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Natamu Cobra Is A World Record!

LARGEST 'SPITTING COBRA' HAS BEEN DISCOVERED IN KENYA

The world's largest spitting cobra has been discovered in Kenya. This highly venomous snake, which has been recognized as a new species and named the *Naja Ashei*, reaches almost nine feet and has enough venom to kill 15-20 people in a single bite.

Dr. Richard Leakey, Chairman of WildlifeDirect states: "A new species of giant spitting Cobra is exciting and reinforces the obvious: that there have to be many other unreported species but hundreds are being lost as their habitats disappear under the continued mismanagement of our planet."

The *Naja Ashei*, named after James Ashe who founded the Bio-Ken snake farm in Watamu on the Kenyan coast, produced 6.2ml of liquid venom in one milking.

For many years Ashe suspected that the cobras along the

Special Report by Pishesh Pabari

Kenyan coast were different. The findings were finally verified through blood and tissue samples by Dr. Wolfgang Wuster at the University of Bangor in Wales and published earlier this year in the scientific journal, *Zootaxa* by Dr. Wuster and Donald Bradley.

The implications of this newly identified species go beyond scientific discovery.

Snake bite treatment depends entirely on having the right antivenom.

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Don Ochola, the Head of Information Technology at Imperial Bank said, "The introduction of internet banking will enable our customers to carry out banking services such as money transfers, make balance enquiries, and obtain FOREX rates without visiting to the bank."

"Customers who want to conduct banking transactions via Imperial Bank's internet service will be provided with a unique access code.

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First 'Marble Junior Savings' Account customer in Malindi



Alnashir Popat [left] Imperial Bank's Chairman presents a gift bag to baby Mohamed Huzeifa and his father, Huzeifa Hassanali. Mohamed was Imperial Bank's first Marble Junior Savings Account holder at the Watamu Branch. Imperial Bank Watamu opened for business last month.

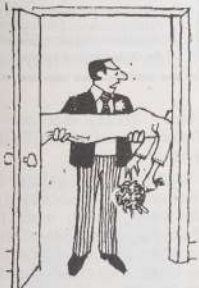
LIFE IS JUST A LAUGH



"I hear there's a man-hunt on, can I join in?"



"The frightening thing is that in a couple of weeks he'll be old enough to vote."



"Honey you really must try to relax!"

Mombasa Branch Opening Marks Chase Bank Retail Expansion

Mombasa branch opening kicks off Chase Bank retail expansion Chase Bank has kicked off its planned extensive retail expansion by opening the doors to the public at its new branch in Mombasa town.

Designed by Planning Interiors Limited, the branch is the first of four new branches that marks the most significant expansion in the bank's twelve year history.

It is located in the Central Business District on the ground floor of Jubilee building and will be open extended hours of 8.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. as well as every Saturday.

The other upcoming branches are in Nairobi's Landmark plaza, Eastleigh and Parklands.

Chase Bank Managing Director Zafullah Khan said that the branch had been opened to the

public following receipt of regulatory approvals from the Central Bank of Kenya.

Said Mr Khan; "These branch additions are part of our retail strategy of specifically targeting a niche market in emerging growth locations."

Mr Khan pointed out that the unique design of the new branches reflected Chase bank's corporate identity that is based on the values of professionalism, honesty, flexibility and courtesy in providing exemplary services.

"The opening of the new Mombasa branch is a fundamental starting point that reflects the core of our corporate values aiming at providing all services, facilities and distinctive banking solutions in a modern and creative way" said Mr Khan, adding that the bank would also strive to meet the aspirations and the needs of its clients in various economic sectors.

He noted that as a new entrant into the Mombasa banking scene developing new business would be very competitive but that the bank had put a lot of planning into its new approach.

"Our relationships have meant that we walk with our customers every step of the way. We are now taking this to a new level", he added.

The bank's head office in Nairobi also underwent extensive renovation and refurbishment prominently introducing the bank's identity and brand values.

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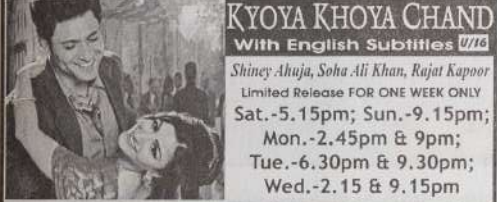
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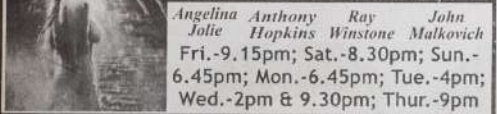


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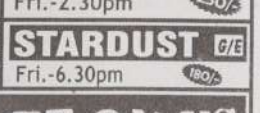
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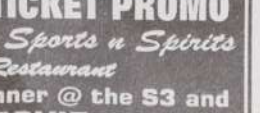
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with *Welcome*. It stars their favourite heroes Akshay Kumar and Paresh Rawal, ably assisted by Katrina Kaif, Nana Patekar, Anil Kapoor, Feroz Khan and Malika Sherawat among others.

In *Welcome*, a funny film, there are three Hong-Kong based mobsters who literally stumble through each hit-job, yet are very successful.

Brothers Uday Shetty and Majnu Shetty answer to their boss Sikander, but the apple of their eye is their darling sister Sanjana who has now grown into a beautiful young woman. Like all brothers, even these bhai want to see their sister married off into a respectable family, but with their background, how can that be possible.

Uday meets a young man, Rajiv and after a short conversation finds out that he is not married and seems like a really nice guy.

Zoning in on him with Majnu, Uday makes up his mind that this is definitely the man for Sanjana and starts the process rolling.

There is a cog in the wheel in the form of Rajiv's uncle Dr. Ghunghroo who will have nothing to do with a family of mobsters.

But fate has other things planned for them and Sanjana and Rajiv meet on a cruise and actually fall in love.

Dr. Ghunghroo, unaware of Sanjana's connection to Uday and Majnu, accepts her as his future daughter-in-law.

When the truth dawns on him, Dr. Ghunghroo tries to get both Rajiv and himself out of this awkward situation any way possible but just gets entangled deeper in the web of deceit.

Adding more fuel to the fire is the appearance of a hot babe who claims she is engaged to Rajiv.

Director Sudhir Mishra won many awards for his *Hazaron Kwaishain Aisi* and has spun out yet another classic in the form of *Khoya Khoya Chand*.

This film, which is being screened at the NYALI CINEMAX on a limited release for just one week is set in the golden cinematic era of the fifties and sixties.

It stars Shiney Ahuja, Soha Ali Khan, Sonya Jehan and Rajat Kapoor in the lead.

Zafar Ali Naqvi feels stifled in his Nawabi palace in Lucknow and moves to Bombay to give freedom to his writing spirit.

In this big city he is drawn into the world of Hindi cinema and knows that this is where he wants to be.

Nikhat Bano is a beautiful and petite girl who is also stifled in the roles of an extra on the sets of almost every film.

She wants to make it big in cinema and see success from the skies.

Through Zafar she gets that one chance she wants, but at what price?

On the other end of the spectrum is the very successful actress Ratanbala who has everything, but yet is so sad and unhappy.

She feels threatened as Nikhat enters her area and she will do anything to remain the reigning numero uno.

Then we have the superstar, Prem Kumar, the idol of every woman's dream. He also has everything but knows that life is fleeting past him and age is catching up. He will not remain young forever and he must do

something to stay at the top for as long as he can.

Khoya Khoya Chand is a brilliantly told story, with superb cinematic approach and will appeal to a wide variety of audience.

Fantasy, drama, action adventure, animation and adaptation is the name of the game in *Beowulf*, opening at the NYALI CINEMAX this week.

Starring Angelina Jolie, Anthony Hopkins, Ray Winstone, John Malkovich, Brendan Gleeson, Dominic Keating, Alison Lohman and Robin Wright Penn, *Beowulf* has all the trimmings expected from this kind of film and will not fail to entertain.

The sexy and svelte Jolie takes on the role of the mother of the demon Grendel who has been killed by the mighty warrior *Beowulf*.

Mama dearest is enraged at her son's killing and comes forth to seek revenge from all those involved.

Hopkins is the corrupt King Hrothgar and Ray Winstone is cast in the lead as *Beowulf*.

The fourth new film at the CINEMAX is the animated cartoon film *Surf's Up* with the voices of Jeff Bridges, Shia LaBeouf, Zooyy Deschanel, James Woods and John Heder.

As the title suggests the film is all about surfing and the highly competitive participants.

Teenage penguin Cody Maverick wants to enter his first pro competition, even though at times he may be literally going 'in the wrong direction'.

His passion for the sport gets a camera crew to follow him from his home in Antarctica to Pen Gu Island for the Big Z Memorial Surf Off.

He makes friends with fellow surfer Chicken Joe, surf promoter Reggie Belafonte, surf talent scout Mikey Bromowitz and lifeguard Lani Alikai.

This motley group form a bond that treats each other with respect, no matter what their shortcomings.

With the big prize in the big competition in front of him, Cody is certain that winning this event will really turn his life around.

But he meets an old surfer who has definitely seen better days and through him, Cody realises that life is not all about winning.

The last, but not least, new film at NYALI CINEMAX is another comedy, perfect for the Christmas season we are in, *Fred Claus*.

Now everyone knows about Santa Claus, aka Saint Nicholas, but very few people know of his younger brother *Fred Claus*.

Just as Santa is the cheruby, jolly good fellow, Fred is the exact opposite. This younger sibling takes advantage of people and will do anything to make a quick buck.

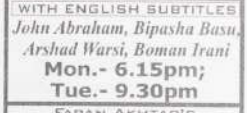
Nicholas is coerced by their mother to help Fred improve his life, but at a condition.

Fred must go with him to the North Pole and earn his money the hard way by working in Santa's Toy Shop. Nicholas would have been better off letting a bull in a china shop, and he learns this the hard way with Christmas just around the

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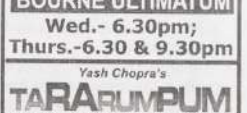
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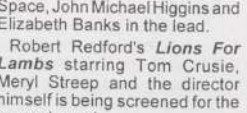
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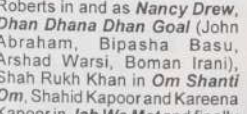
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STARCAST GEMINI KILIFI

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 21) You might change on your mind and now is the perfect time to get going with it. Just make sure that you don't neglect to utilize anything. Any increments are far better for you than the rest.

Aquarius (Jan. 22-Feb. 21) You are full of great ideas and today brings about a brilliance that you may be nearly unprepared for. You can tell that this idea is the big one so figure out when you can get to work making it come to life.

Pisces (Feb. 22-Mar. 21) You have plenty of ideas and today brings about a list of all the pros and cons - and what you can get help in evaluating them more carefully.

