium.

Lobamba Sunrise, who are also in their maiden Super League campaign, will be looking to eliminate Sidwashini from the competition having gained promotion through winning Super League play-offs at the start of the campaign. Sidwashini will be expected to use experience in the competition to get the better of their opponents.

Ingwenyama Cup Stream finals fixtures

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| Northern | |
| Manchester United | vs Seven Stars |
| Southern | |
| Sidwashini | vs Lobamba Sunrise |

'Botsotso' parts ways with Barberton City Stars

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER – BARBERTON City Stars FC have parted ways with coach Zwelibanzi 'Botsotso' Khoza despite the team having a strong start to the current campaign.

City Stars are a South African outfit competing in the ABC Motsepe Mpumalanga League and are currently perched at the summit of the log table.

News of the coach's unceremonious exit was confirmed by Barberton City Stars official Lassy Ramollo yesterday. Ramollo said he could not go into the details behind the decision to let Khoza go but confirmed that they had parted ways.

"I can confirm that coach Khoza is no longer with the club with immediate effect. This was a mutual decision from both parties and, unfortunately, we cannot divulge the reasons behind his exit," he said.

The club further wished 'Botsotso' well in his future

endeavours, thanking him for his service to the team.

According to sources within the club, Khoza's departure comes after rising tension between him and the club's Management Committee.

Khoza could not be reached for comment.

Until his untimely exit, the former Black Swallows coach had been in charge of the City Stars since the beginning of the 2019/2020 campaign. During that time, he saw the team secure four wins and one draw, leaving them in the first place.

FIRED: Barberton City Stars FC coach Zwelibanzi 'Botsotso' Khoza.



MTN National First Division

| Team | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | PTS |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Callies | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 6 | 13 | 22 |
| Tinyosi | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 4 | 12 | 20 |
| Illovo | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 18 |
| Tycoons | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 13 | 3 | 17 |
| Madlenya | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 16 |
| Citizens | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 8 | 8 | 12 |
| Vovovo | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 11 | -1 | 12 |
| Seven Dreams | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 18 | -1 | 11 |
| Movers | 9 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 13 | 23 | -10 | 6 |
| Killers | 9 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 13 | -7 | 6 |
| Rangers | 9 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 19 | -12 | 3 |
| Umbelebele | 9 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 17 | -13 | 3 |

Sea Birds' Sinethemba on the mend

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCER – MANZINI Sea Birds player Sinethemba Dlamini is said to be making a steady recovery after he suffered a terrible fractured leg injury.

The player was injured last month during their 1-0 MTN Premier League victory over Manzini Wanderers at Somhlolo national stadium.

Dlamini was operated and a support steel was inserted into the leg to support the movement of the joints. The player will be out for the rest of the season after that Manzini Wanderers defender Sanele Mkhewi's rash challenge.

Manzini Sea Birds General Manager

Bhutana Dlamini said Sinethemba seemed to be recovering from his injury. He said part of the recovery was for the player to accept that it would take some time for him to return to action, which he had accepted. "Even though a steel piece was inserted in his leg to support the movement of the joints, the player is showing signs of recovery. He went for his medical check-up last week Tuesday and doctors have confirmed that he is recovering well," he said.

He said as a team, they were happy the player was showing great signs of recovery after the bad injury. "We just have to continue supporting him. We are optimistic that in no time he will join the team when he has fully recovered."





PLAYING TONIGHT

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| Champions League | | |
| Club Brugge | vs | Paris Saint-Germain |
| Galatasaray | vs | Real Madrid |
| Olympicos | vs | FC Bayern München |
| Tottenham Hotspur | vs | FK Crvena Zvezda |
| Shakhtar Donetsk | vs | Dinamo Zagreb |
| Manchester City | vs | Atalanta |
| Atletico Madrid | vs | Bayer Leverkusen |
| Juventus | vs | Lokomotiv Moscow |

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Sihlangu players lose E10 000 each in incentives

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER - SIHLANGU Semnikati players were promised E10 000 incentives if they beat Zambia and qualified for 2020 CHAN finals to be hosted by Cameroon next year.

The team displayed a gallant performance throughout the entire 90 minutes but eventually succumbed to a 3-2 defeat (on aggregate) in a match played at National Heroes Stadium on Sunday.

Sihlangu's goals were scored by

Phinda 'Phindrix' Dlamini and Sifiso Matse while Emmanuel Chabula scored a brace for Zambia.

According to reliable sources, the players were promised E10 000 each ahead of the match.

"This was an incentive promised to the players if the team qualified for the CHAN finals.

Unfortunately, mother luck wasn't on their side as they lost the match and this means they also lose out on the incentive," said the source.

Eswatini Football Association Marketing and Communications Officer, Muzi

Radebe said monetary issues were administrative.

"I haven't received a correspondence pertaining to that.

In fact, monetary issues are administrative so I don't have a comment on that one," he said.

Meanwhile, it has also been established that the local side missed

out on a E2.6 million carrot for not qualifying for the 2020 CHAN finals.

