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Imfama ithi akulahlwa mbeleko ngakufelwa kwezothando

Simbongile Mledle

Indoda yelali iCekhwe eNgcobo, uMalathisi Majija (46) ongaboniyo isemathandweni kuhle kukamam uMaddala woZalo wodumo luka mabonakude, yaye uncoma uthando alufumeneyo emva kokuntlaleka entlitheka iminyaka efuna uthando lwenene, kodwa ekugqibeleni uthi uyavuma ukuba uthando lusekhona, nabanye abakhubazekileyo bangayiphosi itawula, koko uThixo nabo usazakubavuzisa abababale ngabantu abazobathanda abangafuni mali yabo yasibonelelo nokubaxhaphaza. Yiminyaka mithathu ngoku ehlala nenkosikazi yakhe yaye uthi uthando alufumanayo lungaphaya, akukho mntu umjajayo ngokungaboni kwakhe futhi uziva eyindoda ephelileyo yekhaya. Lo kaMajija uncoma kakhulu inkosikazi yakhe uNomgcobo Mbobo-Majija waseXhorha, othi umphethe okwekumkani, yaye akubonakali ingathi usemva kwemali yakhe yesibonelelo. Kutsha nje esi sibini sithe sazibopha ngeqhina lomtshato. Uthi le nkosikazi yakhe yamthanda engasebenzi, de wafumana umsebenzi kwithala leencwadi eMthatha, kude kubengoku usaphathwa njengotata ohloniphekileyo oyintloko yekhaya. Esi bini ngoku sihlala kwigxamesi laso kwindawo yaseChris Hani eMthatha West nabantwana benkosikazi, abakabi naye ongowabo. Lo kaMajija, uthi uMambamba umbonisile ukuba uthando lunqoba zonke izinto, nto leyo yenze waziva engeyiyo kwayilo mfama na kakade. “Kule minyaka eyi 46 ndiyiphilileyo ndiluzamile uthando kubantu ngabantu alwasebenza, abantu bebefika bathi bayandithanda nabo, kanti baze kule mali yam yesibonelelo. Mandiyithethe inyaniso, thina bantu baphila nenkubazeko yongaboni, sinako ukudibana nobunzima kwezo thando. Uyakwazi ukuthi umfumene umntu obonayo, asuke aja-jwe ngabantu, bathi uzincamile okanye uphelelwe bubom, bambi bade bathi uze kubantu abangaboniyo kuba efuna imali yabo. Umntu oyike angatsho kuwe ukuba ufumana uxinzelelo olungaka, asuke abaleke”, ubeke ngelitsho. Uthi ke uThixo kweli tyeli umbonakalisele ukuba wonke umntu unobambo lwakhe. “Ekubethekeni kwam konke, nasekulahlekeni kwam ithemba ngakuthando, ndide ndangobab-

aliweyo ndamfumana owam unkosikazi”, uthethe watsho. Ukhuthaze wonke umntu ophila nenkubazeko ukuba angalilahli ithemba kuba akekho umntu ongenaye umntu wakhe. “Kuluyolo kum ukuthi ndathandwa nguNomgcobo Mbhobho-Majija ndingasebenzi, wandithanda sebesithi ufunani kumntu ongaboniyo. Akoyika noya nam kubahlobo bakhe nako wabo. Nam ndaziva ndikhulekile ukuya naye ekhaya eNgcobo. Wandithanda ndaziva ndisithi bantu ababonayo musani ukoyika ukuthandana nabantu abaphila nenkubazeko nabo ngabantu bane mvakalelo njengani”, ulebele ngelitsho. Ukanti naye uNomgcobo ubabaza uthando emva kokufunyanwa kwakhe yile ndoda sele ezonikezela kwezothando. “Wwafika kum ndiyinxwelerha yaye sendisithi ndiyanikezela ekujoleni futhi andisafuni kwandoda ezithi iyandifuna, kodwa wayiguqula lo nto ndakholelwa kwakhona eluthandweni ndangabi nandaba yokuba akaboni kuba undinika uthando,” uthethe watsho. Uthi uyithanda le ndoda ingathi uyayiqala kwayile nto kuthiwa kukuthanda.

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2017	95%	60	57
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Foundation feeds Mthatha community

Simbongile Mdledle



Members of Siyakholwa Development Foundation working in a garden, the vegetables are helping to feed young children in the Early Child Development

Siyakholwa Development Foundation has brought a smile in many communities around Mthatha and provided various value-added projects to uplift the Mthatha community. The foundation cultivates food gardens to feed young children in the Early Childhood Development (ECDs) to alleviate challenges of stunted growth and malnutrition. At care centres where there are no cooking facilities, fresh vegetables are shared with parents to prepare at home for their young children.

