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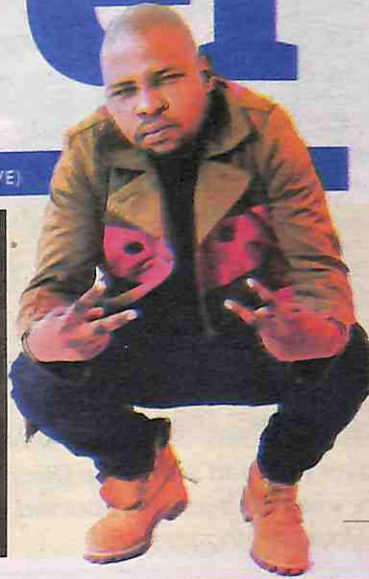
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SCATTERED: This truck ferrying pavers landed in this position after it developed mechanical faults and started moving backwards while climbing up the Malagwane Hill yesterday. There were no injuries reported. **(R) SNAIL'S PACE:** Traffic moving at a snail's pace as the police and the truck owners try to clear the climbing lane. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



'HE BEATS ME BUT I CANNOT LEAVE HIM'

STORIES BY DELISA THWALA
Buhleni

A woman from Buhleni in northern Hhohho has come out to say she is in love with her abusive partner and cannot imagine herself leaving him.

During a visit to her place of abode with the said lover, Phindile* said she had invested a lot in the four-year relationship and she cannot just wake up and decide to leave.

Their relationship has produced two children, both girls aged six and four. She said the children had been exposed to a lot due to their father's behaviour such that she had to take them to her mother's place. This incident comes in the wake of numerous ugly incidents that involved partners and the ongoing 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

Phindile, in a normal but highly emotional tone, said she did not recognise the monster her baby dad had become and she kept having hope that they would work things out and get over this phase.

"It all started when I got promoted at work, I'm

...families have failed to resolve matter

a teacher by profession, the insecurities kicked in on his side. He became highly possessive and I thought it was just a phase and like all men he feels threatened that I will leave him," narrates Phindile.

Detailing the whole ordeal, she tells the publication that her lover had never shown signs of any abusive patterns before. She said when he finally hit her, it was on the third occasion of their disagreement, where he hit her against the wall and went on to destroy her Corolla car tyres.

She said other gruesome acts of violence had left her with a broken hip, partly bitten lip and a hand that cannot function properly for 10 minutes.

"I love him and we never used to be like this, I know he is going through something, and all I want is help for us but people should stop expecting me to leave, or change the past. If I could stop loving him I would, but I cannot," continues the now sobbing Phindile.

A family member and her mother who were found with the visibly bruised Phindile said in vernacular that they had tried to mediate in the issue but failed.

"Sazama kutingena sahluleka. There is nothing we can do with this issue. A family meeting ended up being a tell-off session between the families," narrated her mother. When the man in question was contacted, he said he did not deal with his domestic issues over the phone but he should be addressed accordingly.

"You went around and exposed my issues unprovoked and now you want me to answer you, I do not deal with such people and mostly I deal with my age-mates," he said rudely before hanging up the phone. Attempts to reach him after that proved futile as his phone rang unanswered. Attempts to get his sister or anyone close to him eased the situation.

His sister said she did not want to say anything that would make her look as though she was defending abuse or violence against women.

"I do not know what triggers my brother to do these kind of things. I know him not to be a person of short temper. If this is true, then he needs help really fast before they both lose their lives or children," said the sister.

'Do not expect her to just leave'

PSYCHOLOGIST Zanele Dlamini has said people should not expect Phindile to wake up and leave her baby daddy, there is a lot she has to go through before she decides to leave.

"Just like any woman, Phindile is in love and it is going to be a process for her to just leave because she is also dependent on the abuser and we cannot force her to just wake up and decide to leave," said Dlamini.

She also added that abuse was almost like a cycle and once you were abused you do not remain the same person either mentally or physically.

"She needs to go through lots of therapy, counselling before she takes a decision.

"It is going to be a process because it is clear that her abuser knows her weaknesses and he uses them against her," closed Dlamini.

Eswatini Action Group Against Abuse (ESWAGAA) Director Nonhlanhla Dlamini has said they are willing to help both Phindile and her baby daddy through this situation before it turned ugly.

"We follow cases like this where we give suitable advice and help the abused and abuser.

"We go as far as pleading with people to report such cases on behalf of the abused," shared Dlamini. She confirmed that they have always and still are receiving cases such as this and they always tried their best not to push the situation but administer suitable help step by step.

Violence is a crime against State - Masuku

HUMAN Rights Commissioner Sabelo Masuku says abuse and any form of violence is a crime against the State.

"According to the new law, when you hit your partner you are not only contravening the law but you are also committing a serious act

against the country and serious measures are taken against you," said Masuku during the Human Rights seminar. The Eswatini's Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act Section 115-116 clearly states that a police officer must investigate the circumstances, complaint

and report no matter who has reported it. The deputy prime minister's office has said that theirs was not to enforce the law but the police did that. The office in such situations waits for the law to take its course then visit the affected home to offer counselling and consolidate the sit-

uation.

NB: Phindile is not her real name. We have decided not to reveal her identity in order to protect the minors and the fact that she has not laid charges against her alleged abusive baby daddy.



Human Rights Commissioner Sabelo Masuku.

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DPM MEETS TRANSPORT OWNERS OVER FARES HIKE

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

DEPUTY Prime Minister Themba Masuku accompanied by three Cabinet ministers met with public transport owners yesterday in Manzini to plead for their understanding and allow for processes to take their full course before implementing the proposed bus fares hike.

Accompanying Masuku was Public Works and Transport Minister Chief Nduluhlaza Ndwandwe, Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza and Home Affairs Minister Princess Lindiwe.

Masuku explained to the Eswatini Commercial Amadoda (transport), Eswatini Road Transportation Council and other stakeholders that the approved Maximum Bus Fares and Taxi Fares (Amendment) Regulations of 2019 by the House of Assembly on Monday will not take effect on Sunday as reported but will go through Senate which will also debate the report or accept the House's recommendation.

Masuku told the stakeholders that the recommended or proposed amendments which were passed by the House of Assembly were on Monday forwarded to Senate.

He said given the seriousness of the matter and considering the implementation of the 85 cents fuel tax, Cabinet found it necessary that they explain the

...government pleads for understanding whilst allowing due process to take its course



INTERVENES: DPM Themba Masuku.

processes in amending the regulations. "We understand the pressure faced by public transports owners but at the same time, we felt it is necessary to do everything by the book. We appeal to the stakeholders to allow Senate to also have a view on the matter. This exercise will take us 14 days after which, if Senate decides to accept the House of Assembly proposal, will then draft the gazette which will then enforce the coming into force of the new bus and taxi fares," Masuku said.

He said given that situation therefore, they were not in a position to state when exactly the new fares would come into force. Masuku assured public transport stakeholders that they would come back to them with a feedback once all the administrative processes have been completed.

He said Parliament's adjourning *sine die* will not affect the already started process, hence they would update the stakeholders once the ongoing processes were completed.

"If senators don't react to the proposal from the House of Assembly within the 14 days, it will be taken that they have also endorsed it. But members of Senate will indicate their interest to debate the amendments and the senate president would call a special sitting to look into that matter," he said.

Masuku said the process does take some time, like a month to give people sufficient notice before the new fares can come into force.

On Monday, Members of Parliament approved the bus fares hike placing local routes within eight kilometres to E7.70.

The increase will be for E1.70 for short distances, which range from one to eight kilometres. The money by which the bus fares will increase will vary according to distance.

ALMOST: This van was almost swept away by the recent floods after its driver left it on the road due to a tyre puncture at Sandleni over the weekend. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



Man who killed lover with brick arrested

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Manzini

THE long arm of the law has caught up with Bhelimuzi Mbingo who killed his lover by hitting her with a Langa brick.

Mbingo was on the run following the gruesome incident which happened on Monday morning.

Reports are to the effect that Mbingo ran to nearby bushes after killing his lover and hid from the police.

However, that did not deter the officers as they made sure that they comb the bushes in search for the suspects.

Mbingo was eventually caught and

brought to book. Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that Mbingo was arrested and is expected to make an appearance before a Magistrates Court soon.

Mbingo is now facing a charge of murder in that he killed Hlobisile Mamba while at Thulwane area near Timbutini. Mbingo who is said to have been always violent is alleged to have killed his lover in front of her family members.

It is alleged that he also threatened to kill Mamba's family members. The accused is no stranger to breaking the law as it has been alleged that he is currently

out on bail for attempted murder and attempted rape charges.

This time around it is alleged that the bone of contention between the deceased and Mbingo was that Mbingo accused the deceased of being in cohorts with a resident he was not seeing eye to eye with.

The suspect is alleged to have demanded all that he had ever bought for the deceased before assaulting her inflicting fatal wounds on her.

Such an incident happened on the first day of the 16 Days of Activism on Gender Based Violence and it has reflected on how bad the situation of gender based violence is in the country.

Man assaults lover with beer bottle at police camp

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

WITH the ever rising domestic violence cases coming to the fore, yet another woman has had to endure abuse at the hands of her lover.

As a result, Xolile Tsabedze has been admitted at the Mbabane Government Hospital, after suffering several injuries at the hands of her lover Myalo Hlophe.

After their disagreement intensified, an intoxicated 32-year old Hlophe was said to have taken a bottle and broke it on a surface and proceeded to assault Tsabedze on her forehead. This brutal assault was said to have left Tsabedze in an unconscious state.

The assault was said to have taken place at the Lobamba Police Camp on Sunday.

According to court records, Hlophe was arrested and charged with contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act, when he was found to have assaulted Tsabedze with a beer bottle on her forehead.

In his appearance before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini yesterday, Hlophe was remanded back into custody until December 6. The prosecution further made an application for the matter to proceed at a later date, stating that Tsabedze was in a critical condition after the assault.

It should be known that the prosecution makes such applications to observe whether the victim's condition may change from being critical, to fatal.

For example, if the victim succumbs to his injuries, the accused may be charged with murder. This assists the prosecution to charge the accused accordingly.

SA man arrested for ritual murder

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Manzini

VIGILANT members of the public have helped police nab a South African man who killed a three-year-old boy for ritual purposes.

Emaswati residing near the border are alleged to have played a vital role in the arrest of a man who murdered the three-year-old boy for *muti* purposes and buried him in a shallow grave.

Information gathered is that on November 4 officers from the South African side of the border were informed of a couple which was headed for South Africa exiting via the Gege Border Post.

It is alleged that the two, a South African male and a Liswati woman were in the country to visit relatives.

It is alleged that prior to the two coming to visit Eswatini there was a child who was reported missing in Piet Retief at a location known as Mangosuthu area.

The whereabouts of the child were not known as no one claimed to have seen the child. It is alleged that during the visit to the country some residents managed to get wind that the child was in fact killed by the South African for body parts.

Since the area is close to the South African border the residents liaised with the South African police who devised a plan to arrest the two while they were on their way to Piet Retief coming from Eswatini.

It is alleged that after they were caught by the police the South African national confessed to having killed the baby and burying it in a shallow grave in Mangosuthu.

When contacted yesterday Brigadier Hlathi of the South African Police

Service confirmed that they had a suspect in custody for murder related charges.

Hlathi said the suspect is a South African national who was in the company of his girlfriend.

Arrested

He said the two were arrested while on their way back from Eswatini. He said the woman was later released by the police.

Meanwhile, the Excelsior newspaper, a South African publication reporting on issues around Mkhondo Municipality reported that on November 4, members of the Mkhondo SAPS received information that individuals who are resident in the Kingdom of Eswatini were travelling to South Africa and were suspected in the disappearance of a three-year-old boy.

"The officers rushed to the Bothashoop Border and apprehended the suspects after they were identified by the individuals who reported them" the publication reported.

It went on to report that both were detained and interviewed but it was revealed that the woman in question carried no knowledge of the missing child and she was released.

The officers rushed to the Bothashoop Border and apprehended the suspects after they were identified by the individuals who reported them

PM OFF TO ATTEND TWO SUMMITS IN SPAIN, KENYA

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Sikhuphe

PRIME Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini yesterday jetted out of the country together with a delegation of ministers to attend two summits in Spain and Kenya.

However, the PM will first stop in Saudi Arabia, where he will deliver a special message from His Majesty King Mswati III.

The PM and his delegation left through KM III International Airport at 1400 hours.

Speaking during a media briefing, Dlamini said their first stop will be at Dubai, where they will be meeting prospective investors who have a desire to set base in Eswatini.

The premier explained that this will only be a side assignment as they will be passing through to three official assignments.

The first official assignment will

be meeting the King of Saudi Arabia, Salman bin Abdulaziz where the prime minister is expected to deliver a special message.

The premier reported that he will then proceed to Spain, where he will be representing His Majesty in a United Nations summit, where heads of state are expected to discuss issues that touch on the environment.

Dlamini said His Majesty was invited to be part of the summit, but was held up in other national duties. He said he would further proceed to attend to another summit in Kenya.

This summit is known as the African Caribbean Pacific (ACP) Summit. The heads of state will be discussing issues of development in African countries.

This will summarise the trip of the delegation which will then return home. Forming part of the delegation was Minister of Foreign Affairs Thuli Dladla and other government officials.



DVOKOLWAKO ACTING CHIEF DIES

BY NONGCEBO DLAMINI
Manzini

DVOKOLWAKO Acting Chief Mohammed Magagula has passed on after a short illness.

He died on Sunday at the Dvokolwako Royal Kraal. Magagula had taken the reigns from his late brother Chief Malamlela Magagula, who succumbed to diabetes which he had been battling for quite a long time before his death.

According to Homi Magagula, who

is the uncle to the deceased, Mohammed's death came as a shock to the family. He said they did not expect that he could succumb to death so unexpectedly.

Homi stated that it was known that the chief could not walk and that was his main issue.

When asked the cause of death, Magagula stated that a few months ago the acting chief was diagnosed with Tuberculosis but was under medication since then. He went on to mention that the diseased was in a stable condition to their knowledge, but it came as a shock to them

when the illness complicated on Saturday. He was then rushed to hospital, but however, could not survive as he died the following day.

Homi stated that they were saddened by the death and it was still difficult to accept that he was no more. He said they were looking up to him to lead the family.

"We are still in shock of what has befallen the family. This comes less than a decade after the death of the late Chief Malamlela and now we have to put his brother to rest."

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Truck spills pavers at Malagwane, traffic stalled for two hours

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

MEMBERS of the public travelling to Mbabane had to endure a two-hour traffic jam at Malagwane Hill after a truck carrying pavers developed mechanical faults yesterday.

The traffic interruption was experienced starting from Mnyamatsini up to Bahai. The truck loaded with Nkonyeni Pre-cast (NPC) pavers failed to ascend the hill after it developed mechanical faults.

The back side of the truck capsized and the pavers were scattered all over the road. Luckily, no one was injured as only the trailer capsized. Police were quick to arrive as they tried to direct motorists to use alternative routes.

Upon reaching Bahai traffic circle motorists driving to Mbabane were forced to share the route with motorists driving out of the city and then join the other normal route at Mafini.

Normally, when a truck carrying usable cargo is involved in an accident people scramble for the goods but that did not happen yesterday.



ROAD CLOSED: The position on which the truck landed after the accident.

However, in this particular accident people were unable to help themselves with the pavers as police were present in significant numbers at the scene.

In addition, within a couple of minutes the company's employees were at the scene clearing the pavers that were scattered all over the road.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati confirmed that a truck carrying pavers developed mechanical faults at Malagwane and failed to move up the hill. She said no life was lost in the accident.

Meanwhile, in Matsapha on Monday a nine-year-old boy who was a pedestrian was knocked down by a motor vehicle.

The accident occurred at 1545 hours, along Ludzeledze-Kwaluseni Public Road at Luntsantsama River.

The Toyota Ipsum Sedan was driven by a 40-year-old man of Ludzeludze and lost control and knocked down the nine-year-old.

He sustained serious injuries and was rushed to RFM Hospital, where he was certified dead.

MTN ESWATINI PRESENTS NSIKA WITH KIA PICANTO

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

MTN Eswatini yesterday officially presented The Spotlight competition winner Nsika Mazibuko with the brand new Kia Picanto at the mobile entity's head offices at Mahlalekhukhwini House.

Presenting the prize to The Spotlight winner was MTN Eswatini Acting CEO Sibusiso Nhleko, who said every champion has a spot.

Nhleko acknowledged parents and friends who were there to support the contestants throughout their journey.

He also appreciated the team behind the scenes and the partners who were active throughout the journey.

These included Kia Motors, Momentum, Nandos and Eswatini Observer to mention but a few. "This is just the beginning of something greater; it is an opportunity now to reflect on how we can take this to the next level.

"One thing about success is something you attract by what the person become, you become an attractive person, which means you have set the bar high," Nhleko shared.

MTN Chief Marketing Officer Sylvia Otuo-Acheampong also thanked Nsika's parents for supporting the winner



WINNER: MTN Eswatini Acting CEO Sibusiso Nhleko, The Spotlight winner Nsika Mazibuko and MTN Chief Marketing Officer Sylvia Otuo-Acheampong pose for a picture after officially handing over the car keys to Mazibuko.

throughout the competition.

She mentioned that the two contestants that did not win; Nompandolo and Madoda Nsibandze will walk away with a record deal but the difference with theirs was that they would only record their songs but not be given a managing stable. "We believe that

before the next Spotlight competition, our contestants would have already dropped their albums," Otuo-Acheampong said. Trophies were given as a token of appreciation to the Top Ten contestants for The Spotlight competition. One of the fans who vowed that Nsika would win the com-

petition Sihle Dlamini walked away with an LG Smart TV.

Dlamini said she knew from the first day she watched the competition that Nsika would win. "He was always constant with his energy when he performed. I just knew he would win," Dlamini said.



ME TOO: Nompandolo Nsibandze shakes hands with MTN Chief Marketing Officer Sylvia Otuo-Acheampong.



TV: Otuo-Acheampong hands over the LG smart TV set to Nokwanda Dlamini, who voted for Nsika throughout the competition.



TOP 3: Madoda Nsibandze who made it to the top three with the MTN chief marketing officer.



KODAK MOMENT: MTN Acting CEO Sibusiso Nhleko, BK Lodge Marketing officer Nomfundo Sifundza, KIA Motors' Gcebile Kunene, Eswatini Observer Managing Editor Mbongeni Mbingo, Momentum's Sonkhe Shabangu, MTN Chief Marketing Officer Sylvia Otuo-Acheampong and MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko pose after the appreciation of The Spotlight partnership.



MINE: The MTN Spotlight winner Nsika Mazibuko drives off in his new Kia Picanto after it was officially handed over to him.



TOP 10: Melusi Mndzebele who made it to the top 10 being awarded by MTN Chief Marketing Officer Sylvia Otuo-Acheampong.



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The public is hereby informed that Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) is rolling out a new house wiring and overhead service connection standard. The company is therefore inviting all practicing electrical wiremen in the country to a training, registration and verification process.

Below are the requirements needed for registration and verification. A schedule for this exercise has also been provided below.

Requirements

- Certified copy of National Identity.
- Certified copy of formal education qualification.
- Certified copy of DIVT Trade/Grade Test Certificate.
- Personal details (Contact Details, physical address etc.).

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28 th November 2019	Elangeni Depot	08:00HRS – 15:00HRS
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Marketing and Corporate Communications

PUPIL (12) DROWNS IN HOTEL SWIMMING POOL

BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

A 12-year-old Entsanjeni Primary School pupil drowned in the Pigg's Peak Hotel swimming pool during a school trip on Monday afternoon.

The body of the deceased Geinisizwe Msibi was found floating face down by his teacher, Zanele Mabuza.

Speaking to this publication yesterday, police said they suspected that the boy might have sneaked into the adult pool without anybody noticing him, hence he drowned.

"Pupils from Entsanjeni Primary had visited the Pigg's Peak Hotel in the presence of their teachers for a school trip on Monday.

"The pupils had arrived at the hotel in a kombi. During the trip, the teachers had organised for the pupils to swim. It is important to note that the hotel has three different sized pools to suit swimmers of all ages.

"The younger pupils were placed in the shallow pool, while the mid level swimmers were placed in the intermediate pool. The more advanced swimmers were allowed to swim in the adult pool, however they were under surveillance from the teachers," said a police source.

The police added that after they had finished swimming, the teachers then



TRAGEDY: The Pigg's Peak hotel swimming pool where a pupil drowned during a school trip.

told all the children to get dressed before heading to the kombi.

"While the children changed their swimming gear, teacher Mabuza noticed that there was still a pile of clothes left on the changing room floor.

Mabuza picked up the clothes and took them to the kombi, where she discovered that the boy was missing.

Mabuza then went back to the swimming pool area only to notice the boy floating in the far end of the adult swim-

ming pool. The shocked teacher then phoned the police, who arrived at the scene and retrieved the corpse," added the source. When approached for comment, the deceased boy's family members at Meleti said they were not ready to speak to the media as they were still in shock. At the time of compiling this report, teachers at the school refused to be interviewed, and said only the school principal could speak to the media. The principal was locked in a meeting for the better part of the day. Chief Police Information Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident.

Grandson hacks granny (92) for her money

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

AN elderly woman (92) is fighting for her life at the Mbabane Government Hospital after she was hacked with a bush knife by her grandson.

Leslinah Dlamini of Mafucula was hacked about 10 days ago by her 28-year-old grandson Mzwandile Mndzebele. Narrating the ordeal, she said her grandson found her at home and started demanding money from her. She said they had a brief argument which ended with her being hacked. She said her grandson's state of sobriety was questionable as he uttered ill words to her. After the quarrel the man hacked the elderly woman with a bush knife on the head and hands. Upon realising that he managed to attract neighbours' attention, he fled the homestead. "He came home and started demanding money from me," she said. The elderly woman was badly injured and she was covered in blood. She was rushed to Good Shepherd Hospital, where she was hospitalised for a week. Last Friday, she was transferred to the Mbabane Government Hospital for extensive

medical attention. Speaking during an interview, Dlamini said she was afraid to return home after being discharged from hospital. The elderly woman, who was covered in bandages said she believed her grandson will come for her to finish the job he started. Dlamini said she her grandson had tendencies of violence but she never thought it would reach this far. "I am scared of going back home as my grandson is capable of killing me," she said. Currently, the man is on the loose. She said since the day she was hacked, Mafucula community police had been looking for Mndzebele. A source also revealed that at first Dlamini did not want the matter to be reported to the police. It is reported that she stated that she feared police would shoot at her grandson. However, since she was badly injured she had to get a police letter that enabled medical professionals to attend to her at hospital. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident and said the man was still on the loose. She said police were working tirelessly to find him. She also pleaded for assistance in apprehending the suspect.

Mkhulu advised to hire driver after accident

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

NO longer fit to drive on public roads, an elderly man was duly warned by the court to desist from driving after he bumped into another vehicle, causing an accident.

Samuel Sikhosana was charged with contravening the Road Traffic Act on two counts, after he was found to have bumped into another

vehicle at Nkoyoyo.

Sikhosana told the court that he was frightened when the accident occurred.

"As I was reversing, I noted that the vehicle was closer than I expected and with a fright, I accidentally pressed hard on the accelerator. I apologise for having been negligent in this manner, and I hope the court can forgive me as I am an elderly man," Sikhosana stated.

Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini advised Sikhosana to desist from driving, as he was an elderly and his senses were no longer what they were. "Please tell your children to hire a professional driver to drive you around from here on. You are posing a danger not only to yourself, but to other drivers as well. If you have to, your children will drive you around themselves, so that you are not driving on the public roads and causing accidents," the judicial officer advised, much to the amusement of the court. Mkhulu Sikhosana was amongst five negligent drivers to appear before the court. Dudu Sebentile Dlamini was sentenced to serve four months in prison, with the option to pay a fine of E600 after she was found to have bumped a man on a bicycle.

Dlamini attempted to explain to the court that at the time of the accident, she was attempting to avoid a head-on collision with another vehicle, when she accidentally bumped the man riding a bicycle.



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TO: ALL SNAT BURIAL SCHEME MEMBERS

This announcement serves to inform the SNAT Burial Scheme general membership that the AGM will be on the 07th of December 2019.

Venue : Mavuso Trade Exhibition Centre
Hall no; 1
Starting time: 1000hours

Agenda

1. Opening prayer
2. Chairperson's remarks
3. Reading and Adoption of Minutes
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. Reports
 - Secretary's Report
 - Treasurer's Report
6. SNAT Burial Services
7. Closure

Membership must bring Swazi national ID, SNAT Burial Scheme passbook and current payslip for registration. Registration starts at 07:45hours and strictly stops at 10:00hrs. After 10:00hrs there is no registration

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MANZINI IS STRONG ON BUSINESS CAPACITATION: The Thursday market traders wherein Council together with partners play a huge business capacity building role.

MANZINI COUNCIL IN BID TO INCULCATE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AMONGST CITIZENS

THE Municipal Council of Manzini identifies with the Global Entrepreneurship Network's aspirations of inculcating an entrepreneurial culture to city dwellers regardless of their age.

The City of Manzini oozes an entrepreneurial spirit which runs from residents in the townships to the heart of the city (Central Business District) and this eco-system of entrepreneurship at various scales forms the heart-beat of Manzini City's brand positioning as "The Trade Hub of the Kingdom of Eswatini". The Municipality drives its Local Economic Development (LED) Strategy, which is aimed at stimulating entrepreneurship growth, in partnership with its strategic partners and government agencies including but not limited to the ministry of commerce and trade, Junior Achievement Eswatini, Eswatini Environment Authority, Eswatini Fair Trade (ESWIFT), the Youth Enterprise Fund and many others.

The Municipality understands that the Global Entrepreneurship Week, which was celebrated last week, is a movement that began 12 years ago as an idea meant to champion and inspire the growth of global entrepreneurs. As part of the commemoration of the Global Entrepreneurship Week, the Municipality, in partnership with Junior Achievement Eswatini, last week held a business seminar that was attended by over 30 young people. A budding young businessman, Celumusa Dlamini who is the Director of Netstorm, gave a captivating motivational talk to the youth.

As Council we are also happy to note that the four key thematic areas of the 2019 Global Entrepreneurship

...Municipality identifies with Global Entrepreneurship Network's aspirations



PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP: Vending shelters which were upgraded in partnership with Nedbank.

Week resonate with our Local Economic Development (LED) Strategy and the Integrated Development Plan (IDP). The themes are Education, Ecosystems, Inclusion and Policy.

• EDUCATION

Working with her strategic partners, Council is in the process of implementing business development capacity building for the informal business sector, (Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises (SMMES), women and the youth. The Municipality will soon be facilitating business development workshops for two groups of around 30 young people who will be provided with seed capital for income generating projects. This is one of many ways through which Council seeks to inspire young people to pursue entrepreneurship.

• ECOSYSTEMS

Council is currently working with one of her strategic partners, Eswatini

Fair Trade (ESWIFT), to provide an incubation programme for the Thursday Market Traders who presently carry-out their trade at the satellite bus rank. The objective is to provide the traders with a market network to which they can sell their products; resulting in sustainability and growth of their businesses. The lessons learnt from the incubation programme will also be applied to the youth entrepreneurship programme.

• INCLUSION

The City of Manzini embraces all kinds of people seeking to pursue entrepreneurship endeavours; from the mainstream economy to the informal sector. Manzini has the strongest informal sector presence in the country; with over 2 600 entrepreneurs. These include Inhlanganisela Yabo Make (a group of traders who come from all over the country to conduct trade at the Satellite Bus Rank), the youth and people living with disability. The

Municipality is currently working with companies in the private sector towards exploration of various Public Private Partnership (PPPs) concepts.

These include the development of a Mixed-Use Commercial Centre in Fairview, upgrading of the Old Bus Rank and upgrading of the Old Trade Fair. The city also hosts quarterly flea markets where every trader has an opportunity to showcase and sell their products. The Municipality also hosts business fora whereby businesses convene to discuss issues affecting trade in the city and come up with solutions to address such. The city is also in the process of implementing the Youth Recycling Project through partnership with Eswatini Environment Authority and the Environmental Fund.

• POLICY

The Municipality is working on a policy framework that aims at creating an enabling environment for entrepreneurship development in the city.

PLEASE NOTE: FLEA MARKET THIS SATURDAY

THE Municipal Council of Manzini will this Saturday host its next flea market on Louw street (between Bhunu Mall and SwaziBank), starting at 9am and running until 5pm.

Registration for those who may be interested in participating will be open tomorrow (28th November 2019) at the Manzini civic centre, starting at 8:30am.

The participation fee is E250 for sole traders, E400 for Small and Medium Enterprises and E700 for corporate organisations who may want to promote their products and services. Motorists are notified that the portion of Louw street on which the flea market will be taking place will be blocked for the duration of the event. Please use alternative routes. The flea market is one of the ways through which Council is contributing to the economic upliftment of citizens.

Its approach is to eliminate bottlenecks and frustrations that inhibit business growth and investment in the city while ensuring order and safety of investments.

The Municipality is also implementing a turn-around strategy that seeks to improve service delivery and turnaround times for approval of business permit applications, administrative efficiencies in support of business development as well as investment attraction to the city.

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MP questions Study Loan Consortium's 10% carrot

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Lobamba

SITHOBELWENI Member of Parliament Bhekithi Dlamini has questioned the ministry of labour and social security's decision to pay the Study Loan Recovery Consortium a per cent of the recovered funds.

This was raised during the debate of

the ministry's second quarter performance report in the House of Assembly. Dlamini enquired why the Study Loan Recovery Consortium was paid a percentage of the collected fund instead of a fixed rate. He also raised a concern regarding the company charging for collecting money from easy to get beneficiaries like civil servants.

Minister of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati said the 10 per cent

payment paid to the consortium was provided for in the contract of engagement between government and the consortium. He said this was meant to provide an incentive to the collection team to maximise collection. Vilakati said since the beginning of the project, the consortium had collected slightly over E100 million, meaning the consortium has been paid E10 million. He stated that the recovered funds were collect-

ed through a dedicated account held at Standard Bank and transferred on regular intervals to the government account at Central Bank of Eswatini in compliance with Public Finance Management Act. The minister said the initial contract was for the consortium to develop a collection system and hand it over to government for operation. He added that at the point of handing over the system, the ministry was of the view that the system was inoperable and the consortium insisted it was operable.

He said it was then decided that gov-

ernment would defer payment for the procurement of the system until the consortium proved through using the system to maintain a credible data base of all previous beneficiaries until 2012 and demonstrated ability of the system to produce reports, hence the decision to include all beneficiaries whether low hanging or hard to find. "If this was not done, it would have been difficult to populate the system with comprehensive data for everyone who benefited from the scholarship fund," he said.

'CHURCHES HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO INSTIL CORE VALUES'

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Mbabane

MINISTER of Home Affairs Princess Lindiwe has said the government relied on the church and the nation to instil core values of respect, love and compassion.

The minister said this would help moving forward the national agenda of uplifting the living standards of Emaswati. She said they could not achieve the national development goals without the necessary support from the church living a peaceful, quiet and godly life.

She was speaking at the occasion of 43 years celebration prayer by the Council of Swaziland Churches (CSC) held at the Bosco Skills Centre on Saturday. The theme was 'Journeying with Christ in the quest to restore human dignity'. The purpose of the prayer celebration was for member churches to share information on what they were doing, pray together and



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raise funds for the work of the Council. "We have learnt from the CSC that the day of prayer is celebrating 43 years milestone.

Let me congratulate you. May God continue to give you grace in the years to come.

We can all benefit from turning to our Creator, listening to Him and He alone can restore our dignity in families, communities and the entire nation," she said. Princess Lindiwe said gov-

ernment highly appreciated and recognised the value added to the development of the country. She said different government ministries had close working relationships with the council's member churches throughout the country in their endeavour to uplift the standard of living of many Emaswati, especially in remote areas. She said it was government's prayer and wish that these relations were strengthened to satisfy the needs of all Emaswati.

