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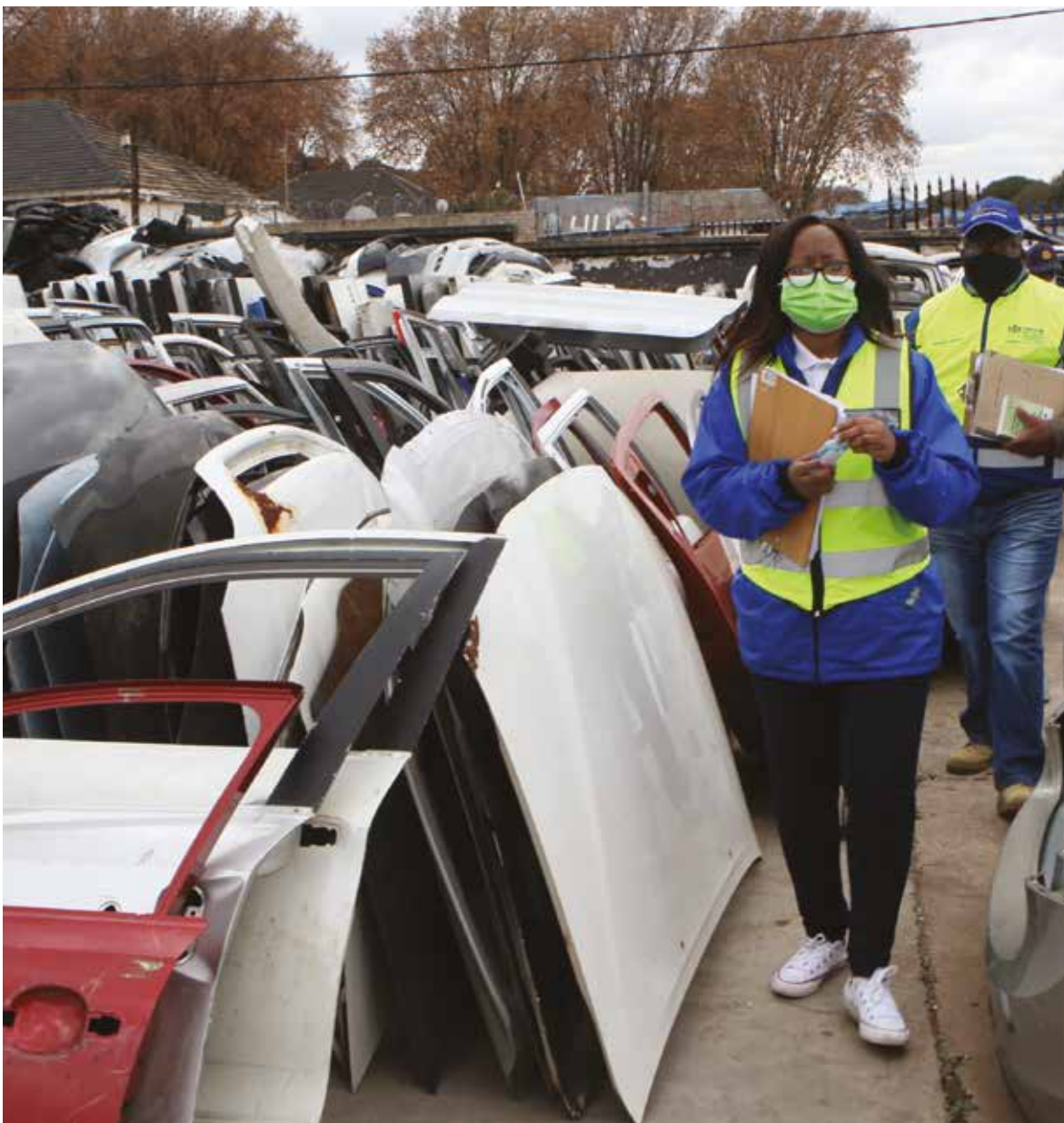


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**JULES STREET
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A spare parts trader remonstrates with the law during a raid on illegal businesses on Jules Street. Photos: Mohau Mofokeng

CAT-AND-MOUSE GAMES ON JOBURG'S JULES STREET

By Thuli Zungu

It was not unexpected!

Garage doors started shutting down, roller gates rolled and padlocks clicked as Consumer Eye, the Gauteng Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Compliance unit; South African Police Services and the department of Labour Police Department ascended on the infamous Jules Street, in the suburb of Jeppe, Johannesburg, on Tuesday. Reputed as one of the longest streets in Johannesburg, Jules Street has also over the years earned itself the unfortunate tag of harbouring some of the most alleged "belligerent" of car dealerships around Gauteng.

Some of the dealerships, says the Gauteng Office of Consumer Affairs, had even become a law unto themselves. In repeated instances, these dealerships had the temerity to chase away inspectors barring them from conducting their duties.

There has also been a surge of consumer complaints arising from "shoddy" deals emanating from some of the dealerships operating on the infamous

CAPACITY: SAPS claims not enough manpower to police notorious street

street. Obviously taken by surprise, Consumer Eye noticed most of the dealerships quickly shutting the doors of their business premises while some were seen fleeing the scene.

One owner, Lukman Bakare of Botola Logistics, was issued with a R2 500 fine for contravening the Second Hand Goods Act. Apparently Bakare, who is a foreign national, had previously been issued with a notice last November to comply with the Act.

SAPS Captain Patrick Masango, the flash commander who led the operation, issued him with the notice to cease all activities and close his business until he complied with the previous order which

was issued to him last November.

Bakare is registered to operate but does not comply with the Second Hand Goods Act and was fined R2 500. Several cars not registered in his books were also found in his premises and he could also not provide the register of the cars he had sold, as required. There were also tons of stripped car parts in his premises.

Another dealership owned by Irshand Khan of RSR Motors was found to be operating an unregistered dealership. He has been issued with the compliance notice more than four times but has not complied since, said Captain Masango.

Monitoring these dealerships has proven to be a futile exercise as two of those who were ordered to close business had reopened as the Consumer Eye and the police left the scene. It's the duty of the police to monitor these dealerships daily, but it's an impossible mission due to lack of human capacity, says Captain Masango. Another dealership owned by Irshand Khan of RSR Motors was found to be

operating four unregistered car dealerships. He has been issued with the compliance notice more than four times but has not complied since, said Captain Masango. Monitoring these dealerships has proven to be a futile exercise as two of those who were ordered to close business had reopened as Consumer Eye left the scene.

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The Second Hand Goods Act regulates the business of dealers in second hand goods and pawnbrokers in order to combat trade in stolen goods and to promote ethical standards.

As things stand, the situation in Jules Street will continue to be a cat and a mouse game for some time to come between the police and the suspected wayward car dealerships.

Meanwhile, consumers are urged to be extra vigilant when contemplating on buying a car in one of the dealerships operating on Jules Street.



SECOND-HAND GOODS ACT

- The second-hand goods act aims to regulate dealers who buy and sell second hand goods.
- It serves to ensure that these goods are not stolen and ensures that the dealers do not operate as a pawn broker.
- Every person who is dealing in second-hand goods must be registered in terms of the Act.
- Upon completion of the registration process, the dealer receives a prescribed certificate of registration which authorises him to carry on business in respect of second-hand goods.
- This registration as a dealer remains valid for a period of five years from the date the certificate is issued and must be renewed upon expiration.

Registration link below

<http://www.saps.gov.za/services/flash/shg/saps601.pdf>

Record Keeping by Dealers

- Once a dealer receives the prescribed certificate, he can start acquiring and selling second-hand goods.
- Such dealers are required to keep a "register or record book".
- This register or record book must contain the prescribed particulars / details regarding each and every acquisition or sale of second-hand goods.
- The dealer is obliged to obtain the following:
 - The identity of the person from whom the second-hand goods were acquired
 - Full names, contact address and contact numbers
 - The manner in which the person's identity was verified; and
 - The person's ID number.
- A description of the goods and the serial number or a distinguishing feature of the goods;
- The purchase price paid by the dealer;
- The number assigned to the second-hand goods by the dealer; and
- The date and time of the transaction, the date on which the goods were sold or how and when the goods were sold.
- The person purchasing or selling the second-hand goods to the dealer must furnish the dealer with his full name, physical address and original ID document as proof of identity.
- The dealer should then keep a copy of the person's ID for verification purposes.

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GUMTREE REVS INTO THE CAR BUSINESS

TEAMWORK: Consumers offered finance via MFC

By Thuli Zungu

Sellers of second-hand cars might soon be out of business if they do not comply with the Second-hand Goods Act.

Gumtree has partnered with Motor Finance Corporation (MFC) to offer consumers looking to buy a used car privately affordable finance for MFC-verified, accident and police-cleared vehicles via the site, while sellers can easily find trusted buyers for a fast, secure sale.

Estelle Nagel a brand Marketing said this makes the second-hand vehicle buying and selling process via an online platform much safer. For the first time, buyers can secure financing through MFC for vehicles purchased privately on an online classifieds site, Nagel said

"Through our partnership with MFC, we are now able to give consumers the opportunity to get financing for private vehicle sales, instead of having to pay cash," Estelle said. The partnership will also mitigate many risks associated with buying a used car, with sellers able to offer third-party certifications to make vehicle listings much more attractive, she said.

By listing a vehicle on Gumtree and completing the MFC-verified vehicle check process, sellers are effectively listing a more premium, verified product that has already been police and accident-checked, she said.

Along with elevated listings on Gumtree,

this makes verified vehicles more likely to sell quicker. Douw Leadley Head of Sales from MFC, a division of Nedbank said with MFC vehicle finance now available through Gumtree, buyers can easily and safely finance their used vehicle bought privately. He said consumers will need to search MFC-verified vehicle listings on Gumtree, find exactly what they are looking for, and apply for MFC finance with a simple online application.

Once they have qualified for the finance to buy a used vehicle via the site, MFC will assist buyers to complete the administration, verification and re-registration of the vehicle. The verification process also checks whether the vehicle has an existing warranty and, if not, can facilitate purchasing one if it still qualifies.

"Searching for a used car to buy privately can be complicated and time consuming, and complex for a consumer who is wondering if the seller is trustworthy, or if the vehicle has any hidden or latent defects," said Leadley.

He said buying one of their verified vehicles will give both buyers and sellers much more peace of mind, after a safe and efficient sales process

To search and buy MFC-verified vehicles from Gumtree and speed up the sale and purchase process, buyers and sellers can visit <https://www.gumtree.co.za/pages/MFC/> to get started.

JULES STREET CAR DEALERS IGNORE, FEAR NO LAW – OPERATE BY THEIR OWN RULES

By Vusi Xaba

In a seemingly futile exercise, a multi-discipline team of law enforcement agencies backed by police, swooped on car dealerships operating illegally in Malvern, east of Johannesburg.

Police, accompanying officials from the Gauteng Department of Economic Development (GDED) and Department of Labour, conducted a raid in Jules Street where undocumented foreign nationals run unregistered, non-tax compliant car dealerships.

Some of the operators were found to possess

IMPUNITY: Regular official raids on street's shady car leaders yield no results

soon as the raiding party has left.

Signs of a raid without a sting showed when a visibly nervous female employee asked the police during a briefing parade before the start of the operation for police protection. She wanted to know about the arrangement because experience their previous visit to Jules street, they were harassed

could not immediately hold those violating the law to account because of processes that need to be followed.

"Some of the dealerships, if you can call that dealerships, look like a syndicate. You close them here today, they open elsewhere," Mthuli said.

She explained a process from her office in the

The owner of Mostaf's Motors appeared to be a serial offender. In an interaction with the officials, the owner, who could not give Weekly SA Mirror his name, had been visited by law enforcement six months ago and told to comply, but did not do. He had been visited again last week and told to come to Jeppe police station to sort out his business registration documents, which he still had not done, but promised he would do.

It also transpired that some had two trading names in one invoice book. Some were flagrantly flouted health and safety regulations, such as Cash 4 Scrap, which had an unbearable stench coming



fraudulent business documents, and selling suspiciously stolen cars – some stripped for parts to be sold. A few of the business had employees who were found to be unregistered, enjoying no rights under the labour relations legislation.

Weekly SA Mirror accompanied the law enforcers in what was expected to be a massive operation that would end with those suspected to be on the wrong side of the law in police vans. It however, turned out to be a friendly visit with law agencies talking nicely with suspected criminals and issuing them with written warnings and fines.

But law enforcement in Jules Street proved to be a problem as some of the serial offenders and showed no inclination to pay the fines imposed by the authorities. Some of the car dealers founding to be wanting in terms of the law close down in the presence of officials, only to open for business as

and she the operators of illegal dealerships followed them to their vehicles wanting to know what they wanted there.

"Some of the dealerships, if you can call that dealerships, look like a syndicate. You close them here today, they open elsewhere."

A total of 10 fines valued at R2 500 each and eight written warnings were issued to the street's operators for being in contravention of the Second-hand Goods Act, which stipulates that consumers must buy goods that are durable and fit for purpose it was bought for. In this case, buyers of pre-owned vehicles must buy vehicles in a condition that they can use without experiencing problems just after purchasing them.

Sanele Mthuli, director at GDED's Gauteng Consumer Affairs, admitted that to have seen what she described as flouting of the law, but

province to the National Consumer Affairs office before taking matters to the consumer court.

