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Creative Arts student takes over air-waves



Nompumelelo Mbanjwa working at UKhozi FM

XOLISILE MNGWE

Nompumelelo Mbanjwa (25), a Creative Arts College student has made her way to the biggest Nguni radio station in South Africa, Ukhozi FM. She was enrolled as part of the radio stations internship program where she learned about; content producing under the Vuka Mzansi Breakfast Show. This show is presented

by Dj Sipho 'Sgqemeza' Mbatha from 6 to 9 in the morning, during weekdays. Born and bred in Centocow, South of KwaZulu-Natal, Nompumelelo completed her secondary schooling at Leshman High School. She is currently completing her third year in Journalism at the Creative Arts College in Durban. Her passion for journalism landed her, her internship

with Ukhozi FM where she was one of four students to score a lifetime opportunity to work under the radio stations student internship program for three weeks from 26 June 2017 – 14 July 2017. While working at the radio station, Nompumelelo gained experience and sharpened her skills in journalism under the guidance of Hlengiwe Mbatha, who is the producer for

Vuka Mzansi Breakfast and Sma Mbatha who produces the Woza Nabangani Bakho shows. "Being a content producer is challenging as you can imagine, it mostly needs creativity and diligence." She performed so well under the program, she earned herself the title of 'Producer Odumile', 'The famous Producer' on the radio stations social media platforms.

Mbanjwa acknowledged the Ukhozi FM management for the opportunity and everyone she worked with and also thanked Creative Arts College for helping her with her career, she said without a 1st year former journalism lecturers Ronald Gwagwawa, Mr Teeh, the radio lecturer and Mr West Gandawa, the 3rd year lecturer she wouldn't be where she is now.



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Opinion by NOMPUMELELO MBANJWA

In over half of the country, South Africa is using more water than what is available. According to South African research, 98% of water available is already used and 40% of wastewater treatment is in a critical state. 37% of drinkable water is being lost through; pipe leaks, dripping taps and wastage. Members of the Community are urged to make changes in their lifestyles in order to contribute to saving water. They need to learn to wash their cars using buckets instead of pipes and using water wisely. Communities depend on water for everyday usage; it is therefore their responsibility to learn more about water conserva-

tion methods for years to come. The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Mr. Senzeni Zokwana said, there is nothing more important than water; everyone needs to understand that without water there would be no life. If communities do not conserve water now, there will not be enough for generations to come. In order to save water they must make sure they flush toilets only when it is necessary, use basin for bathing and re-purpose the usage of water in irrigation. If communities participate in saving water, they can make a huge difference in the environment and towards building the country's economy.

Sex education should be taught in schools

XOLISILE MNGWE

Sex education should be taught as a compulsory topic at schools in order to raise awareness on sex and issues relating to it. Learners should be made aware of the dangers relating to having sex, such as; unwanted pregnancies, STI's, STD's and cervical cancer.

While learners are exposed to many sources of information on sex, they should also have guidance where they can ask questions and gain clarity. Thus, sex should be included in the schools curriculum as part of Life Orientation where educators and learners tackle the topic. Parents should also be included on educating learners about sex at home. This will help learners to have someone whom they can trust when wanting to discuss the topic. In often cases, learners rely on information from their peers or what they have read. Speaking to KZN

Namuhla Today, Zanele Maphumulo from Leshman High Schoolsaid she fell pregnant when she was only 15 years old. She added that she relied on the internet for some information and spoke to her friends. "My mother was not talking about sex so I was missinformed and got pregnant." Involving parents on sex education will address sex being a taboo which leads to secrecy, lack of trust and fear between the parent and the learner. It will also help alleviate social misconception in previously disadvantaged communities where children are told that sex is an 'adult only activity'. Leading learners to being inquisitive and exploring with sex without the full information and awareness of the responsibilities that come with having sex such as using protection and what to do if you have been exposed to unprotected sex.

