

## THE FRONT PAGE

In the headlines today: Hip hop star Molemo Maarohanye, popularly known as Jub Jub, and another motorist were arrested yesterday after being involved in an accident that claimed the lives of four teenagers. Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR) company CEO Jaco Kriek said yesterday he was quitting the state-funded entity, fuelling uncertainty over the project's future and the role of nuclear power in helping to meet SA's energy needs. Service delivery protests came to the capital yesterday as residents of Soshanguve and Mamelodi barricaded streets and burnt tyres to protest poor conditions and a lack of service in the townships.

NEWS REVIEWS

## THE DAY IN SHORT

In the news today: President Jacob Zuma's attorney, Michael Hulley, has declined to answer questions about the president's failure to declare his financial interests and liabilities; Zuma's woes are far from over as the Democratic Alliance (DA) now wants Public Protector Thulisile Madonsela to investigate him for failing to declare his financial interests; the South African who was held hostage in Nigeria has been released; Hip hop star Molemo Maarohanye, popularly known as Jub Jub, and another motorist were arrested yesterday after being involved in an accident that claimed the lives of four teenagers.

NEWS REVIEWS

## TOP STORIES

### DA calls for inquiry as parties slam Zuma over failure to declare

President Jacob Zuma's woes are far from over as the Democratic Alliance (DA) now wants Public Protector Thulisile Madonsela to investigate him for failing to declare his financial interests. Yesterday, DA Leader Helen Zille called on Madonsela to investigate whether Zuma had breached Section Five of the Executive Ethics Code, which stipulates that every member must disclose particulars of all their financial interests. In a bid to clarify, the Presidency stated that Zuma had nothing to hide and that he had started compiling a list of his interests and was ready to declare them.

CITIZEN (Second Edition)

### Pupils stood no chance

Hip hop star Molemo Maarohanye, popularly known as Jub Jub, and another motorist were arrested yesterday after being involved in an accident that claimed the lives of four teenagers. Police said late yesterday the two drivers appeared to have been racing each other in Protea Glen, Soweto, when the accident happened. Jub Jub and the other motorist, Themba Tshabalala were arrested shortly thereafter. Johannesburg Metro Police spokesperson Edna Mamonyane said the hip hop star and Tshabalala faced charges of culpable homicide, driving under the influence of alcohol, and reckless and negligent driving.

STAR; ENEWS @ 22:00; CITIZEN (Second Edition); TALK RADIO 702 NEWS @ 06:00; KAYA FM NEWS @ 06:00

### Secrecy shrouds Zuma's financial interests

President Jacob Zuma's attorney, Michael Hulley, has declined to answer questions about the president's failure to declare his financial interests and liabilities. He said a "comprehensive statement" would be issued tomorrow. It has emerged that Zuma has made no declaration, despite being required to do so within 60 days of taking office, and sought legal opinion on his requirement to do so.

STAR

### South African kidnapped in Nigeria is set free

The South African who was held hostage in Nigeria has been released. International Relations and Co-operation spokesperson Nomfanelo Kota says the sound engineer for M-Net SuperSport has been released from his captors. She says the South African High Commission in Nigeria has confirmed his release. Greyling and two Nigerian colleagues - cameraman Alexander Effiong and commentator Bowie Attamah - were taken from their bus last Monday in the Imo province, near the Oweri airport. Kota could not immediately give details of how Greyling was released, saying only that more information would be released today.

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

## SAFETY & SECURITY NEWS

### Police to escort players to and from airports, games

Police are taking no chances with World Cup safety. The world's top teams will be escorted by armed police to and from airports and games as part of the R1.3 billion security plan which got the thumbs up from international police organisation Interpol, and FIFA on Sunday. However, partying fans will be treated with discretion and left to enjoy themselves, according to National Police Commissioner Bheki Cele. The announcement came following a two-day seminar, held in Zurich, to discuss security arrangements ahead of the tournament. The event was unprecedented in FIFA's history. Security officials from 29 of the 32 countries participating in the Cup attended the seminar, along with World Cup organisers, FIFA executives and national police.

