

THE FRONT PAGE

Making headlines this morning, private-sector borrowing fell in January for the fourth month running, supporting the view that the economy would not enjoy a rapid recovery from its first recession in 17 years; with 101 days to go before the FIFA World Cup, the Local Organising Committee is confident that it will deliver the best tournament ever seen; ANCyl President Julius Malema yesterday said that a newspaper reporter had faked his signature to portray him as a bad person; and new reports have emerged that Malema has several unpaid traffic fines, and is not in possession of a valid driver's licence.

NEWS REVIEWS

THE DAY IN SHORT

In the news today: Julius Malema doesn't have a valid driver's license and has several unpaid traffic fines; as the heat mounts over Malema's listing as director of four companies, he lashed out yesterday at the media, saying his signature had been forged; government has denied claims that African National Congress (ANC) stalwart Jessie Duarte has resigned; and Ellen von Halling Laier, 56, who arrived at OR Tambo International Airport yesterday, spent an hour waiting for her brand new wheelchair, and when she finally got it, it was broken.

NEWS REVIEWS

TOP STORIES

Jessie Duarte not resigning

Government has denied claims that African National Congress (ANC) stalwart Jessie Duarte has resigned. Reports in the Sunday newspapers claim that she had sent a furious SMS to ANC General Secretary Gwede Mantashe, saying she was being bullied, vilified, ostracised by senior officials in the Presidency and decided to leave her post as Jacob Zuma's chief operations officer. The Presidency, however, says she is not resigning. While it does not deny existence of the text message, it does deny bad-blood between Duarte and Deputy Director General of the private office of President, Lakela Kaunda. The Presidency further cautioned against false and unverified reports about the institution.

Meanwhile, Eyewitness News claim it has the letter in its possession, which states Duarte intended resigning and would inform the president as soon as she was able to. Sunday Times also stands by its story

ENEWS PRIME TIME @ 19:00; BUSINESS DAY (National); CITIZEN (Second Edition); TALK RADIO 702 NEWS @ 06:00; CLASSIC FM NEWS @ 06:00

Ja well no fine, Malema

Julius Malema doesn't have a valid drivers license and has several unpaid traffic fines. The Star has reliably learnt and confirmed that Malema's driving license expired September last year and has not been renewed. It has also been established that the African National Congress Youth League (ANCyl) President has 12 outstanding traffic fines amounting to R4 450. The offences were committed over the past two years around the greater Johannesburg area. Eleven of them are for speeding and one is for skipping a red traffic light.

STAR

Julius treading water

As the heat mounts over Julius Malema's listing as director of four companies, he lashed out yesterday at the media, saying his signature had been forged. This comes after City Press disclosed that Malema had signed as a director of SGL Engineering Projects and was a 70 percent shareholder in the company. The paper published parts of a form apparently signed by Malema as a director of the company. It also said Malema had lied about not being the shareholder in the company, which benefited from lucrative government deals in Limpopo.

STAR; CITIZEN (Second Edition); KAYA FM NEWS @ 06:00; CLASSIC FM NEWS @ 06:00

Airport negligence has visitor in rage

A safari to the Kruger National Park was meant to be a dream trip for a wheelchair-bound Danish woman. But instead, Ellen von Halling Laier is seething. Von Halling Laier, 56, who arrived at OR Tambo International Airport yesterday, spent an hour waiting for her brand new wheelchair, and when she finally got it, it was broken. This is Von Halling Laier's first trip to South Africa. She suffers from multiple sclerosis and is reliant on a wheelchair.

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POLITICAL NEWS

Tempers flare over online racism

There is a storm brewing over racist Facebook sites and postings, raising concerns once again about hate speech on the social networking site. The Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) distanced itself from a Facebook page allowing posts calling for the killing of white people. The page was set up by senior PAC member Anwar Adams in the organisation's name. Adams said he did not condone what was being said. It comes as tempers flare over another site called 'Blackwash'. Comments on that site suggest Afrikaaners should be shot with AK47s.

TALK RADIO 702 @ 10:00; EWN.CO.ZA

Busa to meet ANC on mine nationalisation

Business Unity of South Africa (Busa) will present the African National Congress (ANC) with arguments against proposals to nationalise the country's mines, said its CE Jerry Vilakazi. Vilakazi said last week that at a council meeting last month, Busa members decided to pre-empt a potential shift in policy by engaging with ANC leaders to present the views of business and to tell them how nationalisation would affect the economy. The State should own at least 60% of all mining assets in SA, the world's largest producer of precious metals, says an ANC Youth League (ANCyl) policy document. League President Julius Malema, who rallied behind President Jacob Zuma to help him into SA's top job, said the group would campaign against any politician who did not support this policy. Busa includes the SA Chamber of Mines, which, in turn, includes BHP Billiton's BHP Billiton Energy Coal; De Beers Consolidated Mines; AngloGold Ashanti; and Anglo American. Zuma and the ANC have said it is not their policy to transfer SA's mines to State ownership as requested by the youth league.

CITIZEN, Citi Business

Former COPE leader joins the ANC

Congress of the People (COPE) has lost one of its former leaders to the African National Congress (ANC). The party welcomed the former deputy president Lynda Odendaal with much fanfare and a special media briefing even though she has not formed part of the COPE leadership since last July.