This money is for all CHAN finalists for reaching that stage of the competition.

It is aimed at helping the teams prepare for the competition and it is usually released before the start of the tournament.

The nation's pride will now switch their focus to the 2021 AFCON Qualifiers where the Kostadin Papic-led charges will play against Senegal, Congo and Guinea-Bissau in Group I.



HIGHLANDERS, OTHERS PURCHASING PIRATES MERCHANDISE

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER - MONENI Pirates replicas are indeed selling like hot cake as it has been reported that supporters from other teams such as Mbabane Highlanders and Young Buffaloes are also purchasing the merchandise.

This comes after the 'Sea Robbers' announced last week that they had raked in E350 000 in the replica sales. At some point, 300 replicas were sold in a day. The replicas are selling at E700 and E950 each. It must be mentioned that the E950 replicas include E10 000 worth of funeral cover from Ekhaya Funeral Services and membership card for the season. A larger stock has been already purchased.

Pirates' Head of Corporate Affairs Mhlonishwa Motsa confirmed that their merchandise was most sought as supporters of other teams were purchasing their merchandise. He said as Moneni Pirates they welcomed this spirit from the supporters as it proved that football was about creating and promoting friendship not enmity.

"We are receiving mas-

sive support from other teams such as Mbabane Highlanders and Young Buffaloes, among others, in the purchasing of replicas. We welcome that spirit and this shows that our football is headed to the right direction in terms of promoting friendship and sportsmanship," he said.

Motsa further said they were even struggling to supply their customers due to high demand. He added that companies were also purchasing the merchandise.

"We thank the nation for the massive support. Having fans from other teams buying our merchandise should tell you something and we are overwhelmed by the support as Moneni Pirates," he said.

Meanwhile, Moneni Pirates recently ploughed back to

the community by donating Top Score mealie-meal to a supporter with a disability.

An independent investigation by this newspaper revealed that most of the Premier League teams did not have merchandise. Mbabane Highlanders and Manzini Wanderers supporters are among the teams longing for new replicas.

Mbabane Highlanders Communications Officer, Bhakisisa Dlamini said what their fans were doing was commendable since football was all about creating friendship.

"Supporting each other is a good thing; they will also support us in future. Football is all about creating friends not enemies. As

Mbabane Highlanders we want to see all the teams being self-sustainable," he said.



MTN Y'ello Sunday to feature athletics

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCER - THE upcoming MTN Y'ello Sunday at Somhlolo national Stadium will again feature the Eswatini Athletics (EA) athletes to entertain football fans.

The association's Secretary Thoba Mazibuko confirmed the developments and further stated that they were still working on the line-up for the day.

This comes after the Premier League of Eswatini signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Eswatini Athletics.

Meanwhile, two of the country's crowd pulling sides Mbabane Highlanders and Manzini Wanderers will face-off at the Somhlolo National Stadium during the MTN Y'ello Sunday.

The two giants will be looking to restore their dented image in the current campaign where they have been blowing hot and cold.

The match will come with emotions, especially for Mbabane Highlanders mentor Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati, who will face his former employees for the first time since he left the hub giants for his childhood club.

The double header will also see a top of the table clash between current log leaders Mbabane Swallows and second placed Young Buffaloes in the first match.

According to the schedule released by the Premier League of Eswatini Chief Operations Officer Petros Vilakati, the league action will begin tomorrow under floodlights with the security forces derby between Young Buffaloes and Royal Leopard at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG:

| Team | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | PTS |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Mbabane Swallows | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 17 | 2 | 15 | 20 |
| Young Buffaloes | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 2 | 15 | 18 |
| Royal Leopard | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 4 | 8 | 18 |
| Moneni Pirates | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 14 |
| Mbabane Highlanders | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 12 |
| Green Mamba | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 11 |
| Manzini Wanderers | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 13 | -2 | 11 |
| Black Swallows | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 15 | -4 | 10 |
| Tambuli | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 16 | -7 | 10 |
| Sea Birds | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 10 | -4 | 8 |
| Mhlume Peacemakers | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 13 | -4 | 7 |
| Denver Sundowns | 8 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 16 | -8 | 5 |
| Milling Hotspurs | 8 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 13 | -10 | 3 |
| Malanti Chiefs | 8 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 14 | -11 | 3 |

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

| Tomorrow at Somhlolo National Stadium | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|--------------------|--------|
| Royal Leopard | vs | Young Buffaloes | 8.30pm |
| Friday at Mavuso Sports Centre | | | |
| Denver Sundowns | vs | Malanti Chiefs | 6.30pm |
| Saturday at Mayaluka Stadium | | | |
| Tambuli | vs | Royal Leopards | 3pm |
| Saturday at Mavuso Sports Centre | | | |
| Milling Hotspurs | vs | Black Swallows | 2pm |
| Moneni | vs | Mhlume Peacemakers | 4.05pm |
| Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium | | | |
| Young Buffaloes | vs | Mbabane Swallows | 1pm |
| Highlanders | vs | Manzini Wanderers | 3pm |