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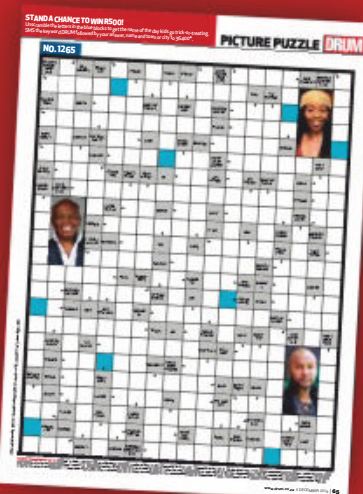
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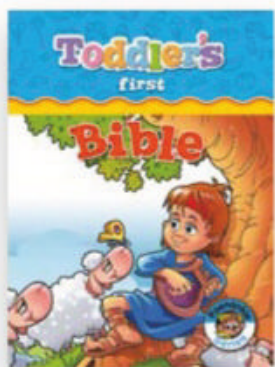
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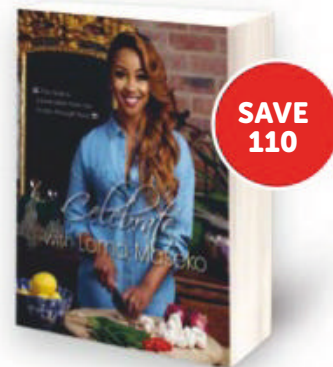
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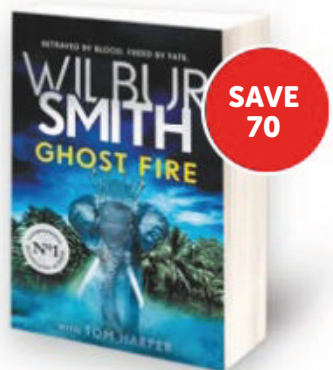
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NATURAL BEAUTY

IT'S not just a platform for pretty faces. When Zozibini Tunzi entered the Miss South Africa pageant she wanted to make a difference – and she did when she debuted her shortly cropped hair, the only contestant to flaunt her natural 'do.

He dad, Lungisa, has always been devoted to her but he wasn't too sure about Zozi parading her short hair. He was worried about public backlash, but still he had her back, he tells us on page 16.

Zozi, however, held her head high, determined to break beauty barriers. Now she's flying South Africa's flag high as she takes on Miss Universe – in all her natural splendour.

We're sure the brainy beauty will win over new fans across the world, just like she did back home.

Until next week,
THE DRUM TEAM

 **We would love to hear your thoughts on matters close to your heart. Email us at letters@drum.co.za to share what you think of the articles in this issue.**



LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX

Some parents are up in arms about the proposed new lesson plans in schools. We asked experts to share their thoughts.

THE LESSON PLANS

The proposed new lesson plans for sex education in schools have caused a stir. Some parents are up in arms about the proposed new lesson plans in schools. We asked experts to share their thoughts.

SEX TALK

The article "Let's talk about sex" (14 November) was very interesting.

Whether we're willing to talk to our children about sex or if we see it as taboo, it's something they will find out about from a young age. But this doesn't mean they'll have the appropriate or correct information they need about puberty, for example.

Many parents know how important it is to teach their children about sexual behaviour and the consequences of unprotected sex, but they're too shy to raise the issues with their kids.

Sexual education at school will open the lines of communication between learners and parents to talk about sex.

Parents have a responsibility to guide their children, especially during puberty

A PUBLIC AFFAIR

CONGRATULATE Zodwa Wabantu for being happily in love with her new boyfriend, but I strongly feel it was too early to reveal her new man (We're a perfect match, 14 November). A new relationship requires each partner to give it undivided attention. It will be challenging for Zodwa to achieve that with the public focussing on her relationship now.

Many celebrities introduce their partners to the public when they're still madly in love. But when things go sour, they refuse to talk about it and say it's a private matter. This is why public figures should keep their private lives private, until they get engaged, for example.

THE WINNING LETTER RECEIVES R300.

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when teenagers' bodies undergo many changes.

Perhaps sexual education in schools will help reduce teen pregnancies and the spread of HIV in young people.

Thank you, DRUM, for this informative article.

ABIGAIL LEDUBUKO, EMAIL

RESPONSIBLE ROLE MODELS

The holidays are here and it's in this time that children can spend quality time with their parents.

Unlike grown-ups, children learn with their eyes rather than with their ears.

Be aware of your behaviour around your kids as what they see you do is what they'll eventually do as well.

The way you solve your problems is likely the same way your kids will solve theirs at school. A child's greatest role models are their parents.

NORMAN V MAHLANGU, KWANDEBELE

*** Children grow up watching how their parents make a living to support their families and this can play an influential role.**


Kids idolise their parents and that's why most of them will adopt their parents' way of doing things.

If you're a hard worker who tries everything to build a better life, your children will grow up knowing good things in life are worth sweating for. If you steal from others and support your children with the loot, your kids could grow up thinking it's a good idea to reap what someone else has sown.

They'll see no need to attend school


However, I wish Zodwa and Vusi a long and happy relationship.

NANCY KUBU, EMAIL



WE'RE A PERFECT MATCH

Entertainer Zodwa Wabantu and her new love open up about their relationship.



NEWS

Your ambition is to nurture our love, build each other and see where love leads

or do any kind of work to secure their future.

Supporting your children with stolen money is like feeding them poison. Let's raise our kids the right way and avoid exposing them to laziness and theft.

PERCY MOFFAT, EMAIL

LEND A HAND

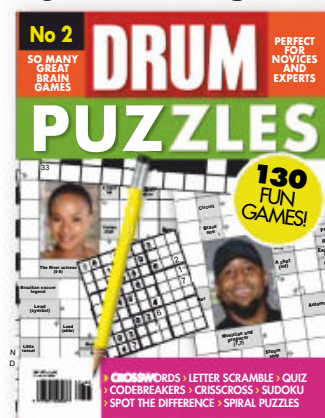
Unemployed people struggle to earn a living without the help of those who are already working and have a steady income. Most of us are willing to help but many seem to think uplifting someone can only be done through donating money. That's not all that is needed.

Employed people are in a better position to spot business or job opportunities than unemployed people who are stuck at home. If you can't donate transport or food money to a job seeker, offer advice on what they can do to earn an income.

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Some of us are puzzle-crazy fans, and I can't get enough of crosswords and



blockbusters.

The puzzles I loved most were the crosswords (can we get at least 25 next time please?) arrows, codebreakers, spirals, clock words and sudoku.

When will the next issue be published? Is it possible to order the magazine online because I don't go to the shops very often?

Also, can these magazines be released at least twice a year? The wait is too long!

NOZIPHO ZUMA, EMAIL

Ed's response: We're thrilled to hear how delighted you are with DRUM PUZZLES! The next issue will be available in stores in March 2020.

But if you can't wait until then you can order back issues from Johan Terblanche on 021-406-4962 or email johan.terblanche@media24.com

MATRIC BLUES

It is unfortunate that not everyone who wrote their matric exams this year will have passed.

Failing matric can send some learners into deep depression and can even make them suicidal.

They must be told that failing matric is not the end of the world, or the end of their dreams.

Schools, teachers and parents must let learners know what their options are if they have failed and offer them the support they need.

It's important to encourage them to study hard, but it's also important to be there for those who don't do well.

ANDRIES RORO KABINI, ROCKVILLE

KEEP MOVING FORWARD

Life is like an obstacle course – you constantly have to face challenges.

One of these challenges is negative comments people will make about you.

Why do they do it? For the same reason dogs bark at moving cars.

Hold your head high and don't stop moving forward because if you stop to address every barking dog, you will never reach your destination.

Someone once said, "Kill them with kindness and bury them with success."

Those are words to live by.

THOBILE MOTAUNG, VUMA VILLAGE

UNSUNG HEROES

I salute the people who collect recyclable waste from our rubbish bins and dumpsites. These unsung heroes help keep our living spaces clean and address the challenge of littering and illegal dumping.

These people do not only earn a living but also contribute to the wellbeing of our environment by recycling.

Although waste pickers are an informal sector, their role in society needs to be recognised.

I urge motorists to be patient with waste pickers who cross the road with handmade trolleys.

Let's treat them with respect and acknowledge their important work.

MALPHIA HONWANE, GOTTENBURG EMANYELETI

ROAD SAFETY

Some taxi drivers are a law unto themselves. They'll skip robots, drive recklessly or speed. Passengers usually keep quiet out of fear.

The recent incident of screaming taxi passengers who let traffic officers know their driver was drunk is commendable. It is about time passengers alert officers to these drivers who put commuters' lives in danger.

After all, it's not about minding one's own business, but for your safety on the road.

JOHN SEZANI, EMAIL

facebook YOUR OPINIONS



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Bonang Matheba revealed the reason she wears a ring on her left hand – "It's called 'stop nonsense'," she said in an interview. DRUM readers shared their thoughts.

The worst part is, she wears it on the finger that's supposed to be for a wedding ring. Maybe she has lost hope for marriage and just married herself!

THEREZA NAZREC

Does she need a KFC proposal?

LEAH LINKI

It's her finger, her money that bought that ring and her choice to put it on that finger.

THULI NCWANE

Khloé Kardashian also wears a ring on her left finger, but no one asks her questions. Rock that ring, girl!

MINENHLE NDLOVU

Actually, I wear a ring too and I'm not married. I don't even have a boyfriend.

AMANDA AMMIE MKEHLE

NEW FROM DRUM!



DRUM FOOD

We've selected the most delicious recipes from the finalists of the DRUM Food Ambassador competition for this issue of DRUM FOOD. There's a great mix of dishes – from simple meals for the midweek rush to culinary creations to wow guests. What's more, these meals are easy to prepare!

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COOL, CALM & CREATIVE

Cassper Nyovest says this bittersweet year has taught him that he's smarter than he thought he was

BY QHAMA DAYILE PICTURES: ER LOMBARD

SO DETERMINED is he to fill up stadiums around the country, he's been dubbed Abuti Fill Up. In fact, his ability to get bums on seats earned him the best promoter and best hustler gongs at the recent SA Hip Hop Awards.

With all the money he's making from his concerts, it's no surprise Cassper Nyovest is dripping in designer clothes and gold when he pulls up at our offices in his Bentley. Yet he hasn't been laughing all the way to the bank, he reveals.

"This year was bittersweet," Cassper tells us. "I made the most money I have ever made but I also lost a lot because I had to pay the taxman."

So, there's truth in newspaper reports he owed R3 million to Sars, we remark. "I owed R13 million in fact. They reported that when I had already been paying my instalments," he says. "I was filing my taxes but my accountant made a few errors."

"The company I worked with had big accounts, my account was the smallest and I felt they neglected me a bit," he continues. "I didn't know much about tax, but when they did an audit they sent a junior accountant to assist me. So, when Sars called me in, he couldn't answer some of the questions."

Cassper was shocked to learn he owed Sars R13 million. At the time, he was settling a debt of R7 million, which he accumulated during his drive to fill up Moses Mabhida Stadium.

"When some KZN artists complained about a Tswana guy getting sponsorships in their province, some of the sponsors pulled out," he explains. Having made arrangements with Sars to pay off his debt, he hopes to settle it in December.





LEFT: With the promoter and hustler of the year gongs he bagged at the recent SA Hip Hop Awards. ABOVE: Cassper hits the gym twice a day.

“Luckily my assets weren’t repossessed.”

But Cassper still can’t get over all the hate. “Someone I considered cool asked me what a Tswana boy is doing in KZN. I never knew there were still tribal wars and so much ignorance in our country. I assumed everybody would love Cassper.”

However, it hasn’t stopped the Mahikeng star. “At home I don’t need to deal with the politics and hate,” Cassper says. “This time I’m doing Fill Up in my backyard [Royal Bafokeng Stadium].”

WHEN he started the Fill Up concerts five years ago, he wanted to blaze a trail. “I wanted the African child to dream because often we are told we are second best. People like Dr Tumi have been inspired by my dream and are doing a similar concept with the Word of God. That brings me joy,” Cassper says.

Having started with 20 000 people at Ticketpro Dome, he sold out Orlando Stadium and 68 000 people bought tickets to see him live at FNB Stadium, his biggest turnout so far, in 2017. He’s inspiring others but is also learning along the way, particularly about how to manage his finances.

“I’ve learnt not to talk too much about money, or the taxman will come for me again. But I will never stop flexing, I’m a flashy rapper,” says the muso, who also makes money from his work as a brand ambassador.

The self-confessed big spender has been accused of being tight-fisted with his community. “In the beginning I would post giving back or doing charity work, hoping to inspire someone, but I was labelled a show-off and I stopped posting,” he says. “Now people are saying I don’t do anything for the community. I do – I just don’t show it.”

Cassper pays no mind to his critics, though. “I work hard for the things I have. People who don’t like me will never see the good in me – I’ve accepted it. Even back when I was at a club and that dude whose name I don’t like mentioning [AKA] came and slapped me and I made a choice not to slap back, critics called me all sorts of names. Had I retaliated, I would’ve been called a hooligan.”

THE Baby Girl rapper has big dreams. Cassper is mentored by the executive chairman of Bothongo Group, Keith Bothongo, after his mother, Muzuki Phoolo, hooked them up.

“He’s changed the way I see things. He is teaching me about values, morals, family and discipline,” the rapper says. “I want to be a billionaire and not spend every night at Sumo nightclub buying people bottles and arguing over girls. I want a stable life with a wife and kids.”

Cassper, who broke up with presenter Boity Thulo in 2015, won’t tell us if he’s dating. “I’ve learnt that public relationships don’t work out. When you have an argument at home and go to an event later, you must pretend everything is okay,” he says.

As one of Mzansi’s most eligible bachelors, he’s tired of people poking their noses in his



ABOVE: Cassper and his mentor, Keith Bothongo. ABOVE RIGHT: The rapper and his best friend, comedian Carpo.

love life. “People will say, ‘I don’t like this one, go back to Boity,’” he laments.

He’s learnt to protect all his relationships, including friendships, particularly his bond with his BFF, comedian Carpo.

“I’ve had so many industry friends who are not in my life anymore. People who I considered brothers, they slept in my mom’s house. But Carpo has always been by my side. That’s my guy,” he says.

They met 18 years ago. “Our friendship is based on loyalty. He is my pillar of strength. I recently had an HIV scare and he went with me to get tested. That’s the level of friendship we are on.”

He may have lost some friends and made some enemies, but there’s no doubt Cassper has had a dazzling decade. “I always thought I was street-smart and my success was a fluke, but when I think about it, it was calculated moves. This year I’ve learnt I am smarter than I thought I was. I am fearless, brainy and intelligent, and I always figure it out.”

The rapper, who loves flaunting his ripped muscles on social media, has also learnt to take care of himself.

“I’m such an emotional person, even in my relationships, and I wasted a lot of time in beefs. I let myself get too angry. It was such a waste of time and energy.

“I would eat takeaways late in the evening, I would drink beer anytime, but now I workout twice a day. I stopped eating meat a month ago and I feel so good. I sleep better, my skin is clearer and I think clearer. I take care of myself, so I can take care of those I love,” he says.

Now he’s looking forward to changing things up in the next decade. “I’m turning 30, so I’m rebooting my life.” **DM**

I HAVE MY VOICE BACK

Singer Simphiwe Dana opens up about her vocal cord surgery, battling anxiety and depression and using music to heal her pain

BY KHOSI BIYELA

IT STARTED slowly. She woke up one morning and her voice wasn't as smooth and sweet as it used to be.

Simphiwe Dana put her husky voice down to having given it her all on stage when she performed at Mam' Winnie Madikizela-Mandela's memorial at Bassline last year.

She wasn't singing out of tune, but "my voice wasn't going where I wanted it to", she says. She knew something was wrong and wasted no time getting a professional medical opinion.

Simphiwe (39) was stunned when doctors diagnosed her with vocal dysphonia, a disorder in which the muscles that generate a person's voice go into periods of spasm.

"I thought I was going to lose my voice forever," she tells DRUM.

Vocal dysphonia, doctors told her, is caused by voice misuse such as not warming up the voice properly before singing.

"I'd been straining my voice for years and ended up with holes in my vocal muscles."

Simphiwe has always sung her heart out. "When I perform my spirit takes over and I'm in a different space, I don't even see people," she says.

Her instrument was damaged, but luckily it was not beyond repair. Simphiwe needed surgery, but was worried about how it would affect her vocal range.

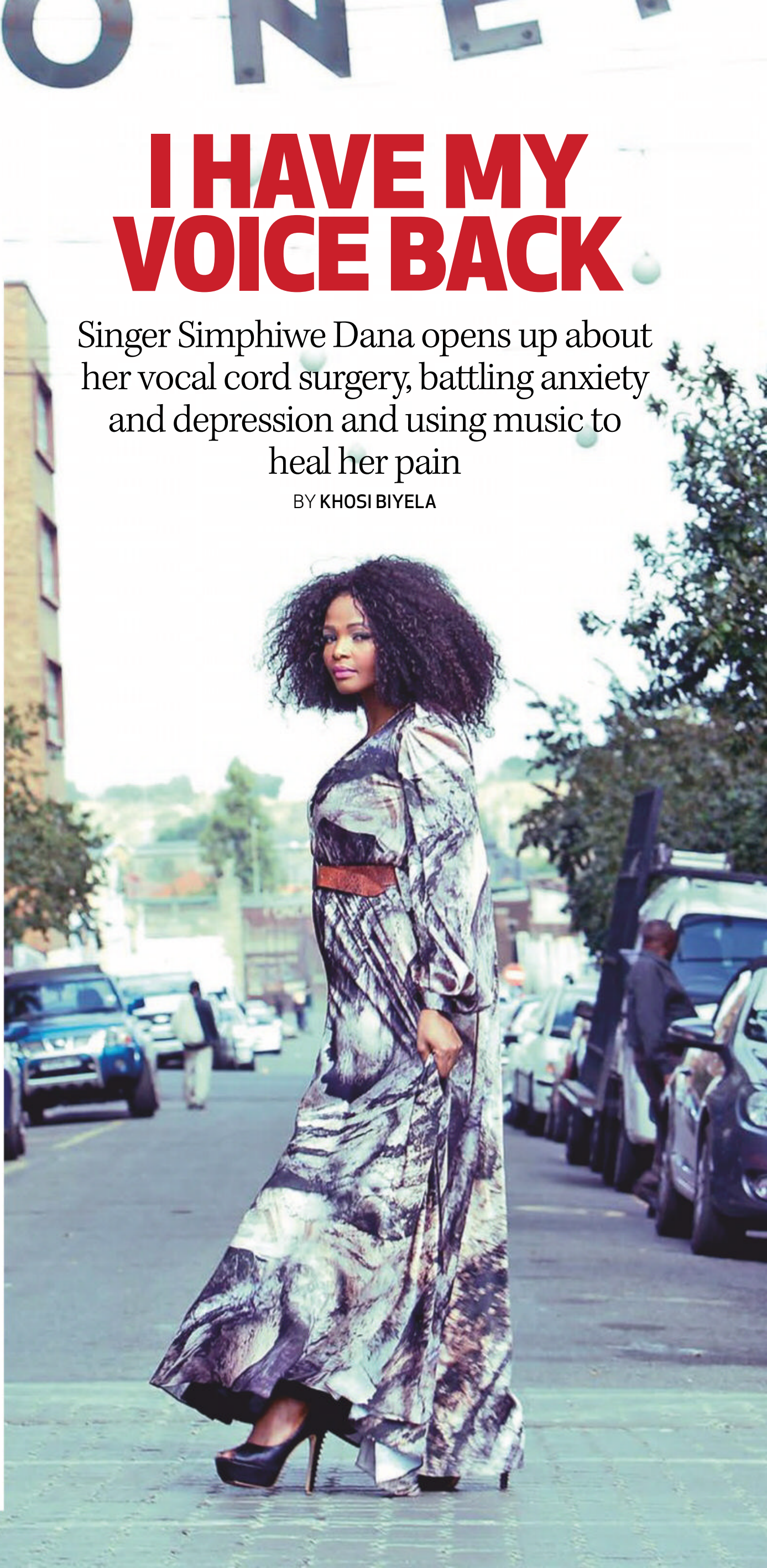
"It wasn't nodules like Whitney Houston and Brenda Fassie had. Once you have nodules your voice will never be the same again, even after surgery. But it was quite an intense surgery. I was freaked out."

She says she thought she wasn't going to make it through the two-hour operation. I even sent my friends instructions on what to do in case I don't make it out alive," she says with a laugh.

But she had nothing to worry about as the surgery was a success. Having spent some time in recovery to get her voice back on track, she was still terrified when she performed with an orchestra in Italy just weeks afterwards.

"I was scared to sing or even open my vocal cords," Simphiwe recalls.

"My voice was completely gone. But my doctor said the voice is there – I was just scared to use it."





LEFT: Simphiwe with daughter Zazi (left) and son Phalo. RIGHT: The singer has recovered fully after vocal cord surgery and will perform her second Simphiwe Dana Symphony Experience this month. BELOW: A young Simphiwe in 1986 in Lusikisiki in the Eastern Cape.



T'S been just over a year since the Ndireni singer went under the knife. Not only has she healed, she's also regained her confidence behind the mic.

"I still have to nurse my voice and use tricks to avoid cracking," she reveals.

But nothing will stop the songstress, who has eight albums, including three live albums, under her belt from singing her heart out during the second instalment of the Simphiwe Dana Symphony Experience.

The event, which takes place at the State Theatre in Pretoria on 7 December, features a 60-piece orchestra, 30-piece choir and 10-piece dance ensemble.

"Its core values are very Pan-African and very pro-women and young people," says Simphiwe.

She's invited Rwandan-American singer Somi and Afro-Cuban jazz singer Daymé Arocena to share the stage with her. "It's an appreciation of blackness because we tend to not appreciate black excellence."

Simphiwe met Somi in the US while she was performing with Bra Hugh Masekela back in 2012.

"They were singing at this small club in Harlem [New York City] and her soft voice blew me away," she recalls.

She came across Daymé's music while surfing the internet in search of good music. "She is so young but she's doing such complex, old music."

She's known to speak her mind on everything from women's rights to colo-

nialism and Simphiwe says her annual event is all about uniting Africans. "We isolate ourselves and

speak of Africa as if we are not part of it. We have to open our minds' borders to see how similar we are culturally."

She's currently working on her fifth studio album, and often goes beyond SA's borders in search of musical talent. "I even went to Mali for a different musi-

cal element," she says of her new work. She doesn't want to reveal more but assures us her music will be as soulful as the chart-topping hits she's given fans over the past 15 years. "That will never change," Simphiwe says.

imbalance, it was not caused by any circumstances. It's genetic and my kids also have it," she shares.

To help her cope, she turns to song. "I use music as a form of healing."

But her battle with anxiety is frustrating. "I don't like driving because panic attacks happen anytime."

It's a horrible experience, she says. "It feels like there are things crawling in my head and then I can't breathe."

A great deal of work has been done in recent years to educate people about depression, but not everyone understands her condition.

"One friend said I must snap out of it and claimed I was seeking attention," Simphiwe says. "Just because it's a mental condition people don't take it seriously."

She knows she can now count on the support of her circle of friends, but "I feel better when I am writing songs", she says. "The pain comes out in my music."

The actor and singer has used her time away from the spotlight to renovate her house in Orange Grove.

"It has been a very strenuous exercise. I wouldn't recommend it to anyone," she says with a laugh.

It's times like these the single mom wishes she had a man in her life.

"If you don't have a man, they [builders] take chances, they steal from you and cut corners."

Being the independent woman she is though, we have no doubt Simphiwe will build the house of her dreams. **DM**

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MUSIC has always been her happy place. In the past she's been vocal about her struggles with depression and anxiety. She found out about it at a very young age, she tells us.

"I always knew I was different from the other kids."

Simphiwe reveals both her children, Zazi (16) and Phalo (14), suffer from depression and anxiety. "It's a chemical

SASSA'S NEW HOPE

Busisiwe Memela-Khambula is determined to get the beleaguered agency back on track for the millions of people who rely on grants to survive

BY KHOSI BIYELA PICTURES: LUBABALO LESOLLE

THE poorest of the poor are counting on her. Children, struggling single parents, the elderly, people with disabilities – all those who can barely fend for themselves are looking to her to sort out the mess that has brought them to the brink of despair.

Busisiwe Memela-Khambula knows she has a gigantic job on her hands. Through more than 17 million grants she has millions of people relying on her to put food on the table and a backlog of issues stretching back to 2012.

“It hasn’t been easy,” the 61-year-old CEO of the South African Social Security Agency (Sassa) admits.

“Last month was very frustrating for me. We thought we had everything under control but our system collapsed.”

Beneficiaries were turned away empty-handed because there was no money at pay points – an all-too-familiar experience for far too many people.

But she’s determined to turn things around, the former managing director of Postbank and the Land Bank says.

After “a lot of thinking and praying”, Busisiwe agreed to take on one of the toughest jobs in SA because she’s long believed the only solution to Sassa’s ongoing crisis is for the South African Post Office (Sapo) to handle the distribution of grant payments.

“When I was with Postbank we approached Sassa for business – we actually begged them but they turned us down multiple times,” she says.

At the time, Sassa had a contract with Cash Paymaster Services (CPS) – a con-

tract that was declared invalid by the Constitutional Court in 2014, leaving Sassa to review its payment model.

A bungled attempt by former social development minister Bathabile Dlamini for Sassa itself to manage the R10-billion payment contract resulted in chaos when the agency admitted it would not be able to do this when the CPS contract ended.

Eventually, at the end of 2017, Sapo was appointed to take over payments, along with commercial banks.

But instability at the top has been rife: Memela-Khambula is the fourth CEO to take the wheel at Sassa since 2017.

She replaced acting CEO Abraham Mahlangu, who had taken over from Pearl Bhengu. Bhengu had succeeded

Thokozani Magwaza who resigned in 2017 after a high-profile spat with Dlamini, who he accused of running Sassa “like it was her shop”.

Memela-Khambula stepped into the fray recently, with the doubts of many ringing in her ears. “When I started here people told me certain things couldn’t be done. But I’m slowly winning over the hearts of our people at Sassa.”

SHE knows if she can’t win the hearts and minds of her staff, her plans to get the agency running smoothly won’t succeed.