ENEWS PRIME TIME @ 19:00; CLASSIC FM NEWS @ 06:00

Vacancies for six judges: 12 short-listed

The Judicial Service Commission (JSC) has announced that six combined vacancies exist for judges in the South Gauteng High Court in Johannesburg and the North Gauteng High Court in Pretoria for which 12 candidates have been short-listed. In all a total of 65 candidates for vacancies in 13 different court divisions will be interviewed by the JSC.

CITIZEN (Second Edition)

Blade Nzimande says the party will expose corruption

South African Communist Party (SACP) General Secretary Blade Nzimande yesterday said the party would do all in its power to expose corruption in state tenders, as well as in private companies. However, he warned that the issue should not be used to drive factional battles within the ruling alliance. Nzimande and the SACP's Jeremy Cronin both refrained from naming individuals, saying names had not been discussed at their meeting. Nzimande said that the fight against corruption was not a moral battle but a struggle against a system.

CAPE TIMES; CITIZEN (Second Edition)

SACP calls for transparent tender process for govt contracts

The South African Communist Party (SACP) is calling for a clear and transparent tender process for government contracts. The party says plans to place the country onto a new development growth path in which jobs and greater equality are the key priorities are being undermined by people's private use of public resources. The SACP wants those tendering for contracts to be short-listed, their names published and the process opened for comment. SACP leader, Blade Nzimande says not all government contracts should be categorised as tenders. Nzimande has labelled those who enrich themselves with underhanded tender allocations - tenderpreneurs. In a strongly worded anti-corruption message, the SACP says the time has come to clean house for once and for all. Nzimande was speaking at the party's Central Committee meeting this weekend.

ENEWS PRIME @ 19:00; SAFM NEWS @ 06:00

ANC treats us as spectators - Afrikanerbond

Afrikaners are treated as spectators and second-class citizens in South Africa, said the Afrikanerbond yesterday. "The sooner the ANC realises that Afrikaners and other minorities are an integral part of South Africa, the sooner we can start to look at solutions for South Africa," said new Afrikanerbond leader Pieter Vorster after his election. Vorster said Afrikaans schools and universities were being pushed to change to English-medium institutions, which he believes would not benefit South Africa.

CITIZEN (Second Edition)

SAFETY & SECURITY NEWS

Ministerial amnesty nets over 6 000 firearms

Police Minister Nathi Mthethwa says over 6 000 firearms and more than 80 000 rounds of ammunition have been surrendered to the South African Police Service to date, heeding the call in line with the ministerial amnesty which expires on 11 April this year. Mthethwa met the community of Thembalethu at George in the Southern Cape to have them discuss with him their challenges in fighting crime. He also brushed aside criticism by the Democratic Alliance that changing the police ranks to reflect those of the army was reverting to the old apartheid style policing.

SAFM NEWS EXTRA @ 06:00; SABCNEWS.CO.ZA - SABC NEWS

Motumi posted to new military department

Acting Secretary of Defence Tsepe Motumi has been appointed director-general of the newly-created Department of Military Veterans. Motumi, who frustrated parliamentarians on several occasions by failing to respond to questions flagged by the auditor-general regarding the defence department's financial woes, is to remain in his acting post until a new appointment is made. Department of Defence spokesperson Siphwe Dlamini would not say for how much longer Motumi would be acting defence secretary, but said a new appointment might be made "soon".

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Prisoners escape dispute

The SA Human Rights Commission has lashed out at the officials of Durban's Westville prison, over allegations that the prison was forced by the commission to turn off an electric fence, allowing eight prisoners to escape. The commission is to engage with the Correctional Services Department to request that urgent disciplinary action be taken against the head of Westville Prison, Bheki Mabanga. The escapees are still at large.

MERCURY

Drug bust at Cape Town International Airport

Four suspected drug dealers, including one who tried to smuggle millions of rands' worth of tik into Cape Town in his plane luggage, have been nabbed in two days. All four are expected to appear in various courts today. In the latest bust, a 28-year-old from Lower Crossroads in Philippi was arrested at Cape Town International Airport. Police spokesperson Billy Jones said the man, who had arrived from OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, was searched after landing on and he had seven plastic bags containing 14kg of tik worth R5 million.

CAPE TIMES

Police shooting raises questions and doubt

Johannesburg metro police shot a man dead his house in Lenasia on Saturday night after he allegedly opened fire on two officers who had been pursuing him. According to Senior Superintendent Wayne Minnaar, Mhinda Pehair, 36, had been driving his white Nissan van recklessly on the N1 South. The police pursued the man to his house in Extension 10, Lenasia, where "he got out of his van, took out a firearm and shot at the policemen", said Minnaar. The officers returned fire, killing the man. However, Pehair's family and eyewitness paint an entirely different picture of events. According to Pehair's mother Lutchi, when her son exited the vehicle, the police were the first to shoot.

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Police raid may have put a stop to syndicate

An estate agent and his client were robbed of their luxury cars, wallets, cellphones, laptop and jewellery at gunpoint while assessing a house. In another incident, a woman was robbed of her car, cellphone and handbag containing her credit cards, ID book and driver's license. These are two cases in a series of crimes believed to have been executed by a syndicate uncovered by the police during an early morning raid on a Brixton, Johannesburg, house. The police believe they may have put a stop to a string of crimes spanning more than a decade, with the arrest of a Brixton man last week.