'Churches equipped for human development'

MINISTER Princess Lindiwe said churches were equipped to play a distinctive role in facilitating human development in Eswatini by their relations with other churches.

She said this was demonstrated by the increased appreciation of compassion to the poor and disadvantaged, continuing to partner in poverty alleviation in communities.

"As we pray, let us invoke heavens to protect our unique advantages of peace and stability anchored in our long standing cultural values.

We should pray that God provides us with the ability to nurture the young people into a new generation with a sense of national identity," said the princess.

Adding, she said government was working on the promulgation of the Marriage Bill 2019. The ministry was grateful for the submissions submitted by the church and public at large and hoped to involve all stakeholders.

She noted that there was a 2005 policy which regulated Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and the church

falls under it.

"Processes to develop a regulatory framework are underway to this effect. The ministry intends to gather all three church bodies, that is, the League, Conference and Council of Churches to ensure that there is a conducive environment for NGOs to execute their socio-economic mandate," she stated.

Princess Lindiwe appealed to the body of Christ to allocate at least two hours protecting the environment by keeping it clean as mandated by the government in July.

Branded Eswatini cattle stolen, found (killed) in SA

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Manzini

A farmer who lost over 23 of his cattle got the shock of his life when he was called by police to be shown two of his cows which were already slaughtered by cattle rustlers.

Information gathered is that the branded cattle were stolen from Eswatini and taken to Amsterdam in neighbouring South Africa at a location known as KwaThandeka.

Information shared by the South African Police Service is to the effect that early last month, police received a report regarding an unusual activity at a homestead at KwaThandeka Township. It is alleged that when they followed up on this tip off, police officers found two slaughtered cattle inside the house.

Fortunately, according to the report, the cattle were branded and the owner could be traced. It was concluded that the livestock was reported to have been stolen from Eswatini.

The owner of the cattle was contacted and he identified his animals. Information gathered is that the owner

of the cattle told the police that he was still missing 23 more cattle, but no further progress has been made in locating them.

Following investigations, it is said police arrested three men for stock theft. Worth noting is that there has been growing concern on the rise in cross-border crimes as the festive season sets in. It has been reported that dagga smuggling is one of the problematic issues when it comes to cross-border crimes.

The South African Police Service reported that one recent issue which saw people being arrested for smuggling dagga happened in mid-October, where 13 members of the SAPS held a stop-and-search on the N2-Pongola Road.

It is alleged that during the operation, a kombi was stopped and then searched by officers. It is said although nothing suspicious could be found in the vehicle, when the three women in the vehicle were searched, the officers found plastic belts full of dagga around the waist of each of the ladies.

In total, the dagga weighed 12.54 kilogrammes, with a street value of E18 810. The women were arrested.

School groundsman (36) arrested for rape of minor (16)

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
High Court

EMPLOYED as a groundsman by a primary school in the Manzini region, a 36-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly raping a 16-year-old minor.

Sipho Mlisi has been charged for contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act (SODV) Act of 2018.

According to the charge sheet, the accused person is charged for contravening Section 3 (1) of the offence in that on or about the month of April 2019 he wrongfully, unlawfully and with intent, had sexual intercourse with the minor. He is alleged to have committed the offence on the minor without her consent and in the process inflicted physical and mental trauma.

Through his lawyer Nduduzo Mabuza, Mlisi has filed an urgent bail application at the High Court following his arrest.

Motivating his application in his founding affidavit, he submitted that he is currently booked as His Majesty's guest at the Zakhele Remand Centre and that he is desirous of being admitted to bail as he has prospects of success at trial. He submitted that these are grounds warranting that he be admitted to bail since he has no citizenship with any other country save for the fact that

he is wholly rooted in the Kingdom of Eswatini with his family.

He averred that there is no likelihood that he may evade trial and neither will he not comply with the bail conditions the court may deem fit for him. "I am working as a groundsman, I submit that I will not endanger public safety or any person or commit any offence if released on bail, I am innocent of the charge against me and shall plead not guilty at trial," he averred.

He stated that he has neither been charged nor convicted of any offence before and verily believes that his trial will be heard at the Manzini Magistrate's Court and is likely not to be concluded within a few months, hence his continued incarceration will be greatly prejudicial to his personal liberty.

He further submitted that even though he was not yet in possession of the summary of evidence to which a list of witnesses is attached, he will not in any-way interfere with the Crown witnesses and will not conceal or destroy evidence.

Since his bail application was opposed by the Crown, the court granted him bail fixed at E15 000 to be deposited with the Government Treasury department.

However, the court ordered that he pays E3 000 in cash and E12 000 shall be in the form of sureties to be placed with the High Court registrar.

Pay back E31 000 by February – court rules

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man who defrauded a woman of over E30 000 has been ordered to compensate her by February 2020.

Sandiso Tsabedze was said to have approached Thuli Sihlongonyane at her work-place, with the promise to sell her a piece of land.

"I went to show her the land and she immediately fell in love with it. We entered into an agreement, which saw her pay me an amount of E31 200 for the sale of the land. The land I showed her was for sale, and I did not promise

her something that did not exist. Our relationship soured after her payments became inconsistent," Tsabedze told the court.

He further stated that he became impatient with Sihlongonyane and he was surprised when he discovered that she wanted her money back, after she was offered another piece of land.

"She started sending several people to me, saying she wanted her money back. However, when I would call her with regards to paying her back, she would not answer my phone calls at all," he added.

Tsabedze was arrested and charged with the offence of theft by false pre-

tences, when he was said to have, in 2016 at Mdzimba, misrepresented to Sihlongonyane that he had a piece of land that he wanted to sell her. He was said to have obtained an amount of E31 200 through his misrepresentation.

Tsabedze further told the court that he elected to compensate Sihlongonyane her money, although he did not have stable employment.

The court ordered Tsabedze to compensate Sihlongonyane the full amount owed to her by February 2020, after Tsabedze claimed that he could pay her E10 000 by the end of January 2020, and the remaining balance by the end of February 2020.

Tenant relates abuse by landlord in court

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A long-standing feud between two women played out animatedly in court.

This was an attempt to show how one of them sustained serious injuries on her body.

According to Nobuhle Zikalala, she never understood why Temalangen Dlamini always had a bone to pick with her.

"I was a tenant at Dlamini's home and had been living there for a couple of months. I was subjected to a series of violent episodes by Dlamini, and do not know what the problem is. I was doing my laundry one Saturday morning, when Dlamini came around my house and started

insulting me, chanting 'umkhukhu waSathane' (Satan's shack).

I knew that those words were directed at me, as insulting me had become a norm," Zikalala said.

Zikalala claimed that an argument ensued between them, where Dlamini went into her house, and returned with a bush knife.

"I was already expecting her to return with a weapon, as she had, on several occasions threatened to stab me with knives or douse me with petrol, setting me alight.

When she came back with the bush knife, she again hurled insults at me, accusing me of flirting with her lover because he had money.

She added that I was poor and had nothing, and my lover was just as poor as I was," she claimed.

Dlamini was said to have then attempted to hack Zikalala on her arms with the bush knife.

"Dlamini attempted to hack me on the arms; however she only managed to hack my hand, almost hacking my finger off.

When she raised the bush knife to hack me again, I held the sharp edge of the bush knife.

At that point, we were both wrestling over the bush knife, as I was trying to stop her from hacking me.

I was bleeding profusely and my finger bone was exposed," Zikalala recalled.

Gathered

She further recalled that after a few minutes, Dlamini's brother came running as bystanders gathered and raised an alarm.

That was also when Dlamini's lover, Machawe Dvuba restrained Zikalala.

"Dvuba came rushing towards me and attempted to get me off Dlamini, in the process tearing the T-shirt I was wearing.

Dvuba also assaulted me several times for no apparent reason, and I was left defenseless against the couple," she added.

'She told me she had station commander in her pocket'

DURING her testimony, Zikalala revealed that besides the physical abuse she endured at Dlamini's hands, she was also subjected to manipulation.

"After the incident which saw me getting hacked and assaulted by Dlamini and Dvuba, Dlamini told me not to bother reporting the matter to the police as she had the station commanders in her pocket.

Even before we arrived in court today (Thursday), she told me that this case would not be concluded because she had a relationship with a top cop," Zikalala claimed.

She further stated that Dlamini's manipulative antics almost deterred her from reporting her to the police.

Zikalala told the court that ever since the incident, she had lost full functionality of her right hand, after it was almost chopped off by Dlamini.

"My hand was severely swollen due to the injuries, to the point where I had to receive about seven stitches for it to be put back together.

I have lost functionality of

my hand and can no longer perform simple tasks," she concluded.

However, Dlamini shot back and claimed that Zikalala came to her home and started acting shady.

"You were the one who provoked me, several times at that. You used to come to my house and push my door in for no apparent reason.

There are several reasons why I do not like you and one of them is coming to the court and lying under oath," Dlamini stated.

Grievous

Dlamini and her lover Dvuba are currently facing charges of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, and assault common.

This was after it was said that Dlamini hacked Zikalala with a bush knife several times, and Dvuba assaulted Zikalala by slapping and pushing her. They were said to have committed the offences at Mangwaneni on October 19.

The matter was postponed for December 3 for continuation of trial.

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3310	THOKOZILE M. SHABANGU		P.O. BOX 480 MANZINI	MAGENGANE TRANSPORT	MANZINI, MATSAPHA, LUDZELUDZE, BOYANE, MBEKELWENI	ZOMBOOZE	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
39	SIBONISO S. MATSENUWA		P.O. BOX 1245 MANZINI	MANZINI, SIDVOKODVO, TRI-CASH, MASINI	MANZINI MAIN BUS RANK	MANZINI MAIN BUS RANK	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
70	SIBONISO S. MATSENUWA		P.O. BOX 1245 MANZINI	SILOMO TRANSPORT	MANZINI, SIDVOKODVO, TRI-CASH	MANZINI MAIN BUS RANK	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
917	TAKANGWANE P. DLAMINI		P.O. BOX 21 MANZINI	TITSELO TRANSPORT	MBABANE, MVUTJINI, LUGOGO SUN, MLALATINI, LOBAMBA, LANGENI, LOZITHA, MANZINI EXPRESS	MANZINI	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
1471	MXOLISI M. MATSEBULA		P.O. BOX 1964 MANZINI	MXOLISI BUS SERVICE	MANZINI MAIN BUS RANK, MHLALANI, INDUSTRIAL SITE, PRISON	MANZINI MAIN BUS RANK	SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
1496	MXOLISI M. MATSEBULA		P.O. BOX 1964 MANZINI	MXOLISI BUS SERVICE	MANZINI MAIN BUS RANK, NDLUNGANYE, POLICE COLLEGE, INDUSTRIAL SITE, PRISON	MANZINI MAIN BUS RANK	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
1521	NONHLANHLA F. NGWENYA		P.O. BOX 4 KWALUSENI	MABUYA TRANSPORT	NCABANENI, LUYENGO, MALKERNS, MAHLANYA, MANZINI	NCABANENI	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
1579	AMOS V. SOKO		P.O. BOX 12 MATSAPHA	MAWANDLA TRANSPORT	AMMENDMENT TO ADD UNISWA, TENI, MHLALANI, KHOZA, MBEKELWENI	LUDZELUDZE	NON SCHEDULED	AMMENDMENT
1743	COLISANI IZINHLIZIYO INVESTMENTS		P.O. BOX 49 MANZINI	COLISANI IZINHLIZIYO INVESTMENT	MANZINI, MATSAPHA, INDUSTRIAL SITE, POLICE COLLEGE	MANZINI	SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
1705	COLISANI IZINHLIZIYO INVESTMENTS		P.O. BOX 3623 MANZINI	COLISANI IZINHLIZIYO INVESTMENT	MATSAPHA INDUSTRIAL SITE, FAIRVIEW NORTH, FAIRVIEW SOUTH, MBABANE	MANZINI	SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
4986	COLISANI IZINHLIZIYO INVESTMENTS		P.O. BOX 3523 MANZINI	COLISANI IZINHLIZIYO INVESTMENT	TO OPERATE IN CASE OF A BREAKDOWN	MANZINI	STANDBY	RENEWAL
1128	KA-ZAKHALI DAY CARE EDUCATIONAL & WELFARE		P.O. BOX 3229 MANZINI	KAZAKHALA DAY CARE	AMMENDMENT TO EXTEND ROUTES ZOMBOOZE, LUDZELUDZE, MASUNDWINI, SIDVOKODVO, NHLAMENI, NGCULWINI, MAFUTSENI, MALYADUMA, MKULAMINI, MOYENI, MBEKELWENI, SITJENI, MZIMNENE	MANZINI	SCHOOL BUS	RENEWAL
4710	SABELO M. DLUDLU		P.O. BOX 232 SIPHOFANENI	MAHLE EMATIMA TRANSPORT	GUQUKA, MBABALA, ST PHILIPS, SIPHOFANENI	GUQUKA	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
5973	NKONYENI PRECAST (PTY) LTD		P.O. BOX 2585 MATSAPHA	NKONYENI PRECAST	GOODS TRANSPORTATION AROUND ESWATINI	NKONYENI FARM (SIDVOKODVO)	GOODS	RENEWAL
4304	USUTU FOREST SCHOOL		P.O. BOX 72 MHLAMBANYATSI	USUTU FOREST SCHOOL	SCHOOL BUS	JABULA CRESCENT-MHLAMBANYATSI	SCHOOL BUS	RENEWAL
3219	GEORGE M.V. GAMEDZE		P.O. BOX 106 SIPHOFANENI	LIVE LIBANTI TRANSPORT	MPHOSI, PHONJWANE, DUZE, SIPHOFANENI, BIG BEND, MATATA	SIPHOFANENI	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
3243	GEORGE M.V. GAMEDZE		P.O. BOX 106 SIPHOFANENI	LIVE LIBANTI TRANSPORT	SIPHOFANENI, BIG BEND, MATATA, NSOKO, LUBULI, KHWEZI, MALOMA	SIPHOFANENI	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
4471	NHLANHLA R. MTHOMBO		P.O. BOX 1267 SITEKI	NHLANHLA YAMI TRANSPORT	AMMENDMENT TO INCREASE CARRYING CAPACITY TO 30 SEATER	SITSATSAWENI	NON SCHEDULED	AMMENDMENT
2276	MANETH S. MTHIMKHULU		P.O. BOX 20 BIG BEND	ZABALAZA TRANSPORT	MATATA, MDOBANDABA, BIG BEND, BIG BEND HIGH	MATATA	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
183	MANDLEKHOSI I. NDZABANDZABA		P.O. BOX 565 SITEKI	VUKANI TOURS	SITEKI NEW BUS RANK, MPHUNDLE, MATSAENI	SITEKI BUS RANK	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
2236	NKOMENDALA E. MKHATSHWA		P.O. BOX 168 NSOKO	ZWIDE KAYANGA TRANSPORT	NSUBANE, NYAMAZANE, LAVUMISA, MHLABENI, NSOKO, LUBULINI, KWEZI, MATATA	NSUBANE	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
7163	SIKHUMBUZO Z. MADUMA		P.O. BOX 65 NHLANGANO	THIBA'S TRANSPORT	AMMENDMENT TO ADD SIKHOTSENI	SIKHOTSENI	NON SCHEDULED	AMMENDMENT
7518	MDUDUZI A. DLAMINI		P.O. BOX 1531 MANZINI	INJOBO TRANSPORT	AMMENDMENT TO EXTEND ROUTE FROM SIPHOFANENI TO TAMBUTI, BIG BEND, MATATA	SIPHOFANENI	NON SCHEDULED	AMMENDMENT
7003	BONGANI D. DLAMINI		P.O. BOX 1873 MANZINI	UMHLABULHANGENE TRANSPORT	AMMENDMENT TO DELETE EGBENI & DAIRY AND TO ADD MAKHUNGUTSHA PRIMARY SCHOOL, KAMLOTJWA, MPHINI, MATSAPHA INDUSTRIAL SITE	MAKHUNGUTSHA PRIMARY SCHOOL	NON SCHEDULED	AMMENDMENT
6729	MICHEAL SIMELANE		P.O. BOX 6039 MBABANE	SIMADVOZDA INVESTMENTS	AMMENDMENT TO ADD ONE MOTOR VEHICLE	MHLUME	STAFF BUS	AMMENDMENT
699	JOHNSON DLAMINI		P.O. BOX 6638 MANZINI	MCOBELA TRANSPORT	AMMENDMENT TO DELETE SIWENI, NTANDWENI, AND ADD KASHALI, SIDVOKODVO, EMASINI, DVUMBE	MANZINI	NON SCHEDULED	AMMENDMENT
654	ELMON DLAMINI		P.O. BOX 1272 MANZINI	MJAMBA TRANSPORT	AMMENDMENT TO DELETE MZAMO AND ADD UNIVERSITY AND INDUSTRIAL SITE	MANZINI	NON SCHEDULED	AMMENDMENT

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FIRE SCARE AT MONTIGNY

BY STARSKY MKHONTA
Nhlanguano

THERE was a fire scare at Montigny Investments in Nhlanguano on Friday afternoon, where one of the company's sections was seen engulfed with thick smoke followed by huge flames as the equipment known as dryer caught fire.

All operations were normal and in full swing, but just towards 4pm, there was panic after the chipboard plant was up in smoke.

With the danger noticed, it is said the chipboard plant was about to be devoured by flames whose cause is suspected to be sparks which flew while welding work was taking place close-by.

It is said with flames seen flying around one of the dryers, equipment which on the exterior resembles a chimney, coughed out flames and that triggered worries as no one was sure of what was happening.

Some were confused, but there were employees and management teams who displayed brav-



NOTHING SERIOUS: Andrew le Roux.

ery and their quick intervention saved what could have led to serious disaster and chances of seeing the whole company devoured by flames could not be ruled out.

However, management said the incident was not so alarming as nothing much was damaged. The management explained that the fire incident at the chipboard plant, did not warrant anyone to press any panic button, as it was a situation that was easily contained.

On behalf of the management, Andrew le Roux said the incident was not something seri-

ous, adding that all was under control. He said from what he was made to understand, it was just a minor fire incident which was easily put out.

"It was just too minor and no damages have been suffered as it (fire) was easily brought under control. I understand that it was just a spark that flew at the chipboard plant, where fire in one of the dryers was seen but was simply put out without much struggle. No operations were affected as we were quick to contain whatever was about to happen," said le Roux, who is one of the directors.

COPS LOOKING FOR 2 SUSPECTS, 1 MISSING MAN

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

TWO more suspects have been added in the police most wanted list.

The two are Siboniso Hlatshwako and Thokozani Mkhathshwa.

Hlatshwako is wanted by the Royal Eswatini Police Service in connection with the double murder which occurred in Malkerns at the beginning of the month. The other suspect Mkhathshwa of Ngculwini is wanted in connection with an armed robbery that occurred in Bethany. The police are pleading with anyone with information that might lead to the arrest of the two to come forth. They can contact Manzini RCBO Senior Superintendent Clement Sihlongonyane at 7612 7994, Assistant Superintendent Robert Vusi Dlamini at 7618 6763 and



WANTED: Thokozani Andile Mkhathshwa and Siboniso Hlatshwako.

Detective Sandile Zubuko 7692 6445. Meanwhile, the police are also seeking assistance in locating the whereabouts of a 74-year-old man from Malkerns. Naphital Mantimbane Ndzabukelwako was last seen wearing a navy blue suit on Saturday morning at Gege next to Eric Rosenberg, where he was attending a funeral.

Anyone who may have information about his whereabouts can contact Manzini Regional Crime Branch Officer (RCBO) Senior Superintendent Clement



MISSING: Naphital Ndzabukelwako.

Sihlongonyane at 7612 7994 and Malkerns Desk Officer Assistant Inspector Gamedze at 7623 2716.

Man held for possession of game

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

A man of Malindza on Monday appeared before the Magistrate's Court after he was found in possession of game.

The accused person, Velebanti Nkambule (48) faced two counts of contravening Section 12 of the Game Act 51 of 1953. On the first count, he was said to have wrongfully and unlawfully possessed two carcasses of a duiker while not being a holder of a valid permit. On the second count, the accused was said to have been found in the possession of a carcass of a duiker and three

skins of same. During his appearance before Acting Magistrate Cebile Ngwenya, the accused person was not asked to plead to the charges. Prosecutor Nompumelelo Msibi indicated that the Crown will be leading evidence to prove commission of offences. The court admitted the accused person to bail, which was set at E1 000 pending setting of a date of trial.

Meanwhile, in the same court, Bonginkhosi Masilela (37) faced a charge of contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act of 2018. He was said to have wrongfully and unlawfully assaulted Lungile Mabuza with fists and a bushknife all over

the body.

The accused person and the complainant were said to have been in a domestic relationship at the time of the assault.

The accused person elected to conduct his own defence after he was informed of his rights to legal representation.

When asked on how he intends to plead on the charge, the accused person stated that he will be pleading guilty to the charge even though he was disagreeing with some of the factors as indicated on the charge sheet.

Prosecutor Zanele Mabila then filed an application to have the matter postponed to a later date pending the setting of a date of trial.

47 households affected by weekend storms

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE heavy storms that hit some areas in the country have affected 47 households.

Manzini was the most affected by the Saturday storms.

About 23 households from Phondo constituency at Lushikishini Chiefdom were affected by the storms. Only one household was affected at Mtfongwaneni constituency. In total, 24 households were affected by the storms in that area.

Another region that was affect-

ed by the storm was Shiselweni region. Zombodze Emuva was the most hit area. Assessments conducted by the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) showed that 15 households from Zombodze Emuva were affected. The second constituency is Sandleni at Nhletjeni, which had six households affected.

At least two households were affected at Jericho.

NDMA Communications Manager Wandile Mavuso said there were no reports from the Hhohho and Lubombo regions. "In total, the agency recorded 47 households that were

affected by the storms that hit the country on Saturday," he said. He added that relief assistance in the form of tents, beans, rice and cooking oil were sent to the victims of the storm.

Mavuso further appealed to members of the public to prepare for the rainy season.

"We urge Emaswati to keep track of weather updates and patterns because that is preparedness on its own," he said.

He further urged the public to fix leaking roofs and practice retrofitting on their structures, as this would minimise extreme damage to the roofing.

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The Public Service Pensions Fund invites the following deceased members' families to meetings to be held at the following scheduled times and dates at the Pensions Building, along Mhlambanyatsi Road. Family members are requested to bring certified copies of the following: proof of identity, death certificate, birth certificates, marriage certificate(s) and any other relevant documents.

Lihhovisi letemhlala phansi (PSPF) licela tihlobo tanaba labalandzelako kutsi tivele enhloko hhovisi ngalamalanga netikhatsi letilandzelako.

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The following deceased members' families are invited to attend a meeting on the following dates:

Monday 02 December 2019

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Kunene Tjengisile G	Agriculture	9468131	02.11.2019	09h00
2. Thwala Khanyisile N	Education	4806808	08.10.2019	10h00
3. Fakudze Nkosinathi L	Education	7320024	07.11.2019	11h00
4. Sifundza John Siph	Correctional	8493563	03.11.2019	12h00

Tuesday 03 December 2019

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Dlamini Nokuthula	Education	6482794	26.10.2019	09h00
2. Sithole Ntombifuthi	Agriculture	40085427	10.11.2019	10h00
3. Zwane Mbuso W	Police	7521438	17.10.2019	11h00
4. Mamba Nhlanhla Martin	Works	4815514	11.11.2019	12h00

Wednesday 04 December 2019

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Malindza Sibongile	Natural R	3612930	16.10.2019	09h00
2. Dlamini Mlisa M	Works	2528973	27.10.2019	10h00
3. Simelane Muzie	Fire	7214936	31.10.2019	11h00
4. Mamba Madudza	Treasury	7202265	30.10.2019	12h00

Thursday 05 December 2019

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Jele Thab'sile	Education	4806918	27.10.2019	09h00
2. Dlamini Jeremiah J	Education	7135622	28.10.2019	10h00
3. Gumedze Vusie	Police	8899677	01.11.2019	11h00
4. Mhlongo Bhekithemba	Home Affairs	6526038	12.11.2019	12h00

For more information please contact Nompumelelo Masina at 24119000 or our Toll Free Number 8002401



PARTERS: Head of Global Fund delegation Dr Boniface Njenge with Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini at the Cabinet Offices where he welcomed them on Monday (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



POSE: Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini with the Global Fund delegation who are currently in the country

PARTNERSHIP OF ESWATINI & GLOBAL FUND CRITICAL FOR HEALTH SECTOR

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

PRIME Minister Mandvulo Dlamini says government has thanked Global Fund for its valuable support and commitment to saving lives of Emaswati and all affected across the world.

The premier was speaking while welcoming the Global Fund delegation led by Dr Boniface Njenge which is currently in the country.

The delegation is in the country to overlook the Eswatini Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) which will enable Eswatini to receive funding from the fund in the next coming years.

They are also in the country to conduct a follow up on previous funding that was received.

"Eswatini is highly appreciative of the valuable assistance it continues to receive from the Global Fund, hence it pleased His Majesty King Mswati III to pledge US \$6 million on behalf of the Kingdom at the Replenishment Summit," he said at the Cabinet offices on Monday.

PM added that the country was also grateful for the King's visionary leadership and his commitment to the health of the nation which was displayed by a pledge that serves as an investment to the health of all Emaswati.

The premier said the pledge was also a symbol of Eswatini's solidarity with the global community in the fight against HIV, TB and malaria.

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Dlamini said over the years, Eswatini had received over US\$265 million, approximately E3.5 billion, from the Global Fund in support of intervention programmes to strengthen the fight against HIV, TB and Malaria.

Combined with assistance from the country's partners such as PEPFAR, the European Union (EU) and United Nations (UN), this support enabled the Kingdom to achieve several health milestones.

The premier said through Global Fund the country had a significant reduction of new HIV infections mainly through high uptake of Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) and aggressive campaigns on behaviour change. More HIV pos-

itive patients were on (ART). As at December 31, 2018, patients enrolled on ART were over 172 000.

Dlamini said there had been a gradual decline in TB cases from 11 000 in 2010 to 3 000 in 2018 and an increase in TB case detection from 56 per cent in 2015 to 84 per cent in 2018.

Regional doctors and nurses had been hired through these grants and had ensured that TB services were decentralised to the regions and patients receive immediate service from facilities.

"The installation of Client Management Information System (CMIS) in some facilities has improved data reporting timelines, as more of the facilities are now reporting on real time. It goes without saying that the enduring partnership between Global Fund and Eswatini is of utmost significance to the entire health value chain of the Kingdom and we need to sustain and improve these gains," he added.



BRIEFING: Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi with Principal Secretary Simon Zwane.

'Health for all'

GLOBAL Fund is helping the country develop a health sustainability which shall be launched next year.

Prime Minister Mandvulo Dlamini said he was pleased to know that Eswatini Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) was preparing for the development process for the next funding requests for HIV, TB and Malaria as the current grants are coming to an end in 2020 for malaria, and 2021 for HIV and TB.

He added that the achievements that had been realised through the Global Fund assistance could only be enhanced by continued strategic partnership to ensure that the country meets, among others, our vision of ending AIDS related deaths by 2022 and fulfil Sustainable Development Goal number three of ensuring 'Health for All.'

Also speaking was Global Fund Country team leader Boniface Njenga who expressed his gratitude for the good pledge of Eswatini made last

month. Njenga added that Eswatini is one of the countries that had achieved and met the Fund's core financing achievement. He added that Eswatini had shown that health is indeed a priority because of the commitment.

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INVITATION TO TENDER DEBT COLLECTION SERVICES



The Eswatini Water Services Corporation hereby invites sealed bids from Debt collection Agents registered in Eswatini for the provision of debt collection services. Documents are downloadable online at the Eswatini Water Services Corporation's Website, www.swsc.co.sz for a non refundable fee of E500.00 (Five hundred Emalangeni) payable at any EWSC Service centre. Proof of payment shall be included in the bid.

Bids shall be valid for a period of 120 days and must be delivered to:

**The Managing Director
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Emtfontjeni Building,
MR3 Between**

on or before 12.00 noon, **Friday the 13th December 2019** at which time they will be opened in the presence of bidders who elect to attend

The Corporation does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Late, telegraphic, Emailed and faxed tenders shall not be accepted. Enquiries may be emailed to: procurement@swsc.co.sz

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POLICE DECRY LACK OF SOUND EQUIPMENT

PIGG'S PEAK police are unable to conduct public awareness campaigns and road shows due to the lack of microphones and outdoor speakers.

They expressed their frustration of being forced to borrow the equipment every time they wanted to conduct anti-crime campaigns around the Northern Hhohho region. Speaking to this publication yesterday, police from Northern Hhohho, who preferred anonymity said the lack of the public address (PA) system hindered their festive season anti-crime awareness campaigns. "We have various crime awareness programmes that we conduct with members of the public and our various stakeholders in



CRIME PREVENTION: Police are unable to conduct public awareness campaigns due to the lack of a sound system.

Pigg's Peak and surrounding areas. Such programmes, campaigns and

shows require the police to make live presentations complete with speeches and practical application kits. We do this to educate the public on the various ways of conducting their own crime prevention methods in their homes, businesses and communities. However, such initiatives in 2019 have been unsuccessful due to the fact that we lack our own public address equipment," they said.

The police added that currently they had to rely on others to provide them with the much-needed sound equipment. They have to such from other people to conduct their own road shows and invite them to make presentations. During these shows, organisers allow the police to use their

equipment. "This state of affairs is frustrating us as we also want to conduct our own road shows just like in the past. Recently, the Crime Prevention Unit wanted to host an awareness campaign at Luhlangotsini, but that meeting had to be cancelled due to the lack of relevant equipment. Last week Monday, we had planned to visit Vusweni for a similar crime awareness campaign, and that did not materialise due to the above specified reasons. We hope government will help us purchase the equipment for the Pigg's Peak police," they added.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the challenges faced by the police pertaining to the sound equipment.

"As police, we are having a few challenges pertaining to the sound equipment, and we are working hard to rectify the situation. Road-shows, public awareness campaigns and crime prevention programmes are conducted at three levels by the police; the first level is national."

NEW PRE-SCHOOL HOSTS FIRST EVER GRADUATION CEREMONY

EVEN though the local children were being educated at a neighbourhood care point (NCP), Nkwekwe Preschool has managed to host its first ever graduation ceremony.

The ceremony was held on Saturday.

Nkwekwe was established in January, 2019 after residents of Luhlangotsini voiced their concern at the lack of a dedicated pre-school in the area.

After the pre-school became operational, 15 children enrolled there for daily classes.

Pre-school Principal Pauline Chirwa said the preschool would operate at a different location once the *umphakatsi* allocated them a suitable piece of land where they would construct a new structure.

"Currently, the pre-school operates within the NCP at Luhlangotsini, but this will change next year after the *umphakatsi* allocates us a piece of land where the preschool will be constructed. On Saturday, nine out of 15 of our

children graduated during a ceremony which was attended by Moses Dlamini, who is unsumpe of the area. As a school, we appreciate his presence and hope that he will visit us again in the future," she said.

Chirwa said currently the pre-school was in need of outdoor playing equipment to entertain the young ones. "As we are new, there are many challenges like the lack of adequate outdoor playing equipment that involves swings, slides, merry go rounds and seesaws. In addition to this, the school also lacks furniture and toys to keep the pre-schoolers entertained. As we speak parents pay E400 every term as fees for their children.

The reason why the fees are so low is because the administration believes that not all parents can afford higher fees. May we take this opportunity to ask companies, organisations and business people to assist us by donating toys and furniture to the pre-school" she added.



YOUNG ONES: Pupils of Nkwekwe Pre-school pose during the inaugural graduation ceremony held on Saturday.



RANK: The Pigg's Peak Bus Rank where transport operators have expressed their concerns over having fewer customers.

PIGG'S PEAK TRANSPORT OPERATORS WORRIED

PUBLIC transport operators in Pigg's Peak have expressed their concerns over having fewer customers due to the imminent bus fare hikes.

The hikes would be effected from Sunday, December 1, 2019.