CAPE TIMES

### Minister calls for de-politicising crime

Police Minister Nathi Mthethwa believes crime should not be politicised. Speaking at an Agri-SA crime conference in Centurion, Mthethwa called on political parties and trade unions to not use criminal activity to score political points. "Let us try and de-politicise crime. There's a temptation from the politicians to politicise this matter. Once you politicise this, you will never solve crime." The minister said he is concerned about farm killing, but believes all murders should receive equal attention. Mthethwa said the rural safety plan is being relooked and special units concentrating on community safety will be re-introduced in the near future.

TALK RADIO 702 NEWS @ 12:00; ENEWS PRIME @ 19:00

### SA Navy frigate Amatola mourn for three dead

The crew of the South African Navy frigate Amatola are mourning three shipmates who died in a horror crash on Boyes Drive early on Saturday, a few hours before the start of the annual Navy Festival in Simon's Town. The three sailors died when the military vehicle they were travelling in smashed into a tree next to the road.

CAPE ARGUS (City Late)

### Register with RICA or face being disconnected

The Justice Department says cellular network providers who fail to comply with legislation on SIM cards after 1 January 2011 will be fined R100 000 per SIM card per day. The legislation known as Regulation of Interception of Communication Act (RICA) requires that all service providers should have registered all prepaid SIM card users by 31 December 2010. Cellphone users with prepaid SIM cards who have not yet registered their cards must do so before 31 December or face being disconnected. The Justice Department says the inception of communications act requires all SIM card users to be registered. Users who fail to do so will face no financial charges.

SAFM NEWS @ 12:00; 5FM NEWS @ 13:00

### Randburg priest in court over sexual abuse of boys

Three children, who were allegedly sexually abused by a Randburg Catholic priest, have testified against him in the Brits Magistrate's Court. Journalists weren't allowed in the court during the trial as the children's testimony was being held in camera. The priest, from the German St Bonifatius Catholic Church in Sundowner, Randburg, allegedly got into bed with some youngsters wearing only boxer shorts during a camp, which was preparing them for their first communion in Hartbeespoort in April last year.

STAR

### Minister in bid to curb senseless farm, rural murders

Additional police and efficient tactics will be employed to mitigate farm and rural murders, Police Minister Nathi Mthethwa said yesterday. Mthethwa said rural safety plan to be rolled out in the near future was a sign of government's commitment to curbing the "senseless crimes" and mitigating the economic impact of stock theft. He said as part of the plan the ministry would be looking at the efficiency of rural police stations and official visibility to improve communication with the farming community.

CITIZEN (Second Edition)

## LABOUR & UNION NEWS

### Numsa condemns ANC-Cosatu discord

The National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) has called on the African National Congress (ANC) and trade union the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) to resolve their differences through constructive debates. Numsa says it is disturbed by recent public discord between the ANC and Cosatu over several political issues. In the latest spat, Cosatu's Zwelinzima Vavi alleges that a small ANC faction is planning to get rid of the ANC's Secretary General, Gwede Mantashe, at the party's national general council meeting. But the ANC has accused Vavi of dividing the alliance. The ANC has said it will meet with Cosatu to discuss its concerns.

*KAYA FM NEWS @ 10:00; ENEWS PRIME @19:00; CITIZEN (Second Edition); TIMESLIVE.CO.ZA - TIMES LIVE*

### Pikitup workers strike

Some Johannesburg residents who put their trash out for collection yesterday will have to pick it up themselves. Pikitup employees struck yesterday, but by yesterday evening refuse collection had recommenced, spokesperson Pansy Jali-Oyedele said in a statement. She asked that residents who had waste not picked up hold it back until next week. More than 400 drivers and their teams went on strike on Monday and blocked roads in the city centre. A memorandum detailing wage demands was handed over to management. Jali-Oyedele said demands would be reviewed and the conduct of the protestors would not go unnoticed. "This is was an illegal strike and no work no pay principle will apply," said Jali-Oyedele.

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

### Union, Denel in showdown

Wage talks between trade union Solidarity and Denel Aviation, a subsidiary of Denel - the largest manufacturer of defence equipment in South Africa - started under threat of a deadlock, the union said. Speaking after the bargaining meeting yesterday, Solidarity spokesperson Ilze Nieuwoudt said her union started the wage talks with a 9% cost-to-company and across-the-board wage demand while Denel offered half that. She said that if the company did not modify its offer her would not agree to further negotiations. The increase would implemented at the beginning of next month.

