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COUNTDOWN ... JUST TWELVE DAYS TO THE LAUNCH OF THE DAILY MAIL

The team behind your breakfast news







Columnist Thami Mkhwanazi



Business editor Reg Rumney



Columnist Charlotte Bauer



Theatre critic Raeford Daniel

SOME of South Africa's top reporters, photographers and columnists have joined the team being put together for the launch of The Daily Mail on June 20.

Donald Woods, the former editor of the

Daily Dispatch, who went into exile after being banned in 1977, will be writing a weekly column from London. He returns

later this year.

Arthur Maimane, news editor of Drum in its 1950s golden era and a television jour-nalist in Britain for almost three decades, has come home from London to be features

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Allister Sparks, former editor of the Rand Daily Mail and one of the country's most accomplished poltical writers, will contribute a weekly column of political and social commentary. This week Sparks published a book on South African politics and history, The Mind of South Africa.

On the lighter side, this week sees the return of the cult horse-racing tipster and lapsed theologian, Thomas Equinus, who will do battle on the sports pages with The Daily Mail's new racing editor, Jeff Zerbst. Also back is that old Weekly Mail favourite, Gus Silber, with a weekly column of offbeat observations of current events.

On the arts and entertainment pages, new

On the arts and entertainment pages, new arts editor Don Mattera, well-known poet and author, will be writing regularly about a broad range of cultural events and issues. a droad range or cultural events and issued. He heads a powerful team, including critic Raeford Daniel and writer Ivor Powell. Fea-tures writer Thami "By The Way" Mkhwa-nazi adds a second weekly column, review-ing exciting new clubs, restaurants and

Dozens of calls about Daily Mail shares

THOUSANDS of Weekly Mail subscribers will be receiving information about buying shares in the newspaper's new sister publication, The Daily Mail, in the next few-days.

The Mail Publications Group (MPG), owners of both papers, has had to limit its share offer to a selected list of Weekly Mail supporters in order to stay within the law. It cannot sell its shares publicly without a prospectus, which could only be produced at great cost.

MPG is looking for the widest possible range of shareholders in order to raise the rest of the money needed to launch the paper and ensure its independence.

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The publishers believe that by having a large number of smaller investors, no single shareholder will have the power to influence the newspaper's policy for his or her own ends.

This is part of a plan to ensure the to-

tal independence of the new paper. The rest includes maintaining control in a staff share trust — which will be the single largest shareholder — and limiting the control any other individual may hold

hold.

Already dozens of people have phoned to inquire about shares and ask for a memorandum. There have been technical delays in posting the information, but it will be sent out within the next

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The Daily Mail will be published Mon-day to Thursday. The Weekly Mail will be published on Friday as an expanded package, including the daily broadsheet paper and the weekly tabloid, with in-depth analysis, features and commen-tary that will provide a substantial week-

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graphic books.

The Daily Mail has also taken the unu al step of hiring a lawyer, Jackie Segal, to cover courts and legal issues, signalling the seriousness with which these matters are

toria correspondent and specialist in right-

wing politics.

For pictures editor, we have recruited one of the grand masters of South African press photography, the man responsible for the famous *Drum* photography of the 1950s, Jurgen Schadeberg, photography, teacher, film-maker and author of several photographics.

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Labour will be covered by one of Johannesburg's most knowledgeable writers on unions and industrial relations, Drew Forrest, formerly of *The Star*.

A special "greens issues" investigative team will be headed by environment reporters Eddie Koch.

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er Eudie Roch.
All of this is on top of the package al-ready offered by The Weekly Mail, includ-ing popular columnists such as Steven Friedman and Krisjan Lemmer

Bureaux have been set up across the country. Weekly Mail stalwarts Carmel Rickard and Gaye Davis will run the Durban and Cape Town offices while veteran foreign correspondent Andrew Meldrum will head up our frontline bureau headquarters in Ha-rare with a team of writers in Mozambique, Angola and Zambia.

Angola and Zambia. The Daily Mail will also have writers in Washington and London. Other international coverage is being syndicated from some of the world's best newspapers, such as The Guardian of London, the Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times.

A new sports department is headed by Mark Gleeson, formerly of *The Star*, and includes soccer writer John Perlman, now in Italy to cover the World Cup.