Speaking to this publication, four public transport operators, who preferred anonymity said government had picked a volatile time to approve and implement the upcoming public transport hikes.

"The bus fare hikes, although beneficial to us public transport operators, came at a volatile time when government is negotiating with civil servants pertaining to the Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA). Civil servants form the largest customer base for us, hence we feel government should sort them as soon as possible.

"Also, we are entering the festive season and

there will be less business for us as schools will be closed for the December holidays. All of this, including the recent fares hike will reduce the number of customers."

Meanwhile, Chairman of the Pigg's Peak Bus and Mini Bus Association Vuyani Dlamini said the hike was necessary as the price of fuel, electricity and water increased annually.

Imminent

"The public transport hike was imminent due to the fact that the costs of other utilities, like electricity, fuel and water increase annually under the relevant authorities. It is very unfortunate that the hike comes now during the festive season when people are preparing for the holidays.

As an association, we will have to navigate the new bus fare hikes with caution in order to retain a positive relationship with members of the public and transport operators," he said.

Students of now defunct skills centres to strike

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Manzini

FORMER learners of the now defunct Swaziland Skills Centres (SSCs) are threatening to take to the streets in a bid to force government to open the skills centres again.

This follows the closure of the institution following a disagreement between government and board of directors over subventions of over E8 million.

The skills centres included Manzini Industrial Training Centre (MITC), Siteki Industrial Training Centre

(SITC) and Nhlangu Agricultural Skills Training Centre (NASTC).

A memo circulating among the students was to the effect that on December 9, a team of representatives from the institution will meet principal secretary of the ministry of education.

The students said this would be for the last time and if there is no confirmation date on when they would resume classes, they would take to the streets in protest.

The demonstrations according to the memorandum would be on January 13, 2020, the meeting point being the MITC centre.

The students said they would deliver

a petition to REO's office, one to the Manzini Police Station and another to the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC). On January 20, 2020 the students have planned to march to Mbabane to petition the ministry of education and training.

Right

"It's time we take what's ours. Education isn't a privilege but a basic human right. Our right has been taken from us, we have been denied the basic right," one of the student representatives stated.

Worth noting is that there are reports that the auditor general for the financial year ended March 31,

2018 uncovered an anomaly in the operations of the Swaziland Skills Centres.

It is alleged that the ministry of education and training had paid public funds amounting to E8 889 761 in the year ended March 31, 2018 to a privately-owned organisation which is SSCs.

The amount, according to the AG, comprised a subvention of E4 303 721 and an additional payment of E4 586 040, which was for salaries of instructors and centre managers. The skills centres have since been liquidated following the impasse between it and govt on the E8m subventions.

MTN promises customers great things next year

BY NONCEBO DLAMINI
Manzini

MTN Eswatini engaged in an interactive session with its customers.

This took place at the Royal Swazi Spa Hotel in Ezulwini on Monday where MTN had gathered its customers to give them insight on how the company has been progressing since the beginning of the year, what they have in the pipeline and feedback on what they feel needs more improvement.

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Sibusiso Nhleko said MTN Eswatini generally makes time to interact with its valued customers before the close of each year.

He said the customer session was also a moment of reflecting on, and appreciating the value that their customers have brought to the company.

Invest

"MTN Eswatini is thankful to its customers for choosing to stay with it and for the value that you bring to the company. From the start of the year, we have worked and continued to invest in what positions MTN as a network of choice in the Kingdom of Eswatini," he added.

Nhleko said this year, they rolled out new products, reviewed calling

rates, trained all staff on customer experience and supported different activities which are of interest to their valued customers.

He mentioned that MTN Eswatini continued to register its presence in different sporting codes, music and the arts, to mention but a few.

He added that this year, for instance they introduced new properties namely MTN iPraise and Spotlight which was concluded on Sunday night.

He stated that these initiatives were meant to enable MTN Eswatini to connect with its valued customers.

Quality

Adding, Nhleko acknowledged that this year, there were several service interruptions which compromised the quality of experience of clients.

"We assure our valued customers, that we have undertaken several upgrades across most of our systems. We have created redundancies to ensure that in the unlikely event of unforeseen disturbances, MTN is still able to provide all major services," he said.

He said the mobile company planned to invest on the network to improve overall network resilience. He added that in part, they would be pursuing this through the addition of new network sites and simultaneously rolling out 4G networks even outside the country's major towns.



PROMISES: MTN Eswatini acting Chief Executive Officer Sibusiso Nhleko.

Nhleko stated that based on these deliberate developments, the year 2020 would be great.

Meanwhile, speaking on behalf of the company's Board of Directors was David Dlamini, who mentioned that these events were one of many ways through which they demonstrated their commitment to engage with customers for feedback and updates on what was happening in

the market as it related to the products and solutions provided by the company.

"This event is meant to be a moment where we break bread with you as we say 'thank you' for your loyalty and commitment. As MTN Eswatini, we assure you that we will do our utmost best to deliver value for your money in 2020 and beyond," he said.

Solutions

Dlamini said as a network of choice, they remained committed to providing superior experience across all the solutions that they provide.

On another note, Head of Enterprise Business (EBU), Thandazile Dlamini said they were grateful for the constant feedback that customers don't fail to give with ground breaking consistency.

"From your feedback we can tailor products and solutions that meet your needs as businesses.

One of such products is dedicated high-speed access to the internet which delivers symmetrical and dedicated connections," she added.

Dlamini said the EBU appreciated the great interaction they have had since the start of the year. She also mentioned that in the coming year, they have several interesting innovations which they shall share as they get ready.

Premier Bakery robbed again

BY STARKY MKHONTA
Nhlangu

PREMIER Bakery has been hit by armed robberies once again.

The latest incident was on Friday where it is said employees of the bakery were attacked by three armed men at Nyathini Grocery near Sigwe.

It is said the gunmen also robbed the grocery where they terrorised its employees and demanded cash where they managed to get only E500 cash and cellphones.

From the two bakery employees, it is said cash taken plus their gadgets all could amount to almost E4 000.

It is believed that the robbery was well calculated and even though it occurred towards the afternoon hours, no one noticed that a robbery had taken place.

It is said the gunmen immediately after the robbery ran into a nearby forest where they disappeared.

The local police post were alerted, where upon arrival at the scene, they did not find the armed men.

Hluti police were also alerted and they joined Sigwe police in the search for the three gunmen, but there was no trace of the thugs.

Collection

Indvuna Yenkhundla of Sigwe Mangena Jele said he was informed the incident.

"The bakery first arrived in the morning to deliver the bread at the grocery and returned later to do a collection (money for bread sold) as it's the routine. We suspect that the robbers are people who are aware of this arrangement. They timed the bakery and immediately it returned to do the collection, they struck," said Jele.

Jele said it was also suspected that the robbers were people who frequented the grocery and were used to the bakery's routine.

On the other hand, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident.

She said the three gunmen robbed the bakery employees and proceeded to the shop assistants.

"The total cost of all that the armed men took is over E3 000. No arrest has been made so far," said Supt Vilakati.

Not long ago a bakery was robbed over E25 000, where the employees were bundled at the back and money kept in the small box (safe) with the loot taken, near Matimatima area under Maseyisini Inkhundla.

Premier Bakery in Nhlangu depot near was also attacked by armed men who made away with over E300 000 cash. This was said to be an inside job as a female security guard was arrested together with her boyfriend who is employed in the army.



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Man accused of assaulting wife over conjugal rights

STORIES BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

MNCEDISI Maziya has been arrested for assaulting his wife who had allegedly refused him conjugal rights.

The arrest occurred at Buhleni on Saturday. Maziya allegedly assaulted his wife Zandile Nhleko with fists and a belt multiple times all over the face and body. Appearing inside the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court on Monday, Maziya denied ever assaulting his wife in their marriage of four years.

"My wife and I have been having marital problems over the last few

Suspected sex worker breaks into house, steals E1 800

A 22-year-old woman who is suspected to be a sex worker broke into a man's home and stole E1 800 cash.

The incident occurred at Glen Township over the weekend.

Police said the accused claimed that she was hungry and unemployed, hence she committed the

offence.

"I was visiting Glen Township looking for employment as a domestic worker.

"I had already visited the area a few weeks prior, so I knew the homes well. As I was hungry, I ended up breaking in through the back door and entering the bed-

room where I found money inside a jacket," she said.

Appearing inside the witness box, the accused said she was a single mother to an eight-month-old infant. Magistrate Sibonelo Dlamini sentenced the accused to two years in a correctional facility if she failed to pay a fine of E2 000.

came to the homestead and arrested me. I am innocent," he said.

Maziya pleaded to be admitted to bail so as to take care of his ailing mother and his two children who live

at his homestead with his wife.

Magistrate Sibonelo Dlamini admitted Maziya to bail fixed at E1 500.

He advised him to reappear in court for his remand on December 2.

LIFE SUPPORT LESSONS FOR MEDICAL STAFF

BY DELISA THWALA
Mbabane

MEDICAL staff have received free lessons of Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) from Taiwan doctors.

The objective was to provide high-speed life-saving (ACLS) training courses for case-oriented teaching, practical operation and other methods to improve the first-aid ability of medical staff to deal with patients and provide fast, correct and effective treatment.

The course lesson was attended by the general public and a number of medical practitioners. The aim was to equip them with enough lessons for when they are on the ground or faced with situations that need first aid help.

One of the doctors who was at the training said they were happy with the feedback they received. "Since the opening of the registration, many people have called the office to ask if they can register, regardless of whether they are nurses, doctors and emergency paramedics.

Those who have successfully registered for the course joining full time and pass the final exams would be certificated as approved life support providers," said Dr KO Huang.



SESSION: People listen attentively during the ACLS course by Taiwan doctors at Hilton Inn Garden on Saturday. (Pics: Delisa Thwala)

Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) certification offers a set of clinical algorithms for the treatment of life-threatening cardiovascular conditions.

It was originally established in 1974 and has been updated regularly since that time, ensuring healthcare professionals possess the skills and knowledge to support patients during cardiac arrest, stroke and other emergencies.

Further explaining Dr Huang said ACLS courses teach students how to increase patient outcomes by sustaining life and making efforts to keep a patient's neurological function intact during cardio-

vascular events such as stroke and heart attack.

In particular, they invited three emergency medical specialists with a teacher qualification certificate in Taiwan to hold an ACLS course at the Hilton Garden Inn Mbabane in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Based on the friendship between the kingdom of the Eswatini and Republic of China (Taiwan) with the implant of Taiwan Medical Mission - Health Care Improvement Project, they hope to have further cooperation that will provide more opportunities for medical practitioners to learn from each other by exchanging views.



LOOK: Attendees look at previews on the screen.



PRACTICAL: Attendees practice what they were taught.



LIKE THIS: Another student showing them how it is done.



VACANCY - COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

The Eswatini Communications Commission (ESCCOM), seeks to recruit an experienced and well-rounded individual to fill the Communications Officer position in the Strategy & Economic Regulation Directorate.

JOB PURPOSE:

To write and distribute content to promote the Commission's brand activities and mandate.

PRIMARY TASKS/RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To operationalize the Commission's Stakeholder Engagement Strategy;
- To manage the flow of information across all stakeholders through digital, print and electronic media;
- To implement public relations strategies and plan for internal communications programs and activities;
- To coordinate the Commission's corporate events, activities and campaigns and provide protocol services;
- Manage information & maintain monthly log of media coverage and provide media analysis of the Commission's coverage in line with its mission & vision;
- To disseminate communication such as press release, speeches, publications that convey the desired corporate image in line with the Commission's mission;

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & WORKING EXPERIENCE:

- A Bachelor's Degree in Marketing, Journalism and Communication
- Valid driver's license
- Four (4) years relevant work experience in a communications role

SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

- Communications skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Initiative & Innovation
- Project Management
- Self-Management
- Self-driven
- Business Alignment

APPLICATIONS:

Applications accompanied by detailed resumes and certified copies of academic qualifications should be emailed to recruitment@esccom.org.sz by 29 November, 2019 before 16:30.

Applications should be addressed to:
The Human Resources Manager
Eswatini Communications Commission
4th Floor, North Wing, Sibekelo Building
Mhlambanyatsi Road
Mbabane

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Should you not be contacted two (2) weeks after the deadline, please consider your application unsuccessful.

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DAGGA FIELDS RAVAGED BY STORMS

STORIES BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

POLICE have claimed that the recent storms have destroyed hectares of dagga fields in northern Hhohho, thus revenue in the small town of Pigg's Peak during the festive season will decline.

The police were speaking to this publication on Sunday morning.

The police said the economy of Pigg's Peak relied heavily on the cultivation and sale of dagga, a substance that is still illegal in Eswatini.

"It is not a secret that for many years, the economy of

Northern Hhohho has relied heavily on dagga. Dagga dealers cultivate the illegal herb and sell it for profit.

The money generated is then spent in the numerous bars and eateries around Pigg's Peak, increasing revenue in the process.

Destroyed

However last week, intense storms destroyed hectares of dagga fields at Manjengeni, Herefords, Timphisini, Nkamazi, Nkomazi and Ndzingeni," they said.

The police added that due to the wide spread storm damage, dagga dealers might get involved in other crimes like robbery during the festive sea-

son.

"Seen as some dagga dealers have made losses, due to the storms we fear that they might resort to committing other crimes like theft or robbery during the festive season."

Other dagga dealers might seek dagga seeds that germinate in one month however this will not help as we are entering the festive season," they added.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (CPICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that dagga fields were destroyed around Northern Hhohho by the storms last week.

Muslims share lunch with Luhlangotsini residents

MUSLIMS around Northern Hhohho have been sharing large portions of their lunch with locals at the Luhlangotsini Mosque for three weeks.

The free lunches consist of spiced rice or porridge accompanied with beef stew or chicken stew and salads.

Speaking to this publication, Asian Businessman Ali Shafi said the meals were shared with everybody at Luhlangotsini especially the women and children. "As a Muslim, it is my duty to share food with others in the com-

munity; this is a sign of love and peace. I prepare the food together with other Muslims who live and work in Pigg's Peak.

"After preparing the food, we all go to work until it is lunch time, during lunch time we drive home to collect the food and transport it to Luhlangotsini," He said.

Shafi added that they eat the cooked food with the local population.

"It is very import to eat the cooked food in the presence of the local population. This leads to trust because some

individuals might be fearful of eating the food for some reasons. So far, the lunches occur only on Fridays, but we have other plans for the people of Northern Hhohho," he added.

After preparing the food, we all go to work until it is lunch time, where we then collect the food and transport it to Luhlangotsini

What's in Your Mind

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Features & Opinions

Refresh What You Think

NEW GENERATION IS CHANGING THE ENTERTAINMENT SCENE!



TODAY marks the last edition of the above topic-sorry to those that have been left out.

This exercise is tedious-I started writing it at Eswatini-continued in SA-edited in Turkey and by the time it is published, I will be in Niger.

Readers have to forgive me because I write from the head-it is no research work! So can I be pardoned. Below are the game changers;

JIGGS THORNE

The likeable poet-Director of House on Fire and MTN Bushfire-deserves the title of Tourism Ambassador-for bringing the world to Eswatini! He unleashed talent of many upcoming artists through the Bushfire-Bholoja-Sands-Nana...etc. He made his venue a Mecca for dramatic arts-poetry, music, theatre, etc.

LARRY MHLANGA

I need a whole novel to chronicle this man's contribution to the arts-from the director and choreographer of POM-POM/KIP KIP to Eswatini Cultural Dancers. He toured the world with Pele-Pele! Together we unleashed comedy and the successful poetry competition. He is a thinker, a marketer, dancer, director,etc-He is Mr. Everything!

MTHUNZI 'SHADOW' ZWANE

He belongs to the Premier League of entertainment in the country. He has brought powerful artists in the country-giving local artists a stage in the process. He has organised successful end of year events at DE JAVU at Esibayeni. He also has a successful team of DJs and artists under his stable.

SIMPHIWE NCONGWANE

On Friday the 13th - 2006 I asked him to be MC at the launch of KipKip - he was already a star at Channel S as a news anchor and an excellent Programme Director. For close to 20 years he is a shining television star - Channel S-e-tv and now SABC. He has shown us that with passion you can touch the open sky.

MHLONISHWA MOTSA

Whatever he touches turns to gold. He revived ACASWA Awards to greater proportions. A natural marketer - from a television anchor to print journalist - he has hosted successful events that include MTN/SWAMA Awards, SNCAC Awards, Miss Cultural, etc. His presence is now felt in football as part of the powerful Moneni Pirates marketing team. He is also a natural as an awesome MC.



Jiggs Thorne



Nothando Hlophe



Anele Shabangu



Cheeks Nxumalo

KARLY B

From gospel music - Courageous/Redemption-to DJ and Events Organiser of note. He hosted so many events in the country that include the frequent visits of DJ Black Coffee - at his infant stage. At an early age he invested in music equipment. He has been instrumental in promoting and unveiling new talents through partnership with MTN.

KHULEKANI MSWELI

His avante - garde fashion creation is out of this world - it is futuristic - beyond Africa's grasp and imagination. He should have been born in the US or UK, where such innovation has a space to bloom. With such creative impulses, he would have been housed by the legendary Donatella Versace, Alexander McQueen, Giorgio Armani...etc. Eswatini must be proud of this gem.

NOTHANDO HLOPHE

In 2016 I dedicated a whole page in this very newspaper - giving her a deserved thumbs up. Through professional management, she put her name on the map of gospel music. She has performed all over SA and recorded with the best.

Her song 'Khulu'Ugcobo' became a gospel anthem in all radio and television stations locally and regionally. Her second live DVD - YEBO is still trending to date. A big shoutout goes to Cheeks Nxumalo for discovering and nurturing such a gem.

CHEEKS NXUMALO

This is the man who has dedicated his life to promote gospel music in the country. He put up a gospel competition that unleashed mega star Nothando Hlophe. He has also brought top SA shows like Joyous Celebration Benjamin Dube to name but a few.

'GAWUZELA' SIMELANE

For more than 10 years, he has successfully held music shows that mark the end of the year - at Mavuso. He has brought so many top SA artists that include Dr Rebecca Malope. He boasts a powerful marketing team and is also a great performer on stage.

'DD COOL' SIMELANE

He knows to DJ using a cassette, which shows

that he has been around in the entertainment industry. A risk taker - he left a full time job-paused on his academic qualifications - to be in entertainment full time. He is among the first artists to produce a CD. He played a big role as manager of House of Fire. 20 years later, he is still on the road dishing out music.

LADY ZOE/LADY CREAM

Lady Zoe is a game changer - she invaded a masculine space and today she is not booked as a Lady DJ but a household name with tangible deliverables. Having performed everywhere in her country of birth - she crossed over to SA - and get gigs all over the region. Lady Cream also took it in her strides to penetrate the tough industry.

ARCHIE MAGWAZA

He has contributed immensely in the promotion of arts in the country. Through his gallery he showcased local and regional fine arts-and dramatic arts in general - giving the stage to poets and musicians to shine.

ANELE SHABANGU

She knows that entertainment goes hand in hand with elegance and sophistication. She is a beauty with brains, who has dedicated all her youth in the business of beauty and fashion - clothing, beauty therapy, etc.

DJ TOXIN/DJ ZULU D/ DJ TENDERNESS

Toxin and Zulu D are not afraid to take the bull by the horns as they host top shelf events. I salute Tenderness for his collaboration with Bholoja - a song I adopted for the Eswatini Mobile's radio programme.

CLIFFORD NDLOVU

Theatre is where it is today because of the genius of this man. He has been instrumental in the uplifting of theatre in the country. We were together at POM-POM which was a groundbreaking theatre piece.

The world has recognised him, thus he travels all over the world to share his skills. Together with Andrew Moyo they have ignited theatre hype in the country.

MBALI MANANA

She is director of Top Modelling Eswatini (TME) agency. She dedicated all her life in the uplifting of modelling in the country. Many know the ramp through her and many have become household names through her. She has invested all her time and money in this financially unrewarding business in the country. As a country we owe this lady for her input in shaping up the most glittering entertainment in the world.

MELUSI 'ZOX' DLAMINI

He has earned his stripes in the industry. He comes as good organiser and marketer of events. Through him Whispers Restaurant started 'shouting' - same with Tourism Authority and SWAMA. The partnership of SWAMA with MTN has elevated his status as a leader.

FANAZA TSABEDZE

Eswatini's first artistic export - Eswatini Cultural Dancers - would not have been completed without the music of Fanaza Tsabedze. Two of his songs - Madvodza and Lelive - were built into the production that toured overseas. I am proud to have worked with this humble man. If you look for authentic Emaswati music get a Fanaza CD.

'MTHIMBAWAWA' XABA

He cut his teeth as an astute television anchor and mastered the art of production. 20 years later he is the last man standing. He re-invented himself as a hilarious MC for funky and youthful events. He gave KipKip dance troupe and many groups their first television break at Channel S.

COMEDIANS

When I conceptualised comedy, I never thought it will reach such magnitude. The comedians should be grateful to Larry Mhlanga for his deep seated industry knowledge. Mdura, Smallz, Gedlembane, and now Silwane keep it real with their jokes all over the region.

CURRENCY/KANGAROO KING KANGA

They are the new kids on the block that cannot be ignored. They sing and produce good music videos. They are good performers and iconic to youth as inspiration. (Let me pause here - I have written extensively about Bholoja and Sands - bye)

ON THIS DAY

...NOVEMBER 27

1839 - The American Statistical Association was founded in Boston.

1889 - Curtis P. Brady was issued the first permit to drive an automobile through Central Park in New York City.

1901 - The Army War College was established in Washington, DC.

1910 - New York's Pennsylvania Station opened.

1934 - The US bank robber George 'Baby Face' Nelson was killed by FBI agents near Barrington, IL.

1939 - The play 'Key Largo,' by Maxwell Anderson, opened in New York.

1951 - Hosea Richardson became the first black horse racing jockey to be licensed in Florida.

1963 - US President Lyndon B. Johnson delivered his first address to a joint session of Congress.

1970 - Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was attacked at the Manila airport by a Bolivian painter disguised as a priest.

1973 - The US Senate voted to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president after the resignation of Spiro T. Agnew.

1978 - San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by Dan White, a former supervisor.

1980 - Dave Williams (Chicago Bears) became the first player in NFL history to return a kick for touchdown in overtime.

1983 - 183 people were killed when a Colombian Avianca Airlines Boeing 747 crashed near Barajas airport in Madrid.

1985 - The British House of Commons approved the Anglo-Irish accord giving Dublin a consulting role in the governing of British-ruled Northern Ireland.

1987 - French hostages Jean-Louis Normandin and Roger Auque were set free by their pro-Iranian captors in West Beirut, Lebanon.

1989 - 107 people were killed when a bomb destroyed a Colombian jetliner minutes after the plane had taken off from Bogota's international airport. Police blamed the incident on drug traffickers.

1991 - The UN Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution that led the way for the establishment of a UN peacekeeping operation in Yugoslavia.

1992 - In Venezuela, rebel forces tried but failed to overthrow President Carlos Andres Perez for the second time in ten months.

2008 - The ocean liner Queen Elizabeth 2 (QE2) was taken out of service after more than 30 years. The ship was launched on September 20, 1967.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Jaleel White (TV Actor) - November 27, 1976 (43 years old).



Shaunie O'Neal (TV Producer) - November 27, 1974 (45 years old).



WHAT THE LAW SAYS

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SUSPENSION OF PROTECTION

15. (1) The director may suspend protection provided to a witness under the programme if the director is satisfied that the witness has done or intends to do something that limits the ability of the director to provide adequate protection to the witness. (2) Before suspending the protection, the director shall take steps that are reasonably necessary-

(a) to inform the witness the reason why it is proposed to suspend the protection; and

(b) to give the witness a reasonable opportunity to state why the protection should not be suspended.

Review of involuntary discharge or suspension by Minister

14. (1) If the director makes a decision under section 14 or 16 that a witness be discharged from the programme or that protection be suspended, the director shall-

(a) take reasonable steps to notify the witness of the decision; and

(b) notify the minister, in writing, of the decision.

(2) Any person who feels aggrieved by any decision of or steps taken by the director or any person acting on behalf of the director under a provision of this Act, may within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, apply to the Minister to review the decision of the Director.

Witness Protection Act 2018

Civil proceedings in which protected person is a party or witness

15. (1) Any civil proceedings in which a protected person is a party or a witness may, subject to subsection (2), be proceeded with in terms of the laws regulating such proceedings. (2) If it appears to a judge of the High Court in an ex parte application made in chambers by the Director, that the safety of any protected person might be endangered by the institution or prosecution of any civil proceedings in which a protected person is a party or witness, whether in that High Court

or in any lower court within its area of jurisdiction, the judge may make an appropriate order with regard to the institution or prosecution or postponement of those proceedings in a manner aimed at-

(a) preventing the disclosure of the identity or whereabouts of the said person; or

(b) achieving the objects of this Act. (3) Notice of any order made in terms of subsection (2) shall be given to the parties to the proceedings concerned and to their legal representatives in accordance with the rules of the court.

(4) The address of the office for witness protection shall for all purposes of service of process on a protected person, serve as the domicile citandi et executandi of that person and notice of such address shall be given in writing by the Director and delivered by hand or sent by registered mail to all the other parties or their legal representatives.

Access to minor under protection

16. If a judge of the High Court in an ex parte application made in chambers by the director, is satisfied that the safety of a minor or a mentally impaired person who is under protection might be endangered by the exercising by anyone of a right of access to that minor or mentally impaired person, the judge may suspend that right of access or make any appropriate order with regard to the exercising of that right in a manner aimed at-

(a) preventing the disclosure of the identity or whereabouts of the said minor or mentally impaired person; or

(b) achieving the objects of this Act.

Confidentiality and disclosure of information

17. (1) The director and every other member of the office shall, upon taking office, take an oath or make an affirmation in the form specified in the first schedule, before the Attorney-General.

(2) No person shall disclose any information which that person has acquired in the exercise of powers, performance of the functions or carrying out the duties conferred upon, assigned to or imposed by this Act, or in the course of the performance of any functions relating to the provisions of this Act, except-

(a) for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Act;

(b) when required to do so by any competent court;

(c) if authorized to do so by the Minister; or

(d) in terms of subsection (3). (3) The director may, subject to subsection (5), and after consideration of any representations referred to in that subsection, on such conditions as the director considers fit, disclose any information in respect of a protected person-

(a) with the consent of that protected person or the parent or guardian, if the person is a minor or mentally impaired person;

(b) if the protected person has previously disclosed such information or acted in a manner which resulted in the disclosure;

(c) if the disclosure-

(i) is required for the exercise or protection of any rights;

(ii) is required for the compilation of a voter's role; or

(iii) is in the public interest; or

(d) in any criminal proceedings if the disclosure is necessary to establish the guilt or innocence of a person.

(4) The director may not disclose any information in respect of a minor or a mentally impaired person referred to in section 13 without the prior approval of a judge in chambers.

(5) The director shall, before disclosing any information in respect of a protected person, take reasonable steps to notify the protected person or the parent or guardian of the protected person, if the protected person is a minor or mentally impaired person, of the contemplated disclosure and shall allow the protected

person, or where applicable, the parent or guardian, to make written representations within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner in relation to any matter regarding the disclosure.

(6) Subsection (5) shall not apply where the director is of the opinion that the notification may jeopardize the purpose for which the information is disclosed.

(7) The director shall in determining whether information in respect of a protected person should be disclosed as contemplated in subsection (3), take into account-

(a) the reasons for the disclosure;

(b) the probability that the disclosure may endanger the safety of the protected person concerned or that of any other protected person or the integrity of a witness protection programme under this Act;

(c) whether the need for the disclosure can effectively be met by any other means;

(d) whether there are effective means available to prevent any further disclosure of the information; and

(e) any other factor that, in the opinion of the director, should be taken into account.

(8) No person shall disclose any information referred to in subsection (3)-

(a) which came into the possession of that person or which was disclosed to that person in contravention of the provisions of that subsection; or

(b) if the person ought to have reasonably suspected that the information was disclosed in contravention of the provisions of that subsection.

(9) Notwithstanding any other law, no person in respect of whom proceedings are, or may be, or have been instituted or conducted, or who is a suspect in such proceedings, shall have access to any information, record, document or statement relating to the proceedings concerned, including any information, record, document or statement which is contained in, or forms part of a police docket or is held by any police official charged with the investigation relating to the proceedings, which may disclose any information referred to in section 18, unless the Director otherwise directs.



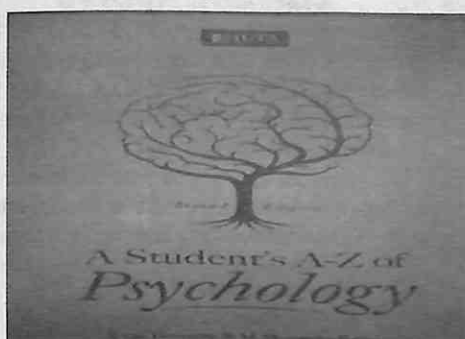
PIGG'S PEAK LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW

By Letsinjabulo Khumalo

A Student's A-Z of Psychology (R150 DEV)

By Van Deventer & M Mojapelo- Batka

This revised edition of A-Z of Psychology is a response to the requirements of the modern learning environment. It provides the core psychological knowledge required for a first year course in psychology as well as information on specific skills-based topics. As an alphabetically arranged resource, it is an easy-to-use companion for the entry-level student of psychology.



PARTICIPATORY LIVESTOCK FARMING (636.0072 CON)

By Czech Conroy

This book is the first to offer an introduction to participatory research for livestock development. Despite the attention paid to participatory research methodologies in other areas of agricultural development, Participatory livestock work has been relatively neglected despite the evident relevance of and demand for such approaches. This book will bring livestock researchers and practitioners up to date with the latest and best practice in participatory research.

By bringing together the author's expert knowledge of livestock research issues and participatory research, Participatory Livestock Research will help researchers and practitioners to overcome the potential difficulties associated with participatory livestock research. Using examples of many from many different projects around the world the book shows how a participatory approach to technology development can be successful. It also shows how to undertake needs assessment using participatory approaches, and how to avoid the problems associated with on-farm livestock experiments. Participatory livestock Research is essen-



tial reading for all those involved in livestock research and will also be of interest to workers and researchers interested in wider agricultural development issues in universities, national agricultural research systems and NGOs, and extension workers and practitioners in agricultural service agencies.



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LET us embody the UN Campaign Principles during this 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

Introduction

The beauty of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is that it is a global campaign that calls on all women, governments, civil society organisations that and individuals that work on promoting gender equality and women's rights and the protection of women and girls from violence, to come together and speak in one voice.

It is an opportunity for all these key players to put aside their different programmes, methodologies and ideologies and to come together in one common agenda that unites them. The common objective being that of eliminating Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in their various societies.

DPM lunches 2019 Campaign

Yesterday (November 25, 2019), the Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Themba Masuku embodied this collaborative spirit when he officially launched the campaign under the international theme 'Generation Equality Stands against Rape.'

At the launch, the DPM duly invited key stakeholders including civil society organisations to play a part during the government initiated activities for this year.

The DPM in action and word, gave assurances that eliminating SGBV in the country was one of governments main objectives, and that they were willing to engage and work with all stakeholders to ensure that this scourge is eradicated.