Aries (Mar. 22-April 21) You might set your long-range goals and plans and today is perfect for solidifying your position in that regard. Get the support you will need to finalize arrangements for retirement or taxes.

Taurus (April 22-May 21) You intend to ensure you're feeling good about the situation or work or in some social group you belong to at least one person is acting out in a big way. They should calm down soon, but it's unsettling.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) You've got big issues on the table today, you need to spend some time in deep thought. Your mental state is perfect for working through the most complicated situations, so get busy and figure it all out.

Cancer (June 22-July 21) You need to be sure to let your intuition guide your reactions today - otherwise, you will be backpedaling for days or even weeks. The best way to do that is most likely to slow down your reaction time.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 21) You need to be different ways of achieving your goals - even if you seem to be doing fine as is. Today demands a mental change of pace and you're in the right frame of mind to just try it.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept. 21) You're devoted to lifelong learning and today is perfect for trying out new ways of getting the same old thing done. It might work or it might not, but you're sure to learn something out of the process.

Libra (Sept. 22-Oct. 21) Young good social energy is making it amazingly easy for you to get along with co-workers and family members - even those from whom you have been estranged for some time. Try rebuilding some bridges!

Scorpio (Oct. 22-Nov. 21) Expect conflict, especially in the workplace or among community groups you take part in. There shouldn't be anything destructive going on, but you are still well advised to sit any lights out for the time being.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is all about communication - especially exchanging ideas between minds, departments or cultures. You should find it much easier than usual to explain and understand pretty well the stuff.

Ranvir Shorey, Konkona Sen Sharma, Kunal Kapoor, Raghubir Yadav and Dalai.

Madhuri plays Dia shown living in New York. A successful dancer who has left much more than her home behind in the small Indian village of Shamli, Dia is taken back ten years by a phone call.

Her guru and mentor is dying and he wants to see her one last time. He something in store for her. His dying wish, which will make her stay on for another two months and face the biggest challenge of her life.

Re-ignite Ajanta Arts, the theatre where she learnt her first steps as a dancer, or let it be demolished at the end of the two months.

Dhan Dhana Dhan Goal with John Abraham, Bipasha Basu, Arshad Warsi, Boman Irani on Monday and Tuesday.

Farhan Akhtar's *Don* with Shah Rukh Khan, Priyanka Chopra, Malika Sherawat and Boman Irani on Monday night.

Steven Spielberg's action-packed *Transformers*, Matt Damon, Joan Allen, Julia Stiles and David Strathairn in *The Bourne Ultimatum*.

Finally another Yash Chopra presentation in the form of *Tara Rum Pum* starring Saif Ali Khan and Rani Mukherjee.

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Dhanjal Doing Wonderful Job

Dhanjal Brothers Ltd, recently came back in full force along Links Road in Nyalii. They are doing a wonderful job of laying the walking paths on the side of the road with thin layer of tar and gravel.

This measure will reduce dust and also avoid accidents with cyclists and pedestrians. However I was wondering that since they are on the same road which leads to the Oshwal Academy, why cannot do the stretch which starts at the fourth roundabout till the school. This beautiful road has started to develop pot holes and is a busy road because of the school and the residents.

WELL DONE NETA

Congratulations to Neta Peal on her award from the Kenya Association of Hotels Keepers and Caterers.

This lady has proved herself a life long servant to Tourism in Kenya.

John Gardiner, Dar es Salaam.
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This area is highly populated with many beautiful houses etc.

There is a lot of development going on at the moment. If the contractor does the survey maybe the authorities concerned can see that the road is repaired.

Shanti Shah, Mombasa.

With Your Charity Work In Tiwi You Have Changed Lives And Instilled Hope In Many People

Dear Ricky, Marilyn and all the Cuss Family, Thank you for your recent article in the Coastweek.

You probably never intended to move anybody to tears or make them jump on their desks but your story was the most heart-warming piece I have read for ages. Local efforts, giving and receiving friendship and soccer; way to go, and thanks to you all.

I have a strong connection

with Tiwi and that beautiful strip running from the Likoni Ferry to Lungalunga via Tiwi.

My father once taught school at Mwaligulu Primary School in Tiwi.

I grew up in several villages including Waa Wasini Island, Shimoni and Kwale.

And I am sure, you have heard of the recent destruction caused by the rains. It pains to see the villages helplessness caused that resulted.

Your article moved me with a very special force. Yes, your article wiped my tears off and gave me a smile of hope. I congratulate you all for your work in Tiwi.

You are not UNICEF or the World Bank but in your own small and personal way you have changed lives and instilled hope in many people - young and old some of whom you have not even met.

I thank you for your friendship and positive energy. If I were in Kenya I would have offered a free trip to a game park and marine park of your choice.

Still, if I can't extend my thanks that way then surely I believe God will reward you and your family in many more ways. *Asante sana. Keep it up!*

Abdillahi Alawy, Ph.D.,
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Washington, DC 20002-3695.

FIRST WE NEED TO STOP THE DEALERS

I refer to a recent letter on the building of a new rehabilitation centre to cater for Mombasa drug addicts.

While I am not against this project I feel that the writer needs to do his homework first.

We have a total of three rehab centres at the coast with a total occupancy of about 50 clients.

The biggest being Reachout at Likoni followed by Mewa at Kisauni and Omari near Malindi.

The total occupancy of all the three units is hardly 25 per cent so where is the need of a new one?

So there is no point of building a rehab clinic but we need to stop the dealers.

Azam Kahn, Old Town, Mombasa.
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'ETERNAL' COAST WATER PROBLEM

I have been thinking a lot about this deliberate crisis in our lives and have come to the conclusion that this scourge has been motivated by greed.

To maintain this crisis situation requires the collusion of those with vested interests in ensuring the non availability of water.

I have also pondered many a time about this distressing condition, and believe that it is also politically motivated.

It is intended to change the entire heritage of the coastal peoples and their environment.

The scarcity of an essential commodity such as water will ultimately compel people to leave this hell for other countries.

Cahil Marduff, Mombasa.
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Tourists Experience The Height Of Unpleasantness On Likoni Ferry ...

We have been regular visitors to Kenya and more especially Diani Beach.

However, our recent visit was also our last one to your beautiful country and its friendly people.

Over the years, we have come to realize and witnessed that there is obviously no political will to improve dilapidated infra structure such as potholed roads as on "famous" Diani Beach after rotting heaps of garbage along the Likoni Road, or to at least try and rid your fantastic, unspoiled south coast beaches of the continuing 'beach operator' menace.

The so called Likoni Ferry "Service" was the last stroke.

Having endured a more than two hour wait in endless queues of black smoke belching matatus we eventually made it on to the ferry.

As soon as we were aboard we had a loud knock on the car's bonnet and the driver was rudely told by some rather unpleasant character to 'Switch off the engine'.

We had paid Kes 4,000 for an air-conditioned hotel transfer and pleaded with the totally disinterested ferry attendant trying to explain that having recently had a heart operation I found it very stressful and absolutely exhausting to sit in an un-air-conditioned car with an outside temperature of 33

degrees. Matters were worsened by the fact that we were parked near the open door to the noisy, smelly engine room.

All to no avail and we now instructed the driver that he must keep the engine running at all costs.

The cost came when we left the ferry.

Our vehicle was stopped and the driver rudely detained until we paid a Ksh 500 'fine'.

We were also presented with printed explanations - obviously copied from some book and suitable for ferries operating in a much colder climate.

End result - we missed our flight and our connection in Nairobi.

Kenya in turn will miss out on some repeat visitors who have

been coming here for 10 years staying in good hotels and lodges.

Who cares? - Your Likoni Ferry "Service" obviously does not.

Forcing your visitors who arrive in Mombasa from the cold of Europe after an 8-9 hours flight into endless queues and then commanding them to sit in unleaded fuel operated vehicles without the air-condition running can be seen as the height of unpleasantness.

But, who cares - the people in power obviously do not - we do, the world is big and in the end ordinary Kenyans will be the ones who lose out even more.

Mr. and Mrs. Malachi Runenstein, N/A.
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NOT EVEN ONE SINGLE POTHOLE HAS BEEN ATTENDED TO ON THE UKUNDA LIKONI ROAD

I have just returned from a wonderful vacation abroad, where I enjoyed traveling on blissful roads, in another third world country.

Power was never a problem, water was plentiful and security was never an issue.

We walked everywhere at night and were never con-

fronted. When is the last time you did that in Kenya?

Unfortunately the smile has been ripped off my face and I have come back to earth with a sickening thud.

Unsurprisingly, I have become dejected, disconsolate, crest fallen and down in the mouth upon my return.

Do you have any idea why? Because not even one single pothole has been attended to in Diani.

What happened to repairing the roads slightly for the high season?

Do we have to wait for a new government to get anything done? Does all progress in Kenya cease until December 27th's result?

Is development paralyzed? Are we totally voiceless? Are we not represented?

Do we not exist? Is South Coast not beneficial to the tourism industry?

How can we accept this? Why do we accept this?

Never before have I felt so unwanted ... so discarded, professionally.

All issues need to be faced, addressed, and taken care of.

The only way to go about this is by creating a strategy and tackling issues in an organized manner.

How are we going to tackle the security issue, sickening roads, water scarcity, power failures and beach pothole menace if we don't get a game plan into action?

Is this happening? As an active member and a loyal citizen, I demand some action taken.

I demand a response.

Our peak tourist season is one week away, yet we have received no progress.

And please do not insult our intelligence by saying the Likoni-Ukunda road's resurfacing is good enough.

Which candidate do I have to vote for to get anything done?

Yes things take time to get done, but how long?

Once in every five years?

We will never be considered serious players and contenders worldwide until progress occurs.

It's time to stop fooling ourselves. Travel the world and see how well other nations are progressing. You will be shocked.

Ronnie Bhasin, General Manager, Pinewood Village Beach Resort, Ukunda.
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Collection Of Garbage At Ganjoni

For nearly a year now the Mombasa Municipal Council has randomly selected an area where Ganjoni residents dump all their garbage.

This location is a residential area and it is between Gibson Ngome Road and Archbishops Makarios Road as you go towards Valentine School.

I have written letters complaining of the health hazards posed by this site both to the mayor and to the Municipal Health Department, but all to no avail!

Not only is this site an eyesore, the festering heaps of trash are a heaven for bacteria and food for the numerous crows that scavenge and have come to reside in this area.

The stench is overpowering and the swarms of flies and mosquitoes pose a very serious risk to the residents living here.

The Indian house crows are not endemic to Africa, they are dirty and host many diseases.

When their scavenging habits are made easy, the situation is then aggravated by their prolific breeding habits.