In May she signed a five-year contract with the agency to help stabilise it and resolve its issues.



“When you are appointed as an acting CEO it’s hard to bring about change. You can’t plan ahead. I come with different experiences, not only in government but also in the private sector thanks to my banking experience.”

Memela-Khambula is a business strategist and has served on several boards of directors as well as in CEO roles.

“I know this Sapo and Sassa model is going to work,” she says. “It has worked in other countries and it will work here – we just need a bit of time.”

Apart from ensuring grant money is paid out on time, her other big challenge is dealing with R1,7 billion in irregular expenditure the agency racked up between 2012 and 2018 under the watch of former minister Dlamini.

“I still need to clean that up. We have about eight big irregular expenditures which are the bulk of this R1,7bn.”

The agency’s annual report showed this year that the money was rolled over from previous financial years. The auditor-general, Thembekile Kimi Makwetu, said Sassa’s leadership had failed to act against those responsible.

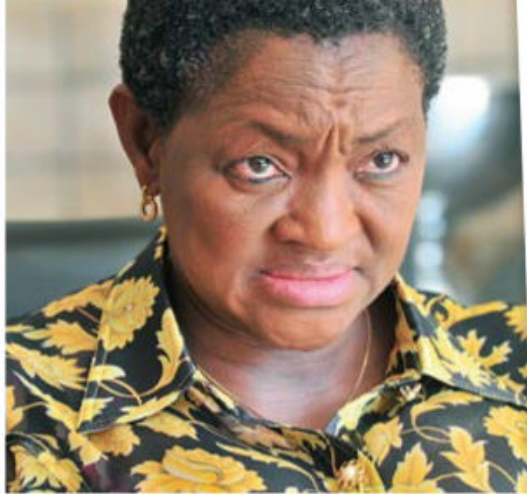
Much of the total irregular expenditure relates to contracts where their legality has been disputed, according to the annual report. Makwetu said he couldn’t be sure R1,7bn is an accurate reflection of the expenditure at Sassa because the agency didn’t have proper systems in place to ensure it had all been captured.

Memela-Khambula says the investigation into the R1,7bn has still to be conducted to identify if the expenditure was due to fraud or administrative errors.

THE CEO, who was born in Alexandra, Johannesburg, and grew up in Diepkloof, knows there’s a long, tough road ahead for her if she is to get her agency working efficiently.

Their biggest challenges are getting beneficiaries paid on time and in full and tackling fraud syndicates.

She also wants to spread the word that beneficiaries don’t have to withdraw their money on the first day of the month – something that contributed towards



FROM TOP: The Constitutional Court found former minister of social development Bathabile Dlamini’s conduct in the Sassa debacle “reckless and grossly negligent”; Sassa has had three CEOs since 2017 – Thokozani Magwaza, Pearl Bhengu and Abraham Mahlangu – prior to Memela-Khambula’s appointment.

‘Last month was very frustrating for me’



the system’s collapse at the beginning of the month.

“Yes, your money will be in your account on the first day of each month but you don’t have to withdraw it on the first. This overloads our system.”

Sassa is working on ways to stagger payments according to the eight types of grants.

“We’ve been avoiding this but I think it’s time we do it,” Busisiwe says. “I think people will get used to it eventually.”

Adding to her new-job woes is the fact 14 people were arrested for being part of a social grant fraud syndicate operating within Sassa and Sapo.

“They have someone at Sassa to change the beneficiary’s bank account details on the system on the day of grant payments.”

She says these syndicates are mostly based in KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape.

“I’m not justifying fraud but wherever there is money, there will always be fraud,” she adds.

Busisiwe unwinds by walking and practising yoga at her Northcliff home.

“I’ve stopped going to gym because I find it claustrophobic. Walking keeps me sane. And I vent to my twin sister, Ntsiki,” she says.

“It can be lonely upstairs. You can’t always take the issues you are having with your team to your team.”

Her sister told her she’d be crazy to take this job, Memela-Khambula confides – but it’s one she has to do. After all, there are millions of people relying on her. **DM**

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17 million South Africans rely on the money from social grants to survive.

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'I'M A DADDY'S GIRL!'

Miss SA Zozi Tunzi can count on her proud father's support as she gets ready for Miss Universe

BY GABISILE NGCOBO PICTURES: LUBABALO LESOLLE

WHEN she steps onto the stage at the Miss Universe pageant she can be sure of one thing: her beloved father will be there cheering her on every elegant step of the way.

To Miss SA Zozibini Tunzi, her dad, Lungisa, is many things: a devoted chauffeur, her biggest fan, her rock. He's been her unfailing pillar of support since she was a little girl taking part in her first pageant and he's here today as she chats to us in her stylish Sandton apartment.

"I'm always there for her," says Lungisa (55), who works in the department of higher education and training in Pretoria.

And Zozi (26) wouldn't have it any other way. "I'm a daddy's girl," she says.

Lungisa will never forget the day his daughter's name was called out on the night of the Miss SA pageant in August.

"I recorded the show and often replay it to remind myself how incredible it was."

Now he's hoping her name will ring out again in the early hours of Monday 9 December if she's announced as the new Miss Universe.

Lungisa and Philiswa, Zozi's school principal mom, will be in the audience at the pageant, which will take place in Atlanta in the United States. And even if she doesn't win, the achievement of competing on a world stage is enough to make this dad's heart light with love.

IT'S hard to believe the dazzling young woman seated before us with poise and exuding such charm was cripplingly shy as a little girl.

In a bid to boost her confidence, her parents persuaded her to enter her





LEFT: Zozibudeni Zozo with her dad, Lungisa, who's been to all her pageants. ABOVE: After winning the Miss SA title in August. ABOVE RIGHT: With her dad and mom Philiswa, her biggest supporters.



prepare for promotions and social media shoots. Then it's sponsorship work, appearances, interviews and gym.

She's also announced her social cause of choice, the #HeForShe campaign – a United Nations initiative through which men and women are invited to stand together to create a gender-equal world.

What's been the standout moment of her reign so far? Tough question, she says. There have been so many highlights – but if she had to choose, walking the runway at New York Fashion Week soon after her reign began takes the cake.

ZOZI'S signature feature is her close-cropped hair. Lungisa says he was a bit sceptical when she decided to ditch her wig and go for the natural look. But this is something Zozibudeni feels strongly about.

She believes her look is a true representation of South African women and she wants to break beauty stereotypes.

"Society has been conditioned for a very long time to see beauty as something that's been westernised," she says.

That's why she didn't take it personally when she was mocked by some people on social media soon after her crowning. "It did affect me just a little in a negative way, but I bounced back."

But, Zozibudeni says, she's had more positive feedback than negative. "I never realised how overwhelming it could be to be loved by people who don't even know you."

She's now taking her Afrocentric look international. About 1 billion people are expected to tune in to watch Miss Universe and Zozibudeni is already standing out: she's the only contestant whose profile picture on the competition website shows her with her head covered.

She's wearing an emerald-green headwrap and says the "risky" move has been well-received. "The *doek* is the story of many South African women. It's considered beautiful to us, so why not introduce it to the universe?"

Are the nerves kicking in

as the big day draws nearer? "Not at all," she replies. "I'm super-excited."

Preparations for the pageant are well underway. They entail watching previous Miss Universe contests, rigorous workouts at the gym three times a week – something that's taken getting used to as she's never been a gym bunny – learning how to conduct interviews and taking catwalk lessons.

"It's like going to the World Cup of beauty pageants," she says with a chuckle. She's also learning how to style herself, something she'll be practising in Atlanta for pre-judging events.

"The only time you get your hair and makeup done for you is on the day of the pageant," Zozibudeni says.

After Miss Universe, she's looking forward to spending Christmas with her family at home. Because of her hectic schedule, she doesn't see her loved ones as much as she wants to. "She doesn't belong to us anymore," her dad says ruefully.

Lungisa will have to get used to seeing his beloved daughter even less if she wins Miss Universe as she'd have to move to New York for the year of her reign.

Zozibudeni, however, will face the challenge head-on if it comes her way.

"I want whatever I do to be purpose-driven," she says. "I don't want to wake up every day feeling like I'm wasting my time."

Zozibudeni is inspired by the women of colour who came before her to take the Miss South Africa title, including Peggy-Sue Khumalo, Basetsana Kumalo and Amy Kleinhans.

"I didn't enter Miss SA because I thought I was the most beautiful woman in SA," she says. "I entered because it's one of the few platforms that give women the ability to lead and I knew I had a powerful voice and message to send out." **DM**

Lungisa says becoming Miss SA hasn't changed his daughter at all – she's still humble and respectful.



WE HAD NO CHOICE

DRUM speaks to the family of the man whose corpse was brought to an insurer's office when their policy wasn't paid

BY ZAMA NTEYI PICTURES: DARREN STEWART

Sifiso Mtshali's daughter Nombulelo Ngidi (left) and his nieces, Ntombenhle Mhlongo and Thandaza Mtshali, at his grave.

THE women carefully placed the heavy blue bag against a wall, then disappeared into an office before leaving the building. Half an hour later they were back, picking up the straps at the end of the body bag and shuffling out of the Old Mutual office in KwaDukuza, north of Durban.

All this was captured on video – a recording that went viral and caused a countrywide outcry. The bag contained the body of Sifiso Mtshali, the uncle of Thandaza Mtshali (30) and Ntombenhle Mhlongo (36), the two people who carried the bag.

And the reason they did so was because they became frustrated that Old Mutual wouldn't pay out the funeral policy. So they brought the body to the office so staff could see for themselves their uncle was dead and perform whatever "assessments" they needed to.

The footage of her father being carried around in a bag will haunt her for the rest of her life, says Sifiso's daughter, Nombulelo Ngidi (22).

She doesn't blame her cousins for dragging her dad's body to the insurer's

offices – it's the fact her family felt they had no choice but to take such drastic measures that upsets her so much.

"It's the most excruciating pain I've ever had. I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy," Nombulelo says.

"That was my father, and [Old Mutual] made a mockery of his death. It will take a lifetime before I forget the pain they caused me."

Nombulelo is nonetheless grateful the incident was captured and shared on social media. "If there was no video the whole thing would've been swept under the carpet. I'd like to thank whoever took that clip – they did us a huge favour," she says.

Nombulelo was at her father's home in Madundube outside Stanger when the drama unfolded, she tells us.

"I live with my mother and I'd come to Stanger for my father's funeral. We only saw the video after someone sent it to my aunt. I was shocked and deeply hurt, but the reality is that Old Mutual will never be able to erase that video because it's all over social media.

"As his children, we wouldn't have wanted to remember our beloved father in that way. But now we will always re-

member him being carried around in that blue plastic bag."

NOMBULELO last saw her father in June when she visited him in Stanger. "I was supposed to visit him again before the end of the year. I knew he had some health problems but I wasn't expecting him to die," she says.

The grieving young woman has only good memories of Sifiso, who passed away earlier this month after having a seizure.

"My father had 38 children and he wrote down all our names. He had a close relationship with each of us and we knew he loved us unconditionally. He was always there for us," she says.

Sifiso became ill on 1 November, Thandaza says. He was admitted to General Justice Gizenga Mpanza Regional Hospital and passed away a week later.

Trouble came in the days that followed.

As the family were making arrangements for the death certificate and observing rituals following Sifiso's death, they didn't contact Old Mutual about

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LEFT: The Mtshalis and their neighbours with the posters they used to protest at Old Mutual. BELOW: Ntombenhle Thandaza in the corpse-carrying video that went viral. BOTTOM: Ntombenhle says the insurer drove them to such drastic action.



claiming the funeral policy until the following Monday.

The insurer, they said, told them the money – R30 000 – would be paid out in 48 hours.

“This meant it was supposed to be paid by the Thursday, and we had no problem with that,” Thandaza says.

“On Thursday the money had not cleared and we started panicking. We approached them again and that’s when they started telling us about an ‘assessment’ they needed to do.

“We asked how long that would take and they said they didn’t know.”

On the Friday, a week after Sifiso’s death and five days after they’d lodged the claim, the money had still not been paid.

“We met the area manager and he asked us to wait for two hours. We waited in their offices, but the money was still not paid. When we asked, we were told to wait for another two hours because they were busy with ‘further assessments,’” Thandaza recalls.

“We waited, and then we were told to wait for another three hours.

At that point we realised that no payment was going to be made.”

‘All we want is compensation for the pain they put us through’

THANDAZA became enraged when an Old Mutual official suggested the family borrow the money for the funeral.

“I told them I can’t borrow any money because I’m unemployed. I suggested they lend us the money and deduct it when they finally made the payment but they refused.

“I warned them that since they weren’t sticking to their 48-hour promise, I was going to fetch the corpse so they could do their assessment.”

And that’s exactly what she did.

Thandaza had taken out the funeral policy last year “so I wouldn’t experience problems in the event of a death”.

“I’m not working but I made sure I paid

the R232 instalment every month without fail. I sacrificed a portion of my children’s social grant to pay Old Mutual.”

Ntombenhle adds that while the family wasn’t happy at having to bring Sifiso’s body to the Old Mutual office, they don’t feel guilty about it either.

“Old Mutual left us with no choice. Culturally, we aren’t supposed to even touch the body but we slaughtered a goat and explained to our ancestors and uncle why we were doing this,” Ntombenhle says.

The cousins went to the funeral parlour to get the body.

“We put it in front of the area manager’s desk. We wanted them to assess it. Within minutes, the money was paid into the bank account,” she says.

Sifiso’s spirit, Ntombenhle says, “is still lingering at the Old Mutual offices, and they must bear the cost of bringing his spirit home”.

“They must arrange psychological assistance for us because the incident has traumatised us. They must do a traditional cleansing for us because they made us carry his corpse,” she says.

The insurer has attempted to contact the family but they’re not ready to talk to them yet, she adds.

“All we want is compensation for the pain they put us through.”

In a statement Old Mutual apologised to the family after the clip went viral, and the company’s Thembisa Mapukata, general manager

Foundation Market, explains that “claims are individually assessed and, when necessary, a small percentage of claims may need further assessment”.

“This is usually when a policy has been on our books for less than a year or to exclude possible fraud.” She adds that the claim had already been authorised and the transfer was in progress when the family arrived at the branch with the body.

“The payment of the claim was not expedited by the regrettable event that took place at the branch,” she says, adding that the delay “was an isolated incident and not intentional. We have apologised to the family and deeply regret the distress caused by the delay in the payout of the funeral claim”.

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ABOVE: Luyolo beat Sneziey Msomi in this year's spectacular Idols SA finale.

TOP OF THE POPS

He didn't get through the first audition but Luyolo Yiba didn't let that stop him – and he went on to win Idols SA!

BY SIYA TSEWU PICTURE: ER LOMBARD

SHORTLY after arriving at our office in Joburg, he picks up a steamer to steam-iron his shirt. Luyolo Yiba wants to look sharp for our photoshoot. But he is quickly interrupted by someone from the M-Net PR team, who insists on tackling the task so the Idols SA season 15 winner can relax and focus on his interview.

Clearly the sweet-natured, modest attitude that earned him the adoration of fans across the country has not been an act – even now, with his newfound fame and millionaire status.

He was seen by many as the underdog of the competition, but Luyolo recently beat fellow Eastern Cape-born Sneziey Msomi to Idols SA glory. His charm is all down to an “ordinary and strict” upbringing, he tells DRUM.

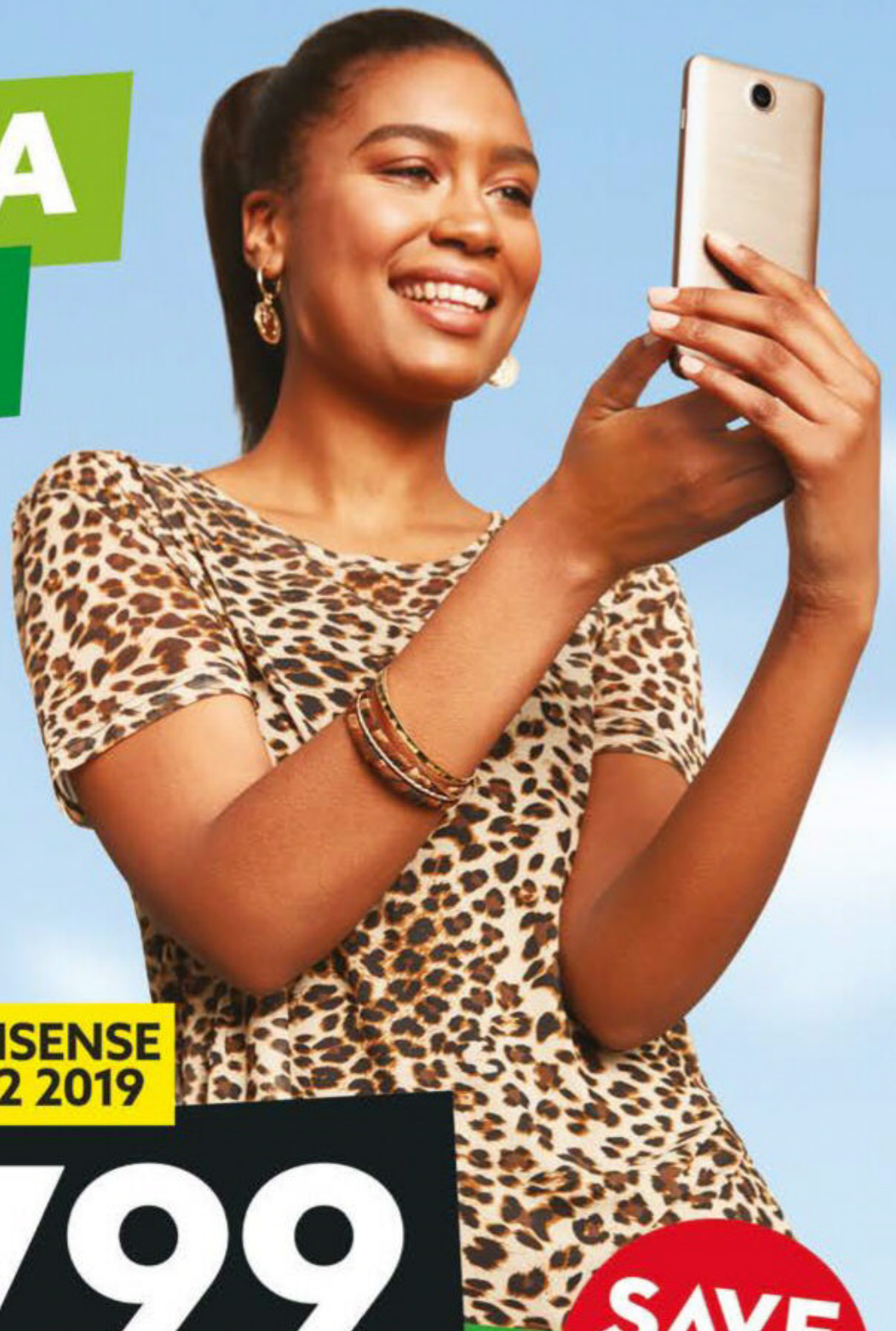
Luyolo (25) and his three siblings, Yanga (31), Abongile (21) and Salizwa (9), were raised in a Christian home by lecturer mom Noncedo and traffic cop dad Dumisani in King William's Town.

Every Sunday he and his family went to church, where he played the trumpet in the church band. His father set a 6pm curfew throughout his childhood, which he says he and his siblings dared not miss. And though it felt like punishment at the time, being indoors early at night is likely what saved him from getting mixed up with the wrong crowd.

“As I grew older, the less friends I had
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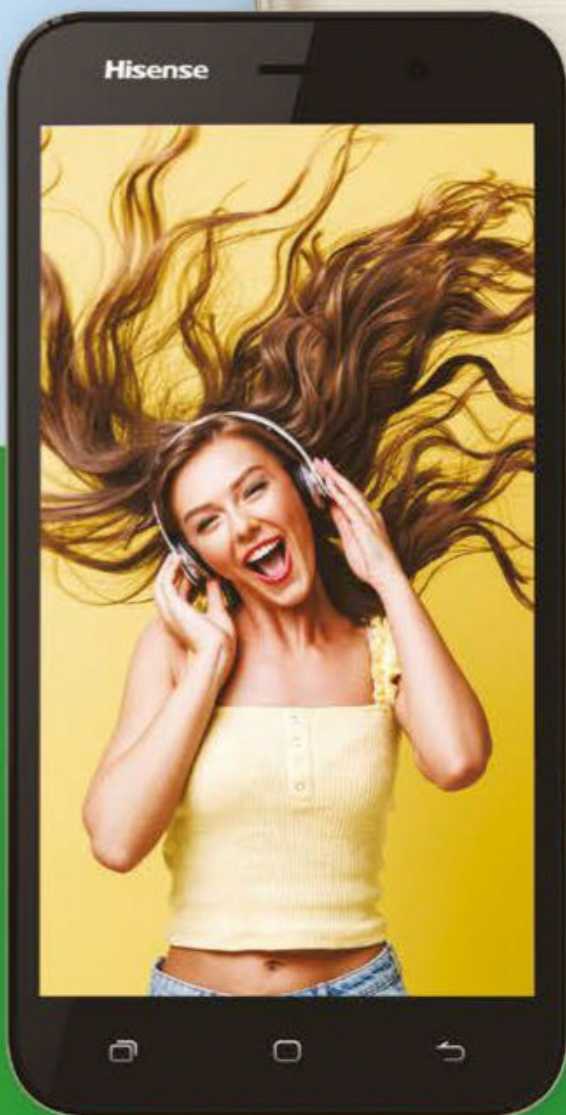
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– because it was not like the time we used to play marbles and cars and all go home at 6pm. Suddenly *amajita* (the guys) had lives after 6pm, which meant I was always the odd one out who never had stories to tell,” Luyolo says.

“But I would listen as they narrated to me what went down in the streets after dark. All of that groomed me to be the man I am today.”

HE WORKED as a software developer for a computing consultancy company when he decided to throw his name in the hat for this year’s singing competition.

Luyolo saved money to get to Cape Town but when his boss told him about auditions in Port Elizabeth, he jumped at the opportunity. However, he was eliminated from the competition at the pre-audition stage.

His musical journey could easily have come to a halt then, but the singer wasn’t deterred. “I was set on Cape Town, so I travelled there for that leg of auditions,” he tells us. He made it past the pre-audition round and blew away judges Randall Abrahams, Unathi Nkayi, Somizi Mhlongo and DJ Fresh when he auditioned for them. Luyola was rewarded with a golden ticket to the competition’s gruelling Theatre Week. “It was an amazing experience,” he recalls.

“DJ Fresh even gave me a nickname on the spot – he called me ‘bow-legged Lu’ because of my legs,” he says with a chuckle.

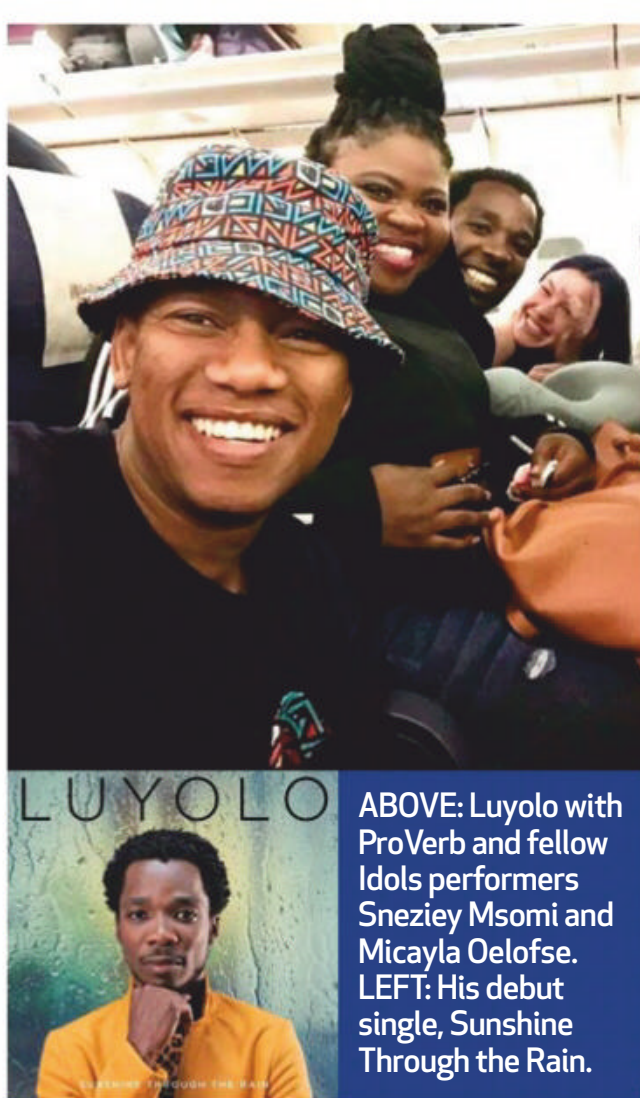
With the rest of the fierce competition ahead of him, he set off for Joburg. “It was my first flight to Joburg. I had a window seat and I sat there taking pictures and videos to share with my family because they were all as excited as I was.

“Suddenly my dream seemed within reach.”

During the competition, Luyolo says he didn’t have any specific strategy. “I just wanted to sing,” he says.

But things became serious when he made it to the top 32. “I realised everyone there could sing so I had to focus on myself and forget about other people. There were times I thought I would be sent home but once I let go of my fear of what people would say about me, I stopped just singing and started performing. I think that’s when people saw me rise in the competition.

“Towards the end, audiences finally



ABOVE: Luyolo with ProVerb and fellow Idols performers Snezley Msomi and Micayla Oelofse. LEFT: His debut single, Sunshine Through the Rain.

saw the performances I’d been having privately in my bedroom.”

In the nail-biting finale, the soulful singer performed John Legend’s Green Light, accompanied by the Mzansi Gay Choir as well as Calum Scott’s You are the Reason, becoming the first man to win the competition since 2015. Luyolo walked away with a record deal with Gallo, a Huawei MateBook X, a Huawei GT watch, a Huawei B525 Router and 20GB Telkom data, a Ford Fiesta 1.0 Eco-Boost, a R100 000 Truworths voucher, R80 000 worth of Yamaha musical instruments and, of course, R1 million in cash.

“I still can’t believe I won. It’s so surreal,” he says shaking his head and smiling broadly.