*BUSINESS TIMES*

## NEWS BRIEF

### Tensions brew over impounded taxis

Taxi associations on Sunday warned they would pull out of the latest round of Bus Rapid Transit system negotiations if their impounded vehicles were not released. The Community Safety Department conducted an operation on the West Rand last week and impounded 45 minibuses from various associations for not having the correct route permits. There were 14 Wata/JTA taxis in the pound and the department said they would stay there until the right paperwork was in place. The association's Sipho Nkwanyana said the seizure was the City of Johannesburg's way of bullying operators into complying with the implementation of the BRT's latest phase.

*EWN.CO.ZA*

### Sanef warn against verbal attacks on journalist

Chairperson of the South African National Editors Forum (Sanef), Thabo Leshilo, has warned politicians not to single out journalist at public gatherings. Leshilo referred to Limpopo Premier, Cassel Mathale who accused a newspaper reporter in public of having an agenda against him. He also cautioned African National Congress Youth League (ANCyl) President Julius Malema that, verbal attacks on journalist by politicians could incite violence. Leshilo said safety of journalist could be compromised by this .

*SAFM NEWS @ 12:00*

### Lotto needs to loosen up criteria

Olympic sports body Sascoc wants the National Lottery to review its funding criteria for sports. The organisation said its federations found the Lotto's application process and requirements cumbersome and its pay out period too long. This was one of the resolutions taken at Sascoc's President's Council meeting in Boksburg at the weekend. The organisation has since urged its member federations to look at other forms of sponsorship and not to just depend on funding from the National Lottery and government departments.

*TALK RADIO 702 NEWS @ 12:00*

### Illegally converted Toyota Quantums in the spotlight

Western Cape Legislature officials have seen grisly evidence of how dangerous illegally converted quantum Toyota panel vans can be. Transport official in the province says they have been instructed to register these vehicles for transport purposes. A working committee has been set up to investigate how to take the vehicles, which are being used as taxis, off the province's roads. Three days of public hearings on the subject got underway yesterday. Absa Bank former Head of Taxi Financing Hennie de Beer showed the committee a series of photographs of the converted Quantums that had been involved in accidents. Each picture was as shocking as the next, illustrating how dangerous it is to travel in these vehicles. Numerous people in recent months have died in the Cape resulting from such accidents.

*TALK RADIO 702 NEWS @ 12:00*

### FIFA's housing stance lamented

Numerous people have complained of being forced out of their homes or priced out of the housing market as a result of large events such as the World Cup and Olympic Games, says UN human rights investigator. Raquel Rolnik, an independent investigator appointed by the UN Human Rights Council cited reports that more than 20 000 residents were being moved from a makeshift settlement near Cape Town to impoverished areas at the edge of the city before the World Cup.

*STAR*

### Middle, upper-income groups not making rental payments

Over-indebtedness and the inability to meet obligations has not been confined to the "less fortunate, a debt counselling agency said yesterday. Wealthier consumers had also begun to default, Debtbusters said. According to the most recent statistics released from rental research agency Tenant Profile Network, one out of five tenants paying rent of R12 000 per month and more, did not make their payments in the fourth quarter on 2009.

*CITIZEN (Second Edition)*

### Mamelodi residents take to the streets

This morning protesters burned barricades, blocked roads and clashed with police in Mamelodi, east of Pretoria. The protest started last night and became violent as they stoned police vehicles. About 100 protesters are battling with police this morning. Police are also on high alert in Soshanguve after yesterday's protests. The communities are demanding among others RDP houses. Motorists are advised to avoid these areas this morning.

*TALK RADIO 702 NEWS @ 0600; KAYA FM NEWS @ 06:00*

## HEALTH NEWS

### Prevention is better than cure says Health Minister

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi, is concerned that South Africans do not believe prevention is the best treatment in the fight against HIV/Aids. He says there appears to be a change the country's mindset. The Minister was speaking at a release of a global report which indicates that international funding sponsors fund nearly half of the South Africans on Antiretroviral (ARV) treatment. South Africa has been able to treat over 900 000 HIV positive people in need of ARVs, but Motsoaledi has stressed that prevention should come before treatment. Meanwhile, the Minister has dismissed reports that President Jacob Zuma has damaged the fight against the pandemic after fathering a child out of wedlock. He says people are playing politics and that we are all responsible for our actions. Motsoaledi is expected to make an announcement about the country's readiness to tackle HIV later this month.

