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Saturn Shines On The Coast!

This month the planet Saturn reaches its best opposition since the early 1970s, and it is brighter than it's been in years - shining at magnitude -0.5.

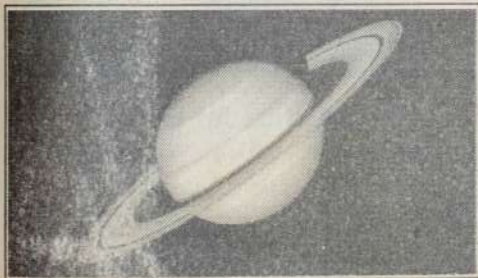
On Tuesday, December 17 - when it lies exactly opposite the Sun in the sky - Saturn will be visible all night long and at its closest to the earth in 30 years.

That means it outshines all the stars in the night sky except Sirius, which shines a full magnitude brighter, and Canopus.

During this time Saturn, the 'Ringed Planet', is a relatively close 748.5 million miles from Earth.

To view it in the early evening sky from anywhere along the East Coast of Africa simply look up 45 degrees due East (towards India) and there it hovers below the Pleiades star cluster and between the constellations of Taurus and Orion.

With a pair of ordinary binoculars the 'dust rings' become apparent and with a good telescope the various orbiting moons can also be easily sighted.



NASA photo showing the planet Saturn and its 'rings'.

TREAT FROM BRITISH AIRWAYS AND REGIONAL AIR



Regional Air's Marketing Manager Catherine Kamau (from left) seen with James Mburu and Marin Nzuki from King Baudouin's Home, Voyager Hotel's Victor Shitakha and Heritage Group corporate manager Lucy Macridis.

SMILE TIME

ACROSS THE

"It's you I am arguing with - not the clear cut facts!"

YOU Can Win
A Weekend At
SHIMBA
LODGE
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A Dream Flight For The Mukuru Children

On December 2nd, Regional Air, the British Airways franchise airline, treated ten youngsters from King Baudouin's Children Home, a Mukuru Promotion Center, to a dream flight to Mombasa and a day at the Coastwrites Cecil Kuyo.

"The airline organized this flight as a way of helping children celebrate their Christmas holidays with a trip to Mombasa. None of the children had never been on a flight before and that was a really thrilling experience for them.

"It was also an insight into the workings of a flight crew if any of them had ambitions to join the airline industry in the future" said Regional Air's Marketing Manager Catherine Kamau.

"Regional Air is dedicated to aid the less fortunate of the society on a continuous basis," She added.

"The participants taking part in this British Airways flight were selected for their academic performance and conduct.

HALLER PARK, FORT JESUS AND LIKONI FERRY

"For these children flying to Mombasa on a Boeing 737 and experiencing the vastness of the sea for the first time was a dream come true!" explained the Director of Mukuru Promotion Center Sister Kathleen Rooney.

The one-day visit to Mombasa included a visit to Haller Park, Fort Jesus, and Likoni Ferry was crowned with a luncheon at the Voyager Beach Hotel. King Baudouin's Children Home is situated in the Mukuru area of Nairobi and was opened in 1994 by the Sisters of Mercy. It shelters 120 boys and girls between the age of seven and 15. The home is named after late King Baudouin of Belgium who funded housing, food and education for orphans and poor children in his country.

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 ed to lose against the Tanzanians.
 Harambee Stars players under captaincy of Coast-based

midfielder Robert Mambo, controlled both the matches but their striking force failed to utilise the chances that came their way.

The national soccer body Kenya Football Federation (KFF) should take keen interest to ask the technical bench as to what is happening about the team while matches are in progress.

Jacob Mulee is well taking care of the team and he should not be blamed if the players are not performing according to his teachings and instructions.

The habit of blaming the coach every time our team is not doing well in a tournament should stop or else, Kenyans will never regain its past soccer glory.

Nevertheless, Coach Mulee must also select players on merit and should not allow KFF officials to insist on inclusion of their favourite players.

Meanwhile, Coast soccer fans thanked the national under-23 team coach Mickey Weche for selecting three players from Coast in preparation for the All African Games qualifiers scheduled for Cairo, Egypt, from December 19.

In his list of 25 players, Weche named Wilson Oduor, Khalfan Khamis and Patrick Osieko, all from Coast to form the national team which has been pooled in a tough group alongside hosts Egypt, Uganda and Sudan.

Kenya's Harambee Stars will play their opening match against Sudan on December 19 before tackling Uganda on the 21st.

Coast Stars FC will not play any match this weekend because of Idd ul Fitr.

To all soccer fans, players and officials and sports fraternity, on behalf of Coastweek a happy and a prosperous Idd ul Fitr - Idd Mubarak

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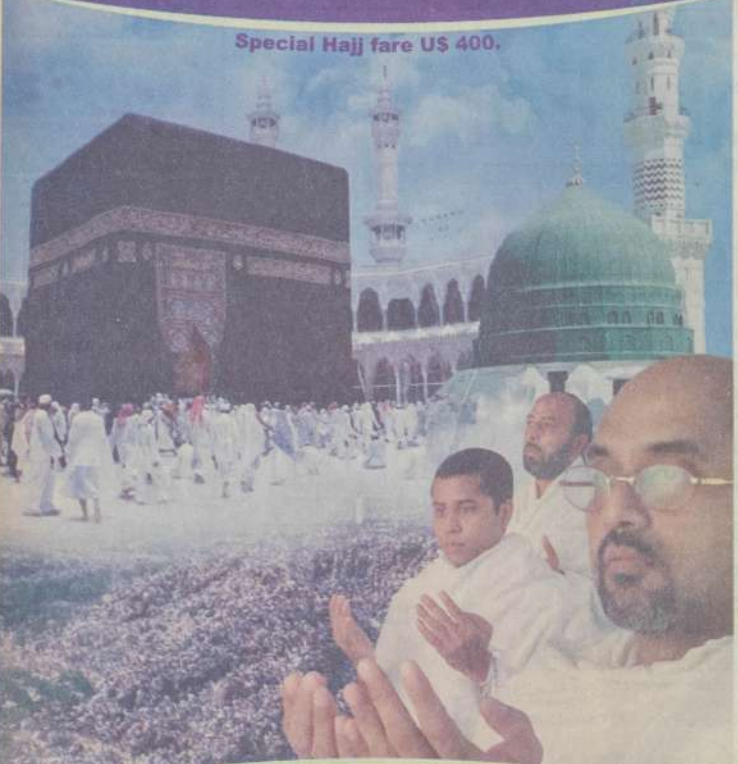
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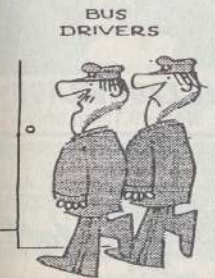
"The service here is good - but nauseating!"



"You told me I needed a hobby - now all you do is moan."



"Let's see if we can find something that takes the side of the parents?"



"I'll never leave this area - my routes are here."



"What's 18 from 57?"



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PRESIDENT'S AWARDS SCHEME IS A WINNER



KENSEC RECOGNISED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Kensec's outstanding service to the President's Award Scheme is recognised through the presentation of a Certificate of Recognition by H.E. President of Kenya to the Headmaster of the School, H.G. Pant.

Three M.I.S Students Honoured



Seen with their awards are (left to right) Amar Asodia, George Coupland and Julian Wright.

Under the expert supervision of Saima Kanji, three MIS students have been awarded their Bronze Certificates signed by President Daniel Arap Moi.

Ms Kanji said that she was delighted with the students.

All, she said, had developed individual and group skills to qualify for the award.

As part of the award two of the students climbed Mt Kenya last year and hoisted the MIS flag at Point Lenana.

This was no mean feat, commented Expedition Leader Cliff Giddings.

"We were caught by severe weather at the top of the mountain and the group worked hard to keep themselves going."

"Part of the qualification was to teach local students > the importance of First Aid skills."

Julian Wright said he was nervous at first teaching so many

children basic First Aid skills but that after a couple of visits to the orphanage, where they were teaching, he became more confident.

"I would like to thank Ms Kanji and Mrs. Bartlett for their enthusiasm in ensuring that students at MIS were able to

complete this award" said the Headmaster Mr. Bartlett.

"Students will be offered the President's Award again as an activity next term and we are hoping that more will take the opportunity to participate."

"It really is an excellent scheme."

Sajaad Alibhai Pushes Bounds Of Good Taste And Scores 98 Per Cent

STUDENT FOOD scientists at the University of Alberta, Canada have created the ultimate 'hoser' snack.