LUYOLO struggled with low self-esteem as a teen. He’d had a bad fall when he was in Grade 7, which resulted in a broken front tooth.

“It was just before the annual photographs were taken and I was the school joke. That was easily the most embarrassing time of my life. Breaking my tooth changed me and I became withdrawn,” he says.

He found solace in song. Luyolo, whose tooth was repaired during Idols when someone offered to fix his smile for free, discovered his voice as a teenager when he got a new cellphone. Instead of recording a spoken voicemail message, he decided to sing it. “That first time I heard my voice played back to me, I liked it. I was a kid, so I didn’t think as far as what

BELOW: With his parents, Dumisani and Noncedo, at his graduation. BOTTOM: With varsity pals Abongile Diko and Phila Phaliso.



the person on the other end of the call would do when they heard me singing.”

By the time he needed to choose a career, he knew he wanted to sing but feared what his parents would say. “Naturally, when I did ask them, they said, ‘No’, and that I should look into having a proper career. My dad suggested I consider IT and because I liked computers it made sense and I agreed.”

After matriculating in 2012, he enrolled at Walter Sisulu University (WSU). “WSU was great for me because I was able to start on a clean slate. Nobody knew me and I was able to reinvent myself,” he says.

During orientation week students started performing different types of music and he felt forced to share his talent. “I sang Baninzi by The Soil and when I got off the stage, people were screaming for more and all the political parties wanted me to join them so I could perform at functions. But I declined,” he says.

He wanted to focus on his education, he says, and joined an art club at varsity that allowed him to express himself musically. Luyolo also learnt drama and dancing and started an a cappella group with his friends but they drifted apart after they graduated. He then started performing at The Mustard in East London, earning the respect of other musicians in the area.

It’s been a long journey to the top for the singer, but he’s just getting started. “My only focus right now is the music,” Luyolo says. **DM**



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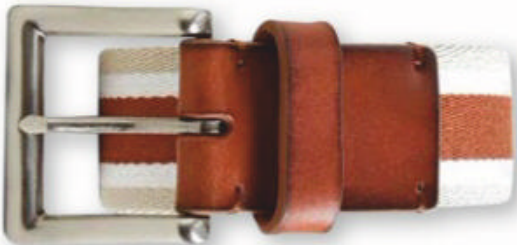









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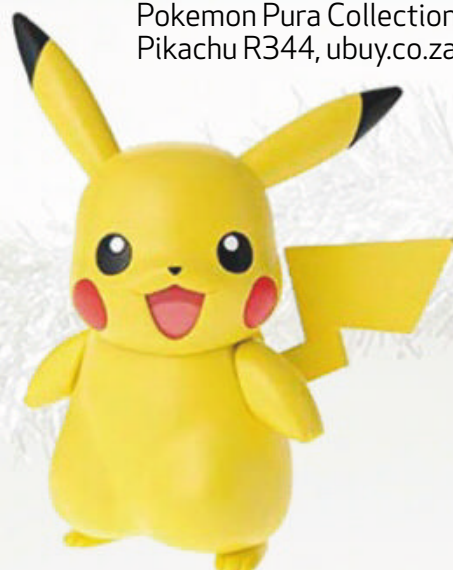
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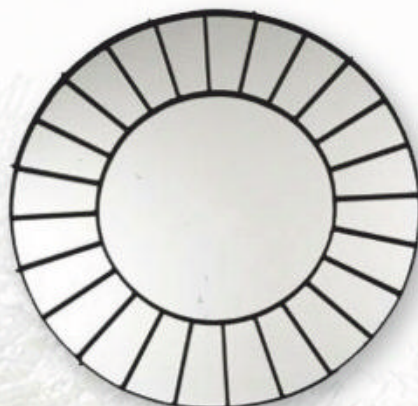
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1 SHORTBREAD BISCUITS

MAKES 40-45 BISCUITS

PREPARATION: 15 MIN

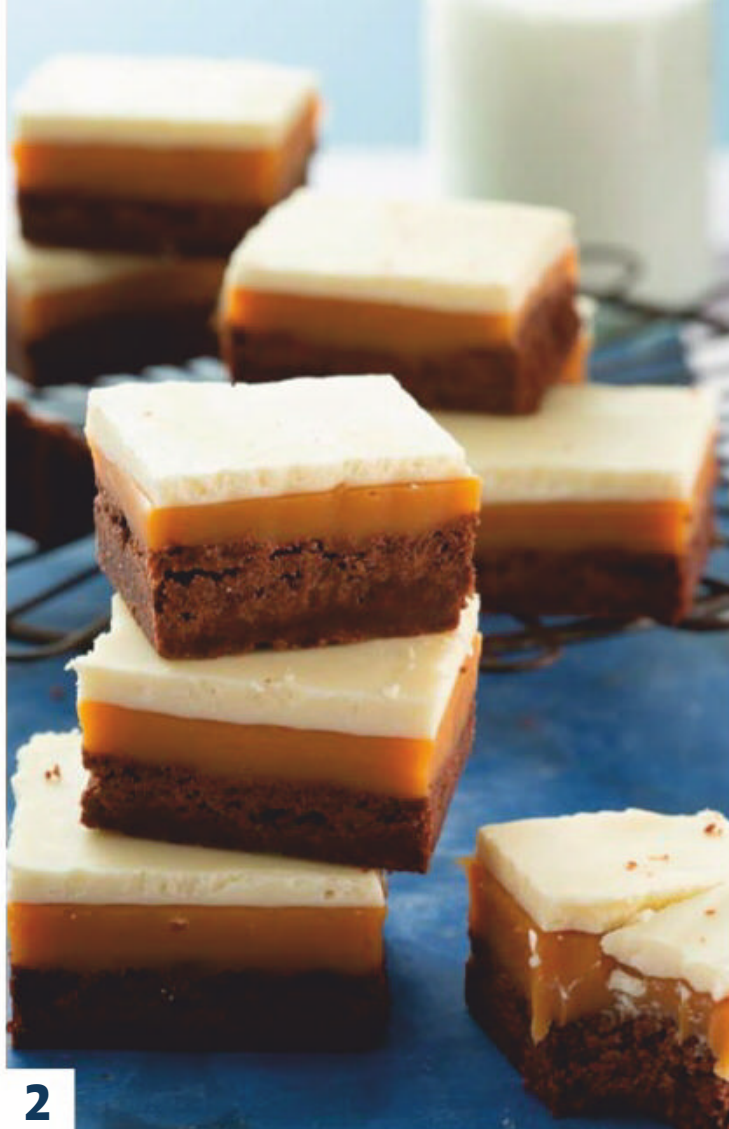
CHILLING: 15-20 MIN

BAKING: 15-17 MIN

- ▶ 250g butter, softened
- ▶ 100ml castor sugar
- ▶ 1 egg yolk
- ▶ 30ml (2T) lemon juice
- ▶ 5ml (1t) vanilla essence
- ▶ 400ml cake flour
- ▶ 100g pistachio nuts, finely chopped
- ▶ 250ml (1c) icing sugar

Preheat the oven to 160°C. Line 2 large baking sheets with baking paper and grease with nonstick spray.

- 1 Cream together the butter and sugar until the mixture is light and fluffy.
- 2 Beat in the egg yolk, lemon juice and vanilla essence.
- 3 Add the flour and nuts and knead to form a soft dough. Use a 15ml measuring spoon to scoop up the dough and roll into balls. Arrange on the baking sheets and flatten slightly. Chill for 15-20 minutes.
- 4 Bake for 15-17 minutes



2

2 CHOCOLATE SHORTBREAD SQUARES

MAKES 20-24 SQUARES

PREPARATION: 30 MIN

CHILLING: ABOUT 1 HOUR

BAKING: 15-20 MIN

SHORTBREAD

- ▶ 200g cake flour
- ▶ 30g cocoa powder
- ▶ 175g unsalted butter
- ▶ 75g castor sugar

CARAMEL

- ▶ 150g butter
- ▶ 1 can (385g) condensed milk
- ▶ 100g golden syrup

CHOCOLATE

- ▶ 300g white chocolate

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Grease a 22cm square baking tin and line with baking paper.

- 1 **Shortbread** Combine all the ingredients using your fingertips until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Press into

or until done but still pale brown.

- 5 Sift the icing sugar over the biscuits while they're still hot then leave to cool. Store in an airtight container.

the baking tin using the back of a spoon.

- 2 Bake for 15-20 minutes or until golden and compact. Remove the tin from the oven and allow to cool completely.
- 3 **Caramel** In a saucepan, combine the butter, condensed milk and golden syrup and heat over low heat until the butter has melted. Stir the mixture every few minutes until it becomes thicker and darkens.
- 4 Remove the caramel mixture from the heat and pour over the cooled shortbread layer. Set aside in the baking tin to cool for 10 minutes then transfer to the fridge to harden for 20-30 minutes.
- 5 **Chocolate** Put the chocolate in a glass bowl and microwave, stirring after every 30 seconds, until melted.
- 6 Once the caramel has hardened, pour the chocolate over and use a spatula to smooth the surface. Set aside for 3 minutes then transfer to the fridge and chill for 15-20 minutes.

- 7 Once the chocolate layer has set and hardened, remove the slab from the baking tin and cut into squares. Store in an airtight container.

3 COFFEE COOKIES

MAKES 15 FINGER SAND-

WICHES AND

12 ROUND SANDWICHES

PREPARATION: 20 MIN

BAKING: 8 MIN (FINGERS);

10-12 MIN (ROUNDS)

CHILLING: OVERNIGHT

- ▶ 450g cake flour
- ▶ 100g brown sugar
- ▶ 5ml (1t) salt
- ▶ 200g butter, chilled and cubed
- ▶ 235g golden syrup
- ▶ 60ml (¼c) boiling water
- ▶ 30ml (2T) strong instant coffee granules
- ▶ 5ml (1t) bicarbonate of soda
- ▶ 5ml (1t) vanilla essence

FILLING

- ▶ 1 can (385g) caramel
- ▶ 30ml (2T) strong instant coffee granules

Preheat the oven to 160°C. Grease a few baking sheets with nonstick spray and line with baking paper.

- 1 In a food processor, combine the flour, sugar,

salt and butter and pulse until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Add the golden syrup.

- 2 Mix the boiling water and coffee, dissolve the bicarbonate of soda in the mixture and add the vanilla essence.
- 3 Add the coffee mixture to the mixture in the food processor and combine well to form a dough.
- 4 Divide the dough in half. Put one half in a piping bag with a wide, plain round nozzle. Pipe 30 fingers, each 5cm long, onto prepared baking sheets and bake for 8 minutes.
- 5 Roll 30 balls of 25g each from the remaining dough and arrange on the prepared baking sheets. Bake for 10-12 minutes.
- 6 **Filling** Mix the caramel and coffee granules and chill in the fridge overnight. Use the caramel filling to sandwich the cookies together.

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CHERRY AND ALMOND BISCUITS

MAKES 40-46 BISCUITS

PREPARATION: 15 MIN

CHILLING: 1 HOUR

BAKING: 10-12 MIN

- ▶ 250g butter
- ▶ 250ml (1c) icing sugar
- ▶ 625ml (2½c) cake flour
- ▶ 5ml (1t) baking powder
- ▶ 5ml (1t) salt
- ▶ 100g red glacé cherries, cut into quarters
- ▶ 100g green glacé cherries, cut into quarters
- ▶ 100g honey-roasted almonds, chopped
- ▶ icing sugar for dusting (optional)

Preheat the oven to 160 °C. Line two baking sheets with baking paper.

- 1 Cream the butter and icing sugar together until light and fluffy.
- 2 Sift in the dry ingredients and mix until a dough forms.
- 3 Stir in the cherries and

nuts. Divide the dough in half and roll each into a thick sausage. Cover with clingfilm and chill in the fridge for 1 hour.

- 4 Remove the clingfilm. Cut the dough into 10mm thick slices and arrange on the prepared baking sheets. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 5 minutes then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Dust with icing sugar (if using) before serving.

TIP

The rolls of cookie dough can be kept in the freezer for up to three months. Thaw overnight in the fridge, then cut and bake as described.

LEMON CUSTARD FINGERS

MAKES 20 BISCUIT

SANDWICHES

PREPARATION: 15 MIN

BAKING: 10-12 MIN

COOKIES

- ▶ 225g butter
- ▶ 50g icing sugar, sifted
- ▶ 5ml (1t) vanilla essence
- ▶ zest of 3 lemons
- ▶ 225g cake flour

- ▶ 45ml (3T) custard powder
- FILLING**

- ▶ 50g butter
- ▶ 125g icing sugar, sifted
- ▶ zest of 2 lemons
- ▶ 30ml (2T) lemon juice

Preheat the oven to 160°C. Grease two baking sheets and line with baking paper.

- 1 Cream the butter, icing

sugar, vanilla essence and lemon zest together until light and fluffy.

- 2 Sift the flour and custard powder over and stir into the mixture.

- 3 Put the mixture in a piping bag fitted with a 1cm fluted piping nozzle. Pipe 5cm fingers on the prepared baking sheets.

Bake for 10-12 minutes. Cool for about 5 minutes on the baking sheets then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

- 4 **Filling** Beat all the ingredients together in a large bowl until light and fluffy. Spread the filling on half the biscuits. Top with the

remaining biscuits and sandwich together.

TIP

Store without filling for up to five days in an airtight container, or three days if filled.



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CHOCOLATE-DIPPED GINGER BISCUITS

MAKES 20 BISCUITS

PREPARATION: 20 MIN

CHILLING: 1 HOUR

BAKING: 10-12 MIN

- ▶ 50g butter, melted and cooled
- ▶ 30ml (2T) golden syrup
- ▶ 100g dark brown sugar
- ▶ 1 egg, whisked
- ▶ 150g cake flour
- ▶ 5ml (1t) bicarbonate of soda
- ▶ 15ml (1T) ground ginger
- ▶ 5ml (1t) ground allspice
- ▶ 80g dark chocolate
- ▶ 75g mixed citrus peel

Preheat the oven to 160°C. Line two baking sheets with baking paper.

- 1** Mix the butter, syrup, sugar and egg in a large bowl.
- 2** Sift the dry ingredients over the butter mixture

and stir to form a soft dough.

- 3** Using a 15ml measuring spoon, scoop up the dough, roll into balls and arrange 5cm apart on the prepared baking sheets. Chill in the fridge for 1 hour.
- 4** Bake the biscuits for 6 minutes. Using a large tablespoon, flatten them until they form light cracks, then bake for a further 4-6 minutes. Leave to cool slightly on the baking sheets then transfer to a cooling rack and leave to cool completely.
- 5** Melt the chocolate and dip each biscuit halfway. Sprinkle the citrus peel over the chocolate and leave to set. Store in an airtight container for up to three days. **DM**

A FOODIE FEAST FOR YOUR TABLE

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LOWER BODY STRENGTH

Squats work your lower body – especially your thighs – as well as your glutes, hamstrings, hip flexors, calves and core – with the weights adding extra punch to your push. **1** Place weights on your shoulders with your feet shoulder-width apart. **2 and 3** Move your hips back and lower yourself into a squat – like you're sitting on a chair – taking care to keep your core engaged. Hold for a few seconds and return to position 1. Repeat at least five times.



UPPER BODY STRENGTH

You should feel this exercise in your biceps and shoulders. **1** Stand straight with feet shoulder-distance apart and arms by your sides with elbows tucked in to your ribs, palms facing out. **2** Keep your abs tight as you bicep curl up on the exhale. **3** Inhale, and then lift your arms above your head on the next exhale for a shoulder press. Return to position 1 and repeat at least 10 times.



Dumbbells are inexpensive and easy to use. Fitness coach Aneekah Ismail shows us how weights add extra power when sculpting your legs, arms and abs

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TIP

Dumbbells are not one-size-fits-all. Choose a weight that's not too light – you need to challenge yourself to build strength. But don't make them too heavy either because you don't want to injure yourself or work the wrong muscles.



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TIP

Take this exercise up a notch by raising your feet just off the ground and keeping them up as you twist.



AB ACTION

1 Lie on your back, bend your knees with your feet hip-distance apart and hold the weights to your chest. **2** Engage your core, peel your back slowly off the ground into a sit-up and raise your weights in the air. Lie slowly back down and repeat at least 10 times.

3 If you're feeling strong, get into a sit-up position then twist your upper body from side to side, keeping your core extra tight.

DUMBBELL DEAD LIFT

This will work your lower back, glutes, quads and hamstrings, as well as your core.

1 Stand straight, feet hip-width apart, holding weights in front of your hips, palms facing your thighs.

2 Engage your core, keep your legs straight and spine neutral and bend from the hips towards the floor. Look forward, not at the ground, to help you avoid rounding your back. Squeeze your glutes to pull yourself up back into position 1 and repeat at least 10 times.



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TIP

This is a good strength training exercise that will help you avoid back injury when you do things like pick up heavy objects. It also works wonders for your posture.

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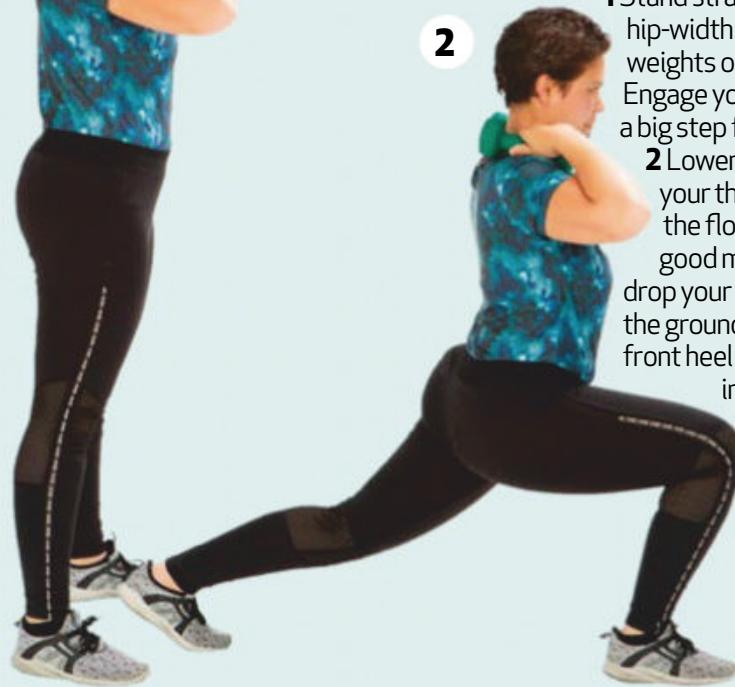
LEG LUNGE

A great exercise for your lower body but it can be difficult to find your balance at first, especially using weights. Make it easier by ensuring your front foot is not directly in line with your back foot when you lunge forward.

1 Stand straight with feet hip-width apart and the weights on your shoulders. Engage your core and take a big step forward.

2 Lower your body until your thigh is parallel to the floor. If you have good mobility, you can drop your back knee to the ground. Press into your front heel to bounce back into position 1. Repeat at least five times on each side.

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Tech-savvy safety

Technology to keep you safe goes beyond alarms and security systems – check out these useful apps and gadgets

BY LYNNETTE JOHNS

THE world can feel like a scary place. Housebreakings, hijackings, rape, sexual assault, stabbings, kidnapping – we're confronted with news about these crimes daily. No wonder so many of us feel an almost constant undercurrent of distress.

It's that feeling of unease that has us anxiously looking over our shoulder when we're out, especially in an unfamiliar place or at night. It's the hyper-awareness about where your kids are, where your bag is, whether you've locked the security gate.

Many women now carry some sort of self-defence weapon – for example a key to stab an attacker in the eye or pepper spray to blind them. But technology also gives us access to devices that can alert emergency services, family or friends if we're in trouble.

Here's a selection of apps and gadgets you might want to consider.

APP APPEAL

Check out these free safety apps.



Sharing your location via **WhatsApp** has become a regular safety measure. It doesn't live-track you, but it shows where you are within 17m. To send your location, open the chat, click on the paper clip icon (Android) or the plus sign (iOS) in the chat box, and click on the location button.



Uber has a number of safety features in its toolkit. These include sharing trip details with your contacts, including GPS-tracking rides and sharing arrival times, and an in-app emergency button linked to private security companies.



The e-hailing **ChauffHer** app will be launched in South Africa soon. Its mission is to provide a safe riding environment for women. It employs only women drivers and transports only women and children.



With the **Red Panic Button** app you can post a panic tweet showing your current address and a Google Maps link.

The app is linked to a Twitter Panic feature, so your friends will know you need assistance. The application enables users to push a central button and allow immediate contact with various emergency services, providing instant details of your

location. A widget can be installed on Android and iOS devices. When pressed, it sends an SMS panic message to your contact list. The widget allows you to record a message and send a picture or video file.



FollowMee is a GPS tracker that converts your iPhone or iPad into a GPS-tracking device. Install this app to the device you want to track and you can monitor its whereabouts on FollowMee.com.



bSafe sends an SOS alarm signal to your guardians by pressing a button or saying a key phrase. The app streams and automatically records emergency video. You can also receive a fake phone call if you find yourself in a situation where you want to leave.



Panic Alarm When the widget on the home screen is pressed, it activates a high-pitched alarm sound.



When tapped, the **Women Safety** app sends an email with your location and a link to Google Maps to preconfigured recipients. The app also captures two photographs, one with front camera and the other with back camera, and a video or audio clip that's uploaded to the app's server. A link to the pic, audio or video is then emailed to the chosen email addresses.

You can also update your status to your emergency contacts by pressing a green button. The orange button sends an alert that you may be in danger. The red button is for when you are in danger.



Namola tracker is a free phone app that was recently added to the Warrior Project SA's resources. The project was established this year to provide victims of domestic abuse and violence with access to information and tools.

When activated, the app sends an emergency signal to Namola's response centre operators. They will confirm the

emergency and despatch emergency assistants.

Note: There is a wide selection of free safety apps in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. But not all are as effective as they claim to be so make sure that you read the reviews before installing an app.

WEARABLE DEVICES

These safety options are not free, but they're easy to use and accessible if you're in potential danger.

* Memeza Mini GPS Tracker

Pendant

What is it? GPS and Wi-Fi tracker. It uses a micro SIM card and is supported by all networks.

How it keeps you safe The pendant has a two-way voice feature, as well as a remote listen-in.

The pendant comes with a user-friendly mobile tracking application downloadable from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Where to find it memeza.co.za

Cost R749,99*

* mySOS standalone panic button

What is it? A GPS-linked panic button that can receive calls from emergency contacts.

How it keeps you safe The system is activated when the panic button is pushed. Emergency contacts will be notified of your location, what type of emergency it is and other relevant information. There is also a fall-detect function that's handy for elderly people, those living alone and active people training alone.

Where to find it mysos.co.za

Cost R1 450 and a monthly subscription of R25

* MyLifeline Pendant Wearable Panic Button

What is it? A waterproof IP67 GPS panic button that can be worn around your neck or attached to your keys.

How it keeps you safe A panic signal will be sent to a control room when the button is pressed and held for three seconds. It features two-way voice capability, estimates your GPS location, has 24/7 monitoring and will send an SMS alert to five

contacts.

Where to find it mylifeline.co.za

Cost R1 599 plus a monthly subscription of R99

* Guardian Gabriel

What is it? A wearable panic button that sends your location to private security, family and friends.

How it keeps you safe They keep stats on crime reports and panic alerts and can notify clients to stay alert if they are in a danger zone.

Where to find it guardiangabriel.co.za

Cost R900 and a monthly subscription of R65. **DM**

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UPGRADES FOR OLD SCHOOL

* The whistle has been redefined into a personal alarm. Memeza has developed a personal alarm that sells for R79,99. When activated, by pulling a string, it emits a piercing alarm (140 decibels). The sound has the potential to confuse and scare a would-be attacker and rouse would-be rescuers.

It's lightweight and comes with a keyring attachment.

* You no longer have to carry a bulky can of pepper spray in your hand. The Sabre Red Lipstick Pepper Spray at first glance looks like a harmless shimmery pink tube of lipstick. But don't be fooled – it contains the maximum heat allowed in pepper spray, reaches up to 3m, and the stream delivery pattern reduces wind blowback. Available at takealot.com for R299.

SAFETY TIPS

- * Always let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back.
- * Make sure your devices are charged.
- * Use the speed-dial functionality on your phone to programme in your emergency contacts.
- * Share your cab/Bolt/Uber ride with friends.
- * Always turn on safety features such as shared GPS coordinates.
- * Share your location by dropping pins in WhatsApp.

'Always let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back'

ASK SIS DOLLY



Need advice? E-mail sisdolly@drum.co.za or SMS the keywords SIS DOLLY followed by your question and name to 36489*.
*Each SMS (160 characters) costs R1.

I WANT ACCESS TO MY CHILD

Q My girlfriend and I were together for 18 months. At the start of our relationship, before we realised she was pregnant, we fought a lot both physically and verbally. Her parents got involved after the baby was born, and they hate me.

At the time I was not working, so her mother helped but now I am working and I want to provide for our child.

I have a special bond with the baby but my girlfriend is refusing to allow me to be involved in her life. She says she first needs to talk to her mother about me spending time with her. How can I convince her I want to be a father to our child?

DOTING DAD, SMS

A You have to be commended for being willing to do right by your child. You have acknowledged that the child is yours, and Section 21 of the Children's Act states that a father acquires full parental responsibilities and rights in respect of a child born out of wedlock. Section 18 talks about rights and responsibilities such as caring for the child, maintaining contact with the child and contributing towards maintenance of the child.

The law is on your side when it comes to you wanting to honour your duty as a father. Your child's mother and grandmother can't hold it against you that you were unemployed, and they have no right to block you from being a presence in your child's life.

What happened in the past should not be a stumbling block to you having a relationship with your child. All of you need to accept that it's in the past, then forget about it so you can focus on what's in the best interests of the child.

If necessary, seek the assistance of a family counsellor by calling the Family Life Centre on 011-788-4784 to find an office close to you.

HIT HARD BY HIV

Q I'm a 26-year-old man who's recently found out I'm HIV-positive.

This has hit me really hard and I'm not coping. I'm always crying and so I want to know how I can forget about this. I can't live like this.

What must I do to make my life better?

BN, SMS

A Being diagnosed HIV-positive does not mean it's the end of the world. You need to take care of yourself and live healthily.