Criminal records should be re-evaluated

XOLISILE MNGWE

South African judiciary system should reconsider the expungement of criminal record after ten years of conviction, as it makes no sense to continue punishing a person because of past mistakes.

Yes it is only fair that after a certain period someone will have his or her criminal record expunged, but ten years period is too much for someone who had already spent 25 years in prison.

It also unfair for a person who unintentionally committed a crime, those being framed as well for a crime committed at a younger age due to peer pressure. Let's look at this example, an 18-year-old boy took his father's car for a ride with friends and he accidentally hit and killed a man and also went to prison for 10 years, is it fair for the boy to still wait for another ten years to start his life?

No, everyone deserve a second chance in life. One would ask what about those who had lost their loved ones? In life we need to forgive and let the past be the past and focus on the future, in fact these people have already paid for their sins in prisons. If someone would wait for a long period of ten years to have a proper job, what is the use of providing skills and education in prison? Prisons are now called correctional services, because the purpose was to re-shape or rehabilitate a prisoner's behaviour. Some people do change, but through criminal records their lives becomes complicated as it is difficult to find a decent job with criminal records, some ex-convicts ended up working on constructions, or committing crime again. Ten years may be applied to serial killers and those who committed crimes related to sexual abuse including woman and children abuse. And to those who committed minor cases such as drunk driving, thefts and apartheid cases, government need to intervene, the ex-convicts should be given a chance to use their skills and educational qualifications they acquired from prisons to contribute in building the country's economy.

It's time to reconsider criminal records and think of resources used to provide skills and education in prison that end up beings useless.



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The Sugar Industry Trust Fund for Education (SIFTE) administered by the South African Sugar Association held a ceremony on 11 July 2017 in Mount Edgecombe KwaZulu-Natal to honour their 25 bursary recipients who graduated from their respective Colleges and Universities.

The top achievers were rewarded with brand new Laptops, while other graduates were also awarded certificates in recognition of their achievements. The Head of Provincial Academic Interventions and Innovations in the office of the MEC Dr Mgogi Mahaye delivered the speech of the day. He said the purpose of the

ceremony was to honour graduates who have been working hard in their career and encourage them to continue their good work. "Graduates need to start their own businesses because government won't hire all of them." He said. He also showed a huge appreciation to SIFTE for supporting students with bursary funding's.

One of the top students, Witness Anele Dube who received 7 distinctions in Electrical Engineering at Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) said SIFTE helped her by covering 100% of her tuition fees. She encouraged youngster's to take their education seriously. "I wish youngsters would take education serious because education is a key

to success." She said. The SIFTE bursary covers 100% of tuition fees, books, meals and accommodation for the duration of the student undergraduate course. These students are mostly from the sugar cane growing provinces; Kwa-Zulu Natal and Mpumalanga. A majority of them come from families where their parents work as domestic or farm workers. The mission of the SIFTE is to support, promote and advance sustainable, quality education in South African sugarcane growing areas. Since their bursary program was founded in 1965, SIFTE has made it possible for more than 10 000 students to further their studies. Amongst some of their alumni, SIFTE boasts a number of South African's prominent leaders including ministers of Higher Education and Training, Dr Bonginkosi "Blade" Nzimande Judge President of the Western Cape, Judge John Hlophe and KZN MEC of Health, Dr Sibongiseni Dloomo, Treasure – General Of the ANC, Dr Zweli Mkhize and his wife Dr May Mashego also receive assistance from SIFTE.

Public Works Minister renovates his former school



NOMPUMELELO MBANJWA
Public Works Minister Nkosinathi Nhleko celebrated international Nelson Mandela day by leading a team of artisans from the Department's workshop in renovating the Ndabayakhe Primary school in Empangeni, KwaZulu Natal on 18 July 2017. The Minister put together a special task team to source donations from various sponsors. The sponsors made donations ranging from materials, discounts, clothing, labour and an amount of R250 000 cash which was deposited into a special account at hardware to buy materials. The renovated school will not only assist the learners concentrate better, but it will also encourage the community at large to value education. Before the renovation work, the school was badly damaged with broken windows, missing doors, falling chalk boards, and damaged electrical wiring.