The garbage dumps are a haven for these birds.

The Mombasa Municipal Council bears responsibility for their increase.

Please relocate the garbage site to an area far from human habitation.

Its present location is a threat to human lives and particularly to children who are easily infected with diseases such as dysentery, typhoid, cholera, T.B. and food poisoning.

Those of us residing in this location have petitioned the local chief to pursue the local authorities and to put an end to this disturbing situation.

If and when the dump site is relocated, those who would continue to throw garbage here should be arrested and prosecuted - old habits die hard!

I can only hope that the Municipal Authorities will act with alacrity, after all "Cleanliness is Godliness".

Said Majid, Ganjoni, Mombasa.
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'Kenya Roads Board' Are Clearly Aware That Most Roads Need Repair - And Are Keen On Improving Road Network

On Wednesday last week, our national Chair person Madam Lucy Karume, the Provincial Works Officer, Provincial Roads Engineer and Kenya Roads Board directors and the CEO of Kenya Association of Manufacturers had a meeting at the PWO's office and thereafter, had a road inspection of all the roads that we had discussed.

It came out clearly, that most roads need repair and that Kenya Roads Board is aware and are keen on improving the road network.

KAM were pushing for the Industrial Roads while our chair person was pushing for the tourist roads.

Eventually, it was agreed that

Ukunda Diani Road upto chale island shall be prioritised in the budget.

The road after Neptune shall be tarmacked as well.

In our inspection, we found that the industrial road are more hit than the tourist roads.

These roads actually have big holes ie craters and small cars cannot pass on these roads.

All the same all roads we inspected were in a bad state.

We were informed that the the main cause that has led to poor road network was lack of maintenance of the said roads in previous years and we are now paying the price for not maintaining our road network.

This process of road repairs and construction may however take some time.

We request all members to kindly be patient as the Association through our chair person pushes the Kenya Roads Board to ensure that the tourist roads are good.

Nonetheless, all tourist roads shall be repaired slightly in preparation for the high season as we await full construction work on these roads.

While in South Coast, our chairman of the South Coast

Region Mr. Vickram Korla, had a chance to meet the directors of Kenya Roads Board.

The Association is pushing very hard for all the roads mentioned above to be repaired.

We believe that we have started the journey to having good roads!

And this journey seems bright and successful thanks to the zeal shown by our National Chair person at this meeting.

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Mombasa born singer **Sal Davis** was 'BIG' in Central Africa - a report from Lusaka announced release of his new record singing the praises of **President Kenneth Kaunda**: 'a best-seller played almost by the hour over Zambia State Radio'.

The new-look **Nyali Beach Hotel** hosted a gala dinner for VIP guests including Tourism Ministry Permanent Secretary **Yuda Komora**, United Touring Executive Director **Eric Larson**, Mombasa District Commissioner **E.G. Karanja**, Block Hotels Chairman **Tubby Block**, Pollmans Managing Director **Dimitri Pelteko** and Neckermann Vice President **Hugo Stinnes**.

Kenya Ports Authority chairman **P.K. Kinyanjui** led his fellow directors **John Gituma**, **W.K. Bomett**, **D.K. Ngini** and **Juma Ferunzy** on an inspection tour of **Shimoni**, **Vanga**, **Kilifi** and **Malindi** ports.

Coast magician **'Mighty Aboo'** was photographed on the Mombasa seafont performing his latest daring illusion with a pretty girl apparently levitated off the ground on the point of an Arabian sword.

Calling on **Kilindini** while heading on for a five-day Christmas visit to the Seychelles was the 3,600-ton French Navy Indian Ocean flotilla destroyer **'Kersaint'** under the command of Captain **Franiatte**.

Nathu Nathwani, **Pratap Raichoora**, **Kirit Thakker**, **Kishore Nanji**, **Batuk Savjani** and **Dhiru Savjani** were leading a strong Coastal team to take part in the annual **Lohana Community Kisumu Sports Festival**.

KENYA Cinema was showing **'Jaws II'**, REGAL the filmed-in-Kenya adventure drama **'Safari Rally'**, NAAZ **Ryan O'neal** and **Bruce Dem** in **'The Driver'** and at **CHOX** it was **Dev Anand** in **'Shareef Badmaash'**.

Letter writers included sports columnist **Anver Versi**, **Chege Kamau**, **Juma Mwayani**, **Bernard Wambugua**, **John Ondiek** and **A.S. Juma**.

Reef Hotel advertised a 'full Christmas luncheon' at **K. Shs. 100/=** per person, the **Mvita Grill** at **Nyali Beach Hotel** offered a 'gala lunch' at **K. Shs. 90/=** per person, while a full five-course dinner at the **Tamarind Restaurant** cost **K. Shs. 150/=** per person (with telephone bookings accepted).

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ANGUS Beef from the Experts

Watamu Cobra Is A World Record!

FROM FRONT PAGE

Specific anti-venom for this snake can now be produced and lives can be saved.

Naja Ashoi is the largest spitting cobra in the world measuring just under nine feet.

As **Royjan Taylor**, Director of **Bio-Ken Snake Farm** explains:

"Although I am a naturalist and conservationist who is passionate about all wildlife, my heart goes out to the reptiles that are often misunderstood, especially snakes.

"But one cannot conserve one species alone.

"To be successful in saving our planet's flora and fauna for future generations we must conserve everything."

Rapid development mainly for tourism is increasingly encroaching on the coastal habitat of snakes in East Africa.

Snakes are often killed indiscriminately with no regard to their position in the food chain.

Bio-Ken Snake Farm, **Watamu** is a research centre, which deals with reptiles, especially snakes and snake-bites.

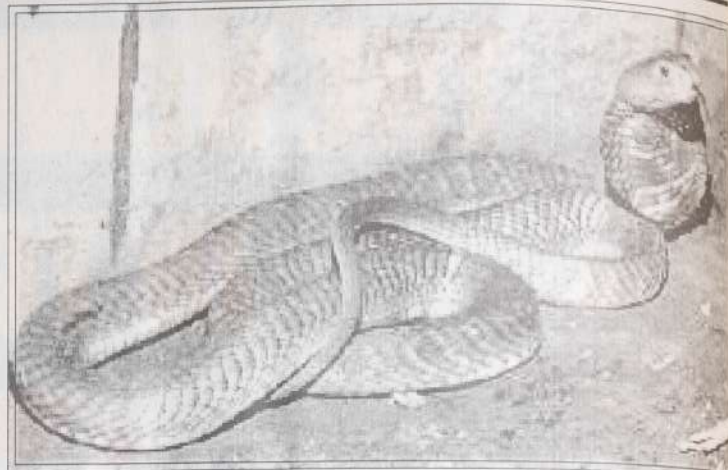
It houses the largest collection of snakes in East Africa and is open to the public.

Bio-Ken milks snakes for medical research and for the preparation of anti-venom.

It provides anti-venom to treat victims of poisonous snake-bite and, with the help of the **James Ashe Antivenom Trust (JAAT)** incomplete sentence.

Bio-Ken also offers a free 'remove-a-snake' service for people in **Watamu** and the surrounding area.

Any snakes removed from a property and relocated in to the



Spitting cobras are very accurate. Appropriate equipment must be used to capture these deadly snakes.

wild or brought back to the farm for study, depending on the species.

Cobras all have potent venom and bites should be given medical attention at once.

There are several Cobra species that are able to spit their venom over a distance of several metres, a most useful defence.

The spray is aimed at the eyes of an aggressor and is so painful that the snake has the chance to escape.

If the eyes are washed out immediately with lots of water (or any bland liquid) no permanent damage will follow but neglected cases can result in blindness.

Cobras are large snakes with solid bodies. They can climb and some species live in trees but

most, including the Spitting Cobras, are found at ground level, eating almost any kind of small mammal or bird, eggs, other

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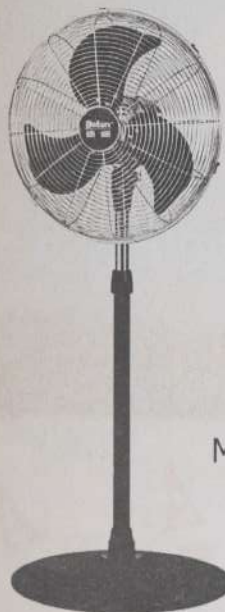
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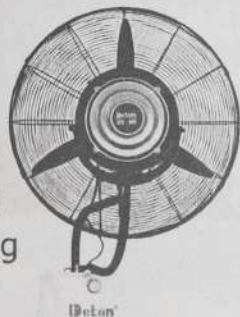
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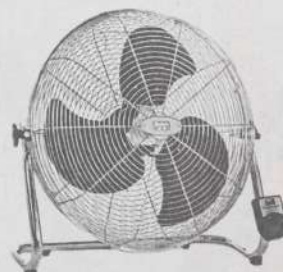
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Dear Santa Could You Please Give Us A Young And Energetic Mayor

Dear Santa, I hope you and the elves are well.

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However, it seems the elf who informs you of our needs seems to have taken to the hard stuff and misdirected you, so it with utmost humility that I make the following requests for this festive season:

• We have been blessed by the almighty God with enough fresh air so we do not need any more of it from our water taps.

• Couldn't you arrange, lets see, a little fresh water to trickle from the taps on daily basis for a change?

It would at least break the monotony.

• We are really grateful that you send the famous "Dodge-the-pot-hole" game every year, but now that we have mastered it at its highest difficulty level, it becoming a bit dull.

• Wouldn't it a better idea if you were to swap gifts and give us the one you give of any other European country?

It would at least break the monotony for both of us, them dodging the pot-holes and us able to drive over 30 kmph.

• Could you please give us a young energetic Mayor with a magic wand so that he may be able clear all the filth and make Mombasa look like Eden!

Please note that our stocking will be tied to one of the Tusks for this year but if we get some water, we will plant a real tree in

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Pareesh Morjaria, Mombasa
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'Corporate Challenge' Funds For Mombasa Round Table 3

TARU PRIMARY SCHOOL RE-HABILITATION PROJECT

Mombasa Round Table 3 (MRT3) have organized yet another well attended fund raiser for two of its pet projects.

MRT3 this time around teamed up with Voyager Beach Resorts and Diamond Trust Bank to host the ever popular quiz night on the 7th of december.

The quiz nite was chaired by Manju and our very own community head Vinay Shah and was dubbed the "Corporate Challenge".

Many high profile corporate concerns attended to make the event a resounding success.

MRT3 Chairman Davis Kithikii reiterated MRT3's dedication to ensure that all monies raised by the event will go towards its intended causes and that no amount will be deducted for MRT3's administration and running costs etc.