Beeerbites - beer-flavoured bread sticks.

Main ingredients: flour, yeast, and beer.

The product is concocted by fourth-year nutrition and food science students for this term's product development course.

Final mark in the course is based on students developing a food product, along with necessary production and food-safety process, market research and consumer testing.

Sajaad Alibhai the son of Mr. (late) & Mrs. Mehdi Alibhai of CHOICE BAKERIES LTD., MOMBASA, one of four students involved in developing Beeerbites, said he had researched beer breads in the past and found no beer-flavoured products in Canada.

Obviously, beer is popular, so the trick, he said, was in finding the right beer with which to spike the dough.

"We tried a bunch of beers, but we needed a strong beer so the taste would remain," said Alibhai, who did the project along with Melissa Agbeke, Eva Ng and Senait Teclamarium.

Finally, they settled on a British beer, *Double Diamond Original Burton Ale*.

The Ale is rated at five per cent alcohol, but cooking the dough evaporates the active ingredient, said Alibhai.

As people filed out of the Beeerbites taste-test lab, **Buncha Ooraikul**, a professor of food processing who is overseeing the projects, said feedback is crucial for the students and their projects.

These students, he said, are taking all they have learned from their food science classes and applying in the course. "The Beeerbites tasted pretty good," he added.



KETAN N. MOOLRAJ JOINS THE A.C.C.A. FRATERNITY

Congratulations to Ketan N. Moolraj who has attained the much coveted ACCA qualification. He is seen here (left), at the ACCA Graduation Ceremony held on 26th October 2002 at the Grand Regency Hotel, Nairobi. Presenting the award are Mr. Waweru (right) of KPAK and Mr. Adams (center), Head of Corporate Governance, East Africa. In addition, Ketan Moolraj was also presented with an award for attaining the highest marks in Kenya for ACCA paper 3.6 (Advanced Co-operate Reporting) It is a Credit to Ketan that he passed all 14 papers and, attained the ACCA qualification through self-study and whilst holding down a full time job with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

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AWARD WINNING actor Denzel Washington graces the screen at **NYALI CINEMAX** this week in an action drama **John Q. Poise**, panache and pace have made Washington the paragon of black actors in Hollywood.

Sidney Poitier, who awarded Washington his Best Acting Award in the last Oscars, has been the latter's role model throughout his acting career.

In **John Q. Poise**, Washington is John Q. Archibald, an ordinary man who lives an ordinary life, in an ordinary house with his ordinary wife Denise (Kimberly Elise) and ordinary child, Michael (Daniel E. Smith).

One day, Michael falls critically ill and the Archibald's world comes crashing down as they realise that their young son needs an emergency heart transplant to survive.

Exhausting all his resources, John comes to the bitter conclusion that he cannot afford this expensive operation and he will slowly but surely see his beloved son's life ebb away.

Suddenly you see an ordinary man undertake an extraordinary task when out of desperation he takes over the hospital's emergency room and holds everyone in it hostage.

The irony of the situation is that many people in the room are also in dire need of medical treatment, which John will now allow until his son is given the transplant.

Facing off this hostage situation are veteran police hostage negotiator Robert Duvall and on the other end of the see-saw police chief Ray Liotta who has no time or patience with what he terms terrorists and would rather blast his way into the emergency rooms with all guns firing to end this situation as quickly as possible.

ANIL KAPOOR

The other new release at **NYALI CINEMAX** will be **Rishitey** (Relationships), an apt title to Indra Kumar's film.

We see Suraj (Anil Kapoor) and his son Karan, living a tough but happy existence.

Father and son dote on each other, despite life's hardships and it is their love for each other that makes them see through life's ups and downs.

Despite their bliss, they both sense a loss of someone in their lives.

That someone who would make their family complete, that someone who is the third link in this circle of life.

She is Komal (Karishma Kapoor), Suraj's wife and Karan's mother, who lives far away, aware of their existence yet unaware of their feelings.

Her absence is temporarily filled by Shilpa Shetty, the sexy Marathan who has a soft spot for Karan and an even softer one for Suraj.

There was a time when Komal would give her life for her husband, but now times have changed, relationships have changed.

She plays her violin in her lonely world, yearning for her child yet cannot be with him.

What was it that made this happy family separate in such a way that they can never seem to come together again?

The film shows the different relationships that one goes through in life and how each relationship can affect another to the point of breaking.

The third release at **NYALI CINEMAX** this week is the adult comedy about an Indian who is let loose in the big bad apple.

Indian Guru is produced by Working Title Productions, whose past works include *Bridget Jones's Diary*, *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Fargo*, *Notting Hill* all famed for their superb sense of humour.

Jimi Mistry is Ramu Gupta, a young Indian dance teacher who migrates to New York to make it big.

Life in the big apple is not what he had envisaged and before he knows it he is bussing dishes in an Indian restaurant instead of twirling on his toes on Broadway.

After a long hard wait, he gets his break on the silver screen, at last he feels he will now show his desi family and friends that he has made it to stardom.

His happiness is short lived as he finds out that his lead role is in a porn film.

Surrounded by strangers and prying cameras, Ramu just cannot keep up to his role and he is subsequently fired.

However, his beautiful co-star Sharonna (Heather Graham) feels sorry for this poor man and gives him some 'acting' lessons.

He is now an actor of some sorts and by a stroke of luck (or misfortune whichever way you see it) he is made to stand in for an out-of-sorts Guru at the party of a rich society girl's party.

Overnight he is a hit and is the new Guru in town, to whom everyone wants to pay 'homage'.

Soon he has to make some really tough choices and before you know it, he has his hands quite full - literally.

A **BRAND** new release at the **KENYA CINEMA** this week to mark the end of Ramadhan, beginning of the school holidays and Idd-ul-Fitr is **Anarth** starring Sanjay Dutt, Sunil Shetty, Pretty Jhangiani and former Indian cricketer turned film star Vinod Kamblil.

Pretty much like the award winning **Vaastav**, Sanjay Dutt gives an explosive performance as he did in his former film.

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REMINDER TO ALL RATE PAYERS

The Municipal Council of Mombasa has, with the approval of the Hon. Minister for Local Government and in appreciating the City status bestowed to us by His Excellency the President on 31st December, 2001 granted 100% (one hundred per centum) waiver of interest due on all outstanding rates if such outstanding rates are paid in full during the period 1st July, 2002 to 31st December, 2002.

Rate payers are therefore advised to take advantage of this good gesture and clear their outstanding rates before the said date.

It is further advised that those rate-payers who will not have responded to this notice by the expiry date shall have their outstanding rates and interest vigorously pursued for recovery of both rates and interest outstanding effective from January, 2003 in accordance with the rating Act, Cap. 267, Laws of Kenya

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We Can't Live With Revolting Rubbish Dump Next To The Little Theatre Club

AS ONE living in the neighbourhood within the proximity of Little Theatre Club, I find it disgusting that the Mombasa City Council has with apparent impunity set up a garbage dump in our midst.

Mr. Cahil Marduf must be congratulated for his genuine complaints (Ref. his letter Coastweek of Nov. 16-22).

As for Hon. Shariff Nassir, he left a couple of unfinished jobs in Ganjoni!

One is the 'nightclub' which is partially on public land and literally taking a huge amount of the pavement.

The other is a hotel/guest house which again is resting on a public sidewalk!

These were not touched during the demolition process to clean up the town.

Both the dumping site and the filthy toilet there must go, and the place kept clean if for no other reason than to respect the dead who are buried in the cemetery there.

We of the Christian

calling, who bury our dead in this cemetery, abhor this act of sacrilege and crime against humanity.

Come on, Mombasa Sports Club, and members of The Little Theatre Club, let us do some thing about this evil in our midst, for if you allow this very scary process to prevail, a time will come when it will be impossible to rectify the problem.

Think of all those "Bhajias" and "Channa" that you can no longer eat due to the awful stench permeating both clubs!

Frank Pereira, Mombasa.

MOMBASA CINEMAS:

FROM PAGE FOUR

Thursday, Paresh Rawal plays a rich Gujarati tycoon Ranchhodlal 'Roger' Patel in New York who is on the lookout for a special kind of husband for his three daughters.

He basically wants a Gujarati with three 'P's - Professional Patel owning Property.