The renovations include painting, electrical rewiring and fittings, carpentry and joinery, barge boards and fascia boards, glazing and window servicing. The Minister also donated building materials in his own personal capacity to an indigent family in the area of Ndabayakhe after he was approached by the family through the ward councillor Mthunzi Mathenjwa for materials to fix their home which had deteriorated over time. In his address to the community, Minister Nhleko pleaded with the community to look after the renovated school, which he attended during his youth. The Minister also announced that the school will now have a 24 hour security service, offered for free by a local security company. This after the school was broken into and vandalised a number of times, which led to the electricity wiring being damaged.

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Vodacom donated food to poor families



Vodacom donated thousands of 10 litre buckets filled with food to families with children attending 30 schools within the KwaZulu Natal border contributing to the fight against poverty in celebration of Nelson Mandela International Day, 18 July 2017 at the Vodacom offices in Umhlanga Rocks, north of Durban.

This initiative forms part of a larger project facilitated by the Vodacom Foundation, building on its annual food security drive in honour of Nelson Mandela Day International launched in 2013. This year, the project will see an estimated 50 000 buckets of nutritional food for children and families in need distributed to previously disadvantaged schools across the country. A total of R5, 2 million was spent on the packing and distribution of food parcels. In each of its 7 regions, Vodacom employees, Nelson Mandela Foundation, the Department of Basic Education (DBE), Gift of the

Givers, local KZN talents such as Kyle Deutsch, Snapback, DJ Abbu from Gagasi FM, to name a few, and the media will race against the clock to pack as many food parcels as possible within 67 minutes ahead of Mandela Day.

In Umhlanga the volunteers were divided into 3 groups and asked to pack the maximum number of 8000 food parcels. It's an ambitious target as each parcel contains canned beans or vegetables, jam, pilchards, tea, soup, mielie-meal, stock and Cer-evita cereal as well as a stationary pack for learners consisting of an A5 exercise book, a pen, pencil, ruler, sharpener, eraser and a lollipop. Vodacom KZN Managing Executive, Steven Barnwell says: "As the world reflects on Nelson Mandela's legacy, we give thanks for his life, his leadership, his devotion to humanity and humanitarian causes. We salute and thank him for his sacrifices for our freedom and our future."

Barnwell says: "Ubuntu is one of the values that we embrace at Vodacom and, as such, the genesis of Vodacom joining the Nelson Mandela Foundation in celebrating Mandela Day is because Vodacom Foundation's work stems from Mandela's passing on of the torch of public service to everyone, saying: "We can change the world and make it a better place, It's in your hands to make a difference."

Chief executive officer of the Nelson Mandela Foundation, Sello Hatang, said: "This year marks the 5th year with Vodacom as a dedicated partner, helping to take Madiba's legacy forward."

Since the launch of the Nelson Mandela Food Packing programme in 2013, Vodacom employees and stakeholders have packed in excess of 193 000 food parcels.

Men encouraged to speak out



Men gathered at the Diakonia Centre to discuss issues facing them.

THALENTE NCUBE

Men from different organisations of the civil society gathered at the Diakonia Centre in Durban to discuss matters pertaining manhood. The man to men dialogue was hosted by the Democracy Development Program on Tuesday 25th July.

Among other issues discussed was breaking the silence when a man is being abused. Men came out guns blazing stating that they have been disposed of their powers in leading their homes. Some of the undisputable fact is that they are full of themselves, don't like to be advised. "We have to blame it to the constitution, women are given too much power over us and their month is celebrated all over media platform whilst our month is not that significant, the government is betraying us and we are made less of men in our households," said Brian Mchunu one of the dialogue coordinators.

