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COURTESY

'Moratorium' To 'Save The Mara'

'Kenya Association Of Tour Operators' Is Alarmed By 'Over Development' And Environmental Degredation

MEMBERS OF the Kenya Association of Tour Operators (KATO) are calling for an 'immediate ban' on further development in the Mara and surrounding conservation areas until a master plan is implemented which ensures that all future development takes into account the needs of local communities and other

stakeholders, and is in sympathy with cultural environmental and tourism needs.

At an extraordinary general meeting, KATO recognised the efforts being made by stakeholders to formulate a land use plan for the

Mara and surrounding conservation areas and called for a strategy that will ensure the survival of the eco-system as a quality wildlife area to the benefit of the local community, the County Councils and the safari industry.

Isaac Kariuki, Chairman of the Education, Environment and Eco-

Tourism Sub-Committee commented:

"At a time when Kenya's tourism faces a dramatic drop in visitors arrival, the future of the greater Mara area, including the reserve and the adjoining group ranches is of paramount importance.

"The Mara is a jewel in Kenya's crown attracting thousands of tourist each year to experience its magnificent wildlife and cultural spectacle.

"Many thousands of people in Kenya depend on the Mara for their livelihood, particularly the Masaai community, the County Councils and the Safari Industry".

CAMP SITES

As one of the stakeholders KATO is keen to play its part in facilitating the work of the committee tasked with drawing up recommendations, chaired by the Kenya Wildlife Service.

"We fear that without an overall management plan which curbs current uncontrolled lodge developments, the future of the greater Mara is at stake.

"The time to act is now while the Mara can be sustained", said Mr. Kariuki.

Many scientific reports over the years have advocated a 'moratorium' on further developments as the Mara is becoming over-crowded and without added infrastructure development may well have exceeded its current carrying capacity.

Lodge and permanent campsite developments and current property expansions are taking place without check or responsibility.

Human and livestock pressure is also causing great concern with cattle pouring daily into the reserve and the number of herbivores and other animals is reducing dramatically.

To prevent any further degradation of the area KATO called for agreement amongst all

parties for a moratorium which applies to new and existing developments as well as planned extensions to existing facilities, until a full land use and environmental impact assessment is made as part of an overall plan.

Gifted Pupil Award



THE AGA KHAN High School students performed exceptionally during the 1996 KCSE. The school, which is one of the best facilitated schools in the country had an overall mean grade of 6.0414 compared to 5.36 in 1995. Excellent student Reema Doshi, is seen above (right) receiving her award from Provincial Director of Education Coast Province Mrs. Khadija Karim during a prize giving function.



A LITTLE PIECE OF HISTORY ...

REMEMBER VINYL RECORDS? Before the days of tape cassettes and CDs? Well it seems that photographic film may be going the same way ... This familiar Mombasa scene, with the new 15-storey T.S.S. Towers looming over the COASTWEEK offices at the main Digo Road and Moi Avenue roundabout, was captured on a 'floppy disc' in a new revolutionary 'computer camera' which stores huge amounts of compressed information in either colour or black and white format. Pictures can be stored, cropped, cut and edited - and even sent over the 'Internet' around the world in a matter of seconds.

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Enjoy Delicious Vegetarian, Indian And Italian Cuisine At Mombasa's Superb 'Garden Grille'

FACING ST. Margaret's Church, Kizingo, is the Garden Grille a restaurant unique in decor and specialising in international including vegetarian cuisine to satisfy a myriad of tastes.

Designing all the decor and furniture himself was its owner and manager, Shiraz Hudda, a Canadian.

From fragmented Italian and Mid-East Tiles he fashioned spectacular wall murals - huge trees, birds - parrots and flying Canadian Geese, while on the ground floor a waterfall and rockery.

It is a brilliant creation, and gives a garden-like ambience to a restaurant which comfortably seats some 64 people.

'Nouvelle Check'

The colour scheme is in a restful Aqua Green while fashionably draped curtains and chair seat covers are in a harmonious 'Nouvelle Check'.

It is fully carpeted and effectively air-conditioned throughout, the restaurant's emphasis being on 'quality cleanliness and good service'.

There are five Chefs, all well qualified in the culinary arts who have worked in top hotels, and the 60 item tempting menu includes something to suite all discerning tastes and pockets.

The Garden Grille opened in January and particularly popular is its Grilled Spring Chicken.

It come boneless and being cooked in its own natural juice is amazingly delicious.

It is served with the Chef's own special sauce.

There are 'original' Pepper Steaks and English-style Fish and Chips, as well as Indian, Italian and Vegetarian dishes, including Pizza.

From the Fisherman's Wharf comes garlic fish, also Prawns in Ginger, while among the imaginative vegetarian dishes are Mushrooms and Sweetcorn stuffed into a light and fluffy

restaurants specialised mainly in Indian cuisine.

He decided there was an opening for another offering international fare.

HOSPITALITY

Shiraz hails from Toronto, Canada, where he was educated. He holds a Master's degree in Business Studies, a Bachelor of

from 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and from 5.30 - 10.30 p.m. from Tuesday to Friday.

On Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays it is open from 11.30 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.

The restaurant is closed on Mondays.

For further information and advanced bookings telephone Mombasa 228691.



GIVING A garden-like ambience to the interior of his Garden Grille is its very talented owner and manager Shiraz Hudda. He has designed all the spectacular decor and furniture himself.

pancake then smothered in oriental sauces

Fresh supplies are purchased daily and most meat is first marinated to tenderise and make it more tasty before being charcoal grilled.

Among the desserts is some delectable imported ice cream from France, and the restaurant has a very 'secret' recipe for making fresh passion juice which is ambrosial.

Coffee includes Italian Espresso and Cappuccino.

"Said Shiraz Hudda 'we pride ourselves on cleanliness throughout including the kitchens and toilets and are very much quality and price orientated.

"Business people and families are attracted by its tranquil and congenial atmosphere, as well as its cleanliness, good food and service".

Shiraz feels it is an ideal place where tourists can relax a while before continuing with their City Tours.

Shiraz, who was born in Tanzania, first came to Mombasa in 1995 and found the best

Commerce degree in Marketing, as well as a Bachelor's in Applied Arts and Hospitality.

In Canada he has worked as an Auditor for some major hotels dealing specifically with Food and Beverage Departments which included purchasing.

He fell in love with Kenya on his first visit and decided to invest here which has created more job opportunities for the local people.

The restaurant's spacious first floor makes an ideal venue for parties, luncheons, dinners and wedding receptions.

Being developed outside, where there is also ample and secure parking space, are enclosed terraces with rockeries and fountains where drinks and ice creams are served.