Deewangee will be shown on Saturday, Monday and Thursday while the Amisha Patel and Hrithik Roshan starrer **Aap Mujhe Achhe Lagne Lage** can be seen on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The romantic musical **Dil Vil Pyaar Vyaar** with a bevy of stars which include Jimmy Shergill, R. Madhavan, Namrata Shrodkar, Sanjay Suri, Sonali Kulkharini, Hrisihitaa Bhatt, Rakesh Bapat and Bhavna Pani.

The greatest feature of the film however is that it is a tribute to the maestro R. D. Burman whose music to date are just as melodious and catchy for everyone, even with the hi-tech remix versions that have converged on us lately.

Here's wishing all Mombasa cinegoers a very happy and fulfilling Idd-ul-Fitr from all the theatres in Mombasa and yours truly.

Time For A Mombasa Residents Association

ACCORDING TO a recent Notice in the local dailies the Mombasa City Council now wants to spread its tentacles to cover Shimanzi area to "extract" parking fees for "providing and managing facilities".

Could the Council inform the public what facilities it has "provided and is managing" to warrant the collection of parking fees.

Its action amounts to sheer extortion to fill its bottomless pit.

The collection of parking fees is governed by the Mombasa City Council Designated Parking Bylaws.

The areas covered for the purpose of collecting parking fees are clearly spelt out.

It covers areas hitherto served by now obsolete parking meters which the Council has abandoned because of lack of repair and maintenance.

Fees charged for areas other than those specified in the bylaws are illegal.

Could the Town Clerk quote the amended bylaws and the relevant Legal Notice (Not the Gazette Notice) which empowers the Council to collect parking fees from areas other than the designated parking areas?

Mombasa residents pay all sorts of fees and charges, including rates which were hiked by fifty per cent this year.

But the services keep on deteriorating year by year.

In fact, certain areas do not get service at all.

Look at the pathetic state of the town, full of uncollected garbage everywhere including the areas opposite the Mbaraki Cemetery and on David Kayanda Road, the former mentioned by one of your readers in the last issue of Coastweek; the potholed roads, non-functioning street lights and blocked drains just to mention a few.

It is time for Mombasa residents to form an Association similar to the Karengata in Nairobi to pressurise the Council to deliver instead of just collecting fees and rates to pay to their unproductive and bloated labour force.

H. Mohamedali, Mombasa.

YOUR LETTERS TO Coastweek

P.O. Box 87270 Mombasa KENYA

These Poor Street Urchins Working In A Garbage Pit

This morning I was tempted to see the activities that go on at the Ganjoni garbage-dumping site along the south wall of Mombasa Sports Club.

First of all, I was disappointed to find that the site has not as yet been relocated and probably never will—signs of our times!

I parked my car up wind from the nauseating stench and the filth, by the entrance to the Police outpost.

There was a regular surfeit of dustmen coming and going with their wheeled drums mounted on wheels arriving to dump trash.

There were no less than 20 street urchins rummaging through the mountain of trash looking for victuals to see them through the day. I was full of

remorse and asked myself how can we allow our fellow humans to stoop so low?

In the midst of so much food, many of us go hungry everyday. Many of us are living far below the poverty line, and nobody is prepared to do anything about this state of affairs.

These boys deserve a decent life.

Those who evangelise never say anything about these street children?

If this garbage dump is not immediately removed from Ganjoni, we and our children will pay dearly for this criminal negligence on the part of the Mombasa City council.

Nancy Honeg, Mombasa.
 honegnancy37@yahoo.com

Thanks Go To Jiten Shah For Road Repairs

I refer to letters to coastweek of 29/11/02 - "CITY COUNCIL HAS FAILED US" by Mohamedali and appreciate his concern of failure to service delivery by City Council

Your thanks should go to MR. JITEN SHAH (of G10's DISCO) who lives in UMOJA ESTATE

He personally used his pick-up and personnel on Sunday 24/11/02 and filled up the dangerous potholes near and around BP Station - Links / Nyali Road.

Wish more Nyali Residents get concerned about this and join hands to make Nyali a better place.

Mr. Jiten is an active member of North Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association (NCRRA) and my Committee congratulates Mr. Shah for this worthy cause of action.

Paresh Shah - Committee Member (NCRRA) - Sub-Committee Chairman (Environment / Beautification)
 janbu@kenya.com

THIS WEEK AT SATAO CAMP

Australian Agents Enjoy 'Bush Sundowner'

Eleven travel agents from Australia spent a week on safari in Kenya. They stayed at various Sarova, Heritage and Serena properties through Kenya and were all "in love" with Kenya by the time they left.

Their night at Satao Camp included a 'Bush Sundowner' where they were told of the many other attractions of Kenya that they had not seen by Mike Kirkland, Chairman of Southern Cross Safaris, their hosts in Kenya.

They ended their Kenya educational with two nights at Leopard Beach Hotel and an evening of Excellence aboard The Tamarind Dhow.

All of them want to return to Kenya with their families on holiday.

Australian Agents experience a 'Satao Sundowner'



Twenty Four Years' Ago

COASTWEEK, December 1-7, 1978:

'COASTMAN FOR WORLD CUP CRICKET' was the front page report by sports writer **Anwer Versi** and detailed the exploits of Jaffery Sports Club' 18-year-old cricket prodigy **Iqbal 'Pataudi' Walji** who had been selected for the Kenya National Squad.

Omani Ambassador to Kenya **Sheikh Salim Hakkim Al-Fassiby** was visiting Mombasa Islamic educational facilities accompanied by Imam **Sheikh Badi Muscat**, Kenya Chief Kadhi **Sheikh Abdallah Saleh Al-Farsy** and Coast NUKEM leader **Sheikh Ali Amin**.

Kenya Cargo Handling Services managing director **Edward Halwenge** was photographed with India's touring 'Gemini Circus International' artists then performing in Mombasa and commented:

"Kenya has a lot of talent. It is time we had our own circus!" Mombasa Womens' Association Secretary **Mrs Illa Budheo** congratulated flower shower winners **Mrs Saroj Shah, Mrs Kanti Shah**, chairperson **Mrs Kusum Modi** and **Mrs Neera Shah** in a competition which drew more than 60 entries.

U.K. singing stars **Julie Felix** and **Peter Brent** were entertaining in Mombasa and Diani.

Dutch choreographer **Helen Le Clerq** announced she would soon start a 'Jazz Dance Academy' in Mombasa.

The 'Vikings Band' had returned to Reef Hotel after a successful tour in Europe.

Coast Tourist Officer **Mohamed Ali** was leaving on reassignment to the Kenya Tourism Bureau in New York.

Malindi entrepreneur **Dick Soames** had returned from Seychelles to run a water-ski business at Kilifi.

KENYA Cinema was showing the sex-comedy 'Adventures Of A Private Eye' (the clever dick who uncovers everybody), NAAZ James Earl Jones in 'Deadly Hero', REGAL 'Executioners From Shaolin' and at CHOX it was Dharmendra in 'Do Chor'.

Letter writers included ISCOS Secretariat's **B. Mbakileki, Mrs Holde Meyer, Juma Mwayani, Mrs Mia Dunford** and **Karim A. Karimjee**.

TERRORIST BOMBING OF 'PARADISE BEACH HOTEL'

BOTH Coastweek web sites carried a graphic selection of photographs taken at the scene of the 'Paradise Beach Hotel' bombings by Francis Wangalibo. Regular updates were provided by K.T.B. and K.A.T.O. officials. Below is a selection of some of the letters and emails received world wide from our readers.

A Sad Day For Kenya

As we continue to read the unfolding events in Kenya in regards to the terrorist action committed, I take this opportunity to express our condolences to the families and relatives of the bereaved and sympathies to those who lost their properties in this tragedy.

There is no value for human life.

Moreover, we strongly demand that the government should:

(a) investigate the incident so as to avoid future recurrence;

(b) establish an organ for Emergency situations, well equipped to come to people's assistance in such situations;

(c) equip our existing hospitals and clinics to give adequate medical care.

It is a sad day for all of us Kenyans.

Chifu (Abdul Yakub) New York, USA

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DEVASTATION

Hello from Switzerland!
I am a lecturer at the University of Fribourg.

I am just about to put online an analysis of the consequences of the sad events which took place in Mombasa last week.

I have discovered on your website the photographs taken by Francis Wangalibo.

I have been impressed.

They convey in a telling way the devastation brought by a terrorist attack.

Dr. Jean-Francois Mayer, Fribourg, Switzerland

info@terrorisme.net

SHOCKING

We are shocked about reports of terrorist attack at Kikambala and would appreciate more news, photos and views of Mombasa residents.

DR Satish Brahmhat, London, U.K.