HIV can be managed successfully with antiretroviral therapy – you just have to make sure you take your medication religiously. Stick with one partner and always use protection.

On the emotional side, it would

be beneficial for you to get support from people you trust and who are close to you. It's not a good idea for you to live with this secret alone. You need the help and support of your loved ones. I suggest you also find a support group in your area. This will connect you with other people who are in the same situation and you can support each other by sharing your fears, dreams and coping strategies.

Try calling LifeLine SA's Aids helpline on 0800-012-322 to find a group in your area. Alternatively, you can ask them about individual counselling if a group setting is not for you.

Keep in mind that being HIV-positive is not a death sentence. Like anyone who's living with a chronic disease, the key is to take good care of yourself so you can enjoy a fulfilling and healthy life.

'He who runs after good fortune runs away from peace'

– AFRICAN PROVERB

HE'S SENDING MIXED MESSAGES

Q I'm a bisexual guy who has an endless crush.

I've been crushing on this guy since 2011 and still am today. We are from the same village but were not friends. We both now stay in Gauteng and he started to message me – he'd heard that I dated guys and wanted to know more about it.

He sent me lots of messages with the emoji blowing kisses, and this led me to tell him how I felt about him. He asked me how it would work and when I explained things to him, he said he couldn't do it.

I told myself I must stop this, but when I didn't contact him he called me and complained.

He seems to be doing

everything he can to make my feelings for him even stronger.

I really love him but I'm sure he's playing me and I need to let these feelings go.

How do I do that?

CONFUSED, EMAIL

A His behaviour certainly seems confusing. Maybe before letting go of your feelings, you should find out from him exactly what it is he wants. You have spelt out what you would like to happen and now it's his turn to clearly state whether he wants to be in a relationship with you or not.

You are both old enough to know what you want and what you need to do to get it. Tell him you need him to make a decision about where he wants this relationship to go. **DM**

Win a beauty bursary worth R70 000!

Nominate yourself or a friend to stand a chance to win a bursary at Beautique Academy

THE beauty industry is fast growing and filled with many career opportunities. Whether you're fresh out of school or already established in the industry, it's worth considering a venture into laser training.

"It's an exciting time to be in beauty. Technology keeps us on our toes. Conventional beauty salons are becoming a thing of the past and aesthetic clinics are popping up all over the place," says Tzvia Hermann, founder and co-owner of the Beautique group.

Who is the Beautique group?

The group has played a big role in revolutionising the hair-removal industry in South Africa in the past decade.

Among many firsts, it was the first to offer pain-free, permanent laser hair removal and pain-free electrolysis treatment in SA, which is also safe for African, Asian and Indian skin and is effective on dark and light – even white – hair.

What is Beautique Academy?

Due to demand, Tzvia has opened her Beautique Academy to the public.

The academy offers specialised modules that allow men and women to enter the diverse field of aesthetic technology at their own convenience through an online learning experience that's complemented by expert practical lessons.

Trainers are qualified experts, who provide

remote and hands-on training and support.

The idea behind the academy is to provide comprehensive beauty, aesthetic and applied business training programmes within the beauty and aesthetic industry in association with the other companies within the group, Laser Beautique and Beautique Distribution.

It's the ideal place to kick-start or upgrade your career, keeping you at the forefront of new technology and treatment options in the industry and allowing you to offer these solutions to your clientele.

What you can win

A study bursary at Beautique Academy worth

R70 000, which will teach you skills such as threading, laser-hair removal, waxing, electrolysis and business management.

HOW TO ENTER

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ASK NTHABI



Nthabiseng Monareng holds LLB and LLM degrees from the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. Nthabi has more than 10 years' experience in the legal field, specialising in family law. She's written books on family law and is a family law mediator.

I WANT MY HOUSE BACK

Q People have been living in my RDP home since 2005. They tricked me into buying my house with R2 500. I asked them to leave, but they will not move. The title deed is still in my name. I have laid a charge, but my case is always postponed. What can I do to get my house back?

HOMEOWNER, EMAIL

A Since the title deed is in your name, you need to give the occupants a letter of eviction, where you give them notice to vacate your house.

You can give them 20 days' notice, or you can be generous and give them three months to vacate. If they refuse to leave the house you need to hire an attorney who will bring a court application to evict them.

'If they refuse to leave the house you need to hire an attorney'



Do you have a legal problem but can't afford a lawyer?

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FAMILY LEAVES CHILD DESTITUTE

Q I've been helping with problems in my community. There is a father who passed away, but before he died he built rooms to rent on his property and used the rent money to support his child.

But now the brother and sister of the late father collect the rent and they don't help the child with anything. What can we do?

ANONYMOUS, EMAIL

A You must report this matter to the social workers who can help to find the child's mother. Once the mother has been found, she must approach the master of the high court to report the father's death so a letter of authority or executor can be issued. The family of the deceased have a legal duty to report his death to the master of the high court but if they fail to do so, a person who has a legal interest or a beneficiary can report the death.

Once the executor has been appointed, he or she has the power to stop the tenants from giving the rent money to the deceased's siblings. He or she can also demand that the money that has already been claimed be paid back. The rent money must be paid into the deceased estate's bank account and the deceased's estate must financially maintain the child.

PENSION PROBLEMS

Q My father passed away and my sister and I are his beneficiaries. We aren't happy with the payout because it's not transparent. My dad worked for 12 years and contributed to his provident fund. We were offered about R500 000, which doesn't make sense. We feel it should be more.

The financial organisation

where the fund is says it includes three years of his salary. But they haven't given us the proper documentation with a cost breakdown.

Do we have a legal right to see these documents to ensure we are being treated fairly and getting what our father wanted us to get?

CONCERNED, EMAIL

A You can ask the company to give you a detailed statement that shows the capital amount, his contributions, the amount paid for tax, admin costs and the net payment. You must note that all monies paid are subject to tax.

If the company is refusing to give you a cost breakdown, you can lodge a complaint with the pension fund's adjudicator and request that they intervene and investigate to determine if you were paid the correct amount.

WRONGFULLY DIAGNOSED

Q I'm a 48-year-old man who was diagnosed with HIV in 2012 and took medication for four years. In 2016 I decided to stop taking the ARVs.

After three years of not taking medication I went for an HIV test and the test was negative. I requested another one and it was again negative. What legal action can I take for the obvious misdiagnosis?

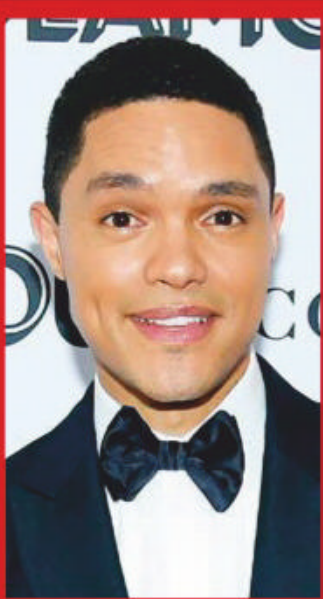
SHOCKED, EMAIL

A You can contact the department of health and request an investigation into your diagnosis and how it is possible that there are two different tests results.

If negligence is found and the first medical practitioner gave you incorrect results, which led to you taking unnecessary medication, you can bring legal action against the department of health or the specific practitioner. **DM**

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Take our quick quiz



1 Trevor Noah recently made history as the first African comedian to sell out ...?
A Staples Centre
B FNB Stadium
C Madison Square Garden
D Royal Albert Hall

2 The Mexican snack carnitas is usually made with ...?

- A** Beef
- B** Pork
- C** Chicken
- D** Mutton

3 How many sides does a pentagon have?

- A** 4
- B** 5
- C** 6
- D** 8

4 Which app has disabled the "likes" count for posts in seven countries?

- A** Facebook
- B** Instagram
- C** Twitter
- D** Snapchat

5 The new ... beach promenade is the longest in sub-Saharan Africa?

- A** Dakar
- B** Accra

- C** Abidjan
- D** Durban

6 In South Korea, the emergency number 113 is for reporting ...?

- A** Crime
- B** Spies
- C** Fire



7 Pig Beach in the Bahamas is an island inhabited by wild ...?

- A** Pigs
- B** Horses
- C** Dogs
- D** Iguanas

- D** Corruption

8 The DA has elected ... to lead the party until April 2020?

- A** John Steenhuisen
- B** Helen Zille
- C** Ivan Meyer
- D** Luyolo Mphithi

9 How many days are there in a leap year?

- A** 360
- B** 365
- C** 366
- D** 367

10 The process by which bread toasts is called?

- A** Maillard reaction
- B** Combustion
- C** Combination
- D** Condensation

11 Bees are found on every continent except ...?

- A** South America
- B** Asia
- C** Antarctica
- D** Europe



12 King Mswati III recently gifted each of his 15 wives a custom ... worth R10 million?

- A** Bugatti
- B** Lamborghini
- C** Maybach
- D** Rolls-Royce

ANSWERS 1C, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5D, 6B, 7A, 8A, 9C, 10A, 11C, 12D

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YOUR MONEY SORTED

7 TIPS FOR BOOSTING YOUR RETIREMENT FUND IF YOU HAVEN'T SAVED ENOUGH

EVERYONE says you should start saving for retirement as early as possible, but in practice things don't always work out that way. Then suddenly you're in your forties or fifties and your nest egg is tiny, or even nonexistent. But you can still make a plan to start saving now. Here are seven useful tips for growing your nest egg.

1 MAKE A MIND SHIFT

Although many people retire at 60 or 65, you can continue working until much later in life. People in their sixties are much healthier than 50 years ago and these days starting another career in your sixties and seventies has become more common. If you've put aside too little for your retirement you'll need to find a way to keep earning an income.

If you can't stay in your current job, make other plans. For example, investigate how you can put your skills to use – perhaps working part-time on a freelance basis or as a consultant. The benefits are two-fold: this income builds your nest egg, and you postpone having to dip into it.

2 TIGHTEN YOUR BELT

Try to reduce your monthly spending so you can save more or pay your debt. The golden rule is to cut back on luxuries, for example by driving a less expensive car and investing the money you save on car payments. Check if your housing needs are still the same. It could be to your benefit to buy a house with

lower repayments and maintenance costs. Every bit you're able to put away helps.

Here's an example of the difference compound interest can make even when you save small amounts: someone who saves R500 a month for five years at 7% interest will end up with R35 800 (without fees). This amount increases to R44 530 after six years.

3 PUT YOURSELF FIRST

In most cases it's more important to save for retirement now than using your money to pay for your child's tertiary education. By this stage your kids probably have more options and opportunities available to them than you do.

You can't borrow money for retirement or get a pensioner's bursary, but your child can get a study loan or apply for a bursary. Furthermore, unlike you, young people have time to pay off loans before starting to save in time for their own retirement.

4 REVIEW YOUR INVESTMENT

It could be a mistake to protect your retirement nest egg so much that you don't attract investment growth. In the past it was the trend to invest more conservatively (for example in money market funds) the closer you get to retirement. This no longer applies.

Nowadays there are a great variety of investment opportunities that allow you to take more risks, such as unit trusts where the underlying investment is in shares, but ones that aren't too risky.

Preferably ask a financial adviser to help you choose an investment to get the best growth for your situation. Compare the fees and returns of the investments.

5 DON'T BE GREEDY

People who are retired or close to retirement are soft targets for Ponzi (pyramid) schemes as they want to stretch their retirement money as much as possible.

Don't be tempted when an investment scheme's promised returns are much higher than those of conventional savings and investment products. Most of these schemes eventually collapse. Compare the interest rate offered by the investment with what's generally available in the market. If it's much higher, something's wrong.

6 GET GOOD ADVICE

Research done by Old Mutual shows that people who get financial advice improve their retirement income by up to 31%, compared to those who don't seek advice. A financial planner can work out how much money you need and what steps can be taken to make up the shortfall.

Contact the Institute for Financial Planners (fpi.co.za) for details of independent, accredited advisers.

7 IMPLICATIONS OF DIVORCE

If you're planning to get divorced, be aware that it can radically reduce your retirement money.

In terms of the law, an ex-husband or ex-wife who's not a member of a pension fund is entitled to a share of the member's pension money. The share is determined by the divorce order. If your spouse claims half of your retirement money, you'll definitely have to change your plans for old age to ensure you save more.

46%
of economically active South Africans don't have a retirement savings plan

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GOOD LAUGHS **DRUM**

KEY FACT

A drunkard is trying to open the door to his house. He struggles for a long time. Eventually a kind passer-by offers him help and says to him, "Give me the key. I will open the door for you."

The drunkard replies, "Thank you, but I will hold the key, you just hold the house."

TIME TO GO HOME

A man walks into a bar, sits down on a bench and orders a cold one. He swigs down the beer, looks in his pocket, cringes and orders another. He gulps down that one, looks in his pocket again, cringes and orders yet another one. This goes on for at least 90 minutes.

Bursting with curiosity, the bartender finally says, "I know it's none of my business but I have to ask. Why the whole drink-look-in-pocket-cringe-and-order-another-one routine?"

"Well," the man slurs, "there's a picture of my wife in my pocket. When she starts to look good, it's time for me to go home."

WOMEN VS MEN

*** Question** Why do men like smart women?

Answer Because opposites attract.

*** Question** Why do men need instant replay on televised sports?

Answer Because after 20 seconds they forget what happened!

*** Question** How do men define a "50-50" relationship?

Answer Women cook, men eat. Women clean, men dirty.

*** Question** What's the smartest thing a man can say?

Answer "My wife says ..."

*** Question** Why do women live longer than men?

Answer Someone has to stick around and clean up after them!

*** Question** Why does it take 100 million sperm to fertilise one egg?

Answer Because none of them will stop to ask for directions.

*** Question** What did God say after creating man?

Answer Hmm, I can do better!

AND ON THAT NOTE

*** Question** How do you tell when your lead singer is at the door?

Answer He can't find the key and doesn't know when to come in.

*** Question** How many lead singers does it take

to change a light bulb?

Answer One. He holds the bulb while the world revolves around him.

*** Question** What happens if you sing country music backwards?

Answer You get your job and your wife back, and your dog is alive.

BOTTOMS UP

A group of blondes walk into a bar. One of the women tells the bartender to line up a row of drinks for all of them.

The ladies lift their glasses and toast, "Here's to 51 days!"

They proceed to down their drinks.

Once again, they tell the bartender to "line 'em up", and once again they toast 51 days and down their drinks.

The bartender says, "I don't get it. Why in the world are you toasting 51 days?"

One of the blondes explains, "We just finished a jigsaw puzzle. On the box it said '2-4 years' but we finished it in 51 days!"

A CAT'S LIFE

*** Question** Where do cats go when they lose their tails?

Answer A good retail store.

*** Question** Why did a cat pour oil over a mouse?

Answer Because it was squeaking a lot.

*** Question** Why was an entire jury of cats dismissed by the judge?

Answer They'd all been found guilty of purr-jury.

DON'T TALK TO MY PARROT

Mrs Dlamini's dishwasher has broken down so she calls a repairman. Since she has to go to work the next day, she tells him, "I'll leave the key under the mat."

"Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter and I'll deposit the money in your bank account."

"Oh, by the way, don't worry about my bulldog, Killer, he won't bother you. But don't under any circumstances talk to my parrot!"

When the repairman arrives at Mrs Dlamini's house the next day, he discovers the biggest and meanest bulldog he has ever seen.

But just as she said, the dog just sits there on the carpet watching the repairman go about his business.

The parrot, however, drives him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name-calling.

Finally the repairman can't contain himself any longer and yells, "Just shut up, you stupid, ugly bird!"

To which the parrot replies, "Get him, Killer!"

BLONDE JOKES

*** What did the doctor say to the blonde who claimed it hurt everywhere she touched? "Your finger is broken."**

*** How did the blonde burn her ear? She was ironing and the phone rang.**

*** Why did the blonde sell her car? She needed petrol money. **DM****

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CAPRICORN

21 DEC – 20 JAN

It's a week where your innate Capricorn characteristics can be a burden or a boon. While sober habits and responsible ways could be saving you money, pessimism combined with too much caution may lead to missed opportunities. Ambition and discipline will certainly help you up the ladder of success, but all work and no play will cause resentment. Taking life too seriously could further label you as a killjoy.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS
41, 18, 23, 1, 51, 21

AQUARIUS

21 JAN – 18 FEB

If you're a true Aquarius chances are you're concerned about the wellbeing of the planet and the people inhabiting it. Since it's a week to be part of a group, rather than going it alone you may want to join a humanitarian organisation or ecological group. Sharing your knowledge, skills and revolutionary ideas may go a long way to make a difference. It's furthermore a great opportunity to meet new, like-minded friends.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS
33, 5, 31, 52, 10, 36

PISCES

19 FEB – 20 MAR

Cosmic plotter and planner Mercury moves into your professional horoscope this week. This is a great time for you to give thought to advancing this aspect of your life. You may want to draw up a business plan, prepare your CV, design a professional website or devote yourself to studying further in your field. Your career is currently highlighted, so shelve your daydreaming habits, get going and make hay while the sun shines.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS
5, 41, 28, 50, 15, 4



YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS
1, 30, 17, 20, 48, 39

SAGITTARIUS

22 NOV – 20 DEC

Networking Mercury moves into your sign, which means it's a great time to rub shoulders with others. Many opportunities might present themselves, whether you want to expand your circle of friends, wish for a soulmate or would like grow in your profession. This week you'll have no problem making acquaintances.

ROMANCE AND LOVE

- * **First crush** – it's a risk to take.
- * **Blind date** – will be optimistic about the outcome.
- * **Fiancé** – likely to propose in an over-the-top fashion.
- * **Spouse** – will be generous and warm-hearted.
- * **If love ends**: you rejoice in having your freedom back.
- * **Best bit**: your enthusiasm and zest for life.
- * **Worst bit**: your tactlessness.

ARIES

21 MAR – 19 APR

Communicative Mercury moves into your sign, which should make you feel confident expressing yourself verbally. Whether you have to debate a viewpoint, need to shoot from the hip or like to woo a lover, words won't fail you. Unfortunately, though, with words rolling off your tongue, inconsiderate comments can easily escape your lips too.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS
31, 21, 6, 9, 44, 22

TAURUS

20 APR – 20 MAY

As a Taurus, chances are you've got a self-indulgent streak. Yet this week you might be somewhat restrained, either by choice or by chance. Forgoing treats, comfort and luxuries will certainly do your pocket – as well as your waistline – a favour. It's also a good week to forge great professional relationships.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS
12, 10, 22, 32, 13, 45

GEMINI

21 MAY – 20 JUN

Your planet, Mercury, moves into your love horoscope this week. Whether you want to smooth-talk a potential lover into your arms, need to appease your spouse or have to get out of a tricky corner, you might strike it lucky. It's also a great time to have chats with your partner, whether about your future, cutting-edge news or the latest gossip.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS
13, 6, 46, 24, 16, 37

CANCER

21 JUN – 21 JUL

It could be a week where relationships feel like hard work. Relationship harmony may be difficult to come by, whether you and the love of your life can't reach an understanding, you don't see eye to eye with your boss or struggle with the attitude of a colleague. It's fortunately a passing phase, so try to ride the tide.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS
51, 24, 42, 3, 26, 30

FAMOUS SAGITTARIUS



NICKI MINAJ
8 DECEMBER

PAULA PATTON
5 DECEMBER

EUPHONIK
6 DECEMBER

NALEDI PANDOR
7 DECEMBER

SIBA MTONGANA
10 DECEMBER

SONIA MBELE
11 DECEMBER

LEO

22 JUL – 22 AUG

As a Leo you're probably an enthusiastic soul with no lack of confidence. Yet this week you might feel slightly off-key. Whether you've run out of energy, are too listless for having fun or feel discouraged from chasing your goals, life may not be on form. This unusual state of affairs should soon be something of the past, so don't despair.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS
50, 18, 27, 35, 7, 11

VIRGO

23 AUG – 22 SEP

The spotlight currently falls on the domestic scene, which means it's time to make house and home a high priority. Whether there are maintenance jobs on your list, a garden to tend to or cupboards and drawers to clean, you should be kept busy. It's a great idea to rope in the whole family to help with the chores.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS
12, 45, 47, 19, 8, 43

LIBRA

23 SEP – 22 OCT

With lots of things going on in your neighbourhood, you need not look far to have your need for social interaction met. Whether you want to take part in creative workshops, attend art exhibitions or go on local group excursions, you're likely to greet familiar as well as new faces. It's a week to mix and mingle and to share in the joys of community life.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS
26, 4, 49, 14, 38, 29

SCORPIO

23 OCT – 21 NOV

It's a week where the young ones can rob you of your cash. Whether they need new clothes, desire new toys or require project materials or sports gear, their needs and wants can cause a financial drain. Fortunately Mercury, the lord of commerce, moves into your financial horoscope this week to lend a helping hand.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS
52, 11, 34, 40, 25, 2

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

HOW TO PLAY

There are **7 differences** in these two pictures of Vusi Buthelezi and Zodwa Wabantu. Can you find them?



DARREN STEWART

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Safeguard yourself from scammers

Here's how to stay savvy and keep your money safe – the South African Banking Risk Information Centre (Sabric) warns against tricksters on the rise

YOU may have heard several of these buzzwords, but it's important to take note to help you keep your hard-earned money safe. Phishing, Vishing and SMishing are all methods of deceitfully getting confidential information such as login details, passwords, bank account or card details.

To obtain this info, criminals trick people into believing they're representing trusted sources, or are employed by banks or legitimate companies.

Criminals contact you, the intended victim, by means of phone calls, emails and SMSes to create a false sense of panic or urgency, prompting you to act quickly and share your personal information.

You'll be asked to update or share your details, for example to redeem a prize. Be streetwise to prevent yourself from becoming a victim. Scammers are all around us!



TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR MONEY

- * Banks don't ask you to confirm your confidential information over the phone – never share it.
- * Don't click on links or icons in unsolicited emails or from unknown senders. Also check

- that the sender's address is a legitimate one.
- * Check that you're on your bank's actual website before inputting any details.
- * If you think your bank details might have been compromised, contact your bank immediately.

DRUM SOAP WATCH 6 – 11 DECEMBER

GENERATIONS: THE LEGACY

Lesedi gets the fright of her life. Tau's question hits a nerve with Ayanda. Spororo has some interesting news to share with Gadaffi.

When their plans go awry, Sphe decides to be spontaneous. Crazy J is upset when Palesa ruins a good thing for him. Smanga (MOOPI MOTHIBELI) picks up that all isn't okay with his big brother.



MUVHANGO

Things go from bad to worse for James. Mpho is anxious about what the future holds for her and Azwindini (GABRIEL TEMUDZANI). There is paranormal activity in the royal house. Vho-Masindi's behaviour becomes erratic and she fires a royal maid. Tenda makes KK an offer he can't refuse. Marang works towards winning Lesedi over. The battle for Qalabosha's shares continues.



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ISIDINGO

Olivia bares her soul to Anja with unexpected results. Wendy is overwhelmed by all the support. Sibiya's habits make him the target of Gatanga's anger. Lungi's (JO-ANNE REYNEKE) first day back in town rattles people. Lincoln finds himself in a tough spot. Phindile worries her wedding is cursed when Parsons calls with urgent news.



RHYTHM CITY

Theo and Khulekani have a major confrontation. Rene finds out Mzi has been lying to her. Siya is taking strain. David makes a colossal mistake while trying to take out a nemesis. Mampho's advice to Siya falls on deaf ears. Nandi leaves Khulekani. Mzi and Pearl are thrust together. Jafta (SANDILE DLAMINI) makes things worse between Mampho and Siya.



SCANDAL!

Boniswa's worst fear is realised. Quinton's (BRIGHTON NGOMA) need for excitement causes him to lose big. Kgosi comes up with a desperate plan to save himself. Gloria gets a traditional solution for the crime. Xolile unwittingly gives Chumani reason to fear for his mortal soul.