STAR

Gilder set to testify at Selebi trial

The National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) says any "concerns" Jackie Selebi's legal team might raise when the trial resumes today are not expected to delay the calling of ex-intelligence co-ordinator, Barry Gilder to the witness stand. NPA spokesperson Mthunzi Mhaga said: "We expect to lead his evidence and there has been no indication from the defence that they might bring any application which may affect the resumption of the proceedings." Legal representatives for the minister will be present in court to ensure that no questions which could compromise State security are put to Gilder who will be testifying in camera with the media and the public excluded. The State Security Minister Siyabonga Cwele lost three separate attempts to try and stop the former spy boss from taking the stand

CITIZEN (Second Edition); TALK RADIO 702 NEWS @ 06:00; SAFM NEWS @ 07:00

IFP accuse police of intimidating their supporters

The National Police Commissioner has rejected with contempt the allegations that KwaZulu-Natal police are waging a political war on Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) members. Police embarked on a major illegal gun seizing operations in the Nongoma region over the weekend. Nongoma is an IFP stronghold and the party has accused police of being on a campaign of intimidation driven by the African National Congress (ANC). Nongoma has become synonymous with violent crimes so police raided houses and seizing illegal weapons but, the IFP saw red. The IFP plans to take the matter up with the Human Rights Commission because they feel the police have exceeded the normal policing and crime prevention activities and also believe that there is "a definite political motive" behind the raids. IFP believes the ANC is using the police to intimidate voters ahead of local government elections.

ENEWS PRIME @ 19:00

Anti-crime letters get exposure on the internet

Solidarity is giving voice to the nearly 23 000 people whose anti-crime letters were ignored by President Jacob Zuma - publishing their stories on YouTube. The trade union released the mini-documentary programme, titled 'The Stories Of The People The President Didn't Want To Hear', on the internet recently. The documentary consists of crime victims telling the President about the sorrow and pain that crime has caused them. Some of the letters the President did not want to receive are also read out during the programme.

CITIZEN (Second Edition)

LABOUR & UNION NEWS

Calls for a tripartite alliance protocol meeting

There are calls for a tripartite alliance meeting on protocol. The National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) says the meeting will assist the alliance in dealing with the recent public spats by some leaders of its alliance. NUM says the African National Congress's (ANC's) policy formulation must be cleared to avoid situations where alliance members can question policy.

KAYAFM NEWS @ 10:00

Negotiations in Grain Bargaining Council bogged down

Wage negotiations in the Grain Bargaining Council that resumed last week, reached a deadlock in the third round, the trade union Solidarity said on Friday. This comes after employers in the bargaining council refused, among other things, to adhere to Solidarity's urgent demand for a competitive housing subsidy. Employers Senwes, NWK, Suidwes, VKB, OVK and GWK are currently offering a wage increase of 7.5%. MGK (Obaro) is offering a wage increase of 4.5%, but the trade union is meanwhile still locked in bilateral talks with this employer.

NEWS REVIEWS

Cosatu calls for special wealth tax

The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) and its partners in the People's Budget Coalition have called for a special wealth tax for those earning over R1 million a year and condemned a youth wage subsidy. The special wealth tax would deal with the "meteoric" rise in executive management salaries which, together with a decline in real wages, has contributed to a widening income and inequality gap, the coalition told MPs last week.

BUSINESS DAY (National)

White cop wins AA challenge

In a landmark affirmative action case on Friday, the Labour Court ruled that the South African Police Service should promote Captain Renate Barnard to superintendent. Barnard and trade union Solidarity took the case to court last year after she was twice denied a promotion because it would not advance racial representation. A captain since 2005, she applied for a superintendent position and although she was recommended for the post, she was not appointed. Solidarity's Jaco Kleynhans said they were delighted with the outcome.

NEWS REVIEWS; NEWS24.COM - NEWS 24; SAFM NEWS @ 11:00; CLASSIC FM NEWS @ 11:00; TALK RADIO 702 NEWS @ 11:00

SAPU calls for review of suspensions in civil service

South African Policing Union (SAPU) is calling for the review of policy of suspensions in the civil service. This comes after it emerged that the cash-strapped Department of Correctional Services has so far paid out nearly R1.4 million in salaries to axed prisons boss Xoliswa Sibeko and two senior officials. SAPU says it totally unacceptable that civil servants like the police when on suspension they are deprived benefits whilst top officials are paid huge salaries for doing nothing.

KAYA FM NEWS @ 13:00

NEWS BRIEF

More pain at the pump

The price of all grades of petrol will rise by six cents a litre this week, the Energy Department said on Friday. The wholesale price of diesel with a 0.05% sulphur content would increase by four cents a litre. Diesel with a 0.005% sulphur content would also increase in price by four cents a litre. However, both the wholesale price of illuminating paraffin and the single maximum national retail price for illuminating paraffin would decrease by two cents a litre. A litre of petrol 95 ULP will now cost R8.10 a litre in Gauteng.

IAFRICA.COM; SABCNEWS.CO.ZA - SABC NEWS; BUSINESS DAY (National)

Rea Vaya final phase on hold

The roll-out of the Bus Rapid Transit system's final phase would be delayed by two weeks, Johannesburg's Executive Mayor Amos Maseko said on Friday. "After listening to the concerns raised in the meeting with taxi operators, the City of Johannesburg has agreed to delay the implementation of the feeder buses for a period of two weeks," he said. Implementation of the final phase was to start today.