All monies raised will go towards two projects very close to our hearts:

Taru Primary School Re-habilitation Project:

Before this school was taken under the RT3 wing, this school has no running water, shortages of desks; essential office material and stationery were not available.

This school has a student of over 700. We have since built them toilets given them 120 desks, a photocopying machine, we have also undertaken extensive renovation projects of the schools infra structure. MRT3 now sponsors four

students every year who have excelled in the national exams for their full four years in secondary school.

Our next aim is to build a further 8 toilets and a water pipeline that will serve not only the school but its immediate environs.

Week Of Healing: An Annual Project Of MRT 3 - aims to take specialist surgeons to district hospitals in and around Mombasa for a week long free surgical camp, where operations are undertaken at no costs to the patients. At each camp we

see patients who have lived their conditions for years without seeking help because they cannot afford even the basic fees charged in these hospitals.

Our next camp is going to be held in Kinango during the 27th of Jan 08 - 3rd Feb 08.

We the MRT3 would particularly like to thank our corporate sponsors for their unflinching support - some of whom are listed below:

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Skål Club Kenya Coast Enjoy Christmas Feast At Whitesands

Coming as a most enjoyable respite to the scorching heat of the day was the celebration of 'Christmas On The Beach' for

members and guests of *Skål International - Kenya Coast Club*, on Friday, 14th December, 2007, reports *NETA PEAL*.

Chairs, tables and decorated Christmas Trees were set out on the spacious beach of *Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort and Spa*, Bamburi, and there was a variety of cooling drinks before a sumptuous buffet was unveiled when the speechmaking had ended.

This was followed by dancing on the beach around a bonfire. The event had opened with a thunderous round of applause for its sponsors who, once again, were *Southern Cross Safaris* represented by its Managing Director, Torben Rune, who brought his family along.

There were thanks too for *Southern Cross Chairman*, Mike Kirkland.

Declared the Club's President Hugh Walters 'this is always a great place to come and have a party at Christmas. Also thanks to the hotel's General Manager Mohammed Hersi and his team for such a fabulous set up this evening'.

He went on 'in fact my boss is here' and introduced Prineeta Nagi, the Skål National President for Kenya.

When the applause had sub-

sided Prineeta said 'Greetings from Skål, Nairobi.

'It is great to be here, but first I must start by apologising.

'I became President of Skål in April and this is the first time I have been in Mombasa.

'I moved from *Emirates to Kenya Airways* and it happily coincided just about the time I became National President.

'Maureen Onyango, decided to invite me down for a Travel Agents Seminar here in Mombasa.

'It was beautiful because I came knowing about this Skål Christmas Dinner tonight.

'I have also been told that such functions at Whitesands are always the highlight of the calendar. It coincides with Christmas and I am thrilled to be

here with all of you.

'I wish you a very Happy Christmas, successful and peaceful voting and my best wishes for a very happy New Year from all of us in Nairobi'.

Other Skål dignitaries at the beach party were introduced and welcomed by the Club's President - 'Capt. John Cleave - a past President, Kenya Coast and National President; Chris

Modigell - past National President and, of course, our very own Mohammed Hersi - past Kenya Coast President.

He is also our first National Vice-President'. The Club President concluded by wishing everyone a very 'Merry Christmas and a fantastic 2008'

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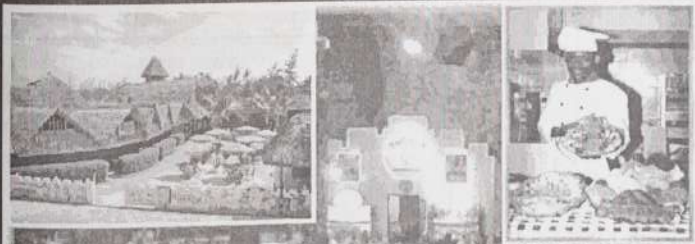
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'Lonely Sailors Society' Will Enjoy Their Half Days On Wednesdays

The second Monthly Mug on 12th December saw a turn out of 10 boats, numbers inflated by the Public Holiday closing all the offices.

[There is a move by the 'Lonely Sailors Society' for all offices to have half days on Wednesdays as they so enjoyed the company of other boats for a gentle evening sail and in fact they have been granted their wish this Wednesday with another Public Holiday being announced.]

In a Force 1 to 2 two Bosuns, five Lasers and three Ospreys created a pleasing sight for those crossing the ferry that evening.

The wind was in the north east

making a close reach to Liwatoni followed by long runs and reaches between the buoys right up to M Buoy off Mtongwe Kenya Navy jetty.

It was then fetches and beats back to the Club buoy before a final triangle back to the ferry at the end.

Sadly Kalim Hassanali and Neelam Shah in Meteorite had to retire due to gear failure when they were well placed in the race and Koki Doshi and Mariam Hassanali in Centurion retired as they felt it was getting late and they did not have time to finish.

However Chris Soper in Sihiri, finishing third in the race took first place on personal handicap beating Armilla, sailed by Sha and Ebrahim Khan - a welcome return to sailing for both of them with Ebrahim home for the Christmas holidays.

Oliver Kerneur in Chanzo took line honours, but was demoted to third place on handicap, beating Marylyn Barnes on the water and on handicap.

Fourth was Aslam Kasmani and Rama Fahdil, into the Blue, fifth Michael Smewing, Quicksilver, sixth Barry Mitchell and Peter Talbot, Tally-Ho!, seventh Chris Barnes, Kushoto.

By Sunday 16th December when the fifth and sixth Edward Wishaw races were sailed the north east monsoon, the Kas Kazi, had kicked in with a Force 3 to 4 making a much tougher race.

Chanzo, Olivier Kerneur capsized as he left the beach and later Brian Emmott in Saifu had two mega capsizes.

Andy Burnard in Kijivu had lead for a large part of the race but it was Michael Smewing in Quicksilver who rose to the occasion and sailed an almost perfect race out at sea, except, nervous of the close proximity of the reef at Florida buoy capsized during a gybe and lost his clear lead just one leg from the finish.

Marylyn Barnes in Kulia saw the opportunity to steal first place from Chanzo, third Quicksilver,

fourth Kijivu, fifth Chris Soper and John Channer in Catman, sixth Sifu just back from the Dar/Tanga cruiser race and the Doshi with Ebrahim Khan and a French Navy guest in Centurion retired from the race and went for a more sedate cruise up the harbour.

The last race in the series was started on South Reef and headed on a punishing course northward then eastward out to the shipping channel markers.

Again Michael Smewing and Andy Burnard dominated the early stages of the race on the beat and fetch out to Red inner buoy with Quicksilver leading.

However he once again had a near capsize at Green Inner and lost his way back heading for Red Serani instead of Green Serani but still managed to hold on to his diminished lead despite Chanzo screaming down the waves on the reach to Green Serani.

Kulia managed to stay in third place although second place changed from Kijivu to Chanzo and the four

leading Lasers fought their way back into the harbour after an electrifying race out in the big sea and strong winds, with only a few metres separating them.

From Liwatoni to Pelalaze Chanzo made a mistake crossing too close to the stern of an anchored ship, allowing Kulia to slip into second place and through sheer determination and concentration catching every little lift Kulia managed to beat Quicksilver across the line by two seconds!

This was close sailing or is sailing too close to the wind?

Third Chanzo, fourth Kijivu, fifth Catman who screamed home eight minutes ahead of the rest of the fleet having had an exhilarating sail, but has a ve punishing handicap, sixth Sifu after two more capsizes.

The monsoon has set in no and is here to stay so there are many more exhilarating races coming up which will produce numerous capsizes and discover some undersea muscled.

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Nadia De Souza Is Best All Round Student Of The Year

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The pivotal role of parents in education is highlighted in Mombasa Academy's outstanding 29th Annual Awards Evening.

The Mombasa Academy held its 29th Annual Awards Evening on the 16th November 2007 in recognition of the exceptional achievements of the students for the academic year of September 2006 - June 2007.

The event took place in the school hall and was attended by a good number, including parents, outsiders and most importantly, students.

Students of the school were awarded prizes in all aspects of school life including academics, sports and moral development.

The evening began with the Head Girl, Nadia De Souza and Head Boy, Alim Bhanji, reciting the peace prayer and the emphasis of the evening were celebrating the successes of the students and acknowledging the vital role of parents in an educational institution such as the Mombasa Academy.

The school's Headmaster, Mr. P. R. Uppal, reiterated this, saying that a school needs more than just good quality infrastructure and a caring environment to produce responsible and capable students.

Emphasizing the role of parents in Education, Mr. Uppal said, "No educational goals can be fully achieved simply by the school unless it has the full support, co-operation and understanding of parents.

"We may have the best of equipment, splendid infrastructure, best of teaching, most caring environment; all can fail to have the desired effect without the backing of parents"

The Awards Evening was compered by Priyanka Patel, a sixth form pupil at the school, and involved numerous musical performances throughout the night, featuring the newly-formed school band which brought the already successful night to an upbeat and entertaining close.

The band got to showcase their astounding musical talent with a re-make of the 90's hit Fly Away by Lenny Kravitz.

The Edexcel Board commended Nazneen Molu for getting 6A's in her A level examinations.

Robert Chiu was also recognized for his excellent IGCSE results which included 4A's and 3As.

He was also awarded Dr. Mohamed's Shield for Best

Examination Performance in Year 11.

Mishal Gudka was awarded Dr. Paes Trophy for outstanding result at AS and A level.

Special awards were as follows: The Dr. Sur Trophy to promote Medical Studies went to Xavier Gerniers The Young Achievers Award went to Hersh Suri in the Preparatory section.

The Bipin Pandya Trophy to Rohan Mehra for Physics.

Hynes Memorial Shield for Acting, went to Frank Zahlten.

Sheikh Tahir Shield for Best Public Speaker to Nusayba Anjarwalla.

Special Award for Acting Performance to John Garama.

Musician of the Year to Devisha Khanna.

Junior Musician to Dishti Sasan.

Senior Musician to Rohan Mehra.

The Raj Uppal Trophy for Helpfulness to Sapna Chandaria.

The Gill Richardson Shield for Endeavour to Mistri Mugo.

The Faheed Shapi Memorial Shield for Excellent Social Skills to Paulin Musura.

Overall Art Student of the Year to Puneeta Mhajan.

The most prestigious award of the night, The Frank Bentley Shield for The Best All Round Student of the Year, went to Nadia De Souza.

Sport prizes were won by: Mercy Onyango for being the Best Junior Sportswoman of the Year.

Deeyn Shah for being Best Junior Sportsman of the Year.

Senior Sportswoman of the Year was Puneeta Mhajan.

Senior Sportsman of the Year went to Paul Maingi.

Anna Brunlehner won the Leander Paes Trophy awarded to a student who contributed wholeheartedly to Inter-house sports.

