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05:00 4WD TV (R) 05:30 BBC Life Clinic – (R)
06:00 Fitness with Move SA 06:30 The Daily Show
– PG (R) 07:30 Business Talk with Nadia (R) 08:00
The Faith Show 08:30 Refining Perspectives 09:00
Hype It Up (R) 10:00 The Contradiction (R) 11:00
Street Talk (R) 11:30 Being the Business (R) 12:00
Al Jazeera International News 13:00 LFA Show
(R) 13:30 021BDC – Dance Competition (R) 14:00
Russia Today: Keiser Report 14:30 DW: Eco Africa
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– Kwati Ke Kaloku 16:30 The Faith Show 17:00
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Show (R) 22:00 Cornerstone Institute Critical
Dialogues (R) 23:00 Soul City 23:30 Myanmar:
State of Fear

COMPETITION

Win with 21 years of GrandWest

STAFF WRITER

GRANDWEST officially comes of age this month and will celebrate with 90 minutes of singing and dancing with award-winning entertainer Emo Adams and the Take Note band at the Roxy Revue Bar.

The *Grand Show* will encapsulate 21 years of GrandWest magic in 21 shows run over 21 days from December 15 to January 9.

Describing the new show, Adams said: "I'm really excited about this extravaganza. It will be my first time back on stage with the Take Note band in five years, so you can expect we are going bring a lekker jol with hits, energy, jokes and a few surprises. It's the perfect way to end this crazy year."

The audience will recognise some familiar faces in the band, led by bass player and musical director Sean de Vries. Other members include Shaun Francke on electric and acoustic guitars, Marco Mentoor on piano and keyboards and Lance Rhoda on drums and percussion.

There will be no shows on Mondays or on December 24 and 25, or between January 1 and 3. The curtain rises at 8pm for evening shows, so audiences should be seated by then.

On Saturdays, there will be a 5pm and 8pm show and one show on Sundays at 5pm. Two special New Year's Eve shows have been planned, starting at 5pm and 8pm.

To comply with Covid-19 regulations there are only 60 tickets per show, available at Quicket.co.za. Ticket prices vary. Patrons have will be screened for Covid-19.

• *Cape Times*, in association with GrandWest, is giving away double tickets to lucky subscribers to see Emo Adams and the Take Note band perform live on December 16. To be in line, name one of the band members and email your answer to liesl.vanderschiff@inl.co.za

EDUCATION

CPUT NSFAS recipients up in arms over 'inadequate' allowances

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NATIONAL Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) recipients at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) are up in arms after some said they only received a fraction of the allowances they were promised.

These students were late applicants and were initially told their allowances would be back-paid from March.

However, some students said they only received three months' allowances. Apart from the cost of tuition, NSFAS was authorised to provide quali-

fied students with R7 500 for transport up to 40 km from institution, R15 000 as a living allowance, a book allowance of R5 200 and an annual personal care allowance of R2 900 for students in catered residences.

Journalism student Tamryn Christians said: "We are extremely disappointed and confused as to how this happened. We created an email list of over 100 of us who had outstanding or incorrect banking details so we were waiting for our money. Ultimately we were the ones who were affected by this."

"Some people in this group got the right funds up to R18 000 and more,

while the rest of us only received R8 400. This does not correspond with the template they gave us."

"When we approached the university, they said it was a directive from NSFAS. That does not answer why some got their full allowances and others not. It is wrong, we needed the money and expected to receive it."

Another student, who asked not to be named, said: "Some of my friends who applied at exactly the same time got over R20 000; how is that possible?"

"I made commitments, thinking I was going to receive those funds. It has been a hard year trying to get by, mak-

ing loans to cover living expenses." CPUT said they were not in charge of the funds as the directive came from NSFAS.

CPUT spokesperson Lauren Kansley said: "Students are all processed by our financial aid department on a case by case basis. In some cases the decision to pay three months of allowances was a directive from NSFAS that was communicated to students last month."

Referring to the communique, Kansley said NSFAS indicated that students who were given an opportunity to apply during the period August 16 to August 31, 2021 "Late applications"

will be processed after the budget commitments of 2021 have been finalised.

The circular states that it guides universities on how the payments must be implemented and it considers the existing 2021 budget commitments.

"Allowances to students who qualified during the late application window must be made as follows: Full cost of tuition, Full cost of accommodation as claimed by the institution, three months' allowances for the remainder of the academic year (October, November and December)," it reads.