The Garden Grille which does not serve alcoholic drinks, is open

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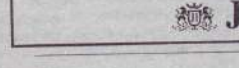
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*SCORPIO Oct. 22 - Nov. 21
Refusal to heed someone's advice could land you problems. But as you close to you, make your heart is in the right before taking any decision. Young ones play a pleasing role.
*SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
Domestic problems need handling as a small misunderstanding could easily blow out of proportion week that will have you in a state of confusion.
*CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 21
Try to look around at things in life and cheer up. In small packages, he particularly lucky nor a week.
*AQUARIUS Jan. 22 - Feb. 21
Guard emotional attachment could threaten relationships. Think ahead and not with you. Excess expenditure necessary.
*PISCES Feb. 22 - Mar. 21
This is a constructive week. Aim high and reach your goal fast. Health seems to be on phase and you should that it does not get away.
*ARIES March 22 - April 21
The opportunity of what in life is there. Persuade definitely pay off in the end. Your love life looks a stick to your guns and others lead you.
*TAURUS April 22 - May 21
You feel that you are of life itself. Make this good feeling and with whatever you planning in the past emotional or material physical health is quite so take care.
*GEMINI May 22 - June 21
You are financially in position. Money does forever, though so pennies and the care of themselves. lucky day this week.
*CANCER June 22 - July 21
You record material form or another. stress and strain definitely take a health. Try to relax possible, meditation.
*LEO July 22 - Aug. 21
Some short journey distances are high near future. For the exams are approaching you must be very or you will delirium.
*VIRGO Aug. 22 - Sept. 21
You are prone to anyone. An adverse phase of time. You of close friends and will regret.

Takaungu Primary Benefit From Large 'Jaycees' Donation

ON SUNDAY, September 21st, 1997, Mombasa Junior Chamber made a major donation of school furniture, books and equipment to Takaungu Primary School in Kilifi District.

This was part of a long term project in which Mombasa Jaycees (M.J.C.) has been assisting this school.

Members of MJC, first saw Takaungu Primary School (T.P.S.) in 1994 during a visit to that area.

They found that more than half the students in each classroom were sitting on the floor and that some class rooms had no desks at all.

Furthermore the school had a few text books which were being shared in some cases at 3 textbooks per 40 children.

The school is set in a poor farming community and the parents were great difficulty assisting the school.

Switzerland

MJC decided to assist the school.

In 1994, MJC assisted (TPS) with desks, cement, blackboard paint and school equipment all worth Kshs. 90,000.00.

The following year, MJC again assisted the school with textbooks plus other items needed to run the school worth over Kshs.25,000.00.

In 1996, MJC managed to obtain major funding of Kshs. 300,000.00 from the Jaycees for Children Project conducted by the Junior Chamber of Switzerland.

Under this project, Jaycees raise money from people in the Switzerland to assist

deserving projects all over the world, particularly those which benefit children.

For many years the JCP has supported the Oral Rehydration Therapy Project in Ghana in conjunction with UNICEF.

Funds were also raised during a live Sukhdev Singh concert last year.

During this year's project, MJC donated 100 desks, 20 tables and chairs for teachers,

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There are also a number of 'fringe benefits' such as the 'free' use of its elegant Function Room for conferences and seminars, also its health club facilities including tennis and squash courts.

A 'free' shuttle service between hotel and town is also offered as well as a 'free' token with which to try your luck in its chummy casino.

The unbelievable inclusive cost of this exciting package is Kshs. 12,500/- per person.

The hotel has a free form swimming pool, a clean white sand beach, three restaurants, nightclub, casino, while all rooms are air conditioned with direct dial telephone, colour TV with movie channel and 'mini' bar.

It is situated just eleven miles north of Mombasa Island and this 'Five Star Package' is available until December 22.



ASHVIN SHAH (standing, centre) the immediate Past Chairman announces the donation as the headmaster Mr. Karani (right) and students look on. The MJC Chairman Pritesh Shah was represented at the function by Vijay Kothari.

'Africa Online' Gains Global Fame

AFRICA ONLINE website, a well-established favorite with Kenyan Internet surfers both at home and abroad, is fast finding international popularity.

A spokesman explained: "Recent figures show that the site receives almost two million hits each month.

"Comprising an international site (HYPERLINK <http://www.africaonline.com> www.africaonline.com) as well as individual country pages, Africa Online's is the only truly pan-african site of its kind.

"Not only has it generated excitement amongst its audience but also among local businesses who are increasingly recognising the Internet's potential as a powerful marketing tool.

"In the three years since Africa Online's formation, the company's growth both in terms of geography and productivity has been unrivalled by any other Internet service provider in Africa."

With its origins in Kenya, the company opened in both Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire in 1996 along with a second Kenyan office in Mombasa at the start of the year.

"As of last month, Africa Online can now boast, not only of operations in Tanzania and Zimbabwe, but the relocation of its headquarters from Boston to Johannesburg.

"Africa Online is a subsidiary of the American owned Prodigy inc, which apart from being the fourth largest ISP in the US is the most active pioneer of Internet Service provision in the developing world.

"So successful has Africa Online proved to be, that Prodigy has used its structure as the blue print for their recently opened offices in China and soon to be launched

operations in Mexico.

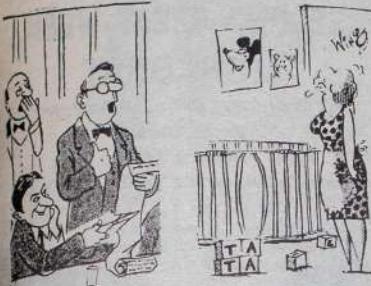
"Furthermore, the strength of Africa Online's presence within Kenya has been a contributing factor to the 50 per cent increase in Internet use which has taken place over the last six months; a trend which looks set to continue."

Coastweek's a popular publication which can be read on the Africa Online Website.



"Funny how girls lose their figure when they get older."

"I'd like a second opinion!"



"Norman's found this new wonder cure for my arthritis...!"

"Have our holiday snaps been developed yet?"



"What do you mean let's get married or something? Let's get married or NOTHING!"

"I like to do a neat job."



"George, the pubs are closed."

Women's Fellowship

TO CELEBRATE its 30th Anniversary members of the Mombasa Chapter of the Women's Aglow International Fellowship held a Charity Walk raising a substantial amount of money for the social welfare work it does for street women and children, as well as a Counselling service for women.

This international Christian organisation was founded in Portland Oregon, USA, with the prime object of 'bringing women to Jesus Christ and teaching them how to serve their families and churches better'.

The walk which attracted over 100 participants, was flagged off by Brother Patrick Mathole of the Morrice Cerulo Ministry.

Leo Club Hold Treasure Hunt

LEO CLUB of Mombasa Island have held a most successful Car Treasure Hunt in which 20 cars participated.

It started at 9.30 a.m. at the Mvita Tennis Club and ended two and a half hours later.

At the end, the first prize which was a ticket for two to the Tsavo National Reserve was presented to the winner in the presence of Chief Guest Abid Vejani who is the Zone Chairman of the Lions District 411 and the parent club Chairman Kirti Varia.

Refreshments were served to all the participants and the Leo Chairman and Convenor thanked all the people who had made the function a success.

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Destiny Can Turn A Calm Man Into A Raging Volcano

ONE'S DESTINY can take one from being a calm, peaceful and happy man into a raging volcano of angry emotions, on the run from the authorities - a *Marked Man*.

The film starring Roddy Piper, Jane Wheeler, Alina Thompson and Miles O'Keefe opens at the LOTUS CINEMA today and carries on tomorrow (Saturday), continuing on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Engaged to be married, Frank Stanton is a peaceful and happy man, looking after his own service station with his beautiful fiancée, Jan.