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OUR CONDOLENCES

We would like to offer our condolences to the Kenyan people and the families of the 10 innocent Kenyans who were murdered by the terrorists in Mombasa.

Ronnie Jaegermann, Tel Aviv, Israel.

ronnie@ormyir.com

Sympathy For The Families

The news that a bomb went off in the Paradise Beach hotel in Mombasa, said to have been directed at Israeli tourists, is a major blow both for the families and the tourist industry in Kenya.

I understand that Israel was one of the countries where holidays to Kenya were recently promoted, as part of the efforts being made to revive the industry.

This then is a cruel act and will make tourists nervous of spending a holiday on the Kenya coast.

Coming so close to Christmas, when the high season occurs is a particularly worrying time.

Our sympathies go out to the families affected and let us pray that there will be no more such incidents and people will travel to Kenya to enjoy the friendliness and hospitality of the people of the Coast.

Pat Anderson, North Yorks, U.K.

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DOMESTIC ANIMALS ALSO SUFFERED

A thought for the animals. While everyone is desperately sad about the loss of human life last week from the bomb at Mombasa Paradise, please spare a thought for the animals that were there.

Ducks, chickens, guinea fowl, rabbits, peacocks and horses all had to be rescued and fed in the aftermath of the tragedy.

Please give thanks to our local KSPCA team (Kenya Society for the Protection and Care of Animals) who worked day and night to make sure all animals were fed and taken to other places where they could be looked after.

Some animals were burnt to death but the remainder found refuge.

The KSPCA team had to walk the horses, one quite badly burned, 10 kms to a safe haven. All animals are now safe, and have been medically treated. Thankyou KSPCA.

Animal Friend', Nyali.

FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT THE LIANGULA PEOPLE OF VOI

• Do the Liangula people still exist?

Yes they do, but probably not in their own identity.

• Has any research been done/published about them?

No serious research has been done on them, but in Dennis Holmans book called "The Elephant People" published by John Murray in 1967, tells a story that covers these interesting people, their extensive ivory poaching activities and the area that they operated in the Tiva River area and the tale of Bill Woodley, then Asst Warden Tsavo East National Park, in charge of anti-poaching operations.

It would make interesting reading for anyone interested in anthropology and a for little about the background to Tsavo Park.

These people were dedicated elephant hunters who perfected their killing methods with a bow and arrow tipped with poison, the bow reputedly having a similar pull to that of an English Long Bow.

Tony Dyer, when he was a Professional Hunter, employed several as trackers and gun bearers whose prowess in the bush was supreme.

Many others swore by them as reliable and faithful trackers.

Dyer was also chairman of the East African Professional

Hunters Association for many years.

Arther Neumann, also mentions them in his book "Elephant Hunting in East Equatorial Africa" published by Rowland Ward in 1898.

"Nuemanns Camp" incidentally is now the present day Samburu Lodge.

Monty Brown of Nanyuki has just recently published an interesting biography about this interesting hunter and naturalist.

See also Sir John Frazer's "Native Races of Africa and Madagascar," where they are known as the Wasanya.

Casting around my own library I could probably find other

mentions of these people.

• Is it really possible that Kenya was home to a genuine Bush people?

Personally I would doubt it.

Was, I think is the operative word in this case!

• Is their language still spoken today in Voi?

Yes, but I should think it has been very diluted by now as they were no longer permitted to operate in their traditional hunting grounds and so have become integrated with other tribes who lived on the periphery of the park.

Holman mentions that they were practically indistinguishable

from their neighbouring tribes, taking on their language, dress and their cultures.

I think the best area to locate them today would be Galana Ranch and the surrounding ranches.

On the otherhand some are supposed to have settled around Kasigau.

Mike Prettijohn, (who now lives in Mweiga, near Nyeri) who owns a large ranch in the area near Kasigau could be of further assistance as he was once a Professional Hunter too, who would have used them on safari, and would no doubt still employ some in a similar capacity.

I don't have his contact address at the moment but the Indian Ocean Lodge in Malindi may be of assistance in this.

• Did they do they look different (features/colouring) to neighbouring tribes in the Voi Taveta District?

Don't know about that, but I think their features are well defined by the lives they live, see also comments above.

James Willson, Diani.

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IDD GREETINGS

Asallam Walaikum to my parents, relatives, friends, teachers, everyone at Superior Printers and Tudor Security and all the readers.

Wish all on the coast Eid Mubarak and miss u loads in UK.

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It also offers the best state of the art conference equipment making possible more effective presentation through Internet and e-mail. This has to be seen to be believed! It is quite awesome.

Equipment includes a huge satellite TV screen and when a video film was shown it also confirmed that the acoustics in MAKUTANO are extremely good. Internet conferencing was also demonstrated and impressed all. Important and urgent decisions taken at a conference can be taken from a scribe pad and enlarged on a big screen for all to see before being transmitted to a given destination in the world. Delegates can be provided with a copy. All very timesaving!

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While the MAKUTANO has been the scene of important conferences since September, it was not until November 21 that it was officially launched to the trade from Nairobi and Mombasa.

Declared its General Manager, **Deneys Swart**, 'Whitesands can now host international conventions of up to 900 delegates and I believe we are now the leading conference destination at the Coast and one of the best in Kenya'.

Among those present were 30 conference organisers from Nairobi who included a Sarova team of nine.

Also present in a big way was British Airways/ Regional Air which flew them to the coast.

After introducing her team, **Judy Gow**, Sales Manager, told Mr. Swart 'we promise we are going to go well out of our way in promoting conferencing by ensuring that such groups reach their destination comfortably, safely and happily'.

Adding 'as well, we will lean over backwards to support you in whatever way possible'.

She took the opportunity of thanking all present for their support during the year.

Said Judy 'BA/ Regional Air became a franchise years ago and has gone places as one of the world's biggest brands, but this development could not have been achieved without your support'.

Guests heard that Whitesands is presently in the midst of a refurbishment programme which includes the upgrading of at least 100 rooms as well as all conference facilities. In addition, by January 15 next year **Sarova Mara Tented Lodge** will be able to offer conference facilities for 60 people, while 'The Stanley' in Nairobi has introduced the 'MOTIVATOR' described as a 'customised conference facility'.

There were presentations by **Tom Bisonga**, Group Sales Manager; **Christina Were**, Human Resource Manager, Whitesands and **David Maina**, Sarova Group Marketing Manager. The 'Motivator' is also offered at Whitesands and aimed at reducing the amount of stress involved in successful conferencing. The hotel has Facilitators to help and also offered are 'Ice Breaking' sessions, plus a series of games and activities for conference groups to help become more effective.

David told guests 'help us develop conferencing. We are all partners and please continue giving us a feedback from your conference groups so that we can see what further improvements can be made and our service enhanced'.

The 'MAKUTANO' is in a detached building but conveniently situated, for nearby is the **Tamanisha Sports Pub** to which all were invited for some gourmet 'bitings' and oysters to be enjoyed while being entertained by a live band.

Whitesands Hotel with 340 rooms and suites is set in 22 acres of tropical gardens and can boast of having the largest seafront on Kenya's north coast. It has five free-form swimming pools, three restaurants and five bars.

The cuisine includes both internationally and locally popular dishes. There are water sports, tennis/volleyball courts and a state-of-the-art Workout Room. It also has a Business Centre.

Conference equipment includes LCD and Slide Projector; Overhead Projector and Laser Pointer; Electronic Large Format Screen; Big TV screen linked to a live satellite feed; DVD, CD and VCR; PA system with surround Sound; roving and lapel microphones; Teleconferencing facility; Internet Conferencing via Lease Line; Electronic Wipe Board; Flip Charts, Whiteboards.

Also available is 'Free' secretarial support, Secretarial rooms and ample parking space with security.

The MAKUTANO is also sound-proofed.

Whitesands is part of the fast growing Sarova group which also includes 'The Stanley' in Nairobi; **Sarova Mara Tented Lodge**, **Sarova Lion Hill Lodge** in the Lake Nakuru National Park, **Sarova Shaba Lodge** in the Shaba Game Reserve and **Panafric Hotel**, Nairobi.



David Mama, Sarova Group Marketing Manager.



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PIRATES Bamburi New Restaurant 'IL CORSARO' Is Venue For SKAL International - Kenya Coast Dinner

THE SKAL International - Kenya Coast dinner on November 29 took place in the new 'IL CORSARO' Restaurant now under new management at PIRATES, Bamburi.

It was an 'Italian Night' with Italian food, wine and music - the latter being provided by **Nabil Sansool** a very talented composer/ musician/ vocalist with backing from a very accomplished and good looking bilingual singer.