NSFAS did not respond to several requests for comment on the matter.



A VEGETATION fire broke out near the Cape Peninsula University of Technology District Six campus yesterday. Two firefighting vehicles were on the scene. | **ARMAND HOUGH** African News Agency (ANA)

CRIME

'Wrong man' killed by vigilante mob in Khayelitsha

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KHAYELITSHA residents were left shocked after a brutal vigilante attack in which a man was allegedly forced to drink battery acid and assaulted.

According to residents, the victim, from Site B, was attacked by a mob while walking at about 1am on Tuesday. He had been accused of stealing a sound system and car battery.

Police spokesperson Wesley Twigg said the victim was found with stab wounds on the face and in the head, and was declared dead on the scene.

"The circumstances surrounding the death of an unknown male in Site B, Khayelitsha, are under investigation. Khayelitsha police were called to the crime scene where they found the victim with wounds to his face and head," said Twigg.

A resident who asked not to

be named for fear of victimisation recalled the man's cries for help during the attack. "The stolen items were later found on someone else who is a well-known thief in the area," the resident said.

It was suspected that the man's friends had committed theft and when they found him walking at night, locals thought he may have had something to do with it, the resident said.

"They first hit him with stones and some were stabbing him and I could see that he was confused because he was asking why he was being beaten. They continued without responding to him. He was trying to escape but could not because they overpowered him."

"A few minutes later, they took a battery and forced him to drink battery acid, but even then he was fighting. They then decided to cut his private parts. He was forced to drink acid and that is when he died," she said.

Site B Community Police Forum CPF deputy secretary Nozuko Mdingi urged authorities to thoroughly investigate the matter.

"This has to come to an end where people will do as they please. It is very important that they first take the suspect to the CPF or Saps if the matter seems to be urgent. My worry is that they killed the wrong person and now what will his family say?"

"I am sure those who were at the forefront of this will never humble themselves and apologise to his family or assist in burying him. No mother would be happy to know that her son who has done nothing wrong was brutally killed by the same community that is supposed to protect people and work with the police," said Mdingi.

Anyone with information can anonymously contact Crime Stop at 086 0010 111 or SMS Crime Line at 32211.

COURT

Sars welcomes 10-year sentence for Oakbay boss Naik

STAFF WRITER

THE SA Revenue Service (Sars) welcomed the 10-year sentence handed down to Gupta-owned Oakbay Trading director DP Naik for fraud and contravening the Customs and Excise Act.

Sars commissioner Edward Kieswetter said so after Naik falsified export documents and diverted cigarettes back into the local market without paying the excise and duties for import and export. According to evidence pre-

sented in the Johannesburg Regional Court, the total prejudice to Sars was R18 million. Naik claimed the company had exported cigarettes to Zambia. The exports were investigated and proven to be false exports, Sars said.

"This crime was committed to evade duties and excise payable on the cigarettes," Sars said.

Naik was convicted on five counts of fraud and for contravening the Act. "Sars has repeatedly said the organisation would make it hard and costly

for taxpayers and traders who wilfully break the law and undermine the Sars mandate of collecting revenue.

"Several digital channels have been created over the years to make it easy and simple for such taxpayers to comply."

"This conviction and sentencing should send a clear signal that Sars has zero tolerance for such criminal behaviour, and will use all avenues at its disposal to pursue these criminals," Kieswetter said.

COURT

SAPS to pay for innocent man's prison nightmare

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A MAN who was arrested out of the blue on unsubstantiated accusations that he was a woman abuser has been awarded R350 000 in damages.

He had to spend 26 days in what he called filthy, flea-infested holding cells before he was cleared of any wrongdoing.

The Johannesburg High Court ordered the SAPS to pay the damages to Vincent Mathiso following his harrowing ordeal.

Asked by the court during his evidence how much damages he was claiming, Mathiso told the judge that "R100 000 is sufficient so that I can take my children to school".

This was after his lawyers had instituted a claim on his behalf for R950 000.

The court, however, decided that he was entitled to R350 000, especially given the fact that as a family man he had lost his job while in jail for no reason.

The court said it was obvious that in South Africa the prospects of getting a job grew harder by the day, especially for those with little or no skills.

Mathiso turned to court to claim damages for unlawful arrest and detention by the SAPS following his arrest on April 21, 2017, at his home in Doornfontein, Johannesburg.