Mombasa Academy continues to excel in their swimming prowess.

The Best Junior Girl was Maria Brunlehner and the Best Junior Boy was shared between Swaleh Talib and Tristan Bland.

In the Preparatory section the Best Boy was Omar Talib and Chloe Dhanjee won the prize for Best Girl.

The Best Senior Boy was Hamdan Bayusuf and the Best Senior Girl was Sylvia Brunlehner.

Sylvia also won the Dr. Mohamed's Shield for Outstanding Performance throughout the Year as she represented

Kenya in the All Africa Games 2007.

Omar Talib also won the Anne Freeman Trophy as he represented CASA in Zambia and won five medals.

He was also awarded 100 dollars for being the Best Swimmer in terms of attitude towards swimming competitions.

The Headmaster, Mr. P. R. Uppal presenting Frank Bentley Shield for the Best All Round Student of the Year to Nadia De Souza.



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What Is Being Done By Government Authorities To Rectify 'Critical Water Situation' In Mombasa

While it was good to read that the European Union is giving KShs 5.8 billion for water reforms, I wonder if any of it will trickle through to the Mombasa Water and Sewage Company which has left many in Mombasa without water in their taps for over three years.

While the Nairobi Water Services keep their customers informed when supplies are affected for a few days, we hear virtually nothing from NWSC about what it is doing to rectify the critical situation in Mombasa - the second largest town in Kenya.

We are having to pay out heavily for untreated borehole water. Many have stomach upsets.

It is frightening when there are cases of diarrhoea in a whole family and the borehole water runs out.

There is no water to flush the toilet and none for a shower. As well, who is responsible for the upkeep of wells?

I hear that the one at Vijowent, Mtongwa, has been without a cover for some time.

Dust flies in and there is much sickness in the area. Urgent attention is needed.

Possibly, former Ministers and MPs at the coast have not been faced with a shortage of fresh water for very little

appears to have been heard in the election campaign.

Are they not aware of this critical need? Global warming is quite probably going to have a disastrous effect.

Less borehole water will be available also affecting those who have been lucky enough to get a supply of treated water.

Is MWSC preparing for such an eventuality? Many years ago most beach hotels put in their own boreholes and purification plants when they were not receiving an adequate supply of fresh water.

They too will be affected and with an expected growth in tourism, this should be of great concern.

In a report from Reuters it says 'by some projections of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, global warming could affect one-

third of Africa's coastal infrastructure by the end of this century because we know that we are on a course of having sea levels rising between 20 and 60 centimeters this century'.

Scientists have said Africa will suffer most if the world fails to halt global warming with

parts of the continent becoming uncultivable or uninhabitable.

In September, the British Government Chief Scientific Adviser, David King, is reported to have said 'climate change, if unchecked, would lead to worsening drought in Africa and flooding along much of its coast'.

Adding 'an additional 70 million Africans could be at risk of hunger by the 2080s as a result of global warming'.

We hear that 'with global warming sea levels rise'

Special Report by NETA PEAL

ALBERT CASTANHA - PREMIER ALL-ROUNDER SPORTSMAN

Albert Castanha will always be remembered as one of Kenya's premier all-rounder sportsmen.

This well organised, precise and committed champion is one of the many Goans who must be credited for being at the forefront of that Olympic Gold-rush that

has entrenched Kenya as a track and field powerhouse.

His inborn talents as a top sprinter and in other sports events were noticed in his early teens.

Without much fanfare, Albert won national caps with his country.

He excelled at its favourite sport, football and in track and field events whilst Kenya was

I wonder if discussions are underway about a desalination plant not only supplying Mombasa but other parts of Kenya?

Some countries are already running desalination plants and I have been given to understand that some are being planned in the UK.

Kenya will need to ensure that only very experienced engineers are engaged for such work otherwise it could be disastrous if there was a breakdown.

The Kenya Power and Lighting Co. is doing what it can to provide more electricity and much will be needed to run a desalination plant.

I am sure they have heard that some can be obtained from Tidal Power.

I have read it has an efficiency of 80 per cent in converting the potential energy of the water into electricity which is efficient compared to other energy

resources such as solar power or fossil fuel power plants.

There is also Wave Power which refers to the energy of ocean surface waves and the capture of that energy to do useful work including electricity generation, desalination and the pumping of water (into reservoirs). It is a form of renewable energy.

Wave power generation is not a widely employed technology and no commercial wave farm has yet been established.

However, it has been reported that funding for a Wave Farm in Scotland was announced in February 2007 by the Scottish Executive at a cost of over four million pounds as part of a £13 million funding package for marine power in Scotland.

The farm will be the world's largest with a capacity of 3 M.W generated by four Pelamis machines(17).

Funding has also been announced for the development of a Wave hub off the north coast of Cornwall, England.

The Wave hub will act as a giant extension cable allowing arrays of wave energy generating devices to be connected to the electricity grid.

The Wave hub will initially allow 20MW of capacity to be connected with potential expansion to 40MW.

Four device manufacturers have so far expressed interest in connecting to the Wave hub.

It is said that Wave power could yield much more energy than tidal power.

In conclusion I would like to refer to the press article by Cosmos Butunyi recently about rain water harvesting.

It was very interesting but pointless if we cannot put a stop to global warming which is expected to bring drought.

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His last ten years of employment was as the Cash Desk Manager at the popular Golden Key Casino in Nyali, Mombasa.

His recent selection as Africa's "Goan Athlete of the Century" was a very well deserving accolade to honour his contribution to East African sports.

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The aircraft of "Skytrail Airways" is already taking off with the new passengers on board.

The short drive to the Leopard Lodge proves to be our first game drive.

The grazing animals are watching us bored. A group of six giraffes is standing on the road. After a few minutes they decide to move on unhurriedly.

The drivers are waiting patiently until the road is clear.

Most of us have already unpacked our cameras and are taking photographs of the wild animals.

On the left side we watch an old elephant bull. It must be a very old animal because it has only one tusk left.

The driver waits until everybody has finished clicking.

After 15 minutes we reach the Leopard Lodge where we will spend the next two nights.

We are not in one of the well known Kenyan national parks.

We are in Kenya's eldest community owned and privately managed game reserve: the Kilimanjaro-Kimana Wildlife Sanctuary.

It is the first project in Kenya in eco-tourism which started to benefit the local community directly.

And it is one of the most successful projects of this kind.

The sanctuary is until to this day an insider tip among Kenya travellers.

Where is this Sanctuary?

The small sanctuary with an area of approximately 63 square kilometres cannot even be found in the maps of Kenya.

It is located in the area between Amboseli National Park and Tsavo East National Park at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro and about 280 km airline-distance from Mombasa.

What is the story of the sanctuary?

Already in 1994 the community of the Kimana-Tikondo Group Ranch proposed establishing a wildlife sanctuary within their area.

With the help of the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), the AWF (African Wildlife Fund) and the Cobra Project (Conservation of Biodiverse Resource Areas) an area of a size of 2,750 ha was determined.

In February 1996 the Kimana Community Wildlife Sanctuary opened for business and hosted more than 800 visitors until the end of the year in three tented camps.

Members of the group ranch established the sanctuary to help generate tourism revenues for the local community.

The sanctuary set a precedent in Kenya for being the first community owned and managed wildlife sanctuary.

But the sanctuary's performance started to decline after KWS pulled out in 1998. African Safari Club (ASC) Wildlife Trust took over the management of the reserve in 1999.

The new sanctuary management made a downpayment of a lump sum and now continues a remit of monthly payments to the community. The trust leased the whole sanctuary.

The sanctuary was increased from 2,750 to 6,300 ha.

In March 2000 the Wildlife Trust started to run the Kilimanjaro-Kimana Game Sanctuary.

Who are the ASC Wildlife Trust?

The private African Safari Club Wildlife Trust, registered in Nairobi was founded in 1999 by the Swiss couple Sandra and Karl Jacob Ruedin.

They have been getting involved with nature conservation in Kenya for several decades.

Karl Jacob Ruedin was one of the initiators and founders of the African Safari Club Ltd. Kenya. The company founded on 1967 is today the biggest Kenyan tourism company.

The main aim of the wildlife trust is the conservation of flora and fauna in the sanctuary by smart combination of economy and ecology.

The local people should be integrated in the project as far as possible.

The income of the trust is composed of park entrance fees, revenues of the hotel sector and private resources of the founders.

African Safari Club Kenya Ltd. is operating two tented camps and two safari lodges (Kimana Camp, Twiga Luxus Camp, Zebra Lodge, Leopard Lodge) on the area of the sanctuary.

More than 140 local people found an education respectively job in the sanctuary.

Other local people are earning money as suppliers for the camps and lodges.

The ASC Wildlife Trust trains and employs 20 game rangers who are taking care for the park under the guidance of senior warden Wilfried Ngonze.

The reserve has its own 900 m long airstrip. Safari tourists travel very comfortably by aircraft with the airline Skytrail from Mombasa in about 1 hour.

Why a private sanctuary between these well known two national parks?

The Kilimanjaro-Kimana Game Sanctuary is located in the so called Amboseli and Tsavo ecosystem.

The area between the two national parks functions as corridor and dispersal area for wild animals which are migrating between the parks.

The Sanctuary is the only protected area on this critical wildlife corridor.

The sanctuary has a perennial river and unique large swampy land, which during the dry season provides water and feeding grounds for animals from both parks.

Thus it may be now one of the

treated and raised and later re-integrated to wild.

Lion conservation: Lions are an endangered species in Africa. ASC Wildlife Trust operates several spacious fenced enclosures in which orphaned lions

possible. The project is approved by the Kenya Wildlife Service.

On the game drives a visit to the lion enclosures is normally on the programme. A special highlight for tourists is the feeding of the lions.

course are introduced in the basics of game ranging and managing a sanctuary in several lessons in theory and praxis.

They attend the rangers in inspection drives and foot walks.

There is a short course (one day) as well as a long course (four days) available.

The participants will be provided with a detailed course booklet, which helps to deepen the learnt knowledge.

Another interesting offer is the foot walk in the sanctuary. Senior warden Wilfried Ngonze himself guides small groups together with Maasai scouts.

He introduces into flora and fauna of the park, which can be found on the way.

Concerning Fauna visitors' attention is turned more on animal tracks than on game watching.

After a three-day stay and numerous game drives as well as a foot walk in this densely by animals populated sanctuary and a visit to the lions enclosures and a lot of culinary highlights in the lodge, 18 pleased safari participants board the DeHavilland Twinotter and fly back to Mombasa to their hotels.

Some of them plan to come back soon.