"We first need to issue warnings, fine them and escalate it to the National Consumer office to say this is what we have found. However, it becomes difficult sometimes because some of the businesses are not registered, do not have company names, no paperwork and cannot even search under CIPC. When you ask them where do they get the cars, they say from insurance companies, saying they are buying written-off cars, but they cannot give you proof of that. Written-off cars should be sold as scrap," Mthuli said.

During the raid, it transpired that some of the businesses, such as Cash 4 Scrap Macmetals and Semug Motor Spares, appeared to operate in the guise of selling motor vehicle spare parts when they actually sell cars.

from the toilets. The workers there said they did not have water. There was also no compliance with Covid 19 regulations as many of the workers did not wear masks and the businesses had no hand sanitizers on the premises.

Mthuli concurred with suspicions by Weekly SA Mirror team that some of the vehicles sold appeared to be either stolen or hijacked.

"That is my view," she said.

Police had promised to come back to us with their consolidated statistics from the raid. Numerous attempts to get back to them were unsuccessful as they did not answer our calls after promising to do so earlier.

Laws flouted at Jules Street

- They operate without registration as required in terms of respect of Second-Hand Goods Act of 2009
- Some operate with expired certificates, the duration of the certificate is five years and must be renewed after expiration.
- They do not keep a "register or record book" which lists the stock of vehicles in their premises.
- They have cars that are not recorded in their register book.
- They do not keep records of people selling cars to them, they claim they have cars written off by insurance companies.
- They don't issue warranties as required in terms of the Consumer Protection Act of 2009.
- Their receipts still carry the old "voetstoots" clause meaning consumers buy cars as is in contravention of CPA
- They have no refund, no exchange and no return clause on their receipts, in contravention of CPA
- Consumers are issued receipts, no contracts are signed.
- They are in breach of the Occupational Health Act. The employer must provide a work environment that is safe and without risk to the health of the employees.
- They do not observe COVID-19 regulations in that a risk assessment is not conducted. (People were not sanitized and most did not wear masks). and they were fined
- Some do not pay tax in contravention of the Tax laws.



State officials interview a tyre-fix operator during a Jules Street inspection. Photos: Mohau Mofokeng



Sergeant Nkang Winner Mogoru attached to the Roedtan Police Station outside Modimolle in Limpopo is pleased to have helped a young mother to deliver her baby girl at the station's boardroom on Sunday. Pictures supplied by SAPS

LIMPOPO POLICE HELPED 4 500 MOMS TO DELIVER BABIES IN ONE YEAR

BOUNCY: Woman delivers baby at rural police station

By Frank Maponya

More than 4 500 women have delivered babies before they could arrive healthcare facilities in Limpopo during the 2020/2021 financial year.

This is due to the fact that some clinics, mostly situated in rural areas, do not operate on a 24-hour basis. Highly expectant mothers would deliver their children either at their homes, inside public or private transports, or at some police stations. Spokesperson for the provincial department of health Neil Shikwambana has revealed that a total of 4 548 women delivered their babies before reaching healthcare facilities in the previous financial year.

"As a department we are disturbed that 4 548 women during the 2020/2021 financial year delivered babies before arrival at our facilities," said Shikwambana.

He further advised pregnant women to book for ante-natal clinics before they reached 20 weeks of their pregnancies. During ante-natal visits, Shikwambana said, midwives usually advised pregnant women on their expected date of delivery. They also asked pregnant women about the facilities at which they would want to deliver their babies.

"This is done so that the pregnant women can choose amongst facilities providing 24-hour services, in case those closer to their homes do not work for 24 hours," he explained.

According to him, pregnant women were also asked about the transport mode they would use to the delivery facility, adding that ambulances were meant for emergencies only.

"Therefore we cannot plan on using those ambulances," he said.

He said it was "unfortunate" that the department's survey had proven that majority of women who had delivered babies at home or before arrival

at healthcare facilities had failed to comply with advice offered them at the clinics.

"Unless pregnant women and their next-of-kin heeded the advice they received at ante-natal clinics, the problem which put both their lives and those of their babies at risk would persist," he warned.

The department's reaction follows an incident in which a 22-year-old woman gave birth at the Roedtan Police Station outside Modimolle on Sunday, with the assistance of two police officers.

The woman allegedly had nowhere to go as the local clinic was closed and only operated on weekdays. The woman was forced to approach the police station for assistance. Two police officers, a female sergeant and male constable, became instant heroes after they helped the heavily-pregnant woman to deliver a new-born baby girl inside the station's boardroom.

Shikwambana said clinics normally closed during the weekends due to a number of factors, including nurses having nowhere to sleep in the clinics. The other factor, he said, was the problem of numbers.

"It has come to our attention that the clinic in the Roedtan area records a low number of patients on a daily basis, resulting in us not being able to open the facility for so few people on a 24-hour basis," he said, adding that nurses would rather refer the patients to a local healthcare facility where their colleagues had proper structures to render both medical services and to sleep over when they worked for 24-hours.

According to police spokesperson Colonel Moatshe Ngoepe, it was at around 1.30pm when the woman arrived at the station's community service centre complaining about labour pains. He said the baby was delivered with the help of Sergeant Nkang Winner Mogoru and Constable Kleinbooi Solomon Mnisi, promptly assisted the young mother in distress to give birth.



FRANK MAPONYA
- OUR MAN IN
LIMPOPO

HIGHLIGHTS:

Limpopo

GA-PHASHA SEATTLE

A 52-year-old lawyer has been sentenced to four life terms for killing his children. Senyatsi Lucas Phasha was convicted on all four counts by the Limpopo High Court in Polokwane. He was arrested on February 17, 2020, the same day he brutally killed his four children, Katlego, 9, Joyce, 7, Tshepo, 5, and Adel, 2. The bodies of the four children were found in two separate locations at Ga-Phasha Seattle village outside Burgersfort. Three of the children were found hacked to death with an axe while the fourth (the youngest) had her head bludgeoned against a huge rock. Phasha was sentenced to life imprisonment on each of the murders.

LETSITELE

A 13-year-old girl was raped and brutally killed while another elderly woman was attacked at Joppie village in the Letsitele area in an incident described as gender based violence and femicide. Police said a 58-year-old man allegedly went to look for his wife at her parents' home in the area after the couple reportedly experienced marital problems. Spokesperson Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo said upon arrival the man found his mother-in-law who allegedly informed him that her daughter was not home. The man reportedly became furious and hacked the 71-year-old woman with a sharp object throughout her body. Mojapelo said the deranged man then went back home where he entered his neighbour's house and raped a 13-year-old girl before attacking her with the same weapon he used to attack the elderly woman earlier. Emergency personnel were summoned and both victims were rushed to hospital. Sadly, the girl

was certified dead on arrival at the hospital, he said. The young girl was identified as Them and Mohati, 13, who lived in the village. The man was later found hanging from the rooftop inside the same neighbour's house. Cases of murder, rape, attempted murder and inquest have been opened for investigations.

TSHILWAVHUSIKU

Fifteen suspects have been arrested in connection with the alleged burning of houses at Ravele village in Tshilwavhusiku outside Louis Trichardt. The incident happened on Tuesday night when five houses were torched by unknown people, allegedly after complaining about the murder cases that were previously committed in the area. Those arrested were aged between 18 and 41 and would appear in the Tshilwavhusiku Magistrate's Court soon, facing charge of arson. More arrests are possible as investigations are continuing. Anyone with information that can lead to further arrests of those responsible is requested to contact the station commander of Tshilwavhusiku police, Lieutenant-Colonel Maphefo Machaba on 082-461-7163 or the Crime Stop number 08600-10111.

GA-RAMOKGOPA

Aubrey Manaka, the Limpopo man who was arrested in connection with the brutal murder of Capricorn TVET College student Precious Ramabulana, has pleaded guilty to the rape of the victim. Manaka has also pleaded guilty to charges of robbery and housebreaking.

His confession statement was presented in the Limpopo High Court on Wednesday, where his trial is underway. Manaka confessed that he

noticed Ramabulana a day before he stabbed her with a knife inside her off-campus room in Ga-Ramokgopa village. At the time Manaka had visited his aunt at the nearby Mokomene village. In his statement Manaka also claimed that he had initially planned to romantically propose to Ramabulana. The victim's aunt, Mavis Silothimela, said while they welcomed the outcomes, they were still heartbroken.



North West govt gives hope to Matsatseng residents

SERVICES: Council has acquired land from owners for development

By Boitumelo Tshehle

Plans are afoot to alleviate the plight of the community of Matsatseng, an informal settlement outside Mahikeng where local villagers live in abject poverty in plastic structures.

Mahikeng local municipality's planning and development director Tendo Masia said they were in the process of acquiring the land occupied by the Matsatseng residents from the owners, so they could start developing it for housing.

He said the municipality had so far managed to get signatures from some of the registered owners, of which they were seven in total. Those that have located own 33.33% of the property.

The delay was caused by attorneys appointed by the municipality to facilitate the sale of the land to the council.

"They did not deliver according to our expectations, so we had to terminate their contract and appointed a new law firm in July 2020," he said. A new firm had since started the process from scratch because the old one did not handover the documents, he said.

The establishment of the township and bulk services in Matsatseng can only be completed when the transfer process has been implemented. In contrast to the version of events given by the Mahikeng municipality, Matsatseng residents were told by the provincial government that they deserve only limited government's bulk services.

According to the North West department of corporate governance, human settlement and traditional affairs there was nothing that they could do until they received confirmation of bulk services from the Mahikeng local municipality. Spokeswoman Dineo Lolokwane said however her department can only contribute 2% as legislated by Human Settlement Development Grant (HSDG).

The plight of Matsatseng residents were highlighted by Weekly SA Mirror last week. They live in structures built out of wood and plastic.

Service delivery in the area is non-existent and residents live in abject poverty. Lolokwane said there was nothing the government could do because the land at which Matsatseng residents occupied belonged to two owners who now reside overseas.

DISCHORDS FROM THE BEYONCE MANDELA CONCERT

DERELICTION: Gearhouse SA never registered a claim

By Ali Mphaki

Wanted! Almost three years later it is only this week that the department of employment and labour is trying to locate the family of the man who died while preparing the stage for the Global Citizen Mandela 100 concert which featured the likes of US superstar Beyonce.

And with all the resources at their disposal they seem to be struggling since they have pleaded with Weekly SA Mirror to share contact details of the grieving family.

This follows an article by Weekly SA Mirror last week where it was reported that the family of Siyabonga Ngonze, a rigger employed by top events company Gearhouse SA, were compensated with a meagre R70 000 for the death of their son who was on duty at the multimillion rand concert.

The concert was organised to honour the late former president Nelson Mandela's 100th birthday and presented by major partner, the Motsepe Foundation, with House of Mandela, Johnson & Johnson, Cisco, Nedbank, Vodacom, Big Concerts, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The 36-year-old Ngonze, who was fondly known as Siya, fell to his death while erecting scaffolds and installing lights at the FNB stadium two days before the event. What will come as a shock

for the events and technical industry is that Gearhouse SA only notified the department about the incident but never registered a claim.

"Particulars in support of the claim have since been requested from the employer and the Compensation Fund is tracing the surviving dependents who will qualify in terms of COIDA to ascertain if there will be a need to process and pay a claim," reads a statement from the department received Friday.

The department further denied earlier reports that the Ngonze family was paid R70 000.

"As far as our records are concerned, there was never a payment of R70 000 made by the Department/Compensation Fund to the family of the deceased," said DG Thobile Lamati.

A grieving Thembekile Ngonze, the mother of Siya, says the family were given a paltry R39 000 by Gearhouse SA towards her son's burial expenses.

She says when she subsequently contacted the company to ask if there was no further compensation for her son, a senior executive of the company is alleged to have said:

"Siya matter is closed. We've moved on". Repeated attempts to obtain comment from Gearhouse SA drew a blank, with their executives Nasser Abbas and general manager Charl Smit not answering their cellphones.

A media inquiry sent to the company earlier in

the week was also not responded to.

The department of employment and labour says following Siya's fatal fall, inspectors were sent to investigate Gearhouse SA and the company was found to have failed to comply with the provisions of the Occupational Health Safety Act.

Lamati said they made recommendations to the National Prosecuting Authority, NPA, based at the Johannesburg Magistrates Court, and that they have since been informed that the NPA had decided not to prosecute. Industry players like the South African Roadies Association, SARA.

"It's a free for all and everybody does as they please with no regard to black lives," said Nyathela.



Superstar: Beyonce and husband Jay-Z headlined the concert



THE PAIN OF FATHERS NOT ALLOWED TO SEE OR VISIT THEIR CHILDREN

EMOTIONAL:

Women can sometimes be unfair

By Bongwiwe Sithole and Thuli Zungu

THE upbringing of children should be the responsibility of both parents but in most cases where couples have divorced, men are denied access to their children by their former wives. This is despite the fact that the Children's Act 38 of 2005 promotes the active participation of biological fathers in their children's lives through parental responsibilities and rights of both married and unmarried fathers.

Several men interviewed by Weekly SA Mirror told of their frustrations of not being able to be involved in the upbringing of their children after they had separated with their spouses.