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THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER

E.TV	SABC1	SABC2	SABC3	M-NET	MZANSI
09:30 ◻ Days of Our Lives 10:30 Bittersoet 11:30 ◻ Rhythm City 12:00 ◻ Scandal! 12:30 ◻ Imbewu: The Seed 13:00 eNews 13:30 ◻ The Wild 14:00 ◻ Isipho: The Gift 14:30 Peppa Pig 14:35 Care Bears and Cousins 15:00 Alvin!!! and the Chipmunks 15:30 Spirit Riding Free 15:55 Trolls: The Beat Goes On 16:20 Judge Judy 16:45 Days of Our Lives 17:30 Little Big Shots 18:30 Isipho: The Gift 19:00 Rhythm City 19:30 Scandal! 20:00 eNews 20:30 Hawaii Five-0 21:30 Imbewu: The Seed 22:00 The Blacklist 23:00 Late Show with Stephen Colbert 00:00 Forsaken 01:40 ◻ Little Big Shots	09:00 ◻ Muvhango 09:30 ◻ Skeem Saam 10:00 To be announced 10:30 ◻ Daily Thetha 11:30 To be announced 12:00 Sport 13:00 Lunchtime News 13:30 Mam' Sakhile's Story House 14:00 ◻ Selimathunzi 14:30 Teenagers on a Mission 15:00 ◻ Dynamite Diepkloof Dudes 15:30 YoTV 16:30 ◻ Daily Thetha 17:30 ◻ News 18:00 One Mic 18:30 Skeem Saam 19:00 ◻ News 19:30 #TBT 20:00 Generations: The Legacy 20:30 Uzalo Local drama series. MaNgcobo avoids Khathaza and MaMlambo is fed up with Nkunzi. 21:00 To be announced 22:00 ◻ Mzansi Insider 23:00 ◻ Yilungelo Lakho	09:00 Thabang Thabong 09:30 Stories Untold 10:00 Game Plan 10:30 Mother of All Professions 11:00 ◻ Raggs 11:30 Baby TV 12:00 ◻ Mickey and the Roadster Racers 12:30 ◻ 7de Laan 13:00 ◻ Thola 13:30 ◻ Uzalo 14:00 ◻ Skeem Saam 14:30 ◻ Muvhango 15:00 Sid the Science Kid 15:30 YoTV 16:00 Words and Numbers 16:30 Hectic Nine-9 17:00 Bleach 17:30 ◻ News 18:00 7de Laan 18:30 ◻ News 19:00 ◻ Musiek Roulette 20:00 ◻ News 20:30 Relate 21:00 Muvhango 21:30 Speak Out 22:00 Born to Kill? 23:00 Supernatural 23:30 ◻ Bleach	09:00 ◻ Harry 10:00 ◻ Judge Faith Jenkins Court Show 10:30 ◻ 7de Laan 11:00 ◻ Isidingo 11:30 ◻ Generations: The Legacy 12:00 ◻ Air Wolf Retro action series. 13:00 On Point 14:30 ◻ Food Porn Food reality series 15:00 Kuu Kuu Harajuku 16:00 Afternoon Express 17:00 Mzansi Super League (build-up) 17:30 MSL Tshwane Spartans vs Jozi Stars. 21:00 MSL (wrap up) 21:15 News 21:30 Isidingo 22:00 ◻ McMafia Drama series. Peace negotiations between Semiyon and his enemies in Istanbul get underway. Vadim is conflicted over the violence in his life and his love for his daughter. 23:00 ◻ High Rollers Double bill. 23:30 Koze Kuse	09:00 ◻ The Amazing Race 10:00 ◻ Bluff City Law 11:00 ◻ Abby's 11:30 ◻ The Block Australia 12:30 ◻ Modern Family 13:00 ◻ The Conners 13:30 ◻ Britain's Got Talent: The Champions 15:30 ◻ Carte Blanche 16:30 ◻ Suits 17:30 ◻ Last Man Standing 18:00 The Block Australia 19:00 SWAT Action series. Jessica and Chris go undercover in Mexico to save a Mexican federal agent who's been abducted by a gang. 20:00 NCIS Drama series. Elizabeth attempts to resolve differences with Haiti without resorting to military action. 22:00 Outlander 23:05 Late Late Show with James Corden 00:10 ◻ The Rookie 01:05 ◻ Orange is the New Black 02:05 ◻ Watchmen 03:15 ◻ The Act	09:30 ◻ Isibaya 10:00 ◻ The Queen 10:30 ◻ Isithembiso 11:00 ◻ Laugh Out Loud: The Comedy Show 12:00 ◻ The River 12:30 ◻ Isibaya 13:00 ◻ The Queen 13:30 ◻ Isithembiso 14:00 Lokshin Bioskop: Noah 15:30 Lokshin Bioskop: An Honest Living Drama. A man desperate to keep a promise to his son is thrilled when he meets a woman who says she can help. But then she reveals what she wants in return. 17:00 Laugh Out Loud: The Comedy Show 18:00 Lokshin Bioskop: Uthandiwe 19:00 The River 19:30 Isithembiso 20:00 Mo & Mome 20:30 Isibaya 21:00 The Queen 21:30 Ultimate House Vibe 22:30 Lokshin Bioskop: Luthando



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

NCIS (M-NET 20:00) Action series. After Torres (WILMER VALDERRAMA) wakes up on a fishing boat covered in blood, the team must help him piece together the past 12 hours.

HAWAII FIVE-0 (E.TV 20:30) Action series. Steve McGarrett must deal with the realisation that his mother, who he thought died years ago, is most likely still alive.

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6 DECEMBER **FRIDAY**

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY



THE BLOCK AUSTRALIA (M-NET 18:00) Renovation show. Couples compete to turn run-down houses into head-turning works of art. On completion the home is sold to the highest bidder.

THE KINGDOM (E.TV 22:00) Action. A team of government agents are sent to investigate the bombing of a US military facility in the Middle East. Jamie Foxx, Chris Cooper. 110 min. 2007. 16VL.

7 DECEMBER **SATURDAY**

E.TV	SABC1	SABC2	SABC3	M-NET	MZANSI
09:00 English Premier League Preview 09:30 ◻ Scandal! Omnibus. 11:20 ◻ Imbewu: The Seed Omnibus. 13:25 Family Time 13:30 ◻ CheckPoint 14:00 Kindergarten Cop 16:05 Barbershop 18:00 Beat Shazam 19:00 eNews 19:30 Mr Bones Comedy. A tribal leader sends a white boy he raised like his own son to find his heir. Leon Schuster, David Ramsey. 100 min. 2003. PG. 21:45 Get Smart Comedy. A bumbling spy is sent on a mission to stop a rival agency from going through with a terrorist attack. Steve Carell, Terry Crews. 110 min. 2008. PG13. 00:00 Kill Kane Crime. A teacher goes on a revenge mission to find those responsible for the death of his family. Vinnie Jones, Nicole Faraday. 74 min. 2016. 16VL.	09:00 ◻ Imizwilili Local choral music show. Presents choral groups in a fresh and exciting way. 10:00 Mzansi Insider 11:00 ◻ Generations: The Legacy Omnibus. 13:30 Playing for the Coach 14:00 Soccer 411 14:30 Soccer (build-up) 15:00 Laduma 17:00 Roots 18:00 ◻ Friends Like These Game show. An all-male team of friends competes against an all-female group of friends to win a dream holiday. 19:30 ◻ News 20:00 Real Goboza Local entertainment magazine show. Featuring the latest celebrity and entertainment news updates, exclusive interviews, reviews and fashion. 20:30 To be announced 22:30 ◻ Brothers and Sisters with Soul 23:30 ◻ Selimathunzi 00:00 Koze Kuse	08:30 ◻ Muvhango Omnibus. 11:00 Love Chronicles Drama. A DJ must confront his issues about love when a relationship therapist is a guest on his show. Terrence Howard, Robin Givens. 78 min. 2003. PG13. 12:30 ◻ Disney Cookabout 13:00 ◻ Dead Gorgeous 13:30 Talk Ability 14:00 ◻ Raising Babies 101 15:00 ◻ #Karektas 16:00 Saving Flora Adventure. A circus elephant is scheduled to be put down but the circus owner's daughter decides to save her. Jenna Ortega, David Arquette. 95 min. 2018. PG13. 18:00 Fundis 18:30 ◻ News 19:00 American Ninja Warrior 20:00 ◻ News 20:30 ◻ Skwizas 20:57 Lotto Draw: Live 21:00 St Vincent 23:00 Afro Café 00:00 Full View 02:30 Network	08:00 ◻ Fangbone Animated series. Bill buys the perfect gift for his mom. Fangbone and Bill are forced to use a waffle iron against Drool's magical axe-wielding monster. 08:30 ◻ I Am a Work of Art 09:00 Talent on Track 09:30 ◻ Judge Faith Jenkins Court Show Omnibus. 11:00 Mzansi Super League 12:00 MSL (build-up) 12:30 MSL Jozi Stars vs Durban Heat. 16:30 MSL (wrap up) 17:00 ◻ Kimora: House of Fab Reality series. Sandra and Alyson create a racy new commercial for JustFab – but is it too over the top? 18:00 ◻ Top Billing Local lifestyle magazine show. 19:00 The 20th Annual Latin Grammy Awards 20:00 EFC Premium Fights Magazine 21:00 News 21:30 Collateral	09:30 ◻ Modern Family 10:00 ◻ The Conners 10:30 ◻ NCIS 11:30 ◻ Madam Secretary 12:30 ◻ Blue Bloods 13:30 ◻ The Code 14:30 ◻ Bluff City Law 15:30 Dumplin' 17:30 The Goldbergs Comedy series. Adam is thrilled when he has to design his own video game for school. 18:00 Mom Comedy series. Bonnie's therapist pushes her to confront her procrastination problem. 18:30 Abby's 19:00 Britain's Got Talent: The Champions 20:00 Grand Hotel Drama. Danny teams up with the police to try and figure out what happened to Sky. Javi gets a new hobby. 22:00 Butterfly 23:05 Close Up with the Hollywood Reporter 00:05 ◻ The Twilight Zone 01:10 ◻ Stumptown 02:10 ◻ The Rookie	08:00 Lokshin Bioskop: Love and a Broken Rose 09:25 Lokshin Bioskop: The Love Game 11:00 ◻ The Queen Omnibus. 13:30 ◻ The River Omnibus. 16:00 Mzansi Magic Music Special 16:30 ◻ Our Perfect Wedding 17:30 ◻ Perfect Match 18:00 WWE SmackDown 19:00 Uyang'thanda Na? Reality dating show in which singletons get the chance to connect with their crush. 19:30 Lokshin Bioskop: Tiro 20:30 Eye in the Sky Thriller. A girl walks into a drone kill-zone during a military operation in Kenya. Helen Mirren, Aaron Paul. 102 min. 2015. 13VL. 22:30 ◻ Homeground 23:00 ◻ Massive Music 23:30 ◻ IMagic: Hits Omnibus.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY



BARBERSHOP (E.TV 16:05) Comedy. A guy who tries to sell his late father's barbershop finally comes to appreciate his dad's legacy. Ice Cube, Cedric The Entertainer. 102 min. 2002. PG13.

COLLATERAL (SABC3 21:30) Crime. A Los Angeles hitman takes a taxi driver hostage as he goes from one kill to the next. Tom Cruise, Jamie Foxx. 120 min. 2004. 16VL.

DRUM TV GUIDE

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SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER

E.TV	SABC1	SABC2	SABC3	M-NET	MZANSI
<p>09:00 Phineas and Ferb 09:30 Ninjago: Masters of Spinjitzu 10:00 ◻ Rhythm City Omnibus. 12:00 Premier League World 12:40 Like Mike Comedy. A boy becomes a basketball hero thanks to a pair of old trainers which belonged to Michael Jordan. Bow Wow, Morris Chestnut. 99 min 2002. A. 14:45 Mr Bones 17:00 America's Got Talent Singing talent competition where performers vie for a \$1-million cash prize. 19:00 eNews 19:30 The Carmichael Show 20:00 Chips Action. A rookie highway patrol cop teams up with a veteran who is trying to investigate a heist that might involve crooked cops. Michael Pena, Dax Shepard. 100 min. 2017. 16VL. 22:05 eKasi: Our Stories 23:05 Barbershop 00:55 ◻ Judge Judy</p>	<p>09:00 ◻ Gospel Avenue Local music show. Celebrities share their journeys in faith through the music they've selected. 10:00 Mzansi Insider Local breakfast show. 11:00 ◻ Reno Race Renovation competition series. Neighbours are pitted against friends and friends against their family in a race to complete the ultimate home renovation in only 48 hours. 11:30 Imvelo Local magazine show. 12:00 ◻ Uzalo Omnibus. 14:30 Soccer (build-up) 15:00 Laduma 17:30 ◻ Gospel Unplugged Local contemporary gospel music show exclusively showcasing various urban gospel music genres. 18:00 To be announced 19:00 ◻ News 19:30 To be announced 21:00 To be announced 23:00 ◻ Friends Like These 00:00 Koze Kuse</p>	<p>08:30 ◻ 7de laan Omnibus. 11:00 Slice of Light 11:30 Issues of Faith Local documentary series that reflects various issues that confront South Africa's religious communities. 12:30 OMW 13:30 Beyond Boundaries 14:00 The Ladies Club 14:30 Swimming Magazine 15:00 ◻ Collector's Candy 16:00 Holiday Road Trip Family. Two pet shop employees who don't get along escort a celebrity dog on a Christmas promotional tour and soon fall for each other. Ashley Scott, Patrick Muldoon. 88 min. 2013. PG. 18:00 ◻ Fokus 18:30 ◻ News 19:00 Africa's Greatest Civilisations 20:00 ◻ News 20:30 Visionaries 21:00 Born to Kill 22:00 ◻ Bantu Hour 23:00 ◻ Psalms 00:00 Full View</p>	<p>07:00 ◻ Isidingo Omnibus. 09:30 Mzansi Super League (build-up) 10:00 MSL Paarl Rocks vs Nelson Mandela Bay Giants. 13:00 MSL (wrap up) 13:30 Mzansi Super League (build-up) 14:00 MSL Tshwane Spartans vs Cape Town Blitz. 17:00 MSL (wrap up) 17:30 Mela Local lifestyle show. 18:30 Safari Live 19:30 ◻ The Traffickers 20:30 Car Matchmaker Car show. Host Spike Feresten helps actress Diana Popick find a sexy budget-friendly car. 21:00 News 21:30 A Christmas Cruise Family. A novelist who is invited to go on a cruise by her friend soon falls for another passenger. Vivica A Fox, Jessica Morris. 90 min. 2017. PG. 23:30 Koze Kuse</p>	<p>09:00 ◻ X Factor UK 10:45 ◻ Britain's Got Talent: The Champions 12:30 ◻ Modern Family 13:00 Life-Size 2 Comedy. Things change for the better when the childhood doll of a struggling toy company CEO comes to life to help her out. Tyra Banks, Francia Raisa. 81 min. 2018. PG13. 14:30 ◻ The Goldbergs 15:30 ◻ Abby's 16:00 Africa's Hidden Kingdoms 17:00 Family Food Fight USA 18:00 The Amazing Race 19:00 Carte Blanche 20:05 A Star is Born Drama. A veteran musician helps a young singer make it in the business even if it means his own career takes a nosedive. Lady Gaga, Bradley Cooper. 136 min. 2018. 16. 22:20 ◻ Vice 23:10 Burning 01:25 ◻ Butterfly 02:20 ◻ Outlander</p>	<p>08:30 Lokshin Bioskop: Tiro 10:00 ◻ Isibaya Omnibus. 12:30 ◻ Ultimate House Vibe 13:30 ◻ Homeground 14:00 ◻ Perfect Match Local reality speed-dating game show hosted by Thato Molamu in which singles get an initial two minutes to impress a partner. 14:30 ◻ Isithembiso Omnibus. 17:00 ◻ Uyang'thanda Na? 17:30 ◻ Mo and Mome 18:00 ◻ Date My Family 19:00 Our Perfect Wedding Local reality series. Each week one engaged couple takes viewers along on their journey to the altar. 20:00 Ifalalke Local drama series. 21:00 ◻ Ithemba 21:30 Coat of Many Colors 22:30 ◻ Snakes and Ladders Omnibus. 01:00 Lokshin Bioskop: Kings of Soweto</p>



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

THE AMAZING RACE (M-NET 18:00) Reality competition series. Racers have a big decision to make when they face a surprise double U-turn in Laos.

THE CARMICHAEL SHOW (E.TV 19:30) Comedy series. The family debate whether it's okay for one them to attend a show by controversial actor and comedian Bill Cosby.

MONDAY 9 DECEMBER

E.TV	SABC1	SABC2	SABC3	M-NET	MZANSI
<p>09:30 ◻ Days of Our Lives 10:30 Bittersoet 11:30 ◻ Rhythm City 12:00 ◻ Scandal 12:30 ◻ Imbewu: The Seed 13:00 eNews 13:30 ◻ The Wild 14:00 ◻ Premier League World 14:30 Peppa Pig 14:35 Care Bears: Unlock the Magic 15:00 Bob the Builder 15:15 Miss Moon 15:30 Turbo Fast 15:55 GGO Football 2: International Tournament 16:20 Judge Judy 16:45 Days of Our Lives 17:30 Little Big Shots 18:30 Isipho: The Gift 19:00 Rhythm City 19:30 Scandal! 20:00 eNews 20:30 APB Crime series. 22:00 In the Name of the King: A Dungeon Siege Tale</p>	<p>09:00 ◻ Muvhango 09:30 ◻ Skeem Saam 10:00 ◻ 'Sgudi 'Snaysi 10:30 Daily Thetha 11:30 ◻ Real Goboza 12:00 ◻ Yilungelo Lakho 13:00 Lunchtime News 13:30 Mam' Sakhile's Story House 14:00 Making Moves 15:00 ◻ Soul Buddyz 15:30 YoTV 16:30 ◻ Expressions 17:00 ◻ Cutting Edge 17:30 ◻ News 18:00 To be announced 18:30 Skeem Saam Local drama series. Those puts himself in danger when he tries to play the hero. Mapitsi tries to deal with her roommates who have now overstayed their welcome. 19:00 ◻ News 19:30 To be announced 20:00 Generations: The Legacy 20:30 Uzalo 21:00 To be announced 22:00 SoccerZone 23:00 ◻ Making Moves</p>	<p>09:00 Thabang Thabong 09:30 ◻ Baby TV 10:00 ◻ Doc McStuffins 10:30 ◻ Mickey and the Roadster Racers 11:00 ◻ Disney Cookabout 11:30 Jonas LA 12:00 Hectic Game Show 12:30 ◻ 7de Laan 13:00 Jikulumessu 13:30 ◻ Uzalo 14:00 ◻ Skeem Saam 14:30 ◻ Muvhango 15:00 Raven the Little Rascal 15:30 YoTV 16:00 Epic Hangout 16:30 Hectic Nine-9 17:00 Bleach 17:30 ◻ News 18:00 7de Laan 18:30 ◻ News 19:00 Shoreline 20:00 ◻ News 20:30 ◻ Leihlo La Sechaba 21:00 Muvhango 21:30 ◻ Bone of My Bones 22:00 ◻ Mother of All Professions 22:30 ◻ Issues of Faith</p>	<p>09:00 ◻ Harry 10:00 ◻ Judge Faith Jenkins Court Show 10:30 ◻ 7de Laan 11:00 ◻ Isidingo 11:30 ◻ Generations: The Legacy 12:00 Magnum PI 13:00 On Point 14:30 ◻ The Mindy Project 15:00 Kuu Kuu Harajuku 16:00 Hectic on 3 16:30 Judge Faith Jenkins Court Show 17:00 Afternoon Express 18:00 Harry 19:00 Isidingo 19:30 Survivor: Millennials vs Gen X Reality series. It's double the tribal councils as two castaways are sent home, and immunity is on the line in a classic game of Survivor pinball. 21:00 News 21:30 Billions Drama series. 22:30 ◻ High Rollers Double bill. 23:30 Koze Kuse</p>	<p>09:00 ◻ Blue Bloods 10:00 ◻ Grand Hotel 11:00 ◻ The Goldbergs 11:30 ◻ The Block Australia 12:30 ◻ Family Food Fight USA 13:30 ◻ Carte Blanche 14:30 ◻ Africa's Hidden Kingdoms 15:30 ◻ The Amazing Race 16:30 ◻ Suits 17:30 ◻ Last Man Standing 18:00 The Block Australia 19:00 Bluff City Law 20:00 The Rookie Drama series. A colleague is arrested by internal affairs for lying on the witness stand, which led to the release of three felons whose cases he worked on. 21:00 Watchmen 22:05 The Act Drama series. Gypsy and Nick scheme to meet in person and hope to win Dee Dee's approval. 23:10 Late Late Show with James Corden 00:05 ◻ The Blacklist 01:05 ◻ The Twilight Zone 02:00 ◻ Vice</p>	<p>09:30 ◻ Isibaya 10:00 ◻ The Queen 10:30 ◻ Isithembiso 11:00 ◻ Laugh Out Loud: The Comedy Show 12:00 ◻ The River 12:30 ◻ Isibaya 13:00 ◻ The Queen 13:30 ◻ Isithembiso 14:00 Lokshin Bioskop: Road Block Diaries, One Must Die 15:30 Lokshin Bioskop: Imali Yegazi 17:00 Laugh Out Loud: The Comedy Show 18:00 Lokshin Bioskop: Uk'phandela Uthando 19:00 The River 19:30 Isithembiso 20:00 Ithemba 20:30 Isibaya 21:00 The Queen 21:30 Homeground 22:00 Coat of Many Colors 23:00 Snakes and Ladders 23:30 ◻ Laugh Out Loud: The Comedy Show Double bill.</p>



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BLUFF CITY LAW (M-NET 19:00) Drama series. Sydney, Elijah and Briana (MAAMEYAA BOAFO) take on a man responsible for creating an addiction epidemic.

UZALO (SABC1 20:30) Local drama series. Sbu starts gambling and he's on a winning streak, until something strange happens to his money.

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10 DECEMBER **TUESDAY**

E.TV	SABC1	SABC2	SABC3	M-NET	MZANSI
09:30 ◻ Days of Our Lives 10:30 Bittersoet 11:30 ◻ Rhythm City 12:00 ◻ Scandal! 12:30 ◻ Imbewu: The Seed 13:00 eNews 13:30 ◻ The Wild 14:00 ◻ Isipho: The Gift 14:30 Peppa Pig 14:35 Care Bears: Unlock the Magic 15:00 Elena of Avalor 15:30 Zak Storm 15:55 Pokemon the Series: Sun and Moon - Ultra Legends 16:20 Judge Judy 16:45 Days of Our Lives 17:30 Little Big Shots 18:30 Isipho: The Gift 19:00 Rhythm City 19:30 Scandal! 20:00 eNews 20:30 APB 21:30 Imbewu: The Seed 22:00 CheckPoint 22:30 Case Closed 23:00 Late Show with Stephen Colbert 00:00 #Popfan	09:00 ◻ Muvhango 09:30 ◻ Skeem Saam 10:00 ◻ 'Sgudi 'Snaysi 10:30 Daily Thetha 11:30 To be announced 12:00 ◻ SoccerZone 13:00 Lunchtime News 13:30 Mam' Sakhile's Story House 14:00 Ispani 15:00 ◻ Soul Buddyz 15:30 YoTV 16:30 ◻ Daily Thetha 17:28 ◻ Izwi La Bantu 17:30 ◻ News 18:00 To be announced 18:30 Skeem Saam 19:00 ◻ News 19:30 ◻ Selimathunzi 20:00 Generations: The Legacy 20:30 Uzalo Local drama series. Gabisile kicks someone out of the pastor's house. 21:00 Expressions 21:30 The Cutting Edge 22:00 ◻ Nyan'Nyan 22:30 Chatroom 23:00 ◻ Ispani 00:00 Koze Kuse	09:00 Thabang Thabong 09:30 ◻ Baby TV 10:00 Doc McStuffins 10:30 ◻ Mickey and the Roadster Racers 11:00 ◻ Disney Cookabout 11:30 Jonas LA 12:00 Hectic Game Show 12:30 ◻ 7de Laan 13:00 Jikulumessu 13:30 ◻ Uzalo 14:00 ◻ Skeem Saam 14:30 ◻ Muvhango 15:00 Raven the Little Rascal 15:30 YoTV 16:00 Epic Hangout 16:30 Hectic Nine-9 17:00 Bleach 17:30 ◻ News 18:00 7de Laan 18:30 ◻ News 19:00 ◻ Erfsondes 20:00 ◻ News 20:30 ◻ Nhlalala Ya Rixaka 21:00 Muvhango 21:30 ◻ Bones of My Bones 22:00 Music special 23:00 ◻ Jikulumessu 23:30 ◻ Bleach 00:00 Full View	09:00 ◻ Harry 10:00 ◻ Judge Faith Jenkins Court Show 10:30 ◻ 7de Laan 11:00 ◻ Isidingo 11:30 ◻ Generations: The Legacy 12:00 The A-Team Retro action series. The team are hired by a group of pensioners who are being intimidated by a dodgy land developer. 13:00 On Point 14:30 ◻ Unfiltered 15:00 Kuu Kuu Harajuku 16:00 Hectic on 3 16:30 Judge Faith Jenkins 17:00 Afternoon Express 18:00 Harry 19:00 Isidingo 19:30 The Taste Master 20:30 News 21:00 Mzansi Super League Highlights 21:15 News 21:30 Isidingo 22:00 Billions Drama series. 23:00 ◻ High Rollers 23:30 Koze Kuse	09:00 ◻ NCIS 10:00 ◻ SWAT 11:00 ◻ Abby's 11:30 ◻ The Block Australia 12:30 ◻ The Amazing Race 13:30 ◻ Bluff City Law 14:30 ◻ Madam Secretary 15:30 ◻ Blue Bloods 16:30 ◻ Pearson 17:30 ◻ Last Man Standing 18:00 The Block Australia 19:00 The Code Drama series. A woman who is considering suing the Marine Corps for her husband's wrongful death contacts Captain Abraham to testify. 20:00 Stumptown Crime series. In hopes of becoming a certified private investigator, Dex seeks mentorship from veteran PI Artie Banks. 21:00 Emergence 22:00 Animal Kingdom 23:00 Late Late Show with James Corden 00:00 ◻ Watchmen 01:00 ◻ The Act 02:00 ◻ Four Weddings and a Funeral	09:30 ◻ Isibaya 10:00 ◻ The Queen 10:30 ◻ Isithembiso 11:00 ◻ Laugh Out Loud: The Comedy Show 12:00 ◻ The River 12:30 ◻ Isibaya 13:00 ◻ The Queen 13:30 ◻ Isithembiso 14:00 Lokshin Bioskop: Road Block Diaries, One Must Die Drama. A married gangster's life changes when he meets the girl of his dreams. 15:30 Lokshin Bioskop: Mr Right 17:00 ◻ Laugh Out Loud: The Comedy Show 18:00 Date My Family 19:00 The River 19:30 Isithembiso 20:00 Yim' Lo! 20:30 Isibaya 21:00 The Queen 21:30 ◻ Lockdown 22:00 Eye in the Sky 23:45 Snakes and Ladders 00:15 ◻ Laugh Out Loud: The Comedy Show



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

APB (E.TV 20:30) Crime series. Gideon (JUSTIN KIRK) modifies the police force's motorcycles to go faster so they can catch a thief who is also a professional race-car driver.

EMERGENCE (M-NET 21:00) Drama series. A mysterious illness takes hold of Piper, while Jo and Benny investigate a powerful tech mogul, Richard Kindred.

