MANDELA PHOTOGRAPH NETS R65 000

ESTEEMED: Anthony Welz auctions the photograph of Nelson Mandela, which was captured by legendary Drum photographer Jürgen Schadeberg in 1952, at the Stephen Welz & Company decorative and fine arts auction in Rosebank, Joburg, yesterday. It was sold to Dineo Molefe for R65 000. PICTURES: ITUMELENG ENGLISH

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BACK IN 1952, photographer Jürgen Schadeberg was paid £40 for this picture. Last night, it netted R65 000 at an auction.

The picture is of a young Nelson Mandela in the law office he ran in partnership with Oliver Tambo.

Last night, the iconic photograph was one of a number of contemporary artworks that went up for auction at the Stephan Welz & Company decorative and fine arts auction in Rosebank, Joburg.

Speaking from Spain yesterday afternoon, Schadeberg recalled the day he snapped the photograph at Chancellor House in the Joburg CBD.

Schadeberg, who was to become one of South Africa's great photographers, had been given a freelance assignment to shoot Mandela for Time/Life magazine. Schadeberg and journalist Ted Hughes arrived late.

Hughes, said Schadeberg, who drove a Cadillac convertible, had forgotten where he had parked it.

"It is unbelievable that he could have lost such a big car. So we arrived there late, and Mandela told us that he had to leave and go and see some people," Schadeberg said.

Mandela already had documents under his arm and was about to walk out of the door.

Schadeberg just had time to squeeze off two frames on his Rollex camera before he ran out of film.

"He was very nice, he stood very still, looking down," he said.

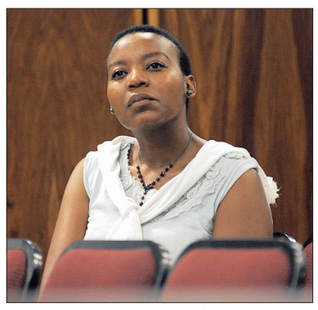
"I remember he was very obliging, he gave the impression of being totally in control," said Schadeberg.

Schadeberg said being paid £40 for the photograph was not a bad sum at the time, considering his rent for a single-room flat in Mooi Street then cost £25 a month.

In the years afterwards, Schadeberg was to go on to shoot some key historic events in South African history, including the Defiance Campaign of 1952 and the Sharpeville funeral eight years later.

In 1994, Schadeberg photographed Mandela staring out of his cell on Robben Island. One of these prints went for R60 000.

Other items that were auctioned last night included works by artist William Kentridge.



SNAPPED UP: Dineo Molefe, a financial director, bought the photograph of Nelson Mandela.

Provincial awards ceremony held to honour teachers

Education MEC hands out praise to deserving educators

STAFF REPORTER

THEY'RE creative, passionate, dedicated and top of Gauteng's class of teachers.

These are the teachers who were nominated by their schools to be honoured at the provincial leg of the National Teaching Awards last night.

The awards, which promote excellence in teaching performance, were handed out at a function at an Ekurhuleni hotel. The provincial winners will go to the national awards next year.

"All I want is for learners to realise their potential and have broader choices in life," said Rakgadi Mathate, the principal of Lesiba Secondary School in Daveyton, who urged teachers to be passionate about their work and understand their pupils and their socio-economic conditions.

Paula Pretorius, who teaches Grade R at Laerskool Pierneef in Pretoria said: "I have seen thousands of learners progressing to Grade R with confidence, and that fulfils my dreams. They leave Grade R emotionally stable and school-ready. That in itself makes me proud of my work as an educator."

Education MEC Barbara Creecy handed out the awards and emphasised the need for ongoing training for teachers.

"To ensure that there is sustainable change in the performance of schools, you need to invest in teacher training and development. We are spending over R200 million on teacher development across all programmes, including Grade R and pre-Grade R teaching," said Creecy.