Mr. X from East Rand whose name cannot be published to protect the identity of his children said he last saw his kids two years ago." Each

time I phone my ex wife to come and visit my kids she tells me that they are not home and that I am not welcome. I have tried to reason with her but in vain. I really don't know what to do".

Founder of Basadi ba Molao, Adv. Anthea Platt SC said issues around children were extremely emotional and parents did not always act rationally and in the best interest of the minor children when it came to such issues".

He said married fathers had automatic parental rights and responsibilities jointly with the mother. "On many occasions the unresolved issues between the parents spill over to the contact between the children and parents. If the unwed father has not approached a court to confirm his parental responsibilities and rights, then it will make it very difficult for the father to enforce any contact rights if the mother is unwilling to allow the father contact," Platt said.

Men who are denied their rights to visit or have contact with their children could approach their local magistrate's courts where they can file an application for an order giving them the rights for parental responsibilities.

"Where the mother does not allow the father the contact as per court order, the father may approach the courts in terms of a contempt application in order to enforce his contact rights", Platt said. A 49 year-old man from Phokeng, Rusten-

burg, said he last saw his children three years ago. Although he was granted visitation rights by the court when they divorced in 2018, his ex wife has refused him access to his two sons aged 6 and 12.

Matters became worse when he lost his job the same year they divorced. "She told me that I was useless. She also poisoned my children who turned against me." A woman from Kwa-Mashu in Kwa-Zulu Natal had a different story to tell. After the birth of their daughter she moved in with her partner. The child's father later demanded full custody of the child through the courts. She won the case and the man was ordered to pay maintenance and school fees for the child which he never did.

"He instead disappeared and only resurfaced now that the child is now an accountant. I told him the affair was over and he cannot have any access to the child." Platt said it was not in the interest of the future relationship between the father and the minor children to be too aggressive in litigation and it was more advisable to rather try mediation. "Mediation is not something that the courts can impose on the parties and both parties must be willing to attend mediation. The Children's Act also advocates a more conciliatory approach in these matters and will in many occasions attempt to resolve the issues by way of mediation".

WHAT THE LAW SAYS...

CHILDREN have a right to both parents irrespective of whether the parents are separated or divorced and regardless of who has custody of the children, according to Lumka Oliphant of the Department of Social Development.

"The absence of one parent has a negative impact on children and adolescents who often face an increased risk of developing behavioural challenges".

Oliphant said the department was working on a White Paper that aimed to promote healthy family lives. Many South African children, she added, lived without the support of their parents and this compromised their right to protection and care.

"Some of these children live in child or youth-headed households, grandparent-headed households and some, if not most, are raised by one parent, mostly their mothers.

"The upbringing of children should be the full responsibility of both parents unless a court determines otherwise," said Oliphant.

In its strategic priority of promoting healthy family lives, the White Paper would ensure that fathers are treated equally by the courts in custody decisions. It would also strengthen the provisions of the Children's Act and promote responsible parenting which would include amongst other aspects, responsible co-parenting by both mothers and fathers. The White Paper also enhanced parents' ability and capability to protect children from exposure to, and participation in activities that may be detrimental to their physical, emotional, psychological, intellectual and sexual wellbeing.

As part of encouraging fathers' involvement in their children's upbringing, the White Paper proposes several measures which would, amongst others, ensure more effective enforcement of maintenance payments by absent fathers.

Oliphant also stressed that the Children's Act promoted the active participation of biological fathers in the children's lives through parental responsibilities and rights, co-exercise of parental responsibilities and rights, parental responsibilities and rights of unmarried fathers, parental responsibilities and rights agreements, parenting plans, care and contact.

IKUSASA CAREER GUIDE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

HOW COFFEE MACHINE REPAIR STAFF CAN UPGRADE THEIR SKILLS THROUGH TVET MECHANICS COURSE

BOOST: Course funding could be secured through NSFAS, depending on the parents' affordability

By Bongwe Mkhwanazi

Weekly SA Mirror was minding its business when we came across a passionate Sowetan coffee machine repairer, Thabo Seroto a 47-year-old male from Meadowlands Soweto.

Seroto's dream is to start a private school in his neighbourhood where he could train youth to become coffee machine technicians instead of loitering in the streets. He currently employs two young men aged 20 and 23, but before COVID 19 was disrupted and killed he had 9 youngsters he was offering on the job experience. He said he operated his business at Olympic Center in Boksburg, before relocating to his garage where he now operates from.

"I had a staff complement of 9 youngsters and lost 7 of them as they were based in Boksburg," he said.

Seroto has a huge clientele and only these two youngsters to help him cope with the workload. His clientele ranges from petrol stations, hospitals, restaurant and coffee shops, gyms and the lack of human resources make it difficult for him to deliver on time, he said.

Seroto also lost clients because most of the business people worked from home and some still said

He said he charges clients according to the size and the service required. He also trains his clients and equip them on how to troubleshoot these machines before I take them in for repairs, he said

Seroto gained added experience for training from Holland, France and in Germany who gave them certificates of attendance after they trained him in these different products of coffee machines

He acquired coding skills and can now repair, and refurbish any type of coffee machine.

Seroto told Weekly SA Mirror that he now wants to take these youngsters to a Further Education and Training (FET) college that offers a diploma in mechanical engineering and was not aware that NSFAS funds such students. Seroto also supply coffee to his clients, he said

Speaking about his qualification he said he went to a technical college in Johannesburg before he joined a coffee machine company as a driver. Within three months he was promoted to do sales and later he was trained to repair these coffee machines, he said.

The company that he worked for was the import-

ers of Reneka coffee machine and Gavril Coffee machines and now he repairs all types of coffee machines and his company is now one of his clients, he said.

After he gathered his 4 years' experience as a sales person and a coffee machine mechanic then later, he decided to start his own business.

His Prestige Coffee company is registered with CIPRO he operated at Olympic Centre in Brakpan before he moved back to Soweto due to the outbreak of Covid19. He said he is in a process of sorting out his tax certificate adding that Covid-19 interfered with this process and hopes to get it done before the end of this month.

"If I could get funding, I could employ many young people, impart knowledge while expanding my business," said a father of two.

"I would also like to also upskill older technicians who lack skills on how to do coding," he said.

To expand his business, he wants to start roasting coffee, he said.

He will soon register a course in Coffee Mechanics Roastery to improve his skills, he said.

"Coffee is the second most popular drink after water world-wide, I want to get a coffee roasting machine instead of buying the ready-made one," Seroto said. Weekly SA Mirror visited the Molapo Technical Vocational Education and Training TVET and were told many people are still unaware of the study opportunities the government has provided through TVET colleges. The benefit of that will equip youth with the skill that they need to find employment in South Africa.

On inquiry at their registration centre Weekly SA Mirror was told that these youngsters could register for a Mechatronic certificate. The full-time duration is three years, but learners could also do it piece meal which could be completed within three months. These learners are funded by NSFAS depending on the affordability of the learners' parents.

Molapo is now open for new applications. WSAM was told that a learner who has not proceeded beyond grade 9 could do N1 to N3 which translates to grade 9, 10 and 11 in a year.

The learner could then proceed to N4, N5 and N6 and on completion of N6 students need to complete 18 months practical experience before graduating. s practical experience before graduating.



National Accredited Technical Education Diploma (TVETS)

TVETS offer National Accredited Technical Education Diploma which are delivered under the auspice of the Department of Higher Education and Training.

The program consists of 18 months theoretical studies at colleges and 18 months relevant practical application in the workplace for those who matriculated.

These are the following career opportunities for the Seroto employees:

- Mechanical Engineering
- Pneumatics
- Robotics
- Computer Numeric Control
- Welding
- Electrical Engineering
- Hydraulic
- Programmable Logic Control
- Industrial Information Technology



Musa Mhungana has established his own clothing brand, Monte.co

Self-taught rural young innovator wants to go places

KEY WORD: Mhungana's own clothing brand, Monte.co, has skyrocketed

By Frank Maponya

Coming from a poor family background has not stopped a rural Limpopo boy from achieving his dreams.

Musa Mhungana, a 15-year-old boy from the dusty streets of Nyanyukani, a village in Julesburg outside Tzaneen, is a self-taught and goal-driven graphic designer and also an entrepreneur. The young boy has established his own clothing brand, Monte.co, which is a multi-functional lifestyle brand for men and women.

Based in Tzaneen, Monte.co was founded with a passion to offer high quality products and strive to provide great customer experience, while also delivering compelling products and designs that never compromised on its performance.

From a significantly young age, Musa started by playing games on computers. At the age of eleven (11), he could use sophisticated computer software such as Word. As he continued to explore computers, Musa discovered that he was deeply into graphic designs.

"I was attracted to graphic designing not because it wasn't just colourful and eye-catching to me, but I could extract meanings and interpret them," says the Grade 10 learner at the St George College in Nkownkwa. From there he started designing and drawing simple logos and simple designs on note pads, as well as on phones. As he progressed, Musa started to do sophisticated designs, designing on Adobe illustrators and Adobe Photoshops. As he would constantly design graphics and just place them on walls in his room, one day his sister Yolanda advised him that instead of mounting the designs on walls he should print them on apparel. And he never looked back.

"On the 1st of December 2020 I launched my soon-to-be conglomerate and my own clothing brand, Monte.co, that have skyrocketed ever since," he says proudly. A lot of kids in Julesburg are now living through him. They see him in the streets, take pictures

with him and ask for advice.

"My peers see me as an inspiration to them, proving that everything is possible with a black child," he says.

Musa's goals are to increase the number of young people starting their own companies and also making it in life. He also aims to go for the next generation of footwear, apparel and accessories with technology, designs and most importantly, with a focus on product innovation.

Musa has also been officially nominated for Mzansi Arts and Media Awards, under the category of best Graphics Designer and best Clothing Brand and has requested the public to vote for him. Under the Best Graphics Designer voters can SMS "mama 2213" to 40439 and to vote for Monte under the Best Clothing Brand they can SMS "mama 2211" to the same number (40439). Each SMS costs only R2.

W&RSETA

W&RSETA offers bursaries to support undergraduate students who wish to pursue studies that are wholesale and Retail Sector through awarding bursaries. The bursary covers up to R65 000 for university and R45 000 for TVET College which include registration and tuition fees, meals and school accommodation. He can email his application to sbp@wrseta.org.za

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AWARD-WINNING
CONSUMER EDITOR LOOKS
INTO YOUR COMPLAINTS

By Thuli Zungu

Talk about car rentals and popular Soweto medico Dr Phori Maelane develops palpitations.

This after a car he had rented from Thrifty Car Rental was involved in an accident while being driven by his nephew- leaving him with a huge R30 000 bill to pay for the damage.

The stethoscope master, it would seem, failed to read the fine print. Worse, he claims the agent at Thrifty did not give him a thorough and comprehensive explanation about what he thought was insurance cover when he rented the vehicle.

His nephew was the one to use the vehicle and Maelane had signed as a co-driver, using his credit card.

The R30 000 bill was highly unexpected, more so since Maelane was a regular client for the rental company. In his diagnosis of the problem, Maelane puts the blame squarely on the lack of "transparency" by the car rental company.

The medico thinks there is a need to revisit their terms and conditions, which he says are prejudicial to the customer.

"They just ask you whether or not you want to take an insurance cover and before you know it, you are handed a pen to sign the contract. No one explains these terms and conditions," he said.

Not one went to take matters lying down, Maelane put up a brave fight but Thrifty rejected his claim for insurance on the basis that there was no cover.

He also escalated his complaint to the Gauteng Office of Consumer Affairs, only for their investigating officer to be told Thrifty is not an "insurance company".

What left Maelane with egg on his face was the "belated" explanation that since the rented vehicle was involved in a single vehicle accident (as there was no other vehicle involved), he would be charged double the standard cover, which amounted to R30 000. While it is always advisable for consumers to ask the rental agent to explain in detail

NAVIGATING YOUR WAY AROUND CAR HIRE

CAUTION: Terms may not be favourable in case of accident



what they are covered for and to always read the Rental Agreement terms and conditions, a search by Consumer Eye shows most car hire companies do not offer insurance but they offer responsibility waivers.

These include top five car hire companies in the country, Avis, Europcar, Bidvest, First Car Rental and Hertz, all offer very similar responsibility waivers.

What will come as a sobering though for the consumer is that waivers are not honoured in case of "negligence", such as driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless and negligent driving etc.

"In case of an accident, this means that the consumer will be held liable for the full amount of damage, and in a case of a write-off, for the full vehicle value" says Melissa Nortjie, marketing and strategy head at First Car Rental.

Consumers will also need to be aware that with regards to collision damage waiver, should the renter be involved in an accident, she/he would be responsible for a specific amount as indicated on the rental agreement.

"This is called drivers responsibility or in insurance terms, it would be an excess," said Nortjie.

This would include damage to the vehicle or part thereof, or cost of the damage repair, whichever is lower.

Consumers are further warned that in the event they decline the option of a waiver when renting a vehicle, they are liable for the full amount of damages incurred or the specified liability.

Nortjie advises that one surest way of safeguarding yourself is to have own insurance, as some corporate companies do, where they opt for an own cover rate option upon opening an account through a sales representative within a car rental company.

Sadly, for Maelane, the advice came too late. "I have asked Thrifty whether their insurance only covers accidents where two or multiple cars are involved, they have since not responded," said a dejected Maelane..