11 DECEMBER **WEDNESDAY**

E.TV	SABC1	SABC2	SABC3	M-NET	MZANSI
09:30 ◻ Days of Our Lives 10:30 Bittersoet 11:30 ◻ Rhythm City 12:00 ◻ Scandal! 12:30 ◻ Imbewu: The Seed 13:00 eNews 13:30 ◻ The Wild 14:00 ◻ Isipho: The Gift 14:30 Peppa Pig 14:35 Care Bears: Unlock the Magic 15:00 All Hail King Julien 15:30 Supa Strikas 15:55 Power Rangers: Ninja Steel 16:20 Judge Judy 16:45 Days of Our Lives 17:30 Little Big Shots 18:30 Isipho: The Gift 19:00 Rhythm City 19:30 Scandal! 20:00 eNews 20:30 APB Crime series. 21:30 Imbewu: The Seed 22:00 Ray Donovan 23:00 Late Show with Stephen Colbert 00:00 Skyf 01:55 ◻ Little Big Shots	09:00 ◻ Muvhango 09:30 ◻ Skeem Saam 10:00 To be announced 10:30 Daily Thetha 11:30 ◻ Gospel Unplugged 12:00 ◻ The Chatroom 12:30 ◻ Identity 13:00 Lunchtime News 13:30 Mam' Sakhile's Story House 14:00 ◻ Khumbul'ekhaya 15:00 ◻ Soul Buddyz 15:30 YoTV 16:30 ◻ Daily Thetha 17:28 Listen for a Moment 17:30 ◻ News 18:00 Reno Race 18:30 Skeem Saam 19:30 Makoti Drama series. 20:00 Generations: The Legacy 20:30 Uzalo Local drama series. Gabisile can't conceal her crush on Khehla and someone is on to her. 21:00 Khumbul'ekhaya 22:00 Sport 23:00 Soccer (delayed) 01:00 Soccer (delayed)	09:30 ◻ Baby TV 10:00 ◻ Doc McStuffins 10:30 ◻ Mickey and the Roadster Racers 11:00 ◻ Disney Cookabout 11:30 Jonas LA 12:00 Hectic Game Show 12:30 ◻ 7de Laan 13:00 ◻ Thola 13:30 ◻ Uzalo 14:00 ◻ Skeem Saam 14:30 ◻ Muvhango 15:00 Raven the Little Rascal 15:30 YoTV 16:00 Epic Hangout 16:30 Hectic Nine-9 17:00 Bleach 17:30 ◻ News 18:00 7de Laan 18:30 ◻ News 19:00 ◻ Spyskaart 19:30 ◻ Authentiek 20:00 ◻ News 20:30 ◻ Ngula Ya Vutivi/ Zwa Maramani 20:57 Lotto Draw: Live 21:00 Muvhango 21:30 ◻ Bones of My Bones 22:00 Our Moments 23:00 Supernatural	09:00 ◻ Harry 10:00 ◻ Judge Faith Jenkins Court Show 10:30 ◻ 7de Laan 11:00 ◻ Isidingo 11:30 ◻ Generations: The Legacy 12:00 Knight Rider 13:00 On Point 14:30 ◻ Special Assignment 15:00 Kuu Kuu Harajuku 15:30 Hectic on 3 16:00 Judge Faith Jenkins Court Show 17:00 Afternoon Express 18:00 Harry 18:30 Isidingo 19:00 News 19:30 ◻ Married in a Flash 20:30 Food Porn 21:00 News 21:30 The Good Doctor Drama series. Dr Glassman feels Dr Shaun Murphy needs a little more support with his personal life and suggests he meet with a therapist. 22:30 ◻ High Rollers Double bill. 23:30 Koze Kuse	09:00 ◻ Madam Secretary 10:00 ◻ Backyard Envy 11:00 ◻ Mom 11:30 ◻ The Block Australia 12:30 ◻ The Code 13:30 ◻ Emergence 14:25 ◻ X Factor UK 16:30 ◻ Pearson 17:30 ◻ Last Man Standing 18:00 The Block Australia 19:00 Modern Family Comedy series. Lily reaches a womanly milestone that Cam and Mitch aren't prepared for at all, so they call in reinforcements. 19:30 The Conners 20:00 To be announced 21:00 The Blacklist Drama series. Liz and the task force make a play to uncover the truth about an international assassination in a last-ditch effort to save Red's life. 22:00 Orange is the New Black 23:05 Late Late Show with James Corden 00:00 ◻ Stumptown 01:00 ◻ Animal Kingdom 01:50 ◻ Vice	09:30 ◻ Isibaya 10:00 ◻ The Queen 10:30 ◻ Isithembiso 11:00 ◻ Laugh Out Loud: The Comedy Show 12:00 ◻ The River 12:30 ◻ Isibaya 13:00 ◻ The Queen 13:30 ◻ Isithembiso 14:00 Lokshin Bioskop: The Room Divider 15:30 Lokshin Bioskop: Ke Summer Boss 17:00 Laugh Out Loud: The Comedy Show 18:00 ◻ Date My Family 19:00 The River 19:30 Isithembiso 20:00 Uyang'thanda Na? Local reality dating show in which singles get the chance to connect with their crush. 20:30 Isibaya 21:00 The Queen 21:30 ◻ The Herd 22:30 Lokshin Bioskop: Reflections 00:00 Snakes and Ladders 00:30 ◻ Laugh Out Loud: The Comedy Show



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

SKEEM SAAM (SABC1 18:30) Local drama series. Those (CORNET MAMABOLO) is excited when Mapitsi's father calls with news that might help them solve the Pitsi mystery.

ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK (M-NET 22:00) Drama series. Maria tries to make peace with Gloria. Figueroa stands up to Litvack. Piper attends a posh fundraiser with Zelda.



Kerry stars in both the Broadway play *American Son* and its film adaptation, now streaming on Netflix.

MOVIE

Back to basics

The Fixer star ditches her designer suits for a very different role in *American Son*

For seven seasons Kerry Washington played Olivia Pope in *The Fixer* (aka, *Scandal*).

When the series ended last year she decided her next acting job was going to be as far removed as possible from politics, intrigue and presidential shenanigans.

THE SHIFT

Kerry left Los Angeles, where *The Fixer* was filmed, and relocated to New York City with her husband, former American footballer Nnamdi Asomugha, and their children, Isabelle and Caleb, to star in the Broadway play *American Son* – for its four-month run. She plays Kendra, a mom

who finds herself stuck in a Miami police station while searching for her missing son after he and his friends had been stopped by police earlier that evening.

A filmed version of the play, featuring the cast of the original production, was shot when it ended its run on Broadway, and is streaming now on Netflix.

PALATE CLEANSER

Kerry chose a theatre job as “a palate cleanser”, she told the *LA Times*. “This character is everything that Olivia Pope wasn’t, and that also felt like a really good challenge for me – to swing the pendulum.”

Her favourite actors, she said “come from the theatre and return to it”.

“I love the Denzel Washington model of every three or four years he goes back and does something amazing that keeps his muscles in

shape as an actor. I wanted to make sure I was asking that of myself.”

LITTLE FIRES

Kerry’s next project sees her return to the small screen in 2020 for the miniseries *Little Fires Everywhere*, based on the book by Celeste Ng.

In the series, which has been touted as the next *Big Little Lies*, Kerry stars opposite Reese Witherspoon as the matriarchs of rival families.

A friendship between the families’ children brings them together but a custody battle threatens to tear them, and the entire town, apart.

Once filming wraps, Kerry will return to Broadway, sort of, for the Netflix movie *The Prom*. The dramedy is about a pair of Broadway actors who try to give their flagging careers a boost by helping a girl who wants to take her girlfriend to the prom.

WATCH THIS

★ STREAMING

ATLANTICS ★★★★★
 DRAMA. 107 MIN. 2019. 16.
 NOW ON NETFLIX

MAME BINETA SANE plays a woman in love with Souleimane. But one night Souleimane and his friends disappear at sea.

Soon after, the men return to haunt their old homes by taking possession of the lovers they left behind. This love story with a supernatural twist has already won big at the Cannes Film Festival this year and will represent Senegal at the 2020 Oscars.



★ MOVIE

THE KITCHEN ★★★★★
 THRILLER. 103 MIN. 2019. 16.
 NOW ON DSTV BOXOFFICE

The wives of three jailed mobsters are forced to take over their husbands’ work, and find they’re quite good at being gangsters.

Headlined by **TIFFANY HADDISH**, Melissa McCarthy and Elisabeth Moss, it’s far from the usually funny fare some of these stars are associated with. It’s violent and gruesome, and its cast will have you liking and hating them in equal measure. – LYNN ELY



MUSIC

Sizzling sounds

Summer Walker is R&B's new It girl and is breaking records left, right and centre

RISE TO FAME

The 23-year-old Atlanta native has been singing since she was 15, and is influenced by straight-talking soul singers like Jazmine Sullivan and the late Amy Winehouse.

Summer Walker taught herself to play the guitar by watching YouTube videos and perfected her honeyed vocals on covers she posted online when she wasn't cleaning houses or dancing in clubs.

"I started singing because I wanted to figure out ways to make money in a comfortable and creative way," she told Billboard.

MAKING HISTORY

She dropped her first album, *Over It*, last month and it's since made history by becoming the biggest debut record of any R&B female artist in over 10 years – which, yes, means she's overtaken Beyoncé's *Lemonade*!

She's also had the biggest streaming week for a record by a female R&B artist.

Her single *Stretch You Out* earned her 1 billion streams before she even released *Over It*.

The album features a bunch of big names such as Drake, Jhené Aiko and Usher, and has been described as channelling '90s R&B nostalgia.

UNIQUE VOICE

"Summer gives a voice to a certain type of black woman who for so long didn't have a voice," said Sylvia Obell, host of BuzzFeed's online talk show *Hella Opinions*. "Summer – like SZA and Ari [Lennox] – makes music for those of us whose relationship status is 'complicated'."

Ironically, Summer – who's set to embark on her *The First and Last Tour* in the UK and US – hates giving interviews and is described as "really shy" by Joie Manda, executive vice president of Interscope Geffen A&M. "But everybody is connecting to her, because she's direct and real [in her music]." – NICI DE WET

ONE TO WATCH

**★ DVDS****ESCAPE ROOM ★★ ★★**

HORROR. 96 MIN. 2019. 16DLV.

Six strangers receive invitations to the Minos Escape Room Facility, which lures them in with prize money of \$1 million. Each room has clues and traps that mean life or death.

It's fun for what it is: a watered-down, teen-friendly version of the *Saw* movies. The pace drives the action and what's shocking isn't the gore, but the fact that people could torture one another in this way.

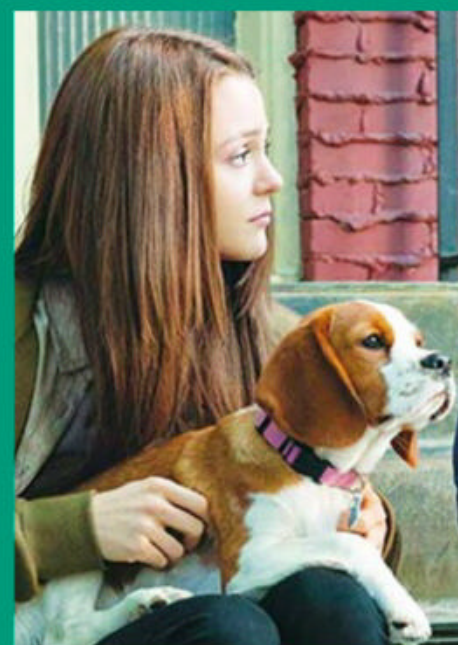
– PIETER VAN ZYL

**A DOG'S JOURNEY ★★ ★★**

FAMILY. 109 MIN. 2019. PG13.

In the sequel to *A Dog's Purpose* (2017), Bailey the dog (voiced by Josh Gad) has vowed to protect CJ (KATHRYN PRESCOTT), the granddaughter of his previous owner. Complex family issues are explored and the therapeutic role our pets play as we navigate tough times is a central theme.

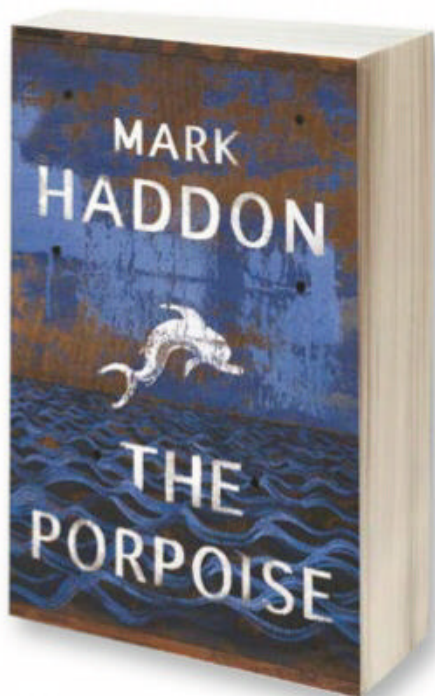
Although it's a bit predictable, it's a warm-and-fuzzy kind of flick and a wonderful choice for family movie night. – LAURI KING



BOOKS

Take a break

Looking for a good read to get lost in? Try one of these



THE PORPOISE BY MARK HADDON (CHATTO & WINDUS) R249*

I confess: I was reluctant to read this book as the blurb on the back made it sound a bit pretentious and weird. Still, I decided to give it a shot – and I'm so glad I did.

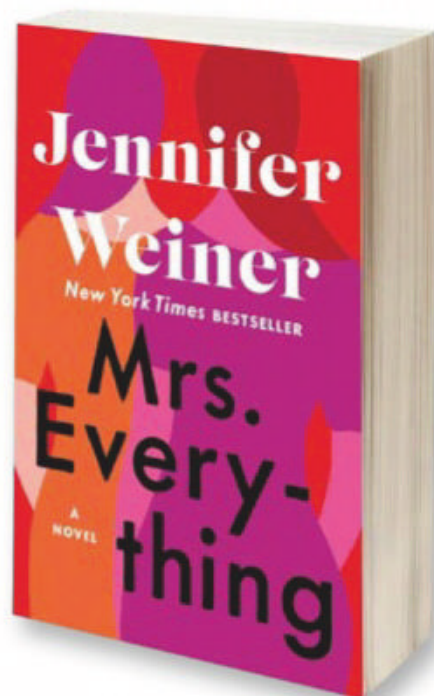
The Porpoise is testament to the master storyteller Mark Haddon is. It starts with a harrowing plane crash survived only by a newborn baby who quickly becomes her grief-stricken father's object of obsession.

A young art dealer comes to visit one day and, struck by the girl's beauty and desperation, pledges to help her.

And then readers are hurtled back centuries to the time of prominent Greek statesman Pericles and a world of brutality, disease, war and lust.

Sounds a bit weird, right? Don't be put off. Each time you leave Pericles and return to the modern-day father and daughter you feel bereft – and vice versa.

There are parallels between the two worlds threaded throughout and enough shock and horror, love and tenderness to make this book unputdownable. It's gripping stuff. Trust me. – NICOLA WHITFIELD



MRS EVERYTHING BY JENNIFER WEINER (SIMON & SCHUSTER) R255*

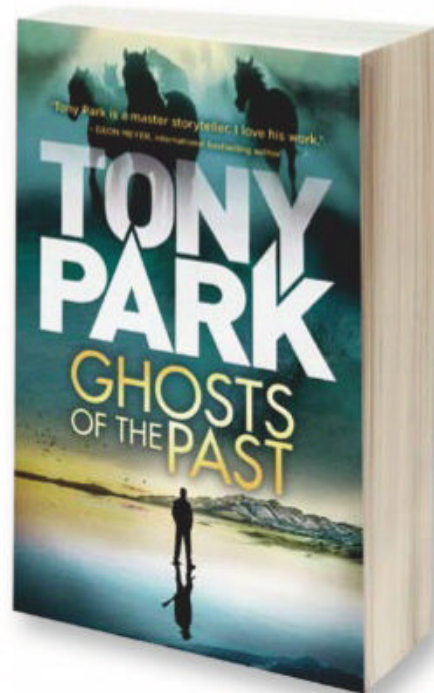
The epic story follows sisters Jo and Bethie Kaufman over seven decades in a world that's rapidly changing – from growing up in Detroit in the 1950s all the way up to the 2016 election in America.

The two young sisters couldn't be more different: Jo is a tomboy who rebels against her mother and wants to be a writer, Bethie is pretty, feminine and a good girl, dreaming of a traditional life.

But as they live through the civil rights movement, Woodstock and the free love of the 1960s, surviving traumas and tragedies along the way, their futures turn out to be nothing like they'd hoped.

Told in turns by each sister, the novel gives an interesting – and at times heart-rending – perspective on a changing society, and the struggles women still continue to face.

It's quite long and the broad scope covered makes some parts feel a bit rushed, but it's still an enjoyable and thought-provoking read. – SUZAN HALL



GHOSTS OF THE PAST BY TONY PARK (PAN MACMILLAN) R209*

In 1906 in German South West Africa (now Namibia) Australian horse trader Cyril Blake is executed by German soldiers.

In present-day Sydney, Australia, Cyril's great nephew, Nick Eatwell, is approached by South African journalist Susan Vidler who's investigating his ancestor's mysterious demise.

Nick discovers a long-lost manuscript which tells how Cyril joined the Nama people in their rebellion against the Germans.

His story is recounted in fascinating detail by Tony Park.

It begins in 1902 on the eastern border of South Africa; then jumps to an Anglo-Boer War concentration camp; then on to the Nama War of 1906; and reaches one of it climaxes in 1915 in another concentration camp, this time in the town of Aus, South West Africa, after troops from South Africa have overthrown the Germans during World War I.

Meanwhile, Nick's search for the truth about his ancestor – which moves from Sydney to South Africa and ends in the desert east of Lüderitz in Namibia – is equally enthralling.

This is a fabulous tale of betrayal, greed, intrigue and love.

– ANDRÉ J BRINK



THE DANGEROUS KIND BY DEBORAH O'CONNOR (ALLEN & UNWIN) R239*

Jessamine Gooch works for the BBC. Each week she broadcasts a radio show looking into the past of convicted killers, asking if there was more that could've been done to prevent their terrible crimes.

One day she's approached by Marnie Clark who's desperate to find her missing friend, Cassie Scolari. Marnie fears that Cassie's abusive husband may have killed her.

As Jessamine delves into Cassie's disappearance, she's plunged into a dark, dangerous world. But her quest to find out what happened to Cassie is one of two storylines in this novel.

The other revolves around 13-year-old Rowena Garbutt who acquires a much-older boyfriend for whom she's willing to do anything. These two storylines converge in a nerve-shattering conclusion.

The biggest villain of the piece is undoubtedly the BBC celeb who uses and abuses young kids. He's clearly based on disgraced real-life stars such as Jimmy Savile and Rolf Harris, among others.

It's not a feel-good read, but rather a dark, topical and contemporary tale of child abuse, grooming and paedophile rings. Very disturbing but it will get you thinking. – ANDRÉ J BRINK

READ THESE

WORDSEARCH NO. 422

HOW TO DO IT

Find a word, circle its letters and cross it off the list. Words might be forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonal but are in a straight line, never skipping letters. Some letters are used more than once.

Tick the small box next to a word as you find it in the jumble. A diagonal line between words indicates they can be found separately in the grid.



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- ☐ DOBERMANN
- ☐ ENGLISH SETTER
- ☐ FRENCH BULLDOG
- ☐ GERMAN SHEPHERD
- ☐ GOLDEN RETRIEVER
- ☐ GREAT DANE
- ☐ LABRADOR
- ☐ MALTESE
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A walk in the park

Busi needs to impress the big bosses at an important dinner if she wants to beat her competitors – but things don't go as planned

BUSI puckered her lips, spread the lipstick carefully across, and then pushed them together to make a smacking sound.

She scanned the rest of her face one last time in the hotel bathroom's mirror and, after 20 minutes of doing her makeup and hair, finally decided she was ready.

Being one of 10 finalists for the position of head of operations at the biggest investment bank in South Africa was nerve-racking. Having to attend a dinner where her every move and word would be scrutinised by the executives, as well as having to somehow outshine the nine other candidates with stellar achievements and track records, made her feel

weak at the knees.

She'd begun to doubt if the past two decades she'd spent rebuilding dozens of bankrupt and defunct companies would register as noteworthy. But she tried to keep in mind that she was the only one who had been approached and asked to come for an interview – the others had all applied for the post.

Excitement was mixed with this uncertainty. If she got the job it would mean a giant leap in her career and the increased salary would help her put her twin boys through college.

Her phone buzzed. Her sons were calling to wish her luck and remind her about the breathing technique they had learnt from Dr Oz to help keep calm. They took a deep, long breath in to the count of five, held their breath for five

counts, and then counted to five again as they gently and slowly exhaled. Together they repeated this over the phone three times, and then said their goodbyes.

With her nerves more or less under control, Busi grabbed her handbag and locked the room. She took the elevator to reception and then waved at the doorman who smiled back.

SHE went outside to wait for her taxi, sheltering under the awning as the first drops of rain began to fall. She checked her watch – it was 6pm and she still had plenty of time to make it to the dinner, which only started at 7pm. But she was taking no chances – she knew tardiness would be a serious black mark against her. She

would never hire someone who was late for such an important event.

The roads were busy and most of the taxis passing by were already full. She glanced at the doorman, who was helping another hotel guest into a cab, and wondered if he'd remembered that she was waiting too.

After 15 minutes, she realised that he had not registered that she had wanted a taxi and now it was getting a bit late to order one. The rain was falling quite heavily now, but she couldn't risk hanging around any longer.

The doorman apologised profusely for misunderstanding her wave. He gave her his umbrella and explained that the restaurant was only a few blocks away, and she could take a shortcut through the park.

Busi crossed the street and made her way towards the park entrance. The rain was pelting down now, and she walked as fast as her heels would allow, taking care to stick to the paved path.

Just then, she heard a sound. She didn't want to leave the path and risk getting her royal blue dress covered in mud, so she decided to ignore it. But then it came again – it sounded like a child crying and she stopped to listen more carefully.

Once again, she heard it – it was coming from the bushes by the playground area and she knew she couldn't walk on if a child needed help.

Her heels squelched into the wet grass and she could feel the mud splattering up her sheer tights. "Ah well," she muttered to herself. "A child in need is more important than this dinner, this job."

FOLLOWING the gentle sobbing, she crept under the bushes and came face to face with a small girl in what was once a pretty yellow dress. The little girl screamed as Busi reached out to her, her eyes wide with terror.

"Don't worry, sweetie. I'm here to help. What is your name? Where are your parents?"

"M-m-my name is Rose, and my mom-my left me here. I don't know where she is," the girl started to sob loudly.

"Come with me, Rose, and we'll go and find your mommy," Busi said, trying to coax her out of the bushes.

"I know you're scared. You know what I do when I get scared?" she asked the little girl.

"I count and take deep breaths. It's what I do with my sons – it makes us feel better when we're sad. Shall we try it?"

Rose nodded and edged closer to Busi as they started to count from one to five. They emerged from the bushes and made their way back to the path.

"Let's take shelter in that shop over there and we'll call your mom. Do you know her number?"

Rose nodded and the wet, muddy pair walked towards a gate to exit the park. But it was locked. Busi scanned the area for another gate but, as far as she could see, they were all locked.

Their best option was a tree next to the fence. Rose was shaking her head. "I'm scared of heights. I can't climb that tree."

"It's alright, I'm not going to let you fall. I'm going to climb up and then take you in my arms and lower you onto the other

She gave Rose a big hug and then made her way to the restaurant.

THE hostess at the door gave her a pitying look and directed her to the bathroom. She found her a towel and gave her a bright purple and green tracksuit that belonged to one of the cleaning staff.

Busi did what she could to remove the mud and fix her hair, but she felt like a clown in the outfit as she made her way to the table.

Her competitors were already seated in their expensive suits and dresses, looking smart and confident. She apologised as she slid into her chair. Busi hung her head low in shame. She knew her chances of getting this job now were zero.

One of the executives was staring at her. "An interesting outfit, Ms Tshabalala. There has to be a story behind it," he prompted.

The whole table was silent, eyes focussed on her, as she told them about her walk in the park and little Rose. The more she talked,

the more relaxed Busi felt. She captivated her audience, making them sympathise one moment and laugh the next. She was the star of the evening.

The next morning, the same executive phoned and told her that the committee had been impressed with her strength in the face of adversity. He said they all felt she was exactly the sort of person the company needed to be their head of operations.

Busi hung up and squealed with joy. She couldn't believe how her luck had changed. It was the perfect reminder that even when things look bleak, grit and determination can get you through almost anything.

She took a deep breath and counted to five before calling her sons to share her good news. **DM**

'An interesting outfit, Ms Tshabalala. There has to be a story behind it'

side of the fence. Let's count to five and help each other."

Busi removed her heels and threw them and her handbag over the fence. She grabbed the lowest branch and hauled herself up. Hanging precariously over the branch, she reached down and took hold of Rose's arms. Luckily the child was as light as a feather, and Busi was easily able to lift her up. Gripping the tree as hard as she could with her legs, she leant over and released Rose onto the other side of the fence.

Getting herself over wasn't so easy, and she landed with a thud, tumbling onto her hands and knees on the wet grass.

She stood and up and inspected herself. Her dress was ruined, and she was covered in mud from head to toe. This day was turning out to be a nightmare!

Finally out of the rain, Busi called Rose's mom. A desperate voice answered the phone – she was at the police station reporting her missing daughter.

The mother arrived 20 minutes later and explained that Rose had hidden away when she was playing with her cousins and they had been unable to find her. Busi was not impressed by her explanation and crossly told the woman to be more vigilant in future.

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Disney FROZEN II

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Find 7 differences

Elsa hears a strange sound from the north calling her. Together with her sister, Anna, and friends Kristoff, Olaf and Sven, she leaves Arendelle and travels to an ancient, autumn-bound forest of an enchanted land to discover the origin of her magical powers and saves their kingdom.



Hamper 1
Follow-Me Friend Olaf & Frozen Tea Set.