They also pointed out that in spite of all the negatives they're experiencing they will continue being supportive and available to their families. They vowed to be providers, protectors and providing security

for the people close to them. "Despite all the utterances made towards us, from the social media hash tags #Man Are Trash, the irresponsible men who abuse women in our name we are obligated to remain unshaken and be the backbone of our homes," said Melusi Cele from the eLindelani Youth Forum.

Though men's month has ended but they are encouraged to do good to others and forever and to remember their role in communities. One of the speakers said that men shouldn't expect to be celebrated but must celebrate themselves on daily basis. "Let us not expect the media, government or whoever to celebrate us, we have to reward ourselves by doing good to the society so that we can be appreciated through our contributions, involvement and positive impact we bring into our communities," said SaneleNdlela from the Young Men Christian Association.

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Tragic experiences can lead to success



Mrs Lizzie Mkhize ,the founder of Cator Manor Masibamisane Community Centre

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Lizzie Mkhize (50) is the Co-founder and CEO at the Cato Manor Masibambisane Community Centre in Mayville.

Mkhize, who suffered with distress and even landed up in hospital due to emotional and physical abuse she experienced in her previous marriage. She now reaches out and helps members of her community who are faced with similar marital problems. Soon after her divorce, Mkhize began serving her community in Wentworth, south of Durban. Her experience taught her to be strong and she soon developed the love for helping others. "I was married to an abusive husband, so I learned that I must stand up and help other people," she said.

She later moved to Cato Manor at Mayville, where she married her now husband, Pastor John Mkhize. Together, they started the centre which at the time was providing agricultural skills, as well as a feeding scheme to the disadvantaged people from both Cato Manor and Wentworth. Her passion for helping people, led her to acquiring an advanced counselling certificate in HIV and AIDS.

The increasing number of people needed help from Mkhize, led her and her husband to use their one room home as a VCT clinic, which means she had to do everything in that little room, while attending to her patients at the same time. "I had to sacrifice everything I had, even toilet and bathroom, can you imagine how difficult it is to share your bathroom with people you don't even know," She said. She also added that the love she has for the community kept her going and with God she knew something will come up somehow.

Lizzie says she and her husband were unemployed, when they started the clinic and the house had no elec-

tricity which made things more complicated, but her husband helped her by collecting woods from the nearby bush, for her to cook the vegetables they brought from their garden and the pap with the maize meal donated by the community.

The centre has now grown into a feeding scheme, food parcels, HIV/Aids counselling and testing, as well as having an after school classes of English for grades 1 to 4 learner's, the class started with less than twenty children and now has grown into sixty children.

Mkhize has since partnered with University of South Africa (UNISA) who bring social worker students for practical's.

One of the students Nonyameko Mqwathi said Mrs Mkhize is a blessing to the community as she has learnt a lot from her, when she was doing her practicals. "Working with Mkhize was a great lifetime experience, it was enjoyable" She said Since opening their doors, Lizzie and her husband's centre has grown dramatically in terms of services the centre offers. They have also been lucky to receive donations from Charmaine Moses and Jean Ray from Church Alliance and Social Transformation (CAST) to help with the financial operation of the centre. Mkhize is currently in the process of negotiating with the department of health about delivering ARVs into the centre as some patients are not able to go to King Edward VII for ARVs collection. "I am still negotiating with King Edward Hospital for ARVs to be collected here," She concluded.

Ethekwini Mayor applauds Umlazi Healthcare workers

NOKWANDA GCABA

The EThekwini Mayor, Cllr Zandile Gumede has praised the commitment shown by Osizweni clinic at bringing provision of quality patient care to the residents.

Gumede was speaking during the cabinet's visit to Osizweni Clinic at Umlazi Q – section where she commended the clinic for creating a healthy community and ensuring the quality of care. "We are pleased to know that the clinic has 14 committed employees who work hard at ensuring quality health care to patients and despite facing the challenge of safety, they have extended to keep the clinic operational seven days a week from 07:00 to 16:00". She said.