BUSINESS DAY (National)

Mock bus crash used to make sure preparations on track

The British Consulate in South Africa has staged a mock major disaster to test responses during the 2010 World Cup. Staff at the British High Commission in SA, along with Foreign and Commonwealth Office officials in London, FIFA and local police took part in the demonstration. The example scenario focused on a mock bus crash in Pretoria and staff at the British High Commission were informed via a mock TV News report. Around fifteen volunteers were pretending to be English football fans acting as if they were in the bus accident. Officials have to make sure preparations to provide help to British nationals in the event of a real emergency are as robust as possible. England's first match will be against the US and will be played in Rustenburg on 12 June.

WORLD CUP 2010 SOUTH AFRICA.COM

World Cup relief for motorists

Road Construction on all major Gauteng routes and in Johannesburg will grind to halt during the World Cup in June. This will be welcome to Gauteng motorists who have endured a frustrating time on main roads due to construction. Good news for motorists using freeways in the province is that most lane additions on the N1; N3; N12; and R21 will be completed before the World Cup. There will suspension for the duration of the event. This is in line with an agreement signed with FIFA that construction activities to be suspended for the six-week duration.

PRETORIA NEWS

Going to potato school

Potato vendors who are eager to spruce up their selling tactics and boost their earnings have been urged to enroll at a new hawker's academy. The group Potatoes South Africa launched the initiative to assist informal traders. The first session at the academy was being held in Johannesburg on Friday. The organisation aims to train at least 200 vegetable hawkers nationwide by the end of 2010. Potatoes SA's Etienne Booyens said most of the potatoes sold in the country were sold by hawkers.

NEWS REVIEWS; EWN.CO.ZA

Joburg puts BRT phase 2 roll out on hold

The City of Johannesburg has confirmed it will postpone the roll out of its bus rapid transit feeder system as part of an agreement with the taxi industry. In exchange, a planned taxi strike has been put on hold. The new bus routes had been scheduled to open at the beginning of March. Operators are, however, unhappy with the city's plan to expand the system because, they claim, they were not properly consulted. A high-level meeting was held on Thursday night in a bid to resolve the dispute. The United Taxi Association's Ralph Jones said the parties have agreed to meet for further talks.

TALK RADIO 702 NEWS @ 10:00; YNEWS @ 11:00

FIFA and LOC kick off nine city tour

FIFA and the 2010 World Cup Organising Committee have kicked off their 100-days stadia tour in Gauteng. One hundred journalists from both foreign and local media organisations met at Safa House at Soccer City on Friday morning. The group will be touring the country's nine host cities in the next five days and arrived at Ellis Park on Friday morning first. The tour's purpose is to assess the state of readiness of the host cities and the arenas before the 11 June kick-off date. The programme culminates in a friendly match between Bafana Bafana and Namibia in Durban next week. But until then, the LOC and FIFA have five days to convince the world that South Africa is indeed ready to host the World Cup.

EWN.CO.ZA

City considers demolishing Chancellor House

The Nelson Mandela Foundation on Friday suggested Madiba's old law office be memorialised in a sustainable way. It follows reports the City of Johannesburg was considering demolishing Chancellor House and developing a park to commemorate the history of the site. The city had several options to consider before tearing down the structure. The building houses around 200 squatters.

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Former SASSA CEO lashes out at Molewa

CEO of the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), Fezile Makiwane has lashed out at Social Development minister Edna Molewa. Makiwane went on spacial leave last year pending an investigation into claims of corrupt activities within SASSA. The allegations stemmed from an RDP scandal involving SASSA. Makiwane has accuse the minister of being out to get him. He claims Molewa has been on a smear campaign to tarnish his name.

KAYA FM NEWS @ 13:00

Cops grab Lolly at strip club

Flamboyant strip club boss Lolly Jackson is expected to appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on charges of attempted extortion and intimidation of one of his former clients. Jackson was nabbed at one of his upmarket strip clubs, Teazers Rivonia, on Saturday night.

STAR; CITIZEN (Second Edition)

Still not clear if SA citizens were caught in quake in Chile

It is still not clear whether any South Africans are among the dead and injured in the Chile earthquake. The Department of International Relations and Co-operation has been unable to reach South African diplomats in Chile. The tsunami waves caused by the quake have caused minimal damage and no death or injury has been reported as a result.

ENEWS PRIME @ 19:00

HEALTH NEWS

W.Cape confirms measles outbreak

The Western Cape Health Department has officially declared a measles outbreak in the province. The department said 422 cases have been confirmed in Cape Town since last week Monday, while laboratory results are still outstanding on other suspected cases. The hardest hit areas appear to be Mitchells Plain, Khayelitsha, Klipfontein and Tygerberg. The department's Mark van der Heever said city health services, clinicians and managers of tertiary and secondary health centres would join forces to help control the spread.

TALK RADIO 702 NEWS @ 09:00

Somalis in isolation treatment

Three Somali nationals have fallen ill, with an unidentified disease in the Eastern Cape. The Health Department says a fourth Somali was declared dead on arrival at the Mount Ayliff Hospital. The department says the foreigners arrived in Ntabankulu earlier this week. They suffered from diarrhoea accompanied by dehydration, severe headaches and vomiting. Kupelo says the surviving three are now being treated in an isolation unit. He says the department will track those who have been in contact with the group, in an attempt to prevent the possible spread of infection.