Among the Skalleagues from Nairobi were **David Stogdale**, Managing Director, Heritage Group, **Alexander Spiro**, Managing Director, Private Safaris and **Flossie Phillips**, Marketing and Development Manager British Airways/ Regional Air.

It was sponsored by **Mombasa Air Safari**, which operates daily scheduled services from Mombasa and Diani to the Maasai Mara and Amboseli,

the Managing Director of which happens to be the Skal Chairman, **John Cleave**.

Acting Chairman was **Frank Neugebauer**, past Chairman of the 27 year old Skal Club of Mombasa.

The two clubs at the coast have now merged and that evening Frank officially handed over Chain of Office to the Skal Kenya Coast Chairman.

Muslim members were wished a 'HAPPY EID UL FITR'.

The Chairman spoke about the SKAL World Congress held in Cairns, Australia, at the beginning of November.

He hoped 'may we have peaceful elections in Kenya.

'May we soon have a more businesslike and responsible government not based on patronage but on development, progress and real values.

'Let us hope that tourism leaders have already drawn up their policy papers for a new government to consider.

'Hopefully, KATO 'the driving force behind tourism' has a professionally prepared paper on the importance of developing and maintaining a decent road system.

'Hopefully, the Hotelkeepers Association has drawn up its paper to government on how to streamline Kenya's power industry and bring back the cost of electricity in line with norms elsewhere.

'That is at least a five year programme.

'But government must not fail to start as soon as practical with a new energy plan.



'TIRAMISU' happens to be John Cleave's favourite dessert. It is among the traditional Italian fare to be found at MOKAMBO Ristorante, Nyali, and came topped by Amaretto.

'We must not give up hope but to contribute with ideas, persuasion and communication'.

The Skal Chairman went on to describe Australia as a 'working man's paradise - where the dose

is generous, unions are strong, salaries high and the government determined to protect every man, woman and child, also the environment'.

He continued 'Cairns has a mud flat for a beach but receives two

million international tourists a year the attraction being the Great Barrier Reef - at 2000 kms the largest in the world and a World Heritage site.

The other attraction is her Tropical Rain Forest, the second largest in the world stretching for some hundreds of kilometres along a spine of hills just inland from the shoreline, this also being a World Heritage site.

Declared the Skal Chairman

what is wonderful is that the government protects all its Natural Heritage

No one touches a hair or a leaf of the tropical rain forest and as far as the Great Barrier Reef is concerned it has gone to great lengths to licence and regulate any commercial exploitation so as to ensure its preservation as a Natural Heritage.

'It is all very organised' David Stogdale then gave a humorous account of trying to find the new **World Travel Market** venue in London's Dockland and of their experience in an Oxford Circus hotel where no one appeared to speak English.

He said how proud they were when at WTM Kenya won first prize for having the most friendliest stand there.

There was a total of 5,000 stands from 200 countries of the world.

'Certificates of Appreciation' were presented to **Leopard Beach Hotel** and the **Tamarind Restaurant** for help in making SKAL functions so successful.

New members were announced and congratulations conveyed to **Tony Clegg-Butt** and his wife, on the birth of a daughter immediately upon Tony's return from Australia.

The Italian dinner, with wine, started with a huge plate of 'Prosciutto e Melone' which was really good.

Other highlights of the six course menu were the Veal with Tuna Sauce and Tiramisu - a gorgeous coffee dessert.

The Manager, **Antonio Debarri** was thanked by all Skalleagues.

The club's Christmas Dinner takes place at the Mombasa Club on December 20 at which special choirs, solo singers and Maestro **Tony Rusteau** will be entertaining

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NEW WEBSITE FOR KENYA PORTS AUTHORITY

Kenya Ports Authority has launched its new website, writes **JOHN AMKE**.

Addressing stakeholders at the KPA Conference room on Friday, the Chairman Mr. Aboud Rafruf said, Kenya Ports Authority has in all aspects spearheaded effective engagement and consultations with stakeholders in the region.

The urge to ensure the Port of

Mombasa operated within transparent transaction process led to the fully computerisation of the Port.

The Chairman said, the revamping of our website was done with a view of bringing KPA closer not only to the stakeholders but to the world at large.

One is thereby able to interact with the Authority from whichever part of the world

through the Hyper Text Transport Protocol World Wide Web.

The new 50 page comprehensive website takes into account the significance of data availability and accessibility with a view of quick log in and minimal download time to all our site visitors and KPA can now be reached on the website address:

www.kenya-ports.com

In addition, said Mr. Rafruf,

we are working closely with stakeholders to establish a Community Based System (CBS) that will enable different Port users share information on a common platform through the Internet with relative ease and speed.

During the function Chairman Rafruf was accompanied by the Chief Executive Mr. Brown Ondego, Human Resource Controller Mr. Vincent WAKAYANDA and the KPA Project Manager Mr. Willy Mtengo.

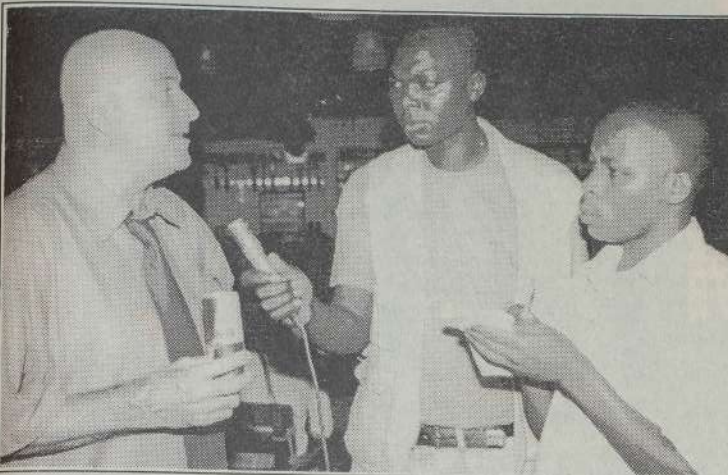
It's Salsa Night In Harry's Bar!



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PUTTING ON THE STYLE - Nyali Beach Hotel waitress Jaciline Pendo (right) and waitress Jacinta Mutheu (left) are seen with "Harry's" Pub barman Austin Muniyika in their full Salsa attire during the well-attended 'Salsa Night' hosted on Friday at "Harry's". The function also featured a 'live' keyboard player and the popular 'StarMix' performance.

RedBull Meets The Press



KENYA BROADCASTING staff reporters Jones Mombinya (centre) and Jason Mutinga (right) interview Energy Dribk REDBULL managing director Harald Schmidberger during a gala RedBull press party hosted at the Mamba International Night Club's popular 'Croco Bar'. Close to one hundred members of the local press corps attended.

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Due to Security precautions arising from the incident of 28th November 2002 involving ARKIA aircraft at the airport, all flights will be closed exactly 30 minutes before departure and no last minute changes will be allowed.

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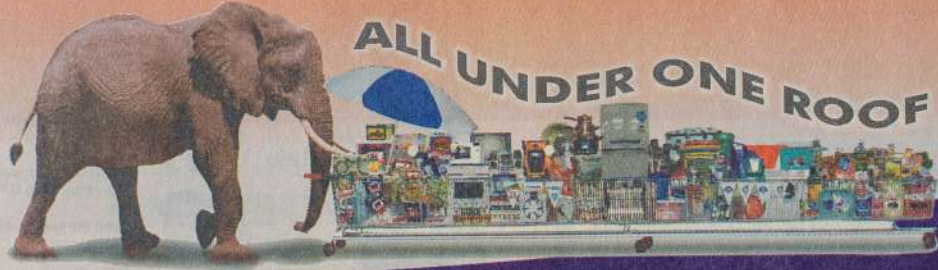
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DStv gives you so much more to celebrate in December



There's no rest for soccer stars in Europe until three days before Christmas. Watch as the race for the English Premier League title heats up the small screen and the stars earn their Christmas bonuses in December when the title race gets down to the crucial New Year turn-around. Gerard Houllier's Liverpool squad, led by the dominating Michael Owen, will be looking to take back the silverware to the trophy cabinets at Anfield but Alex Ferguson's mighty Manchester United will be hunting for another league win alongside Arsene Wenger's always threatening Arsenal.

Games to watch out for are Manchester United vs. Arsenal on Saturday December 7 and Liverpool vs. Arsenal on Sunday December 28.

Plus, tune-in to SuperSport 3 for the finals of the CAF Champions League as Africa's finest contest the biggest prize in continental soccer.