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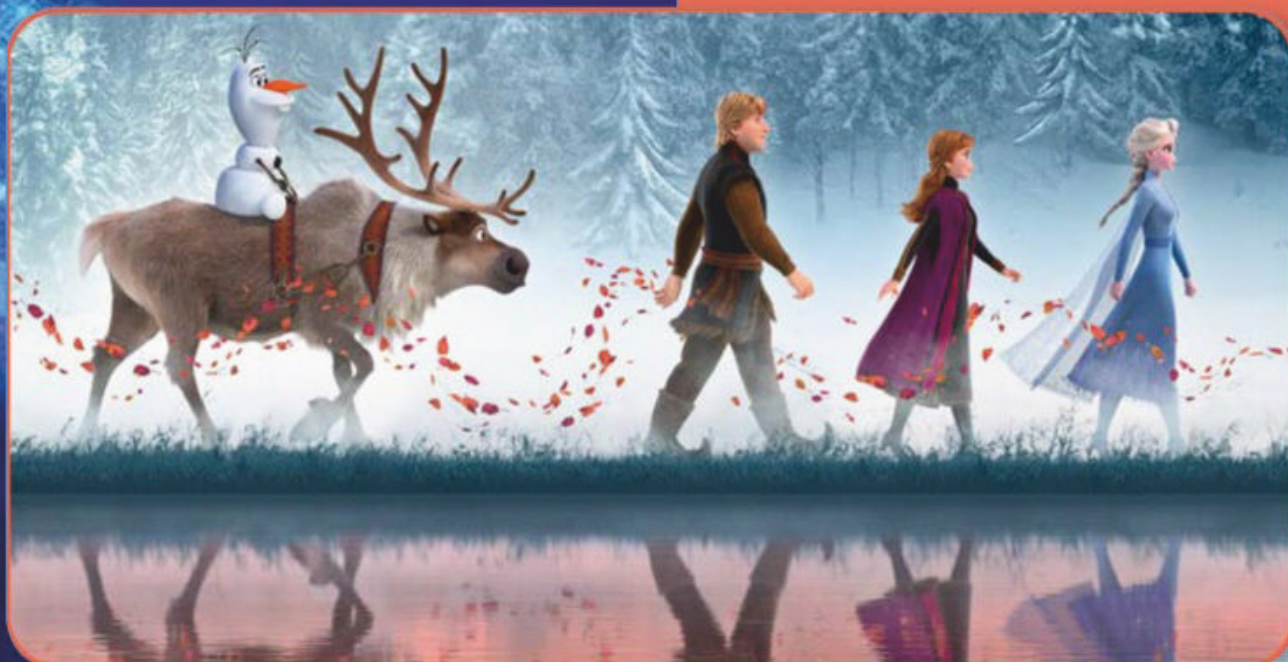


Hamper 3
Arendelle Castle and Singing Doll (assorted).

WIN Three lucky readers will each win a Frozen II hamper worth R2 000!

SMS* the word FROZEN, the answer to the question and your name to 34687 by 5pm on 12 December. **QUESTION** How are Anna and Elsa related?

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Forest maze

Can you help Kristoff and Sven find Anna in the Enchanted Forest? Watch out for dead ends!



Make a bookmark

Cut around the dotted line and carefully glue the picture to a piece of stiff card cut to the same size.



Unscramble the letters

Rearrange the letters to spell out things you might find in a forest.

1 frens

2 retes

3 cemi

4 nasils

5 slow

6 grofs

7 resqirlus

8 corans

9 avlese

10 shoormums

Make an Olaf treat

Invite your friends over and make your own teatime treats!

* Use a **bamboo skewer** to punch holes through the middle of two large and four **mini marshmallows**.

* Remove the skewer and use **pretzel sticks** to assemble your Olaf like the picture on the right. (Make the pretzels shorter if necessary.)

* Use a dot of **jam or icing** to stick on two **choc chip** eyes and three buttons.

* For his nose, press an orange Tic Tac into his head or you could use the tip of a real carrot.



Frozen II wordsearch

The words in the list below left are hidden in the grid – forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonally. Find and circle them.

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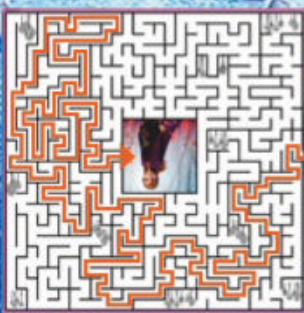
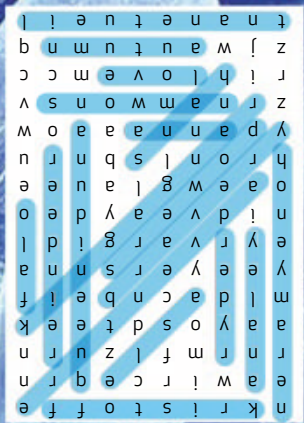
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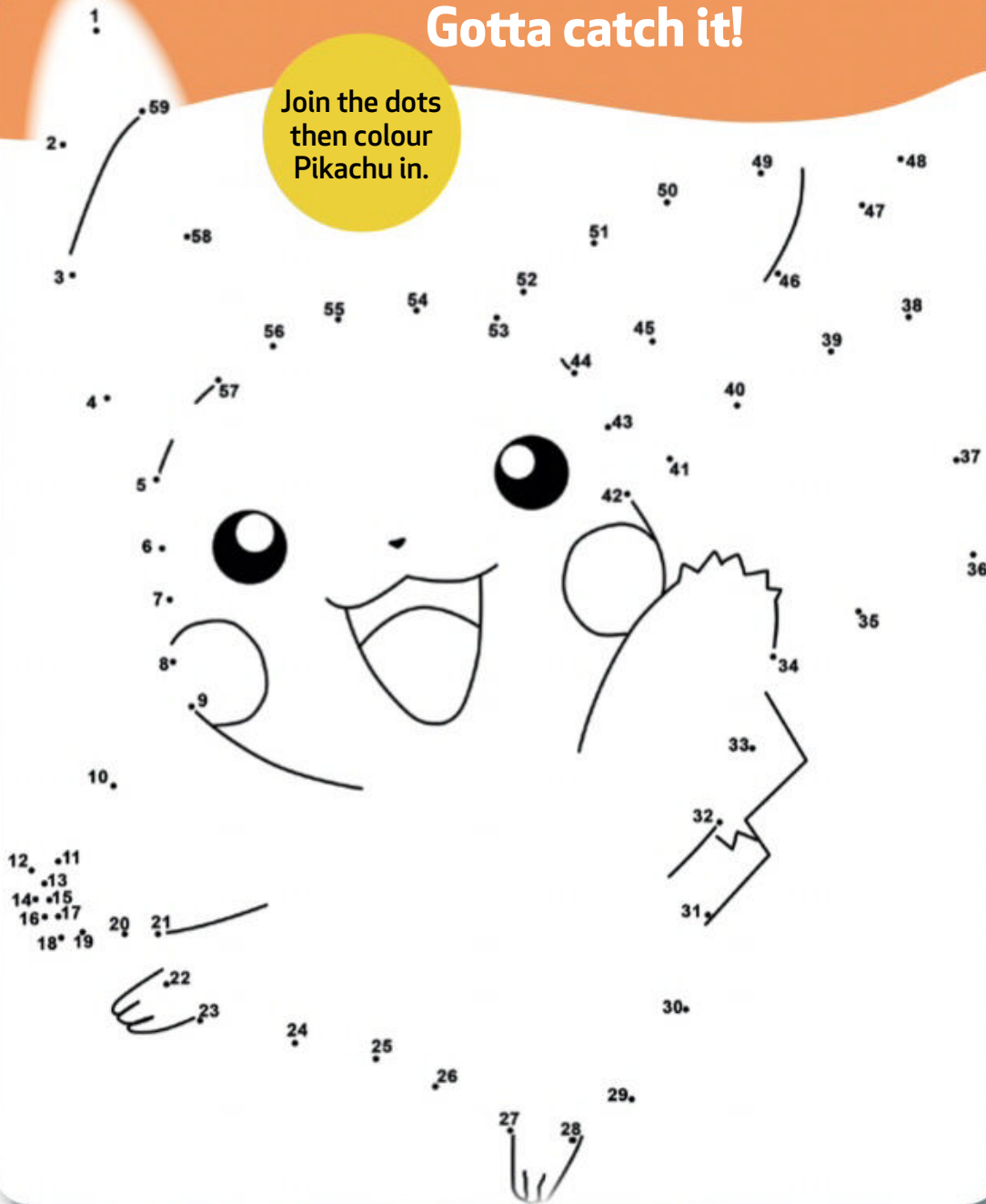
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Find 7 differences
1 Twigs on Olaf's head are missing. 2 Olaf's nose is blue. 3 Sven's antler is turned the wrong way. 4 Kristoff's sash is missing. 5 Anna's reflection is missing. 6 Elsa's braid is missing. 7 Blowing leaves are missing. 8 acorns, 9 leaves, 10 mushrooms.

Gotta catch it!

Join the dots
then colour
Pikachu in.

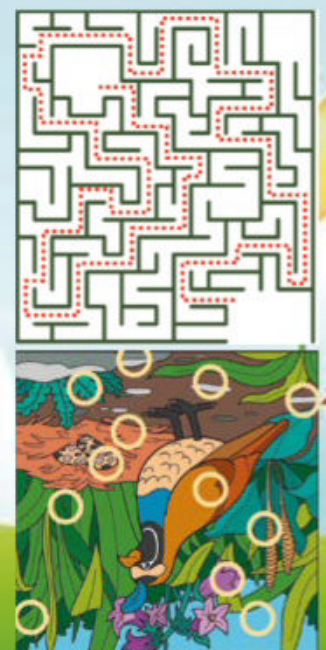


Colour by numbers



What a yarn!

Help Whiskers reach
the balls of wool.



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WHAT A BRIGHT IDEA

This inspiring entrepreneur's glow-in-the-dark invention has made rural roads safer for both animals and humans

BY DAKALO NEMASETONI



FOR motorists in rural areas, it's the stuff nightmares are made of. A dark shape suddenly appears on the road as if out of nowhere and bam! There's animal blood and guts everywhere. And even if you're lucky enough to not be injured yourself, your car would also likely have taken a serious knock.

Memphis Morebudi Kaotsane (35) is one of many South Africans who know the terror of navigating rural roads after dark, especially in areas without streetlights.

He was a passenger in his cousin's car when they crashed into a donkey one night in their hometown of Taung, in the North West Province, in 2011. They were not seriously injured, but the car was a write-off.

Necessity, the old saying goes, is the mother of invention and a need to keep motorists and livestock safe spurred Memphis to figure out a way to do both. Like all great inventions, his idea was amazingly simple: why not spray paint the animals with a reflective, glow-in-the-dark paint?

It took years of tinkering and experimentation, but Memphis eventually came up with Moonshine, a reflective spray paint that's making life on the roads a whole lot safer in the rural parts of his home province – for both humans and animals.

He entered the North West Province's Innovation Competition in 2016 with his idea of a reflective paint for animals and won second place.

"That competition definitely gave me the platform for my dreams to come true, because before it happened, things seemed very bleak," he says.

With the help of the provincial premier's office, the North West development corporation and the North-West University, he decided to develop the product and take it to market.

His prize was R50 000 to create a prototype and an opportunity to work with a Ventersdorp vet and a Potchefstroom-based pharmacist who assisted him with product development.

This year, after working for two years to perfect his paint, his creation earned him a cool R200 000 at the 2019 SAB Foundation Social Innovation and Disability Awards.

He plans to set up his own factory in Taung to manufacture the paint and create jobs.

"I am looking into creating at least three jobs and having a safe storage facility from where we can distribute Moonshine to all nine provinces. I am really looking forward to seeing that happen," he says proudly.

"I want to empower people in the village I am from, I want them to see the endless possibilities," he adds.

THE first person with whom Memphis shared his light bulb moment was Gaobotse Kaotsane, his single mother who had raised him and his brother.

"I told her about the idea the minute it crossed my mind," he recalls.

He was living in Joburg at the time, working as a financial consultant, when he called his mom to share his brain-wave.

"I was so excited about it that I was just rambling and she could not understand a word I was saying," he chuckles.

He returned to the family home at the weekend, where he explained his idea in



LEFT: Memphis Kaotsane's invention, Moonshine, helps make animals more visible on rural roads at night. The former financial consultant won an innovation award for his invention. **RIGHT:** Memphis shows how his paint can make an animal glow in the dark so motorists can see them more easily.



detail, impressing his mother.

At first, she was the only one who was impressed. Other people said it was silly and some even said it was impossible, he recalls.

It was not easy for him to figure out a way to bring his idea to life as an actual working product.

"Coming from a rural area made this project difficult because we do not have any innovation hubs," says Memphis.

"I sat on this idea for a very long time because I didn't know how to go about making it a reality. We have to deal with a lack of resources and funds even though we have so many great ideas we want to see become a reality," he says.

When he found out about the North West Province Innovation Competition in 2016, he practised his presentation with his mom. "She was the first person I presented to and she gave me ideas on how I could improve it," recalls Memphis.

She was excited for him, but when he said he was quitting his job to focus on Moonshine fulltime, she wasn't so sure it was a good idea.

"She was worried about how long it would take for me to jumpstart the business and how I would make enough money to live, but she still gave me her full support throughout this journey," he says.

He was running a project management business on the side, which helped him survive while the paint was being developed, he says.

Memphis admits he had his own reservations about quitting his job and pinning his future on an idea that had popped into his head, but he did it anyway.

"I was also very hesitant, but in order for me to focus on the invention I had to make that sacrifice. I am really grateful I listened to my intuition."

He has dedicated his invention to his mother.

"She raised two mischievous boys as a single parent but instilled a strong work ethic in me at an early age. I'm always grateful for her support," he told TimesLive.

THE idea of painting wandering animals to make them visible to vehicles at night is not new, says Memphis. "In Finland, the Lapland Reindeer Association once painted the antlers of their reindeer with reflective paint, to avoid them becoming roadkill," he said in an interview with Standard Bank's BizConnect website.

"In Britain and the US, cows and horses in villages are also marked with reflective bands."

Working with compounding pharmacist Dr Johan Marais and veterinary surgeon Dr Oloff Marais at a laboratory in Potchefstroom, Memphis came up with a reflective paint that was non-toxic and safe to apply to animals.

"When I got the go-ahead from Dr Marais that it was safe to use on animals, we tested it on livestock in the village but we found that the paint stayed

on the animals for less than a month," he says.

They went back to the lab and continued refining Moonshine until they came up with a version that stays on the animals for up to four months and is visible from up to 100 metres away.

Moonshine was officially launched in July and Memphis already has a partnership with the Road Accident Fund, which has bought 2000 cans of Moonshine at R70 a can. "They sponsor a village of their choice and distribute the product in the community," he says.

Memphis's long-term goal is to own a manufacturing company as his current operation does not have the capacity to mass-produce Moonshine, and his prize money from the SAB Foundation Social Innovation and Disability Awards will help make that a reality. "We are hoping to grow the company, secure some investment and have Moonshine products in stores by July 2020."

His journey has been nothing short of amazing, he says, adding that he feels blessed that his idea has found support.

"I want my story to motivate the people in my hometown and make them see the value of perseverance and taking risks," he says. **DM**

EXTRA SOURCES: TIMESLIVE, NWU.AC.ZA, CITIZEN.CO.ZA, IOL.CO.ZA, BIZCONNECT.STANDBANK.CO.ZA, NWDC.CO.ZA

'I want to empower people in my village'

Memphis hopes to grow his business into a manufacturing company that can create jobs in his community.





PEOPLE pointed at her on the street. “Look, that old woman is pregnant,” they’d snigger.

But Eveleen Crouse (53) from Sydenham, Port Elizabeth, wasn’t carrying a baby in her womb – what was growing inside her was a tumour so huge doctors had no idea how to treat it.

It started out as a small lump on an ovary but for more than four years she watched in horror as her belly swelled and swelled from the tumour which eventually reached the size of eight newborn babies. By this point she was struggling to breathe as the growth was pressing on her lungs.

Her situation looked hopeless. One gynaecologist warned she didn’t have much time left – death was inevitable, he told her.

But fortunately for Eveleen someone who witnessed her ordeal refused to believe nothing could be done.

Meryll van der Merwe, wife of pastor Dion of the Full Gospel Church, spotted Eveleen during a service. “I noticed her because she was so uncomfortable in the pew as a result of her large stomach and she was quite off balance when she walked,” Meryll tells DRUM.

“It was painful carrying all that weight around,” Eveleen recalls. “I was crying all the time. My back took strain. I couldn’t cope anymore.”

She’s shy and speaks softly, almost in a whisper, as she recounts her nightmarish experience. Fortunately Meryll is on hand to take over when things get too much for Eveleen. “I’m her voice,” Meryll says.

For the past 20 years Eveleen has walked a long way, no matter the weather, to attend church.

“We have 250 congregants and unfortunately we don’t know everyone’s story,”



Eveleen Crouse from Port Elizabeth has a new lease of life after the removal of a giant tumour which she’d carried for years (ABOVE). ABOVE LEFT: Meryll van der Merwe, wife of pastor Dion of the Full Gospel Church, took Eveleen in and made sure she got the help she needed.

NOW



MY TUMOUR WEIGHED 27KG

This PE woman was told to wait for death – until one doctor agreed to operate on her

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Meryll says. Eveleen stood out because she was in such bad shape.

And when Meryll discovered Eveleen had been evicted because she could no longer pay rent due to her medical expenses, Meryll made up her mind to do everything in her power to get her the help she so desperately needed.

WHEN Meryll took Eveleen under her wing she'd been living on the street for months. Before that she'd been staying with six other people in a run-down house that didn't have water or electricity – and for this she paid rent of R1 700 a month.

Eveleen has seen tough times. After her husband, Johan, a hospital porter, died aged 42 of diabetes in 2009, her life became a constant struggle. While he was alive, she'd helped out at an old-age home but work became scarce.

To earn money to pay her rent she took care of two elderly people who lived near the derelict house where she stayed, helping with their meals and bathing.

In between she also took care of her son, Charles (36), who'd had a stroke and could no longer walk.

Without her husband's support, life was a constant battle – but four years ago things started becoming even more difficult when she noticed a soft lump on her stomach.

"There was blood in my urine too," she recalls.

She went to the local clinic but the doctor there just gave her antibiotics and sent her home. More visits followed but nobody could figure out what to do about her problem.

One doctor just sent her home with paracetamol. Another inserted 20 needles in a bid to drain the build-up of fluid, but nothing came out.

"It was excruciating," Eveleen says.

Meryll refused to take no for an answer. She contacted hospitals all over the province to try to get help for Eveleen and eventually managed to get her an appointment with a gynaecologist.

The prognosis was dire.

"Make her comfortable until she dies," was the advice Meryll received. There was nothing they could do for Eveleen – she was too far gone.

"Bring her back when she can't breathe anymore," another doctor said.

Meryll found it impossible to heed these words. As a former nurse, she couldn't bear to watch Eveleen suffer.

"I often cried my heart out," Meryll says.

Then by pure chance they stumbled across gynaecological oncologist Professor Mfundo Mabenge at Dora Nginza Hospital in Zwile.

For Eveleen he was a lifesaver – an angel in a doctor's coat.

WHEN Mabenge first saw Eveleen her blood pressure was 241/180 and she was in bad shape. But when he looked at her he knew he could operate on her – and that the operation would be a success.

On 21 August she was wheeled into surgery where Mabenge and his team removed the tumour, which weighed an astonishing 27kg, in a two-hour operation. The growth was so large it needed to be wheeled to the lab on a trolley to test it for cancer.

Fortunately it was benign and Mabenge called Meryll to tell her the good news. The tumour didn't have roots, so it had been simple to remove, he reported. "You can celebrate now," he said.

Eveleen had weighed 79kg when she went into the operating theatre but when she was discharged she'd dropped to just 51kg.

"I was so happy when I woke up in hospital and felt my flat stomach," Eveleen says. Tears of joy were flowing freely. In that moment everything changed for her.

People from church helped out with donations of clothes

and other necessities and these days she's living with a fellow congregant.

"It's so nice to have a place to stay."

Eveleen is all smiles now. She's able to walk with ease and she's sleeping much better. She's also relieved that she can once again fit into her size three shoes – her feet were so swollen due to the tumour that she wore a size seven.

Mabenge is honoured he could perform her life-changing surgery.

"I'm a religious man and of course I couldn't turn her away," he says at his home on a smallholding in Seaview, Port Elizabeth. "She's also a church person so we clicked immediately. I simply had to help the woman."

Mabenge is one of three experts in the Eastern Cape on cancers in women and has been based at Dora Nginza Hospital since 2007.

In Eveleen's case the tumour consisted of abnormal cells floating in pools of mucus and grew as the cells increased over the years, he explains. Amazingly, her tumour isn't the largest he's operated on – he removed one weighing 36kg from another female patient.

Mabenge is delighted with the progress Eveleen has made since her surgery. She's been transformed, he says. "When she walked in, I didn't recognise her. Her smile unlocked her beauty. It's also wonderful to see how people in the church are helping her."

Proof, if ever it was needed, that Good Samaritans do exist. **DM**



ABOVE: Professor Mfundo Mabenge removed the giant tumour (ABOVE RIGHT). RIGHT: Eveleen in Dora Nginza Hospital soon after her surgery.



SO LONG, POCH – HEY, JOSÉ

It's all change at Tottenham Hotspur after a lacklustre start to the season

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LOSING STREAK

Over the past year, the upward trajectory Spurs had been enjoying took a nosedive. The north London side had just five wins in total since their breathtaking victory against Ajax in the Champions League in June – the game that catapulted them into the final against Liverpool, which they lost.

At the time of going to print, the side were 11 points adrift of the Premier League top four and a distant 20 points behind leaders Liverpool.

For some, Spurs' demise comes as no surprise. Pochettino has had to work under constraints not shared by his Premier League colleagues. For a start he was under a budget stranglehold when it came to transfers and wages as the club had to find funds for its new stadium at a cost of over £1 billion (R18,9 billion).

A chunk of the past two years saw Spurs operating from a temporary base at Wembley Stadium before they moved into their new 62 000-seater home-ground in April.

For 18 months the club didn't sign a single player, despite Poch pleading for aggressive recruitment. Levy finally coughed up to buy French player Tanguy Ndombele for a club record £63 million (now \$1,19bn) in July, and they also took Argentine Giovanni Lo Celso on loan and England's Ryan Sessegnon in the summer transfer window.

But injuries got in the way of them making an immediate impact. Added to that, players Christian Eriksen, Toby Alderweireld and Jan Vertonghen were all entering the final year of their contracts, a situation Pochettino called "disruptive".

The result of underinvestment is that "Tottenham have spent the past five months as a part-zombified entity, a squad of putrefied parts," The Guardian's

T WAS a dizzying fall from grace. Just six months ago he was the toast of the town after taking his team – a lesser player in a game dominated by the big-bucks glamour clubs – all the way to the Champions League final.

Tottenham Hotspur had also come third in the Premier League in 2018 and Mauricio Pochettino was hailed for creating an exciting squad and a thrilling style of play that delighted fans. And all this on a far smaller budget than many of his rival coaches.

But now it's all over for the 47-year-old Argentine. Spurs recently announced Poch had been sacked after a losing streak that saw the side sink to the bottom half of the Premier League table.

"We were extremely reluctant to make this change and it's not a decision the board has taken lightly, nor in haste," chairman Daniel Levy said.

"Regrettably domestic results have been extremely disappointing."

To fans, it was a shock – and they had barely come to terms with his firing when another bombshell was dropped: his replacement was to be none other than José Mourinho, the self-styled "Special One" who'd been cooling his heels since his sacking from Manchester United in December last year.

So just what went wrong at Spurs? And is Mourinho, with his legacy of arrogance and personality clashes with players and management alike, the right guy to take over?

sportswriter Barney Ronay said.

“Worse has been the feeling of entropy, of human relationships worn thin and a team grown weary of itself.

“Little wonder the players have simply looked tired, like a high-spec car flogged through its hundred thousand kilometres without a service or a change of cambelt.”

James Gheerbrant of The Times agreed. “A sense of staleness has taken hold. A squad that would once have walked through fire for Pochettino have begun to question him.”

POCH TO BLAME TOO

Pochettino, always an emotional man who was said to be broken by the Champion's League defeat, is at fault too, Gheerbrant said.

The coach – who once put his fist through a TV after a Champions League defeat to Monaco and kept a bowl of lemons in his office to absorb negative vibrations – had become an increasingly erratic figure.

“He took abrupt decisions without explanation,” he said. “He flew straight to Barcelona after losing that Champions League final against Liverpool and alluded to ‘different agendas’ within his squad. The emotional nature that has been one of his biggest strengths became a double-edged sword.”

Pochettino, who's married to Karina Grippaldi and has two sons, Sebastiano (24) and Maurizio (18), is now on the market again – and Mourinho is gainfully employed once more.

MAKE WAY FOR JOSÉ

Mourinho's contract will run until the end of 2022/23 season and he'll earn up to £15m (R283m) a year – significantly more than Pochettino's £8,5m (R151m) pay packet.

But then Mourinho is the Special One, bringing with him vast experience and the ability to bring home silver-



ware – something that was a major factor in Mourinho's appointment by chairman Levy.

The Portuguese firebrand, who has been working as a TV pundit since being sacked from Man U, reportedly told Levy winning trophies won't require breaking the bank. Which is just as well, because Mourinho's been warned there won't be any money for transfers in January as the club are still paying off the new stadium.

However Mourinho, whose tenure with Manchester United ended after a disastrous run, will need to prove to his many critics that he hasn't lost the Midas touch.

Arsenal legend Martin Keown has his doubts about the appointment. “We need to see what Mourinho is going to turn up,” he told metro.co.uk.

“He's an amazing champion but in his quest to win things he can be suffocating. He needs to realise he has to jettison that side of his personality otherwise he'll bring the whole thing down.”

British MP and Spurs fan David Lammy is also a sceptic. “We will struggle to contain Mourinho's ego which is bigger than even our new stadium,” he tweeted.

Others think Mourinho's appointment is the best thing for the club.

“Mourinho is an unbelievable manager,” former Spurs player Paul Gascoigne said.