*ENNEWS PRIME @ 19:00*

## PROVINCIAL NEWS

### Durban art centre to join in celebrations

Durban's African Art Centre in Florida Road, Morningside, will be joining the rest of South Africa in celebrating and commemorating the 2010 World Cup by hosting a series of exhibitions and development programmes. The centre is currently hosting a group exhibition by two young and versatile artists - Lalelani Mbhele and Bhekinkosi Gumbi. It is hoped that this exhibition will generate interest in the creative expression associated with the upcoming soccer celebration and serve to unite both art-lovers and soccer fans by filling galleries and museums in support of our artists.

*MERCURY*

### Durban marketing itself as the city of choice

The kick-off to the 2010 World Cup is approaching and Durban is aggressively marketing itself as the destination of choice. The host city is taking advantage of its moderate winters to attract fans to its famous Golden Mile. The Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban is pure architectural magnificence and is in close proximity to the city's golden beaches. Balmey winter weather will ensure soccer fans spend more time outdoors. Durban boasts the only seaside FIFA Fan Park and its banking on visitors from neighbouring countries to frequent it. The R200 million promenade face-lift completes the ensemble. Walkways stretch from near the port entrance to the stadium and nearby sports facilities. The city is also home to five team base camps and a number of new boutique-style hotels have come on board, with existing ones revamped.

SABCNEWS.COM

### River to be polluted due to Msunduzi strike

The 10-day strike by Msunduzi workers is expected to cause the build up of rubbish to eventually flow into the rivers come the next big rains. This is expected to impact upon the river environment for up to 30km below Pietermaritzburg. Duzi-uMngeni Conservation Trust Chairperson David Still said that the much of the recently uncollected waste will ultimately find its way into the city's stormwater system and from there into the rivers.

WITNESS

### Illegal buildings are at risk of being demolished

Property owners trying to get away with illegal building work risk having their structures demolished. This is according to the City of Cape Town. Although by law the city cannot reject an application on grounds of being built illegally, it can refuse the application on other grounds. Owners who build illegally cannot assume council will approve it afterwards.

CAPE TIMES

### Deloitte Street Child World Championship

The first Deloitte Street Child World Championship is set to start in Durban on Sunday and ends on 21 March. Children from homes, hostels and street children in nine countries - South Africa, Brazil, India, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Tanzania, the UK, Ukraine and Vietnam have been invited to participate in the event. The initiative has been started by UK human rights charity the Amos Trust, is being hosted by street children organisation Umthombo Street Children, the Durban University of Technology, eThekweni Municipality and the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Sport and Recreation.

MERCURY

### Cape Town's inland and coastal water quality down

The overall quality of Cape Town's inland and coastal water reached a 10-year low and despite the associated health threats, budget and resource constraints mean the situation is unlikely to be reserved soon. This is according to a report by the City of Cape Town. The report warned that the extent of Cape Town's environmental water quality problems, which originate largely due to sewer blockages and overflows and undetectable sewerage leakages from falling infrastructure was significant.

CAPE ARGUS (City Late)

### CT mayor joins in record Diski dance

Cape Town Executive Mayor, Alderman Dan Plato, joined hundreds of children on 2 March to break the record of the largest number of people simultaneously performing the Diski Dance, South Africa's official 2010 World Cup dance. The event was organised by Cape Town Tourism to coincide with countrywide celebrations marking the 100-day countdown to the kick-off of the World Cup, and took place on the Cape Town Stadium concourse.

A total of 570 schoolchildren from local communities and another 80 guests - 650 in all - performed the dance, a sequence of moves based on soccer tricks, under the instructions of Amanda Maartens from Cape Town fusion band CODA, to cheers, laughter and music, as part of Cape Town Tourism's "Live It! Love it! LOUDER! campaign".

CAPETOWN.GOV.ZA

### Western Cape in a grip of heat

Western Cape is in a grip of a heat wave since last Wednesday but things will start cooling down a little later this week. Fire services have had their hands full over the past week with severe dry conditions causing several fires across the region. Metro rescue have also had to rescue several hikers from Table Mountain last week, with a German tourist dying of heat related causes.