Also on SuperSport this month look out for exhilarating highlights from the incredible sporting year that's past - from Michael Schumacher's 5th championship title and Lennox Lewis' annihilation of Mike Tyson to the dazzling form displayed by Brazilian soccer hero Ronaldo during this year's World Cup! So remember to stand up for the champions!



M-Net's movie magic comes gitt wrapped in merriment this December with an exciting line-up, sparkling with great specials and memorable movies!

Without a doubt the massive highlight for lucky M-Net movie watchers in December is the screening of the hugely popular epic

LORD OF THE RINGS: FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING on December 15. Follow the mesmerizing tale of Frodo Baggins and his loyal companions as he takes on the Dark Lord Sauron in this unforgettable story of honor, courage and faith that mixes fantasy with action, drama with adventure and special effects with skilful acting. And get an inside look at the filming of this extraordinary movie by tuning into the 30-minute Lord Of The Rings special that will be screened just before the movie.

Two other movies not to be missed in December are the comedies *How The Grinch Stole Christmas* (December 22) and the laugh-a-minute blockbuster comedy romance *Shrek* (December 29), which features the voices of Eddie Murphy and Cameron Diaz!

And to keep TV fans entertained throughout the festive season M-Net has secured a number of great specials.

Tune in for **American Bands 50th Anniversary Special** (December 3), *Kylie Minogue - Fever Special* (December 17), *Pavarotti & Friends* (December 25), *Cirque du Soleil (Allegría) Special* (December 28), *The European Film Awards* (December 30), *Party in the Park* (December 31) and *The Royal Variety Performance* (December 31).

CNN Watch out for coverage of all the up-to-the-minute stories from Africa and around the world on all news channels on DStv - Sky NEWS, BBC World and CNN.

The countdown to the festive season begins in earnest on DStv. Whether you are preparing a traditional Christmas dinner or just need inspiration for the holidays, you'll find some truly fantastic festive fare on BBC Food only on DStv.

BBC FOOD Look out for good looking Jamie Oliver's Christmas kitchen secrets in three great festive cooking programs - on Thursday December 19 *The Naked Chef: Christmas Comes Early* at 19:00 and *Christmas Party* at 19:30 and the *Naked Chef: Christmas in New York* on Wednesday December 25 at 19:00.

Look out for other great chefs in action this December - the *Two Fat Ladies*, Keith Floyd, Fanny Craddock, Rose Gray and Gary Rhodes.

Discovery CHANNEL This December, as nativities are the order of the day, look out for the very informative documentary on the National Geographic channel - *The Lost World of the Holy Land*

The Lost World of the Holy Land is an extraordinary exploration of a project dedicated to restoring the environment of the Holy Land by re-introducing "biblical animals" to the area that was once their natural habitat. Meet the dedicated people behind-the-scenes at the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo who are bringing lions, cheelchs, bears and crocodiles back to the Holy Land.

AND as the year draws to a close... for laughs, tune in to...

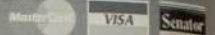
CARTOON NETWORK On New Year's Day Cartoon Network, the home of top loon stars, breaks out its collection of Tom and Jerry MGM theatrical shorts and presents an action packed marathon dedicated to the traditional Tom and Jerry New Year's Day Marathon. Viewers can tune in to find Tom and Jerry: *The Movie* at 16:00.



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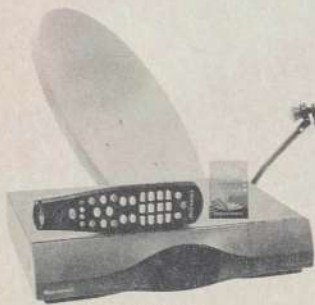
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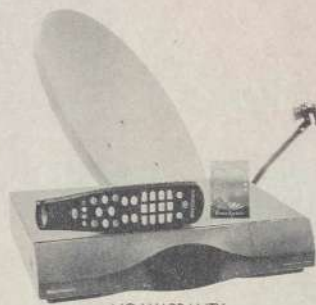
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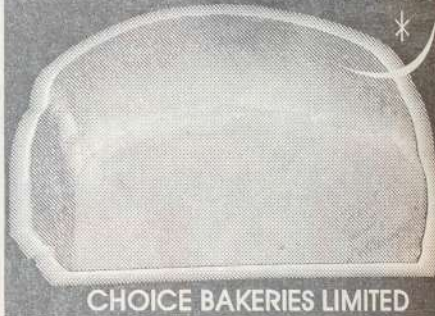


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A Mtwapa angler has enjoyed the kind of fishing experiences that most of us see only on the wide screen of our imaginations.

It was not in Mtwapa waters unfortunately, but Kenneth Adcock went north in the good ship **Tega** with Mark Jury.

In Swahili "Tega" means "catch" or more correctly "trap", and is used upcountry to mean catch fish.

Which is what this boat did, they caught and trapped and regaled their way from Watamu to Kiwayu and back, with the vibrant music of caterwauling reels sweetening their journey.

The loudest call to action was when a black marlin took the lure on a fifty pound rod, and Kenneth leapt to the challenge.

The marlin broke through the waves and split the sea as it sped away, its thick bill a pointer for its intentions.

Kenneth had an hour and a half of using the rod to try and dictate a quite different intention.

So it was bill against rod, sword against pole, resolution against determination, with the rod bent down and the line tight as a bowstring.

Eventually the line came in over the rollers, the bill pointed to the rod and soon the thick-shouldered, scythe-tailed fish was beside the boat, where it was tagged and released.

That was on the way back from Lamu, and on the way up they had a good day catching eight tough tuna of about fifteen kilos each.

Between Lamu and Kiwayu they got glove to bill again, releasing two sailfish, and they got a fine fast wahoo of thirty-

one kilos. The dream went on the next day with six sailfish tagged and released and another boated wahoo and a kingfish.

On the return run of that leg they caught four sailfish, a wahoo, a kingfish and two yellowfin tuna.

Highlight of the last day was the marlin, but on the side they did the muscle-straining lift and wind of bringing up yellowfin from their dives, ten of them, the biggest of thirty-eight kilos.

And just on the periphery of Mtwapa waters, towards Takaungu, another fisherman had the aching muscles to prove that his dream fish was reality indeed.

This was Claudio Borsato who was fishing in his boat **Novita** on Wednesday when he had a long period of heavy labour to do with the bent rod.

He slowly brought up, very slowly from the distant depths, a fish as big any in the wild sea dream, a yellowfin tuna of sixty four kilos, over a hundred and forty pounds.

And another one, a forty-five kilo fish, imagine that, a dream line.

"Oh, yeah, and then I got a small one too, just a ninety-five pounder."

Claudio's first fish was caught on a local lure that the outrigger-canoe fishermen use successfully, a bit like the old-time American cedar plug, made of wood.

Bob Brenneisen of **Bado** whittled up one for himself and roared off to Takaungu to try it on

the giant tuna that have been massed there for weeks eating mantis prawns.

Bob didn't catch any and neither did most other anglers that went there, but the spectacle was worth the visit.

Martin Meissner, fishing with James Adcock on **Samvuke** said it was "so fantastic, just wonderful to see them."

These were fish of fifty to a hundred kilos pressed so tightly together their fins were touching as they churned slowly across the surface in a line that sent a solid white wave in front of them.

They rolled as they opened their mouths and ploughed through the carpet of mantis prawns, their yellow fins flicking up in the air.

And among them on Saturday were six behemoths, full-sized fifteen-meter whale sharks with mouths wide enough to swallow a canoe, sucking in the mantis prawns by the half tonne.

They were charging across each other, passing fin-to-fin, their high dorsal blades waving at they turned.

And one flicked **Samvuke** with its tail, a stay-away slap, and this boat is a Sesse canoe, not much more than a mouthful.

Martin did get one of the yellowfin tuna on his line, which went down and down, the rollers spinning, and the fish stopped and held there for a long time and then went down some more and then was lost.

He caught a kingfish of eight kilos and his first ever torpedo, and saw a whole delight of dolphins too, gracefully curving their shiny backs out of the sea.

On the same day Hafiz

Mangalji's boat **Maverick** caught a barracuda of twelve kilos, a kingfish of eight, a red snapper, two big kawakawa and fifteen torpedoes.

The next day Jim Waterhouse and Keith Armstrong went fishing in James Adcock's **Vuma** and caught a kingfish of twelve and a half kilos, a small trevally, three torpedoes and two bonito.