KNOW YOUR

Consumer

RIGHTS

Right to be treated fairly

A service provider cannot exclude you from accessing the service and goods they provide, based on age or race. If you are behind your rental for an example no one should show up at your house, threaten or push you around, demanding payment.

Right to be heard

You have a right to be heard on issues of policies, plans, programmes and decisions that concern you. If dissatisfied about a product you have a right to be heard by the retailer, the repairman or someone involved in your matter, whether it concerns a product or a service.

Right to be informed

You have the right to get complete information you need about a product or service.

You have a right to know the exact ingredients of every type of processed food you buy and the right to know every detail of the contract you sign. This must be explained to you.

Right to the satisfaction of basic need

You have a right to basic goods and services that ensure survival. This includes food, clothing, shelter, health care education and sanitation.

Right to healthy environment

You have the right to live and work in a safe environment that does not pose threat to health and life, that does not pose a danger to current or future generations and that will enhance their quality of life.

Right to redress

Consumers have the right to redress from their complaints about substandard, unsafe, unreasonably expensive goods and services, unfair claims and unfair business practices.

It means when you have been sold an inferior or a fong kong product you have the right to go back to the seller and demand a replacement or a refund.

You can also approach Consumer affairs, or the industry Ombudsman to get redress.

But if you accept a product of low quality, you only have yourself to blame and the disadvantage of this is that the business remains un-

ware of the problem or ignores the problem to the disadvantage of the other consumers who might get caught in the same trap.

Right to choose

Consumers have a right to choose from a variety of products, goods and services based on personal taste and price. Competition in the marketplace allows consumers to buy that which suits their particular circumstances and needs.

Right to safety

Consumers have the right to protection against unsafe goods and services. They must be protected against flaws or hidden danger in products or services they buy.

They have a right to physical safety while they are shopping, for example if there is maintenance work underway at a mall and the only sign you see read: "sorry for the inconvenienced" and a brick falls and injures you, section 49 of the consumer protection act states that the supplier must draw to the consumer's attention in a ma that is likely to attract the attention of a consumer to any risk that could result in serious injury or death. If injured you can submit a claim for your medical cost to the management of the mall together with proof of your injuries and medical expenses.



Right to disclosure.

Section 25 of the consumer protection act says a supplier must bring to the attention of the consumer that goods have been reconditioned or imported without the approval of the registered owner of the trademark. For example, you buy a known brand microwave from a store. After a week it breaks down and you decide to take it in for repairs under warranty by the brand agent. They tell you that was imported without the manufacturers approval and is cot covered. You can take it back to the seller and ask for a refund or to an ombudsman if the supplier is not cooperative

Right to education

Consumers have a right to be educated about basic consumer rights and responsibilities to enable them to make an informed and confident choice of goods and services. The state and private sector have a duty and role to play in this. Sourced from consumer guide for South Africa

Weekly SA Mirror will enlighten you on following rights of our next publication:

- Right to fair and just reasonable terms and conditions
- Right to fair value, good quality and safety
- Right to equality
- Right to privacy

Source: Consumer Guide for South Africa by Advocate Neville Melville.

Comment

CULTURE OF IMPUNITY AMONG JOBURG TRADERS CAUSE FOR SERIOUS CONCERN

SHADY SECOND-hand car dealerships that thrive on swindling unsuspecting customers of their hard-earned money, while ignoring the laws that regulate their businesses, promote a culture of impunity.

It is public knowledge that their business credo is hardly fair trade, but to make a quick buck through selling proverbial lemons to the public.

Anyone familiar with this topic will tell you the most common name or image that is most likely to come up whenever the issue of fly-by-night car dealers and spare parts merchants is mentioned – without fail, Jules Street in the eastern Johannesburg suburb of Malvern.

The street is legendary for being infested by all kinds of tsotsi car merchants – actually from the 1970s, consumer stories filled with utter sorrow have played out with drama along this notorious stretch.

For example, a customer would buy a car purely on account of the engine being clean, piping out a clean noise from the engine and exhaust pipe, only for it belch out goods-train smog a day or so later.

When an angry customer calls back to complain, the dealer would either have vacated the premises or be decidedly unapproachable the following day.

Fast forward, a new generation of car merchants have since moved onto the street, armed with the same unscrupulous intent – all to fleece a pliable customer of his or her money.

The script is still the same, only that the characters this time are mainly foreign nationals with suspect identity papers or no identity documents at all.

Worse, the goods could either vehicles written off by insurance companies post-accident or suspiciously stolen cars.

It is common knowledge that some car dealerships along the street have been getting away with murder for years, breaking the laws with impunity and with the authorities shying away from their duty of taking action against the culprits.

This week, our team accompanied law enforcement officers from the SAPS, Department of Labour, Consumer Affairs and Business Compliance during the raid on some of these companies. It was established that most of them were not even registered while others operated with expired certificates.

These dealerships do not issue warranties to consumers as required in terms of the Consumer Protection Act of 2009, there are no refunds, no exchanges and there is no return clause on their receipts which is in contravention of this Act. This is shocking.

Just as disturbing is the crackdown by law enforcement agencies did not even scare off these unscrupulous companies, even warnings that they will be closed down.

It turned out that some were multiple offenders and were indifferent to multiple directives to comply with the law.

On the other hand, lack of capacity among the law enforcement agencies during the raid was rather glaring, a worrying factor if the law must make a strong show of force and firm hand.

Likewise, when there are no consequences for willful transgressions, offenders will happily continue with their nefarious activities with impunity.

Surely police must be aware of the importance of carrying out such raids in full readiness and resoluteness to show an unbending arm of the law.



A thick column of smoke rises from the Jala Tower as it is destroyed in an Israel airstrike in Gaza city controlled by the Palestine Hamas movement on May 15. Maida Fathi/NurPhoto via Getty Images

JUSTICE FOR PALESTINIANS: PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND NON-DISCRIMINATION MUST BE UPHELD

Over the past few weeks, the world has witnessed some of the most horrific scenes of brutality and violence exercised against Palestinians living in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. We have witnessed the senseless taking of young, innocent lives, the destruction of civilian infrastructure and livelihoods in an “unbalanced power equation between an Occupying Power and a people, resisting occupation”.

The Palestinian narrative evokes experiences of South Africa’s own history of racial segregation and oppression. As oppressed South Africans, we experienced first-hand the effects of racial inequality and discrimination and we are well aware of the long-term impact and consequences of racial and other forms of discrimination.

An unwavering commitment is required to eradicate discrimination and policies of exclusion completely and permanently the world over. It is paramount that the global system deepens its efforts to eradicate the scourge of racism and discrimination and allow those whose basic rights have been violated, to enjoy the inherent human rights that others enjoy on a daily basis.

The fundamental freedoms that many of us take for granted remain absent for Palestinians living in the Occupied Territory. A recent report published by The Israeli Information Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, B’Tselem, provides a detailed account of the military occupation imposed on the approximately five million Palestinians living in the Occupied Territory, and the laws and practices engineered to impede them from participating in the political system that governs their lives and determines their future. The Human Rights Watch Report “A Threshold Crossed: Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution” published on 27 April 2021 draws similar conclusions. The regular land dispossession and illegal seizure of homes evoke apartheid forced removals and intolerable harm to all people.

These actions undermine the Palestinian people and deprive them of their universal and inalienable right to self-determination and equality. It goes against internationally adopted human rights instruments, violates international law, further provoking political tension and endangering international peace and security.

Since its inception in 1945, the United Nations has championed the principles of equality, non-discrimination and the right to self-determination as an integral element of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms. With international human rights instruments to guide us such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Covenants on Civil and Political Rights and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as well as the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (1960), we ask, why is it that, over half a century later, the Question of Palestine remains unresolved and why is it that the people of Pal-



Minister Naledi Pandor

SOLIDARITY: Minister of International Relations says its imperative for the global system to eradicate scourge of racism

time are denied many of the rights contained in these seminal documents?

We, along with many in the UN membership have long accepted and supported a two-state solution, with Israel and Palestine living side by side in peace. Decades of aggression have made this internationally recognised concept improbable.

The pivotal role played by the UN and civil society in supporting our respective liberation struggles and the impact this had in us achieving our self-determination must encourage the UN and its Member States, the international community and civil society to join efforts to strengthen international action and coordination to uphold international norms and standards as we seek justice for Palestinians.

Most importantly with regard to the ongoing human rights violations Palestinians endure, South Africa urges the international community and in particular the UN to ensure the safeguarding of the

rights of the Palestinian people. In this regard, we welcome the initiative to convene a Special Session of the Human Rights Council on the grave human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem which was held on 27 May 2021. South Africa supports the recent adoption of the UN Human Rights Council Resolution which establishes an International Commission of Inquiry to Investigate Violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in Israel. However, action in this regard has to be preemptory to avoid reducing these initiatives to “feel good talk shops”. It is therefore our sincerest hope that the Independent Commission of Inquiry will be established with all due haste to investigate all violations and abuses and that the necessary action will be taken to follow-up on the Commissions’ findings.

We are currently living in unprecedented times. The COVID-19 pandemic has presented enormous social and economic challenges, straining existing systems that are already grappling with numerous difficulties. The pandemic has further exacerbated the challenges faced by civilians and vulnerable groups, especially women, girls, people with disabilities and children, including those in the Occupied Territory. Containment measures have affected access to socio-economic necessities. Women and girls living under occupation and in armed conflicts are often subjected to not only social, economic and political subjugation but are also at particular risk of suffering from lifelong psychological traumas. In this regard, it is paramount that the occupying power fulfil its obligations in terms of international law and together with the international community ensure that all barriers to accessing health care are eliminated in order to save lives.

In conclusion, we wish to reiterate that illegal settlements leading to dispossession and displacements and human rights abuses are incompatible with international humanitarian law and international human rights law. The policies and practices of Israel, as the occupying power are in flagrant violation of United Nations General Assembly and Security Council resolutions and contravene international law. It is therefore imperative that the Security Council, as the body entrusted to maintain international peace and security, take concrete steps against these illegal acts and go beyond mere rhetoric condemnation. The recorded failures of the Security Council in ensuring respect for and the upholding of the rule of law has dented the integrity of this august organ and highlighted the urgent need for Security Council reform.

We hope that through dialogues of this nature, we will be able to not only highlight the human rights challenges faced by the Palestinian people, but also propose concrete actions that we, as Member States and civil society can take, including strengthening existing UN mechanisms to bring greater focus on this matter central to the maintenance of international peace and security.

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By Sandile Memela

IT is 45 years after June 1976 and the children of the children of Soweto are increasingly growing aware that the fiery and prophetic fire and spirit of much vaunted revolution has faded.

The African National Congress has been in power for 27 years with its weakening hands on all the levers of State power since 1994.

Looking back at the last 45 years, the angry, defiant and self-sacrificing youths who were willing to confront the mightiest military state in the African continent have grown soft.

It comes with age. When you over 50 years you become soft around the waist and the frontal part of the brain.

The privileged with cushy government and private sector jobs are now the first to advise their angry, go-for-broke offspring to 'cool it.' They are impatient and dismissive of anything that threatens the stability of democracy. After all, they have learned that revolution is not an overnight thing. The disadvantaged who have failed to gain access to State power, resources and opportunities are fanning the fires. They have gained nothing.

This is the teaching of experience and history. The children of Soweto are now old, in their late 50s, 60s and 70s, now.

For the last 27 years they have moved out of the arena of conflict to bury Nelson Mandela, watch some former exiles turn into multi-millionaires, pursue idealistic economic policies, set new State priorities, understand the corruption of political power and want to secure the little they have achieved as individuals.

South Africa is not a society at war with itself or the world, now. The pursuit of violence, destruction of property and desire to kill is not what makes the now aged June 16 generation come alive. What is required from them now is not violent confrontation but to become part of the system they fought against. The aim is to bring about change in a peaceful manner that will leave the country united and intact. This country belongs to whites as much as blacks, including African and European migrants who come to settle, here.

For more than 20 years now, there has been

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an increase in conflict between the government and the people rising to demand better service delivery.

Ironically, this has resulted in self-inflicted pain and misery in black lives. Many of the townships have, increasingly, become battle areas leaving homes, public buildings burnt and dead bodies. But the last 27 years have, unavoidably, changed the behaviour and attitude of the youth of June 1976 now beyond middle age. It is struggle fatigue. Or the desire to make money.

It is idiocy to assume that people who have been through more than four 'revolutions,' if you can call them that – 1960, 1976, 1985 and 1990, for instance – would not be battle scarred and weary. There are some over 50-year olds in Azapo or the PAC, for example, who want to pretend that they still have the passion to breath fire out of their mouths and have not changed.

They entertain the illusion of being lifelong radical revolutionaries. Everything has its time and purpose. In fact, the rhetorical revolutionaries find status and shallow self-fulfilment from rousing talk radical rhetoric over hard drinks. This is all an adventure to bring back a dead past. But for many children of Soweto, there is no going back to the past. 1976 is a history.

The best lesson that can be learned from it is not to repeat its mistakes, if any. But it is difficult for South African activists to learn from history.

In the next 9 years we are not going to reach the National Development Plan target of transforming the most unequal society in the world by 2030.