The foundation was established in 2001, as a strategic implementing partner for the Social Employment Fund (SEF), an initiative of the Presidential Employment Stimulus. This programme is aimed at creating jobs, supporting livelihoods, and providing sustained work while the economy recovers after the devastating coronavirus pandemic.

Through the SEF, Siyakholwa was able to create work opportunities in Early Childhood Development initiatives, greening projects and the environment, healthcare, as well as food security and nutrition, with upliftment projects stretching to the community of Mthatha in the Eastern Cape, amongst

others. Therefore, food security and providing support to ECDs are the core focus areas of the SEF programme in Mthatha, where food gardens were established in areas such as Madikane, Mandela Park, Pride and Joy in the Kwezi Extension and the Chris Hani Park in Sinemizamo.

According to Siyakholwa's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Dr Rejoice Shumba, food gardens are cultivated to feed young children in the ECDs to alleviate challenges of malnutrition. "In some of our bigger centres the SEF has made it possible for us to employ a gardener to start and maintain the garden on an ongoing basis. "We are extremely grateful to be recognized as an implementation partner, as it enables us to do so much good in the communities which we serve", said Dr Shumba.

Meanwhile the food security activation at the Abbott Francis Home for the aged ensures that more than 50 elderly persons are able to receive nutritious cooked meals on a regular basis. In total, 1,600 employment opportunities are created as a result of this initiative, with 800 ECDs receiving food aid. Siyakholwa also runs community-based programmes in Gqeberha, Keiskamahoek, and East London.

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Floods caused havoc in EC

The recent pouring of rain has caused a miserable life across the province of the Eastern Cape, as heavy rains placed lives of many people at risk and immensely damaged the access roads and bridges collapsed in many villages. Vehicles submerged and swept away, trapped homeowners on roofs, collapsed walls and decimated shacks and houses.

Now the government is facing a huge mountain to climb because these access roads and bridges were eroded which will need to be revamped, a mission which will cost millions of rands, despite the low economic growth in this country. The most affected areas included Alfred Nzo, OR Tambo and Chris Hani and some people lost their lives. The school learners were unable to attend school for a week because of bad weather conditions. The access roads were muddy whilst bridges were

full and others were wiped away by the floods.

Meanwhile the district municipalities joined hands with government departments and disaster management teams to plan for finding ways to deal with this calamity. In the OR Tambo there were six reported people who lost their lives and many with no shelters on their heads. Coffee Bay is the most affected area in the OR Tambo district and Komani in Chris Hani District municipality.

The OR Tambo District Municipality Executive Mayor Councillor Mesuli Ngqondwana has assured the victims that the district municipality is committed to support the victims of the floods. He described the situation in Coffee Bay as a very devastating situation that requires all sectors to join hands in order to ensure that the livelihood of those affected is restored.



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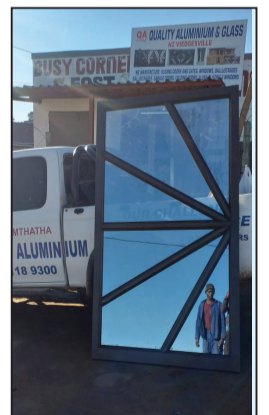
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Some of the comedians who kept attendees in stitches at the Mad Funny Comedian at Mayfair Casino in Mthatha

The Tombo born in Port St Johns, Sihle Ngcele who's known on the stage as Sihle Ciera a.k.a The Baby-Daddy is a comedian who was inspired by Atule Joka, who is a SABC journalist and a talented comedian. Sihle is an organizer and host of many comedian shows in Mthatha, a skill he learnt from Atule Joka whilst he (Atule) was still in Mthatha.

"I worked so closely with him when he was doing his shows in Mthatha, after Atule left, I took the baton forward," he said.

Meanwhile Ciera has recently hosted a successful, Mad in Funny comedian show in Mayfair Casino, Mthatha, which attracted a huge audience. "The

attendance was too much and that prompted me to feel like I need bigger venues that can take at least 400 people a minimum. The support I'm getting from Mthatha is amazing and also seeing other towns attending the show is so amazing," he said the man who grew up in Mkhankatho, Libode.