The department had trained 18 000 intermediate phase teachers and 16 000 Grade 11 teachers in the curriculum and assessment policy statement in the past year, she said.

"We have developed lesson plans for priority schools, trained district officials on data-driven decision-making in support of schools, and successfully implemented training for school-management teams."

These are the teachers who have been honoured by the province:

- Excellence in Primary School Teaching: J Lendrum of Winchester Ridge Primary;
- Excellence in Secondary School Teaching: S Msiza of Ponelopele Oracle Secondary School in Ivory Park;
- Excellence in Primary School Leadership: Nicollas Else of Ncha Peu Primary in Soshanguve;
- Excellence in Secondary School Leadership: Rakgadi Mathate of Lesiba Secondary School in Daveyton;
- Excellence in Grade R Teaching: Paula Pretorius of Laerskool Pierneef in Pretoria;
- Excellence in Special Needs Teaching: JN Motimele of Protem;
- Excellence in ICT-enhanced Teaching: father-and-son team Percy and Wayne Human of Glenanda Primary

These are the provincial nominees for national awards:

- Kader Asmal Excellence Award: Lefa Mohapi of Tsolo Secondary in Vanderbijlpark;
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Bilkes Vawda of Marlboro Gardens Combined School in Marlboro.

SABC grilled on fuel and contracts

SHANTI ABOOBAKER

SENIOR managers at the SABC are receiving petrol allowances of up to R10 000 a month under a system designed to replace petrol cards, which were previously a source of controversy.

The broadcaster has also revealed it is locked into "evergreen" contracts – such as for American soapie *The Bold and the Beautiful* – which are binding until the series eventually end.

The SABC board was back in Parliament yesterday and received a grilling from the standing committee on public accounts (Scopa).

SABC board chairman Ben Ngubane said the broadcaster had decided to get rid of petrol cards, but that the "new measures" were actually more expensive.

Acting chief financial officer Tian Olivier said the news team and outside broadcasting vehicles still used petrol cards, as did the sales team, but there were "controls" in place.

He conceded, however, that senior managers, while not being allocated petrol cards any longer, were allocated a petrol allowance – in his case, R10 000.

Scopa also heard that the broadcaster's supply chain management policy had not yet been approved, and it had been operating without an internal audit committee for months.

ANC MP Roy Ainslie questioned Ngubane as to why the policy had not yet been approved when a recommendation to this effect was made more than two years ago.

"Why is it taking so long? Supply chain management is a vital area, and if there's no policy, it must give rise to fraud, it must give rise to corruption, it must give rise to irregular expenditure," an exasperated Ainslie said.

"But in the meantime, the organisation procures billions and billions of [content] – based on what? On no policy. It's mind-boggling. It's unacceptable."

Ngubane said the absence of an internal audit committee had arisen because the minister of communications had rejected the board's suggestions for new audit committee members in August.

He warned MPs that he projected the SABC would get a clean audit only in 2014.

World praises SA's cut in HIV infection among youngsters

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SOUTH Africa has received global recognition for achieving a significant reduction in the number of children newly infected with HIV.

The UN Joint Programme on HIV/Aids (UNAids) launched the 2012 Global Epidemic Report yesterday and praised South Africa for major gains, with the number of children newly infected with HIV declining by between 40 and 59 percent from 2009 to 2011.

More than 90 percent of the children who acquired HIV infection in 2011 live in sub-Saharan Africa, where the number of children newly infected fell by 24 percent from 2009 to 2011.

Sub-Saharan Africa remains most severely affected, with almost one in every 20 adults living with HIV and accounting for 69 percent of the people living with HIV worldwide.

While the world is making significant progress in coming to grips with the HIV pandemic, stigma and lack of human rights remain in many countries.

UNAids reported significant declines in new infections among adults and children, with a high number of people placed on antiretrovirals.

Sub-Saharan Africa has shown significant progress, with an estimated 1.8 million new HIV infections in 2011, compared with 2.4 million in 2001.

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