UNiTE by 2030 Campaign

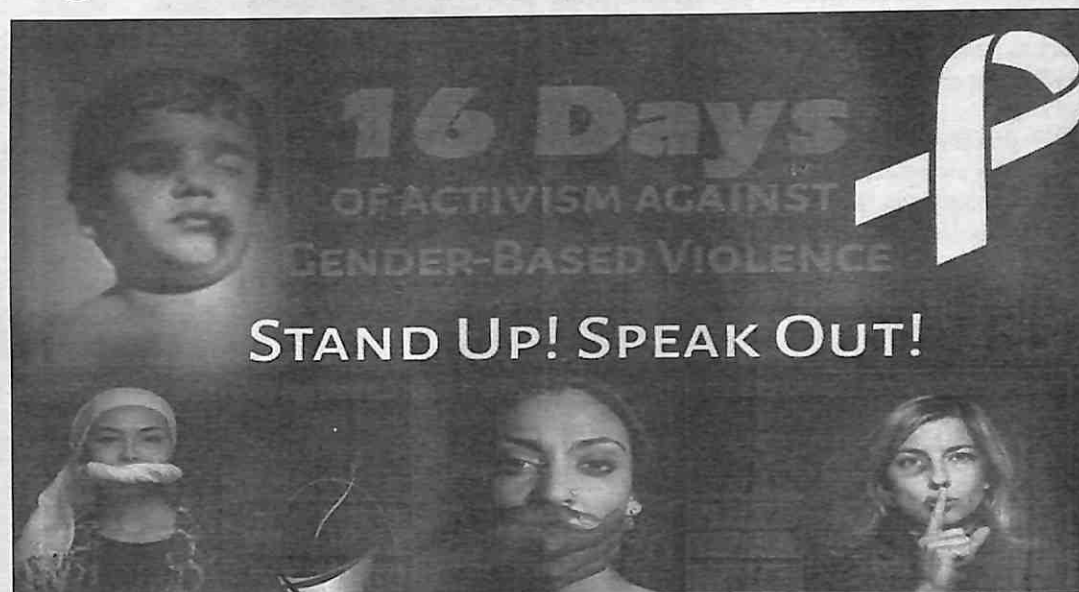
As government and all key stakeholders engage in their different programmes and activities during this year's campaign, it is important that they all embody the United Nations' campaign run under the UNiTE banner. The UNiTE is the UN Secretary General's campaign to end SGBV by 2030.

UNiTE Principles

● 'Honour and acknowledge women's movements and their leadership in the 16 Days of Activism and in preventing and ending violence against women and girls in general' – it is important not to forget the women pioneers who began the fight for women's emancipation many decades ago. Beijing 1995 was an important turning point in the fight for women's rights and we should celebrated those women who steadfastly advocated for the necessary changes in attitudes, policies and laws. Many of these women, if not all were ridiculed and vilified for this work, but they kept on working towards the common objective, and the many gains that we have seen, including the enactment of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act are fruit of

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serious hard labour.

● 'Leave No One Behind': Apply a human rights-based approach and focus attention on the most underserved and disadvantaged groups of women and girls in efforts to prevent and end violence against women and girls – women and girls should be at the centre of any interventions, strategies and development programmes of the country.

They should not only be consulted when it is necessary for these to be endorsed, but should be involved from the conceptualisation stage, right up to the implementation stage. It should be noted that women can play a critical role in shaping the socio-economic and political environment in the country. Women are key to any developments that the country needs to engage in.

● 'Survivor-centred: take a respectful and 'do no harm' approach to the telling and retelling of survivor stories, only with their permission and under conditions in which they have agreed.

This principle is vital for the engagement of survivor advocates in activism. All UNiTE partners must ensure that survivor advocates rights, safety, dignity and confidentiality are upheld – as we engage in the various activities and tell true stories to demonstrate the gravity of SGBV in the country, we should avoid exposing survivors

to secondary trauma. Their story should not be told if they have not agreed to it and their identities should never be revealed; only a survivor can identify herself by giving a testimonial of the violation. It is not our place to publish information of a survivor through any forum no matter how survivor-friendly it can be. Protecting and upholding the dignity of the survivor should always be paramount; we may not even divulge her information to colleagues or other service providers without her consent, and by doing this, we shall ensure that confidentiality is kept. #MeToo #HearMeToo

● 'Multi-sectoral: everyone in society has an important role to play in ending violence against women and girls and we all must work together across sectors to address the various aspects of violence against women and girls' – it is essential that everyone plays their role in ending SGBV. Key stakeholders in the justice chain such as police officers, health care workers, psychologists, prosecutors and judicial officers have to ensure that they discharge their duties diligently to ensure that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions. Women, men, civil society organisations, faith-based organisations and other relevant stakeholders have to be active in the different forums and conduct civic, as well as peer education on

SGBV and how to combat it. The SODV Act needs to be disseminated and explained to the nation so that people may understand that is a protective piece of legislation and that it is meant for the benefit of both women and men, and not meant to oppress men as is wrongly perceived.

● The colour orange continues to be a key tool unifying all activities, with buildings and landmarks lit and decorated in orange to bring global attention to the initiative – the colour orange may not be everyone's favourite, particularly men, but it is important that we all associate with it in one way or another. During the launch yesterday, the DPM wore an orange wristband with a message against SGBV. The colour orange is synonymous with the fight against SGBV in the human rights arena and it should dominate during these 16 Days of Activism. #OrangeTheWorld

Conclusion

As the world works tirelessly over the next 16 days to stand against rape and all forms of violence against women and girls, let us on the Kingdom of Eswatini also be actively involved in the campaign. Let us make sure that in our country, we eliminate SGBV by 2022 as per the government strategy and make our country a point of reference for the rest of the world. Together, we can.



● I never could have done what I have done without the habits of punctuality, order and diligence, without the determination to concentrate myself on one subject at a time.

- Charles Dickens

● When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you 'till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

- Harriet Beecher Stowe

● Anyone who stops learning is old, whether twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning today is young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.

- Henry Ford

● Life does not have to be easy to be wonderful. All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.

- Edmund Burke

● Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them.

- The Dalai Lama

● Life is a gift of nature; but beautiful living is the gift of wisdom.

- Greek Adage

● We can stay young by focusing on a dream instead of on a regret. It is a mistake to regard age as a downhill grade toward dissolution. The reverse is true. As one grows older one climbs with surprising strides.

- George Sand

● If you treat a sick child as an adult and a sick adult as a child, it usually works out pretty well.

- Black Hawk

● We must be willing to let go of the life we planned so as to have the life that is waiting for us.

- E. M. Forester

● The real secret of patience is to find something to do in the meantime. The state of your life is nothing more than a reflection of your state of mind.

- Wayne Dyer

● Life appears to be too short to be spent in nursing animosity or registering wrong.

- Charlotte Bronte

● Your key to freedom lies in your power to control your thoughts. To teach is to touch a life forever. Put your interest in the future, because you're going to spend the rest of your life there.

● Reflective thinking turns experience into insight.

- John Maxwell

● Change brings freshness. The difficulty lies not so much in developing new ideas as in escaping from the old ones.

- John Maynard Keynes

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	1.6%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	6.5%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E13.65 per litre
Replacement	E13.70 per litre
Diesel	E13.65 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

MTN

Correct as at 25 NOV 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.6809	14.7309
British Pound/SZL	18.9758	19.0404
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.3750	7.3980
Swiss France/SZL	14.7784	14.8228
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3462	1.3626
Australian Dollar/SZL	11.0516	11.0850
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.0516	11.0850
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.2496	16.3049
Gold	1,465.9060	
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MTN BAGS GLOBAL CSI PROGRAMME ACCOLADE FROM IIP

STORIES BY BAHLE GAMA

...received about E1.4 million prize money

MTN Eswatini has hoisted the country's flag high and bagged another accolade from Investors In People (IIP) for a Best Corporate Social Investment Programme.

The IIP award celebrates the best people management practices amongst IIP accredited businesses. This was an opportunity for the company to benchmark against high performing organisations on a global scale.

The 2019 winners were announced at a spectacular award ceremony dinner held recently at the Old Billingsgate in the United Kingdom (UK).

This news was relayed by MTN Acting Chief Executive Officer Sibusiso Nhleko during the company's annual end of year meeting with its customers' representatives at the Royal Swazi Banqueting Hall yesterday.

Nhleko said this was enough indication that, more than providing services and solutions, MTN Eswatini is a responsible corporate citizen.

Impact

"We appreciate the support from our customers and the nation who make it possible for us to make an impact in the country," he said.

This comes shortly after the company was crowned winner for the MTN Group President and CEO Award for implementing an exceptional 21 Days of Y'ello Care campaign across all MTN operations.

For this coveted prize, MTN Eswatini received about E1.4 million prize money which Nhleko said will be invested back into the local communities who have consistently supported the company in the past two decades.

Also earlier this year, Nhleko said the company received Platinum accreditation through IIP. He said this award placed MTN in the top five per cent companies accredited globally.

"This was not an easy process as



ACCOLADE: MTN Acting Chief Executive Officer Sibusiso Nhleko.

there was an intense process of checking the extent to which MTN had institutionalised world-class people management practices. We are hugely encouraged when global institutions appreciate and award the work that we do to improve quality of life in communities," he said.

Still on people practices, MTN Eswatini was also accredited by the South African Board of People Practices (SABPP).

In the course of the year, the company also received four awards from the Chartered Institute of Customer Management (CICM); Best Contact Centre, Best Use of

Omni Channels, Best Social Media and Customer Service Personality awards.

"These awards practically demonstrate that your businesses are safe with MTN Eswatini. In the year 2020, MTN will systematically work towards creating a digital future for Eswatini. Please be on the look-out for fresh products and solutions tailored to meet your needs," said Nhleko.

MTN Board Chairperson David Dlamini said the aim of the company's meeting with its customers yesterday was to 'break bread with them as they thank them for their loyalty and commitment.

MTN invests heavily in reducing service interruptions

TO ensure superior customer experience, MTN Eswatini has invested heavily to create redundancies to ensure that in the unlikely event of unforeseen disturbances, MTN is still able to provide all major services.

MTN Acting Chief Executive Officer Sibusiso Nhleko disclosed this information during the company's annual end of year meeting with its customer representatives at the Royal Swazi Banqueting Hall yesterday.

"We further continue to invest on our network to improve overall network resilience. In part, we are pursuing this through the addition of new network sites and simultaneously rolling out the 4G network even outside the country's major towns. Based on these deliberate developments, we assure you, our valued customer, that the year 2020 will be all sorts of epic," he said.

He added that the company's direction for next year would be 'creating a digital future for Eswatini.

"The company will continue to drive MTN Mobile Money and the digital agenda.

As a result of the huge investment in systems and network upgrades, MTN's 2G network currently covers 99 per cent of the total population, 3G covers up to 90 per cent and 4G LTE covers 50 per cent of the total population of Eswatini.

Nhleko said the company will continue to extend its 3G and 4G coverage next year.

"It has been quite a challenging year, but we are grateful that we are still standing and we really appreciate our customers' support and for standing with us," said Nhleko.

MTN ROLLS OUT DEDICATED HIGH SPEED INTERNET ACCESS

IN response to customer feedback, MTN Eswatini has rolled out dedicated high-speed access to the internet without contention or sharing.

This was revealed by MTN Eswatini Head of Enterprise Business Unit (EBU) Thandazile Dlamini during the company's annual end of year meeting with its customers' representatives.

She revealed that this connection's contention ratio is 1:1 which gives

the user exclusive internet access.

"This ensures that you get the full speed you need for your business to operate as efficiently and optimally as possible at all times," she said.

She further stated that through this service, MTN Business gives businesses a leased line of diginet solution by routing internet traffic through their MPLS network to the nearest internet breakout.

Dlamini said some of the benefits of this service include; increased

reliability, flexibility, dedicated connectivity and round-the-clock support.

"As EBU, we appreciate the great interaction we have had since the start of the year. We are so grateful for the constant feedback that you don't fail to give with ground breaking consistency. From your feedback we can tailor products and solutions that meet your needs as businesses," she said.

Although she admitted that this

year was a challenging year for the business, however, Dlamini assured the company's customers that MTN has several interesting innovations which they would share as they get ready.

The company was congratulated by Business Eswatini Chief Executive Officer E.Nathi Dlamini who was the guest speaker for surviving what he termed 'one of the toughest years in the history of the country's economy.'

DISCOUNT RATE STILL AT 6.5 %

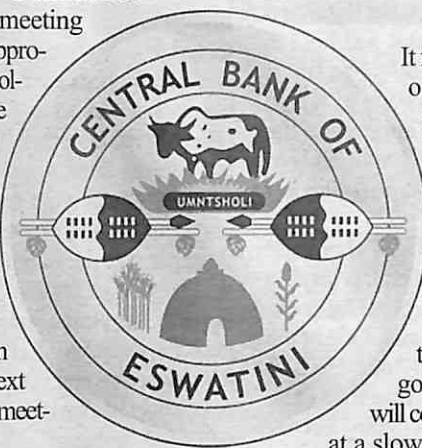
STORIES BY BAHLE GAMA

THE Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE) has decided to maintain the discount rate at 6.5 per cent, after considering global, regional and domestic economic developments.

This is according to bank's monetary policy statement released by CBE.

It states that on the November 22, the Central Bank of Eswatini together with the Monetary Policy Consultative Committee (MPCC) held a meeting to consider the appropriate monetary policy stance for the upcoming two months.

According to the statement, this means that banks will maintain their lending rates on loans until the next monetary policy meeting.



● Banks will maintain their lending rates on loans

... Inflation decreases to 1.6 per cent

INFLATION has decreased from 1.9 per cent in September 2019 to 1.6 per cent in October.

This is according to bank's monetary policy statement released by CBE.

It states that the decrease was mainly due to a decrease in the prices for 'food and non-alcoholic beverages', 'recreation and culture' and 'miscellaneous goods and ser-

vices'.

The bank's inflation forecasting model forecasts inflation to average 1.99 per cent in the fourth quarter (down from 2.04 per cent) before increasing to 3.36 per cent in the first quarter of 2020 (from 2.24 per cent).

The average inflation for 2019 has therefore been revised down from 2.71 per cent to 2.67 per cent.

It further states that overall inflation remains low indicating that the increase in the costs of goods and services is slow.

Expected

It is expected that the cost of goods and services will continue to increase at a slower pace over the

remaining months of this year.

The MPCC also raised a concern on the rising debt levels especially when not only considering debt to GDP, but ability to service the debt.

"The bank will continue to monitor international and domestic developments that influence the movements of inflation and will act appropriately in line with its mission to foster price and financial stability that is conducive to the economic development in Eswatini," reads the statement.

NMC issues deadline for collection of farming inputs

BY BAHLE GAMA

WITH the farming season having kicked in, the National Maize Corporation (NMC) deadline for the collection of inputs is November 30.

For the collection of inputs NMC Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Sabelo Msibi, reminded that farmers should bring original deposit slips with their identification cards (IDs), to the agro dealers of their choice. "Farmers started collecting their inputs on October 7. This year, NMC has added herbicides and pesticides for those who have opted for maize seeds, sugar bean seeds and peanuts, a privilege that is exempted to sorghum farmers," he said.

REMINDED:
NMC Chief Executive Officer, Sabelo Msibi.

Msibi further expressed his excitement at the rains that have covered most parts of the country and said it was without doubt that the ploughing of fields would continue undisturbed.

"We have been continually engaging with agro dealers and all necessary inputs are in place, hence we urge farmers to go to the nearest dealers to pick them" said the CEO.



STORIES BY BAHLE GAMA

Minister wants more exposure for craft vendors

MINISTER of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo says handicraft producers should be given more exposure in the export markets to make a meaningful contribution to the economy.

The minister said this during a meeting he had with local handicraft producers that was held at the ministry's conference room yesterday.

Khumalo said he would be working with relevant stakeholders to look at means to which handicraft vendors can be able to attend more exhibition fairs as well as increase the number of participants. He said this was in line with the ministry's export-driven approach; adopted early this year.

"As a ministry, we have adopted an export-driven approach because we believe there is a lot of income from exports than in domestic markets. We will continue to open opportunities for MSMEs, in particular the handicraft sector. Now that you know you have a market in Botswana, it would be nice to establish your own craft shop there," he said.

The minister commended the craft producers for their successful exhibition in Botswana, adding that as a way of support, he would be accompanying the crafters in the next consumer fair.

He also thanked SEDCO for working diligently in the development of MSMEs; further acknowledging the role played by the MSME sector in the

economy; as they currently contribute about 45 per cent to the country's GDP.

Addressing the challenges faced by craft producers, the minister said he would look into these issues as they hinder on the Ease of Doing Business reforms. Lastly, he encouraged the handicraft sector to make use of the Informal Traders Revolving Fund in order to boost their businesses.

HANDICRAFT PRODUCERS PLEDGE TO GROW ESWATINI'S ECONOMY

Local handicraft producers pledged to turn around the country's economy, through producing quality crafts that would penetrate the export market. The handicraft producers made this declaration



GROUP: Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo poses for a group photo with stakeholders. (Courtesy pics)

when they met Minister of Commerce Industry and Trade Senator Manqoba Khumalo yesterday.

The meeting was held at the ministry's conference room and was attended by different stakeholders from the ministry, SEDCO and the handicraft industry.

The aim of the meeting was for the producers to give a report to the minister about their participation in the Botswana Consumer Fair which took place on August 26 to September 19. During the fair, Eswatini took first place under International Exhibitors

in the stand excellence awards beating 14 other countries.

SEDCO Acting MD Lushaba reported that the producers made over E150 000 during the fair, mostly from products made of natural fibres (*lutindzi*, *incoboza*) as well as traditional attires and dried flowers.

Problems

As a result, the craft producers expressed their desire to be able to sell their wares outside of the Consumer Fair. They, however, told the minister about some of the challenges they faced as they conducted their business. These included problems at the border whenever they needed to export goods as well as what they termed

'unfair' competition from craft companies.

They appreciated the ministry's support towards MSMEs development through programmes from the ministry and its parastatal, SEDCO.

They further requested the ministry to consider adding SEDCO's subvention in order to make a bigger impact on MSME development through its various programmes.

They requested the ministry to design long-term programmes to capacitate crafters in order to enable them to better understand market requirements and reach a level where they can produce required international market products.

GIFT: Minister Manqoba Khumalo receives a gift from Grace Dlamini on behalf of the handicraft producers.



COMMERCE, INDUSTRY & TRADE ESWATINI

Eswatini crafters ready for export markets

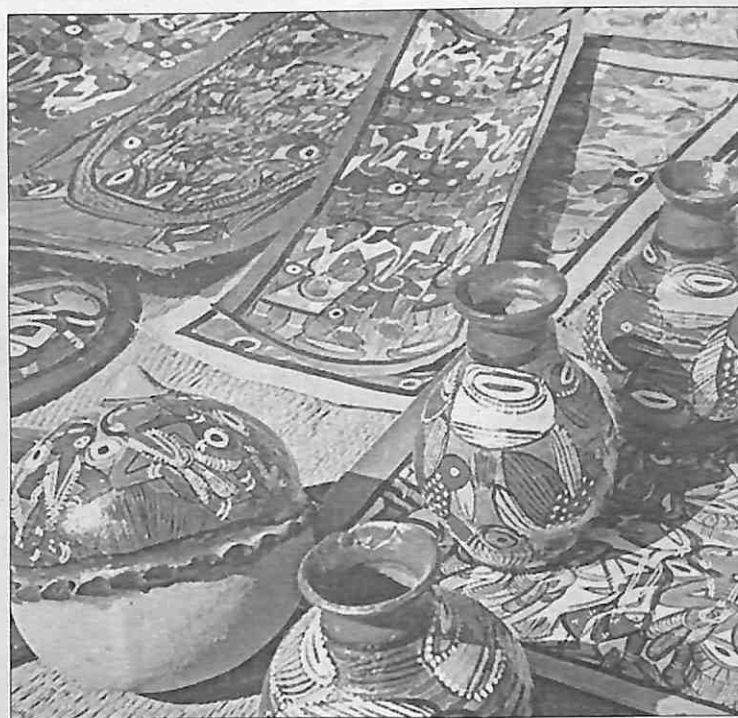
WE are in the second week of our series on the Handicraft Promotion Unit.

Last week, we introduced the department as one of the key units under the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade.

Established in 1972, the Handicraft Promotion Unit is tasked with the mandate of creating an enabling environment for the development and expansion of handicraft enterprises and producers in the Kingdom of Eswatini. Last week, we learnt how this department has turned craft into business; through providing support to handicraft producers. This support comes in various forms; from capacity building to promotion in the domestic and international markets.

Locally, we have various activities aimed at exposing handicraft producers to the domestic market. These include the Art and Craft Market held at the Swazi Plaza Mbabane last Saturday. Even though rains proved to be a major hindrance, our crafters were able to make business on the day. Credit, therefore, goes to the Municipal Council of Mbabane for their support in this handicraft promotion exercise.

In the first and second quarters of the year alone, the ministry has organised several other flea markets for the handicraft sector. These include the Shiselweni Art and Craft Market, which takes place at the Nhlanguano



SEDCO premises every quarter, the Mahamba Roadside Market, the Kwaluseni Inkhundla exhibition and the Manzini Day, flea market. Others were the commemoration of the International Street Vendors Day as well as the Bhunya and Buhleni Flea Markets.

And then there are international exhibitions. These include the Eswatini International Trade Fair and the Botswana Consumer Fair; which have over the years placed Eswatini handicraft at a strategic position for

international exports. With over 500 exhibitors from over 15 countries, the Botswana Consumer Fair is one of the biggest in the SADC region.

International exposure is one of the key strategies for the ministry and its stakeholders, including the Small Enterprise Development Company (SEDCO) and the Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA). The short and long-term benefits of international exhibitions are vast; but the key one is that this opens opportunities for Micro Small

and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to penetrate global markets. This resonates with our export-driven approach as a ministry.

Hence, the reason Minister Manqoba Khumalo was happy to host handicraft producers at the ministry's Conference Room last Friday. The purpose of the visit may have been to brief the minister on the Botswana Consumer Fair, which was held in Gaborone, two months ago but it ended up being a session to which the minister got to appreciate the value the handicraft sector adds to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Minister Khumalo was impressed with the passion handicraft producers have about turning around the country's economic fortunes. One of the vendors even boldly declared, in front of the minister, how they were going to change the country's economy 'by hook or crook.' Another producer said time to be looked down upon because they use trash to make their products will soon be over.

"We may use trash to make our products, but at least we turn it into treasure. Very soon we will refuse to be classified as SMEs because we contribute so much to the country's economy," another producer chipped in.

The excited vendors could not stop gushing about their successful exhibition in Botswana, which saw them raking over E150 000 in sales; an

increase of over 60 per cent from last year's exhibition. Not only did they make good sales, but the crafters also made Eswatini proud; by taking the number one spot under international exhibitors; beating countries such as Japan, Zambia, Kenya, India, Lesotho, South Africa, Pakistan, Nigeria, Czech Republic, Ghana, Egypt, China and Zimbabwe, among others.

The minister could only promise more support for the vendors.

"Make sure you don't leave me behind when you go to Botswana next year," Khumalo said.

He further pledged to work with all relevant stakeholders to ensure that handicraft producers get protected from unfair competition as well as help them eliminate all cross-border barriers to trade. This was after the crafters expressed concern over these issues, amongst others.

With the necessary support from Government and external partners, it seems that the handicraft sector will be able to finally find a niche in the international market space. Perhaps, even Minister Khumalo's idea of having them open their own craft shop in Botswana will even come into fruition.

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PROFITS CAN NOW BE FOUND IN THE CLOUD

JOHANNESBURG – Cloud migration is typically driven by business demand, cost-savings and IT efficiency.

However, to realise the full benefit of cloud migration, business leaders must understand the real business benefits for moving an application to the cloud.

Companies that have already migrated the majority of their business systems to the cloud save on average more than 20 per cent in IT spending as a percentage of revenue and the benefits of Cloud will continue to increase.

According to a new report from Gartner, public cloud-services technology revenues are projected to grow by more than 50 per cent worldwide in the next three years, to about US\$355-billion in 2022.

It predicts that the global public cloud services market is set to reach \$266.4 billion, representing a growth of 17 per cent, up from US\$227.8-billion in 2019. Software as a service (SAAS) will



remain the largest market segment, which is forecast to grow to US\$116-billion next year due to the scalability of subscription-based software.

The second-largest market segment is cloud system infrastructure services, or infrastructure as a service (IAAS), which will reach US\$50-billion in 2020. IAAS is forecast to grow 24 per cent year over year, which is the highest growth rate across all market segments.

Gartner says this growth is attributed to the demands of modern applications and workloads, which require infrastructure that traditional data centres cannot meet.

Some people have a perception that the Cloud means a single Cloud. However, to really take advantage of the Cloud, you need to understand that there isn't going to be just one Cloud, but many of them.

As the world of Cloud evolves, it's important to distinguish between siloed Cloud environments versus a multi-cloud approach. When people say they are moving all their business systems to the Cloud, they are essentially referring to the Internet where information will be accessible anytime, anywhere.

However, with the concept of a multi-cloud world, it goes a step further. Although Cloud services all run on the Internet, they are often siloed. Cloud environments such as Microsoft Office 365, Sales Force and Zenefits provide critical services to businesses, but they don't easily interact with one another.

This leaves companies trying to piece together various Cloud environments, and essentially creating a version of the former on-premises world, but in the Cloud. In the former on-premises world, businesses would purchase a range of applications and then be faced with getting them to talk to each other.

Integration was the misery of many

an IT department's existence, as was customisability and adaptability. While the Cloud could make it easier, organisations may still wind up in the same silos as before in the on-premises world.

One of the exciting things that happened early on in the Cloud computing era was that a set of open standards were defined. These standards dictate the way pieces work for an individual application, but they also dictate how one application talks to another. This is what is known as cloud interoperability and is critical for businesses to not end up in a siloed Cloud environment.

Choose the right platform for the future. Businesses that have moved their systems to the Cloud often use a wide range of applications. This is now starting to create real challenges with regards to scale, interoperability, cost-effectiveness, and integration.

For businesses that want to be strategic and mitigate these issues, one of these applications needs to be selected to be at the centre of this multi-cloud world. **Business Report**

Low oil price environment forcing producers to sharpen competitive edge

JOHANNESBURG - A soon-to-be released comprehensive overview of the oil and gas sector across sub-Saharan Africa will show that the low oil price environment is forcing producers to sharpen their competitive edge, the African Energy Chamber said.

The report says the governments of Angola, Gabon and Cameroon have implemented reforms and Nigeria could be next, with at least six oil projects announced in the west African

country with a combined output potential of 837,000 barrels per day (bpd) and capital expenditure (capex) of US\$54 billion which could be brought on-stream over the next decade.

"A favourable regulatory and fiscal environment are essential to delivering that investment," the African Energy Chamber said, citing key insights from the report.

"IMO 2020 regulations will yield increased Asian demand for west African crude," it added, referring to



the International Maritime Organisation's ruling that from January 1, marine

sector emissions in international waters be slashed. The marine sector will

have to reduce sulphur emissions by over 80 percent by switching to lower sulphur fuels.

The chamber noted that nearly percent of the 461,000 bpd of heavy sweet crude ideal for producing low sulphur bunker fuels was from West Africa.

The upcoming report includes production forecasts for 21 sub-Saharan African countries from 2019 to 2025, produced by Global Data, which show that total oil and gas production is expected to increase nearly 28 percent by 2025.

African News Agency

AFRICA'S CANNABIS MARKET ESTIMATED TO BE WORTH R106bn

CAPE TOWN - Africa's pharmaceuticals market is expected to be worth US\$45 billion (about R665bn) next year. Of that, it is estimated that medical cannabis will make up about US\$7.2bn (R106bn).

Speaking at the CannaTech conference in Cape Town on Monday, Warren Schewitz, chief executive of Southern Sun Pharma - a South African cannabis company focused on cultivating, processing and distributing strains and related products across the continent - said: "The recent report by Prohibition Partners estimated it to be a US\$7.2bn per year market in Africa. I think out of this, South Africa's share of the market was estimated to be about US\$2.5bn a year."

The main theme of the conference is the exploitation of Africa's large-scale cannabis-growing potential for local and international export markets.

Meanwhile, the continent's unregulated market is estimated to be worth

upwards of US\$10bn.

According to data collected by Prohibition Partners (the foremost consultants for independent data and intelligence on the world cannabis market): "Five of the world's top 30 countries for cannabis prevalence among adult populations are in Africa."

iCAN: Israel-Cannabis and CannaTech founder and chief executive Saul Kaye said: "Cannabis is going to affect every part of the industrial value chain, from fuels to plastics to fibres to building materials, and then all the medicine. You have to remember it is an illegal plant, so most of the people using it are not in the legal value chain. "They are in the black market, and as we transition patients from the black market to the legal value chain, the explosion in this market is really going to be big."

According to the latest Prohibition Partners report: "From an agricultural perspective, cannabis is easier to grow and more lucrative than other crops

such as maize and sugar cane. In Congo, for instance, a 100kg sack of cannabis can be sold for US\$96 to US\$128, far more than the US\$54 that maize can command."

Wesgro chief executive Tim Harris told the conference: "Africa is the last great undeveloped market on the planet. By the time my seven-year-old daughter is 40, there will be more than two billion consumers on this continent, and that represents a huge market that is largely untapped and largely unserved for some of the world's biggest multinationals."

"We position the African offer at the heart of the pitch that we make, and we think SA makes the most sense because of its infrastructure and its sophisticated institutional structure, which means investors have ease of doing business, and the systems have accountability to make sure your business is run on a fair regulatory and legal platform."

Cape Argus



'PAY IT SAFE' WITH YOUR BANK CARD THIS BLACK FRIDAY

JOHANNESBURG - The Black Friday phenomenon has now officially arrived in South Africa and will see shoppers across the country snapping up an array of great deals.

But while using your bank card to score a great Black Friday or Cyber Monday discount makes sense, these high-volume shopping times are also fraught with dangers. And according to Chris Wood, Executive for Card Issuing and Payments at Nedbank, it's easy for shoppers to become so caught up in getting good deals that they let their guard down when it comes to card security. "Many of the Black Friday deals require quick decisions if you don't want to miss out," Wood points out, "and this sense of urgency is exactly what gets cardholders into trouble, whether through overspending, neglecting basic card safety principles, or falling for scams."

He lists some essential safety guidelines that every cardholder should follow to maximise the security of their debit or credit cards in the coming Black Friday frenzy:

1. Protect yourself online.

Remember that if an online offer seems too good to be true, it probably is. Before you checkout, do some research into the store and read other customer reviews. Don't click on links to go to shopping sites. Rather type in the web address yourself. That way you know you haven't been redirected to a fake site. And before you enter your card or other personal information on any site, look for the lock image in the toolbar and "https" (the 's' stands for secure) in the web address. Also, make sure you have the latest, updated antivirus software on your device, and don't ever do your online shopping or banking on a public or unsecured Wi-Fi network. They're easy for fraudsters to hack into.

2. Never give anyone your card.

As consumers, we've been handing over our cards to cashiers and store attendants for so long now, it's become a habit. Modern card technology, means there should be absolutely no reason why you have to give anyone your card when paying. Rather ask for the point-of-sale terminal and insert, swipe or tap your card yourself. That way there's no chance of anyone getting any details off it. If your card allows it, try and stick to contactless (tap-and-go) payments. This is a very safe option because it is very difficult to clone a card remotely.

3. Never write down your PIN code, or share it with anyone.

The most secure place to store your PIN is in your head. If you're worried you may forget it, put a clue or reminder on your phone that only you will understand; but never store your actual PIN on any digital device. And remember, you should never, under any circumstances, share your card PIN, online banking PIN, passwords, or login details with anyone.

4. Go digital.

Modern technology allows you to integrate your card with your mobile device. This is not only very convenient, but it also adds another layer of security. By adding your card details to the Nedbank Money App for example, you enhance numerous layers of security, including the biometric security built into the device itself, the secure app login, electronic notifications every time there's a transaction, multi-identification verification options and the ability to permanently or temporarily freeze or block your card if you misplace it or suspect it may have been cloned or stolen.

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Ramaphosa tells workers at Medupi ESKOM will not be privatised

JOHANNESBURG - President Cyril Ramaphosa has told workers and staff at Medupi power station six times in an address that Eskom would not be sold off or privatised.

The ballooning costs of the Medupi and Kusile coal-fired power stations have put Eskom's balance sheet under severe pressure, but Ramaphosa scaled back criticism when he visited the coal-fired power plant in Limpopo on Tuesday, saying its construction was a 'great achievement' that South Africa and Africa should be proud of.

Ramaphosa was accompanied by Minister of Public Enterprises Pravin Gordhan and Eskom acting CEO Jabu Mabuza. His visit coincided with the commercialisation of the fifth of six units at the coal-fired power plant.