The SAPS simply issued a bare denial of all Mathiso's allegations, but they did not call any witnesses to refute his allegations.

Mathiso, the only witness who testified, said on his return from work, he found his stay-in girlfriend with a man he did not know. He proceeded with his usual routine of taking a shower after work.

He asked his girlfriend who the man was and she told him he was her brother. He said he was surprised as he had not seen the person before that day.

Mathiso tasked his daughter to prepare dinner, as he noticed that no food had been cooked.

According to him, his girlfriend, who questioned him as to why his daughter had brought him food, left the house. She returned about an hour and a half later in the company of the same man.

Mathiso said the man, who later turned out to be a police officer, arrested him out of the blue on a charge of abusing his girlfriend.

He said he was handcuffed and manhandled and pushed against a fence. He said the man never identified himself as a police officer at that point and was dressed in civilian clothes.

He was driven to Jeppe police station where he was processed and taken to a holding cell. While at the police station, he was informed that the charge against him was for "assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm".

Mathiso described the conditions in the holding cell as unhygienic and filthy. According to him, the toilet did not flush and the cell was overcrowded, with about 15 other inmates. He said he slept on the floor and had only one blanket, which was infested with lice.

He was provided with a small towel and soap to take a shower with cold water. The breakfast consisted of two slices of brown bread and black coffee. The routine was repeated for the remainder of the weekend until he was taken to court on the Monday.

His case was postponed for a week "for further investigation".

He was then taken to the Johannesburg Correction Centre (known as Sun City). He had to remain behind bars for 26 days before the court withdrew the charge due to a lack of evidence.

Meanwhile, Mathiso lost his job and people started referring to him as an abuser.

He told the court he had to endure unbearable conditions and that the experience was hurtful and humiliating.

The court found that his rights were trampled on by the SAPS, who never made sure of their facts before his arrest.

SPONSORED

Longyuan Mulilo funded the Water Supply Upgrade of Renosterberg Municipality in South Africa.

LONGYUAN MULILO constructed and operates two wind farms in De Aar, within the Renosterberg Municipality in the Northern Cape.

Recently, the Renosterberg Municipality expressed their gratitude to the Longyuan Mulilo De Aar Wind Projects for their contributions and funding towards the Philipstown Water Supply Upgrade Project.

This project was the first of three phases in the Phillipstown Water Supply Upgrade Project undertaken by the Renosterberg Municipality. The Renosterberg Municipality approached Longyuan

Mulilo to provide the funds to upgrade five existing boreholes as part of the first phase.

The Water Upgrade Project commenced in September 2020, and all parties overcame the challenges and impact of COVID 19 to make the project successful and commissioned it in October 2021. After completion, the total groundwater abstraction in Philipstown has increased from 6.7 l/sec to 14.3 l/sec, an 113% increase in the original yield.

Currently, the water demand for Philipstown is at 1 130 Kl per day. Before this upgrade, they could only extract about 580 Kl per day, which

did not meet the water demand in the community. Now with all five new pumps running, the total groundwater abstraction amounts to 1 236 Kl per day, meeting the daily water demand of the community adequately.

Another significant advantage of this upgrade project is that the power consumption from the boreholes pumps has been reduced quite significantly by supplying the pumps with renewable solar energy during the day, thereby saving operational costs.

Besides funding the upgrading of the five boreholes, Longyuan Mulilo also provided funds

for the security fences around all borehole sites, installed new borehole monitoring equipment, made provision for a three-year maintenance program and created more than 20 temporary jobs as part of the mechanical and civil works undertaken.

As the entire community of Philipstown receives water from these five boreholes, all community members of Philipstown, Philipsvale, Lukhanyisweni and Rietfontein benefited as a result of these upgrades.

The Renosterberg Municipality once again approached Longyuan Mulilo for additional

contributions towards the second phase of their Water Supply Upgrade Project. Longyuan Mulilo agreed to fund the training of municipal staff and to provide remote monitoring equipment for the existing boreholes and reservoirs.

"We see ourselves as part of the Renosterberg Municipality and are pleased to see the impact and value of our funding towards community projects, benefiting the local people of Renosterberg and surroundings. It is our obligation and responsibility to contribute and add more value towards the upliftment of the local community where we operate from", said Longyuan Mulilo management.