These two anglers had fished on **Vuma** on Thursday, Keith's first ever day of fishing on the deep sea, and they caught one kingfish of fifteen kilos and two of seven each, with two trevally.

That was the day of the tragic bombing of the 'Paradise Hotel', and they saw the smoke and the fire.

Since it was built, Mtwapa anglers have used the big palm-

thatch roof of the hotel as one of their markers for position at sea, between White House and Red Roof, calling it simply 'New Hotel'.

Now we will all feel differently passing there, we will think of the people, and we will remember.

Back to what seems like a more innocent time, the week before, when Roly and Marina Birch and Steve Riddles were fishing on Howard Lawrence-Brown's **Kipapa**.

Marina and Roly caught wahoo and a kingfish of five kilos, Roly got a trevally and Steve got a wahoo of nine kilos.

And to the future: Mtwapa anglers are hoping the giant yellowfin tuna will move into our waters and start taking lures during the next competition.

This is the **Open Boat and Christmas Hamper** competition on 15 December.

We hope, too, that the giant jellyfish that are plaguing fishing boats in Japanese waters will do the opposite, and stay away.

These jellyfish are as big as armchairs and there are millions of them clogging up the sea, some kind of monstrous awakening of mythical creatures.

Turtles like eating jellyfish and one wonders if there is yet to rise from the deep a turtle so vast it can take one of these haybale-sized jellyfish in one gulp.

If you're fishing in Mtwapa waters and see a swimming island, you'll know what it is.

And don't go floating around looking like a jellyfish.

EYE-GO-FISHING 2002 CHARITY EVENT RAISED A RECORD K. SHS. 230,050/=

The sailfish and the tuna definitely came up for an eyeball this year. Four sailfish were tagged and then released when they saw what was going on and a 40 kilo yellow fin tuna was landed.

Gary Thornton, fishing with his son Shasa and Peter Rodwell from Centa took the first prize. They were captained by the owner Kenneth Rodwell.

A record entry of boats made the annual 'Eye Go Fishing' a very successful event again.

As always the competition was held at the delightful floating **Moonings Bar and Restaurant** at Mtwapa.

It brought in some prize catches and netted Ksh 230,050/= for charity.

The event was attended by many generous people and, as always, a good time was had by all apart from, perhaps, the fish.

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Enthusiastic Young Sailors Experience Wonderful Conditions And Make Use Of Excellent Facilities Available In Mombasa

The final race of the **November Monthly Mug** was sailed in a fresh breeze, Force Three gusting four which kept changing direction.

A lone Topper, Rolls Royce - Harold Otieno set out on the first gun, followed three minutes later by Ishilia, Marylyn Barnes.

These two slipped away up the harbour before the heavies came on the scene.

First to make the break from the third start was Tally-Ho!, Barry Mitchell, Mandy Dane and visitor from Australia, Dennis Steel.

Hard on his heels was DHE Mermaid, Samuel Ndaroo and Edward Omond, being shadowed by Bunkeroo, Omar Mbithi and Steve Ogada.

Kevin Mwandu and Kevin Omond in Mikono Mingi were struggling to hold on to the pace, although DHE Mermaid dropped back as the boys are having trouble tuning this boat to the same level as the Bunkeroo which together with an excellent team is showing the 420s the way.

Bunkeroo sailed into first place, 2nd Tally-Ho!, 3rd Ishilia, 4th Rolls Royce, 5th DHE Mermaid and 6th Mikono Mingi.

This was enough for Tally-Ho!

Barry Mitchell/ Mandy Dane/ Dennis Steel to win the November Monthly Mug

Tied second were Bunkeroo and Ishilia, fourth Stothert and Pitt.

This was the final sail for Smuel Ndaroo for a couple of years until he returns and try as he might he could not get DHE Mermaid going.

Good times Samuel, work hard and play hard.

Over the weekend some 21 children turned up at the Mombasa Yacht Club and after a projected theory session the sight of 16 boats sporting their sponsors' logos was a heart warming sight for any enthusiastic sailor who feels the wonderful conditions for sailing in Mombasa are under utilised.

All these young sailors are working hard to achieve their Stage One sailing certificates and reach whatever level they can in Stage 2.

Sam Wyszock-Wright in Freight Forwarders and Sam Bartlett in PEM Lady Barrister, only recent

starters, are keeping up with the old hands, like Shasha Thornton in The Merry Mariner, Babu Muoki in Coca Cola, Brian Harding in Bamburi Cement, Frances Scott in Wananchi Marine's Trophy Sieger and Amon Kounda in DHE Free Willy.

The day's exercise was to control the boat's speed using the sails.

Joseph Kahindi in Rolls Royce had several attempts as he narrowly avoiding hitting the stern of the rescue boat which would just not motor out of his way.

Arjun Sohndi managed the exercise well, anticipating the time it would take for his boat to slow down.

The two sail boats find this an easier task with Matt Clark and Javed Jiwaji in Mikono Mingi working well together while DHE Mermaid had a bit more of an exciting ride as Kevin Omond in DHE Mermaid has had little practice at this but was no doubt being advised by Jack Coupland.

It was also time to practice the rules of the road with Edmund

Scott in Mean Mercury Machine taking things very seriously, claiming his rights on starboard tack.

The boats were also given the objective to sail the best course between two buoys, taking into consideration the tide, wind direction and wind shadows.

Teddy Ndaroo and Patrick, his first time in a 420, Bunkeroo, needed some guidance to find the direction of the wind as they chose to sail back and forth across the harbour.

It was good to get Khadija Bhurjwalla sailing in her own boat, Stanray II, although with cousin Mutaza now free to come as school has finished for the holidays they put in aid to sail together but Mutaza was persuaded to take the sister boat, Stanray I and they both sailed like stars.

The assessment continues this Saturday, although excellent progress is being made.

The weather changed dramatically on Sunday with a south by south westerly wind blowing, but as this is a very unusual direction the wind was far from steady and the fleet returned from a long race outside the harbour round the channel

markers feeling they had beat everywhere with little opportunity for spinnaker legs.

Only five boats entered the third and fourth **Edward Wilshaw Cup** races as Ramadan and work commitments take their toll.

They were all spinnaker boats, two 420s, two Ospreys and the lone Fireball back from its long trip to Kisumu.

The first race took the boats out to the South Reef and Florida buoys, taking a quick turn around a triangle and sausage shape course once they were there.

Some indecision from Bunkeroo, Omar Mbithi and Steve Ogada meant they allowed Cat's Paw, Marylyn Barnes and Andy Burnard take 1st place while they had to accept 2nd place despite a brilliant sail.

Third was Tally-Ho! Barry Mitchell, Mandy Dane and Dennis Steel, 4th was Meteorite, Kalim Hassanali and Gordon Schofield, teaming up together as there were crew problems, DHE Mermaid Kevin Mwandu and Harold Otieno retired.

The fourth race in the series was started on South Reef buoy and took a sea ward course which included an electrifying reach from Green Serani to Green Inner with the seas knocking crews' feet off the side deck and the spray created by the exciting turn of speed blinded

the helms. The boats tore around the course and then headed back to the harbour where a great race was spoiled by the rain which wiped out the wind which had been up to Force 4/5 and turned it more westerly.

Sadly the course finished sailing along the south shore to Peleleza buoy against an ebb tide and in no wind, leaving an exciting race to turn into a lottery as the boats fought to round Peleleza buoy.

Cat's Paw ahead of the fleet took a middle of the channel course out in the tide but catching all the breeze she could.

The four other boats chose to creep down the lee shore, taking the less tide option which initially paid off until they reached the corner of Peleleza when the waters from Mueza creek sweep out and they took the toll.

DHE Mermaid, trailing as they came into the harbour, having the lightest crew out that day caught up remarkably, overtaking Meteorite and on the heels of Bunkeroo, but then she lost it and while the others all succeeded in passing Peleleza buoy she ended up retiring.

The losers had to be Bunkeroo who were in a good position for the second time that day but had to accept 2nd place to Cat's Paw, first, 3rd Tally-Ho!, 4th Meteorite, retired DHE Mermaid.

The competition is still wide open between Bunkeroo and Cat's Paw with the final two races this Sunday 8th December and with the wind rising it could well be a success story for youth [Bunkeroo] to triumph over experience [Cat's Paw].



OSHWAL ACADEMY JUNIOR SWIM TEAM



It is two new meet records as Oshwal maintains standards.

The Oshwal Academy Junior Swim team participated in the Coast Junior Swimming Championship on 6th October 2002.

They proved their

prowess in the sport by emerging second Position in both boys and girls categories.