The family silver

Wearing an orange bib, the president told workers and staff that privatising Eskom would be like selling the family silver. "You don't do that".

The president said it was necessary to split Eskom into three divisions - generation, transmission, and distribution



- saying this was needed to improve its efficiency and make it competitive.

It is not privatisation

Subscribe to Fin24's newsletter here The National Union of Mineworkers has said it is against plans to split the power utility into three because it will result in job losses.

In brief remarks to media, Ramaphosa said that all six units at Medupi should be fully operational by 2020.

He said the construction of the power station was a "great achievement as a country".

[...] Much as it has taken a little bit long and cost a little bit much (sic) more than we had anticipated - that we have succeeded to build the fourth largest [coal-fired] power station in the world... for Africa this is a great boon, and for Africa and for Eskom this is a major major achievement and a milestone."

According to Bloomberg calculations, the combined costs of Medupi and Kusile have risen to R451bn, about the same amount as Eskom's outstanding debt burden. The two plants were originally expected to be finished by 2015 at a total cost of R163bn.

Bloomberg

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DEATH TOLL RISES TO 65 IN KENYA FLOODING

NAIROBI – Heavy rains in Kenya unleashed a deluge that killed five people overnight in the Rift Valley, raising the death toll from weekend flooding to 65, officials said on Monday.

The five were returning home after attending a wedding in Tanzania when their car was washed away, said Daudi Loronyokwe, a police chief in Kajiado Central community.

The victims included three children, he said.

Governor John Lonyang'apuo said between 80 000 and 120 000 people have been affected in West Pokot county, the worst hit by the floods and mudslides. The governor said at least 52 people were confirmed dead there.

"I have lost three children," said one resident, William Lokapel. He described how his wife managed to struggle to safety, clutching another child, after the mudslide covered their home while they slept.

The torrential rain is uncommon for this time of year. Parts of the country could continue to face destructive flooding this week, the Kenya Red Cross said. The aid group

"No one can sleep in their homes



FLOODS: Passengers from stranded vehicles stand next to the debris from floodwaters, on the road from Kapenguria, in West Pokot county, in western Kenya.

for now because we don't know when the next land slide will occur," resident Peter Lokor said. "So many people have been affected, actually all those who live in this area, and everybody is afraid of going back home."

The Kenya Red Cross cited what it called a record-breaking temperature rise in the Indian Ocean in recent

weeks that also has caused

Now Djibouti is affected. The Horn of Africa nation's capital reportedly saw more than three times its annual rainfall between Thursday and Sunday alone, the United Nations humanitarian office said. More heavy rains are forecast.

Associated Press

Main candidates in Namibia's presidential election

WINDHOEK - Namibia votes in a general election today with 11 candidates running for president. Here are the four frontrunners.

The incumbent

Hage Geingob, the 78-year-old leader of the long-ruling South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO), was elected president in 2014 after serving as prime minister for a total of 14 years.

He chaired a 21-member committee that drafted the country's constitution, which came into effect at independence in 1990.

Although Geingob is a member of the minority Damara ethnic group, he has managed to gain the support of Namibia's many ethnic minorities and his long service to SWAPO has also made him popular among the majority Ovambo.

Geingob used this popularity to enlarge parliament and create a vice president position in 2014. His critics have accused him of creating too many unnecessary government positions.

Educated in the US and Britain, he started his career at the United Nations before he entering into national politics.

The breakaway dentist

Former dentist and lawyer Panduleni Itula, 62, is a member of the ruling SWAPO party but chose to stand for president as an independent.

He has refused to resign from SWAPO, insisting it is legal to run as an independent while maintaining party membership.

Analysts believe he poses the greatest threat to SWAPO, which has ruled the country unfettered for nearly three decades.

He could secure a significant chunk of votes from frustrated SWAPO members and his standing alone is a sign of an 'internal power struggle' in the party, according to analyst Henning Melber.

First woman candidate

Itula has gone to court to challenge the use of electronic voting machines on the grounds that reports of missing machines could affect the credibility of the vote.

Academic and social worker Esther Muinjangue, 57, is the first woman to run for president of Namibia.

From the Herero ethnic group, she is one of the leading figures fighting for reparations for the German-led slaughter of tens of thousands of Herero and Nama people who rose up against colonial rule in 1904-08.

She was elected leader of the National Unity Democratic Organisation (NUDO) in March, the first time a woman has lead a Namibian political party.

It will be the third time her party has contested an election, and her campaign has hinged on promises to 'restore dignity' to Namibians struggling through an economic recession.

'Historic baggage' candidate

McHenry Venaani, 42, candidate of the centre-right Popular Democratic Movement (PDM), is running for president for the second time after securing less than five percent of the vote last time.

At 25, he became Namibia's youngest lawmaker in 2002 for what was then known as the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA), a proxy party of apartheid South Africa.

Venaani changed the party's name to PDM in 2017 to shed its 'colonial' name and spruce up its image, but suspicion about the party remains.

"They have a lot of historical baggage," said Graham Hopwood of Namibian think-tank, the Institute for Public Policy Research.

The party's support base remains narrow.

AFP

Zimbabwe turns to charcoal for cooking as power outages bite

HARARE - Miller Chizema walked through the forest near his home and came across a pile of freshly-cut logs — a sight that spurred the 82-year-old villager to dismay and anger.

The logs were arranged in such a way that they were ready to be burnt into charcoal — a fuel that has become a substitute for Zimbabwe's energy shortages, at a terrible cost to its forests.

"It hurts to see forests decimated like this," said Chizema, who lives in Mhondoro Ngezi, in the centre of the country, 150 kilometres (90 miles) south-west of Harare.

Some loggers come from as far as Harare, 'where we hear there is a big demand for charcoal,' he said.

"We, as elders, try to discourage the

practice, but it's all about money and survival."

For nearly six months, Zimbabwe has been in the grip of chronic power cuts, sometimes running to 19 hours a day.

The price of cooking gas has increased more than six-fold since the start of the year, placing it beyond the reach of many.

Rouge

For many lower-income urbanites, firewood and charcoal have become the go-to sources of substitute energy — and rogue logging is the result.

Zimbabwe is losing more than 330 000 hectares (815 000 acres) of forest annually, according to Abednigo Marufu, general manager of the Zimbabwe Forestry Commission.

That's the equivalent to nearly half a million football pitches.

"Zimbabwe is losing quite a lot of trees and forests... everywhere because there is no electricity and our people need to feed themselves, they need heating in their homes," he told AFP.

Even so, 'agriculture is still the number one driver of deforestation,' he said.

A controversial land reform programme launched in 2000 saw a surge in the loss of forest cover as people cleared land for cultivation.

"Some of them started growing tobacco and cut down trees to use for curing their crop."

The practice continues, as farmers view wood to be free compared to other options. *Times Live*

BRIEFS

8 killed, residents burn town hall

GOMA - Eight civilians died overnight in DR Congo's volatile city of Beni in a fresh militant attack and angry residents partly burnt the town hall on Monday, an AFP reporter said.

Army spokesman Colonel Mak Hazukai confirmed the latest casualties in the city, near the Ugandan border, telling AFP that "the enemy entered the Boikene quarter and killed eight civilians."

Reuters

Rape survivors take to the catwalk

KINSHASA - Raped in war and now walking tall, survivors of sexual violence took to the catwalk on Monday to model a collection of fabrics designed to show strength and solidarity in the face of abuse. The 15 Congolese women — modelling in the capital Kinshasa — joined forces with Dutch textile firm Vlisco and five African designers to mark Monday's International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Reuters

Sex offenders register launched

ABUJA - Nigeria launched its first national sexual offenders register on Monday, setting up a database of those convicted for sexual violence in a move seen as an important step towards clamping down on abuse. The "Sexual Offender Register" will contain the names of all those prosecuted for sexual violence in Africa's most populous nation since 2015. The record will be available online to better help the public, state bodies and police conduct background checks. *AFP*

Dilemma between peace vs justice

UTRECHT - Victim participation must be the crucial focus of transitional justice in Sudan, according to Professor Brianne McGonigle Leyh, an Associate Professor at the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM) within the Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance of Utrecht University, and an attorney specialising in human rights, victims' rights, accountability for serious human-rights violations, and transitional justice. *All Africa*

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'I NEVER BELIEVED IN THE ROLE OF MINISTER IN INTELLIGENCE'

JOHANNESBURG - Former foreign intelligence head Rieaz "Mo" Shaik told the judicial commission of inquiry into state capture on Monday he never truly believed in the role of a minister in intelligence.

"I know this is a career-limiting thing to say, but I never truly believed in the role of a minister in intelligence.

"Having to report to a minister - I knew it would provide the basis for conflict. My understanding is that the minister should not direct intelligence services, this made it uncomfortable for me to report to a minister - the preference would be to go to a president," he explained.

Shaik was giving testimony to the commission relating to the activities of state security officials.

Shaik, who has an extensive history in intelligence, was appointed in 2009 as head of foreign intelligence under the then-minister of intelligence, Siyabonga Cwele.

According to Shaik, intelligence directly translated to power as it was designed to predict or influence events.

"Knowing what is happening allows one to influence the direction. If I know you are going to be appointed



POWER: Former foreign intelligence head Rieaz 'Mo' Shaik.

minister of finance, I would also assess how the market will interpret your appointment, I could hedge the currency against your appointment - so you can see how knowing events beforehand is such an important thing - that is power," he explained as an example.

As a result, Shaik was of the view that it was not favourable for intelligence to report to or appoint a minister.

"When you appoint a minister of an

intelligence in Cabinet, you are making him first among his peers, he would come to know information about other ministers - it is an unpreferred situation - it should go directly to the president.

"I always favoured the notion that intelligence should report directly to the president. If you do, have a minister stipulate their direct role so that there is no conflict when a situation arises," he added.

News 24



FUNZELA NGOBENI CONFIDENT HE'LL BE JOBURG'S MAYOR

JOHANNESBURG - He is confident that by tomorrow he will be the City of Joburg's number one citizen.

Mayoral candidate Funzela Ngobeni said despite threats from other political parties, behind-the-scenes negotiations were under way with the EFF and other coalition party members.

"We have worked well with our partners over the past few years, so there is no reason why this should not continue for the next 18 months. I am confident we will find common ground - it would be foolish to tamper with this at this stage," he said.

Ngobeni, who is currently MMC for Finance, said he would not be changing the agenda of the current administration, under Herman Mashaba. "This has worked well so there is no need to change anything. We are on good track, espe-

cially financially," he said.

The city is back on track, he added, quoting a report by Moody's rating agency which said pre-audit financial statements for the 2018/19 financial year reflect a significant improvement to the city's liquidity position with its closing cash balance increasing from R2.2 billion at the end of the 2017/18 to R5.3bn.

Coverage

"This translates into a doubling in the number of days of cash coverage from 21.3 to 43 over the same period."

Ngobeni said he would also continue with the current focus on public safety and rejuvenating the inner city. "These are not just words - we have put this into action with the appointment of over 1 000 new Joburg metro police officers and the acquisition of a number of new emergency vehicles," he said.

The Star

Shock, anger after KZN municipality fires 223 staff

DURBAN - The Newcastle Municipality has fired 223 employees following their protest against the non-payment of overtime early last month.

The mayor was struck in the face during the protest.

On Friday, the municipality took the decision to fire those believed to have been involved following internal disciplinary hearings - and the number of casualties could increase.

However, the SA Municipal Workers Union (SAMWU) yesterday said it would start the legal process to fight for its members. Provincial secretary Jaycee Ncanana said they were obliged to act legally as the municipality had fired their members "legally".

Signs

"We received the news and we expected this because all the signs were there. They permitted our members to work

overtime and only told them on payday that there was no money to pay them. When our members demanded answers, they were suspended, and then fired. We are not taking this lying down; we will fight to the bitter end, but we have to do it within the labour regulations. The mayor has been bragging about this high number of employees who were pushed out of their jobs," Ncanana said.

Daily News

Nzimande denounces 'shameful acts' against women

JOHANNESBURG - Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology Blade Nzimande has denounced "barbaric and shameful acts against women" in education institutions and society.

He was speaking in the wake of the death of a Capricorn TVET College student who was stabbed in Mokomene, Limpopo. Limpopo police spokesperson Brigadier Motlalela Mojapelo said the 21-year-old student was attacked and "brutally stabbed to death" at around 02:30 on Sunday, News24 pre-

viously reported. She had been enrolled at the Ramokgopa campus in Mokomene.

"I denounce such barbaric and shameful acts against women, both in our institutions of learning and in society in general.

Our society cannot continue another day harbouring such disgraceful people, who are hell bent [on tearing] the moral fibre of our society apart," the minister said in a statement. Engaged institutions to improve safety, security Nzimande said it was even more concerning

that the incident happened on the eve of President Cyril Ramaphosa's launch of the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children at Lephalale in Limpopo. The minister also said the Department of Higher Education and Training remained committed to creating a safer and caring post-school education and training environment, where safety and the protection of all students, in particular female students, and staff was guaranteed.

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TRUMP FIRES US NAVY CHIEF OVER HANDLING OF DISCIPLINE CASE

WASHINGTON - The chief of the US Navy on Sunday criticised Donald Trump after being sacked in a dispute over an elite SEAL commando whose demotion for misconduct was reversed by the president.

Richard Spencer was ousted as Navy Secretary, a civilian position, in a case that has fueled reports that the US military leadership has been angered by Trump's interference in discipline cases.

"I no longer share the same understanding with the Commander in Chief who appointed me, in regards to the key principles of good order and discipline," Spencer said in a stinging letter published by US media.

"I hereby acknowledge my termination as United States Secretary of the Navy." The dispute centres on the fate of Navy SEAL Edward Gallagher who was accused of war crimes in a high-profile case but was found guilty of a lesser offense.

On November 15, Trump - the commander-in-chief of the US military - reversed the demotion handed down to Gallagher. Trump tweeted on Sunday that Gallagher had been "treated very badly" by the navy, and that Spencer



CRACKING THE WHIP: US President Donald Trump.

had been asked to resign over the issue and over his alleged failure to address budget overruns.

The president said Gallagher would not be expelled from the elite SEAL (Sea, Air, and Land) force.

"Eddie will retire peacefully with all of the honours that he has earned,"

Trump tweeted.

Defence Secretary Mark Esper said he had asked for Spencer's resignation "after losing trust and confidence in him regarding his lack of candor over conversations with the White House", the Department of Defence said in a statement. **AFP**

BRITAIN COULD STILL FACE A CLIFF-EDGE BREXIT

BRUSSELS - "Get Brexit Done", British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's election campaign catchphrase that promises a clean departure from the European Union, is much easier said than done.

Even if Johnson wins next month's election and takes Britain out of the bloc on Jan. 31, his government and the other 27 member states of the EU will have an 11-month transition period to negotiate a future relationship. If they fail to hammer out a new trade deal by the end of 2020, which experts say is likely, and they fail to agree to extend the transition period for more negotiations, Britain will effectively be facing a disorderly no-deal Brexit again. The following explains how that could unfold.

If Johnson secures a parliamentary majority in Britain's Dec. 12 vote, as opinion polls currently suggest he will, he will move quickly to put the Withdrawal Agreement reached with the EU27 last month through a more compliant parliament. Jill Rutter, an expert at UK in a Changing Europe think-tank, said that getting the bill through before the end of December looks impossible but it could be fast-tracked to ensure a formal exit from the EU by the deadline of Jan. 31.

If that were to succeed, after Jan. 31 Britain will enter a transition

period during which it will negotiate a new long-term relationship with the EU27. This could run until the end of December 2022 under the current rules, but in its election manifesto released on Sunday, Johnson's Conservative Party set a hard deadline of the end of 2020. Johnson's government and some EU officials have said it would not be difficult for Britain to reach a trade agreement in 11 months because they have common regulatory starting points. "We already start from a position where the EU and the UK is aligned, we are agreed on all the key principles," Britain's finance minister, Sajid Javid said on Sunday.

However, a senior EU diplomat said that only in his "wildest dreams" could he envisage settlement of a future relationship by the end of next year. The deadline is unrealistic, not least because conventional free trade agreement negotiations tend to take place over years, with regular breaks between negotiating rounds, said Joe Owen of the Institute for Government.

But even if they aimed for what officials in Brussels have described as a "bare bones" free trade agreement, the two sides would run into disagreement on "level playing", or fair competitions provisions on labour, environment, state aid and other standards. **Reuters**

Judge tells Trump he's not a king

WASHINGTON - Donald Trump is not going to like his Constitution 101 lesson: "Presidents are not kings."

A federal judge's stunning rebuke of the White House on Monday came as the result of a case by House Democrats to force former White House counsel Don McGahn to testify. But it serves as a thematic frame for an entire presidency that has never played by the rules.

All of Trump's scandals are fusing together into a momentous fight over his staggeringly broad claims of expansive presidential power. How it turns out will shape his personal political legacy, the nature of the office he has held for nearly three years and poten-

tially the American political system itself.

The impeachment battle over Ukraine, Trump's efforts to keep Americans in the dark over his financial past, the lingering questions left over from special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia report and Trump's determination to rule as an unchallenged commander in chief now all boil down to two simple questions.

How much power does a President have? And how long can the governing institutions that he has incessantly challenged stand his wielding of instinctive yet often-erratic executive authority?

CNN

BRITON TRUCK DRIVER CONFESSES TO PLOT

LONDON - A British man admitted on Monday plotting to assist unlawful immigration after 39 Vietnamese migrants were found dead in the back of a truck he was driving.

The driver, Maurice Robinson, also pleaded guilty to acquiring criminal property but was not asked to enter a plea on 41 other charges including 39 counts of manslaughter in a case which has shone a light on the illicit human smuggling trade.

Robinson, 25, from the British province of Northern Ireland, was addressing a London court hearing from prison a month after the 39 bodies were found in the truck on an industrial estate in

Grays, about 20 miles (32 km) east of London.

Thirty-one of the victims were men or boys, and eight were women. The oldest was 44 and three were aged under 18, including two 15-year-old boys. Most were from Nghe An and Ha Tinh provinces in north-central Vietnam, where poor job prospects and other factors fuel migration.

Improvised

Many impoverished people from Asia, the Middle East and Africa make perilous journeys to western Europe in the hope of a better life, often after paying huge sums to criminal gangs. Prosecutor William Emllyn Jones told Monday's hearing at London's Old Bailey crim-

inal court that it was likely to be a large and complex case. Robinson admitted to having conspired with others between May 1, 2018 and October 24 this year to commit an offence of assisting unlawful immigration, and to acquiring cash which he knew or suspected came from criminal conduct.

No trial date was set, and Robinson is next due in court on December 13.

Another man from Northern Ireland, 23-year-old Christopher Kennedy, appeared at a separate hearing on Monday, charged with conspiring to arrange the travel of people with a view to their exploitation, and conspiracy to break immigration laws.

Reuters

BRIEFS

Priceless jewels stolen from museums

BERLIN - Thieves broke into Dresden's Green Vault, one of the world's oldest museums, early Monday morning, making off with three "priceless" sets of 18th century jewelry that German officials said would be impossible to sell on the open market. The treasury of Augustus the Strong of Saxony was established in 1723 and today contains around 4 000 objects of gold, precious stones and other materials on display in Dresden's Royal Palace. **AP**

Thousands rally against abuse of women

INTERNATIONAL - Tens of thousands have rallied across the world to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, as France unveiled new measures to combat domestic violence. Demonstrators on Monday gathered in countries as diverse as Guatemala, Russia, Sudan and Turkey, where riot police in Istanbul blocked the path of roughly 2 000 protesters before firing tear gas and plastic bullets to disperse them. **AFP**

Police officers run over protester in Chile

CHILE - A video shot in Chile captured the moment a young man tried to swoop a police officer riding a motorcycle on November 14. After he failed, riot police used their vehicles to run him over. According to a source, the young man was hospitalised. Chile has seen a month of peaceful protests and violent riots over low pensions and salaries, the high cost of living and alleged security force abuses.

AFP

Uber loses licence to operate in London

LONDON - Uber has lost its licence to operate in London, a major blow given the UK capital is one of the ride-hailing app's biggest markets globally with some 3.5 million users. The city's regulator, Transport for London, said it had identified a "pattern of failures" by the service that put passengers' safety at risk and has refused to renew Uber's licence, which expires today.

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GOVT INITIATES CONTENT GENERATION HUB

- Good news for film, broadcasting industry
- Land where project is to be built identified
- Content Generation Hub's budget is E800 million

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

THE Eswatini Government through the Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) has initiated the construction of a Film and Broadcast Content Generation Hub.

The operation of the content hub will be an 'open access' for a minimum charge to produce local films and content (music, soapies, live audience radio and television programmes and documentaries).

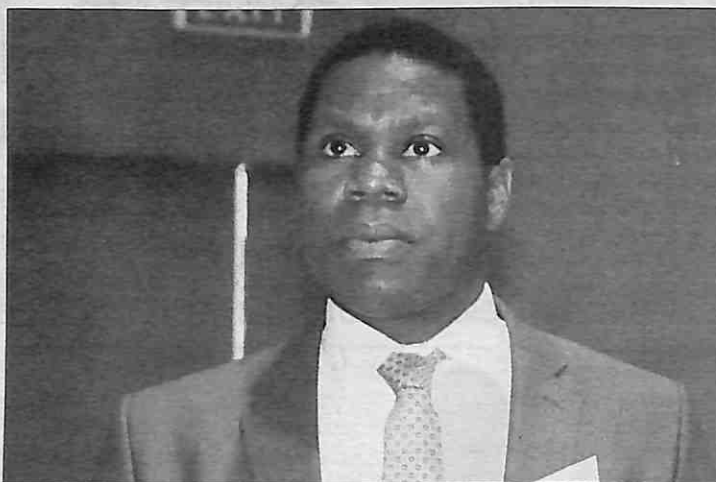
A content generation hub is a studio that encompasses facilities used to record and edit programmes.

This was revealed by the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development through Principal Secretary (PS) Bheki Bhembe's presentation on 'Priority projects

for Investment' to the African Development Bank (AfDB), which he presented at the Eswatini Procurement Indaba earlier this month.

Bhembe further revealed that the land where the project was to be built had been identified, and the goal of it will be to provide professional level film and television programme shooting and recording facilities, amongst other positives.

"The content generation hub will be at Mangwaneni next to the Eswatini Television Station in Mbabane. Its purpose is to provide professional film and television recording facilities, as well as to train, capacitate and empower all aspiring film and television programme producers," said Bhembe. The Content Generation Hub's budget is E800 million and the Ministry of ICT is still seeking



GOOD NEWS: Ministry of Economic Planning and Development Principal Secretary Bheki Bhembe.

strategic partners who will be co-founders and operators of the hub, who will further fund it with E750 million. This project is a 2-4 year project and entails processes of construction of the building, equipping the facility as well as creating sets for recording, film shooting, briefing, editing, dressing, live audience programme recording and training.

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Mozaik thankful to artists for Clyde's rescue

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

MOZAIK The Producer has extended his appreciation to people and organisations who rendered a helping hand towards Clyde Khumalo's heart treatment expenses.

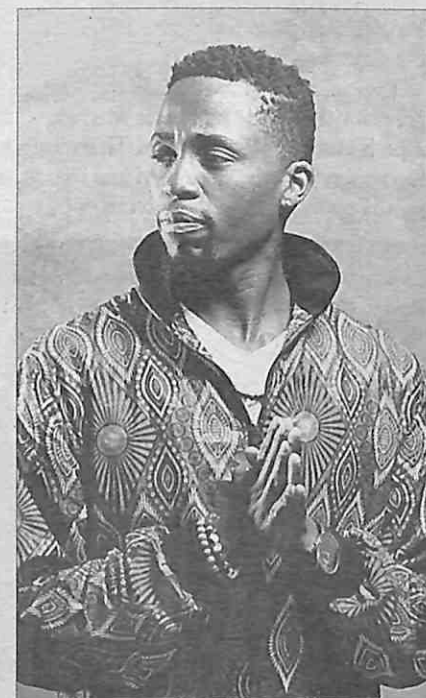
He stated that the amount that was needed for the scan had been secured.

"On behalf of Clyde Khumalo's family, we are happy to announce that the required funds for his TEE scan have been secured. This could not have been made possible without the aid of the public, as well as the corporate and private entities that answered to the call. We are deeply moved by the urgency at which you responded in helping us #SaveClydesHeart. Thank you Eswatini for making this campaign a success and most importantly, thank you Lucille for trusting us. We are excited for Clyde's journey to a healthier heart," he wrote.

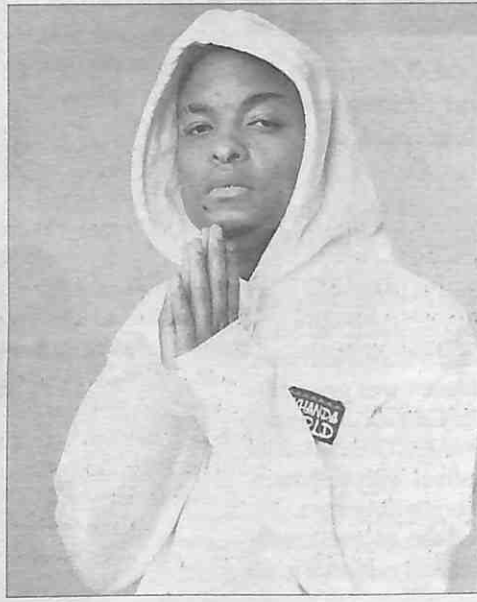
In an interview with the publication, the producer said they felt it was important to come up with the campaign #SaveClydesHeart and help Clyde because it could have easily been his child needing help.

"I hope that people would also be as willing to help out in any situation. It wouldn't be right for him to go on without getting the help he needed. We would sincerely like to send our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who came through for us. The people that called us to send help and the ones who opened their doors to listen to Clyde's story," he said. Mozaik further mentioned that one did not need to take out money from their pockets to help, the retweets and reposts go a long way.

"You might know someone who is the solution to the next person's problem, so, it's ok to share the story of someone in need. And what #SaveClydesHeart campaign showed me is, there is always someone willing to help. And once again, thank you," shared the singer.



THANKFUL: Mozaik The Producer.



IT STARTS WITH ME: Professor, K.O and Popzin will share the stage at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre on Saturday.

Professor, K.O, Popzin for Malaria Awareness Festival

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

ZERO Malaria Starts With Me (ZMSWM) Eswatini campaign will be hosting the Mosaswa Awareness Festival on Saturday at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre.

The festival will see international acts such as K.O, Professor, Nomalungelo, Popzin, Kangaroo and Mduduzi Nezinceku

Zemagawugawu sharing the stage.

The festival will commence from 10am till 5pm.

Mosaswa Awareness Festival through Eswatini, Mozambique and South Africa is implementing aggressive malaria interventions with the common goal of eliminating malaria by 2020.

Speaking to this publication, one of the organisers of the festival Gabisile Dlamini said the three countries signed the MOSASWA cross-border malar-

ia initiative with the renewed goal to work collaboratively to accelerate from control to pre-elimination in southern Mozambique and accelerate the transition from pre-elimination to elimination of malaria in Eswatini and South Africa.

Dlamini said the Eswatini National Malaria Programme (NMP) through its regional collaboration, therefore realised the importance of engaging the neighbouring countries along its borders to strengthen collaborative programmatic

interventions between the three countries as well as cross border dissemination of malaria information. "This will be a public event, where the malaria programmes from the other two neighbouring countries will also be in attendance to disseminate malaria messages. It will be characterised by live music performances from the three countries, drama group performances, kiddies' games and information stalls," she said.

Entry fee is free for everyone.

Buhle Bami Health returns with Yoga session

BY AYANDA DLAMINI

THE second edition of Buhle Bami annual expo will usher attendees through a journey to find inner peace, strength and relaxation with Yoga and Raja Meditation sessions.

These sessions will be facilitated by Pinky Glover and Gohe Gebremariam.

To be held on Saturday at MTN Golf Park, Ezulwini, Buhle Bami has also partnered with local fitness instructors

like Zama Potgieter of Studio Z, who will facilitate jam-packed Metafit sessions and regionally recognized Aerobics instructor Sandile Thwala, who has promised to run a fun-filled aerobics session.

Local brands and professionals will exhibit and lead expert talks on topics including cannabis, cancer awareness, mental health, meditation and nutrition.

The expo will commence from 10am to 4pm.

Tickets to the expo cost E150 and are

available at Mbabane Club Gym, S-Motion Gym (Serendipity), MTN Golf Park, Fitness Zone, Palaistra (Manzini) and Studio Z Gym.

Interested individuals can also buy a ticket by sending Mobile Money, eWallet or Instant Money to 7602 3347.

Purchasing a ticket gives you a chance to win great prizes, including a physio ball, yoga mat, dumbbells, a blender bottle and a core fitness solution book.

Buhle Bami is an annual expo that uproots the negative impacts, gives

attendees a sense of belonging and being comfortable with your lifestyle, qualities, shape, colour or form, hence it also promotes local brands by giving them the platform to exhibit their services during the event. This year Buhle Bami aims to venture into health and fitness, focusing mainly on body, mind and soul. The expo aims to showcase the various products and lifestyle services that are available to Emaswati to help them live their best lives.



ESWATINI JAZZ FESTIVAL IS HERE

BY AYANDA DLAMINI

THE inaugural Eswatini Jazz Festival has been launched.

Conceptualised by four directors led by Jazz musician, Multi-instrumentalist and record label executive, Don Laka, the festival is slated for December 14 at Malkerns Country Club.

The objective of this festival, according to the organisers, is to bring back the unique live Jazz experience and tourism to the Kingdom of Eswatini Jazz lovers.

"The event seeks to empower local artists by exposing them to the audience, both locally and internationally with the aim of boosting the Eswatini economy," said Laka.

The festival will see internationally renowned jazz artists such as Stimela, Don Laka and Jimmy Dlodlu attending.

It is worth noting that Laka will be celebrating his 61st birthday at the festival.

Laka has been in the industry as he is Co-founder of Kalawa Jazzmee; a record label that was celebrating 25 years of existence at the DStv Delicious a month ago. He is also the owner of Bokone Music.

Stimela, according to Laka, is an Afro Fusion band founded in the 1970s as the Cannibals.

Original members include the late great Ray Phiri, the late Isaac Mtshali, Jabu Sibumbe, Lloyd Lelosa, Thapelo Kgomo and Charlie. The band was later joined by the late Nana Coyote, who

- Stimela and Jimmy Dlodlu coming
- Don Laka to celebrate 61st birthday
- Festival to be held at Malkerns Country Club



LAUNCHED: Don Laka captured with ENCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini, Indibano Jazz Club's Mbusi Motsa and Sibongiseni Mamba at the Eswatini Jazz Festival launch last week at eDish Bistro in Mbabane.

was Ray's alter ego.

Following the unfortunate passing of Ray, Nana and Isaac, Stimela will, at the festival, showcase their new members and demonstrate the original sound of Stimela exactly the way it has been since inception.

"The audience will sing along the best of the Steam Train tracks," added Laka.

Also multi-award winning guitarist Jimmy Dlodlu is not new in the country as he has graced several stages in the kingdom.

His talent was recognised by Duma

ka-Ndlovu, the creator of Muvhango and so far he has released multiple successful albums.

His sound is a mixture of the Portuguese influence from Angola, traditional South African rhythms and Mozambican salsa.

The festival launch was graced by Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture CEO Stanley Dlamini, who officiated the festival with empowering words to the organising team.

Dlamini lauded the organisers for bringing this genre into existence in the kingdom.

Gogo not replacing Gedlembane - Smallz

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

FOLLOWING speculations stating that Smallz has replaced Gedlembane with a new comedian; Gogo, Smallz says the rumours were false.

According to Smallz, the new comedian Gogo was someone he just fell in love with his work through videos he shot that took over the internet by storm.

"Some much-needed clarity on our joining hands with Gogo on our work.

"Gogo is not a replacement of anyone, he is an artist on his own and an important extension of what we are about in the game.