KAYAFM NEWS @ 10:00; IOL.CO.ZA

Second isolation unit at Tygerberg Hospital opened

Dozens of children remain in critical condition and the number of cases in the measles outbreak continues to grow. Health officials opened a second isolation unit at Tygerberg Hospital on Friday as the ward at New Somerset Hospital approached capacity. The Western Cape Department of Health reported 422 confirmed cases of measles in the province. The department is planning an immunisation campaign targeting known hotspots.

CAPE TIMES

KZN health given deadline for 2010

KwaZulu Natal's health sector has been till the end of May to sort out problems that may prevent it from providing an optimum service during the 2010 World Cup. The problems outlined are labour and capacity issues, communication difficulties and delays in equipment delivery. A FIFA delegation is to visit all designated World Cup facilities this week, as part of the 100-day countdown to the tournament.

MERCURY

Medics on a go-slow

The go-slow, by public service doctors, who are aligned to the South African Medical Association, is expected to get underway today. The doctors are up in arms over apparent problems with their Occupation Specific Dispensation. The doctors have warned patients at public health facilities to expect delays in treatment.

KAYA FM NEWS @ 06:00; SAFM NEWS @ 06:00

PROVINCIAL NEWS

Limpopo business marches against unfair tender awards

A group of Limpopo business people marched to the premier's office in Polokwane on Friday against "unfair" tender awarding in the province. Spokesperson for the group, Koti Mokwalakwala, said they had had enough of the provincial government awarding business contracts to politically connected people. This comes after recent reports on African National Congress Youth League president Julius Malema's assets and lifestyle.

BUSREP.CO.ZA; CLASSIC FM NEWS @ 11:00

N West happy with medical facilities at Royal Bafokeng

The North West government says that world-class sports medical facilities are now in place at the Royal Bafokeng Stadium, where England will be based for the FIFA World Cup. Premier Maureen Modiselle has announced a number of advances in the province's health care in her State of the Province Address.

SABCNEWS.COM

R3.35 million boost for the IRT system

The West Coast's commuter nightmare could be over by Christmas after the national government injected R3.35 billion into Cape Town's Integrated Rapid Transit (IRT) system. While only a limited IRT service will be ready in time for the World Cup in June, work will continue on the congested corridor between Blaauwberg and the city centre at full pace from July onwards. It is estimated that this West Coast Starter Service, which does not include the leg between Blaauwberg and Atlantis could be complete by December. Work will also start next year on various feeder services, new buses which will feed into the city from suburbs like Hout Bay.

CAPE ARGUS (City Late)

Half a million people have no access to sanitation

More than 100 households or half a million people in Cape Town do not have access to basic sanitation. According to a research report on international initiative Water Dialogues South Africa, about 37 percent of the 128 000 city households living in informal settlements have no access to any sanitation system. Karen Goldberg who prepared the report, said that the figure of 100 000 households with no sanitation at all was not reported in any of the city's official reports.

CAPE TIMES

Rhodes Memorial restaurant to receive a facelift

The Rhodes Memorial restaurant and the surrounding precinct are to receive a facelift. Table Mountain North Area manager Paddy Gordon said yesterday that they had wanted to upgrade the site for some time but had respect the rights of the tenant. Table Mountain National Park spokesperson Evelyn Holtzhausen said that the site needed to be upgraded using the existing footprint of structures.

CAPE TIMES

The City is waiting for a court to reclaim funds

The City of Cape Town will have to wait until next year, or even 2012 before it will get a court date to try and recover R3.3 million paid by the African National Congress (ANC)-led council for a social facilitation project in 2006. Full Swing Trading was one of the several contracts awarded by the former ANC administration without any open bid process. The city is also still trying to recover money from four council employees who were found guilty of time theft.

CAPE TIMES

City trashed by workers demanding overtime payment

The Pietermaritzburg CBD was trashed yesterday by refuse collectors refusing to do their work until they are paid for overtime they worked last year. The week long dispute is expected to be resolved at a meeting between Msunduzi municipality management and workers. The municipality is in financial difficulty and has overspent its overtime budget for the previous financial year by several million rands. SA Municipal Workers' Union branch secretary Thulani Nzimande said the union would continue protesting until its demands are met.

MERCURY

R60 million redevelopment of Sea Point Pavilion

The company given the green light for R60 million redevelopment of Sea Point Pavilion has argued in court that the implication and benefits of the project were properly considered by then environment MEC Tasneem Essop. The MEC, the department director and the City of Cape Town were cited as respondents but decided not to oppose the application. Sea Front for All (Seafa) defended the MECs decision in court. Judgement is to be delivered on 26 March.

CAPE TIMES

Housing Allocation Policy moves street people

A pilot project launched by the City of Cape Town has seen about 80 Sea Point street people being housed in Blikkiesdorp in the past year as part of the Housing Allocation Policy. The project was launched at the beginning of last year and caters to street people and those who have been left homeless after natural disasters such as floods. Sea Point ward councillor JP Smith said the street people had to want to move. They would not be forced. Meanwhile, the city is preparing to release its 2010 Street People Readiness Plan. The plan for street children and homeless people would be based on the constitution, and called for street people to be treated with respect and dignity, said Smith.

CAPE TIMES

Community Safety MEC Lennit Max back at work

Western Cape Community Safety MEC Lennit Max, plagued by allegations of victimisation, sexual harassment and an extramarital affair, has returned to office after taking time off to deal with legal proceedings. Max took special leave with full pay after a former Lansdowne police station clerk, Belinda Petersen, alleged in statements to a tabloid newspaper that they have had sexual liaisons on several occasions and at a number of venues, including at his home and at the legislature. During his absence, Premier Helen Zille took over Max's responsibilities. Max said that legal processes are in place and that must take its course.