If truth be said, we, the activists and children



of 1976, have failed ourselves and our historical role. South Africa would have been turned into the perfect human experiment for the creative adventure of nation building and social cohesion.

But now we must use whatever time and energy we have to promote democratic existentialism that promotes a spirit of self-determination, responsibility and accountability where people help themselves, especially at individual and family level. Every citizen, woman and child must be encouraged to be an agent that spends time to self-transformation through focus, discipline and hard work to change their own material conditions.

The youthful search for meaning through violence and self-indulgent destructive behaviour, especially in communities and inside the governing party, is not what will take black families where they need to be. Frankly, there is no black nation building agenda.

The idea of looking up to government is a pipe dream, until the people are able to hold peo-

ple to account. But elected government officials are products of poverty, unemployment and inequality themselves.

So, nobody should be surprised they use their tenure in government to set themselves up for life. It is a question of survival in a dog eat dog society.

We must admit that June 1976 was a bridge to take us to a society where it will be possible to achieve success, whatever we mean by that.

Sadly, many realistic children of 1976 are cynical towards this dramatic explosion of deep rumbles of discontent and political infighting.

Most of them have learned that, as Oliver Tambo warned, fighting for freedom is easiest compared to running Africa's most sophisticated economy.

But the struggle has reached a dead end as the children of 1976 have become part of the system that they fought against. In fact, the 1976 is the Establishment, now.

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Master percussionist collaborated with the best musos worldwide.

By Victor Mecoamere

Some among us are born, live uneventful lives, impacting no one and nothing, whatsoever, and then, they die.

But, others – like Mabe Gabriel Thobejane – are an exception, because they leave indelible inscriptions with their God-given talents, and build memorable monuments with their rich human traits. I had always known about him as a part of the formidable Afro-ethno sounds duo, Malombo,

ETERNAL REPOSE FOR MZANSI'S POCKET-SIZED JAZZ DYNAMO

PHENOMENAL: Humble Segwagwa loved people, culture & farming

and only got to know him better after I had contributed a short poem to Frank Leepa for Sankomota's album that was dedicated to several of the group's departed members: "Your sorrow may be monument high, today; But may gone, like a sigh, tomorrow."

At the time, we had no inkling that Leepa would soon be gone, succumbing to illness, soon, thereafter. To cut a long story short, we ended up sharing a hotel room in Nairobi, Kenya as part of a huge contingent of journalists, artists and radio and television bigwigs who were attending an African Union of Broadcasting, AUB conference in the

early nineties.

The affable gap-toothed pocket dynamo spoke less but played a storm on percussions for Sankomota at the event, and we spent several evenings dissecting the pros and cons of Black Consciousness and Ubuntu. Of course, one was encountering a man who had started pounding the African drums as part of the formidable Malombo duo, together with his mercurial uncle, guitarist extraordinaire, Phillip Tabane, back in 1965. Thobejane loved people, the Pan Africanist Congress, indigenous African culture, and agriculture, so much that he used to boast about "my small farm, back home, in

Garankuwa".

For someone who looked nothing but an act of God could faze him, tears would well in his eyes, and he would bawl if he were drunk, each time he regretted the disintegration of his beloved Sakhile, the Afro-Jazz band in which he used to blow up a storm together with the likes of bassist Siphon Gumede, saxophonist Khaya Mahlangu and guitarist Menyatso Mathole.

The same as yet another departed percussionist, Makhaya Mahlangu, Thobejane did not know the word, "rehearsal". Illustratively, back in Kenya during the AUB event, we used to spend whole nights high, sloshed to the gills, and would be predictably unprepared for another lifetime of socially-acceptable behaviour the next morning.

But, as you might have guessed, the best performer on the night would be the diminutive phenomenon.

It is not surprising, then, that from 1977, after more than a decade with Tabane, Thobejane has played percussions in collaborations with fellow local greats like Dizu Plaatjies and his Amampondo Marimba band, Madala Kunene, Busi Mhlongo, United Kingdom alternative music group Juno Reactor, Pops Mohammed and the equally-peerless percussionist, Tlale Makhene. In many ways, Thobejane – who has died last Thursday after he had reportedly suffered a stroke age 74 – was a divine soul, starting no conflicts and bearing no grudges; and possessed a disarming humility.

In the end, a review of his life and times resonates with an affirmation I read somewhere, which says, "A human being is a single being, unique and unrepeatable."

Robala ka khutso, Segwagwa!

INFLUENCERS THE NEW BREED OF HIGH FLYERS!

TECH SAVVY: Young, black, gifted and raking in thousands by the minute in non-traditional ways.

By Pearl Rantsekeng

One are those days when going to school to become a doctor, lawyer, nurse or teacher guaranteed your future. And even those who did, not many, ever get to make it to the cover of Forbes Magazine. Even so – the Under 30!

Yet, today's youth have changed the rules of the game and how it is played. They are making serious money following their passion and it's not your average 9 to 5 job.

Last week well-known South African influencer Mhlali, 24, originally from KwaZulu-Natal made the Forbes list for the Under 30 Africa's Young Innovators and Risk Takers in a Pandemic Year.

Ndamase is a Youtube Vlogger and make-up artist. She is one of the fastest-rising youngsters in the country. She once told a local publication that she has always wanted to be in the beauty and fashion industry and had her first modelling gig at the age of 14.

Speaking to Glamour Magazine Mhlali said she first created her Instagram profile in December 2014 around the same time she started her YouTube channel. But, said Mhlali, her journey only started in 2016.

"My first-ever video was a L'Oréal foundation review and – probably three videos after that upload – I got an email from one of the brand managers and they asked to have a meeting. That's when my career picked up and it just opened a whole bunch of other doors," she said.

Today, the beauty and lifestyle vlogger has over a million followers on Instagram and currently sitting on over 310 000 subscribers on YouTube.

When Mhlali first cracked Instagram's Rich List two years ago, she said: "Well, at first, I felt really uncomfortable because I'm not someone who discusses my finances or the business side of what I do with people. I'm not very public about it."

"At the same time, it was very heart-warming to see how many people actually supported me and how many people are so proud of me. It was a very rewarding feeling being the only South African influencer on the list and to know that your hard work is recognised and celebrated by others," she told Glamour.

Weekly SA Mirror fashion writer Mpumi Brown, 22, from Soweto known as Brownn.skinned on Instagram said her love of fashion, having graduated with a fashion diploma from Villioti Fashion Institute, led her to become an influencer.

"I was approached by a lot of people from the fashion industry including photographers because I was doing a lot styling work for magazines and other fashion brands," said Mpumi.

Mpumi is what is referred to as a micro-influencer as she still has less than 10 000 followers. She currently is sitting at about 6 000.

Another up and coming influencer Busi Mthimkhulu, 24, also originally from KwaZulu-Natal, said she started to become an influencer about a year and a half ago.

Today Busi has just over 50 000 followers and says it was by sheer luck that she became an influencer.

Busi, who is still a student, said she started by just posting her pictures all dressed up online at every event that she had attended.

"I then noticed that a lot of girls were being paid doing this. And, coincidentally that week on Twitter, there was an article on the highest paid influencers and Mhlali was being featured and that she was getting about R25 000 per post," recalled Busi.

She said it was during lockdown last year that her following grew exponentially. She grew from 5 000 to 8 000 in a short space of time and was lucky enough to be approached by Swarovski Jewellery for a Valentine's Day project.

"When I went to the briefing with the client I was the only girl in the room with the least following at 8 000. Everyone was sitting at 15 000 and upwards," she recalled. Busi said two weeks after she started with Swarovski the country went into lockdown.

"I used that opportunity to grow my brand and it has since led to many other clients," she said.

Busi said people look at influencers and think that it is an easy job. But, she said, it involves a lot of behind the scenes hard work. And it is a full-time job even though that can become difficult to explain to the parents especially black parents.

"That is why I wouldn't advice anyone to drop out of school. Finish that degree and when you see that your side hustle has taken off then focus on it," she explained.

Mhlali's advice to anyone wanting to make a name for themselves in this space is that: Be yourself.

"There is nothing wrong with being inspired by someone and drawing inspiration from them. But, the moment you try being someone else, you are limiting yourself. No one is looking for another Bonang. They are looking for something new and something different," she told Glamour.



Mhlali Ndamase



Busi Mthimkhulu

SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER

Since its introduction in October 2010, Instagram has grown into a social media staple across the world, boosted further by its subsequent affiliation with Facebook. It's a place where people have either become overnight celebrities or outright brands thanks to their ever-growing following. Over time, these people and businesses reach a league of their own and were termed "social media influencers" or just "influencers." Each influencer serves as an inspiration for business and brands on how to become reputable through Instagram, becoming an example of self-sustenance.

WHO IS A SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER?

A social media influencer is a user who has established credibility in a specific industry, has access to a huge audience and can persuade others to act based on their recommendations. An influencer has the tools and authenticity to attract many viewers consistently and can motivate others to expand their social reach. An influencer may be anyone from a blogger to a celebrity to an online entrepreneur. They must simply capitalise on a niche to attain widespread credibility.

HOW DO INFLUENCERS MAKE MONEY?

Sponsored social media posts are one of the most popular ways for influencers to make money on social media. It's when brands or marketers pay you to promote a certain brand or product in a social media post. Instagram influencers can charge between R1500 and R35 000 per sponsored post.

HOW MANY FOLLOWERS MUST ONE HAVE TO BE AN INFLUENCER?

"Micro" influencers have anywhere from 6,000 to 10,000 followers. Unlike your popular friend that has acquired this many followers by posting cool stuff, the people behind these handles are vying to grow their page around a specific niche.



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PORT FORTIFIES THE SPIRIT AGAINST WINTER CHILLS

ACCOLADES: History of producing award-winning Port puts Boplaas ahead of the pack

By Len Maseko

Back in 1990, preeminent wine personality John Patter asked the question: Is the Cape's greatest port going to emerge from the remote Boplaas estate in the Klein Karoo?

John Platter, the creator of the John Platter's South African Wine Guide before selling it off to a well-known Cape publisher, had asked the enduring the rhetoric question much in a bit of a marvellous haze after tasting two of the estate's port, which instantly declared to be "excellent".

At the time, John Platter had a hunch – which would be later proved right so many times – that the Calitzdorp estate of Boplaas was headed to be the king (or queen) of South African port-styled wines in the not-so distant future.

Better still, Platter suspected that Boplaas winemaker Carel Nel had it all quite figured out at the time that his port would soon carry South African flag high locally and internationally.

Fast forward into the millennium, things would turn just the way Platter had predicted as Boplaas churned out one prize-winning port after another – up to today. It perhaps matters very little that the Portuguese have since reclaimed the name Port as their exclusive heritage, much to the disappointment of the local producers of port.

Of course, the Portuguese seemed to have been oblivious of the fact that the trail of their colonial adventures in Africa and elsewhere centuries ago would one day come back to bite them in the ass.

So, like Grappa, South African port producers may not label their port as such, now forced to be creative by naming their version "port-styled wine". Hence, they today use terms like Cape Ruby, Cape Tawny and Cape Vintage for its ports, in deference to the agreement signed with the European Union with regard to use of famous names like port (Portugal), sherry (Spain), champagne (French) and grappa (Italy).

To pursue his passion for port in his early years of making the fortified wine, Nel visited Portugal and spent days in the renowned port-making region of Douro, learning their intricate techniques of making port.

Since then, the Nel family has consistently focused on planting Portuguese varietals like Tinta Barocca and Touriga Nacional to make their award-winning ports. For their sweat, the

scores awards amassed the family's ports over the past three decades attest to their dedication to this genre of wine and excellent craftsmanship.

This year, Boplaas Family Vineyards emerged as the most successful performer in an annual tasting of selected local ports, scooping the best overall port title for the Boplaas Cape Vintage Reserve Port 2009. Notably, such feats precede this year's successes.

In choosing the vintage port as the best overall, the Prescient Sweet Wine & Fortified Report 2021 said, "the wine had been the highest scorer in its assessment of 10-year-old wines in 2019, and it only seems to be getting better".

Not surprisingly, the same vintage was awarded a five-star rating in the Platter's South African Wine Guide and Double Gold at Veritas, including being named Best Dessert Wine at the Michelangelo International Wine & Spirits Awards last year.

Much merit is placed on the capacity of the wine to age well, and so with port, a factor that characterises the success of Boplaas ports. The Nel family believes the long list of impressive competition results is yet another reflection of how well its ports develop with age.

The family has the Boplaas patriarch Oupa Daniel Nel, who initiated their romance with Portuguese winemaking grapes back 1970, to thank.

His son, Carel, took the family's passion further by taking a trip to Portugal where he was exposed to the finer art of making port, and today is Boplaas owner and cellar master, while casting a beady over his daughter Margaux, the winemaker at the estate.

Margaux Nel is the sixth generation Boplaas winemaker, having completed her MSc degree in viticulture from the University of Stellenbosch.

This year, Boplaas Cape Vintage Reserve Port 2017, was named Best in South Africa and Best South African Sweet Wine at the National Wine Challenge/Top 100 SA Wines.

For good measure, the family recently sent me



a bottle of this alluring port, which has been aged in old barrels and simply a blend of wines eight years and older.