"With all due respect for who and what he is, we have no reason at all to replace Gedlembane," he said.

The comedian further stated that it was true that they had signed Gogo under their stable about three weeks ago.

He said what attracted him to Gogo was a super-talented young man on a video that was doing heavy rounds on social media.

Gogo was dramatising the 'typical Swati Gogo', who has been left home alone with her grand-children.

Hopes

Smallz said their greatest hopes for his career were that they helped him grow to fully embrace the possibilities of his craft in all their richness and also help him to discover new things, not just about himself, but about the power of collaboration.

"We hope we can collectively help him grow artistically and creatively, whilst enabling him to effectively inspire the next generation of Swati comics and actors through his craft and of course, shape the course of our to levels where it becomes a whole unifying and healing movement for everyone in our community," he said.



COMEDY: Comedians Gedlembane, Smallz and Gogo.



THANK YOU: ENCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini makes his remarks at the launch.

'Wehlukile Awulinganiswa' composed in Eswatini - Mbokazi

STORIES BY SIMON SHABANGU
Durban

SABC Crown Gospel Awards Founder and President Zanele Mbokazi-Nkambule has set the record straight, and told artists that the song 'Wehlukile Awulinganiswa' was composed in Eswatini.

She said despite the fact that a number of artists in South Africa had recorded the song and made it their own, that did not mean it was their song.

She said Emaswati must learn to register their songs to avoid such confusion in future. She said her company was ready to assist artists, mainly locals with the registration process so that they acquired copyrights and protect their work. She was speaking during an interview at Durban ICC after the successful 12th SABC Crown Gospel Music Awards on Sunday night.

"I would like to congratulate Eswatini group for winning the award. I think the judges did well because the winner really deserved the crown because their song is sung almost everywhere you go. They have done well and this song is very big in South Africa. I encourage the group to work even harder," she said.

The awards saw local group High Praise Assemblies International win-



High Praise Assemblies International member Nono leads the song 'Wehlukile' which they performed at the Crown Awards on Sunday. The group also scooped the Best of Africa Gospel award for the same song. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

ning the Best of Africa Category for their song 'Wehlukile Awulinganiswa' which has been recorded and performed by a number of SA artists, including Dumi Mkokstard and Ayanda Ntanzu.

The song, composed by Sandile Makhanya and led by Nono Mavuso has made waves in and outside of the country.

In the category, High Praise was competing with Yvonne May from Nigeria, Minister Michael Mahender from Zimbabwe and Uche, who is also from

Nigeria.

The founder of the church Apostle Jethro Malindzisa said they were humbled to be nominated for this award.

"We did not expect the nomination but we are excited that we have since won the award. This is a special moment for the group, that on our debut album we gain this kind of exposure at such an important stage. I congratulate the choir for this and thank the organisers for the recognition," Apostle Malindzisa said.



IN SUPPORT: Emaswati who were in Durban to support the local nominees on the special day.

Sandile Makhanya over the moon

THE composer of the song, Sandile Makhanya is over the moon about the Crown award won by High Praise Assemblies International at the SABC Crown Gospel Music Awards on Sunday.

Makhanya said this award was dedicated to the people of Eswatini for the role they have played in instilling Christian values to all children of Eswatini.

"I would like to congratulate Apostle

Jethro Malindzisa and the choir for the effort they applied in expressing the song the way they did, which has seen us in winning in such a big platform.

Demand

The choir did optionally well in this song, hence the high demand and huge following it has received since it was released," he said.

Makhanya who is also a journalist working for Eswatini TV based at the

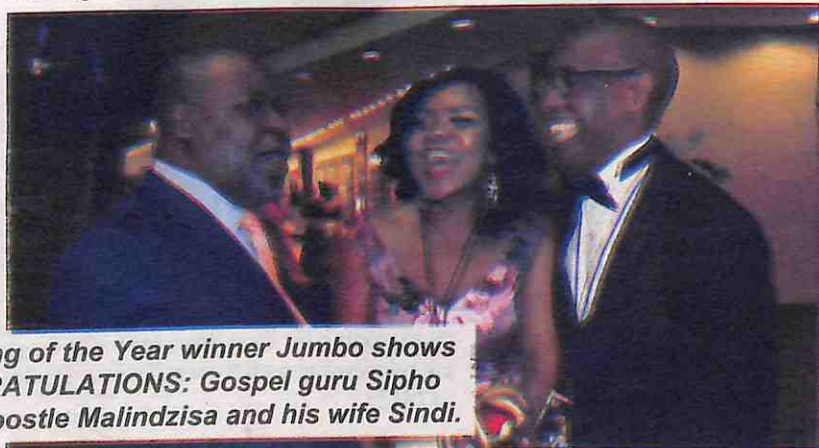
Outside Broadcasting Unit at Lozitha Palace, also thanked his spiritual father, Bishop Robert Kasaro for the guidance in his spiritual life, which motivates him to come up with an award-winning composition.

Skill

He encouraged fellow artists who have the skill of composing songs to write them and give to artists or groups like he did.



AWARDED: Best Gospel Song of the Year winner Jumbo shows his crown award. (R) CONGRATULATIONS: Gospel guru Sipho Makhabane congratulates Apostle Malindzisa and his wife Sindi.



A night of class, style

IT was a night of class and style as celebrities came from near and far to celebrate the gospel musicians who were nominated at the 12th Crown Gospel Awards.

Celebrities, mainly from the gospel music scene as well as actors came out to showcase their style as this event is synonymous with fashion.

President and Founder of the awards Zanele Mbokazi with her husband Bishop Mpendulo Nkambule were the biggest head-turners of

the night.

Dressed in emerald green derela ballroom dress, she steered the red carpet as she majestically walked in holding hands with her husband. Her grand march was by a team of 'flower girls'.

The bishop was dressed in a black suit.

Celebrities also took time to meet and greet their fans who were lined up near the red carpet to appreciate their idols.



BRAINS: Crown Gospel Music Awards President Zanele Mbokazi-Nkambule joined by her husband Bishop Mpendulo during interviews.



Thobekile rendering her performance at the event.

THE WINNERS

Best Artist of the Year
Best Gospel Song of the Year
Best Collaboration Song
Best Male Gospel Artist
Best Gospel DVD
Best Gospel Female Artist
Best Classic of All Time
Best Contemporary Song
Best of Africa
Best Gospel Group
Best Gospel Album Amen
Best Gospel Songwriter
Best Gospel iTende
Best Newcomer
Best Gospel Jazz Song
Best Amazon Group
Best Streamed Gospel Song
Best Community Outreach
Best Gospel Engineer
Best Traditional Gospel Song
Best Producer

Chumani Ngojo
Jumbo
Mda ft Chumani Ngojo
Takie Ndou
Spirit of Praise 7
Hlengiwe Mhlaba
Imvuselelo Yase Natali
Infinite Generation
High Praise Assemblies International
Spirit of Praise 7
Gospel Goes Classical
Chumani Ngojo
Lady Bishop Zulu
Puleng March
Israel Mkhize
Faith In Christ
Joyous Celebrations
Minister Harry
Job Thako for Takie Ndou Hope
Bold Art 2
Siyangoba Mthethwa
(For Gospel Goes Classical)



Celebville

International Celebrity News

Generations: The Legacy's contract extended after negotiations

MIDRAND - Generations: The Legacy has been renewed for two more seasons after a dramatic uncertainty over the future of the popular SABC1 soapie.

The public broadcaster confirmed on Monday night that the show, currently starring Vusi Kunene, Vuyo Dabula and Abigail Kubeka, among others, will stay uninterrupted in its regular 8pm timeslot.

This comes after the announcement by the SABC last week that the show will go on a month-long hiatus as negotiations between the public broadcaster and production company Morula Pictures over a new season had hit a deadlock.

Reruns of the show over the festive season was scheduled to broadcast in the timeslot. "The common ground reached by the two parties

stems from the fact that the soapie has maintained its spot as South Africa's most loved soapie for the past 28 years," SABC Spokesperson Mmoni Seapolelo said.

"The programme boasts a viewership of more than 8.5 million and is currently the second most watched daily soapie in the country.

"Generations: The Legacy will continue uninterrupted and audi-

ences will be spoilt with fresh episodes throughout December and the rest of 2020. "At the core of carrying out its mandate, the SABC is committed to delivering content that is compelling, to its audiences. The new seasons of Generations: The Legacy promises to deliver just that and more, stay tuned!" An official statement over the bleak future of SABC 3 soapie Isidingo is yet to be released.

(Sowetan Live)

DAILY SOAPIE DIGEST



HELP: Watch Sibongile on Isibaya tonight.



Phumelele is impressed by Fenyang's morality when he reveals why he did not use Mpiyakhe's vulnerabilities against him. Mpiyakhe turns to Sibongile for help.

ISIDINGO

Even the best laid plans sometimes go awry and Simon learns what this means. Two lovers make a painful decision and Sibiya sees a glimmer of hope in his quest.



Imani's actions have a devastating effect on Qalabosha. It seems as if James has already moved on, or has he? Vho-Masindi and Vho-Mukondeleli go head to head while matchmaking.

GENERATIONS THE LEGACY

A moment of reflection turns into hot, passionate sex. The reality of having a baby is taking its toll on the young parents. Cosmo tells Lucy it's time to come clean.



Zodwa lights a serious fire under Mmabatho. Schumacher gives Siyanda a dose of reality about Kagiso. A strong bond is being solidified in the Mabuza household but will it last?



Nonka's reaction has a tragic effect on Sibonelo. Gabisile gives in to her feelings and regrets it, and Fikile has a dangerous plan.

SCANDAL

Chumani is given an impossible ultimatum. Layla's position may be in more jeopardy than she realises. Kgosi is forced to consider going back to his old ways.

CAPE TOWN - DJ Black Coffee has opened up about the abuse he has received online after news that he is getting divorced from actress Enhle Mbali.

The hitmaker sat down for an interview on YFM this week, and touched on his struggle to separate his on stage persona from his personal life. He said the public often saw it as one thing and trolled him.

"It's got to a point where I feel that sometimes it is trolling. I look at some tweets that come to me and I feel like if I had tweeted that to someone else, I would be cancelled," he said.

He said the bullying has been especially brutal since news broke that he is getting divorced from Enhle. He said a lot of it stemmed from people feeling entitled and being disrespectful.

"With everything that has been going on in my personal life, and even though we have all made statements saying this is a private matter, people will still come because they feel entitled.

"I don't feel I owe anyone anything. I am not the first person to be in this situation. No-one is dead. No-one is abused. Nothing terri-

BLACK COFFEE ON DIVORCE

ble happened. We just decided this is where we want to be. But the public feel they should have a say, to a point where it is sometimes disrespectful."

After months of speculation, Enhle confirmed the couple's divorce in a video posted to social media earlier this year.

Sunday World reported that details of the couple's divorce had been set out in a court application for a protection order against Black Coffee's mother and sister.

In a video shared on Instagram, Enhle said it had been a difficult last few months, and asked for space to deal with the issues surrounding it.

"It has been a

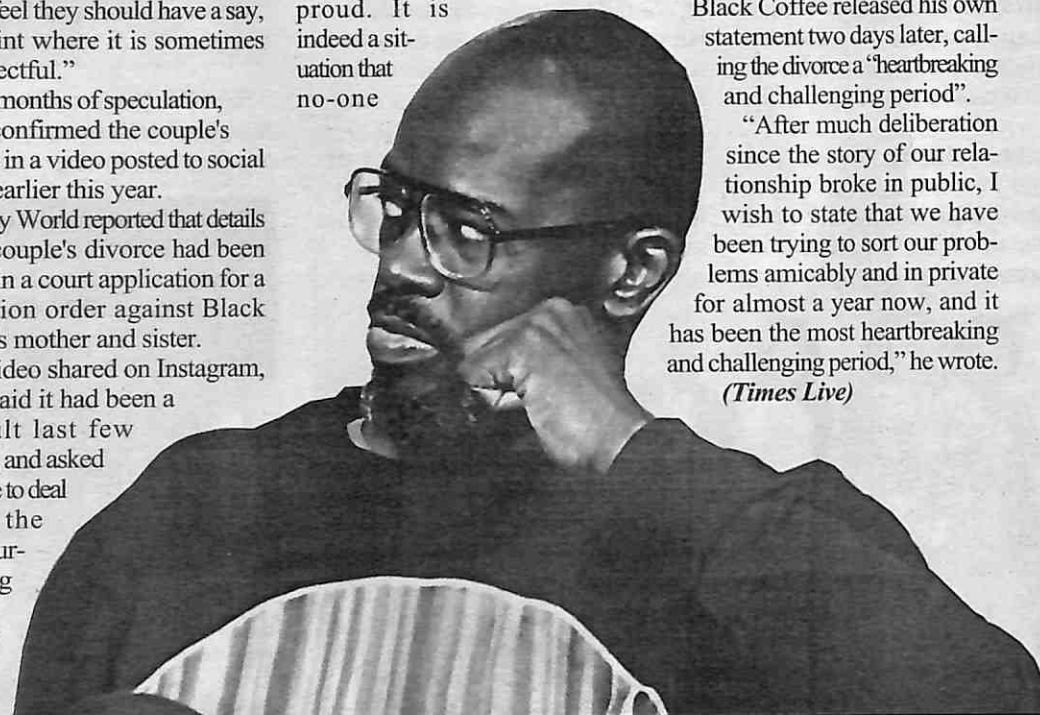
very, very, very rough year, but I still stand tall and proud. It is indeed a situation that no-one

wants to see themselves in, but here we are," she said.

Black Coffee released his own statement two days later, calling the divorce a "heartbreaking and challenging period".

"After much deliberation since the story of our relationship broke in public, I wish to state that we have been trying to sort our problems amicably and in private for almost a year now, and it has been the most heartbreaking and challenging period," he wrote.

(Times Live)



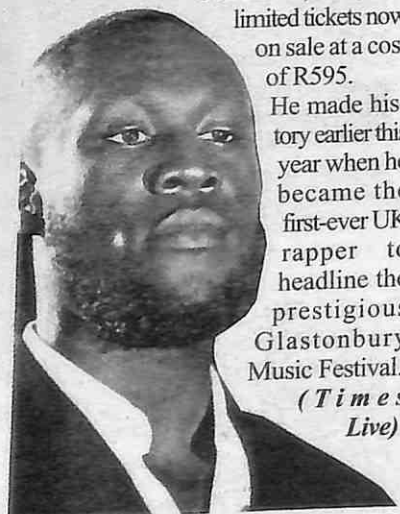
UK's Stormzy coming to SA

BRITAIN - Stormzy will headline the Rocking The Daisies Music Festival next year.

Award-winning UK grime superstar Stormzy is heading to SA. The muso, who has nearly single-handedly taken the underground electronic dance and hip hop genre to the world, will headline the Rocking The Daisies Music Festival next year. The festival runs from October 2-4, 2020, with

limited tickets now on sale at a cost of R595.

He made history earlier this year when he became the first-ever UK rapper to headline the prestigious Glastonbury Music Festival. (Times Live)



R. Kelly's girlfriend's identity challenged by Patreon

CHICAGO - The person behind the pay account alleging to be R. Kelly's former girlfriend will have to put up or shut up, because the platform they're using to make money wants hard proof they're the real deal.

There's been a lot of doubt Joycelyn Savage is behind the Patreon account, an account which calls out Kelly, accusing him of physical abuse and forced abortions.

A source at Patreon, the company hosting the account, tells us Patreon tried on Monday to verify the account. We're told the owner of the account will have a couple days to provide proof they're the real Joycelyn, or they'll be shut down.

Source tells us the user will have to provide a government-issued form of identification to satisfy Patreon.

The account has made a significant amount of money -- we're told more than 2 000 users have paid the membership fee which



ranges from US\$3 to US\$25. If the account does turn out to be fake, the money will be returned.

As for the allegations, one post reads, "I realised I was pregnant by this monster. Eventually, I ended up getting an abortion I was forced to get the surgery done at his house."

Another post detailed an instance when Joycelyn allegedly called Kelly 'babe' instead of 'Daddy'

or 'Master', and claims Kelly choked her out for not addressing him properly.

As for R. Kelly's side ... his attorney, Steve Greenberg, seems to think Joycelyn is behind the account, tells us, "It is unfortunate that Jocelyn now seeks to make money by exploiting her long time, loving relationship with Robert." (TMZ)

PIC OF THE DAY

Guys with no beards, please don't go out at night this festive season, there's a car stealing kids



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Your significant other may be expected at your house tonight but not show up, and may not even communicate with you. This might cause you to be understandably worried. Don't make yourself crazy. All signs are that your partner is OK. Traffic is the likeliest culprit keeping the two of you apart. Your friend may show up a lot later than expected.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

Emotions might run high with today's astral energies. Your friends may be snapping at each other and even getting into quarrels. Stay out of it! It's best to concentrate on getting the problem taken care of and take away the reason for the tension rather than try to control it. Hang in there.



Leo July 23 – August 22

Some people with whom you spend a lot of time could get into a debate over spiritual or metaphysical concepts. This could make you and everyone else very uncomfortable. This isn't the time to try to mediate. Both parties involved are too attached to their points of view. It's best just to nip it in the bud and ask them not to discuss it now. Change the subject!



Virgo August 23 – September 22

Disagreements and hot tempers could hinder the completion of an important project. There may be a detail to the plan that some people just can't agree on. It's best to attempt to rework it rather than try to bring everyone around to the current point of view. Everyone is too tense to listen to reason. Instead, hear what they have to say and act accordingly. Remain objective!



Libra September 23 – October 23

You might have gotten home later last night than is good for you, and you may feel a little tired and dragged out. Take your vitamins and don't use coffee as a stimulant. Take a brisk walk to clear your head and get the endorphins going. It will lift your spirits. This will enable you to function as sharply as you normally do. Watch out that those late nights don't become a habit!



Aries March 21 – April 1

Your parents or another couple close to you may be quarreling, and you might be expected to take sides. Don't do it! It's better to stand aside and let them work it out for themselves while reminding them that you care for them both. The best you can do under these circumstances is try to help mediate a compromise, but finding a win/win situation could be hard.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

Someone you know well could be saying one thing to you while your intuition tells you another. Your friend is probably troubled by something embarrassing. Don't press for information. It will come out in good time. If you want to help, distract your friend by taking him or her out to dinner or a movie. This should take your minds off the trouble for a while.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

A female friend may seem to be upset with you and might not admit it. If you ask what's wrong, she'll probably say, "Nothing." Use your intuition to deduce what's bothering her and then try to make it up to her in some way. You might want to reevaluate your friendship. She may be too uncommunicative. The term "acquaintance" might suit her better than "friend."



BABY BLUES

I HAVE ANOTHER JOB INTERVIEW TODAY. HOW DO I LOOK?



WHAT'S WITH YOUR LIPS?



LHAMMIE, YOU'VE SEEN ME IN LIPSTICK BEFORE.



SHE WEARS IT SOME-TIMES WHEN WE HAVE A BABYSITTER.



NO, I MEANT THE SMILE.

BLONDIE

BOY, SOME PEOPLE ARE GETTING CRAZY HAIRSTYLES THESE DAYS



I HAD SOME WACKO IN HERE YESTERDAY WHO REQUESTED A TURKEY SHAVED ON THE BACK OF HIS HEAD!



TELL ME THAT'S NOT A TURKEY ON YOUR...



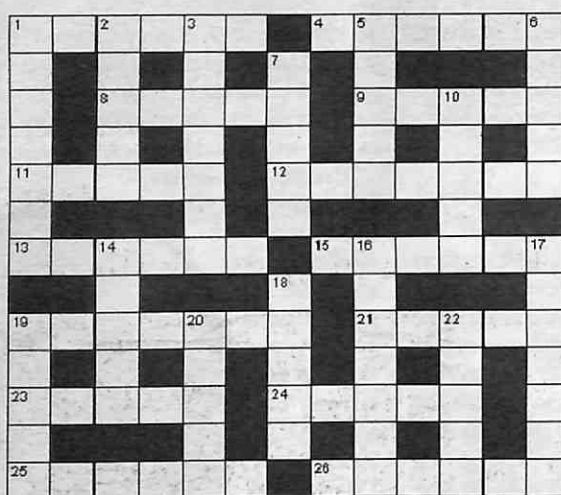
DON'T WORRY, HONEY... IT'LL GROW OUT

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PUZZLE CHOICE

CRYPTIC 07



DOWN

- Despots in publicity rant session (7)
- Survived the past in barrel ice (5)
- Drifting target lower (7)
- Block found in Roman village (5)
- Attend to something special? (5)
- Young prince is part of the deal (5)
- Thin school head relies on support (5)
- Replace the head of a furniture item with letter beginning of February for a story (5)
- Body of written work with no heading finishes and reaches out (7)
- Perhaps arctic region suitable for dancing around (7)
- Personnel can be symbolic when carried (5)
- Sounds like a hoard of money (5)
- Veteran chaps located farm (5)
- Large rodent in decoy puzzle (5)

ACROSS

- Discover star, zany jungle character (6)
- Vehicle decay creates vegetable (6)
- Fruit available in suitable month (5)
- Brass instrument device located in carnival venue (5)
- Crane rearranged for part of a shell (5)
- Brave but sounds like a hollow insect (7)
- Lowest risk in salsa festival (6)
- Items thrown overboard produced a flow of water and weapon, initially (6)
- Show variety, bet a car (7)
- Secure youth leader, cheap (5)
- Found neat vehicle answer (5)
- Decorative illusion? (5)
- Confused crude with hearty (6)
- Take for granted confusion amuses (6)



MY INSPIRATION

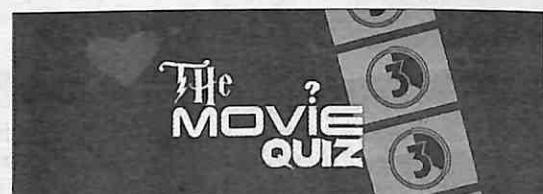
A lot of people are wearing T-shirts with pictures of people that inspire them to do stuff. I wear a picture of my son because no one

inspires me to work harder than my son. It's also a constant reminder to wear a condom.

DID YOU KNOW

- It's illegal for supermarkets in France to waste food.
- A new baby can cost new parents 750 hours of sleep in the first year.
- In 1965, a Senate subcommittee predicted that by 2000, Americans would only be working 20 hours a week with seven weeks vacation.
- Canned pumpkin isn't actually pumpkin.

MOVIE QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

- Writer, director and star of the comedy A Million Ways to Die in the West?

ANSWER:
A. Seth MacFarlane

TODAY'S MOVIE QUIZ

- Among his many films are Good Will Hunting, The Monuments Men, The Adjustment Bureau, and The Departed.

ANSWERS:
A. Matt Damon
B. Lucy Lawson



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NEWS



THIS festive season, the whole family can once again enjoy great entertainment from DStv and M-Net Movies with two specially curated kids movie festivals for DStv Premium and DStv Access customers.

The M-Net Movies Smile Animanía Festival (DStv Channel 105) and the M-Net Movies Zone Kids Club Festival (DStv Channel 139) launch on Tuesday 4 December and will run until Tuesday 14 January 2020.

The M-Net Movies Smile Animanía Festival (Channel 105) offers DStv Premium viewers the opportunity to experience some of the greatest animated movies of all time, all-day-everyday. The festival opens the doorway to a world filled with fantasy, adventure, excitement, suspense, mystery and love that brings a visual spectacle of rich, larger-than-life, family content led by heavyweight Disney and Pixar movies. The festival will run six super fun, awesomely themed weeks with a huge animated title every day at 19:00 CAT. The much-loved festival boasts smash-hit titles such as:

- Week one (Adventure driven by strong, larger than life characters): Ferdinand; The Nut Job; The Nut Job 2; Nutty by Nature; Wreck-It Ralph, and Ralph Breaks The Internet; Wreck-It Ralph 2.

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The M-Net Movies Zone Kids Club

Festival (DStv Channel 139) will run every day from 14:00 CAT to 19:00 CAT. The festival proudly brings DStv Access viewers the fantasy and intrigue of the Harry Potter series, one of the most successful in cinema history. Viewers will be transported to the spellbinding world of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in the third week of December, from Tuesday 17 December through to Sunday, 22 December kicking-off with the first instalment, Harry Potter

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- Harry Potter and The Order of The Phoenix: Thursday, 19 December at 16:43 CAT.

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The M-Net Movies Zone Kids Club Festival (DStv Channel 139) also vaunts firm favourites among the youth, such as Mirror Mirror; Spud 1, 2 and 3; Problem Child 1 and 2; What A Girl Wants; Furry Vengeance: How to Eat Fried Worms; and Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life.

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Ways Annalise Keating can chill out - HTGAM

SHE'S respected for being the best, feared for her ability to crush competition and revered for putting others before her.

But Annalise Keating is human, and she could use these simple tips to calm all the way down! Annalise Keating is one of most iconic characters on prime-time television, ever! But while we love the high profile Criminal Defence Attorney and Law professor because she's so awesome, as Aja Naomi King testifies here, she's also a human being. And How To Get Away With Murder collected all those awards for their spine chilling portrayals of the complex nuances that define real life characters which, like you and me, are not perfect. These are the five things we know the good sis could do better working on.

Annalise Keating on How To Get Away With Murder S6

Her saviour complex

Annalise Keating is a Pro at what she does, and the whole town knows about it! Heck, she had enough chops to take a case to the Supreme Court in the Lahey v. Commonwealth case, where she argued for the better funding of Commonwealth case. She won, and instantly elevated her portfolio to become one of the most notable names ever produced by the American legal system. However, Annalise doesn't know when to stop trying to fix the lives of others. Whether it's trying to free Nate's

father, initially without his go-ahead, or knowing what's best for Bonnie more than Bonnie herself, there's enough evidence that Ms. Keating can take a break from rescuing others.

Better self care

Focusing less on unhinging others from the hooks of their everyday struggles would certainly free enough space for Annalise to take better care of herself. Try telling that to her, though! The type A workaholic, who's built a big career from putting in the hours, has often been found guilty of not giving herself as much attention. In the several meltdowns that she's had on the show, including her ongoing battles with alcohol abuse, we've all seen how taking some time off to focus on unwinding would do her some good.

Trusting others more

There seems to be very little incentive for Annalise to put down her guard on the show. Her long list of sworn enemies are constantly gunning for her, her deceased husband was found to have been less than faithful, her own parents didn't create the most supportive of environments while she grew up, and so many more reasons why she lives in a world where trust hold

very little currency. That said, we reckon she'd feel less pressured if she trusted those in her circle a little bit more with having enough love and loyalty to completely have her back.

Other than that, we stan a legend who never backs down! Catch Annalise Keating in the killer final season of How To Get Away With Murder, airing on Mondays at 20:30, only on 1Magic, DStv channel 103.



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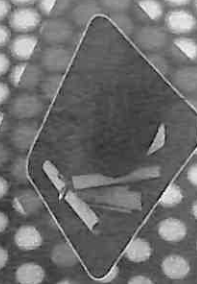
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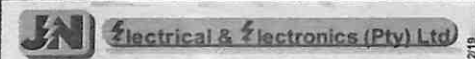


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JOHANNESBURG - Zolani "Last Born" Tete will walk away with 75 per cent of the R4.3m purse after his defence of the WBO bantamweight belt against Johnriel Casimero on Saturday, win or lose.

Tete's purse money for the mandatory defence against the top rated Filipino was determined by the purse

bid that was won in September by Tete's UK promoter Frank Warren.

The R3.2m purse money should be a record for a South African boxer of this era. It is not surprising that Tete, who lives comfortably in Mdantsane in the Eastern Cape, was quoted at the weekend as saying he can now retire when he wants to.

Tete is with his long-time local trainers Loyiso Mtya, Mhikiza Myekeni and Zolile Tete (the boxer's father), while Mlandeli Tengimfene, who has played a pivotal role in Tete's fruitful career, remains the boxer's manager.

The 31-year-old left-hander - a former IBF junior-bantamweight undefeated champion - is Boxing SA's 2018 boxer of the year.

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I WANT YOU TO COME BACK, IN TWO YEARS - MESSI

BARCELONA - Lionel Messi begged Neymar to return to Barcelona after their embarrassing 4-0 defeat by Liverpool in the Champions League semi-final last season according to France Football.

The Barcelona star texted Neymar via WhatsApp saying: "Only together can we win the Champions League. I want you to come back. In two years, I'm leaving, and you'll be alone, you'll take my place."

Barcelona Director of Football Eric Abidal has confirmed that bringing Neymar back to the club remains an option.

The wantaway PSG star appeared on the cusp of a return to the Spanish giants in the summer, with his feelings public on his intent to leave the French champions.

The Brazilian arrived in Paris in the summer of 2017 in a world record £198 million move but has failed to grow into the world's number one player as he had hoped.

A number of injury setbacks as well as an overwhelming unhappiness in the French capital has



lead to a miserable two years for the 27-year-old.

And Abidal says Barcelona are certainly still considering facilitating a return for the Brazilian.

"A top player, who has a Barça philosophy and who is perform-

ing at a high level, will always be an option," the former full-back said.

"From there, at the sports level we can make decisions, but the whole financial issue, there are things that you can reach and oth-

ers that you cannot.

"The future will say. If it continues at this level, because the season is very long, I will not say that it will be option No 1 but it can be a clear option."

Daily Mail

'I don't want to go into coaching'

JOHANNESBURG - Former Springboks winger Bryan Habana has ruled out the possibility of going into coaching but would consider a role as a consultant or mentor.

The 36-year-old Habana, who won the Rugby World Cup with the Springboks in 2007 in France, retired in April 2018 and never did any coaching courses at the end of his playing career. "I definitely don't want to go into coaching," he said. "I haven't done coaching badges or anything of that sort. The question is would I be qualified to be able to play any part as a coach?"

"I probably think not. I haven't thought about being involved or coaching that long. If there are opportunities to give back in mentorship or consulting, I would think about it but it is difficult at this point in time to say yes or no." Habana has graduated from the Toulouse Business School since hanging up his boots and has also kept himself busy by exploring business opportunities and doing ambassadorial work. *Times Live*

Benzema makes final plea to have sex tape case dismissed

FRANCE - Lawyers for Karim Benzema urged a top French appeals court on Monday to throw out a years-long case over an alleged attempt to blackmail Mathieu Valbuena over a sex tape, which has kept the Real Madrid star from playing for France's national side.

The French striker argues that a police officer used dishonest methods to draw him into the affair, which began in June 2015.

That was when Valbuena received a call from a blackmailer who threatened to release an intimate video, and contacted the police.

Investigators later accused Benzema of acting as an intermediary between the presumed blackmailers and Valbuena, which Benzema has denied.

While resorting to ruses can be common in police work, "the sin is in the zeal shown by this officer", Benzema's lawyer Fabrice Spinosi told the Court of Cassation in Paris.

"He eventually took charge of the exchanges by regularly renewing his contacts" despite Benzema's attempts to end their conversa-

tions, he said.

A previous appeal to a court in Versailles in December 2016 had failed, but the Court of Cassation later annulled that ruling and instructed the Paris Court of Appeal to hear the case again.