CAPE TIMES

NCape premier's office dismisses reports of appointing McBride

The Northern Cape government has dismissed as false reports that former Ekurhuleni Metro Police boss Robert McBride is earmarked for a senior position in the office of Premier Hazel Jenkins. Media reports said McBride could soon be taking over the reins from acting Director General Moira Martins. The reports came after McBride attended Jenkin's State of the Province Address. But, the Premier's spokesperson Mafu Davids says it is malicious gossip and rumour that's spread by members of the Congress of the People (COPE). He confirms that the Director General post has been advertised but maintains that McBride has not even applied. The former Ekurhuleni Metro police chief is currently on trial on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless and negligent driving and defeating the ends of justice.

SAFM NEWS EXTRA @ 12:00

Midrand roadworks, so plan your travelling

Traffic through Midrand continues to cause the major delays between Joburg and Pretoria owing to the roadworks between the Buccleach interchange and New Road exit. Average travel time between the two cities is about two hours and 15 minutes during morning and afternoon traffic, provided there have been no major accidents. This travel time is expected to be reduced by at least 45 minutes to an hour when all the roadworks are finished.

STAR

EDUCATION NEWS

Maths supp candidates face anxious wait

Western Cape matriculants who did not make the grade in 2009 face yet another challenge as the second supplementary maths examination lies ahead. The second supplementary maths paper will be written today. More than 2 300 Western Cape learners applied to rewrite mathematics, making it the most popular subject. The Education Department said maths usually has the highest failure rate but officials hope interventions yet to be implemented will help tackle the problem.

TALK RADIO 702 NEWS @ 10:00

Sadtu gets a lashing for 'ill discipline'

The Democratic Alliance (DA) yesterday blamed the "ill-disciplined" South African Democratic Teacher's Union (Sadtu) for hampering basic education. "Improving education is South Africa's biggest challenge, and Sadtu's role is a stumbling block in the process," said Democratic Alliance basic education spokesperson Junita Klopper-Lourens in a statement. She said that schools were treated as "personal fiefdoms" by Sadtu members, who strike for "trivial" reasons.

CITIZEN (Second Edition)

GOVERNMENT BRIEF

Zuma salutes SA's 2010 progress

President Jacob Zuma on Thursday said that the World Cup comes at a crucial time for South Africa, which has just emerged from the global economic recession. Addressing the United Nations (UN) World Trade Organisations Tourism, Sport and Mega Events Summit in Johannesburg, Zuma reflected on the progress SA has made since it was awarded the rights to host the tournament. "For the past six years, we have anxiously looked forward to the arrival of the year 2010. From coast to coast, all South Africans alike exploded in joy. Since then, for six solid years, South Africans across the nation and the world have been hard at work, preparing to host the 2010 event professionally and proudly. The importance of 2010 for both South Africa and the world cannot be overstated," he said.

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Zuma wants UK money

About 200 business people will accompany President Jacob Zuma on his first state visit to Britain, where he will stay at Buckingham Palace at the invitation of Queen Elizabeth II. Each year the Queen extends only two invitations for state visits, which are traditionally accompanied with great fanfare. Zuma's visit next week, escorted by 12 ministers, is the Queen's third invitation to a South African president since the end of apartheid. The purpose of Zuma's state visit - his fourth since his inauguration in May last year and his first to Europe - is to strengthen economic and political ties with Britain, the biggest foreign investor in South Africa and one of our top trading partners.

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JZ on first state visit to Britain

President Jacob Zuma makes his first state visit to Britain tomorrow, in the wake of a damaging scandal at home over his love child born to the daughter of a World Cup official. During his four-day stay, the charismatic leader will visit Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Gordon Brown, and address members of parliament. "This is his opportunity to present himself as a statesman, leading Africa's most powerful nation," said political analyst Dirk Kotze.

CITIZEN (Second Edition)

Transport plans on track for World Cup

Transport Minister Sibusiso Ndebele says his department is on track to help South Africa deliver a successful 2010 World Cup. Ndebele said this after Chairing a meeting of transport MECs on Tuesday, in which the MECs from all nine provinces tabled their progress reports regarding the readiness of transport infrastructure for the tournament. He dismissed reports that some of the airports, especially in smaller cities, would not be ready to welcome the thousands of fans who will be moving in and out during the event.

"Over the past few years and months, we have invested massive efforts to guarantee an exceptional transport service during the world cup and we are on track. We are currently visiting provinces and host cities regarding their transport plans and we are happy from what is emerging there," Ndebele said.

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To hell with the media - Phosa

"To hell with the media!" This was the reaction of Matthews Phosa, the African National Congress's (ANC's) Treasurer-General, on Thursday to questions about an expected cash injection for the party as a result of higher electricity tariffs. He dismissed questions about Chancellor House - the ANC's investment company which has a 25% share in a company which is helping to build two power stations for Eskom - as "spiteful" and "unfair". This follows a comment earlier on Thursday by Dipuo Peters, Minister of Energy, that the government doesn't have a policy regarding political parties doing business with the government. In addition, President Jacob Zuma said on Tuesday that there is no problem with Julius Malema, ANC Youth League leader, doing business with government.