Scores of others were rescued from the mountain after fainting.

ENEWS DAY @ 13:00; ENEWS PRIME @ 19:00

## EDUCATION NEWS

### Anglo donates R9m for improving engineering skills

As part of its commitment to improving engineering standards, Anglo American has made a R9 million donation to the University of the Witwatersrand's (Wits') Chamber of Mines 4th Quadrant Engineering Building Project, part of the Wits Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment. While engineering student numbers had more than doubled in the past decade, there was a critical shortage of engineers in the country, the university said yesterday.

BUSINESS DAY (National)

### Sadtu defends teachers rights to meet

The South African Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) has defended teachers' rights to time off for union meetings. This comes after KwaZulu Natal Democratic Alliance Education spokesperson Tom Stokes slammed the union for calling teachers away from school in order to attend a meeting at the Pietermaritzburg City Hall yesterday. The union's provincial Secretary General, Mbuyiseni Mathonsi said that members are entitled to eight hours a year in school hours for union business. Regional Secretary Willy Naidoo said that regulations state that teachers must give reasonable notice to attend a meeting which was done in this instance.

WITNESS

## GOVERNMENT BRIEF

### Zuma's negative publicity impacts on country

Executive Director of the Centre for Politics and Research Prince Mashele says South Africa's image is being affected by negative media reports about President Jacob Zuma. Reports in the United Kingdom press during the President's recent state visit there, criticised Zuma's polygamy. Mashele says in his view, this has made South Africa a laughing stock. "When they look at him, they are surprised as to what kind of a person is this with so many children, wives and still has children out of wedlock. He has lost dignity - therefore we as a country we also do the same because our dignity as a country is tied to him as a leader because he represents us wherever he goes," says Mashele. In an article printed in a British publication, Zuma was described as "a sex obsessed bigot with four wives and 35 children."

SAFRM NEWS @ 08:00; 5FM NEWS @ 08:00

### Zuma waits on legal advice over financial interest

President Jacob Zuma has started compiling a list of his interests and is ready to declare them should legal advice indicate he has to, his spokesperson, Vincent Magwenya, said yesterday. "People should also appreciate that while the president has been waiting for clarification from the legal team, he has also instructed that a submission be declared for purposes of declaration in the event that it was found that he has to declare," Magwenya told the South African Press Association. Yesterday, the opposition Democratic Alliance (DA) said it would ask the Public Protector to investigate whether Zuma had violated section 5 of the Executive Ethics Code by not declaring his interests within 60 days of taking office in May last year. His attorney, Michael Hulley, is currently handling the matter, which includes verifying the interests of his large family and dependent children.

SAFM NEWS @ 11:00; MAIL & GUARDIAN; IOL.CO.ZA; ENEWS PRIME @ 19:00

### Higher vehicle registration fees in the Western Cape

Western Cape motorists may have to pay higher vehicle registration fees only from next year onwards. The provincial department of Transport and Public Works has confirmed that there may not be an increase until next March. Simon Maneli, spokesperson for the department said that all vehicle registration and license fees were adjusted in terms of inflationary measures.

CAPE ARGUS (City Late)

### Technology is key, says Ndebele

Modern technology is a key driver in a modern railway system, Transport Minister Sibusiso Ndebele said yesterday on his visit to China. He said he believed local manufacturing capacities were vital too. "Skills development is also of paramount importance, as a modern, integrated railway system requires a specific set of skills," he said. Ndebele said he was highly impressed with China's achievements, and believed South Africa had a lot to learn from the country.

BUSINESS DAY (National)

### **Van Schalkwyk to investigate hiking of prices**

Tourism Minister Marthinus van Schalkwyk has commissioned Grant Thornton to investigate allegations that some accommodation providers are hiking prices excessively for the 2010 World Cup. Van Schalkwyk on Thursday said, "Until now our impression has been that this is not the case, but we believe it should be investigated and the results made public." The results are expected on the 26 March. He said the survey would help safeguard the reputation of the tourism industry since South Africa is known as a "value-for-money destination". "Price-hiking could damage the reputation of our tourism industry. However, it must be kept in mind that June and July will be high season in South Africa, and tourists should not expect the normal low-season prices," he said. "It is very anecdotal... all the rumours that we are hearing, (but) I haven't seen a general trend towards overpricing," he said.