Sr Mamo Sandra Ngidi, Clin-

ic Operations Manager said the healthcare facility provides HIV and TB-related treatment, care and support services to community however they are faced with other challenges that cause a strain to the healthcare centre. "The clinic serves ward 89 communities and extends to other areas outside the ward which include Ekuthuleni and Zamani informal settlements as well as other sections of the township. This increases the number of patients treated at this clinic and sometimes causes constraint to the health programmes provided." She said. Ngidi further added, saying, overcrowding in the communities they serve continues to be a concern. "Residents are crowded in their homes and that makes it easier for infectious diseases like TB to be transmitted and thus

increasing the number of people receiving care." eThekwini Health District Director, Mrs Penny Dladla Msimango, said Umlazi is a vast township and is over populated but the health department will continue to strive to provide services accessible to everybody. "Umlazi is the second biggest township in the country and it has one hospital that is assisted by 32 mobile clinics but due to the area being vast, that is not enough." Msimango highlighted the wishes of her department which are to build a second hospital and to increase mobile clinics in Umlazi in an effort to assist the area's main hospital, Prince Mshiyeni Memorial.

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IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR THE ANNUAL DURBAN BUSINESS FAIR



THALENTE NCUBE

The City Of Durban is yet to host another addition of the annual business fair which will feature some of nation and international acts from across the globe. The Fair is

aimed at empowering the budding business people who will exhibit their work and exchanging business ideas with some of the prominent business people.

The event, which runs parallel to the renowned Essence Festival Durban 2017, is expected to attract thousands of visitors from both locally and abroad. The business show will commence with a series of empow-

erment activities aimed at equipping entrepreneurs with the appropriate skills to grow and sustain their businesses. This year, the Fair is expected to be bigger and better as the City has invited prominent business experts, both local and international, to share their expertise with local entrepreneurs to help advance their business knowledge. T.D Jakes will also be in attendance and some of the internationally acclaimed acts. The Durban Business Fair will be held from 29 September to 01 October and will provide an opportunity for visitors to explore innovation and talents displayed by both emerging and established businesses. The Fair will be preceded by a three-day business seminar held from 26 -28 September. EThekweni Mayor Zandile Gumede said the Durban Business Fair is one of the Municipal programmes initiated to unlock potential and encourage economic inclusion of businesses in the mainstream economy of the City.

“It is exciting to see the level of interest already shown in the Durban Business Fair. This project has yielded positive results and has shown great potential in uplifting the business sector. It plays a vital role in addressing the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality that remains entrenched in some parts of the City,” she said Mayor Gumede urged businesses and aspirant entrepreneurs to make use of this opportunity to showcase their products and services, using this platform to promote their businesses. According to the Municipal website, those who are keen to attend to the event are urged to register online to confirm their attendance or alternatively can come to the municipal offices where application forms are obtainable. The registration process will run until the 14th of August 2017.

Young business man excels in media industry



NOMPUMELELOMBANJWA

It takes hard work for someone to become a successful businessman. Nhlakanipho Nene, who is popularly known as Mthoko, is a proof of that.

Nene (23) is a young successful businessman living in Durban. He owns a company which deals with photography, film making, designing, script writing, producing,

directing and movie editing. Coming from a disadvantage background did not stop Nene from becoming a professional photographer he is today. He grew up in rural area called