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Set up fund for roads - DA

The Democratic Alliance (DA) has called for an urgent national audit of South Africa's dilapidated road network, and wants the Transport Ministry to create a dedicated maintenance fund to ensure upkeep. Current estimates are that the percentage of South African roads in good or very good condition fell from 75% to 33% between 1988 and 1999. In November 2008, an Automobile Association study showed that about 60% of national and provincial roads were in poor or very poor condition - compared with about 22% 10 years earlier.

CITIZEN (Second Edition)

BUSINESS BRIEF

In Business news today, South Africans need to stand up to tender entrepreneurs who befitted from state contracts, "a form of economic terrorism", imposing a cost on state services and conferring no benefit, said the Chairperson of BLSA, Bobby Godsell, slamming his own colleagues in big business who granted themselves "obscene" pay packages which bore no real relation with value creation. ZA News will finally hit TV screens from tomorrow night on Summit, DSTv channel 412. The programme was set to make its debut on SABC two years ago, but was considered too controversial. An industry survey for South Africa's manufacturing sector is likely to dominate local markets this week after last week's barrage of crucial data on inflation, growth and credit. The country's PMI is set to show that factory output rose for the seventh month in a row, but only slightly.

NEWS REVIEWS

SABC rubbishes claims of news content interference

SABC management says no instruction was given to its news department to drop a Julius Malema story as is falsely reported in a Sunday newspaper. The SABC says the Sunday Independent is keen on reporting lies about SABC News. The editors of SABC radio and television news are not aware of any such instruction, claims a report on the SABC news. Management says if there was such an instruction it would have been carried out at the level of head of news. The acting head of news Phil Molefe has never and will not take instructions from anyone about what should be in news bulletins.

SAFM NEWS @ 06:00

Verification industry in turmoil

Black economic empowerment (BEE) verification industry leaders on Friday slammed the Association of BEE Verification Agencies (Abva), accusing it of indiscriminately setting rules and policies aimed at "protecting its own interests". This came after Emex Trust, a large Pretoria-based verification agency, on Friday said it would terminate its membership of Abva. Emex said Abva was manipulating the verification industry. Insiders said the move could open the way for more membership terminations. This shows increasing unhappiness in an industry that has been criticised for its lack of capacity. There are only 27 verification agencies in a country with about 500 000 companies. Corrie Vermeer, a trustee at Emex, said it could not be part of an association that followed interpretations that were not gazetted by the Department of Trade and Industry (dti).

BUSINESS REPORT (National)

Tenderpreneurs 'are economic terrorists'

South Africans need to stand up to tender entrepreneurs who befitted from state contracts, "a form of economic terrorism", imposing a cost on state services and conferring no benefit, the head of the country's most powerful grouping of businesses said at the weekend. In a rare case of business standing up to government corruption, the Chairperson of Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA), Bobby Godsell, slammed his own colleagues in big business who granted themselves "obscene" pay packages which bore no real relation with value creation. His remarks came in the wake of National Planning Minister Trevor Manuel's comment last year that business was cowardly in the face of labour unions. At the World Economic forum the former finance minister said there was no counterweight in society "if you have cowards in business".

BUSINESS REPORT (National); BUSINESS DAY (National)

State applies for Sea Kay liquidation

The National Housing Finance Corporation, the state's low-cost housing financing arm, has applied for the liquidation of Sea Kay and subsidiary Sea Kay Engineering Services. The application arises from a R128 million loan to the latter that has an outstanding balance of R108 million for which Sea Kay signed surety.

BUSINESS DAY (National), Companies & Markets

More SABC commercial staff to be suspended

At least three senior staff of the South African Broadcasting Corporation's (SABC's) commercial enterprises division are expected to be suspended in the next two weeks, after the division's head, Gab Mampono, was suspended last week. Mampono was acting CEO of the SABC until Solly Mokoetle took office this year. A source close to management at the SABC said yesterday a probe was under way in the division, and more suspensions were expected. "Tens of millions of rand" had been lost through poor management of the division, the source said. The investigation, which is expected to lead to criminal action, may involve organisations outside the SABC.

BUSINESS DAY (National); CITIZEN (Second Edition)

Grain futures mixed

Local white maize futures ended mixed on Friday, capping a week that was characterised by a strong run. A trader attributed the slowdown to the liquidation of the March contract into July and a slightly stronger rand. The March white maize contract added R6 to R1 175 a ton, the May contract shed R10 to R1 180, and the July maize contract lost R3 to R1 195 a ton. The March wheat contract was, by contract, R23 higher at R2 140, with the May contract gaining R11 to R2 174. The July wheat contract was up R5 at R2 210 a ton. The rand closed stronger at R7.72 to the dollar, up from R7.73 at its previous close.

BUSINESS DAY (National)

Slight rise in factory production expected

An industry survey for South Africa's manufacturing sector is likely to dominate local markets this week after last week's barrage of crucial data on inflation, growth and credit. The country's purchasing managers' index (PMI) - a key health gauge for the economy's second-biggest sector - is set to show that factory output rose for the seventh month in a row, but only slightly. "This time around we expect the increase to be only marginal," Citigroup economist Jean-Francois Mercier said. "In fact, our forecast points to the smallest gain since the cyclical rebound started - and we see significantly more risks of a setback than a few months ago."