His world is shattered when Jan is killed by a drunk driver, and Frank in his rage, hits the man who caused her death.

His blow proves fatal and he is sentenced to three years for manslaughter.

While in jail, he witnesses the murder of a fellow prisoner by two guards.

Realizing they have been seen, they try to kill Frank who in turn escapes from the prison and is now a "Marked Man".

HOTTEST

The guards obviously put the murder rap on Frank, who is now an escaped prisoner on the run.

FBI agent Kate Gallagher becomes involved in the case, in the effort to track Frank down.

He now knows that the only way to prove his innocence is to find the real killers, but when he

tracks one of them down to his house, he is already dead.

Frank now knows that there is a bigger force behind the murder that he had witnessed.

Beginning from scratch he now has to locate who that 'Big Man' is and why did he arrange for a prisoner to be murdered by the guards ?

The trail is long and winding and painstakingly slow, but in the end all is revealed - not in this column but at the LOTUS CINEMA.

Film Preview by
Anjum Asodia

The holiday attraction at the LOTUS CINEMA.

MA on Sunday is the Hindi version of the Telugu hit *Jab Dil Kisi Pe Aata Hai*, starring the hottest star in the South, Nagarjuna, with Tabu and Laxmi.

Excellent filming on superb locations in Seychelles, it has won many awards including the National Award and Screen Award for Telugu films.

KENYA CINEMA is showing the final two shows today at 3.00 and 6.00 p.m. of *Eraser* starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Vanessa Williams.

Mohabbat with Madhuri Dixit, Akshaye Khanna and Sanjay Kapoor enters its second great week at the KENYA showing today at 9.00 p.m., Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

This film continues to draw crowds at the theatre and advance booking is advisable.

Commencing on Tuesday at the KENYA CINEMA will be *Cave Girl* starring Daniel Roebuck and Cindy Ann Thompson, the film being strictly for adults.

DIVINE DANCER



SONIA CHANDARIA of Coast Academy with her expressive facial and dance movements gave a stunning performance at the Mombasa Jain Temple during the holy festival of Paryushan. An enthusiastic Indian cultural and classical dancer she participated and won three top prizes at the Kenya Music Festival held at the KICC, Nairobi.

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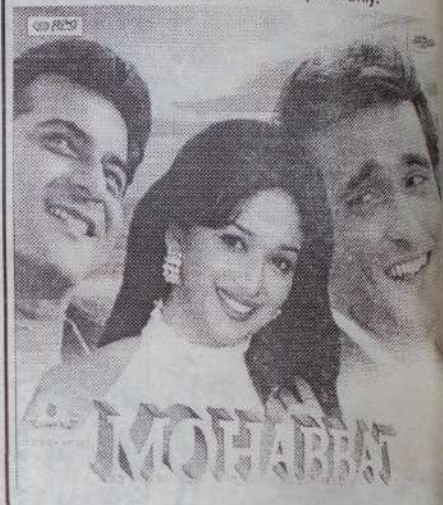
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Commencing on Tuesday at 6 pm

"CAVE GIRL"

Rex is Taking his First Big Strip
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JEAN KOCH'S
JUNGLE BOOK

COMMENCING ON Thursday, October 23 for three nights will be Jean Koch's adaptation of the wonderful Walt Disney cartoon *The Jungle Book*.

Taking part will be about 30 children who attend the ballet classes at Mombasa Academy. The main roles, apart from Mowgli who is danced by young and very talented Cindy Lithimbi, will be taken by well-known fun loving Mombasa-ites!

For instance the cool Baloo the Bear is none other than Dominican Schep and the Vultures are Jay New, Richard Clayton, Geoff Weeks and Mohamed Jwa.

This well known story is bound to appeal to the entire family. As many of Colonel Hathi's elephants are so young, the show will start at 7.00 p.m. and end at approximately 8.30 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale at the Little Theatre Club and early booking is advised.

Bamburi Quarry Nature Trail

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"We Are Here To Stay" - Encouraging Support From Top Neckermann Boss

"ENJOY SOME magical moments on the Tamarind Dhow" says its brochure, and doing just that were some leading members of Kenya's tourism industry.

They boarded last Saturday evening (in a pessimistic frame of mind) aware of the fact that from November 1 there would be a drop of around 55 per cent in charter capacity to Mombasa compared to the last winter season (this representing some 13,000 seats) disembarking four hours later much more optimistic.

Helping in this uplift was news that **CONDOR** flight from Germany had arrived that morning '90 per cent overbooked a much higher figure than recently when it plummeted to less than 50 per cent.

Special Report by NETA PEAL

It was a dinner party on the Tamarind Dhow hosted by **Abercrombie & Kent** to welcome **Johan De-Rie**, Vice President (Long Haul) of **Neckermann** - the second largest tour operator in Germany handling some 2,500,000 tourists annually world wide.

It has been operating in Kenya for 27 years flying **CONDOR** around 14,000 clients a year.

Mr. De-Rie was on a 'Two day Fact Finding Mission' to assess the situation at the coast following the sporadic outbreaks of tribal violence resulting in massive cancellations of holiday bookings, and to see what **Neckermann** can do to improve the situation as far as tourism is concerned.

He turned out to be one of the 'magic makers' together with the Chairman of the Kenya Tourists Board, **Ellud Mahihu**.

Their message loud and clear was that if all key players in tourism at home and abroad can combine to help Kenya's tourists industry 'resuscitate from virtual collapse'.

Many travellers are worried that with such a big reduction in the number of charter seats to Mombasa this winter season would they be reinstated if bookings improve?

Mr. De-Rie confirmed that if Kenya regains her popularity as a tourist destination, **Neckermann** will be flexible and in conjunction with **Condor** will increase its number of charter seats.

Others at the party included the Chairman of the Kenya Association of Tour Operators, **Sam Mwaura**, who is also Managing Director **Abercrombie & Kent**; Chairman of **KATO**, **Coast**, **Karl Heinz Straus** and his Vice Chairman, **Mike Kirkland**, who is Managing Director of Tamarind Dhows.

Chairman of the Mombasa and Coast Tourist Association, **Najib Balala**; Resident Manager, **Neckermann Kenya**, **Jorg Fischer**; Managing Director, coast, **Auni Kanji** (which look after Neckermann's ground arrangements); the **CONDOR** Station Manager, **Ernest Baumann**; Chairman of Neptune Group of Hotels, **Amin Merali** and the General Manager, Silver Beach Hotels (Prestige Hotels), **Erich Dasen**.

The press was fully represented and included **KNA**. Addressing them all **Johan De-Rie** said 'it has been 27 years of success of **Neckermann** in Kenya.

We have had our ups and downs in this country but nothing has been so bad as what has been happening over the last three weeks.

There was about a 50 per cent drop in bookings, which made me decide to come here to Kenya.

First, to see if there is violence here and secondly if there is no violence what can we do to improve the situation and boost bookings for Kenya.

I arrived this morning (Oct. 4) and **Jorg Fischer**, our Resident Manager in Kenya took me to the south coast.

Declared Mr. De-Rie 'I did not see any violence at all'.

Consequently, I have decided to pursue a second alternative and to talk about things we can do together for Kenya.