SA2010.GOV.ZA

### **Zuma to receive 107 000 crime letters at Tuynhuys**

The trade union Solidarity yesterday announced that a total of 107 000 anti-crime letters were flown to Cape Town. President Jacob Zuma will take delivery of the letters today at Tuynhuys in Cape Town. Solidarity recently launched a campaign in which ordinary South Africans were asked to send messages to the president where they ask for crime combating to be the number one priority in South Africa. Solidarity wanted to hand over 23 000 messages on 16 February, but the Presidency did not want to take delivery of the letters then. The trade union subsequently continued the campaign, and President Zuma has now indicated that he would personally take delivery of the letters.

NEWS REVIEWS; CITIZEN (Second Edition)

### **Public Protector says report on Zuma might remain private**

Public Protector Thuli Madonsela says if she reports on President Jacob Zuma's failure to disclose his interests within 60 days of taking office, the report might have to remain confidential. Yesterday, the Democratic Alliance called on her to investigate whether Zuma had violated the Executive Ethics Code. Madonsela says she will submit her report to the President, who will then submit it to Parliament. "It seems to be between the President and Parliament as to how much of the report will be made public. Regarding what was disclosed if it was confidential, the law makes it clear that it should not be made public," says Madonsela. She adds that her office also submits the report to the complainant.

SAFM NEWS @ 06:00

### **Ruling on languages reserved**

Nothing much is being done by the government to regulate the use of all 11 official languages in South Africa, a judge said in High Court in Pretoria yesterday. Judge Ben Du Plessis made the remark before reserving judgement in an application by Brits attorney, Cornelius Lourens, for a court order to force government to finalise and promulgate a national language policy. Lourens is also seeking a court order forcing President Jacob Zuma to order a language audit of all national government departments and forcing Parliament to publish national legislation in all 11 official languages.

CITIZEN (Second Edition)

### **BUSINESS BRIEF**

In Business news today, Life Healthcare was set to list on the JSE within nine months, subject to market conditions, the private hospital group said yesterday. The company sought advice following an announcement by Mvelaphanda Group six months ago of its intention to realise or unbundle its 22% shareholding in Life Healthcare. AVI experienced a mixed portfolio performance in the six months to December, with strong trading in its fashion and beverage divisions offsetting a tough environment for its fishing and snacks business. The group's operating profit from continuing operations was at the same level as a year earlier despite a difficult trading environment and a materially weaker performance from its I&J fishing subsidiary. Cipro CE Keith Sendwe has been suspended in connection with tender irregularities, says the DA.

NEWS REVIEWS

### **State suspends CE over 'tender rigging'**

Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (Cipro) CE Keith Sendwe has been suspended in connection with tender irregularities, says the Democratic Alliance (DA), whose trade and industry spokesperson visited Trade and Industry Minister Rob Davies last week. Andricus van der Westhuizen, deputy DA spokesperson, yesterday said Sendwe and the Chief Information Officer Michael Twum-Darko, who were allegedly involved in rigging a R152 million Electronic Content Management tender to ValorIT, had both been placed on special leave with immediate effect.

BUSINESS DAY (National); TIMES, THE (First Edition) Business Times

### **'Grandiose plans ignore basic delivery'**

Economists are sceptical about the successful implementation of industrial and development plans announced by the government in recent weeks. Nedbank Group Chief Economist Dennis Dykes said yesterday the initiatives launched by Trade and Industry Minister Rob Davies and Economic Development Minister Ebrahim Patel did not tie in with policies implicit in the Budget presented last month by Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan. A day after the Budget, Davies put forward the national industrial policy action plan (Ipap) to promote 12 industries. Patel last week outlined a medium-term strategic framework, which will be implemented through other government departments. Dykes said, "we need to get the basics right before we develop grandiose plans. And the basics are simple: delivery."

BUSINESS REPORT (National)

### **Most firms expect to keep staff members steady**

South African companies are expected to be more cautious in the second quarter of the year when hiring employees, a study by recruitment firm Manpower said. This is despite signs that the economy is recovering from a recession. Manpower regional MD Lars Forseth said about 16% of employers were expecting to increase headcount, 8% were expecting to decrease, and 75% were forecasting no change to their payrolls during the coming quarter. The net employment outlook for SA had decreased by five percentage points from the first quarter of the year to 8%. This constitutes a decline of six percentage points compared to the second quarter of last year.