A beefed-up business department is headed by experienced all-rounder Reg Rumney, formerly business editor of *Finance Week* and production editor of *Business Day*. His stars is always for the stars in team includes former University of Cape Town economist Alan Hirsch, columnist Hilary Joffe and reporter Mzimkulu Malun-

ga.
The Weekly Mail's acerbic-penned televi-

sion writer, Charlotte Bauer, will expand her field to cover personalities in the news, interviews and lifestyle issues.

The Daily Mail has assembled a strong political team to cover developments across the political spectrum: Shaun Johnson will specialise in parliamentary issues and activ-ities in the National Party, the cabinet and other state institutions; veteran reporter Jo-Anne Collinge will cover a wide range of activities, primarily extra-parliamentary, and groups such as the African National Congress. Charles Leonard will be our Pre-

LEAF SENIOR

COLLEGES

Applications are invited for a limited number of places in Standard 9 and Post Matric in 1991 at two LEAF Senior Colleges. All students are required to be in residence.

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near Johannesburg

Students are admitted to these co-edu-cational colleges on merit, regardless of race, colour or creed. All applicants are required to write the College entrance tests, and in addi-tion students entering Post Matric must have a university entrance matriculation certifi-cate. LEAF Colleges attempt to find sponsors for as many students as possible but all par-ents are expected to contribute towards costs according to their means.

Further information regarding the Colleges, bursaries, applications, admission and courses available can be obtained from: MAST EDUCATION

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APARTHEID BAROMETER

AT least 158 people are in detention without trial in South Africa, according to the latest figures of the Human Rights Com-

mission.

This includes 118 held under the State of Emergency regulations and 34 under the Internal Security Act. Six people are being held in Bophuthatswana.

Those held under the Emergency regulations, according to the HRC, include 42 in Natal, 29 in the Western Transvaal and 20 in both the Eastern Transvaal and in the Free State.

Thirty-four people are being held under section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

HUNGER STRIKE

TWENTY detainees are on a hunger strike at Witbank. The strike began on May 26, immediately after their detention. According to their lawyer they have been promised they will be charged soon.

The detainees who were on hunger strike at Grootvlei Prison, in the Free State, the East Rand's Modderbee Prison and Pretoria Central Prison were released last week.

DEATHS IN DETENTION
FIVE people have died in detention since the beginning of the
year, according to HRC records.
The latest death was that of Donald Thapelo Madisha, who
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was found hanging in his cell at the Potgietersrus police station last Friday.

Madisha, a teacher at Mosesetjane, near Potgietersrus, was detained on January 17 at his Mahwelereng home. He was held under section 29 of the Internal Security Act and was kept in solitary confinement.

The security police alleged he had contact with trained members of the African National Congress' military wing, Umkhonto weSizwe, and failed to report their presence. The police also alleged ammunition and explosives were found in his room.

Madisha was a member of the Mahwelereng Youth Organisation and became its first chairperson on its launch in January 1984.

SINCE the February 2 speech of State President FW de Klerk, 176 people have been killed, directly or indirectly, by police action while 1 563 people have been injured, according to the

HRC.
The HRC has compiled a diary of reported cases of police actions in situations of political "unrest" and according to the organisation the figures are a conservative estimate as it is not always clear from press reports the exact number of people injured or killed in a particular incident. Not all cases are reported in the press.

BANNED BOOKS AND FILMS

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TWO films, Enrapture and Venus Trap (video), were rejected by
the Directorate of Publications.
Eighteen films were submitted for examination. Four were unconditionally approved; 12 were conditionally approved.
The following have been banned for distribution: Qibla —
Revolutionary Leadership — Qibla Harare; Focus on Glamour
Girls No 2 — Viclen Promotions Turffontein; Stag's Doe Collection No 10 — not stated; and Prank No 157 — Sonskyn
Uitgewers Ltd Jeppestown.

PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE

MARION SPARG, 33, ANC and MK member, is being held in Pretoria Central Prison. She was detained under section 29 of the Internal Security Act in March 1986, held in solitary confinement for five months and sentenced to 25 years imprisonment for treason in November 1986.

Sparg worked on the Daily Dispatch and the Sunday Times after graduating from Rhodes University in 1979.

In 1981 she helped petrol bomb the offices of the Progressive Federal Party's offices in protest against the party's participation in Republic Day celebrations.

Sparg left the country to join the ANC where she worked in the ANC's department of information and publicity and also received military training before returning to South Africa as an underground operative, carrying out attacks on police stations in East London and Johannesburg.