Sitting (from left): Bijan Jamal, Aadit Udayan Shet, Tejus Pratis Shah, Rajul Naresh Shah, Khyati Milan Shah, Ria Minar Sanghvi, Imaan Ramani, Lydia David.

Second Row Standing (from left): Nipun Kirti Shah, Amal Piyush Shah, Arpan Rupen Shah, Rahul Patel, Vivek Majithia, Deepali Vijay Shah, Nikhil Rathod, Nikita Sallish Shah, Tulsii Dhiren Shah, Karistma Sanjay Shah, Nelsha Hasham

Third Row Standing (from left): Zaki Mangaji, Harshil Atul Shah, Alqahhar Punjani, Nihit Dhiren Shah, Darsh Satyen Shah, Kushbu Desai, Heenal Vaghela, Devina Mukesh Shah, Shivani Patel

Fourth Row Standing (from left): Deep Mota, Nadeem Kassim, Aadarsh Vipul Shah, Misha Radia, Asma Haji, Natasha Jamal, Shreya Manoj Shah

Fifth Row Standing (from left): Coach William Malalo, Abdiali Mukarram, Zakir Ramani, Miren Mayur Shah, Nihir Rajen Shah, Hatim Abbas, Rajiv Sutaria and Coach Mohamed Gacheru.

Academy's High-Flyers

Ria Sanghvi won the third best Swimmer's award in the six years and under girls' category.

Kushbu Desai won the 3rd best Swimmer's award in the nine years girls' category.

Miren Shah won the third best Swimmers award in the nine years boys' category.

Aadit Shet won the second best swimmers award in the six years and under boys' category.

Harshil Shah won the best Swimmers award in the six years and under boys' category.

Nelsha Hasham eight years won the best Swimmers award and established a new meet record in the 200 meters.

Heenal Vaghela nine years won the best Swimmers award and established a new meet record in the 200 meters.

COAST BRIDGE with C.P. SHAH

ON THE following hand both sides are able to make a slam contract.

Dealer: WEST EAST-WEST 'Vulnerable' **BIDDING**

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|-----------|-------|------------|-------------|
| PASS | PASS | FIVE CLUBS | FIVE HEARTS |
| SIX CLUBS | PASS | PASS | SIX HEARTS |
| PASS | PASS | | |

Six clubs would have made easily, just losing the Ace of Spades. Six Hearts would have failed on a Spade lead, but West led the

Queen of Clubs.

Declarer ruffed, cashed the Ace of Trumps (East discarding), crossed to Dummy's Knave, then led the Knave of Diamonds.

East covering with his singleton Queen and declarer's King lost to West's Ace and the

NORTH

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| ♠ | 10 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| ♥ | J | 3 | | | |
| ♦ | J | 9 | 8 | 6 | 5 |
| ♣ | J | | | | |

WEST

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| ♠ | Q | 8 | 7 | 4 |
| ♥ | 8 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| ♦ | A | 7 | 2 | |
| ♣ | Q | 9 | | |

EAST

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| ♠ | K | 9 | | | | | |
| ♥ | | | | | | | |
| ♦ | Q | | | | | | |
| ♣ | A | K | 10 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |

Diamonds were established.

After winning West's belated Spade play with the Ace, Declarer drew West's remaining Trumps and cashed Diamond winners, discarding his Knave of Spades on Dummy's fifth Diamond.

SOUTH

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| ♠ | A | J | | | | |
| ♥ | A | K | Q | 10 | 9 | 7 |
| ♦ | K | 10 | 4 | 3 | | |
| ♣ | | | | | | |

BRIDGE RESULTS

Results of weekly sessions played on December 02, 2002 at United Sports Club.

1. Nitin Malde/ Ketan S. Shah - 130, 2/3. Rohit Shah/ Panu Salva - 115, 2/3. Kaushika and Ashok Dodiha - 115, 4. Judy/ Patricia - 113, 5/6. Mr. and Mrs. Narendra Shah - 105, 5/6. Harish Rawal/ H. P. Shah - 105, 7. Mr. and Mrs. Mahendra Shah - 103, 8/9. Rannik Shah/ Amu Shah - 101, 9/5. Rasik and Manju Shah - 101, 10. Anusya Shah/ Jyotsna Salva - 92.

Bridge sessions are held every Monday at United Sports Club, evening at 7.30 p.m. and is open to all.

RESULTS of the monthly Bridge Tournament played at Mombasa Sports Club on Wednesday 27th November, 2002.

Harkhubhai and Janakbhai 146 (points); K. P. Shah and C. P. Shah 141; A. D. Shah and C. D. Shah 140; Hanial and Dr. Rawal 131; Nitin and Ketan S. Shah 130; Rohit and Rohit 125; Dr. K. Vora and L. P. Gudka 123; D. Trivedi and P. Savia 115; P. Gandhi and T. Pujara 115; Mr. & Mrs. M. K. Shah 109; Amit and Ketan R. 100; Mr. & Mrs. Kirti R. Shah 97; Anusya & Judy 88.

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Harambee Stars Fail To Impress

TANZANIAN 'TAIFA' PROVE TO STRONG

HARAMBEE STARS, the Kenya national soccer team made a poor start in the on-going East and Central African Senior Challenge Cup when they suffered a 0-1 defeat at the hands of hosts Taifa Stars of Tanzania prior to being held to a one-all draw by Burundi.

Soccer Scene with **Abdurehman Shami**



Harambee Stars who recently clinched the Castle Cup during the tournament also held in Tanzania, failed to impress in Mwanza, Tanzania and deserved to lose against the Tanzanians.

TURN TO PAGE TWO

Top Teams Confirm In Mikindani League

The Third Edition of the Annual Reproductive Health Care Soccer Bonanza kicks off in earnest on Sunday in Mikindani, writes **SUMBA BWARE**.

Defending champions Jua Kali open their title defense against debutants Birikani Sportiff at the inferno of Kwa Mwanza football ground kick off 4.00 pm.

The knock out tournament has attracted eight clubs from Mikindani namely, Jua Kali, Birikani Sportiff, Cambodia 501, Flat Rangers, Gana Hola Stars, Kwa Shee Brothers, Lit Samba and Micky Boys.

The tournament aims to sensitize footballers on the dangers of the AIDS scourge which claims more than 700 Kenyans daily.

Premier mobile phone service provider **Safaricom** and the Automobile dealers **General Motors** are the main sponsors.

CAPTAIN'S PRIZE



GABRIEL GAKUO (left) winner of the 2002 Captain's Prize at the Mombasa Golf Club is seen receiving his trophy and 'Captains Putter' from golf captain **Wanyonyi Chebukati**. Looking on (centre) is lady golf captain **Mrs Mary Chubkati**. PHOTO: GILBERT ONCHOKE

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MOMBASA, December 06 - 12, 2002

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SATURDAY High Water - 3.62 m. at 05.48 hrs. (5.48 a.m.) and 2.92 m. at 18.20 hrs. (6.20 p.m.). Low Water - 0.21 m at 12.06 hrs. (12.06 p.m.).

SUNDAY High Water - 3.39 m. at 06.27 hrs. (6.27 a.m.) and 2.78 m. at 19.01 hrs. (7.01 p.m.). Low Water - 0.54 m at 00.05 hrs. (12.05 a.m.) and 0.41 m at 12.47 hrs. (12.47 p.m.).

MONDAY High Water - 3.11 m. at 07.08 hrs. (7.08 a.m.) and 2.63 m. at 19.46 hrs. (7.46 p.m.). Low Water - 0.75 m at 00.49 hrs. (12.49 a.m.) and 0.63 m at 13.31 hrs. (1.31 p.m.).

TUESDAY High Water - 2.82 m at 07.52 hrs. (7.52 a.m.) and 2.49 m. at 20.41 hrs. (8.41 p.m.). Low Water - 0.99 m at 01.36 hrs. (1.36 a.m.) and 0.85 m at 14.19 hrs. (2.19 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY High Water - 2.54 m at 08.44 hrs. (8.44 a.m.) and 2.41 m. at 21.54 hrs. (9.54 p.m.). Low Water - 1.23 m at 02.33 hrs. (2.33 a.m.) and 1.04 m at 15.15 hrs. (3.15 p.m.).

THURSDAY High Water - 2.33 m at 09.57 hrs. (9.57 a.m.) and 2.45 m at 23.19 hrs. (11.19 p.m.). Low Water - 1.40 m at 03.50 hrs. (3.50 a.m.) and 1.17 m at 16.22 hrs. (4.22 p.m.).

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