BUSINESS DAY (National)

### **Sentech is playing catch-up in battle**

Sentech, the broadcast signal distributor, says piracy of broadcast signal is a worldwide phenomenon and that it is continually implementing system upgrades to keep ahead of hackers. This includes a partnership with the South African Police Service (SAPS), which has already closed one pirate decoder network. But it said the hiring of investigators and legal experts to assist the police was costly, especially since some of the syndicates were international. Sentech was responding yesterday to a report on the weekend that modified Chinese decoders were being used in African countries to hack into the Sentech signal carrying SABC channels, giving pirates and their clients free access to entertainment licensed only for broadcast to subscribers in sub-Saharan Africa. The issues of copyright infringement and possible legal action against the SABC were also raised.

BUSINESS DAY (National)

### **'Interconnect rate still too high'**

The interconnection rate should be lower than 25c, far below the 89c the cellular network operators had agreed to implement from the beginning of this month, says Research ICT Africa Director Alison Gillwald. Gillwald's organisation gave a presentation to Parliament's Communications Committee last year during its hearings into the cost of interconnection rates – a major factor politicians attribute to the high cost of cellular calls in the country. The presentation was heavily criticised by the network operators as being "unrealistic". MTN, Vodacom and Cell C subsequently reduced their interconnection rates – the cost of transmitting a call from one network to another – by 39c, from 1 March, from the 125c per minute peak rate. Telecommunications regulator, the Independent Communications Authority of SA (Icasa), approved the cut and is due to release its regulations in June.

ITWEB.CO.ZA

### **BANKING BRIEF**

In Banking news this morning, the United Association of South Africa is opposed to Economic Development Minister Ebrahim Patel's plans to invest retirement funds money in development projects; meanwhile, retirement experts said that the proposal that a portion of invested pension funds be directed towards socially responsible purposes can work, particularly if invested in revenue-generating infrastructure, but dangers lurk if the system mirrors the prescribed assets regimen of the apartheid era. Staying with the economy, South Africans, stung by recession and high debt, want to cut spending and save, but are finding it hard to do, a survey shows. In business, financial holding firm RMB Holdings expects to post a rise in half-year profit thanks to a robust performance by insurer Discovery Holdings and its exit of an emerging market portfolio.

NEWS REVIEWS

### French Trade Minister visits SA to strengthen ties

French Minister of Foreign Trade Anne-Marie Idrac will be visiting South Africa this week to strengthen economic ties and relations between the two countries. The focus areas of her visit would include demonstrating France's commitment to its strategic partnership with South Africa, sharing French experience and expertise in energy and nuclear power, and meetings with prominent French investors in South Africa. Idrac plans to attend the launching ceremony of the new manufacturing facilities at the Sanofi-Aventis pharmaceutical plant in Pretoria-Mamelodi. She would also pay a visit to the Nissan-Renault car plant in Rosslyn, which is going through a significant upgrade for the manufacture of the new Renault Sandero model.

ENGINEERINGNEWS.CO.ZA

### Pension fund plan 'is feasible'

Retirement experts said that the proposal that a portion of invested pension funds be directed towards socially responsible purposes can work, particularly if invested in revenue-generating infrastructure, but dangers lurk if the system mirrors the prescribed assets regimen of the apartheid era. The Institute of Retirement Funds SA, which represents about 900 of the 8 000 pension fund players, noted that a similar proposal that emerged out of the financial sector charter had come to naught, but the new proposal would need to be studied further. If the system lacked flexibility, this could present problems, the institutes President Shantha Padayachee, said yesterday.

BUSINESS REPORT (Star)

### Wealthy begin to default

Over-indebtedness and the inability to meet obligations had not been confined to the "less fortunate", Debtbusters said yesterday. Wealthier consumers had also begun to default, it added. According to statistics released from the rental research agency Tenant Profile Network, one out of five tenants paying rent of R12 000 a month and more did not make their payments in the fourth quarter of 2009. "This is almost double the reported figure in the third quarter last year," Debtbusters Managing Director Luke Hirst said.