He went on 'I do not think we can be happy with the situation we are in at the moment.

INCIDENTS

One solution maybe is to sit down and wait until people forget about it.

But declared Mr. De-Rie 'this, I think, would be a waste of time.

We have to take action together - hoteliers with tour operators and travel agents abroad.

He went on before coming here we did our homework in Germany as to what we will do for Kenya.

Our plans include special holiday offers, also to give Kenya a prominent place publicitywise and to send more educational groups here so that they can see Kenya is a beautiful and a peaceful country for tourists.

We will also come to you and ask for your help and support when necessary.

Mr. De-Rie continued 'as for the future, we have to think as well as to what we can do to avoid a repetition of such situations.

We have found that relatively small incidents at the coast were

I can assure you that with the support of you all, both here and overseas, including the media, we can turn tourism round and be able to enjoy Christmas with hotels full again'.

The KTB Chairman went on 'the industry is very depressed because very few new holiday

Mzima Pipeline to be operational in the next few years' so that crises for more water will be a thing of the past.

He went on 'we have also been crying sometime about powercuts.

You are aware that the project at the Port to generate more power is now operational and we are not

In welcoming guests aboard the Tamarind dhow, the Master of Ceremonies, **Sam Mwaura** said 'we particularly welcome **Johan De-Rie**, Vice President (Long Haul) **Neckermann**, who opted to travel some four thousand miles from Germany to assess the situation here at the coast for himself.

Speaking in his capacity as Chairman of **KATO**, **Mr. Mwaura** said 'we are extremely grateful to **Neckermann** for the continuous support it has given this association, and which still continues'.

In addition, Mr. De-Rie has reassured us that **Neckermann** will still support our destination and they will go through these difficult times with us because together we will win'.

In an interview later, **Johan De-Rie** revealed the establishment of the **Neckermann** and **CONDOR** Holding Company as from November 1; **Neckermann** and **Condor** each holding 45 per cent shares.

The remaining 10 per cent being held by **Luffthansa** and **Karstadt**.

He said 'this combination will strengthen our business and lead to new directions'.

Kenya's tourism industry had been poised for the best winter season for many years.

The prognosis had been very positive until upset by exaggerated publicity in the press about sporadic outbreaks of tribal violence at the coast during which time no tourist was harmed nor targeted.

It resulted in massive cancellation of holiday bookings.



TOURISM INDUSTRY LEADERS aboard the Tamarind Dhow are (from left) **Auni Kanji, Sam Mwaura, Ernst Baumann, Johan De-Rie, Jorg Fischer, Mike Kirkland and Karl-Heinz Straus.**

blown out of all proportion by the media abroad.

They did not know exactly what was happening in the country and sometimes did not give correct information.

So we have to see what, together with the Kenya Embassy and Tourist Office in Germany, we can do in future to avoid wrong information being disseminated and such misunderstanding of a situation'.

He declared 'I am very positive about what we can do together in the future and you can be assured that **Neckermann** will stay in Kenya.

We hope it will remain a quiet place for tourists and I would like to come back again and see your hotels full and everyone in the industry happy'.

The Chairman of the Kenya Tourists Board, **Ellud Mahihu** told **Neckermann's** Vice President (Long Haul) 'I am glad you have come to see us when the industry is so very depressed'.

Quoting the proverb 'A friend in need is a friend in deed' the chairman said 'it is at times such as these that we get to know who our friends are'.

He appealed to all key players in the industry, including charter representatives, to combine efforts to help put tourism back on its feet again'.

He explained that since his appointment as Chairman of KTB:

'I have been knocking at the doors of every office I know which might help and I am more confident than I was three weeks ago that the Kenya Government is totally committed and I have been given every support'.

He went on 'at a recent meeting at Diani Sea Lodge at which the industry and government were present, the industry pointed out there is no money, so what can we do?'

Declared the KTB chairman 'let me assure you that government is prepared to find the money to keep the tourism industry going.

Indeed, we have now produced a programme which will enable us to visit all our overseas markets not so much to tell them what they already know but more importantly to assure them in their own offices that we wish to continue participating in a joint venture with them.

The Kenya Government has supported the KTB with funds and I am quite sure that in the next ten days you will be hearing further to make you more cheerful.

bookings are coming in.

I am sure Mr. De-Rie's visit is not in vain, but will be emulated by many others when they hear **Neckermann** is going to continue to be in Kenya'.

Referring to the support the industry is receiving from government, the KTB Chairman said this had included the new extensions to Moi International Airport and mentioned that plans are at advanced stage for a second

suffering as we did a few months back.

All efforts by government are motivated by a desire to make Kenya's tourism industry much bigger and more progressive than before'.

He appealed to members of the press present to join us in a spirit of Harambee to uplift this industry which we cannot afford to see going down'.

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ENJOYING the excellent cuisine aboard the Tamarind Dhow were Chairman of the Kenya Tourists Board, **Ellud Mahihu** (left), seen with **Johan De-Rie**, Vice President (Long Haul) of **Neckermann**, and **Sam Mwaura**, chairman of the Kenya Association of Tour Operators, who is also Managing Director **Abercrombie & Kent**.

'WOCO' MOMBASA IN PANAMA



SEEN AT the Iapa Convention Centre in Panama City where the Mombasa Conference was extensively marketed are (from right) WOCO Mombasa 1998 Conference Chairman Rafique Parkar, Chairman Mombasa Round Table No. 3 Arvinder Jandu, Jiten Malde, Tochi Sahota, Shamsheer Mawji, Jude Loveday and ARTEA Chairman Rafiq Dhanji.

'Right Over Might' When 'Cycle Power' Becomes Driving Force

THE NATURALLY powered road users are almost always at a disadvantage when it comes to arguments over right of way on the tar.

One only has to see the number of animal carcasses on the road to realise that in this country the laws that are supposed to operate when one is on the black tar ribbon are not regularly applied.

Animals have however no legal right to be on the road.

It is only common courtesy and the need to keep repair bills down that force us to sometimes respect animals when they happen to be on the road.

There are some habits we

apply without really thinking of the likelihood of achieving the results that we desire.

There was this fellow who was



CoastDrive with **PATRICK OBATH**

in a real hurry to get to town.

When the driver came across a traffic queue, he decided that he would "matatu" the queue and pulled out to the right.

He was obviously used to doing this since he kept his face pointed straight ahead and did not care to look to the side lest the other drivers give him an opinion in sign language.

As he approached the top end of the queue, he came face to face with another vehicle which was going the opposite way and was in its rightful lane.

He had to squeeze back into the left lane.

Some driver oozing of road etiquette let him back into the correct lane.

The queue moved on slowly and one could see that the driver was really working up a head of steam due to his slow progress.

He eventually saw a side road and decided that he would dart out of the queue and take the side road to circumvent the traffic jam.

He proceeded down the road followed by Kachumbari and a few others.

Some distance down the side road he came head on to a large herd of Kibokoni goats.

There was no evidence of a goatherd anywhere.

The goats were casually feasting on the garbage that had been kindly left on the roadside by the Town Fathers.

They were in no hurry to clear the way.

The garbage had been spread by passers by and other vermin so that it now littered the whole road.