A safari into the Kilimanjaro-Kimana game sanctuary can be booked via African Safari Club in Europe:

www.ascag.net
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Elephant family in the popular Kimana Community Wildlife Sanctuary, which is operated by the African Safari Club (A.S.C.) Wildlife Trust.

parks with densest wildlife population in Kenya.

While the animals are relative safe in the sanctuary outside they get into conflicts with humans.

This is the reason why the ASC Wildlife Trust is wants to extend the sanctuary.

This natural migrating route must not be disconnected.

The corridor is also vital for Amboseli and Tsavo West National Park. In order to de-confuse the human-wildlife conflict the trust is willing to do a compensation payment for lost livestock by predators (lions).

Advantage of a private sanctuary.

Everybody who pays entrance fees to a public park has the allowance to enter the park with any vehicle.

This may produce overcrowding in the park like it happens in Amboseli National Park which is the most popular park in Kenya.

The number of visitors in Kimana is under control.

In Kimana foreign cars are not allowed to pass through the park.

The employed drivers are subject to strict rules concerning driving through the park.

The wild animals have lost their timidity of the cars, which they know.

Their escape distance is becoming shorter and shorter – a big advantage for animal watching tourists.

A dense network of tracks guarantees to go close to the animals.

Veterinary Service and Daktari Station in the Sanctuary.

ASC Wildlife Trust operates in the reserve a veterinary service for medical care of the wild animals. Dr. Zahoor Kashmiri, a veterinarian with more than 25 years professional experience supervises the service.

The permanent veterinary monitoring helps to avoid the outbreak of diseases due to contacts between wild animals and livestock. Dr. Kashmiri also treats animals which are injured by spears, arrows or wire slings.

In the Daktari Station injured and orphaned animals are

quartered. For example three orphaned lions (one male and two female) were translocated from Nairobi to Kimana.

These wild cats and others are now being prepared for re-integration into the wild if

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Werbung in Budapest für 'Destination Kenya'

Cleophas Mong'are, General Manager von Private Safaris Mombasa, brachte ein Team von 10 Personen aus führenden Strandhotels und von Fluggesellschaften nach Budapest, Ungarn, um für Urlaub in Kenia zu werben.

Die Rewe Touristik Gruppe, Deutschlands drittgrößter Reiseveranstalter, zu welchem bekannte Namen wie **Jahn Reisen**, **ITS** und **Tjaereborg** gehören, hatte 1600 Vertreter führender Reisebüros aus Deutschland, Österreich, Holland und Belgien für vier Tage eingeladen, um ihnen den neuen Sommerkatalog 2008 mit seinen Programmen vorzustellen.

Gleichartige Events - von der deutschen Reisebranche als die professionellsten und wirkungsvollsten Werbekampagnen angesehen - wurden auch im vergangenen Jahr durchgeführt in Wien, Bonn und Lausanne und dieselben Persönlichkeiten aus der Tourismusindustrie aus der kenianischen Küste nahmen teil, um ihre Produkte in einer der führenden Destinationen der Welt für Fernreisen an interessanten, farbenfrohen Ständen anzubieten.

Kenia stand an dritter Stelle, wurde aber im Laufe der Jahre von anderen Ferienländern überholt, befindet sich jedoch immer noch unter den ersten zehn.

Anders als in früheren Jahren, offensichtlich aus Mangel an Geld und vielleicht auch an Interesse, hat das **Kenya Tourist Board (KTB)** dieses Jahr an diesem wichtigen Event nicht teilgenommen.

Kein einziger Reisekatalog vom **KTB** stand zur Verfügung trotz der sinkenden Besucherzahlen, vor allem aus Deutschland, einem der größten Märkte in Europa.

Deutschland kam gemäß **KTB** Zahlen gleich nach Großbritannien, liegt jedoch heute an dritter Stelle, wovon besonders die Küste betroffen wird.

Andere Destinationen, die ihr Land vorstellten, waren Kuba, Malediven, Sri Lanka, Thailand und die Dominikanische Republik, die 14 Charterflüge in der Woche von **Rewe Touristik** erhält.

Kenia hingegen hatte dieses Jahr einen **LTU** Flug weniger als in derselben Saison im Vorjahr.

Die sinkenden Besucherzahlen müssen durch verstärkte Werbung ausgeglichen werden.

Deshalb hat die kenianische Delegation 2008 "**Destination Kenya**" DVDs und "**Magical Kenya**" Mützen hergestellt und finanziert, die frei an die Besucher verteilt wurden.

Obwohl die kenianische Delegation von ihrem **Tourist Board** keine Unterstützung



Die kenianische Delegation in Budapest - kleines Bild oben: Werbung für Kenia im Larry Mwalukuku Stil. Unten: Werbung für Kenia während der Rewe Touristik Messe für 1600 Vertreter von Reisebüros: J.K. Mutua CEO und Dr. Musa vom Leisure Lodge Beach and Golf Resort. Foto rechts: Das "Magical Kenya" Team mit Horst Kunkel, Director Product Department Intercontinental Travel, und Rita Kaufmann, Product Manager Fernreisen für die Rewe Touristik Gruppe, ITS Jahn Reisen und Tjaereborg.

erhielt, im Gegensatz zu ihren Rivalen, hat sie den besten Eindruck gemacht mit dem größten Kontingent und mit der Hilfe von 50 Flaschen **Kenya Cane**, ausgeschenkt als "**Karibuni Kenya**" Cocktail von **Catrin Schwerring** vom **Bahari Beach Hotel**, **John K. Mutua**, CEO **Leisure Lodge Resort**, **Larry Mwalukuku** vom **Voyager Beach Resort** und **Winnie Kikwai** in Vertretung des **Safari Beach Hotels**, das die Reisefachleute mit kenianischen Tänzen und Gesängen unterhielt.

Ihre Kollegen **Saleem Jamal**, Inhaber des **Southern Palms Hotels** und **Bamburi Beach Resort**, **Chris Modigell**, Managing Director von **Absolute Kenya Ltd.** als Vertreter für das **Leopard Beach Resort and Spa**, **Capt. John Cleave**, CEO von **Mombasa Air Safaris**, **Bruno Da Silva** für **Reef Hotels** und **Astrid Merghem** für **Severin Sea Lodge** waren schwer beschäftigt mit der Ausgabe von Informationen und Werbematerial an die interessierten Reisefachleute.

Wenn das **KTB** solche professionelle jährliche Reisen unterstützen würde, nicht nur diejenigen von **Rewe Touristik**, sondern auch von **TUI** und **Neckermann**, um alle deutschen Reiseveranstalter mit einzuschließen, dann könnten Kenia und vor allem die Küstenhotels wachsende Besucherzahlen aus Deutschland erwarten, anstatt Charterflüge von wichtigen Städten wie

dieser Messe zu beteiligen diesen sich entwickelnden Markt zu fördern.

Dem Event folgte **MAD** eine professionelle Handelsmesse der Tschechischen Republik, auch Charterflüge nach Kenia durchführt.

In Prag fehlte das **KTB** ebenfalls.

Buchungen für Charterflüge nach Mombasa erfolgen noch zögernd, während Flüge nach Thailand und in die Dominikanische Republik, die an der Messe erworben hatten, eine Aufschwung erfuhr.

Wir müssen uns klar sein, dass nicht alles in Ordnung ist mit dem Tourismus an der kenianischen Küste und wir viel mehr erreichen könnten mit massiver Werbung und mit besserem Marketing für unser wunderschönes Land.

Zanzibar erhält immer noch internationale Investitionen mit mehr Charterflüge dank seiner Werbung.

Es ist zu hoffen, dass bald etwas unternommen wird in Kenia, wenn das Warten vorbei ist.

Vor allem sollten die vielen Versprechungen auch eingehalten werden.

Kinder helfen Kindern

ACTS - Assist a Child to School - ist eine Wohltätigkeitsorganisation in Mombasa, die zum Zweck hat, bedürftigen Familien zu helfen, die nicht in der Lage sind, die Schulbildung für ihre Kinder zu bezahlen.

Jedes Kind hat Anrecht auf Primarschulbesuch und der begabteren sollte die Möglichkeit geboten werden, eine höhere Schule zu besuchen.

Wir bitten jedes Jahr die Kinder von Schulen in Mombasa, sich an einem gesponsorten Lesewettbewerb zu beteiligen. Das dadurch gesammelte Geld wird verwendet, um Schulbücher, Bibliotheksbücher und anderes Lehrmaterial zu kaufen für Primarschulen in Kongowea, unser Zielgebiet.

Der Hauptzweck dieses gesponsorten Lesewettbewerbs ist vor allem, Kinder anzusprechen, anderen Kindern zu helfen und wir dachten, dass der Weltbuchtag die ideale Gelegenheit bot, um dieses Prinzip in die Tat umzusetzen.

Der Lesewettbewerb im Jahr 2007 wurde voll und ganz unterstützt von **Mombasa Academy**, **Oshwal Academy**, **Jaffery Nursery School**, **Braeburn Mombasa International School**, **Aga Khan Nursery School**, **Bury Bee School**, **Shree Swaminarayan Academy** und **Rainbow Connection**.

Die Einnahmen betragen insgesamt Kshs 476.570.--. Der Lesewettbewerb für ACTS fand am 22. November 2007 in der **Teintrose Community School** statt, wo viele Kinder von den teilnehmenden Schulen bei der Verteilung von Büchern mithalfen.

Wir danken allen Schulleitern, Lehrern, Eltern und Freunden für ihre Unterstützung und hoffen, dass wir auch bei unserem Lesewettbewerb 2008 wieder so viel Erfolg haben werden.

'Lamu Cultural Festival' ein großer Erfolg

ES GAB reichlich Pomp und Fanfarestöße beim diesjährigen sehr erfolgreichen **Lamu Cultural Festival**, das im November abgehalten wurde.

Kenya Airways (KQ) fliegt regelmäßig in dieses tropische Inselparadies, das als Weltkulturerbe aufgenommen worden ist, und hat traditionsgemäß das Event mit Kshs 150.000 gesponsort.

Der Scheck wurde persönlich an die Organisatoren des **Lamu**

Cultural Festival überreicht vom **KQ Team Leader Erick Mukira** und **KQ Sales Manager Coastal Region Maureen Onyango**.

Andere Vertreter von **Kenya Airways** bei diesem Festival waren **KQ Sales Executive Mohammed Hamo** und **KQ Head of Marketing and Corporate Communications Michael Okwiri**.

Ebenfalls anwesend waren der Deutsche Botschafter und der Französische Botschafter in Kenia, ein Vertreter von der

Amerikanischen Botschaft, ein Vertreter des **National Heritage Ministry**, ein Team von **KQ** und andere Honoratioren.

Alle lobten die Bewohner von Lamu für ihre Bemühungen, die reiche und exotische Kultur der Insel zu bewahren.