"For the next show, for sure I know it will be sold out because this was the opening show for the year, so now I will be more prepared to host and accommodate more people coming to the show and the lineup I'm preparing are the comedians that have become my brothers in the industry, hence I will be calling it "In my corner comedy show" he concluded.

Suspected killers of Mbhashe municipality councilor appear before court

Simbongile Mdledle

Less than a month after Mbhashe municipality councilor was gunned down but the police managed to arrest suspects in connection with the murder of the councilor. Three accused were arrested by the SAPS Serious and Violence Crimes Unit on Wednesday 8 March 2023 in Willowvale and Idutywa respectively. The accused are expected to appear before Dutywa magistrate facing murder charge today 17 March 2023.

Councilor Nomxolisi Nqwena (47) was gunned down on the 17th February 2023 inside her car at Ngcingwane Administrative Area in Idutywa. After the case was opened, the investigation team started its work and on 8 March 2023, they followed up on information that subsequently led to the arrest of three suspects. All male suspects are originally from Dutywa and the murder weapon and a vehicle which was

allegedly used in the commission of crime were both recovered by the police.

One of the three suspects who allegedly hired a firearm to the hitmen was also arrested for possession of an unlicensed firearm and has already appeared before Idutywa Magistrate court on the 9th March 2023.

Meanwhile Acting Provincial Commissioner Major General Zithulele Dladla has welcomed the arrest and further applauded the sterling work of the investigation team behind the arrests.

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Aphelile amahlathi kobefunwa ngendyikitya yaseQunu

Simbongile Mdledle

Aphelile amahlathi okuzifihla kobephicwa imini nobusuku ngamapolisa, uSanele Tshilanga (34) nowaziwa ngelika Litye, nobefunwa phantsi phezulu etyholwa ngendyikitya yokufa eQunu eMthatha kwiphondo leMpuma Koloni, ngomhla wokuqala kuFebruary 2023.

ULitye uthe wabanjwa kutsha nje kwindlu yentombi yakhe eOrlando East kwiphondo laseGauteng, ebanjwa liqela elibizwa ngokuba yi Serious and Violent Crimes Unit (SVC) yase-Bityi ibambisene neyaseGoli. Uthe wavele okwethutyana kwinkundla kamaty eMthatha ngoLwesibini wale veki, umhla we 14 ku February 2023 ejamelene nezityholo ezisixhenxe zokubulala.

ULitye lo kudala ekhangelwa, de kwakhutshwa imifanekiso yakhe kumakhasi ezonxibelelwano kufuniswa ngaye ngamapolisa, emveni kokuhlalelwa kwamalungu asixhenxe omzi omnye eQunu onke anabela ungqangqa.

Ngale mini yeshwangusha yolu sapho kwabulawa ngembumbulu abasetyhini abathathu namadoda amane abathi bahlaselwa kwindlu yodaka ababehleli kuyo.

Emveni koko uMkomishoni wephondo u Lieutenant General Nomthetheleli Mene wamilisela elona qela lalilulilima labaphandi ukuze kufun-

we abenzi bobu kweli sikizi.

Ngexesha lolu phando lunzulu amapolisa eve ngomhla we 10 kuMatshi 2023 ukuba le ndedeba kudala ifunwa lukhona umingimigi lokuba izimele kwindlu yesinqandamathe sayo apho eOrlando, ngenene eli qela labaphandi liphathelele khona ngolu suku ze uLitye lo wafunyanywa kwi flat yentombi yakhe. Nommpu ekukrokroleka ukuba wasetyenziswa ekwenzeni olu laphulomthetho lwaseQunu, amapolisa adize ukuba nawo athe awufumana ngexesha lo phando.

Lo ka Litye uthe wabanjwa ezipholele kwii gins nesikipha sakhe esimnyama esinemibhalo esifubeni, uthe ngoko nangoko wathuthwa waziswa kwiphondo le Mpuma Kapa.

UMene uliqhwabele izandla iqela labaphandi elithe lahamba ingxathu elide kangaka ekuqinisekiseni ukuba abenzi bobubi kule ndyikitya yase-Qunu bayabanjwa bagityiselwe ngapha kwezintshixo.

"Izaphulimthetho kwezi ndyikitya zokubulala mazazi ukuba alikho ihlathi lokuzimela kuzo nanjengoko amapolisa ethu eqinisekisa ukuba umenzi kokubi uyabanjwa. Nabo bacinga ukuba ngeke babanjwe kuba beqe imida yeli mabaphinde bacinge kwakhona nelabo ixesha liyeza ingalo yomthetho inde de ifikelele nakwezo ndawo bakuzo", uthethe watsho.