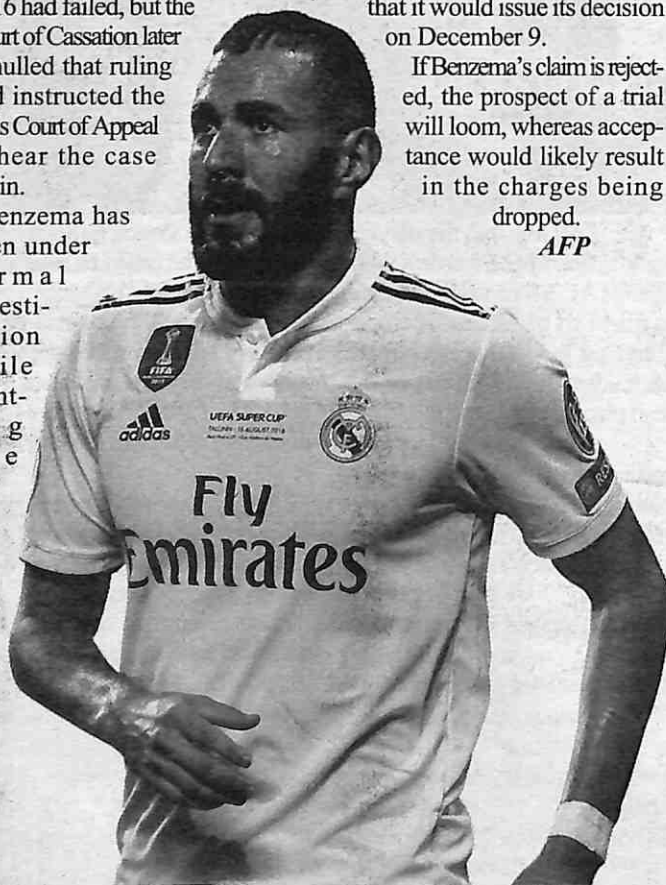
Benzema has been under formal investigation while fighting the

charges and has not played for France since 2015.

The Cassation court said Monday that it would issue its decision on December 9.

If Benzema's claim is rejected, the prospect of a trial will loom, whereas acceptance would likely result in the charges being dropped.

AFP



Ban Russia for four more years, says WADA

LONDON - A World Anti-Doping Agency panel has called for Russian athletes to be banned from competing under their own flag for four years.

It follows an investigation into the data handed over by the Moscow laboratory in January as part of the reintegration process of the Russian Anti-Doping Agency following the state-sponsored doping scandal that was exposed four years ago.

The compliance review committee claims that data on hundreds of positive tests were removed, and they are now recommending Russian athletes be forced to compete as vetted neutrals at next year's Tokyo Olympics and other events.

WADA's executive committee will rule on the recommendations on December 9.

Russia was officially banned from the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang last year, forcing 168 approved athletes to compete as neutrals. Under the recommendation, Russians would have to compete as neutrals in Tokyo and also at the next Winter Olympics in Beijing in 2022. Further implications could affect Russia's ability to stage other sporting events, with the panel recommending the country be stripped of events already awarded 'unless it is legally or practically impossible to do so'.

Data

For instance, St Petersburg is due to host four games at next year's UEFA European Championship.

The panel also claimed the most recent edits to the lab data were made in December 2018 and January this year - after Russia had agreed to hand over the data.

"These activities were concealed by backdating of computer systems and data files in an attempt to make it appear that the Moscow data had been in their current state since 2015," WADA said in a statement.

No names have been released of any athletes involved. The panel recommendation comes just days after the president of Russia's athletics federation was charged with breaches of anti-doping rules by the Athletics Integrity Unit. RusAF President Dmitry Shlyakhtin, as well as Executive Director Alexander Parkin, were among the senior officials placed under provisional suspension after an investigation by the AIU into the 'whereabouts' violations of high jumper Danil Lysenko.

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Klopp backs Van Dijk for Ballon d'Or

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk would be a worthy winner of the Ballon d'Or due to his form over the past year, says Jurgen Klopp.

Van Dijk has excelled since moving to Anfield from Southampton in January 2018 for a then world-record fee for a defender, tightening up the backline and improving the side substantially.

The Dutchman has played in two Champions League finals since his transfer and after finishing second last term in the Premier League, is primed to help them top the standings for the first time since 1990.

Liverpool have a heavy presence in the running for Ballon d'Or, with seven players making the long list. Alisson, Sadio Mane, Mohamed Salah, Trent Alexander-Arnold, Roberto Firmino and Georginio Wijnaldum are also candidates for the gong.

Van Dijk is the favourite of those though and Klopp sees no reason why he would not deserve the award. The 28-year-old was crowned UEFA Men's Player of the Year, PFA Players' Player of the Year and Premier League Player of the Season last term and is widely seen as the best centre-back in the world.

This year's ceremony takes place next Monday at Paris' Theatre du Chatelet, two days before the first Merseyside derby of the year.

Italy's World Cup-winning captain Fabio Cannavaro was the last defender to win the award, but the boss feels it is time for a change.

Klopp says that while, in his opinion at least, Lionel Messi is the best player in the world, it is his Dutch defensive maestro who has been the leading footballer on the planet over the last 12 months.

"If you give the Ballon d'Or to the best player of this generation then you



should give it always to Lionel Messi. That's how it is," Klopp said. But if you give it to the best player of last season, then it was Virgil van Dijk. I don't know exact-

ly how it will work but that is how I see it. The best player of all?

That's Lionel. Best player of last season? That's Virgil. We will see."

TeamTalk Media

CARLO ANCELOTTI'S FUTURE IN SPOTLIGHT

MILAN - Napoli head for Liverpool today for a Champions League which could prove crucial to coach Carlo Ancelotti's future at the troubled Italian club.

The three-time Champions League winning coach's second season at the Stadio San Paolo has proved to be a complicated one, after leading them to second in Serie A in his first year.

His team's fortunes have waned after the high of opening their Champions League campaign with a 2-0 win over reigning European champions Liverpool, with dressing room unrest amid friction between the players and club management.

Napoli President Aurelio De Laurentiis ordered the team to be confined to a week-long training camp earlier this month after a 2-1 league defeat to rivals Roma saw them slip to seventh in Serie A.

But as Ancelotti voiced his disagreement with the lockdown, the players all returned home after a 1-1 draw against Salzburg three days later, which stalled their bid to reach the Champions League last 16.

"The relationship between the president and I is excellent and nothing changes," Ancelotti had insisted after saying he disagreed with the 'ritiro' or training camp.

Film mogul De Laurentiis threatened to sell the entire squad and take legal action against the players after the dressing room revolt.

And the sanctions began to fall this week amid reports Monday the players would receive hefty fines for breaking the lockdown.

Gazzetta Dello Sport reported that players' salaries for the month of November — apart from those out injured at the time — will be cut by a quarter.

Brazilian Allan, who had an argument with Edoardo De Laurentiis, son of the Napoli president, will see his salary slashed by half, or 200 000 euros (\$220 000).

In total, players' salaries will be cut by 2.5 million euros (\$2.7 million).

The club have also imposed a media

...as troubled Napoli visit Liverpool



silence with Ancelotti and the players refusing to speak after Saturday's 1-1 draw against AC Milan extended their winless run to six games in all competitions, and left them 15 points behind Serie A leaders Juventus, out of the European places.

Conference

However, under UEFA rules Ancelotti will be obliged to speak during a news conference at Anfield on the eve of the match, with Napoli confirming that he will be present.

"We are not satisfied with the performance and the ranking, but it is also true that we deserved more points and more luck in various games," Ancelotti said earlier this month.

"The situation must be considered with a cool head."

Ex-Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri, meanwhile, was seen in the

stands at San Siro on Saturday, fuelling speculation he could be waiting in the wings.

Napoli are still on course to qualify for the Champions League knockout rounds as they are second in Group E behind Liverpool, four points ahead of third-placed Salzburg with two games to play.

They will reach the last 16 if they beat Liverpool or if Salzburg do not beat Genk, having failed to advance past the group stages last season.

But they come up against a Liverpool side who have an eight-point advantage on top of the Premier League table and whose only loss this season came at the San Paolo.

To add to their problems Napoli will be without captain Lorenzo Insigne, who hurt his elbow in Saturday's match.

AFP

Griezmann struggles symptomatic of a Barcelona lacking creativity

MADRID - Barcelona fielded their fabulous four against Leganes on Saturday for the first time this season but it was only after Antoine Griezmann went off that his replacement scored the winner.

Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez, Ousmane Dembele and Griezmann all started but Griezmann departed in the 57th minute before Arturo Vidal poked home in the 79th, fortuitously placed as Messi's cross cannoned into his path. When Barca signed Griezmann last summer for €120 million from Atletico Madrid, many wondered where the Frenchman would fit into their stacked front line, which would have swelled further had Paris Saint-Germain come to terms over a deal for Neymar.

Gerard Pique has said key players were even prepared to alter their contracts to facilitate Neymar's arrival and while Messi has dismissed talk of a rift with Griezmann, doubts persist.

"For me, he's a player that has just arrived - and at a club like Barca, who play a little differently from other clubs," said Clement Lenglet



last month.

"He helps us a lot with his talent, with his defensive effort, because he is a player who sacrifices a lot for the team. I don't think there is any problem with Antoine Griezmann." Many expected Griezmann to reinforce and eventually replace Suarez down the middle but Ernesto Valverde has been curiously reluctant to field him in the position closest to the one he thrived in for Atletico last season.

AFP

Mourinho would love to win Champions League with Spurs

LONDON - Tottenham Manager Jose Mourinho has already won the Champions League twice but remains as determined as ever to clinch the silverware with his new club.

Mourinho's second game in charge of Spurs is the group game with Olympiacos, where a point will send them through to the knockout stages for a third successive year.

The 56-year-old has proclaimed he is now the 'humble one' but did not take long in his pre-match press conference to remind everyone of his record in this competition.

He knows adding to that with Spurs will not be easy, but is not scared by any of the opponents.

"I love the competition as much as everyone in football," he said. "It's something that everybody

dreams about, to win it.

"Not everyone has the privilege to be a Champions League winner, which I was happy enough to do twice.

"Do I want to win it a third time? Of course, I would love it but I know the difficulties of it.

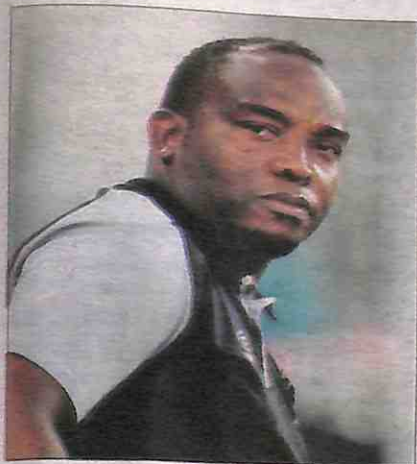
"But with these boys, I will never be afraid of any Champions League match that comes into our faces.

"I repeat, we need to qualify, that is the focus. I always say that.

"We have to qualify, but, as I was saying, give me time to work, give me time to float my ideas with these boys and I will have no problem at all going to any stadium at all to face any big opponent in Europe or in England.

"We are not going to be afraid of anybody." - *TeamTalk Media*

BENNI NOT INTERESTED IN PIRATES JOB FOR NOW



CAPE TOWN- McCarthy is said to be the favourite to take over from interim coach Rulani Mokwena.

A source close to Benni McCarthy has revealed that the former Cape Town City mentor is not headed to coach Orlando Pirates amidst the circulating rumours that Pirates coach Rulani Mokwena's days are numbered at the club.

"It is no secret that Benni loves Pirates because he played for the badge and he won titles with the club. Right now he is not interested in coaching Pirates, maybe in the future but now he is focused

on his family and exploring other options out of the country since he was fired from Cape Town City," the source told Phakaaathi. Meanwhile, Bafana Bafana mentor Molefi Ntseki says it is unfortunate that Benni McCarthy was sacked by Cape Town City, but believes his axing could work out in Bafana Bafana's favour. Ntseki plans to have an overseas-based South African coach based overseas to scout for players that qualify to play for Bafana Bafana and with McCarthy having relocated to Scotland to be with his family, McCarthy could be Bafana's scout. *Citizen*

Highly-rated international leaving Baroka

JOHANNESBURG - Baroka Chairman Khurishi Mphahlele has confirmed that the club will be releasing one of its players at the end of next month.

According to Mphahlele, Liberian international winger Terrence Tisdell has failed to adapt to the club's way of playing, therefore he will be let go.

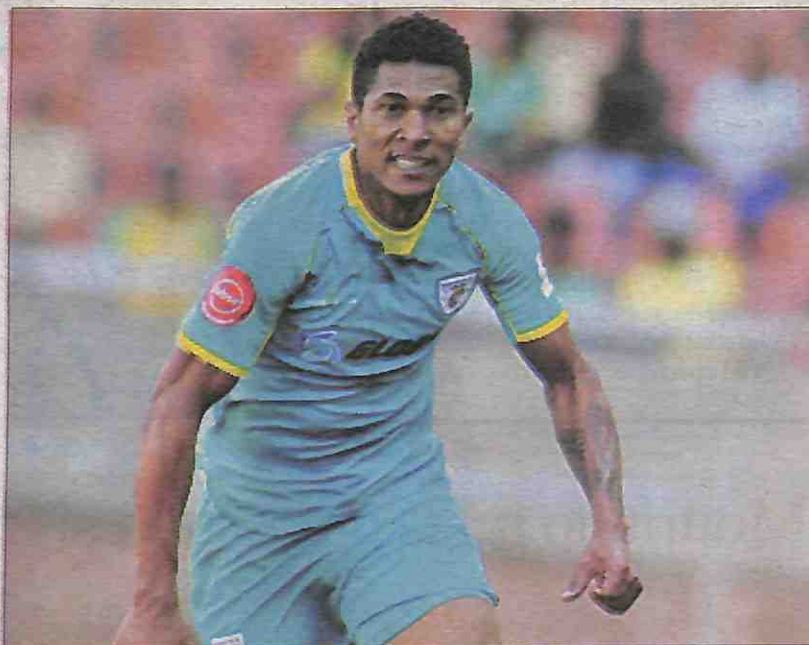
The 21-year-old joined Bakgaga at the beginning of the season from Portuguese club AD Sanjoanense amid much expectation.

"Yes, Terrence is leaving. We are releasing him. He is not adapting," Mphahlele tells *KickOff.com*.

"He is actually leaving at the end of December. He is leaving for free.

The Baroka boss also addressed rumours that striker Jemondre Dickens is set to leave the club.

"No, Dickens is still with us, he is not going," Mphahlele adds.



LEAVING: Liberian international winger Terrence Tisdell.

It's because of Amakhosi fans - Nurkovic

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs striker Samir Nurkovic has addressed issues surrounding the poor officiating in his first season in the PSL, and also commented on the club's supporters.

Chiefs currently enjoy a 10-point cushion at the top of the league standings, and have been on the receiving end of much banter related to their perceived favour received from match officials.

However, a number of decisions have also went against them at some stages, in particular for Nurkovic, whose goal against Orlando Pirates in their Telkom Knockout semi-final was erroneously flagged off-side.

The Serbian has since excused the glaring mistake made by assistant referee Zakhele Siwela, who he says was fortunate that they ultimately ended up winning in the penalty shootout.

"They (officials) have luck because we won that game (against Pirates). If we hadn't won it, yoh... But referees in every league in the world are doing mistakes sometimes," defended Nurkovic. "We cannot judge them. It's their job and nobody is perfect."

In his first season in South Africa, Chiefs supporters have taken a strong liking to the 27-year-old, who has scored four goals in 12 appearances thus far, and he has since reciprocated the affec-

tion by labelling them 'the best fans in the world'.

"Before this season, 10 000 is the biggest crowd I played in front of. It's a wonderful feeling and experience for me (to play in front of 50-80 000 every week)," he added.

"For me, right now, Amakhosi are the best fans in the world and they support us whether we play at home or away - when we play away, we feel like we're playing at home, which is wonderful.

"I'm enjoying every moment on and off the field, we love and appreciate their support - me especially, and because of them I'm giving 100 per cent every game."



South African SOCCER

courtesy of Kick-Off website

'The league trophy is in Chloorkop, not Naturena'

JOHANNESBURG - The war of words between Mamelodi Sundowns and Kaizer Chiefs won't end anytime soon.

It is expected to continue until the end of the season in May. The battle for supremacy is not only hotting up on the field, but also off it.

Fresh from reaching the Telkom Knockout final, Pitso Mosimane had a dig at Amakhosi.

Chiefs have beaten the Brazilians this season and they are leading the PSL title race. A couple of weeks ago, Mosimane claimed that Chiefs were benefiting from referees decisions. After beating Golden Arrows 2-1 in the Telkom Knockout semi-finals Sugar Ray Xulu Stadium on Saturday, Mosimane said: "At this point in time who's got the league title? It is us. Who won it? We have the league title. No one has the trophy. We have the trophy in Chloorkop. We are defending it, you remember.

The Brazilians have won the last two league titles, while Chiefs last won the championship in 2014-15.

"Sundowns always go through this (bad patch) every year. Every year we hobble a little bit. It is either going to be two draws or one loss or two losses and one draw. You can never become a bad team overnight. How many times have we proven that we are at this level? It is just that we were not winning



OURS: Pitso Mosimane.

the last three games and it makes a lot of noise. So, this is another noise. It is okay. Where is the trophy? It is in Chloorkop," Mosimane said.

Sundowns are 10 points behind Chiefs on the league standings having played one game less than Amakhosi. There are still 60 points up for grabs for Sundowns and Mosimane is right to feel that there is still a long way to go in the title race.

"The other one (MTN8), it is with Supersport United. They are all in Tshwane. Those are the last two trophies. They are in Tshwane. There's noise and there is this, it is okay hey. It is about how you end. You can start very well and look very good, be promising but it is not May yet. Let us talk in May, not now. Let us talk in May, okay. That's the way it is," Mosimane said.

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SAFA REFUSES TO PAY FOR BAFANA COACH'S TRIP

JOHANNESBURG - It is believed Ntseki wanted to travel to Cairo to watch the team, many of whom played under him at youth level.

Phakaaathi has learned that the South African Football Association refused to pay for Bafana Bafana head coach Molefi Ntseki to go and watch the Under-23 side in their ultimately successful bid to qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

It is believed Ntseki wanted to travel to Cairo to watch the team, many of whom played under him at youth level.

SAFA, however, seem to still have financial problems, with the subject of bonuses for the squad again raising its head as South Africa returned from Egypt on Saturday.

SAFA President Danny Jordaan gave an incredibly tetchy response



REFUSES: SAFA President Danny Jordaan and Bafana Bafana head coach Molefi Ntseki.

when asked about the matter on Saturday, though he did add that he would be discussing incentives with coach David Notoane and captain Tercious Malepe this week.

Meanwhile, Ntseki is not amused by the reports that the SAFA appoint-

ed him because he was the cheap option. This comes after reports emerged that SAFA was running out of money and had to settle for Ntseki because they couldn't afford the other candidates for the Bafana head coach job. *Citizen*

Chiefs official apologises for 'shocking performance'

JOHANNESBURG - Amakhosi bowed out of the competition after suffering a 2-1 loss to the Team of Choice at Mbombela Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

Following their unexpected exit from the Telkom Knockout over the weekend, Kaizer Chiefs Digital Manager Kemiso Motaung has apologised for the 'shocking performance' against Maritzburg United.

Amakhosi bowed out of the competition after suffering a 2-1 loss to the Team of Choice at Mbombela Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

Kemiso, who is the daughter of the club chairperson Kaizer Motaung, has admitted that the Chiefs supporters "deserved better" on the day.

"I apologise to all our supporters,

people who travelled, our entire Amakhosi Family for the shocking performance today, you (sic) all deserve better," wrote Kemiso on her Instagram account.

In a reply to a comment made by South African personality Sizwe Dhlomo on her post, Kemiso admitted that Chiefs may have underestimated Maritzburg.

"We made some bad tactical decisions and we clearly underestimated them. Never get arrogant, this is something we should always remember. Normally we should have beaten them 10-0, but today could have been more embarrassing. We were just not ourselves!"

Chiefs will now change their focus to Wednesday's league clash against Stellenbosch FC in Cape Town.

Citizen



APOLOGISES: Kaizer Chiefs Digital manager Kemiso Motaung.

Messi has 'won Ballon d'Or' ahead of Ronaldo, Virgil van Dijk

SPAIN - Lionel Messi is set to win a record sixth Ballon d'Or award and the Barcelona superstar has already been informed of his achievement, according to reports in Spain.

Mundo Deportivo claims that the Argentine has already been told of his win, even though the awards ceremony is on Monday and that a team from France Football magazine travelled to Barcelona to tell the 32-year-old.

Messi is on a three-man shortlist for this year's gong alongside his perennial rival Cristiano Ronaldo and Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk.

Messi won the 10th La Liga title of his career last term, scoring 36 goals and providing 13 assists in 36 top-flight outings for Ernesto Valverde's side.

But Van Dijk, the UEFA men's player of the year, has a strong case for pipping Messi to the gong, having helped turn Liverpool into the continent's outstanding team and winning the Champions League.

Ronaldo's goalscoring heroics have continued since his move to Juventus, with whom he won Serie A last season. He also won the Nations League with Portugal.

Paris Saint-Germain forward Kylian Mbappe believes Messi deserves the award.

"Messi. In individual terms, he was the best this year," said Mbappe

when recently asked by German publication Der Spiegel who he thought would win the award.

Daily Mail



Lionel Messi.

Mourinho rules out Zlatan signing for Spurs

LONDON - Jose Mourinho says there is "no chance" of Tottenham signing Zlatan Ibrahimovic after the veteran forward was linked with a move to the club following his exit from LA Galaxy.

Mourinho worked with Ibrahimovic at Inter Milan and Manchester United but said signing the 38-year-old would not make sense with Harry Kane at his disposal.

positional.

"You are right about the connection, we have more than a connection," Mourinho said when asked on Monday whether he would be trying to sign the Swede.

"I would say also passion and understanding, an amazing player and an amazing guy, but I would say 'no'. No chance.

"We have the best striker in England, we have one of the top two or three strikers in the world, it doesn't make any sense for a striker of Zlatan's dimension, obviously in his late 30s, but still a striker that can play in any club in the world."

It has been a hectic first week for Mourinho at the Spurs helm following his appointment last week.

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After his unveiling to the media on Thursday, he had his first game 48 hours later at West Ham, which Spurs won 3-2.

Tottenham, who reached the Champions League final last season, would qualify for the knockout stages with a win or if they drew and Red Star failed to beat Bayern.

Mourinho said he had not yet contacted his friend Mauricio Pochettino, who was sacked by Spurs last week.

"I needed that little bit of space to process things when I left previous clubs," said the former Chelsea and Manchester United boss.

"It does not take just five or six days to be open again. *Citizen*

DEAL BETWEEN PSL,SAFPU SIGNED

JOHANNESBURG - The Premier Soccer League (PSL) and South African Football Players Union (SAFPU) have signed an agreement that both parties believe will help improve working conditions for professional footballers in South Africa.

The collective bargaining agreement (CBA) was signed in front of a press conference at the PSL offices in Parktown yesterday.

PSL chairman Irvin Khoza, calling the agreement "historic", said its objectives include:

- a new, improved Dispute Resolution Chamber (DRC) will not only meet the highest standards of South

African law and the FIFA regulations, but have representation from clubs and all the players to deal with disputes;

- Continuous improvement of the understanding, and training of clubs and players on a host of matters including compliance documentation, access to information, club licensing, anti-doping, the benefits and possibilities of internal dispute resolution, ... insurance, ... standard contracting procedures ...

- Clear processes to ensure SAFPU can have access to players at member clubs of the league at least twice a season;

Khoza said above providing guidelines, the agreement will help the PSL and SAFPU reboot an at times confrontational relationship. *Sowetan Live*

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MTN Premier League log:

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Young Buffaloes	10	8	2	0	26	6	20	26
Mbabane Swallows	10	7	2	1	20	5	15	23
Royal Leopards	10	6	3	1	14	6	8	21
Moneni Pirates	10	6	2	2	15	8	7	20
Manzini Wanderers	10	4	3	3	12	13	-1	15
Green Mamba	10	4	2	4	15	8	7	14
Mbabane Highlanders	10	3	5	2	8	7	1	14
Tambuli	10	2	6	2	13	20	-7	12
Black Swallows	10	3	1	6	11	19	-8	10
Milling Hotspurs	10	2	3	5	6	13	-7	9
Denver Sundowns	10	2	3	5	10	17	-7	9
Mhlume Peacemakers	10	2	2	6	10	15	-5	8
Sea Birds	10	2	2	6	8	18	-10	8
Malanti Chiefs	10	1	0	9	3	16	-13	3

MTN National First Division

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Callies	11	9	1	1	22	7	15	28
Madlenya	11	8	1	2	16	7	9	25
Tinyosi	11	7	3	1	18	5	13	24
Illovo	11	6	3	2	12	6	6	21
Tycoons	11	6	2	3	20	17	3	20
Seven Dreams	11	4	3	4	20	19	1	15
Citizens	11	3	3	5	16	12	4	12
Vovovo	11	3	3	5	10	15	-5	12
Killers	11	2	3	6	9	15	-6	9
Movers	11	2	0	9	15	28	-13	6
Umbelebele	11	1	3	7	6	20	-14	6
Rangers	11	0	3	8	10	25	-15	3

Nhlanguano Promotion League

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Sibovu	8	7	1	0	12	2	10	22
Mvela	8	5	3	0	21	8	13	18
Sprinters	7	4	2	1	14	7	7	14
Makhwalela	8	3	2	3	15	17	-2	11
Maganwako	9	2	4	3	12	15	-3	10
Mkhitsini Killers	7	2	2	3	10	12	-2	8
Mahlalini	7	1	4	2	6	7	-1	7
Mashobeni	8	2	1	5	8	11	-3	7
Intermilan	7	2	1	4	5	11	-6	7
Nedso Arsenal	6	1	3	2	6	7	-1	6
City Stars	8	2	0	6	7	15	-8	6
Fast XI	6	1	2	3	7	10	-3	5

Shiselweni Northern Super League Log

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
TP Mazembe	8	5	2	1	13	6	7	17
Amalanda	5	4	1	0	11	2	9	13
Xi Stars	6	3	2	1	10	10	0	11
Thuluzobona	6	3	1	2	11	4	7	10
Peace Makers	6	2	3	1	7	7	0	9
Power Stars	7	2	3	2	10	12	-2	9
Nkwene Sundowns	8	3	0	5	10	17	-7	9
Black Aces	6	2	2	2	9	5	4	8
Mpini Cosmos	6	2	1	3	10	9	1	7
Assegai Killers	6	1	2	3	6	9	-3	5
Hlathikhulu United	5	1	1	3	8	11	-3	4
Royal Power Stars	7	0	2	5	5	16	-11	2

Siphosethu Grocery - Hlathikhulu Promotion

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Red Swallows	5	5	0	0	14	1	13	15
New Classic	5	3	0	2	10	5	5	9
Black Aces	4	2	1	1	5	3	2	7
Boko	5	1	2	2	5	15	-10	5
Real Tigers	4	1	1	2	5	12	-7	4
Free State	5	1	0	4	10	9	1	3
Magale	3	0	1	2	0	6	-6	1

Shiselweni Southern Super League

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
JB Tigers	6	5	0	1	14	7	7	15
All Nations	7	4	2	1	15	7	8	14
Nsingingini Spurs	6	4	2	0	12	6	6	14
Black Mashuba	6	3	0	3	12	12	0	9
Vusweni Killers	6	2	2	2	10	8	2	8
Manchester	6	2	2	2	8	8	0	8
Piano	7	2	1	4	9	11	-2	7
Nkwane College	4	2	0	2	8	7	1	6
Shooting Stars	4	1	2	1	5	5	0	5
Nyatsini United	5	1	2	2	3	7	-4	5
Mashekesheni	5	1	0	4	6	15	-9	3
Mazomba	6	0	1	5	7	14	-7	1

Swazi-Trac Lubombo Super League

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Magwanyana	10	7	2	1	14	6	8	23
Rail United	11	6	1	4	14	12	2	19
Samampela Fc	11	5	3	3	13	10	3	18
Tambankulu Celtics	10	4	5	1	10	7	3	17
City Warriors	11	5	2	4	17	15	2	17
Sikhalo Se-Africa Fc	11	5	2	4	16	11	5	17
Home Sparrows	10	4	2	4	15	14	1	14
Juventus	11	4	2	5	11	11	0	14
Cpl	11	4	2	5	6	8	-2	14
Umbombo Flyers	10	3	4	3	13	13	0	13
Gucuka Cosmos	10	3	3	4	14	17	-3	12
Distillers Fc	10	3	3	4	7	12	-5	12
Malaheni United Fc	11	2	5	4	13	15	-2	11
Bhelebane Fc	10	3	2	5	9	13	-4	11
Young Aces Fc	11	3	2	6	12	16	-4	11
Ok Survivors	10	2	2	6	10	14	-4	8

Lubombo Southern Zone - Log

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Richmond	9	8	1	0	20	7	13	25
Nisela	9	7	1	1	21	7	14	22
Crookes	9	5	2	2	16	8	8	17
Luvatsi	9	3	5	1	14	7	7	14
Liverpool	9	4	2	3	13	8	5	14
Phafeni	9	4	2	3	12	11	1	14
Manzinyama	8	4	1	3	14	15	-1	13
Future Stars	9	3	3	3	12	14	-2	12
Manyovu	8	3	2	3	17	13	4	11
Young Stars	9	3	2	3	13	15	-2	11
Juluka	9	3	1	4	12	16	-4	10
Matata	7	2	3	2	13	5	8	9
Black Aces	9	2	2	5	12	15	-3	8

Umbombo United	8	1	2	5	8	18	-10	5
Asbestors	8	1	0	7	10	22	-12	3
Gamula	8	0	1	7	4	17	-13	1

RSSC Siyakhha 1800 North - East

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Zamalek	5	4	1	0	10	5	5	13
Bacambi	5	3	2	0	11	6	5	11
Free at Last	5	3	1	1	12	6	6	10
Professionals	4	3	1	0	7	3	4	10
Arsenal	5	3	0	2	7	5	2	9
Zwelabantu	4	2	0	2	9	7	2	6
Rhinos	4	2	0	2	8	6	2	6
Summerise	4	1	2	1	8	7	1	5
XI Stars	4	1	0	3	5	6	-1	3
Juventus	5	0	3	2	3	7	-4	3
Classic	5	1	0	4	7	13	-6	3
Silver Stars	5	0	2	3	6	14	-8	2
JB	5	0	2	3	5	13	-8	2

Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League E77 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Community	10	7	1	2	20	10	10	22
H. Shooting Stars	9	7	1	1	18	8	10	22
Billy Ocean	9	5	1	3	12	9	3	16
SidwashiniUtd	8	5	1	2	12	9	3	16
Emajukuku	9	4	2	3	9	6	3	14
Swazi Sun	10	4	2	4	13	14	-1	14
Junior Stars	8	3	2	3	15	13	2	11
Imbumba	9	3	0	6	9	15	-6	9
Burning Spear	8	1	5	2	8	8	0	8
Mbabane City	8	2	0	6	7	14	-7	6
Corporation	10	1	2	7	8	20	-12	5
L. Sunrise	6	1	1	4	5	10	-5	4

Northern Zone

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Mvuma Hotspurs	9	7	0	2	20	11	9	21
Manchester	8	5	2	1	21	11	10	17
Kappa Kappa	9	5	1	3	17	14	3	16
Stone Breakers	9	5	0	4	16	13	3	15
Horo Spinners	9	4	1	4	7	11	-4	13
PP. Rangers	8	4	0	4	18	17	1	12
Msahweni	8	3	3	2	8	8	0	12
Vultures	9	3	2	4	14	14	0	11
Khanjara Rovers	9	3	2	4	12	12	0	11
Seven Stars	9	2	3	4	9	16	-7	9
Sigodlo	9	2	1	6	6	12	-6	7
Machibini Rovers	8	1	1	6	8	17	-9	4

Mandla Mahewu Mbabane League E70 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Interstars	12	8	3	1	26	10	16	27
Mbabane Celtics	13	7	4	2	24	13	11	25
Amawele	13	7	3	3	42	20	22	24
Sandla	13	7	2	4	20	18	2	23
PG Dribbling Stars	11	7	1	3	26	14	12	22
White City	13	6	4	3	25	20	5	22
Pot O Gold	13	5	3	5	29	21	8	20
Mpolonjeni Young Stars	13	5	3	5	19	20	-1	18
Multi Classic	13	5	2	6	26	25	1	17
FC Vaal Stars	13	5	0	8	23	38	-15	15
Real Tec	12	3	5	4	20	21	-1	14
Mvakwelitje	13	4	2	7	13	19	-6	14
Double Action	13	2	4	7	21	41	-20	10
Mbn Dribbling Wizards	12	1	3	8	14	27	-13	6
Village Stars	13	0	1	12	13	43	-30	1

B. Division

Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Team								
Hurricane	11	9	2	0	33	10	23	29
Royal Dynamos	10	9	1	0	49	9	40	28
Dangerous Darkies	11	7	2	2	30	15	15	23
Junction Stars	12	6	2	4	23	21	2	20
Real Stars United	10	4	6	0	15	8	7	18
Red Stars	12	5	3	4	23	21	2	18
Mangwaneni	11	4	4	3	30	27	3	16
Mbabane United	10	5	1	4	13	19	-6	16
Mantsholo fc	12	3	5	4	16	20	-4	14
Mbabane Movers	12	3	4	5	27	31	-4	13
Mantsholo United	11	3	3	5	27	31	-4	12
eni Cosmos	11	3	2	6	18	18	0	11
Mphahlati	10	3	1	6	11	24	-13	10
usoli	11	2	2	7	18	35	-17	8
ational Rangers	13	2	2	9	16	34	-18	8
opoloni Young Fighters	10	2	2	9	17	43	-26	2

MY GAME

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COULD THIS BE **REVIVAL** OF THE ONCE MIGHTY MONENI BUCCANEERS?