The impatient driver then did what came naturally to him.

He started to hoot at the goats.

They did not move and he hooted even more frantically.

The goats stayed put.

By this time, the people behind also started getting impatient and they started hooting in sympathy with the impatient driver.

The goats ignored the cacophony and continued munching away at the garbage.

It eventually took the combined effort of the first few drivers in the queue to shoo the goats far enough away for them to be able to scramble back into the cars and get past before the goats came back for their free meal provided courtesy of the Council.

These fellows who decided to follow the short cut ended up arriving later than those who stayed in the traffic queue and crawled along slowly.

In an early morning incident, cycle power became the driving force.

A fellow driving a silver coloured Toyota of the Dubai ilk was driving out of town towards Nyali.

When he got the junction leading to Nyali bridge, he looked to the left to check for traffic and all that was coming

saw no traffic coming so decided he would move forward.

He saw the cyclist coming straight for him and shooed the cyclist away although the cyclist had right of way since he was proceeding along the main road.

(He was also crossing front of the vehicle from right to left which in traffic etiquette means he should have been let through).

The inevitable happened.

The cyclist had taken right to proceed and left very little margin for error.

The cycle thumped into drivers side door causing impressive dent.

The front wheel of the bicycle also changed shape in attempt to emulate the shape of the vehicle driver's door.

The driver stormed out of vehicle as the cyclist was picking himself up.

Being two of a kind, there no time wasted.

The two started hurling abuse at each other and calling other unprintable names.

In the middle of all that were trying to discuss what fault it was that the accident occurred.

The argument quickly degenerated into a session of fistcuffs where the public kept at bay.

ACCIDENT

When it appeared that vehicle driver was gaining upper hand, the other cyclist who had witnessed the accident decided that they would chip in to help their colleague.

The vehicle driver got a whipping before the morning traffic control arrived and saved his hide.

As it turned out later, the careless driver was charged with careless driving and even ended up being found guilty paying a hefty fine.

The cyclist had the right way.

Most of us will take advantage of the fact that cyclists are of getting tangled up with to deny them their rightful in traffic.

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As Kachumbari says, expression "poetic justice" does carry some weight.

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'World Wide Bird Watch Weekend'

SEVERAL things of interest happened over the last few days including the **Pemba Channel's "Total" Tuna Hunt**.

I received a very good report of this event direct from The Club which should be found elsewhere in this paper.

(Thanks Peter, that makes my life a lot easier and I wish other competition organisers would do the same).

A story from the north coast. Last Friday, the two well known Watamu fishing boats, **Pussycat** with Captain **Peter Darnborough** and **Jim Gin** with owner Captain **Andy Thomas** on board headed out to The North Kenya Banks.

They left base at 2.00 a.m. and arrived at The Banks, a distance of 50 miles, for an 8 o'clock start.

They soon found the Yellowfin Tuna which were mostly in the 40 to 65 pound size and soon boated some.

The idea of the trip was to catch Tuna all day, which were to be prepared and packed with ice for selling, but by early afternoon Peter could no longer resist the temptation to have a bash at live baiting for Marlin.

The next Tuna brought to the

boat, a nice 45 pound example which would have fetched quite a few Shillings at the market, was rigged with a monster 16/0 hook.

A 16/0 is about the size of the gaff for the average sports fisherman and the wire trace he used would pick up your average boat.

Down went the Tuna on the down rigger and five minutes later **Batian Craig** was fighting a 404 pound Black Marlin.

Forty five minutes later **Batian** had it beaten and on board it came.

They then continued Tuna bashing but by 4.00 p.m. they again put down a big Yellowfin rigged as before.

Nothing happened for about 15 minutes until "Bang!" another Marlin was hooked.

This one was not going to give up so easily and seven hours and a broken fighting chair later Peter finally had it beaten and on board.

When weighed in it was just three pounds short of 600 pounds.

It had been their intention to spend the night drifting for Broadbill and to continue Tuna bashing the next morning, but **Pussycat** was so overloaded that they decided to head back to base.

All the time Peter was battling with his fish, **Jim** was standing by, as **Pussycat's** VHF had packed up and they had to stay in contact,

being so far offshore.

All was not lost for Captain **Andy** as they brought home 15 Tuna of between 40 and 70 pounds and I bet Peter bought **Andy** a slap-up meal and plenty of Tuskers.

I had been invited to go on this trip and also down to Shimoni for the Hunt but it was off with the birds for me!

LAST WEEKEND was the World Wide Bird Watch Weekend and I headed south with a small group of four "birds", my fellow bird fanatic **Phil "Shelly Beach" Jones** and **Kipevu Malcolm** and his lovely Philippine

wife **Nancy**.

The weekend started off on a badnote, when two of our favourite birds opted not to migrate south and on Saturday another two went missing.

It was with a long face that the remaining six of us, in pouring rain, headed off in the Mission bus for Bodo.

On arrival and with a multi radio link we found that the two little lost ones had been found and were on their way to join us.

We never found what kept them but we suspect that the fledglings were just late leaving their nest.

We arrived at **Funzi** at a bad state of the tide and to **Malcolm's**



Peter Darnborough and Batian Craig seen with their 404 lbs. and 596 lbs. Black Marlins landed from the North Coast boat 'Pussycat'.

arrived at a green place and got a few on our list.

When we got back the lost ones had arrived and we all sat down to a fantastic lunch.

Those of you who have not been to **Tony Duckworth's** **Funzi Camp** have really missed something, as not only is the whole place very beautiful but the food is out of this world.

In the evening we had an impromptu creek fishing competition with five in each boat and for the first time in history **Tony**, while fishing with **Frank Morby** on a boat that caught a fish.

Actually, **Nancy** caught it and that cost me a few beers.

The highlight of the day was viewing the heavens through **Tony's** huge telescope and some claimed to have seen the rings around **Saturn** and the dust clouds of **Mars**.

When I looked, it all looked like dust clouds, but that could have been due to those brown bottles.

Next morning we headed up the **Ramis** river and were rewarded with the closest view of a **Mangrove Kingfisher** (or any other bird) that I have had.

As we drifted under its perch we could have plucked it from the branch.

When we came just as close to a medium size crocodile some of us were less impressed.

Later that morning we were collected by the **Wasin** high speed rescue boat and bounced round to their restaurant where we had another great lunch before heading home.

When the **Curly Headed Seema Bird** heard our story the next day she was more than sad that she opted out.

Next year!

TOTAL KENYA SPONSOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SHIMONI 'TUNA HUNT'

FOR THE THIRD year running Total Kenya Ltd sponsored the popular **Pemba Channel Fishing Club's Tuna Hunt**, writes **Peter Ruysenaars**.

Fishing in the channel the previous week had seen better than average, with a new Kenya record **Dog Tooth Tuna** of 191 lbs. caught just off Pemba island and a number of very large blue marlin seen, hooked and weighing in at 300 and 400 lbs.

A couple of very large ones were lost.

This was a prelude to the 'Tuna Hunt'.

Mr. Joseph Adewa, consumer sales manager of Total Kenya limited hooked into a very large blue marlin of about 500 lbs on 50 lbs. line on the second day of the competition.