Mandeni that's where he finished his matric. After finishing matric he then moved to Durban where he enrolled at Damelin College for a Certificate in Business Management, after that he went to University of South Africa (UNISA) where he obtained a National Diploma in Accounting. After completing his Diploma, he got a job in Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC), where he worked as an accountant. While he was working at MSC he realized that he loves photography and that's when he started to work as photographer every weekend, taking wedding photographs. A year later he decided to leave his job as an accountant and join the media industry. To develop his knowledge and understanding of the creative world, for a year he went to Creative Arts College to do a Movie Technology Certificate and that's when he began his business in 2015. Mr Nene started his business with a mission of being one of the world's leading Production Company which will provide good photo graphics, videos and promote logos. The aim

of the Nene Production is to remove limitation in creativity by offering a customized photo graphic session based on the client's needs. However, his success did not come easy as it was hard for him to run his business properly because he did not have enough money to buy all equipment he needed for the business, as a result he used to hire equipment. He said patience is essential to achieve anything “Patience is absolutely necessary to achieve anything. Almost nothing in life is direct, unless you go out and win the lottery. You have to know that the best things in life is worth working hard and waiting for,” said Nene. Another challenge he faced was working with people who had no passion in making business successful and who do not have enough knowledge about the job. Nevertheless he managed to register his company under his last name, Nene Productions which now has offices in Mayville Wiggins. When time comes he would like to expand his business to other Provinces.

FPB Film Industry Dialogue held in Durban

NOKWANDAGCABA

The Film and Publication Board (FPB) hosted a Film Industry Legacies Dialogue during the Durban International Film Festival at Garden Court Marine Parade, Durban, 15 July 2017.

FPB Legal Manager Tholoana Ncheka said the dialogue is aimed at engaging the film industry on the FPB classification guidelines, as to how they are applied to films, as well as to highlight the importance of rating films. “The dialogue engaged film makers on the review of our classification

guidelines with the aim of soliciting their inputs which will be incorporated into the revised classification guidelines,” said Ncheka. The purpose of this organisation is to protect children from content that contains violence and sex. The FPB's classification guidelines are reviewed and revised as deemed necessary to align to societal norm and values,” added Ncheka. This dialogue was attended by emerging filmmakers and various companies producing films. Filmmaker, Senzekile Qhamakoane said, “this dialogue was informative. I have learned about the guidelines

that need to be followed when rating a film.” The FPB achieves this through the classification of films, interactive computer games and certain publications using the classification guidelines as approved by the Council of the FPB in consultation with the Minister of Communications pursuant to the provisions of section 4A(1)(a) of the Films and Publications Act 65 of 1996, as amended “Act.



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□ LEFT– Dancers from KwaMashu also attended the event.

□ BOTTOM LEFT Rapper from KwaMashu impressing the judges

RIGHT – African Numbers Dance Crew.

□MIDDLE Right – Nompumelelo Xulu, Afo Pop singer playing the guitar for the judges.

□ BOTTOM RIGHT-- Guest speaker , Simphiwe Majozi ‘Sbu’ From Uzalo

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Amazulu signing experienced players ahead of the PSL



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AmaZulu FC Communication's Manager Lunga Sokhela announced that Amazulu FC will sign experienced players on their way to the Premier Soccer league (PSL). AmaZulu, finished at fifth place in the National First Division log standings last season and bought their way up to the PSL purchasing the status of the Thanda Royal Zulu football team.

Sokhela said, AmaZulu is still looking for experienced players to play position 6 and left back position for the first team that will compete in the PSL. "We are still looking for well-experienced players to play the left back position and position six in the centre because we want to create a strong defence to prevent considering goals that could be scored against our side," said Sokhela. He also said their preparations to the

PSL are going well though knocked out in the first round of the Premier's cup which was played from 22 – 23 July 2017. "Our preparations for the PSL are going well, the team is looking forward to start playing at the PSL," added Sokhela. Recently, the former Golden Arrows utility man Thembeke Skhakane signed a season long loan move from Orlando Pirates with AmaZulu to strengthen the much needed defensive cover at full back positions. This season promises to be an interesting one on the Amazulu FC side since they feature players such as Siyabonga Nomvete and Mabhuti Khenyeza as the teams strikers. The pair will use their experience in South African football in assisting younger players. Nomvete has played for both Soweto Giants, Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates.

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