ACCOLADES in abundance must be given to Moneni Pirates for showing the rest of the teams that everything is possible, as long as you have set-out visions and work towards achieving them.

I have been keenly following the events as they unfold at the Moneni Buccaneers camp, and I could not resist the temptation of penning a piece about the good initiatives initiated by the team once regarded as one of the big clubs in the country.

Besides their current form in the MTN Premier League where they occupy the fourth spot with 20 points in 10 games, the Goina 'Magiyane' Dlamini-coached side are also in the last 16 of the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup after beating Mbabane Citizens in the last 32 games over the weekend. I might never been a supporter of the black and white outfit but I can attest that they are one of the teams which play good football, and have nurtured many talented players, who went on to become great players.

However, in as much as my intention is not to talk about the performance of the team, I feel these are some of the good factors about the team, whose culture is to play carpet



football. It is the administrative development, especially the marketing aspect of the team that has caught my attention, and it is without any semblance of doubt that this brings hope of revival of the once 'Mighty Buccaneers'.

For starters, the Moneni ensemble is making headlines for all the good reasons of late with the fostering of partnerships with other business stakeholders to bring merchandise as well as coming up with excellent market-

ing strategies that will bring the much-desired cash injection to the club.

Just recently the team partnered with Mbabane Motors to launch a Win-a-car competition, a deal which is reported to be in the tune of E146 000. For one to win the car has to buy a ticket at E60, something which will help the team generate income and be able to sustain itself. Apart from that deal, the team also patterned with other companies which saw the sale of their

newly introduced replicas together with an insurance policy.

These are some of the initiatives the team has taken that obviously points to the right direction in as far as professionalism is concerned.

That is why I feel the team has to be applauded for their newly launched magazine, which is expected to be out on December 1, as reported.

Besides that, the magazine will update the supporters about the activities of

the team, it will also provide a great platform to revive and promote their revered brand. It is on those grounds that I feel other teams should learn from the positive step taken by the Moneni Buccaneers.

I am made to believe that the team's faithfuls are already excited about their club which is simple achieving something many have failed to achieve in many years.

This is the time our teams should realise that running a team is not only about having power or financial muscle but it is how you plan to attain your vision, something Moneni Pirates is doing right now.

We sincerely hope that the team will continue to thrive for greater heights and not allow any form of division to jeopardise the effort to see success of the club. Sooner or later, we might be reminded how the once Mighty Buccaneers used to be a force to reckon with in local football circles where they produced legends who now live to tell the tale how they mesmerised their opponents with their footballing skills. Writing about the history of this club would obviously require a book-length article but I am happy that after so many years the team is showing some signs of revival.

Admittedly, in recent years they have been rocked with administrative issues which went to an extent of compromising the very existence of the club, but what is encouraging is that as the team celebrates its 52rd anniversary they know where they come from.

The culture of the team is still there for everyone to see.

This is the time to rise *Mabhakaniya*, nothing is impossible.

SPORTS MEDICINE SOLUTIONS

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ENVIRONMENT

FOOTBALL is a global game. As a result, it is played in a wide range of environmental conditions.

These factors can both affect a player's performance and make them more likely to become unwell.

Football is frequently played in hot and humid conditions. In some situations, especially when there is also high humidity, players may develop heat illness.

During exercise, the body core temperature rises and may exceed 40°C. Mandatory cooling breaks were established by FIFA, under certain environmental conditions, to prevent the development of heat-related illness in players and referees on the field of play.

PREVENTION OF HEAT ILLNESS

Avoid adverse times of day for training or matches. -Where possible, matches should be scheduled for cooler times of the day. Playing in hot conditions both increases the risk of heat illness and impairs performance.

Organisers should attempt to organise matches at a time where less heat stress and exposure is expected.

They should reschedule matches where

the heat stress is extreme.

Wearing appropriate clothing-Lightweight, breathable clothing is needed when training and playing in hot conditions.

This type of clothing allows evaporative cooling to occur (evaporation of sweat). Heavier items of clothing can limit heat loss through this source.

Ensuring that players are hydrated is an important strategy. It is, however, essential to recognise that even well-hydrated players can be affected by heat illness.

With respect to hydration, dehydration of at least negative two per cent body mass is needed to impair aerobic performance in warm-hot conditions.

Practical strategies that can be used to monitor hydration include the colour of a player's urine and measuring pre- and post-exercise body weights.

These can be good educational strategies for players and can reinforce the need to pay more attention to hydration.

AVOID MEDICATIONS THAT PUT ATHLETES AT RISK

The use of some medications can increase the chance of developing heat illness.



The use of caffeine supplementation prior to a game, common among many elite players, can increase the risk of problems. Other medications which may predispose to heat illness include cold and flu tablets, antihistamines, some anti-hypertensives, tricyclic antidepressants, thyroxine and benzodiazepines.

In general terms, players should be advised to minimise the use of all medication where possible. The use of alcohol can also predispose to thermal illness.

ACCLIMATISATION

This is an issue for teams travelling to a hot environment. Where possible, a

team should arrive well in advance of competitive matches.

This allows acclimatisation to occur and can be a very effective way of both preventing heat illness and thereby enhancing performance. It is usually recommended to live and train in hot conditions for at least 60 minutes per day throughout this time but adaptations have been shown with shorter durations of heat exposure.

HEAT STROKE

It occurs when a player's body produces more heat than it loses. Muscle activity when playing football produces

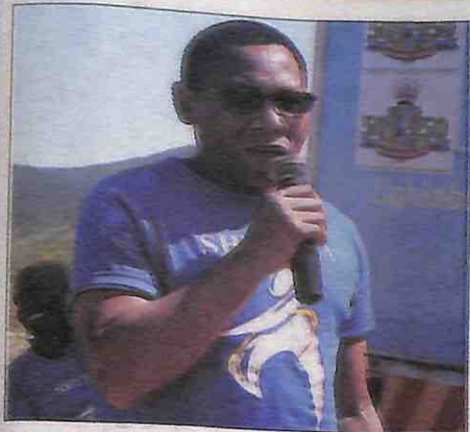
heat. The effects of heat exposure range from relatively modest symptoms to a life-threatening illness.

Heatstroke is defined as a rectal temperature greater than 40°C in conjunction with changes in mental state or collapse. This should be a medical emergency. The management of heatstroke must begin in the stadium. A player should not be transported to hospital until their temperature has been stabilised.

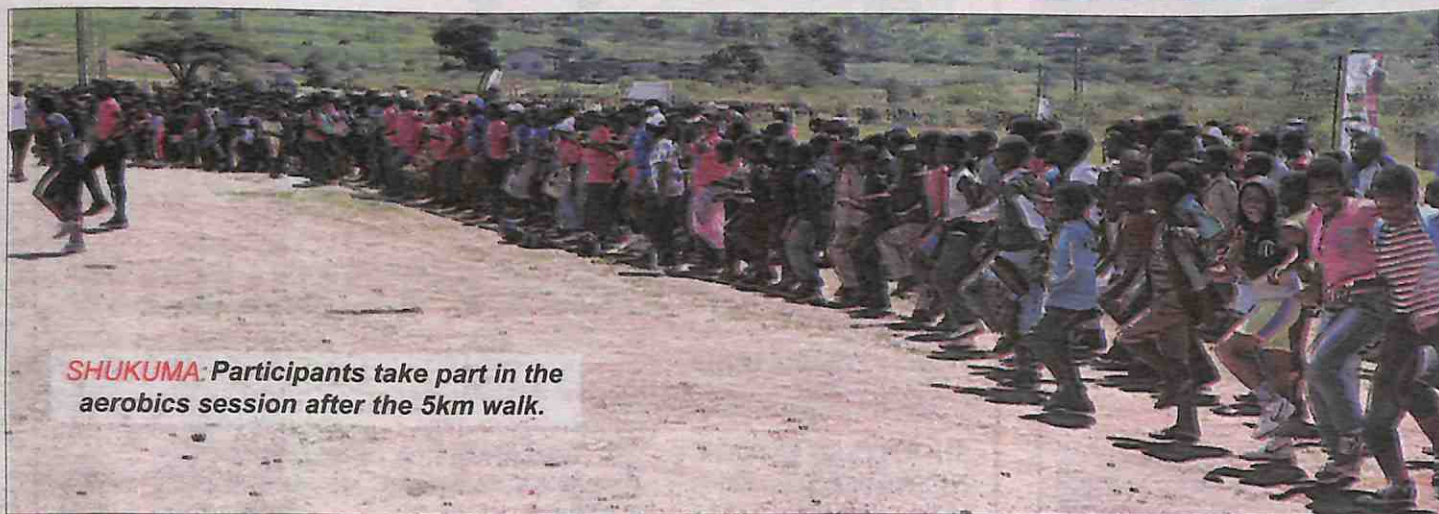
The key treatment involves cooling of the affected player. Basic resuscitation and life support is also very important, therefore attention must be given to airway, breathing and circulation with administration of oxygen. It is critical to get the most accurate temperature, so in this life-threatening situation, a rectal temperature is required.

The athlete should be cooled rapidly as the duration and degree of hyperthermia is proportional to the degree of cellular injury. Cold-water immersion is the best method of cooling, but any heat gradient will be effective.

Cold-water immersion is faster than evaporative methods like mist sprays or a fan. It is however still acceptable to use evaporative methods and limb immersion to cool the athlete. God bless you all, have a productive week and fruitful.

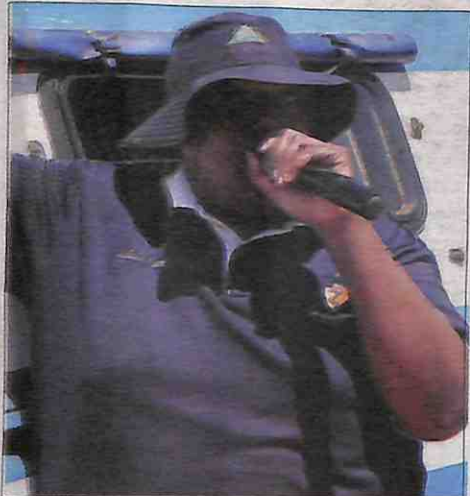


THANK YOU: The Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga gives a vote of thanks after the Shukuma Eswatini activation held at Sandleni Inkhundla on Saturday. (Courtesy pics)



SHUKUMA: Participants take part in the aerobics session after the 5km walk.

SHUKUMA ACTIVATION @SANDLENI



MC: ESRC Media Officer Dumi-sane Ntiwane directs proceedings during the aerobics session.



WALK: A section of the participants take part in the 5km walk.



ABOVE AND BELOW - LET'S GO: Minister Bulunga and Sandleni Inkhundla MP Noah Gama join participants in warming up before the aerobics session.



STRETCH: Participants stretch before the aerobics session.



TEACH: Diabetes Eswatini officers makes a presentation.



TUG-OF-WAR: Minister Bulunga leads his team in a tug-of-war contest against MP Gama's team.



BIG FOOT: Minister Bulunga and MP Gama lead their respective teams in a big foot contest.



SHUKUMA NGEMVUNULO: Some residents partook in the Shukuma exercises donning imvunulo.



■ Arsenal chiefs fear their top players will be forced to consider their futures if Manager Unai Emery remains in charge next season. (Mail)

■ England forward Raheem Sterling, 24, is waiting to see if Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola commits to the club before signing a new contract. (FourFourTwo)



■ Tottenham Manager Jose Mourinho has asked agent Jorge Mendes to keep him informed on Benfica's Portugal defender Ruben Dias, 22, and midfield compatriot Bruno Fernandes, 25, of Sporting Lisbon. (90min)

■ West Ham are considering Sheffield United manager Chris Wilder as their next manager, should they decide to sack current boss Manuel Pellegrini. (Mirror)

■ Pellegrini has been warned that results must improve during talks with the Hammers board. (Telegraph)

■ Everton Manager Marco Silva could be given two more games in charge while major shareholder Farhad Moshiri and Chairman Bill Kenwright discuss alternatives. (Mail)

■ Manchester United are closing in on a world record £70m-a-year shirt sponsorship deal with Chinese company Haier. (Sun)

■ Watford are worried they will be forced to make a second managerial change of the season to avoid relegation from the Premier League. (Telegraph)

■ Leicester City are planning a £20m move for Celtic's 21-year-old Norwegian defender Kristoffer Ajer in January. (90min)

■ Real Madrid Manager Zinedine Zidane says he is "in love" with France forward Kylian Mbappe, 20, as his side prepare to host Paris St-Germain in the Champions League. (ESPN)

■ Chelsea's 28-year-old France midfielder N'Golo Kante says his decision not to move to French champions PSG was because of a "sporting choice". (Canal Plus, via Mirror)

■ Napoli President Aurelio de Laurentiis has issued fines totalling more than £2.1m to the first team following an "internal mutiny". (ESPN)

■ The agent of Manchester United and England defender Chris Smalling has travelled to Italy to begin talks over a permanent transfer with Roma, after the 30-year-old's impressive start to his season-long loan. (Corriere della Sera via Mail)



■ Nice's 23-year-old Algeria full-back Youcef Atal, who is reportedly a target for Chelsea, says he can play at a "big club". (Canal Plus - in French)

Gun violence a problem for our sport - ESA President

STORIES BY COLISILE SACOLO

SHOOTING - ESWATINI Shooting Association (ESA) President Siphon Ntshali says as an association they are not happy with the ever increasing gun violence cases in the country.

"As an association we are looking forward to the tournament."

I would like to urge all those who are interested in shooting to know that this sport is not about criminal agendas but it is for promoting shooting in the country."

He said they were against

people who learnt how to shoot and thereafter disappear to engage in crime.

Mentioned

Ntshali said they were just not happy with the people who joined shooting for their personal reasons.

"These are the very same people who eventually find themselves in situations that are against the shooting law." He mentioned that everyone who owned a gun should follow certain procedures if they wanted to

take part in the sport.

"The police should know and those people should register their guns."

He urged all those interested to follow the right procedure.

"We are not happy with the people mis-handling the guns and if it happens that someone has used a gun in a bad way; that person must be brought

to book. We are not promoting crime but we want to grow the shooting sport in this country."



...Shooting games this weekend

SHOOTING - ESWATINI Shooting Association President Siphon Ntshali has reminded teams and members of the public about the Army Commander's Shooting Tournament to be held at Nokwane on Saturday.

He said the registration would start at 8am while the tournament would commence at 9am. Registration

fee is E50 and it is compulsory. Ntshali urged all teams to keep time to avoid delaying the start of the tournament.

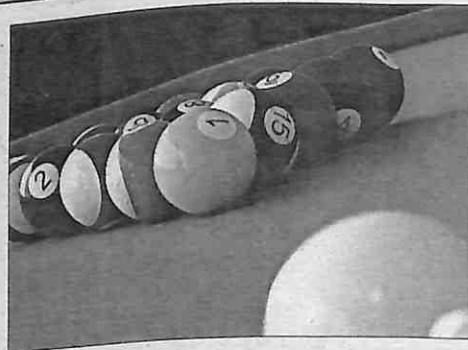
"We would like to thank the Army Commander 4-star General Jeffrey Shabalala for allowing and giving us this opportunity and for his support towards the development of the sport in the country."

He urged Shabalala to

continue General supporting the sport.

"I cannot forget National Commissioner of Police William Dlamini, who is also supporting us. We are expecting their tournament to be announced soon."

This year's Army Commander's Shooting Tournament is once again sponsored by Premier Swazi Bakeries to a tune of E25 000.



Bhubesi outsmarts Majaha in trophy challenge

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

POOL - GIFTED pool star Nathi 'Bhubesi' Sihlongonyane outsmarted Majaha Dlamini in the Floating Trophy Challenge.

The match was played at Mbabane Express Car Wash over the weekend. 'Bhubesi' beat Majaha 9-7 in the tightly contested match to walk away with the E1 000 prize.

Coming to the match, Majaha once led 6-3 in the opening stages of match. However, 'Bhubesi' proved his mettle and eventually won the match 9-7, much to the joy of his supporters.

When sought for comment, 'Bhubesi' said this was a difficult match and thanked God for the win.

"It wasn't easy as Majaha was well prepared for the match. However, I am happy that I managed to come out victorious. I am now looking forward to my next opponent," he said.

Express Car Wash Coordinator Sicelo Mndzebele congratulated 'Bhubesi' for winning the match.

He said the youngster was unstoppable in the tournament. He further thanked all the pool lovers, who came in their large numbers to watch the match.

He said this challenge saw the largest number of attendees since the tournament started.

On another note, Mndzebele said the double trophy challenge will kick start on Friday.

"We are starting the trophy challenge this Friday and it will be a winner-takes-all tournament."

ERU VISITS SANDLENI CONSTITUENCY

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

RUGBY - THE Eswatini Rugby Union on Saturday visited Sandleni Inkhundla in the Shiselweni region to sensitise residents about sport.

This was in conjunction with the Shukuma Eswatini programme run by the Eswatini National Sports and Recreation Council.

According to Eswatini Rugby Union Secretary General Bonginkosi Dlamini, the union was represented by active players from selected clubs to teach the people of the area about the fundamentals of the sport.

He said the sessions were conducted by Mlandvo Mndzebele and Simiso Dlamini from Elephants.

The duo was supported by Celumusa Ndlela and Tjelizwe Dlamini.

"Tjelizwe Dlamini is one of the recently trained coaches from William Pitcher College. He was given an opportunity to apply his rugby skills by teaching the school pupils tag rugby.

The pupils enjoyed the session as it was their first time playing rugby,"



he said.

The group of young girls and boys were from Mbowane, Jericho and Sandleni Primary Schools.

Dlamini further said that the event also allowed community members

to learn about the sport and to even have a feel of the oval-shaped rugby ball.

He mentioned that ERU's objective was to create awareness on rugby in communities throughout

the country.

He thanked the Eswatini National Sports and Recreation Council for such an initiative since it allowed sporting disciplines like rugby to have access to a wider population.



GOVT SHOULD STOP COLLECTING MONEY AT SOMHLOLO

BY MBONO MDLULI

SOCCKER - GOVERNMENT should let hosting teams collect money made during games at Somhlolo National Stadium.

This was said by MPs in the House of Assembly on Monday. The prevailing situation is that the hosting team pays E1 000 to government as booking fee for using the stadium.

The government then enters into an agreement (lease agreement) with the hosting team, according to Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga.

The lease agreement, according to the minister, says the hosting team will only use the stadium. The money paid by the vendors for selling inside the stadium is not collected by the hosting teams, but by the government, through the

sports ministry. The vendors usually sell fast foods inside the stadium, such as roasted meat, drinks, water and other food items.

Members of Parliament (MPs) do not understand why such a thing was not happening. Their understanding is that the teams should rake in the money paid by the vendors for selling inside the stadium. Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo wanted to know why such a thing was happening.

Vendors

He said it was not good for government to rent out the stadium to a team and turn around and collect the money made by vendors inside the stadium, while it was rented out to a hosting team. He said the money should go to the teams to help in running them and catering for other costs. He further wanted to know what happened to stalls that were at the stadium because they were used by

vendors. He said he also used to sell there when he was still growing up as a boy.

In response, Bulunga said they charged E50 to each vendor for selling at Somhlolo.

The government collected the money for catering for the costs of maintaining the stadium, such as keeping it clean and maintaining its toilets. He said the teams were only given the playing field and the grandstands. What happened outside that remained the responsibility of government. Therefore, the money collected there would be for government.

However, the MPs were not satisfied with the response from the minister. Mahlangatsha MP Musa Ngcobo said the toilets were always dirty. Madlangemphisi MP Sibusiso 'Scorpion' Nxumalo said other companies that had stadiums did not follow this model, but they allowed the hosting teams to rake

in some money from activities within the stadium.

Bulunga said he would take up the suggestions and see how they used them.

He said the ideas by the MPs were good. Concerning the stalls, he said they were not used because they were not made for the kind of business run by the vendors. He said for instance, most vendors roasted their meat at the stadium and the stalls were not used for such.

The money paid by the vendors for selling inside the stadium is not collected by the hosting teams, but by the government, through the sports ministry

Montigny continue good start in ECL

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCKER - MONTIGNY Group continued with their fine form in the Eswatini Corporate League after beating Eswatini Communications Commission (ESCCOM) 2-1 to make it two wins in a row.

This was during the second round of the games played at Manzini Old Trade Fair ground on Sunday.

Montigny Group and ESCCOM started the games on a high note in the first round, where ESCCOM once again paraded their star-studded team with the likes of former Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) stars in Khayelihle 'Karass' Dlamini, Lwazi Zidane Maziya, but it was Montigny, who attacked from the onset and tried to get the elusive opener in the first 10 minutes. The game ended 2-1 to Montigny Group who proved grit, resilience and hunger as their strategy managed to outsmart an organised ESCCOM.

Other fixtures saw The George Hotel dubbed the 'Hospitality kings'

take on The Times of Eswatini named the 'Scribes', where 'the hospitality kings' emerged victorious with a 3 - 0 victory, thanks to an own goal from the Times of Eswatini goalkeeper and a brace by Zwide Dlamini.

The Eswatini Revenue Authority team christened the 'Tax-men' who faced-off the Eswatini Observer nicknamed the 'Pen rollers'.

The Eswatini Observer also lost 0-3 as the 'Taxman' triumphed with goals from Mpendulo Khumalo, Sifiso Dlamini and Brian Langwenya.

The Eswatini Observer and the Times of Eswatini were on the losing end in their opening games of the Eswatini Corporate League (ECL) and will be looking to improve in their next matches.

The man of the matches on the day was TGH's Zwide Dlamini, Eswatini Revenue Authority's Brian LaNgwenya and ESCCOM's Mbazo Gamedze, and they all received hampers of Alkaline Water.

The ECL games are sponsored by Dixies International and Alkaline Water.

ECL results

Montigny	2-1	ESCCOM
The George Hotel	3-0	Times of Eswatini
Eswatini Revenue Authority	3-0	Eswatini Observer

'DJEMBA' BOOST FOR MALANTI

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCKER - BASEMENT side Malanti Chiefs have their received a major boost as captain their Thembumenzi 'Djemba' Mayisela will be available for selection when the play against Tambuti FC in the MTN Premier League.

The two sides will lock horns at Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday.

The former Mbabane Highlanders defender missed last weekend's SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup match against National First Division side Rangers after he was nabbed by the yellow card rule. The gold and black glamour side won the match 8-0, thanks to goals from Charles Molopo, Lindokuhle Fakudze, Ayanda Neube and Given Lukhele.

Malanti Chiefs Communications Officer Mandla Maduna confirmed the availability of their captain on Saturday. He said the spirit was high in their camp

and they were looking forward to the match.

He added that they had an injury free squad.

"Yes its true 'Djemba' will be available on Saturday after missing last weekend's match due to suspension. The win against Rangers will boost the morale of the players ahead of Saturday's encounter. We want to move out of the relegation zone," he said.

The Motshane-based outfit is currently languishing at the bottom of the log standings with three points in 10 matches. Team Director Dumisani Gumede recently roped in Zambia-born mentor Christopher Tembo to rescue the sinking ship.

Magwanyane, Rail United meet in top-of-the table clash

STORIES BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCKER - SWAZI Trac Lubombo Super League leaders Magwanyane FC will play against Rail United in a top-of-the-table clash as the title race intensifies.

The game, which is anticipated to be a potential thriller, is billed for Tambankhulu Stadium on Sunday.

Magwanyane will be playing their second game of their double weekend fixtures as they also have a date with Home Sparrows at Mayaluka Stadium on Friday evening. Magwanyane go to the weekend fixtures topping the table with 23 points in 10 games and they are leading second-placed Rail United with four points.

The latter have 19 points in 11 games. Depending on the Friday fixture, Rail United will be hoping to close the gap while Magwanyane will be vying to extend their lead.

Third-placed Samampela FC, who have 18 points, have a date with Sikhalo se-Africa at Siteki Sports Ground on Saturday. According to the full fixture released by Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA) Secretary General Sicelo Nene, a double header is billed for Mayaluka Stadium on Friday where CPL will clash with CK Survivors after the Home Sparrows versus Magwanyane game earlier on.

Other fixtures will see City Warriors take on Distillers at Tambuti Stadium before another potential thriller pitting Juventus against Young Aces.

Ubombo Flyers meet Malahleni United at Malahleni Sports Ground while Gucuka Cosmos visit Tabankhulu Celtics at Tabankhulu Stadium. Bhelebane Sundowns cross swords with Home Sparrows Aat Siphoso Sports Ground on Sunday.

...Zamalek claim top spot in RSSC Siyakha League

SOCCKER - ZAMALEK FC have claimed the top spot in the RSSC Siyakha North East League.

The Shewula based ensemble beat Silver Stars 2-1 to leapfrog long-time leaders, Free At Last. The latter succumbed to a 0-2 defeat at the hands of Shewula Arsenal in their weekend fixture. Zamalek are now sitting on the summit with 13 points in five games, and hot on their heels is Bacambi with 11 points, while Free At Last are pushed to the third position with 10 points.

Bacambi beat Zwelabantu 4-2 in their weekend fixture while fourth-placed Shewula Professionals were held to a 1-all draw by basement side JB.

Professionals are now tied with third-placed Free At Last at 10 points. JB remain at the bottom with two points and they share the same number of points with 12th placed Silver Stars. Summarise and Juventus played a 1-all draw while Rhinos humiliated Juventus 4-0.

The 13-team league enters game six this weekend and the fixtures are headlined by a potential thriller between leaders, Zamalek and Arsenal at Mphelandzaba Sports Ground on Saturday. Kick off time is 11 AM.

2nd placed Bacambi face an acid test against fellow title chasers, Professionals at Shewula High School Sports ground, and this game will be followed by another interesting encounter pitting Zwelabantu FC against wounded Free At Last.

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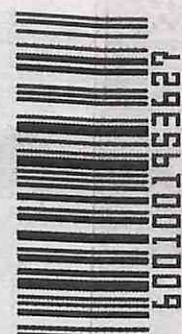
Orlando Pirates	3-2	Polokwane City
Mamelodi Sundowns	1-0	AmaZulu
Highlands Park	1-1	Bidvest Wits



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BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCER - IN a clear indication that Sihlangu coach Kostadin Papic is looking to go elsewhere for greener pastures, the Serbian mentor has applied for the Zambian national team Chipolopolo's hot seat.

This emerges while the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) and the Sihlangu head coach Papic are engaged in talks for his contract renewal.

With the coach's contract ending next month (December), it has been reported that two parties are yet to agree on terms of the new offer. The coach is allegedly demanding an improved offer, which is more than the current one, where he is said to be getting E70 000 a month.



APPLIES:
Kostadin Papic

PAPIC APPLIES FOR CHIPOLOPOLO JOB

- Salary pegged at US\$10 000 per month
- He is allegedly getting E70 000 from EFA
- Confirms applying, but focuses on Sihlangu

According to the Zambia Daily Mail, not for the first time, Serbian-born coach Papic, currently in charge of the Eswatini national team, has shown interest in the Chipolopolo coaching job.

Papic, who had discussions with the Zambian officials about replacing Kalusha Bwalya as Zambia coach around 2006, is among the applicants for the Chipolopolo coaching job, which was advertised by the Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) recently.

The deadline for applications was midnight on Monday and FAZ General Secretary Adrian Kashala said over 40 coaches had shown interest in taking over the hot seat, including Papic.

Two Danish, two Romanians, a Frenchman, Brazilian and South African are among the over 40 coaches who have sent through their applications to the Football House for the vacant Chipolopolo coaching job. With the salary pegged at US\$10 000 (E146 800) per month, it is perhaps not a surprise that those applying for the job are not well-known names within the game despite holding the UEFA Pro Licence, a requirement set by FAZ, which effectively ruled out local coaches.

Papic confirmed that he had applied for the position.

"It is true I have applied for the job in Zambia, which is something within my rights as a pro-

SIHLANGU'S PERFORMANCE UNDER PAPIĆ:

Eswatini	0-4	Tunisia (AFCON Q)
Eswatini	0-0	Malawi (CHAN Q)
Eswatini	1-1	Malawi (CHAN Q)
Eswatini	1-1	Malawi (CHAN Q)
Eswatini	2-2	Mauritius (COSAFU)
Eswatini	2-2	Comoros (COSAFU)
Eswatini	(5)1-1(4)	Angola (CHAN Q)
Eswatini	1-1	Angola (CHAN Q)
Eswatini	0-0	Djibouti (World Cup Q)
Eswatini	1-2	Djibouti (World Cup Q)
Eswatini	0-1	Zambia (CHAN Q)
Eswatini	2-2	Zambia (CHAN Q)
Eswatini	0-3	Guinea-Bissau (AFCON Q)
Eswatini	1-4	Senegal (AFCON)

fessional coach. However, my focus is still with Eswatini, where I still have a contract. I can also confirm that I am having contractual talks with the Eswatini Football Association. My main is to stay with Eswatini," he said.

STORIES BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER - YOUNG Buffaloes player Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze and Madlenya FC's Owami Matsebula are the MTN Premier League and First Division League Players of the Month for October, respectively.

This was revealed by Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) Chief Operations Officer (COO) Petros Vilakati during the prize presentation at Sigwaca House yesterday.

This was both players' first awards in the current season, where Gamedze took home E6 000 and trophy, while Matsebula received E2 000 and a trophy.

Encouraged

Eswatini MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko encouraged the players to continue with their good performances.

"It's now three games left before the

end of the first round of the current season, and I would like to congratulate both players for a job well done. I urge them to win more accolades as this will put them in a good position to win the player of the series awards at the end of the season," he said.

Maseko also mentioned that players have upped their game this season.

He further thanked fans and teams for behaving themselves during games.

BEST: Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze and Owami Matsebula with their MTN Monthly awards presented to them at Sigwaca House yesterday. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)



...WE ARE NOT UNDER PRESSURE - 'SAVIOLA'

SOCCER - Sihlangu player Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze says they are not under pressure as they prepare to face the defending champions Green Mamba in the MTN Premier League on Saturday.

'Saviola' is currently the leading goalscorer in the Premier League with 11 goals.

He scored seven goals in five games in October to help his team climb to the top spot.

Gamedze said he was happy with the team's form as everyone was just focused.

"After playing from behind, we really found our form and have been playing well as a team.

Prepare

I am also happy my form is slowly coming back and there is no pressure on us as we prepare for this weekend's game. Even though there is a small gap between us and the chasers, we are not worried," he said.

Gamedze also attributed his recent resurgence in form to playing twice a week when they were behind, which in turn gave him time to play well. He

thanked his teammates for the award.

Meanwhile, MTN First Division Player of the Month Owami Matsebula said he was happy with his performance and that his side was fully focused on gaining promotion at the end of the season.

"It was a good month for both myself and the team as we managed to finish very strong in the first round."

"We are now focusing on getting ready for the second half of the season and will be striving for promotion. I dedicate this award to my teammates," he said.

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