After a strenuous fight of over two and a half hours the line finally popped.

Well known local fishermen and skipper extraordinaire of **Jasiri**, **Alan Jennings**, said that the fish was the largest black he had seen in a very long time.

'ATROCIOUS'

I think he was quite relieved when the line finally broke as the fish was very strong and he didn't really relish the idea of spending another two and a half hours fighting this huge black in the atrocious weather that we had over the weekend.

Alec Dyer-Melville, an enthusiastic private boat owner and keen supporter of the Tuna hunt skipper and winning boat, **Seyyida**.

Seyyida's team were **Eric Stephenson**, and **Lens Fitzgerald**.

Eric Stephenson's Yellowfin Tuna was the largest one of the competition, weighing in at 114 lbs.

Total Kenya Ltd. were well

represented by their accounts assistants **Francis Nyalala**, **Lucy Ringera**, specialist product supervisor and **David Kareithi** their number one computer boffin.

David may well be their top computer man, but he really should be running a pub.

Are his stories really true?

At the end of the day the total Kenya limited teams came fourth and fifth overall.

Second overall was **White Otter** fished by **Alastair Russell**, **Wayne Copper** (the man who keeps me up to date!) - Each week a bundle of international newspapers arrives at the DHL offices in Mombasa.

Thank you **Wayne!** and **Chris Larson**.

Chris landed his first ever marlin, a healthy, fat little blue of 181½ lbs. I am sure that this will be his last marlin.

Third overall went to **Kamara**, fished by **Ramond Matiba**, **Andrew Richards** and **Simon Hemphill**.

Andrew had some fun with his striped marlin after the line snagged over the outrigger.

He did very well to bring his fish to the boat.

It was his first marlin ever and congratulations for tagging and releasing it!

While **Harm of Pili Pipa Dhow Safaris** was usefully using his day coming sixth overall, **Selina**, the other half of the partnership was busy preparing the excellent prize giving dinner of traditional cuisine.

Well done **Selina**.

As organisers we felt that the competition had gone extremely well this year.

Mr. Adewa, in his speech noted that the camaraderie and friendship generated by the competition were the ideals that Total Kenya Limited wished to promote in their business and social dealings.

Thank you to all of those that supported the event by coming down to Shimoni.

We enjoyed your company.

disbelief we had to wade through the mangrove swamps to reach the camp.

After a quick breakfast some of us headed across the island in search of the "feathered ones".

Sadly, a lot of the area had been burnt off and the birds had no reason to stay but eventually we

Malindi Time Trials

THIS WEEKEND the action is in Malindi where the third Time Trials takes place at the Casuarina Quarry courtesy of **Mr. Dhanji Naran**.

The event will be run over two days starting at 11 am today, Friday, and then continuing on Saturday afternoon.

There will be a special prize for the 'best time of the day' if you can only make the one event.

Driftwood Beach Club is again the venue for this very popular race venue and is offering special rates to members and competitors for accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights.

Signing on starts at 11 am, Friday with racing way after practise at 1.30 pm and continuing again on Saturday afternoon at 12.00 pm.

Prize giving will take place at the Driftwood on Saturday evening. Spectators as always, are very welcome.

RAFIKIS DONATION TO BOOST RURAL EDUCATION AT COAST

AFTER THE very popular cycle marathon in August the **Rafikis** donated Kshs. 60,000 to ACTS who assist children so that they can attend school.

Nearly all these children live in **Kongowa** and many of their parents are unemployed or survive on casual work.

One third of this donation was spent on education.

One young girl was accepted to **Teachers Training College** but was unable to meet the cost, so now her first years fees have been paid.

Another two brothers lost their parents recently, now live with relatives, had an outstanding balance, but are now paid up for the year and attending primary schools regularly.

Another sum of money was

put towards repairs to **Upendo** school.

This is a mud and timber thatched building in **Kongowa** where over 300 children attend school.

The toilets were in desperate need of repair so this has been done.

The mud floor now has cement on it and the makuti on the roof thickened to make it more waterproof.

The last portion of donation is going into a food programme.

About 50 children have been identified as being under-nourished.

If they are it means their families are also.

A spokesman explained: "We hope to reach some of the

most needy and supplement their diet.

"**Upendo Centre** is run by **Mr. Koko** who is dedicated and works tirelessly to help the needy in the community."

The school takes nursery children to standard four.

The classes must attend in relays as there is not enough room to accommodate all classes at once.

There is also a rehabilitation class where the students learn leather work.

Mr. Koko hopes to expand his section to train in jewellery, toy making, traditional crafts and tailoring.

He dreams of a nice building capable of housing the whole school and a workshop.



PEMBA CHANNEL FISHING Club's 'Peter Ruysenaars' (left) seen with Joseph Adewa, Consumer Sales Manager of Total Kenya, and Eric Stephenson with his Yellowfin Tuna - the largest one of the competition, weighing in at 114 lbs.

'MAGIC MARRIAGES ... MADE IN THE JUNGLE !'

HAVE YOU ever heard of a wedding in the Jungle ?

Shimba Lodge, the only tree hotel at the Kenyan coast has over the years proved to be a popular venue with couples seeking to tie the matrimonial knot in utmost tranquillity away from the hustle and bustle of the modern world.

Recently, the lodge hosted yet another couple who chose to say "I do" in the heart of a traditional African rain forest teeming with some of Kenya's most sought after wildlife.

The bridal procession began shortly after three o'clock and went down the narrow alley diving under the thick canopy shielding the couple from the intensity of the equatorial sunshine at a leisurely pace.

The groom John Whelan, a British accountant with Price Waterhouse and his lovely Australian bride Emma Bloor, marched at a slow pace with occasional poses for the photographers to capture every detail of this significant moment.

The tranquil afternoon atmosphere was only disrupted by a flock of singing black headed weaver birds nesting on

the trees down the footpath.

A few paces away a pair of squirrel rummaged through the dry foliage apparently in search for food.

The birds and the sound of a trumpeting jumbo in the midst of the jungle elephant perhaps blended well for the ceremony in the absence of usual entertainment from the traditional church choirs and modern musical instrument.

Special Report By Correspondent

The procession continued right through the Shimba Lodge cleverly constructed in indigenous timber, to the Jungle bar via a walkway hoisted some 15 feet above the swampy ground by stilts and camouflaged with a luxuriant forest vegetation.

The flood lit water hole was constructed to bring the wild animals to allow unrestricted game and bird viewing at all



MAGICAL MOMENT - John Whelan, a British accountant seen at Shimba Lodge with his lovely Australian bride Emma Bloor.

times for guests while relaxing or dining at the open fronted rooms. The water hole is fed by a narrow seasonal stream meandering through the thick forest from the hinterlands.

The Jungle bar set deep in the forest is a dais perched on stilts with the huge trunk of a Mbamba Kofi tree, biologically known as *Azilia Quanzensis* gnarled through the centre.

The wedding registrar took the couple through the marriage vows in less than fifteen minutes paving way for a brief, quiet cake eating and wine drinking ceremony.

Like many others before them John and Emma sought peace, privacy and a rare moment with nature.

"Kenya has an image of being a romantic place... we wanted to get married at a place which has a natural aspect to it and that is why we chose Shimba Lodge in Kenya," said Mr. Whelan.