SCHAUFENSTER

Das **Lamu Cultural Festival** wird jährlich abgehalten und dient als Schaufenster, um den Besuchern die kulturellen

Sitten und Bräuche sowie die wunderschönen historischen Gebäude zu zeigen.

Eselrennen, Wetschwimmen, Boots- und Dhau Wettbewerbe sind Teil des Events, mit welchem die Bewohner von Lamu ihre reiche Kultur zelebrieren.

Kenya Airways ist ein fester Partner bei dieser großartigen Gastfreundschaft von Lamu und fliegt Passagiere regelmäßig nach Lamu, die seine Schönheit würdigen und genießen können.

Ijara And Mombasa Districts With High Dropping Out Rates

A survey conducted in North Eastern and Coast provinces reveals that Ijara and Mombasa districts have the highest rate of school drop outs at 9 and 5.3 per cent respectively.

The Monitoring and Evaluation Officer for Education For Marginalised Children In Kenya (EMACK) Mr Wycliffe Onyango said parents' attitude towards education was the major cause of school drops out followed by teenage pregnancy and peer pressure.

According to the data, the two provinces have a higher average enrollment of orphaned children at 13 percent compared to the national one at 12 per cent.

The education advisor for Plan International in Coast Province Mr. George Obai said the government should also embark on improvement of learning facilities in schools.

"The government is only dedicated in provision of teaching staff but does not get involved in schools, infrastructure and facility development exposing pupils to poor learning conditions", he said.

At the same time, educationists were asked to critically analyse promises made by politicians on education matters.

Vice-chairman of Elimu Yetu Coalition (EYC) Mr. Eliud Kinuthia told educationists to professionally pick politicians promises before supporting them.

He was addressing an education stakeholder's conference in Mombasa organized by EYC and Coalition For The Promotion And Development Of The Child (COPDEC).

Kinuthia said stakeholders should evaluate the pledges and determine the possibility of them being implemented by the politicians should they win in the general elections.

Three presidential candidates Mr Mwai Kibaki, Mr Raila Odinga and Mr. Kalonzo Musyoka have in their manifestos listed some of the plans they have for improving the education sector in this country.

But the educationists expressed fears that most of the promises if fulfilled would lower quality of education.

According to Onyango, introduction of free secondary education is likely to impact negatively on the quality of education.

FREE EDUCATION

Onyango said there are no policies to govern free Secondary education and wondered how it would be implemented next month should President Kibaki remain in power.

He said free primary education has exposed many children to low quality education and wondered whether the same pupils should be exposed to low secondary education.

"Our public Universities might end up admitting only students from private schools", he said.



Coalition for the Promotion and Development of Child (COPDEC) coordinator Paul Presents a paper on quality education during regional stakeholders education conference to share information on education matters with the theme 'Towards Quality Education' at Royal Court Hotel in Mombasa. The conference was organised by COPDEC, Elimu Yetu Coalition (EYC) and sponsored by Trace Kenya.

Safaricom Receives International Standard Organization Certification

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The ISO is an international body that sets the standards for quality assurance and quality management systems.

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"As far as we can ascertain we are one of the few mobile phone operators in the world to receive this international recognition," says Joseph.

The ISO 9001 standard controls and documents the activities of the business whilst the standard requirements are implemented in the organization; inefficiencies and waste are targeted; detected and eliminated.

"The ultimate benefits of the ISO certification are enhanced customer satisfaction, reduced operating costs, increased competitiveness, performance and profitability as well as the improved transfer of knowledge within the organization and increased employee morale and motivation," said James Metto,

Bureau Veritas. To maintain ISO certification, Safaricom's business processes will be regularly audited.

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Other than improving its quality management system to ensure quality delivery of its services, this year has seen Safaricom embark on an aggressive network coverage rollout to

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3	7	4	2	9	5	6	1	8
7	6	8	3	5	1	2	9	4
5	2	3	7	4	9	8	6	1
9	4	1	6	2	8	3	5	7
6	3	7	5	1	4	9	8	2
2	1	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
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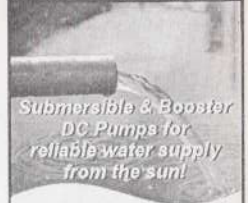
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Sixteen Wild Waters Premier League Matches In Mombasa



Harun Mwandoo, Senior Vice-chairman KFF Mombasa sub-branch

SIXTEEN Mombasa Waters Premier League matches are to be played in different playing grounds in Mombasa District from tomorrow (Saturday), December 22 to Wednesday, December 26.

Releasing the fixtures, Kenya Football Federation (KFF) Mombasa sub-branch senior vice-chairman, Harun Mwandoo asked all participating clubs to turn up at playing grounds in time and honour their fixtures.

He commended the teams taking part for adhering to the league rules and regulations and also for maintaining high standard of discipline on and off the field.

There will be four matches tomorrow (Saturday).

Mombasa Beach takes on AC Scud at Khadija Primary School Ground, Mufadhhal clash with Mombasa FC at

Soccer Scene with Abdulrehman Shariff



Mombasa Municipal Stadium, Shanzu United play Tononoka Rangers at Prisons Annex and M+R Spedag entertain Floringi at Shimanzi Ground.

On Sunday, Jericho has been drawn against Chaani United at Changamwe Ground, AC Milan tackle Ziواني Sportiff at Khadija School Ground, Bombolulu faces Coast Boys at Tononoka Ground and Bamburi Beach play Rising Stars at Shimanzi Ground.

On Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day), Kikulacho play Chai at Shimanzi Ground, Mombasa United clash against Likoni Stars at Khadija Primary School Ground, Wananyuki akes on Spartak Moons at Mombasa Municipal Stadium and AC Scud play host to Mtopanga Cranes at Shika Adabu Ground.

On Wednesday, December 26 (Boxing Day), Chaani United clash with Bayern at Tononoka Ground, Coast Boys entertain Mombasa Beach at Mombasa Municipal Stadium, Mombasa FC takes on Shanzu United Khadija primary School Ground and AC Milan play Spartak Moons at Shimanzi Ground.

Previous results: AC Scud 0 M+R Spedag 1; Kongowea 4 Chaani United 1; Kikulacho w/o Mufadhhal; Rising Stars 0

Mtopanga Cranes 1; Mombasa FC 1 Kikulacho 1; Tononoka Rangers 0 Ziواني Sportiff 0.

Likoni Stars walk-over Jericho; Bayern 0 Bamburi Beach 2; M+R Spedag 5 Coast Boys 2; Mufadhhal 0 Shanzu United 4; AC Scud 0 Spartak Moons 1; Mombasa Beach 0 Bamburi Beach 0.

Mombasa United 1 Kongowea 0; Likoni Stars 2 Bombolulu 4; Kikulacho 2 AC Milan 1; Mtopanga Cranes 3 Tononoka Rangers 1; Ioringi 0 Tononoka Rangers 1; Mombasa Beach 2 Bayern 1; Ziواني Sportiff 5 M+R Spedag 3.

'Tudor United ABC' Emerges Jamhuri Boxing Champions

TUDOR UNITED ABC emerged the Jamhuri Cup boxing champions after securing 14 points during a tournament sponsored by the Coast Provincial Director of Sports at Shimanzi Social Hall in Mombasa, writes ABDULRAHMAN SHERIFF.

Transfix claimed second position having bagged in 10 points, Kongowea and Mbaraki Police shared third spot with five points each while Two Fishes were fifth with three points.

Kenya Navy and Kisauni took sixth position with a point each

while Ukunda United and Mkomani finished last with no points. It was a good day for Leonard Mutisya of Tudor United who forced his opponent Transfix Timothy Nzioka to retire in the third minute of the first round contest.

The best bout of the evening came in the Light-weight where Hamisi Juma of Tudor United registered points victory over Kongowea's Amru Juma.

This fight had the crowd on their toes throughout the event. Mohamed Zare of Transfix managed to avenge loss of the club mates by recording points win against Tudor United's Michael Mkombe during a Bantamweight fight.

Alex Kibeu of Two Fishes lost his winning form when the outpointed Julius Wesooge of Mbaraki Police during a Middleweight contest.

Janet Wangari of Ukunda United beat Kongowea's Susan Anyango during an only women heavyweight contest, while 17-year-old Hamisi Khalifa of Kongowea registered points victory over Mkomani's Kenneth Alito (9) during a Papenweight.

Other results- Flyweight: Francis Mwema (Tudor Utd) beat Omar Miral (Transfix).

Featherweight: Vincent Juma (Tudor Utd) beat Hakim Mohamed (Mbaraki Police).

Lightweight: Mohamed Omese (Transfix) lost to Daniel Kazungu (Kongowea).

Many supporters who attended were of the opinion that sponsors should come forward and award prizes to the winners during boxing tournaments.

"It is discouraging that as boxers are always fighting but they get nothing at the end," said Mohamed Salim, a boxing fan.



"OPEN BOAT" JUNIOR FISHING COMPETITION

Alexander Haller [above] won the Christmas Hamper open boat Junior Fishing Competition and was the grand winner of the Graham Pape Memorial Trophy 2007. The competition was fished on 16 December 07 out of mtwapa creek and nine boats in all participated. Aquamarine hosted the prize giving organized by Mrs Suzie Haller.

COAST BRIDGE with C.P. SHAH

In the following hand Declarer applied the Principle of Restricted Choice (PRC) and made the contract.

Dealer: South. Neither side 'Vulnerable'. **BIDDING:**

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
ONE 'NO' TRUMP	PASS	TWO 'NO' TRUMPS	PASS
THREE 'NO' TRUMPS	PASS	PASS	PASS

West led the Three of Hearts, East winning the Ace and returning his Second Heart.

West won the King and led a Third Heart.

East discarding a Club in order to retain his Four-card lengths in Spades and Diamonds.

Although it made no difference here, East showed his class by discarding the Queen of Clubs - in case West held Knave - small - small.

If he retained the Club Queen, Declarer could set up a long card by leading twice from Dummy and ducking the Queen.

Needing to avoid West winning a subsequent lead, Declarer had to abandon Clubs and instead focus on Spades and Diamonds.

NORTH			
♠	A	8	3
♥	Q	J	10
♦	K	J	8 5
♣	7	5	4

WEST			
♠	10	6	
♥	K	8	6 3 2
♦	Q	6	2
♣	K	8	6

EAST			
♠	J	7	4 2
♥	A	4	
♦	10	9	7 3
♣	Q	9	3

After winning the Third Heart, he cashed the Ace of Diamonds, then led a second Diamond to Dummy's Knave which held the trick.

So Four Spade tricks would now see him home.

He crossed to the King of Spades and returned to Dummy Ace, noting West's Ten.