“I don't think it'll take him long to win round the dressing room. He's a

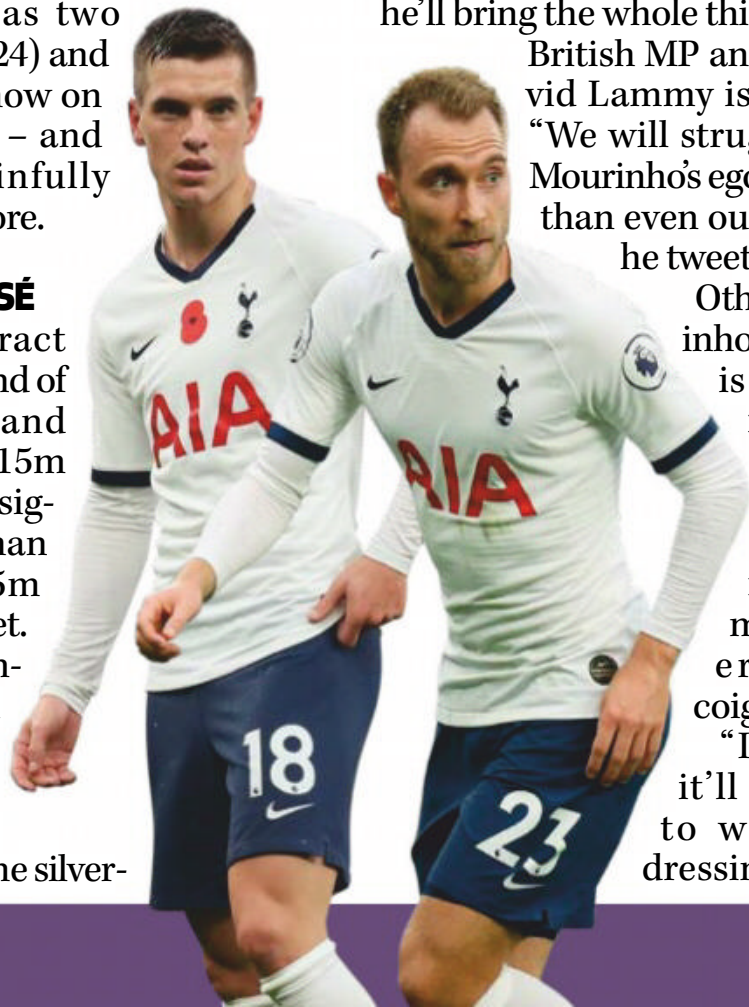
FAR LEFT: Mauricio Pochettino has been dumped by Spurs, which is languishing in the bottom half of the Premier League table. LEFT: Lucas Moura celebrates his hat-trick, cheered on by Dele Alli in the match against Ajax that saw Spurs qualify for the Champions League final. BELOW LEFT: Giovanni Lo Celso and Christian Eriksen will be hoping the new man at the helm, José Mourinho (BELOW), will be able to turn the club's fortunes around.

manager I'd play for.”

Mourinho is up for the challenge. “What can I promise?” he said after his appointment. “Passion. Passion for my job but also passion for my club.

“I look forward to the challenge, for the responsibility, to bring happiness to everyone who loves Tottenham Hotspur.” **DM**

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BIRTH OF A LEGEND

He's come a long way from geeky boy to sexiest man alive. We look at John Legend's winding road to success

COMPILED BY DENNIS CAVERNELIS

IF YOU told his 17-year-old self he would one day be considered a sex symbol he would have laughed in your face.

Gangly and goofy, he was the ultimate nerd – and a super smart one at that. He finished high school two years ahead of his peers and went to university when he was just 16. But cool he was not.

“Oh yes, I had an awkward phase,” John Legend recently admitted. “I was always less mature, less at ease socially.”

But just look at him now. The 40-year-old crooner is married to one of the sexiest women in showbiz, is a beloved judge on top talent search show *The Voice* and has won almost every award going for his music. And to top it all, he was recently voted 2019's sexiest man alive in *People* magazine's annual poll of the hottest hunks on the planet.

John takes the mantle from Idris Elba and marked the occasion with a pic and a post on social media.

“1995 John would be very perplexed to be following 2018 Idris Elba as Sexiest Man Alive,” he wrote.

Earlier this year the *All of Me* singer jokingly predicted he might get the title.

“I feel like, if I'm on *The Voice*, I'm going to get it,” he said, referring to the fact that coaches Adam Levine and Blake Shelton were both named sexiest man alive – Adam in 2013 and Blake in 2017.

Some people were less than impressed with John's win, with one troll saying she doubted he could “throw me over his shoulder or defend me better than I can”.

He lives an idyllic life now – happily married, fabulously successful and constantly in demand. But behind those smiling eyes lies a long list of hardship and heartbreak that could've derailed geeky John's early promise.



John was recently named *People* magazine's sexiest man alive, something he says he finds a bit perplexing.



FAR LEFT: John comes from a musical family and sang in his grandfather's church from a young age. **MIDDLE:** With his parents, siblings and grandparents. The family lost touch with his mom following his parents' divorce but John has since reconnected with his mom. **LEFT:** The singer married model Chrissy Teigen in 2013 and they have two children, Luna and Miles. **INSET:** John as a toddler.



'It hasn't been an easy process, but it was worth it in the end'

JOHN Stephens, as he was christened, was a precocious talent. The son of Phyllis, a seamstress, and Ronald, a factory worker from Springfield in Ohio, he learnt to play the piano when he was just three years old.

His mom was his first and biggest fan. "Whenever we had opportunities to sing in church or in school, she'd suggest that I do it. She always encouraged me."

Phyllis was also the choir director at the church where her father, Raymond Lloyd, was the pastor and her mother, Elmira, was the organist.

The Stephens family were deeply religious and Phyllis and Ronald decided to home-school John and his siblings.

John spent every spare second playing the piano. "Typically, you ask your son or daughter, 'Have you practised your lessons?'," Ronald said. "But John was the kind of kid where I'd be like, 'Hey man, get off that piano – you're driving us crazy!'"

Almost as soon as he learnt to read and write, he was penning and singing his own songs. Then John's grandmother, Elmira, died of a heart attack at age 58 and the family was left reeling. "I was traumatised because we were so close. She was my music guru. She taught me a lot about music and a lot of my style was influenced by her," John said.

Phyllis took it even harder, plunging into a deep depression and then into drug addiction. She and Ronald divorced when John was 10 and she spent the better part of a decade living on the streets – when she wasn't in jail.

John and his siblings lived with their dad and years would go by without them seeing their mom. "She was a legitimate drug addict," John said.

Yet he rose above the heartache and enrolled to study English at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating with distinction.

But he didn't just study at varsity: he

was also the director of an a cappella group and through a mutual friend he was introduced to Lauryn Hill. She hired him to play piano on Everything is Everything for her debut solo album.

After graduating, he took a corporate job working as a management consultant in New York. "It was something to pay the bills," he said. "Most artists have to wait tables or something like that. I actually had something that paid well."

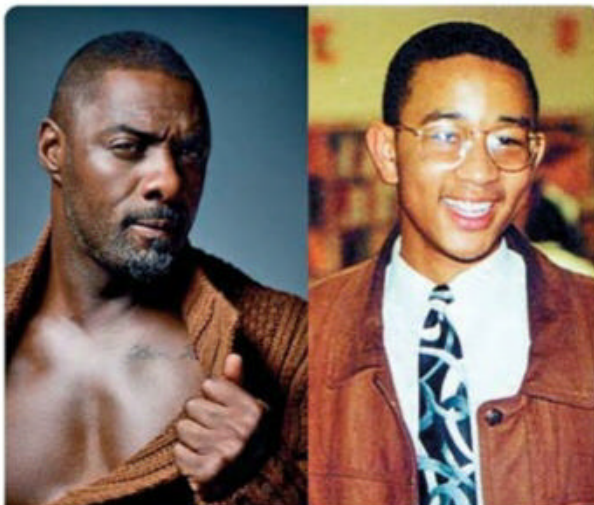
Nights and on weekends he performed at nightclubs while trying to get signed by a record label. But he battled: his voice and style were cool, music bosses would tell him, yet he had no potential hits on his demo. Kanye West disagreed.

John had been roommates with a cousin of Yeezy's and the then-up-and-coming producer signed John to his label and convinced him to use the stage name suggested by the poet J Ivy.

And a legend was born.



John.Legend
@johnlegend
1995 John would be very perplexed to be following
2018 @IdrisElba as #SexiestManAlive. Hell, 2019
John is about as equally perplexed but thank you
@People for finding me sexy. I'll take it 🙏



John posted an old snap of himself on Instagram – next to last year's sexiest man alive winner Idris Elba.

JOHN'S debut album, Get Lifted, earned him three Grammys.

Not long after he began using his platform to speak out against injustice. He formed Free America, a criminal justice reform advocacy group, partly in response to what had happened to his mother.

"My mother's addiction didn't just tear her life apart, it tore our family apart too. Drug addiction is a serious problem and society is right to want to tackle it.

"But we've been going about it wrong. My mother didn't need punishment, she needed help," he said.

His mom recovered from her addiction and remarried John's father in 2000, although they divorced again in 2006.

John's own love-life was the stuff of rumours as his star began to rise.

He was known as "either being in the closet or a modeliser [someone who habitually hangs out with models]", his wife, Chrissy Teigen, recalled.

A model herself, Chrissy met John in 2007 on the set of the music video for his song Stereo. They hit it off immediately.

"It got serious pretty quickly," John said. "I didn't know I wanted someone funny until I was with someone funny."

They were married in 2013 and kids Luna (3) and Miles (1) followed.

"My mom spends a lot of time with the kids," John said, adding it took him years to come to terms with his mother's abandonment. "It hasn't been an easy process, but it was worth it in the end."

Chrissy is proud of her hubby's sexiest man alive honour, John said. The couple's children? Not so much.

"The kids," Chrissy quipped, "do not care." **DM**

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IT'S one of the most successful movies of all time, a tale of sisterly love and inner strength that spawned a generation of young fans as little girls embraced the premise that no woman needs a Prince Charming to rescue her – she's pretty capable of looking after herself.

So it's hardly a surprise Disney has made a sequel to Frozen – and it's one of the most hotly anticipated follow-up films of all time.

Pre-bookings for Frozen II's opening weekend in the US outdid Toy Story 4, Incredibles 2 and The Lion King.

"A \$100-million [R1,5-billion] three-day opening weekend is a foregone conclusion," media analyst Paul Dergarabedian said shortly before the 22 November opening in America.

Yes, Frozen fans, Anna, Elsa, Olaf, Kristoff and Sven are back – and there's a brand-new adventure to grip and inspire millions of the flick's fanatics.

Not to mention seven new songs to worm their way into your ears.

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

"If Frozen was happily ever after, Frozen II is the day after happily ever after," says co-director Jennifer Lee of the sequel, which is set three years after the first film.

"We realised there were lingering questions. What would Anna do now that she has everything she's wanted? And the biggest one: 'Why was Elsa born with magical powers?'"

In Frozen II, Elsa hears a calling no one else can. She tries to block it out, but it won't stop and shows her pieces of the past. It promises answers about why she is the way she is and she's forced to find that voice.

But the answers also threaten her kingdom and so – with Anna, Kristoff, Olaf and Sven in tow – Elsa embarks on a journey far north into the unknown to enchanted forests and dark seas beyond her kingdom of Arendelle.

Elsa has a magical horse, a water spirit called Nokk, capable of galloping across the surface of the ocean that, according to a review on Vulture.com, "makes Elsa's silver hair, unleashed from its braid, flutter aspirationally in the wind".

INTO THE UNKNOWN

Things are about to get a little chilly at the box office – Disney's favourite sisters and their cute companions return in Frozen II

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BY THE NUMBERS

1,8 billion

Number of views the Let it Go music video has on YouTube

R2,25 billion

Frozen's estimated production budget

R19,05 billion

Frozen's worldwide box-office takings

3,2 million

Frozen DVDs and Blu-rays were sold by Amazon.com on the first day of its release in March 2014, making it Amazon's best-selling children's disc of all time



'We realised there were lingering questions. What would Anna do now that she has everything she's wanted?'



ABOVE: The sequel to the hugely popular Frozen is now in cinemas. An American reviewer said one of the new movie's scenes will "make a child's heart explode with covetous delight". RIGHT: Kristen Anderson-Lopez and husband Robert Lopez won the Oscar for best original song for Let it Go in 2014.

LETTING IT GO

Let it Go is the earworm that burrowed its way into a billion parents' brains. And if its Oscar-winning songwriters, the husband-and-wife team of Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, have their way, their Frozen II theme song, Into the Unknown, will take its place.

They've written seven new songs for Frozen II, inspired by their daughters, Katie and Annie. "Anna and Elsa are growing up," Kristen says. "And our own girls are growing up too. They informed the choices we made

with Frozen and have also informed the choices we made with Frozen II.

"As the girls get more independent and have to walk their own paths and face their own moments of crisis without us there to protect them, it's ushered in a new era of parenting for us, which also made its way into the film".

Idina Menzel sings Into the Unknown, and the soundtrack will also feature songs by the cast, as well as Panic! at the Disco, Kacey Musgraves and Weezer.

THE STARS

IDINA MENZEL AS ELSA

The award-winning actress, singer and songwriter had a long list of Broadway credits to her name before she became Frozen-famous.

"It's refreshing to see a movie about young women that isn't about romantic love," Idina (48) says. "It's infectious to see two young women taking risks and pushing each other to be their greatest selves."

KRISTEN BELL AS ANNA

The Good Place and Veronica Mars star (39) reprises her role as Elsa's sister. She's admitted her daughters, Lincoln (6) and Delta (4), already know everything

about the new blockbuster-to-be. "So, I come home and I learn a new song, and I sing it to them at night in bed. And then I realised I really need to be careful." The plot was a closely guarded secret for years.

JONATHAN GROFF AS KRISTOFF

Jonathan (34) was thrilled to land a part in a Disney movie. The actor says when he was a child "I used to go to my bedroom and act out Disney movies completely alone, using my imagination. The big revelation I had is that actually working on a Disney movie is the same thing! It's just you alone in a booth."

Frozen II, Jonathan says, is "freaking incredible and mature and complex".

JOSH GAD AS OLAF

Josh (38) returns to voice the beloved snowman and he can't rave enough about the new movie.

"I laughed, I gasped, I applauded and I wept," he wrote on Instagram after a screening of the film for the cast. "Frozen 2 is stunning and surprising in many ways. You've never seen Anna and Elsa like this. I cannot wait to share this movie with my daughters and with the world!"

6 months How long the movie stayed in cinemas, from November 2013 to May 2014. Movies are typically screened for 3-4 weeks

R15 billion The value of Frozen toys and merchandise sold in the US in 2013

2,7 million Frozen CDs sold in the US in 2014 – the only album to sell over 1 million copies that year

R75 000 Starting price of a tour of the Norwegian sites that inspired the animators

3 million Frozen dresses sold in North America in 2014



ABOVE: Flame won the best freshman and best male gongs. **RIGHT:** Cassper Nyovest bagged the best promoter, for Fill Up, and best hustler awards. **FAR RIGHT:** K.O performed on the night.

HIP & HAPPENING

The best of the best came out recently to celebrate the 8th Annual South African Hip Hop Awards at Johannesburg's Lyric Theatre.



LEFT: Singer Nandi Madida paired her pretty pink hair with a white off-the-shoulder minidress. **RIGHT:** Nadia Nakai sparkled like the winner she is – the rapper bagged the best female award for her debut album, *Nadia Naked*. **FAR RIGHT:** Rapper Gigi LaMayne stepped out in fur and fringes in this silver playsuit.





ABOVE: Rapper Touchline lit up the stage. **RIGHT:** Cape Town rapper YoungstaCPT walked away with the best video and album of the year awards.

Riky Rick and Yanga Chief perform the remix of Yanga's track Utatakho, which won the song of the year award.



FAR LEFT: Boity Thulo showed off major cleavage in a plunging green gown. **LEFT:** Rapper Fifi Cooper kept it casual in a blazer and pants.

RIGHT: Newlyweds Khuli Chana and DJ Lamiez hit the red carpet in suits.



TEAM MEGHAN



SUPERMODEL **NAOMI CAMPBELL** has come out in support of **MEGHAN MARKLE**, who is suing British tabloid The Mail on Sunday after the paper published a letter she'd written to her father, without her permission.

Naomi defended the Duchess of Sussex, saying, "When I heard [she was taking legal action], I was like, 'Bravo. Good for her.'"

We all know what that's about...

"I don't know how Meghan Markle deals with this and I'm really glad she's taken action to defend herself."

Meghan's legal team say the tabloid "lied about publishing the full contents of the letter as it had deliberately omitted or suppressed other parts in order to portray a false picture".



Birthday wishes from the block

SHE could never be accused of being a wicked stepmom! **JENNIFER LOPEZ** recently shared a sweet Instagram post of herself hugging her soon-to-be stepdaughter, **NATASHA ALEXANDER**, daughter of Alex Rodriguez.

"Wishing my favorite teenager a very happy 15th birthday!!! May you forever keep illuminating the people around you with your infectious light," the actress and singer captioned the snapshot.

"I love you and hope you have the best day. #Tashi," she added.

Aww!



Up close & personal

HE'S certainly had a rough couple of years! **KEVIN HART** dropped out of Oscar-hosting duties after his old homophobic tweets returned to haunt him, was in a terrible car crash

from which he is still recovering, and who can forget that sex video scandal last year?

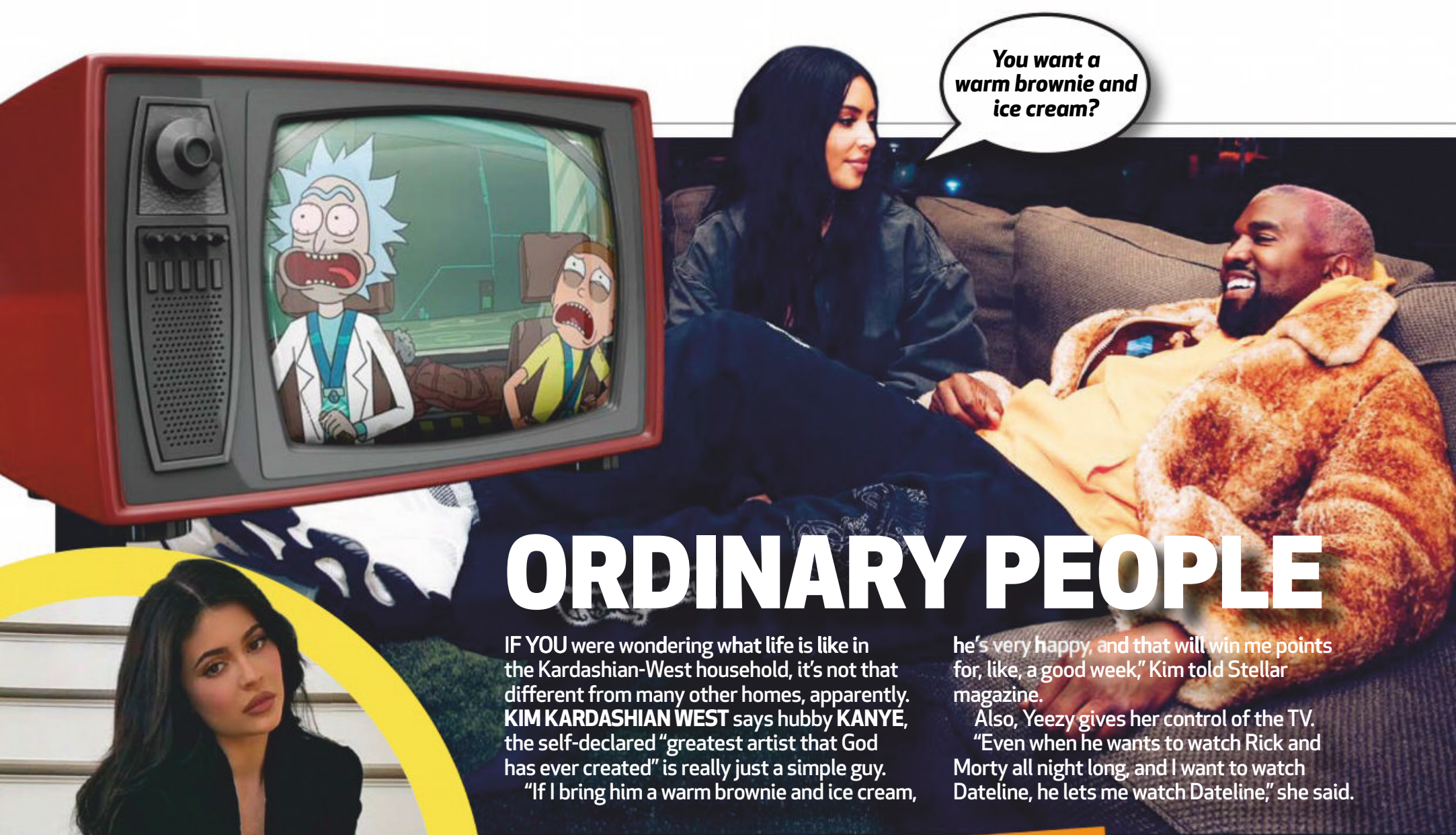
Kudos to the comedian for making the most of his challenges – they'll now be recapped in *Don't F**k This Up*, a six-part documentary series about his life.

"It's a look at my life over the past year and a half, which has been a hell of a roller coaster: peaks, hills, valleys, ups, downs," Kevin said of the Netflix series which will be available for streaming from the end of November.

"It's as real, as raw, as transparent as you can be."



"It's something that I think people need to see. I'm always looking for ways to improve and progress, and this documentary was one of the ways I felt I could do just that."



ORDINARY PEOPLE

IF YOU were wondering what life is like in the Kardashian-West household, it's not that different from many other homes, apparently. **KIM KARDASHIAN WEST** says hubby **KANYE**, the self-declared "greatest artist that God has ever created" is really just a simple guy. "If I bring him a warm brownie and ice cream,

he's very happy, and that will win me points for, like, a good week," Kim told *Stellar* magazine.

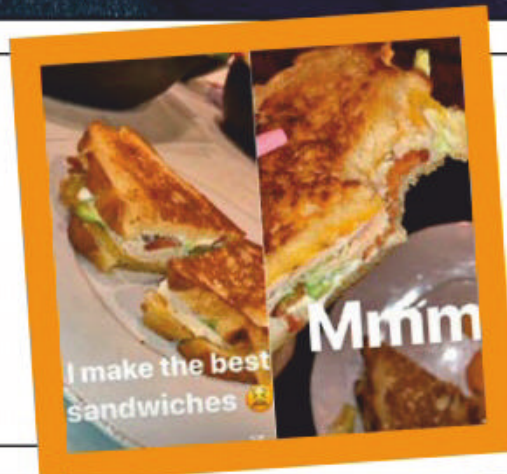
Also, Yeezy gives her control of the TV. "Even when he wants to watch Rick and Morty all night long, and I want to watch Dateline, he lets me watch Dateline," she said.



Kylie's modest celebration

NOT to be outdone by her big sister's ordinariness, makeup mogul **KYLIE JENNER** celebrated a \$600 million (R8,8 billion) deal by... making a sandwich.

Kylie took to Instagram to announce she had sold 51% of her makeup and skincare



empire to Coty. Kylie showed off her sarmie, which she made on her own in her kitchen. "I make the best sandwiches," she declared.

We guess it's probably not such a big deal to bag millions if you're already a billionaire!



Proud papa

AFTER months of speculation that he was about to be a father again, **CHRIS BROWN** has now confirmed the news on social media. He posted a pic of himself on Instagram, which can only be described as a look of pure love, simply captioning it "11-20-2019". The singer's ex-girlfriend, model **AMMIKA HARRIS**, recently gave birth to a baby boy. The couple got together at the start of the year when they were photographed in Paris shortly after the fallen star was detained by police on aggravated rape accusations.

Chris (30) has a daughter, **ROYALTY** (5), but his son is 26-year-old Ammika's first child.



GUESS WHO'S BACK!



Jussie is going after those he says smeared his name

WE THOUGHT we'd seen the last of **JUSSIE SMOLLETT**, but the actor is back – and on the attack!

The Empire star, disgraced after allegedly staging an attack on himself earlier this year, is now suing the City of Chicago, police officers and brothers Abimbola and Olabinjo

Osundairo. In his lawsuit the actor claims officials concocted the allegation that he was the mastermind of the hoax assault, which cost him his career and caused him severe emotional distress.

Jussie was accused by police of hiring the brothers to carry out the alleged mock attack but he remains adamant he was the victim of a homophobic and racist attack carried out by white men.



IT'S been a great year for new music and plenty of our favourites are leading the 62nd Grammy Awards race. This year's nominees were selected from more than 20 000 submissions across 84 categories.

The awards will be handed out on 26 January in a ceremony hosted by Alicia Keys.

1 Super talented **LIZZO** leads the pack with eight nominations, including album of the year for Cuz I Love You (Deluxe), record and song of the year for Truth Hurts, and best new artist. **2** **BEYONCÉ**'s Homecoming is nominated for best music film. Bey is also up for best pop solo performance and best song written for visual media for Spirit, and best pop vocal album for The Lion King: The Gift. **3** **CARDI B** is nominated in the best rap performance category for featuring on Clout by her husband, **OFFSET**. **4** Old Town Road superstar **LIL NAS X** is this year's leading male nominee. The rapper earned six Grammy nominations, including best new artist, album of the year and record of the year.



WILL UP IN ARMS



WILL.I.AM insists he was subjected to racist treatment on a Qantas flight, but the airline has hit back, saying it will support a flight attendant if she sues for defamation. The Grammy winner tweeted his side of the story, saying he was wearing noise-cancelling headphones during the flight-safety announcements and didn't hear the flight attendant's instruction to put away

his laptop. He said she made things worse by calling the police, who met him when the flight landed. The Let's Go singer posted the flight attendant's name and photo on Twitter, calling her a racist. Qantas denied racism saying the situation had been "a misunderstanding". They also offered the flight attendant legal support. But will.i.am doesn't regret putting her on blast. He had spoken out "so that this doesn't happen again. Everyone deserves to be treated with respect".



5 & 6 The record of the year category also includes **KHALID**'s *Talk*, **H.E.R.**'s *Hard Place*, **Billie Eilish**'s *Bad Guy*, **Ariana Grande**'s *7 Rings*, **Bon Iver**'s *Hey, Ma*, and **POST MALONE** and **SWAE LEE**'s *Sunflower*, which was featured on the soundtrack of *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*. **7** Local star **TREVOR NOAH** is up for best comedy album for *Trevor Noah: Son of Patricia*, the audio recording of his Netflix comedy special. **8** **MICHELLE OBAMA** is nominated in the spoken word category for the audiobook edition of her memoir, *Becoming*. **9** Rapper **NIPSEY HUSSLE**, who was shot dead outside his clothing store earlier this year, has three posthumous nominations – best rap performance and best rap song for *Racks in the Middle*, and best rap/sung collaboration for *Higher*, a collab with **DJ KHALED** and **JOHN LEGEND**.

HERE'S HOW TO WEAR THE PANTS!

These stars rocked suits, rompers and jumpsuits this year

BY NADIA SWARTBOOI & SHOUNEES MOOLA



ZENDAYA
in a Bertoli suit at the Harper's Bazaar Icons Party in New York.

JANELLE MONÁE
in a Ralph Lauren suit at the launch of her vodka line in Chicago.

LUPITA NYONG'O
in Michael Kors at a charity gala in NYC.

CARDI B
in head-to-toe Chanel during Paris Fashion Week.

STORM REID
in Tommy x Zendaya at Tyler Perry Studios' opening in Atlanta.

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