It's Always A 'Happy Hour' At The Indian Ocean Beach Club's Dreamy 'Dhow Bar'

SUCCULENT mishkaki and nyama choma is the latest attraction that has been luring scores of locals and tourists alike to The Indian Ocean Beach Club's unique Dhow bar - newly erected from an ancient traditional Arab dhow.

Your taste buds will be activated by the sweet smell wafting through the breezy atmosphere as you relax with a refreshing drink at the bar or just lazing under the stoic Baobab and Palm trees that dot the expansive beach front.

Besides the juicy nyama choma the Dhow bar also serves a wide range of hot and cold snacks prepared to your taste.

SPRING ROLLS

These include deep fried vegetable spring rolls with beer salsa, sauteed chicken wing masala or cheese and tomato sandwiches for patrons who may want a bite.

You can also try butter fried Red Snapper and chips, grilled sirloin steak topped with mushroom and many more as you view the rolling waves on the water mass in front of you or the activities unfolding on either side of the endless strip of sandy beach.

Guests can get to the Dhow bar either through the main hotel gate or the drive-way leading to the historic 16th century Kongo mosque.

Those keen on sporting activities can take time out playing chess on a gigantic board that marks Dhow Bar's leeward side.

The Dhow bar is today gaining fast reputation as the ideal meeting place for tourists and local beachcombers either

enjoying a leisurely walk on the powdery white sands of Diani beach or those emerging from a dip in the azure waters that characterize this beautiful curve of coral headland at the tip of Mombasa's south coast.

The bar is quite strategic for those visiting the Tiwi River

estuary rich in aquatic life just a few meters away.

The Dhow bar has been very busy during the "happy hour" programme that runs from 12.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. daily including weekends when both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages go for half price.

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Werbefeldzug mit positiven Berichten über Kenia

IMRAHMEN einer massiven Werbekampagne für Kenia hat der **African Safari Club (ASC)** mehr als 200 Vertreter führender europäischer Reiseveranstalter und Reisebüros sowie Journalisten zu einem Besuch an der kenianischen Küste eingeladen.

Ein ASC Sprecher erklärte **COASTWEEK**: "Die Idee ist, wichtigen Leuten in der Tourismusindustrie Gelegenheit zu bieten, sich selbst davon zu überzeugen, daß Kenia immer noch zu den führenden Urlaubsändern der Welt gehört."

"Es ist kein Geheimnis, daß äußerst negative und falsch ausgelegte Berichte in der europäischen Presse die Tourismusindustrie in Kenia fast zum Stillstand gebracht haben."

"Der African Safari Club, der zur gleichen Zeit wie die kenianische Tourismusindustrie vor dreißig Jahren entstand,

besitzt und betreibt zehn Hotels an der Küste, eine Lodge am Rande des Nairobi Nationalparks und ein Safari Camp in Masai Mara."

"Der ASC beschäftigt rund 3500 einheimische Angestellte und kann jederzeit 2500 Touristen beherbergen."

"Aufgrund der negativen Presseberichte über die Sicherheit der Touristen in Kenia sind 2000 Buchungen annulliert worden."

"In der heutigen Zeit spielt bei den Touristen die Sicherheit am Urlaubsort die wichtigste Rolle, wenn sie sich entscheiden, wo sie ihre Ferien verbringen wollen."

"In einem Versuch, die negative Darstellung der Lage zu berichtigen und eine objektive Übersicht zu geben, hat der African Safari Club - dessen Hauptbüro sich im **Coral Beach**

Hotel an der Nordküste von Mombasa befindet - in Zusammenarbeit mit Reisebüros und Reiseveranstaltern in der Schweiz ein aggressives Marketing und einen massiven Werbefeldzug für Kenia angekurbelt, was sich auf ganz Europa ausdehnen soll."

"Leider mußte die einzigartige im November vorgesehene Feier, um den millionsten mit ASC nach Kenia reisenden Touristen willkommen zu heißen, auf das nächste Jahr verschoben werden."

"Die Idee, Reisefachleute und Journalisten nach Mombasa einzuladen, um den negativen Berichten der Medien entgegenzuwirken, hat bereits positive Resultate erzielt."

"Inhaber von Reisebüros, Reiseveranstalter und Journalisten aus verschiedenen europäischen Ländern werden

in den nächsten Wochen nach Kenia kommen, um die sagenhafte Gastfreundschaft und die einzigartigen Tourismusattraktionen in diesem Lande kennenzulernen."

"75 Reisefachleute haben bereits diesen ausführlichen und detaillierten Einführungskurs des African Safari Produkts mitgemacht; sie besichtigten die Hotels und wurden auf Safari geführt."

"Die Tagesausflüge und Exkursionen nach Mombasa, Malindi und kleine einheimische Dörfer haben ihnen besonders gut gefallen."

"Die typische kenianische Gastfreundschaft wurde von allen hoch geschätzt."

"Diese Reisefachleute kehrten nach Europa zurück mit dem Versprechen, für den African Safari Club und für Kenia als führende Urlaubsdestination zu werben."

Indian Ocean Beach Club Kampagne zur Rettung der Meeresschildkröten

DER INDIAN OCEAN BEACH CLUB hat gemeinsam mit dem **Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS)** eine aggressive Kampagne in Angriff genommen, mit der vor allem die einheimische Bevölkerung aufgeklärt und sensibilisiert werden soll, sich

selbst für den Schutz der vom Aussterben bedrohten Meeresschildkröten einzusetzen.

Ein Beamter des **Kenya Wildlife Service**, Mr. Sirya Karisa, sagte in seinem Vortrag im **Indian Ocean Beach Club** in

Diani, daß die einheimische Bevölkerung eine wichtige Rolle spielt bei der Auffindung der Nester und Brutstätten der Meeresschildkröten entlang der kenianischen Küste.

Dieser Vortrag wurde organisiert vom **Indian Ocean Beach Club**, um auch das Hotelpersonal zu motivieren, an dieser laufenden Kampagne zum Schutz der Meeresschildkröten teilzunehmen.

An diesem Meeting hatten Mr. Solomon Alusa, Personal- und Trainingsmanager des Hotels, Ms Wanjiru Kombo, Sales Manager, und andere höherer Hotelangestellte teilgenommen.

Der Referent wies darauf hin, daß es sich eigentlich darum handelt, Wilderer in Heger zu verwandeln, was mit der richtigen Motivierung und einem gewissen Anreiz möglich sein sollte.

Von den sieben Arten von Meeresschildkröten, die auf der ganzen Welt noch vorkommen, ist in den kenianischen Küstengewässern die **Grüne Schildkröte** am häufigsten anzutreffen.

Man findet sie hauptsächlich zwischen dem historischen **Grünzort Vanga** und dem **Indian Ocean Beach Club** an der Südküste, während die **Olive Riddley** rund um die **Ungwanabucht** an der Nordküste am meisten

vorkommt. Das Tana River Delta ist eine ideale Brutstätte für Meeresschildkröten.

Andere Arten von Meeresschildkröten wie **Falkenschnebel**, **Lederrücken** und **Loggerhead** sieht man in den kenianischen Küstengewässern auch, aber relativ selten.