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4 Friday, 17 March February 2023

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Attendees laughed until the Mad in Funny comedian show ended at Mayfair Casino. The show was hosted by Ciera.

Mthatha medical doctor out on bail for fraud

EC Reporter

The Mthatha medical Doctor, Dr Anele Simon Mani (52) was released on R5000 bail by Mthatha Specialized Commercial Crimes Court last week and the matter was remanded to 06 April 2023 for trial. Dr Mani is facing charges of tax fraud following his arrest by Hawks.

It is alleged that during the period between July 2009 and May 2013 the accused practicing in Mthatha as a medical doctor contravened the Tax Administrative Act. It is reported that the accused is registered for Personal Income Tax as well as Value Added Tax (VAT) vendor, as a result he is liable for the calculation, payment of VAT and is

also required to submit VAT 201 returns to South African Revenue Services (SARS) in accordance with provisions of the VAT Act.

The audit was conducted by SARS into both VAT and Personal Income Tax of the accused and it was picked up that the accused under-declared in both his returns.

The matter was reported to the Mthatha based Serious Commercial Crime investigation team hence his arrest on 09 February 2023. The investigations revealed that SARS was prejudiced of cash of more than R880 000 as a result of 26 counts of fraud in both VAT and Personal Income Tax.

News Flashes

Effort to keep Ntabankulu clean

Ntabankulu Local Municipality has bolstered its efforts of keeping the town clean and habitable. Waste management, grass cutting, street sweeping and landscaping of the town was a new focus. The municipality appealed to the community members to keep the town clean by ensuring that they don't litter on the street but ensure that they make use of the dustbin across the town.

Still no leads in Lusiki mass killing

The Eastern Cape police launched a massive manhunt for unknown suspects, who allegedly opened fire and fatally wounded five family relatives recently in Lumphondo locality, Thahla Administrative Area in Lusikisiki. The police report revealed that police on the scene found five family relatives aged between 9 and 78 years old, who had suffered multiple gunshot wounds. They were declared dead at the crime scene. The two children aged 1 and 8 escaped unhurt during the incident. The police are appealing to anyone with information to share it via Crime Stop on 086 00 10111 and the information will be treated confidential and callers may remain anonymous.

Umzimvubu Mayor conducts oversight visits

The Umzimvubu mayor Councillor Zukiswa Ndevu last week spend her working hours out of the office as she visited service delivery projects in KwaBhaca and EmaXesibeni to evaluate progress made on the construction of households, access roads, bridges and sheep shearing projects. In EmaXesibeni Ndevu visited the project which is in progress in the following areas, Ntshaken and Dundee whilst in KwaBhaca, she visited Butsheni and Mangweni. "The persistence of this oversight visit was to ensure that we continue utilizing public funds within the transcripts of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA). Part of my visit entailed a quality check and a comprehensive outlook on the number of job opportunities that have been created since the commencement of these projects," said Cllr Ndevu.

Cele visited EC crime hotspots

The national minister of police, General Bheki Cele accompanied by Deputy minister Cassel Mathale spent two days visiting the Eastern Cape assessing the state of policing service delivery, in and around Gqeberha. Cele's visit followed a number of mass killings in the province a couple of weeks ago. In these incidents some suspects were arrested whilst others are still at large. Cele assured the people of the province that the police will work tirelessly to ensure that the perpetrators of crime get arrested in this province.

Kufunyenwe amathambo womntu owazixhomayo

Simbongile Mdledle

Ukuza kwethu kwilitye loshicilelo bekusafuniswa ngamathambo omntu ekubonakala ukuba wazixhoma ntlandlolo kwihlathana elisendaweni yaseThaleni eSigidini esiphakathi kwidolophu yamaMaXesibe. Esi siganeko sithe senzeka kwiveki esiyisingelayo nekulapho umzingeli othe wahlaba umkhosi inguye obone la mathambo ejinga ebotshelelwe ngentambo kwigatya lomthi. Ngokwengxelo ya-

mapolisa kukhangeleka ukuba la mathambo ngawomntu oyindoda kwaye akusekho nto angabonakala ngayo kuba inyama ayisekho ngamathambo nje kuphela namadlavana empahla ekubonakala ukuba wayezinxibile ngelo xesha lokuzixhoma kwakhe. La mathambo athe athunyelwe kumzi weenkcali ukuze kwenziwe uhlolo kukwahlatywa nomkhosi kuye nabani othe wanomntu owalahlekayo eze ngaphambili.