Made from Touriga Nacional and Tinta Barocca fruit, Margaux says of the port: "After years of maturation, the colour changes from black to brick brown tawny and the port has developed a deliciously nutty, fruitcake flavour".

No doubt, this port has benefited from the blending of wines from various years and aging to acquire its mouth-watering opulence and refinement, which has resulted in the glossing of spikes of the brandy spirit beyond recognition. It brims with a sumptuous palate and a deliciously long finish.



Aslina winemaker and owner Ntsiki Biyela now zips around the countryside in a Subaru estate.

BIYELA APPOINTED SUBARU'S BRAND AMBASSADOR

MILESTONE: new development caps series of successes

South Africa's top winemaker Ntsiki Biyela has been appointed brand ambassador of Subaru Southern Africa.

Biyela is the founder of Aslina Wines, a label she named after her grandmother in honour of her having raised back home in Mahlabathini, KwaZulu-Natal. Formerly winemaker at Stellekhaya for 16 years, Biyela left to form her own label in 2016 and instantly made of success of her new endeavour. Her wines are currently exported to – among other countries – the United States, Europe, Japan, Ghana, eSwatini and Zimbabwe.

In terms of the brand deal with Subaru, customers who purchase a vehicle from the motor company will get a package of Aslina wines. Announcing the development in social media, Biyela said, "she had been holding on to the news for a while, a great collaboration between Aslina and @Subaru, reaching for the stars."

Biyela graduated from Stellenbosch University with a bachelor of science oenology degree. She is a board member of the Pinotage Youth Development Agency.

FOOD THAT PAIR WELL WITH PORT

CHEESE

Wine and cheese are a common food-drink pairing, but switching your bottle of red for a port can enhance the experience. The contrasting flavours of salty cheese and a sweeter tasting Port will deliver a new combination of palate pleasing tastes to a traditional party platter.

CHOCOLATE CAKE

A traditional blend of dessert and dessert wine, port and chocolate cake are a perfect way to end any meal. The balance of the rich fruity flavours of Port, and the sweetness of Chocolate cake, create a delectable pairing enjoyed by most anyone.

CREATING A PORT WINE SAUCE

Port wine may not be commonly served alongside main-course dishes, but it does go great when the dish includes a port wine sauce. A great mixture of flavours can be found when creating dishes such as chicken with a Port and mushroom sauce, the richness of the Port wine reducing to create the perfect sweet and savoury combination. Be sure to pair a Late Bottled Vintage, or Vintage style Port alongside this tasty dish.

SORBET

To add a little complexity to a traditional and simple dessert, add a dash of port wine on top of your sorbet before serving it to guests. This not only will enhance the flavour of the dessert, but it also gives a pleasing visual presentation.

PICKLES AND OLIVES

For a simple appetizer, consider putting together a mixed bowl of various types of stuffed olives and pickles to serve alongside a small glass of port. The salty and briny flavours of the pickles make an ideal contrast to the deeper fruit flavours of the Port. Whether you're creating a complex meal or a simple dish, port wine is both useful in the kitchen and a delightful accompaniment for appetizers and desserts.

SOURCE: shescookin.com



Boplaas winemaker Margaux Nel in the cellar.

SEVEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT PORT

1. It is made by adding **brandy, or distilled grape spirit, to wine** during the fermentation process.
2. Portuguese grape varietals used mostly to make it are **Tinta Barocca and Touriga Nacional**.
3. South Africa and other countries that produce port cannot label it as such, because it is designated as a product **exclusively from Portugal**.
4. Fortifying the wine base with brandy or distilled grape spirit during the port-making process elevates its **alcohol and sugar** levels, and give it more flavour, tannin and structure. The young "port" then undergoes a specific period of maturation and blending to create each unique style.
5. Each Cape "port" style is defined and regulated in South Africa by the Liquor Products Act 60 of 1989, enforced by SAWIS and its officers. **The Cape Port Producers Association (CAPPA)** also play a part in the regulation of the production of the fortified wine.
6. The seven unique styles of in South Africa are: **Cape Tawny, Cape Date Tawny, Cape Ruby, Cape Late Bottled Vintage, Cape Vintage, Cape White and Cape Vintage Reserve**.
7. Port made from grapes harvested in a **single vintage** is recognised by the South African wine industry as being of exceptional quality.

MASKANDE WARRIOR STRUMS HARMONIOUS CHORD TO THE WORLD

COMMUNION: Mbuzeni Mkhize's music is set to conscientise the living about their roots.

By Gugu Sibiya

For as long as nimble fingered, guitar strumming wizards like Mbuzeni Mkhize are around, all is good on the maskandi front. Fueled by catchy, unforgettable reefs, the music of our forefathers has a way of entangling hearts it comes across.

Incredibly talented, he's always up to the task. The regal maskandi warrior hails from the south coast village called Embuthweni. The same beloved south coast as that of the late Ukhozi fm DJ Cyril Cansas City Mchunu. Mkhize like his idol, drinks from Umkhomazi river.

"Following on the steps of such a legend, I can't afford to drop the ball. My mission is to ensure that maskandi is globally known. Nations must ache for it in the way they crave food to satisfy their hunger" saying this must happen soonest as this is their time in the world.

His latest offering Ishoba Lenkonkoni where he features Shwi, the one part of a duo known as Shwi noMtekhala, is a cultural fare. The title refers to the tool he uses in his practice. A doctor would call it a stethoscope. Unpacking, he says "On the pretext of consulting with me, my gobela (trainer) stole my ishoba. His intention was to paralyse my gift so that

I would fail as a sangoma (traditional healer) and worthy trainer to my thwasas (sangoma initiates).

"What gobela didn't understand is that my gift comes from God and my ancestors. Whatever his tricks, he won't destroy me" adding that he appreciates his calling and helping people. With Ishoba, I'm opening up wounds for all the starry-eyed sangomas who've been done in by their gobelas. I'm touching on what most of us go through at the hands of those who are supposed to guide us. The response shows that I've hit a nerve" he reveals.

Ukhozi fm's Zim Dollar is featured on Umkhumbi ka Noah (Noah's ark) where they wish the Biblical figure could have whisked them away from the devastation of the virus. Thokozani Langa makes a showing on Ukuthwalwa kwezintombi. Lamenting the cruel practise of men kidnapping girls against their will.

"Mkhize holds it down with iChwane leBhaca, Thokozani Langa and Weza who is Mthlane of Imithente fame's son, kill it on La siyakhona (where we go). A song about always having a good time wherever they hang out, strumming their guitars."

All the heavy weights he's roped in he says, are there to create magic on Ishoba. "People need to experience the fireworks" enthuses the man whose



praise poetry is as gripping as his strumming and his moves.

With nine albums under his belt, Mkhize says he still needs to add more. "Maskandi flows through my veins. I went solo in 2009 and ever since I've been on an upward spiral, representing KZN.

"Everytime I perform, I feel so happy. It takes me back home when life wasn't complicated." He says it evokes memories of sunshine on wide open spaces with fresh air and a river they swam in as kids.

"I'm talking happy gut splitting laughter along guitars and rhythmic dances that spur me on to give my best" he says caught up in nostalgia.

"I deliver happy music that tells relatable stories about love, sorrow or hardships of life. It's your get up and dance or get up and do it for yourself kind of songs" says the singer who started out strumming a 12, then 6 strings guitar, before becoming a wicked multi-instrumentalist at the age of 18.

A feat that has opened doors for him. Learning from his maskandi dad Mbizo, paved the way for him. "My dad worked with Phuzushukela. When he went to work in Johannesburg as a caretaker for a block of flats, he left the craft. He's now headman for the chief. A father who taught me to be the brilliant guitarist I am today.

"Much later I landed at Phuzekhemisi's door, a man I greatly admired and respect. I was filling for Nyoni Emhlophe. A gig I got thanks to playing many other instruments" he recalls.

Gratefully, "I carry giants on my shoulders.

Passing on the legacy they've so generously shared with me, to the youngsters, is one of the greatest and most rewarding things to do. Maskandi needs to grow, evolve but maintain the integrity of its roots."

"The world is mad about our sound and the agile way we dance. They may not understand us but they like what they hear. So let's cash in. Creating jobs for ourselves will hasten the revival of our industry which is suffering no thanks to covid" he explains passionately.

His grasp of possibilities at his finger tips is amazing. True to his word, the globe-trotting Mkhize has been a great cultural ambassador for the genre. Performing in Russia, India, China and Turkey, he's made an impression and audiences are still clamoring for him. Same as fans that are on tenterhooks about when his collaboration with Rihanna is going down.

"I arranged her Diamonds song into a maskandi hit called Khazimula. Sadly covid happened before any solid deal was struck" he says, hoping that his dream to work with his favorite artist in the world may still be realised.

"I'm grateful for the privilege of sharing who I am with my people and the world through maskandi. My ancestors have been with me throughout this journey. Wherever I've worked, I've left a piece of me. I'm looking forward to performing live for music lovers again" he says pulling at the strings for effect. I'm proud to be a Zulu man, I'm proud to be a Maskandi exponent but most importantly I'm proud to be a South African!



ELEANORE, THE UNLIKELY MK SOLDIER

THE PUPIL: Like most struggle heroines her survival came from quiet strength.

By Gugu Sibiya

The Unlikely Secret Agent is a drama that pays tribute to Eleanor, Ronnie Kasrils' wife for her heroic deeds in the Struggle for liberation.

Currently running at the Draa Factory, in Somerset West, Cape Town. The Unlikely Secret Agent runs from June 10 -20.

Set in the 60s, at the height of apartheid and Hendrik Verwoerd's ruling the country with an iron fist. The feared Special Branch an organ of the state security, ran amok detaining and torturing anyone suspected of being a threat to the apartheid regime.

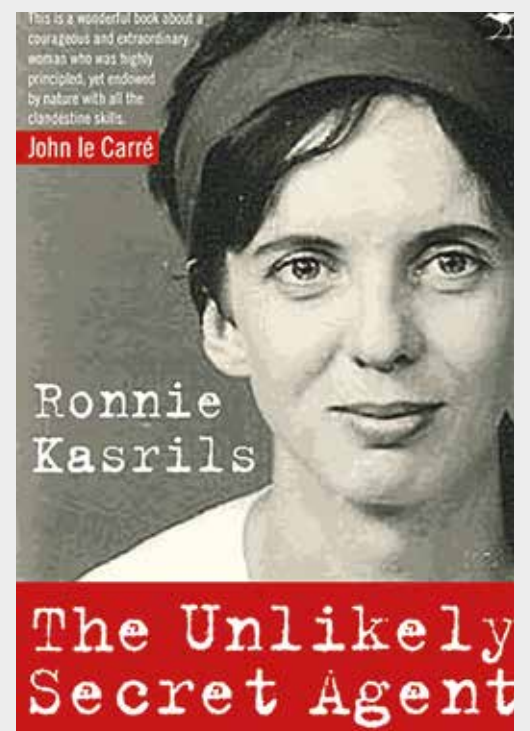
Young Eleanor who's still Kasrils' girlfriend and single mom, is by all accounts a stand up citizen. That is until the SB dubs Kasrils a dangerous terrorist high on their wanted list. An unsuspecting Eleanor is arrested at her working place, the Gibbs book store in Durban.

True to form, she's tortured to betray her beau, but she's not budging. She is not going

to betray her man nor the comrades. When she realises just how in danger her life is, she fakes a mental breakdown. The police transfer her to a psychiatric institution. Here she plots her escape. Based on Kasrils Alan Paton award-winning book, *The Unlikely Secret Agent*, he's in awe of her quiet strength. He never expected her to withstand the torture nor sell him out or the comrades. Police were notorious for breaking even the strongest of men.

He's even excited that she managed to pull wool over their eyes. Eleanor had a secret they couldn't have imagined. She was a member of ANC's armed wing, MK or uMkhonto weSizwe. With all the intelligence they claim, they failed to figure that out.

What is refreshing about this drama, is the recognition of the many anonymous and faceless individuals who fought for the country's liberation. The country is waiting for many such heroes and heroines to be appreciated. Their names deserve to be on the gold plaque for generations to see and recognise.



BUSINESS



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Isaac Moledi

BOON FOR TOWNSHIP AND RURAL BUSINESS

DIRECT SUPPORT: Nearly R700 million allocated

The sectors that caters for Shisanyamas, fruit and vegetable sellers as well as backyard mechanics stand to benefit hugely from R694 million allocated to assist small and medium enterprises operating in the townships and rural areas.

About 24 000 township and rural enterprises across eight industry-specific programmes will benefit, according to Government's sponsored Township and Rural Entrepreneurship Programme called Trep.

More than 90% of the total money allocated will be used to provide direct financial and operational support to entrepreneurs, while the remainder shall be used to cover administrative costs, Trep added in a statement.

Trep is an initiative by the Department of Small Business Development to transform and integrate opportunities in township and rural areas into productive business ventures.

The initiative was founded last year with the focus on creating platforms to provide the business support infrastructure and regulatory environment to enable enterprises to thrive.

Explaining the programme, Khumbudzo Ntshavheni, the Minister of Small Business Development, said Trep is geared to "elevate enterprises in the townships and rural areas previously relegated to the second economy to the mainstream economy, and to further integrate opportunities in townships and rural areas into competitive business ventures."