BUSINESS DAY (National)

BANKING BRIEF

In the news this morning, private-sector borrowing fell in January for the fourth month running, supporting the view that the economy would not enjoy a rapid recovery from its first recession; Cosatu and its partners in the People's Budget Coalition have called for a special wealth tax for those earning over R1 million a year and condemned a youth wage subsidy; Fitch Ratings has updated its rating methodology for assessing credit risk in South African residential mortgage loan pools that are used as collateral for structured finance transactions; and food inflation has declined to below the lower limit of the Reserve Bank's target inflation bracket. Inflation on food and non-alcoholic beverages slowed to 2.4% on a year-on-year basis in January.

NEWS REVIEWS

Rand and dollar report

A quiet rand tracked the euro in the afternoon session on Friday. The local currency earlier bounced off R7.68 against a weaker dollar, a local trader said. At 15:44, the rand was bid at R7.718 to the dollar, from R7.732. It was bid at R10.464 to the euro from R10.455 and at R11.709 against sterling from R11.763. The euro was bid at \$1.357 from \$1.353.

BUSINESS DAY (National), Companies & Markets

Borrowing points to a gradual recovery

Private-sector borrowing fell in January for the fourth month running, supporting the view that the economy would not enjoy a rapid recovery from its first recession in 17 years. Private-sector credit extension was down 1.1% on the previous January's, after December's quickening from a revised contraction of 0.6%, official data showed on Friday. A sharp fall in corporate borrowing was mainly to blame, with households taking up credit at a sluggish pace.

BUSINESS DAY (National)

Small business tax changes you should know about

Small business corporations received very minute tax changes in the Budget 2010. However, of the few that there were, you ought to take note. You could save just under R60 000 in taxes and avoid being smacked with treble penalties for non-disclosure. According to Colin Wolfsohn, a member of the Saica National Tax Committee, the change that will have the biggest impact on small businesses from Budget 2010, is that there will be no tax on the first R57 000 of taxable income and then they will be taxed on a sliding scale of 10% for the income that goes up to R300 000; normal corporations get taxed at a flat rate of 28% (the R300 000 maximum has not been adjusted for inflation since the 2007 tax year). To get this benefit, mark off the box on your annual tax return which asks if this corporation is a small business. SARS defines a small business as a company that has turnover of under R14 million a year.

CITIZEN, Citi Business

Fitch updates rating methodology

Fitch Ratings has updated its rating methodology for assessing credit risk in South African residential mortgage loan pools that are used as collateral for structured finance transactions. The main changes to the criteria include a more forward-looking approach, increased market value decline assumptions, foreclosure time assumptions and high-low property value adjustments.

BUSINESS DAY (National)

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

South Africa are, by all accounts, the No 1 rugby nation in the world. They are world champions, Sevens champions, Tri-Nations champions and a South African team are the Super 14 champions. Why, then, do all but one (or maybe two) of SA's Super 14 teams consistently perform to a high level, year after year? The Bulls are by far the best SA team in the competition, having won the title twice in the last three seasons. The Sharks have consistently finished in the top half of the table in recent years, while the Stormers have begun to show improvement. The Lions and Cheetahs, however, have consistently finished in the last three places each season, something which does not make the best rugby nation in the world appear quite that strong. SA's teams need to represent the nation better in this competition, as failure in the Super 14 creates serious doubt about SA's supremacy in the sport.

News Reviews

Bulls shine as others falter

The Bulls provided the only ray of light on an otherwise dismal weekend for South Africa's Super 14 teams, coming from 17-0 down to defeat the Waratahs 48-38 at Loftus Versfeld on Saturday. Meanwhile, the four other South African teams, the Sharks, Stormers, Lions and Cheetahs all lost their matches.

BUSINESS DAY (National), Sports Day

England take first ODI

England beat Bangladesh by six wickets in the first one-day international of the three-match series in Dhaka yesterday, overhauling the hosts' 228 with four overs to spare.

CITIZEN (Second Edition), Sport

Pirates crash out of Champions League

Orlando Pirates crashed out of the Caf Champions League on away goals following a 2-2 draw with Gaborone United in Port Elizabeth yesterday. The first-round tie finished 2-2 on aggregate after the first leg ended goalless a fortnight ago. Pirates is the only South African team to have won the this championship title.

CITIZEN (Second Edition), Sport; ENEWS PRIME @ 19:00; SAFM SPORT NEWS @ 06:50

United retain League Cup

Manchester United beat Aston Villa 2-1 at Wembley yesterday to retain the League Cup. James Milner opened the scoring for Villa with an early penalty, which was cancelled out by a Michael Owen equaliser shortly thereafter. Substitute Wayne Rooney then came on in the second half to score the winner.

STAR, Sport; CLASSIC FM SPORTS NEWS @ 06:00

INDICATORS

Rand - Dollar \$	7.6600	(+0.1920)
Rand - Sterling £	11.6156	(+0.3917)
Rand - Euro €	10.3992	(+0.2002)
JSE Allshare	26764.6	(+32.76)
Gold	1108.2	(+13.75)
Platinum	1533.0	(+19.00)
Brent Crude Oil	76.6	(+0.35)

The figures quoted are from the close of business yesterday, along with any movement, either up or down, from the previous day.

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Bloemfontein	16	(29)
Cape Town	20	(30)
Durban	20	(30)
East London	17	(30)
Johannesburg	13	(25)
Kimberley	14	(31)
Mafikeng	17	(27)
Nelspruit	17	(28)
Pietermaritzburg	17	(31)
Polokwane	16	(28)
Port Elizabeth	17	(28)
Pretoria	15	(27)