BUSINESS REPORT (Star)

### Gordhan seeks fair economic system

The worst of the global recession might be over, but the world economic structure still had to be properly and fairly restructured, Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan said at the opening of the international Actuaries Convention in Cape Town yesterday. Gordhan told the 1 500 delegates from 100 countries that actuaries should contribute by developing a new values index that would not only see a safer financial system but a more humane system based on fairness and public spiritedness. It was when personal greed took over from public spiritedness that the public interest was always the lose, the minister said.

BUSINESS REPORT (Star)

### Hands off retirement funds, union tells Patel

The United Association of South Africa is opposed to Economic Development Minister Ebrahim Patel's plans to invest retirement funds money in development projects. "Patel and his fellow Cabinet ministers would do SA a huge favour by focusing their attention where it is needed the most: on service delivery, the country's water and sewerage crisis, the repair of thousands of potholes in our roads, the electricity crisis etc, before casting an eye on the savings of the country's private citizens," union spokesperson Andre Venter said yesterday. Patel plans to invest some of the R1.5 trillion of public and private retirement funds in such projects.

BUSINESS DAY (National)

### SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

The news that Jacques Kallis and Mark Boucher are available for selection for the Warriors for Friday's Standard Bank Pro20 Series final does not seem to bode well for their opponents, the Highveld Lions. Should the duo be selected, they will bring the number of Proteas in the side to six, while the Lions have one current member of the national set-up - Alviro Petersen - in their ranks. Two others, Neil McKenzie and Vaughn van Jaarsveld, have not played for South Africa in over a year. But this is no ordinary Lions team. This Lions team is one that is as determined and tough as any. They struggled to make the semis, and once there, they caused a big surprise by defeating the star-studded Titans 2-0 to reach the final. The Warriors should, therefore, not take their opponents lightly. They are playing with confidence and with no fear, and will not go down without a fight.

News Reviews

### Kallis, Boucher fit for final

Jacques Kallis and Mark Boucher have recovered from injury and will be available for the Warriors for Friday night's Standard Bank Pro20 Series final against the Highveld Lions. Kallis had suffered a hamstring strain, while Boucher suffered a back spasm on South Africa's recent tour of India.

BUSINESS DAY (National), Sports Day

### Wigan down Liverpool

Wigan Athletic dealt a major blow to Liverpool's Champions League hopes with a 1-0 victory over the Reds in an English Premier League match last night.

The win took Wigan four points clear of the relegation zone, while Liverpool lie sixth, one point off fourth place.

CITIZEN (Second Edition), Sport

### Australia through to semis in New Delhi

Tournament favourites Australia joined England in the semifinals from Group B in the men's hockey World Cup following a 2-1 win over Pakistan yesterday.

In another match, South Africa and India drew 3-3 as India claimed fourth spot, with South Africa finishing fifth and Pakistan sixth.

STAR, Sport

### Scholtz likely to replace Brussow

Hendro Scholtz has been earmarked as a possible replacement for Cheetahs flank Heinrich Brussow, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in a Super 14 match against the Hurricanes last Saturday. Cheetahs coach Naka Drotske confirmed yesterday that the Springbok No 6, who underwent surgery yesterday, would not play again this year after tearing cruciate knee ligaments. "We will look at Hendro, who has been part of our set-up all along and Kabamba Floors as possible replacements," Drotske said.

CITIZEN (Second Edition), Sport

### INDICATORS

Rand - Dollar \$	7.3655	(+0.0650)
Rand - Sterling £	11.0954	(+0.0771)
Rand - Euro €	10.0539	(+0.0427)
JSE Allshare	28116.7	(+212.04)
Gold	\$1125.8	(-9.25)
Platinum	\$1603.0	(+25.00)
Brent Crude Oil	\$80.6	(+0.68)

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

### WEATHER

Bloemfontein	15	(31)
Cape Town	18	(24)
Durban	20	(31)
East London	22	(34)
Johannesburg	12	(27)
Kimberley	19	(33)
Mafikeng	15	(29)
Nelspruit	15	(28)
Pietermaritzburg	16	(34)
Polokwane	12	(29)
Port Elizabeth	20	(29)
Pretoria	14	(29)