The bulk of the allocated funding, about R300 million, will go to motor mechanics, panel beaters and auto fitment centres while shisanyamas, fruit and vegetable sectors will receive R13 million each.

Other businesses to benefit from this windfall will include clothing, textile and leather businesses at R70 million, spaza shops at R150 million, butcheries at R42 million, salons at R36 million and bakeries at R17 million.

Despite a lack of regulation and data to quantify the real value of the burgeoning township and rural economies due to informal trading and a legacy of economic exclusions, Ntshavheni says the government believes that supporting township and rural economies is vital to the country's recovery from the coronavirus-induced downturn.

Small, medium and micro enterprises, which typify the economy of the country's densely populated and underdeveloped townships, are estimated to account for at least third of total turnover generated by the country's formal business sector.

To develop and formalise the sector, which Ntshavheni says many entrepreneurs faces an uphill battle in accessing capital through formal financial institutions, which necessitated government to establish the Small Business Development Ministry in 2014.

To participate in the current scheme, qualifying township or rural entrepreneurs must be South Africans and can apply for support including funding through the common application template from the Seda, Sefa, the National Empowerment Fund or the National Youth Development Agency.

HERE IS HOW THE MONEY WILL BE SPLIT

AUTOBODY REPAIRS AND MECHANICS – R300 MILLION

About 800 motor mechanics, panel beaters, auto fitment centres and auto spares shops targeted. The financial support package for this sector includes:

- Maximum of R500 000 (R400 000 equipment and R100 000 working capital) for motor body repairers, mechanics, auto spares shops and auto fitment centres.
- The R500 000 will be provided by the commercial banks with a guarantee from Sefa. The programme also offers support in the form of training, business advice, registration



RELIEF: Hawkers to benefit from grant assistance.

and access to market in both the private and public sectors.

SPAZA SHOPS – R150 MILLION

About 15 000 "unbanked" enterprises will be targeted.

South African owned and managed spaza shops, holding a valid licence to trade, can apply for the following financial and operational assistance through TREP:

- Access to working capital investment and a revolving credit facility that is backed by the Khula Credit Guarantee Scheme of Sefa in partnership with Nedbank and Standard Bank South Africa (R10 000 grant and R5 000 credit facility)
- Coordinate and support bulk buying on a pre-approved basket of goods and distribution through a list of approved wholesalers (applicants must be willing to participate in the bulk buying scheme).

CLOTHING, TEXTILE AND LEATHER – R70 MILLION

About 1 400 entities are targeted by the programme. These include garment makers, patternmakers, designers, pattern calculators, pattern cutters, art designers, knitters, machinists, tanneries, fabric manufacturers, shoemakers and handbag makers.

The financial package offered to entrepreneurs within these sectors includes:

- Maximum of R350 000 towards working capital, cost of equipment or any other capital expenditure (CAPEX) paid directly to supplier.
- The financial package will be offered in the form of a blended finance with 50% of the total approved amount being a grant (maximum grant amount of R50 000). Successful applicants will have 36 months to repay the loan at a fixed interest rate of 5%. The financial package is only offered to entities which have a turnover of below R1.5 million per annum.

BUTCHERIES – R42 MILLION

About 1 400 township and rural-based butcheries to be targeted. The scheme offers equipment, access to discounted stock – with a predetermined inventory worth R5 000 – and financial support as follows:

- Maximum of R350 000 towards working capital, cost of equipment or any other CAPEX.
- The financial package will be offered in the form of a blended finance with 50% of the total approved amount being a grant (maximum grant amount of R50 000).
- Grant portion is not repayable, but it is not accessible as a stand-alone facility. Applicants qualify for a grant simultaneously with the loan. Standard loan repayment terms – as applicable to those in the clothing sector – apply to accepted butcheries.

HAIRDRESSERS AND PERSONAL CARE – R36 MILLION

About 3 000 existing informal and micro-business hairdressers, make-up artists, massage therapists and nail technicians are targeted. Businesses can be based at home or in a salon and may also be mobile. The financial support package includes:

- A blended funding model of 50% portion loan and 50% grant.
- Funding to the maximum of R50 000 per enterprise.
- It covers working capital and cost of equipment. Standard loan repayment terms apply and, to qualify, the entity needs to have a turnover of less than R1 million per annum. The programme also offers compliance training within the Occupational Health and Safety Act Standards.

BAKERIES AND CONFECTIONERIES – R17 MILLION

The target is a total of 1 400 owner-managed micro, home-based and co-operative bakeries and confectioneries. The financial package offered to these enterprises includes:

- Maximum of R350 000 towards working capital, cost of equipment or any other CAPEX.
- The financial package will be offered in the form of a blended finance with 50% of the total approved amount being a grant (maximum grant amount of R50 000). Standard loan repayment terms apply and applicants will need to have a turnover of less

than R1.5 million. Businesses will also need to comply – or be willing to comply – with the minimum bread and confectionery nutritional requirements. The programme offers assistance to businesses looking to acquire an environmental health and food safety certificate.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SELLERS – R13 MILLION

This amount will be disbursed to 6 500 entities. The financial package includes a R2 000 once-off grant which can be used to purchase discounted stock through producers participating in the programme. Bulk vegetable packages include onions, carrots, beetroot, tomatoes, green beans, potatoes, butternut, spinach, cabbage and peppers. The fruit package includes apples, bananas, oranges, avocados, mangoes and peaches.

SHISANYAMA AND COOKED FOOD – R13 MILLION

The programme targets about 1 300 informal and micro restaurants which participate in the cooked food industry.

The programme is open to containerised and mobile cooked food outlets, concession stands, food carts, open-air vendors and home-based restaurants. Shisanyamas with a turnover of less than R1.5 million a year may also apply. The financial support package offered to these enterprises includes:

- Maximum of R350 000 towards working capital, cost of equipment or any other CAPEX (paid directly to supplier).
- The financial package will be offered in the form of a blended finance with 50% of the total approved amount being a grant (maximum grant amount of R50 000). The programme also offers training in the correct handling of food and compliance with environmental health and food safety standards.

Application forms for all of the above sectors can be found on the Small Business Economic Development online portal. All applications for TREP financial assistance including applicable documentation (CIPC certificate, proof of address) must be sent to trep@sefa.org.za.

Additional info – Business Insider SA

SUNDOWNS' TITANIC FEAT CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION FOR ALL

MAMELODI Sundowns' persistence and consistency in going for the jugular every time they faced their opponents, even long after snatching the League title for the fourth time in a row, yielded great results at the end.

Throughout the season, co-head coach Manqoba Mngqithi would be unfailingly heard – stern-faced – to urge his team to take every match serious. This as if they had not won the DStv Premiership title already.

However, it has emerged that that positive attitude, especially before their last-away fixture out in Mangaung against Bloemfontein Celtic, has not only helped them to a PSL record of no defeat in all their away-matches, but also benefitted them points in CAF club rankings.

Sundowns are now third on the continent's rankings having collected 1 580, based on an update released just after the June 6 2021 matches. No doubt Mngqithi's uncompromising, "go for the jugular" resolve worked wonders. It also, without doubt, not only made the Masandawana tribe proud and happy, but Mzansi as a whole.

The CAF Top-5 clubs include Egypt's usual suspects, Al Ahly with 1 712 points; Esperance (Tunisia) 1 605 points; Sundowns; El Zamalek (Egypt) 1 575 points; and TP Mazembe from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, with 1 571 points.

STEELY RESOLVE: Positive, uncompromising attitude propelled Downs to dizzy heights

The next local side after The Brazilians in the first hundred positions is Orlando Pirates at the 20th spot with 1461 points, strangely though followed by the non-existent Bidvest Wits with posi-



tion 22nd with 1451 points; Kaizer Chiefs at 45th with 1 414 points; SuperSport United 52nd with 1 404 points; AmaZulu 84th with 1 368 points;

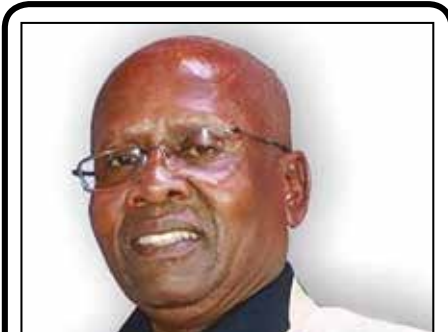
and Lamontville Golden Arrows 98th, with 1 361 points.

Lessons to be learned here for other coaches and their teams is to "treat every match like a Cup final" as that could influence your rankings, more because highest CAF club rankings have over decades been dominated by northern and west African sides.

Continuing on the positive side of things for local football, much against heavy odds compounded by Covid-19 hurdles, our Bafana Bafana managed to salvage a 3-2 win against Uganda's Cranes at Orlando Stadium on Thursday.

Due to the current pandemic, it was expected that new coach Hugo Broos would not be available as he had to go back home in Belgium, for his scheduled second vaccination. And his Macedonian first-assistant Cedomir Janevski was to take charge in his absence. Janevski was to be on the bench with second-assistant coach Helman "Midnight Express" Mkhalele.

But as fate would have it, Percy Tau was one of



Molefi Mika

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the key players that were withdrawn from the team due to testing positive for Covid-19, and soon followed out of the camp by Janevski for the same reason. This looming situation, as could be expected, started a media speculation that the match could be called off.

Thankfully, though, it was not to be as Mkhalele was tasked to take over the reins and delivered on the mandate by winning the match - friendly or not - to the delight of local fans.



Janine van Wyk and Banyana teammate Ode Fulutudilu.

BANYANA BANYANA STARS SHINE ABROAD

IMPRESSIVE: Flying the country flag high

Captain of the Sasol-sponsored Banyana Banyana Janine van Wyk is over the moon following her first league title victory on foreign soil.

The South African defender, joined by compatriot, striker Ode Fulutudilu have been crowned league champions in Scotland with Glasgow City.

The duo helped their side to a 2-0 victory over rivals Rangers in the final fixture of the season played on Sunday, 6 June 2021 at Broadwood Stadium – leading to a back-to-back title triumph.

City went into the match three points ahead of Celtic – the only side challenging for the title

– and knew that only a draw would see them over the line. Goals from Hayley Lauder (12th minute) and Niamh Farrelly (32nd) ensured City sealed their 14th consecutive title.

"Winning the league title here in the Scottish League is absolutely amazing – 14 in a row for this club, this very special club. I am proud that I have contributed this season to another league title for Glasgow City," said Van Wyk from her Scottish base. – safa.net "It has been a tough year, with Covid-19 restrictions and having to train individually. Then I came over here but sustained a

knee injury, and I missed the first half of the season with the club. I returned to action in January this year to finish off the second half of the season where we were second behind Rangers."

City managed to collect a total of 56 points – three clear of second-placed Celtic – but both have qualified for the UEFA Women's Champions League, the first ever for Celtic.

Both Van Wyk and Fulutudilu featured in the final game of the season – with the Banyana Banyana captain playing the entire 90 minutes.

"We came back a lot stronger in the second half of the season, with a couple of new players that had come in to strengthen the team a little bit. I have played most of the matches and so I am glad I contributed to the league title," added Van Wyk. SAFA News

FOLLOWING ARE THE WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT THE 2021 PSL AWARDS ON JUNE 6.

FULL WINNERS

PSL FOOTBALLER OF THE SEASON

- Peter Shalulile (Mamelodi Sundowns)

DStv Premiership Player's Player of the Season

- Peter Shalulile (Mamelodi Sundowns)

DStv Premiership Coach of the Season

- Benni McCarthy (AmaZulu FC)

DStv Premiership Young Player of the Season (under 21)

- Evidence Makgopa (Baroka FC)

DStv Premiership Goalkeeper of the Season

- Denis Onyango (Mamelodi Sundowns)

DStv Premiership Defender of the Season

- Njabulo Ngcobo (Swallows FC)

DStv Premiership Midfielder of the Season

- Themba Zwane (Mamelodi Sundowns)

DStv Premiership Goal of the season

- Teboho Mokoena (SuperSport United)

DStv Premiership Top Goalscorer:

- Bradley Grobler (SuperSport United)- 16 Goals

MTNS

MTNS Last Man Standing

- Deon Hotto (Orlando Pirates)

NEDBANK CUP

Nedbank Cup Most Promising Player (Under 23)

- Khanyisa Mayo (Richards Bay)

Nedbank Cup Player of the Tournament

- Washington Arubi (Tshakhuma Tsha Madzivhandila)

DSTV DISKI CHALLENGE REWIRED

DStv Diski Challenge Rewired Player of the Tournament

- Siyanda Nyanga (Mamelodi Sundowns)

DStv Diski Challenge Rewired Top Goal Scorer/s

- Taahir Goedeman (Cape Town City)- 6 goals

- Kamohelo Hoala (Kaizer Chiefs)- 6 goals

- Asanda Buthelezi (Maritzburg United)- 6 goals

- Boitumelo Radiopane (Orlando Pirates)- 6 goals

PSL CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

- Isilo Samabandla, King Goodwill Zwelithini KaBhekuzulu

- General Bantu Holomisa – psl.co.za/wsam

SPORTS: *Briefs***WHISTLE-MAN OUT TO FLY MZANSI FLAG**

TOP referee Victor Gomes will have his hands full in the coming weeks when he fulfils his latest Confederation of African Football (CAF) assignments.