Using PRC, West showing up with the Ten of Spades made it much more likely that East held the Knave.

After cashing the King of Diamonds discarding a Club, Declarer led a third Spade to East's Seven and his Nine.

Which won the trick, West discarding.

So he cashed the Queen of Spades and the Ace of Clubs, Nine tricks and game made.

SOUTH			
♠	K	Q	9 5
♥	9	7	5
♦	A	4	
♣	A	J	10 2

First World Cup Martial Arts Open Tournament In Thailand

CLARANCE MWAKIO Ingalwa, the Treasurer of Tong II Moo Do of Kenya (TIMD) Coast Province is attending a five-day workshop in Pathum Thani in Thailand, writes ABDULRAHMAN SHERIFF.

The seminar is organized by the World Tong-II Moo-Do Federation - International aiming to empower the potential of martial arts school of thought and discipline to contribute to World Peace through the development of the individual as a human.

The workshop started on Monday, December 17 and ends today (Friday) where Ingalwa who is the Chief Instructor, will share techniques of different martial arts schools, Practice for demonstration, Preliminary Tournament, etc.

During the seminar, the First World Cup Martial Arts Open Tournament will take place with the main event including Demonstration and Sparring finals to be held tomorrow (Saturday).

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Simon Ngige [left], gross winner during 2007 Celtel Nyail Open Championship sponsored by Celtel Kenya Ltd, receives a prize from Celtel Kenya Ltd Corporate and Regulatory Affairs Director Clare Ruto.

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Kenya Bidding To Host The 2010 World Cup Triathlon In Mombasa

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It was attended by South Africa, Tunisia, Nigeria, Mauritius, Zimbabwe, Namibia and Kenya.

The camp was held to develop the skills of junior athletes who were born in either 1990, 1991 or 1992 to prepare them for the 2012 London Olympics as very few African athletes qualify in the Olympic triathlon events.

The camp was organized by the ITU Development Libby Burrell who is the director of ITU sport development.

The two head coaches of the camp were Bobby McGee from USA and Jamie Turner from Australia.

In swimming the athletes were first taught to feel the water, thereafter underwater videos of them were taken and then they were carefully analysed by Jamie Turner, Charmaine Shannon, Atherton Squire and Isaac Kolela.

Their weaknesses were identified and worked on from

then on. They were divided in three groups according to their capabilities.

In cycling the athlete's bikes were checked to make sure their setup was okay.

They were asked if they felt any discomforts while riding.

If they answered yes changes were made to their bike setup accordingly.

They were taught how to ride in a group.

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In running they were taught running drills, how to stretch their core muscles which are very important, how to activate their muscles before running and drills.

A 5 km test was done on them to calculate their pace and they were given a pace to run on.

They also did transition training which is also very important as you can gain a lead from that if

your opponent isn't quick in it.

After a full day of activities the athletes and coaches would gather for evening lectures on a variety of topics like race strategy, ITU rules and racing, pack riding skills etc.

On the final evening there was an award ceremony and they were all treated to traditional South African Braai vleis (barbeque).

Conrad Stoltz, two times Olympian and three-time Xterra World Champion, shared his experiences of his long triathlon career and encouraged his young African triathlon counterparts to dream big things and at the same time get the right coaching help to steer them on the right path to success.

We are happy that as the National federation, our country got the opportunity to take part in this event with Noorbanu Hassanali as the Coach from Kenya replacing Mohamed Abdulaziz who was busy raising funds to help poor athletes in Buffalo club while Shivani Patel represented the athletes.

Said the General secretary Suleiman Said.

"Our event has changed massively over the past five years, but frankly we still have to complete the job, we have to bring the world cup in Mombasa.

"I reckon we can do it better. We are now working to send a team to the All Africa Triathlon championships in Tunisia on the 8th and 9th on March 2008.

"This will be an opportunity to present our bid to host the 2010 World Cup Triathlon in Mombasa.

"We have all that it takes to have the event in Mombasa. Our Patron Hon.

"Najib Balala will accompany the team to ensure Kenya gets this opportunity to have an annual world cup event in Mombasa."

Libby Burrell also said that she had heard that the TUZO ITU Mombasa African Cup Triathlon was one of the best organized events ever in Africa.

CELTEL NYALI OPEN



Ismail Gulamali, nett winner during 2007 Celtel Nyali Open Championship at Nyali Golf and Country Club receives a prize from Marketing Manager-Operations of Celtel Kenya Ltd, Janet Kabue.

Dragon Boat Unveiled First Time In Mombasa

Unveiling of the Dragon Boating for the first time in Mombasa, Kenya at a function organized at Creeek Restaurant, on 23rd November 2007, jointly by Kenya Rowing and Canoe Association and Kenya Watersports Trust.

The dragon boats have been donated by International Cultural and Exchange Association (ICEA) based in Los Angeles, USA and International Canoe Federation (ICF) to promote Dragon boating.

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GERMAN NAVY IN MOMBASA



Visiting Kenya this week during an operational call on Mombasa's Kilindini Port is the German Navy frigate 'F 213 Augsburg'. The 3,680-ton Bremen class vessel carries of complement 203 officers and sailors plus 20 air crew. She has a maximum speed of 30 knots (56 km/h), a range of more than 4,000 nautical miles (7,000 km) at 18 kn, and apart from conventional armament also has a hangar for two Sea Lynx Mk.88A helicopters equipped with torpedoes, air-to-surface missile Sea Skua, or heavy machine gun. One of eight similar frigates of the German Navy 'F 213 Augsburg' was built for anti-submarine warfare, but is now also suited for anti-aircraft warfare and anti-surface warfare.

Celtel 2007 Nyalii Open Competition

Celtel Nyalii Open Championship 2007
Sponsored By Celtel Ltd Saturday 15th And Sunday 16th December 2007
Full Results:
Winners: Interclub R/ Up S. Ngige / N. Mudanyi 460 Thika, Interclub Winner H. Kadio / G. Levanian 454 Dar, Nett Best 1st 18 J. Mureu 73, Nett Best 2nd 18 M. Mucheru 74, Nett Best 3rd 18 A. Kikui 72, Gross Best 1st 18 G. Levanian 75, Gross Best 2nd 18 G. Snow 76, Gross Best 3rd 18 N. Alibhai 77, Nett Third Paul Thuo 225, Nett R/Up A. Chiundu 221, Nett Winner I. Gulamali 219, Gross Third E. Mutema 230, Gross R/Up D. Wakhu 227, Gross Winner S. Ngige 220.


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KENYA TIDE TABLES

MOMBASA, December 21 - 27, 2007

FRIDAY High Water - 3.1 m. at 01.25 hrs. (1.25 a.m.) and 2.4 m. at 14.05 hrs. (2.05 p.m.). Low Water - 0.7 m. at 08.03 hrs. (8.03 a.m.) and 0.8 m. at 19.48 hrs. (7.48 p.m.).

SATURDAY High Water - 3.3 m. at 02.23 hrs. (2.23 a.m.) and 2.6 m. at 15.03 hrs. (3.03 p.m.). Low Water - 0.5 m. at 08.58 hrs. (8.58 a.m.) and 0.6 m. at 20.43 hrs. (8.43 p.m.).

SUNDAY High Water - 3.5 m. at 03.14 hrs. (3.14 a.m.) and 2.7 m. at 15.52 hrs. (3.52 p.m.). Low Water - 0.3 m. at 09.45 hrs. (9.45 a.m.) and 0.5 m. at 21.32 hrs. (9.32 p.m.).

MONDAY High Water - 3.6 m. at 04.01 hrs. (4.01 a.m.) and 2.9 m. at 16.37 hrs. (4.37 p.m.). Low Water - 0.2 m. at 10.29 hrs. (10.29 a.m.) and 0.4 m. at 22.17 hrs. (10.17 p.m.) FULL MOON.

TUESDAY High Water - 3.6 m. at 04.46 hrs. (4.46 a.m.) and 3.0 m. at 17.20 hrs. (5.20 p.m.). Low Water - 0.1 m. at 11.10 hrs. (11.10 a.m.) and 0.4 m. at 23.02 hrs. (11.02 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY High Water - 3.6 m. at 05.28 hrs. (5.28 a.m.) and 3.0 m. at 18.02 hrs. (6.02 p.m.). Low Water - 0.1 m. at 11.49 hrs. (11.49 a.m.) and 0.5 m. at 23.46 hrs. (11.46 p.m.).

THURSDAY High Water - 3.4 m. at 06.10 hrs. (6.10 a.m.) and 3.0 m. at 18.43 hrs. (6.43 p.m.). Low Water - 0.2 m. at 12.27 hrs. (12.27 a.m.).

NOTE: Standard Port is Kilindini. ADD 40 minutes for Lamu and ADD five minutes for Malindi. 'No Change' for Kilifi and Diani.

Dagoretti Ladies Win Jamhuri Cup Soccer Crown At Shimanz

DAGORETTI LADIES won the Jamhuri Cup women soccer crown after defeating Moving the Goalpost (MTG) of Kilifi 7-6 on post match penalties during final match at Shimanzi Ground, writes Abdulrehman Sheriff.

MTG were unlucky not to have won the match during the normal playing period of 70 minutes where the two teams tied 0-0.

During the semi finals, MTG defeated True Colours 5-4 with Dagoretti eliminating Zagazaga by beating them 1-0.

In the preliminary group A matches, Zagazaga finished top with 10 points followed closely by T/Kalla with nine points.

Furaha was third with five points, Minicuss fourth with four points as Coastal Queens 'B' were last with only a point.

Group A match results: Minicuss 0 T/Kalla 1; Furaha 4 Coastal Queens 'B' 2; Zagazaga 3 Minicuss 0; T/Kalla 5 Queens 0; agazaga 1 Furaha 1; T/Kalla 0 Zagazaga 1; Furaha 1 Minicuss 2; Zagazaga 1 Queens 1; Furaha 1 T/Kalla 1; Minicuss 0 Queens 0.

MTG and Dagoretti jointly finished top of group B each

having 10 points, Soliwodi claimed second position with four points as Mbotela and Coastal Queens 'A' were last without any point. Results for group B matches: Mbotela 0

Dagoretti 4; MTG 7 Coastal Queens 'A' 0; Soliwodi 1 Mbotela 0; Dagoretti 3 Queens 0; Soliwodi 0 MTG 3; Dagoretti 3 Soliwodi 0; MTG 3 Mbotela 0; Soliwodi 0 Queens 0; MTG 0 Dagoretti 0.

The two day competition which attracted 10 women clubs from Nairobi, Mombasa and Kilifi was sponsored by Coastal Bottlers and organised by youth and women soccer coach, Harnisi Amran.

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