Wie der Beamte des **Kenya Wildlife Service** sagte, steht der **Indian Ocean Beach Club** an der Spitze der Kampagne zum Schutz der Meeresschildkröten an der Südküste und erforderte andere Hotels auf, in dieser Beziehung **Block Hotels** nachzuahmen.

Tuberkulose

Die Meeresschildkröten werden von der einheimischen Bevölkerung sehr geschätzt.

Die Leute glauben, daß das Fleisch medizinische Eigenschaften hat und auch über die Kraft verfügt, böse Geister zu vertreiben.

Das Fett der **Grünen Meeresschildkröte** wird verwendet zur Behandlung von Bronchialkrankheiten, Tuberkulose, Asthma, auch Ohrenleiden.

Ferner gilt es als Aphrodisiakum.

Die Meeresschildkröten werden auch gejagt, weil ihr Panzer lackiert als attraktive Wanddekoration verwendet wird.

GERMAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL UKUNDA erzielt gute Resultate



VON ACHT Kandidaten bestanden kürzlich sechs die Prüfung Deutsch Grundstufe I, die im "German Institute" (Goethe-Institut) in Mombasa abgehalten wurde. Die erfolgreichen Prüflinge waren: Hintere Reihe v.l.n.r.: Jane Kimani, Jane Wangeshi, Wycliffe K. Akombo (ihr Lehrer), James Boho, James Waweru und Jeremiah Mwangombe. Vordere Reihe, rechts: Abdallah Gatui.

Unter den Stammgästen im Reef Hotel sind viele deutsche Touristen

MEHRERE deutsche Stammgäste genossen ihren Urlaub im beliebten **Mombasa Reef Hotel** genau so wie in früheren Jahren und bestätigten gerne:

"Bei unserem Besuch in Kenia gab es überhaupt keine Probleme."

"Ich bin überall frei herumgerast und wurde nie behelligt," sagte **Erich Riesinger**, der zum 10. Mal im Reef Hotel wohnte.

"Als ich von Sansibar zurückkehrte, fuhr ich vom **Moi International Airport** zum Reef Hotel, genau während der Unruhen in Likoni (auf dem südlichen Festland) und habe

nichts Ungewöhnliches bemerkt," fügte er hinzu.

"Solche unerfreuliche Dinge kommen von Zeit zu Zeit unter den Einheimischen vor."

Kein Tourist ist davon betroffen worden, und die Tourismusindustrie funktioniert bestens wie gewohnt."

Herr Riesinger steigt immer wieder im Reef Hotel ab, weil dort die freundliche Atmosphäre, das gute Essen und der effiziente Service seinen fünfwöchigen Urlaub stets zu einem unvergesslichen Erlebnis machen.

Sonja Janka kennt Afrika sehr gut. Sie ist zum 12. Mal auf diesem Kontinent und auf ihrem dritten Urlaub im Reef Hotel, zusammen mit ihrer 15jährigen Tochter **Natali**.

Trotz der negativen Berichte über die Unruhen an der kenianischen Küste beschlossen sie, ihre Ferien nicht umzubuchen.

"Alles war für uns so friedlich wie immer und wir sind froh, daß wir nach Kenia gekommen sind," sagte Frau Janka.

"Die Sensationsberichte in den europäischen Medien halten viele Leute davon ab, Ferien in

Kenia zu machen."

"Wenn man aber Kenia kennt wie ich, glaubt man, daß die Berichte übertrieben sind; wir haben jedenfalls unseren Urlaub hier sehr genossen."

Die meisten Touristen kommen an die Küste.

Die drei Tourismusverbände - **Kenya Association of Hotelkeepers and Caterers**, **Mombasa and Coast Tourist Association** und **Kenya Association of Tour Operators** - standen während der isolierten Vorfälle in ständigem Kontakt mit der Polizei, um die Sicherheit der Touristen zu garantieren.

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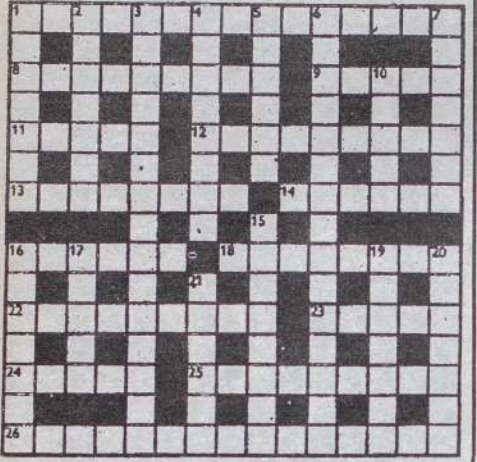
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CROSSWORD NO. 511

NAME.....
ADDRESS.....

- ACROSS:**
- Recorded before the advent of Technicolour ? [2, 5, 3, 5]
 - Hurriedly measured the distance to the exit ? [4, 2, 3]
 - Forbidden city once [5]
 - Sprawling home of the plain American [5]
 - Hurriedly measured the distance to the exit ? [4, 2, 3]
 - Imitation stone ? That's Irish if you like [8]
 - Threaten - and the little devil take the hindmost [6]
 - John Dawkins was, to be sure [6]
 - Sporting Association and part of its equipment [4, 4]
 - She perished with honour at stake [4, 2, 3]
 - Send donation to replace the Bishop's headgear [5]
 - Professor of a thousand eyes [5]
 - State hereunder how old you are [9]
 - He's heavenly and romantic to some, but quite unapproachable to date [3, 3, 2, 3, 4]
- DOWN:**
- Where to look for 5 at work ? [7]
 - She's upset by the high priest in a mixed band [7]
 - Refill ? That's quite a different matter [7, 3, 2, 3]
 - Small sleeping bag ? [8]
 - Cares for [6]
 - Fruit Bill [7, 2, 6]
 - Forced out ? Absolutely correct, little Edward [7]
 - Got up like a flower [5]
 - Mess made by a Comparison of Honour getting stuck into the stew [8]
 - Joined on part of a road junction [7]
 - It smacks of a nasal tone [5]
 - Disorderly Gaul mob brings back affection [7]
 - This bird is sharp for the most part [7]
 - As fair as an expedition [6]

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD NO. 510

ACROSS: 1. SPLITTING HAIRS, 9. CABARET, 10. L'INATIC, 11. NURSE, 12. UP AND DOWN, 14. HEARTFELT SORROW, 16. NUTCRACKER SUITE, 21. COMPLAINT, 23. ALONG, 24. RESIGNS, 26. ENGRAVE, 27. DISCONTENTMENT.

DOWN: 1. SECOND-HAND CARS, 2. LIBERIA, 3. TORMENTOR, 4. NITRIDE, 5. CALLANT, 6. AWNED, 7. ROT, 8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, 13. OUR, 15. ONSLAUGHT, 17. TRIM, 18. CRIMSON, 19. EXTREME, 20. ISOLATE, 22. LOGIC, 25. SKI.

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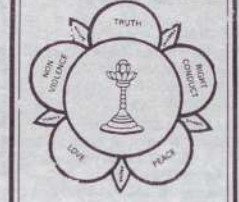
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