Gomes has been appointed referee for the CAF Champions League semi-final match between Tunisia's E.S.T vs Al Ahly of Egypt match along with Assistant Referee Zakhele Siwela. The match will take place on 19 June 2021 in Tunisia.

The pair will then team up as the Video Assistant Referees in Morocco on 27 June 2021 for the semi-final of the CAF Confederations Cup match between Raja Casablanca and Pyramids of Egypt.

Gomes continues to shine in the refereeing space of international football and has been earmarked to officiate at the upcoming Tokyo Olympics in Japan. – safa.net

CONDOMS APLENTY AT THE OLYMPICS

TOKYO Olympics is set to begin on Friday 23rd July 2021 and all the participating athletes from across the globe will get around 14 condoms each.

The Olympic games which are scheduled to kick off in Japan will see around 1,60,000 free condoms being distributed among the athletes but the organisers, however, advised the athletes to refrain from using any of the condoms that are to be given to them. Instead, they are hoping that the athletes take them home to their own countries as souvenirs.

The Tokyo Games will bring with it a set of new rules and guidelines, given the times we are living in with the virus (Covid-19) refusing to die down. The athletes will have little choice but to accept the major restrictions that are to be imposed on them. – www.india.com

**STOP BEING A COWARD ROGER**

TENNIS megastar Roger Federer's withdrawal from the French Open smirks of cowardice by the 39-year-old Swiss.

This seems to be the case because despite a warm welcome by fans and with no hassles from any one, he explains himself thus: "After discussions with my team, I decided that I should withdraw from the French Open today."

No doubt after not taking part in grand-slam tournaments for almost 16 months due to injury, he should of course choose tournaments carefully. But that does not justify his coming to such a major event and then suddenly run away considering that much as he won a total 20 grand slam titles, he only lifted the Rafael Nadal-dominated Roland-Garros spectacle once. And that happened in 2009. – WSAM

AFCON FINALS DRAW POSTPONED

At the request of CAF, the Cameroon Local Organizing Committee (LOC) has agreed to postpone the TotalEnergies Africa Cup of Nations Cameroon 2021 final draw for logistical reasons related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The draw was initially scheduled for 25 June 2021 and a new date will be announced in due course.

CAF continues to work together with its partners, the Cameroon government and the LOC with the objective of making the AFCON Cameroon 2021 a successful event and a great celebration of African football. – cafonline.com

SEKHUKHUNE GLAD TO BE IN THE PREMIERSHIP

RULING: Polokwane

City and TS Sporting

lose court bid

By Ali Mphaki

Mabele beer flowed, morogo wa dikgopana, spinach cooked and left to dry in the sun, and dikgobe, coarsely ground corn/samp and beans were in abundance when word got out around that Sekhukhune United FC has been promoted to the DStv premiership.

Celebrations are still continuing all around the Sekhukhune district which features towns like Burgersfort, Groblersdal, Marble Hall, Ohrigstad, Roossenekal, Schuinsdraai Nature Reserve, Steel-poort.

Even the executive mayor Keamotseng Ramaila took time off his busy schedule to join in the festivities celebrating the club's superhuman achievement of making it to top flight football.

"Success doesn't come by chance, it takes personal sacrifice and hard work," he said in his congratulatory message to the club.

Thanking both the club's chairperson Simon Malatji and his brother Jons Malatji, the executive mayor said Sekhukhune United has proved their mettle in the National First Division (GladAfrica Championship).

"And judging by their stellar performance, we are confident they'll hold their own in the DStv Premiership next season," he said.

Judge Roland Sutherland at the Johannesburg High Court on Saturday handed down an order dealing with the disputes that arose at the end of the second-tier GladAfrica championship, sending Sekhukhune United fans into a frenzy like never seen before. A statement released by the



ARRIVAL: Sekhukhune United moving to elite division

PSL, in summation of the order, reads:

"The Premier Soccer League (PSL) intervened in the proceedings and asked, by way of a counterclaim, for a declaratory order that the NSL Handbook is not silent, and that it deals fully with the way in which the NSL Disciplinary Committee and/or the SAFA Arbitration Tribunal must deal with misconduct matters in professional football in South Africa.

Judge Sutherland granted the declaratory order the League sought. Judge Sutherland also confirmed the two SAFA Arbitration Tribunal awards handed down by Advocates Epstein and Cassim

SC which impacted the final log standings. These awards were challenged by Polokwane United and TS Sporting. Neither challenge was upheld.

The consequence is that Sekhukhune United Football Club have secured automatic promotion to the DStv Premiership for next season, while Chippa United, Royal AM, and Richards Bay Football Clubs will contest the promotion/relegation play offs which will commence on the 15th of June 2021."

The order has been welcomed by Sekhukhune United FC but it is not clear if Polokwane United or TS Sporting will appeal.

SUNDOWNS' FOURTH CONSECUTIVE LEAGUE WIN SMACKS OF UNFAIR COMPETITION

OPINION

By Ali Mphaki

The joke doing the rounds these days is that the way Mamelodi Sundowns "eats" everything (colloquial for beating the opposition), if not careful soon they'll consume poison.

As the winners of the inaugural DStv premier-ship, Sundowns has made winning the league a habit, leaving bemused soccer fans wondering where is the opposition?

Winning the league consecutively is understandable. To do it the Sundowns way - annexing the coveted league title for the fourth time running - should to all intents and purposes be cause for concern for all soccer loving people. And winning it with the nearest rival at 13 points away (no snub to Amazulu), smacks of a classic case of no contest!

What in local parlance could be termed "ukugqinyanya", that act when the opposition fails to turn up at a game. Try as I may I cannot help it but be enticed by what economists may describe the runaway Sundowns train as being "anti-competitive".

Sundowns on the other hand, cannot be blamed for their consistency. They cannot be charged with the unlawful prevention of the reduction of competition in the DStv premiership.

Business schools constantly reminds us that competition allows companies, in this instance soccer clubs, to compete in order for products and services to improve. "Competition promotes innovation and provide more choices for the consumer",

we are told.

In their attempt at "fair play", economists also caution that competition can also inflict harm.

"For every dollar gained by one company, it is a loss to another," so goes the adage.

The learned people, like assistant referees waving their flags on the touchlines, further alert us that "when one business entices enough customers away from competitors, those rival businesses may be forced to shut down or move".

Well, I do not for once begrudge the seemingly invincible Sundowns for their dominance, even though my blood is black and white, or whatever that is. There is simply no need for VAR to see that kaboYellow made the right calculations by assembling a formidable team of individuals - at the cost of breaking the bank.

Their salary bill could be enough to run a small country like Lesotho! Call me whatever you may, but in my crystal ball I do not see a team like the relegated Black Leopards (or similar) ever winning the league!

There is no dribbling about the fact Sundowns have to be taken head-on in the field of play - if our local football is to sustain. And that is what the fans are crying out for. And pay for. It does not make sense to heed the "Babize Bonke" call just to watch year in and year out one team running roughshod over everybody.

And if there is anything to learn from the 2020/2021 season, is that the clubs that have traditionally been known as the "big teams" (they know themselves), will need to bring their A-game next season. In reflection of the past season, mention



Celebrations: Sundowns players Lyle Lackay, Peter Shalulle and Thapelo Morena

must be made (very loud for that matter) that it was the local coaches that shone the brightest.

Out of the eight teams that finished in the top bracket, it is only one team, Orlando Pirates, that is coached by a foreign coach.

If this does not prove local is lekker, nothing will.

For purposes of my sometimes questionable Pan Africanism, I refuse to refer to the Zimbabwean born Supersport coach Kaitono Tembo as a foreigner. But that's a topic for another day.

If I were to give my DStv Premiership awards, this would be my winners;

Coach of the year:

Mandla Ncikaza
(Lamontville Golden Arrows).

Team of the Year:

Swallows FC.

Midfielder of the Year:

Makhelele Makhaula (Amazulu).

Goalkeeper of the Year:

Veli Mothwa (Amazulu).

Captain of the Year:

Thabiso Kutumela (Maritzburg FC)

Veteran of the Year;

Lebohang "Cheeseboy" Mokoena
(Swallows FC).

Right Back of the Year:

Wayde Jooste (Orlando Pirates)

Left Back of Year:

Sifiso Ngobeni (Bloemfontein Celtic)

Oops my awards have run out!

See backpage for Flops of the year

MIRROR SPORT

Insight to connect the dots...



TOKELLO RANTIE



SIPHIWE TSHABALALA



OUPA "ACE" MANYISA

ARE THEY DSTV PREMIERSHIP FLOPS OF THE SEASON?



THAMSANQA SANGWENI



LUCKY MOHOMI



PHAKAMANI MAHLAMBI



THULANI "TYSON" HLATSHWAYO

WHITHER: THEY CAME AMID BELLS AND WHISTLES, SHOWED GREAT PROMISE AND FIRED BLANKS

By Masoja Cele

Orlando Pirates' acquisition of defender Thulani "Tyson" Hlatshwayo early in the season from Bidvest Wits came with much hype and fanfare.

Unquestionable, the much decorated defender had a brimming career at Ajax Cape Town and Bidvest Wits. Hlatshwayo spent five glorious seasons at Ajax before moving to Wits. He joined the students in 2014 and fitted to the side promptly. His unwavering display for Wits won him the colours and the arm-band of the Bafana-Bafana team.

The rock solid defender signed for Pirates early in the season following the transaction of Bidvest Wits to Tshakuma Tsha Madzivhandila (TTM). With his arrival, the Buccaneers devotees were ecstatic, dreaming of an impenetrable partnership between Hlatshwayo and Happy Jele.

Nonetheless, the expectations bounced negatively as the reliable Tyson continued to struggle for form in the colours of the black and white. For a player of his level, the defender committed a cluster of fatal mistakes. Among the 31-year-old's notable costly errors was an own goal against Moroka Swallows and a miscalculated back pass that resulted into a goal against Mamelodi Sundowns. The two mistakes cost Pirates dearly.

PHAKAMANI MAHLAMBI.

This is a self-destructive player. The Mamelodi Sundowns talented player who is on a season-long loan to AmaZulu is fast destroying his once-promising career with his off-the-field shenanigans. Mahlambi's professional career took off in a glitzy approach at Bidvest Wits in 2017/18 season. At Wits, the quick-silver rightwinger banged in goals like a season campaigner. For his efforts, the youngster got a contract at the Egyptian power house, Al-Ahly. Former Sundowns trainer Pitso Mosimane revelled highly of the player. The multi-award winning coach lured the youngster after his short spell with Al-Ahly. Mahlambi's stay at the Brazilians was marred by bundle of ill-discipline mainly alcohol abuse.

TOKELLO RANTIE.

Well-travelled former AFC Bournemouth and Bafana Bafana goal-getter is currently on the pay-roll of Tshakuma Tsha Madzivhandila. The 30-year-old struggled to make an impact in his first season at the club. A few of Rantie's performances at the Limpopo outfit warrant no ratings. Tokello last played competitive football at Genclerbirligi Ankara in 2016. Subsequently to that, he trained with three different clubs in the country, Cape Town City, Mamelodi Sundowns and Bloemfontein Celtic, without any joy. During that journey it

was alleged that the Free State-born player off-the-field's conduct was appalling.

LUCKY MOHOMI

The Mamelodi-born midfielder had a disastrous stay at his new employer SuperSport United. Mohomi signed for Matsatsantsa from Mamelodi Sundowns in October last season, on a one-year contract. The Brazilians shipped out the midfielder after failing to command a permanent slot in the star-studded Bafana ba style team. For the entire season Mohomi played a mere 13 matches in all competitions, with only two goals. A rather dreadful season for a player who paraded glimpses of brilliance while he was at Free State Stars, indeed.

SIPHIWE TSHABALALA

The 2020/21 season was unkind to the former Kaizer Chiefs blue-eyed boy. Shabba penned a two-year deal with AmaZulu in October last year. However, he played only one match this season at Usuthu. Due to lack of game time and match-fitness, Tshabalala's future was in doubt at the KZN club.

The match he played against Maritzburg United in KZN derby was his first in the DSTV Premiership. And he surprised all and sundry with his sterling performance, earning a man-of-the-match tribute. Maybe he saved himself for the last.

For a veteran, Tshabalala should be playing regularly or call it a day.

THAMSANQA SANGWENI.

The former Orlando Pirates midfielder returned to Chippa United in January 2021. Sangweni had a brief spell at Mbabane Highlanders in Eswatini before re-joining Chippa. This is his third stint at the Qheberha side. The Empangeni-born midfielder played 12 matches for Chippa in all competitions. However, his forays were not that impressive. The 32-year-old needs to up his game for the better in the 2021/season.

OUPA "ACE" MANYISA.

Maybe the career demise of the once-revered Orlando Pirates star could be attributed to leaving Bucs for Mamelodi Sundowns. Manyisa last played his best football at Pirates. Possibly, he left the Orlando East team with an aim to take his football to greater heights. However, at Downs he was faced with a huge challenge of competing with accomplished midfielders.

In March, he joined Tshakuma Tsha Madzivhandila, but left the team without kicking a ball. Manyisa later surfaced at Chippa United. At Chippa, he faced another dry period as he only amassed 2 matches in all competition. At 32 the Randfontein born is not getting any younger.