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Christmas Party In Paradise For Wema Children

THEY SANG all the 60 kms. back to Wema Centre, Bamburi, to express happiness following a day-long Christmas Party at Chale Island Paradise on Kenya's south coast, writes **NETA PEAL**.

Joining them not only in the singing but in the fun and games that day was the vivacious Miss Tourism Coast, Evelyne Awuor Okello.

It was hosted by Romantic Hotels for 28 residents of Wema Centre which sent their big Chale Island coach along to take them there.

Their age-range was between 10 - 17 years and giving professional assistance to Patrick Njenga (Animator) and Beatrice Muiruri, Marketing Assistant, in organising Beach Olympics and swimming events was Taby Nzilani with many years experience in Animation Teams at leading hotels at the coast including The Voyager, Indian Ocean Beach Club and Club Sun 'n' Sand.

She is now a freelance party organiser for whatever age group of children or adults, including Wedding Showers.

At Chale Island a plump and masked Father Christmas appeared on

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 every bargain
 is on offer!

MOMBASA MAN EXCELS IN ABE EXAMS



Naeem Yusuf Yakub (centre) receives a certificate from the British High Commissioner to Kenya Mr. Edward Clay (left) for gaining the highest mark at Grade A worldwide in Introduction to Accounting for his ABE Certificate in Business Administration during the May/June exams. Looking on is Mr S.K.Gupta ABE's representative in East Africa.

Naeem Yusuf Yakub has gained the highest mark at Grade A worldwide in Introduction to Accounting for his ABE Certificate in Business Administration during the May/June exams.

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Mr. Yakub, a Mombasa resident sat the examinations as a private candidate.

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Big Turn Out For New Look

Muslim Association

IDD BANQUET PROVES HUGE SUCCESS

The Idd Banquet recently organized by the Muslim Association of Mombasa began with an estimated gathering of 100 people, but as the function started there were over 250 people who were barely contained by the banquet hall at **Travellers Beach Hotel**, Mombasa.

This well attended function soon became a gathering of 'humongous' proportions and guests exchanging Idd greetings with each other and spreading love and good will amongst the attendees.

Mr. **Shaahid Sheikh**, the Master of Ceremony had a very well organized programme for the evening and called for recitation of the Holy Quran to begin the function.

It was followed by the address by the Vice Chairman, Mr. **Ramzan Alan**.



SADIQ GHALIA

In his address in Urdu, Mr.



SHAAHID SHEIKH

Ramzan Alan displayed a deep command and understanding of the language and expounded upon the aims and objectives of the Muslim Association of Mombasa a great length.

He further acknowledged the contributions made by the Immediate Past Chairman, Late

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MOMBASA WOMENS' ASSOCIATION PROVIDE CHILDRENS HOME TREAT



MEMBERS of Mombasa Women's Association organized an annual Christmas treat for the children from Mombasa Children's Home. After the sumptuous lunch at the association hall, all the children were given the gifts of Towels. Mrs. Suman Kanji is seen handing over the gifts to the Captain of the Home while Mrs. Lall - Hon. Secretary; Mrs. K. Manghnani and Mrs. Jyotsnal Patel look on.

Big Turn Out For The Muslim Association

FROM FRONT PAGE

Ikram Hassan and openly recognized, selfless service and concerted efforts made in

promoting growth of the association.

Mr. Ramzan Alan emphasized the need for harmony, cooperation and sincere dedication to the objectives of the association so that the Muslim Association of Mombasa grows and provides a future forum for the generations of Muslims to come.

Shaahid Sheikh introduced His Excellency, Sidiq Ghalia, Honorary Consul for the Federal Republic of Germany.

Mr. Ghalia expressed his great appreciation to the association for the work done by the Muslim Association of Mombasa and encouraged its executive membership to proceed with even greater conviction and zest aimed at bringing upon a positive change in cultural and social attitude of the Coastal Muslims.

The banquet included a diversified menu that appealed to all the people attending.

This banquet was accompanied with live musical entertainment.

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"Stop moaning, Agnes. The doctor said you can do a little light house work, didn't he?"



"How about a little drink, to break the ice?"



"It often floods around here."

NEW WHEEL CHAIRS MAKE A WONDERFUL GIFT



THE INNER Wheel Club of Mombasa recently gave a wheel chair to Mr. Hussein Ebrahim who has been paralyzed after surgery. The chair was much appreciated and handed over to Issa Khediwalla on behalf of Mr. Hussein. Mrs. Khairun Karimbhai (right) Chairperson of the Inner Wheel Club of Mombasa is seen presenting the chair to Mr. Issa Khediwalla. Looking on (left) are Inner Wheel members Kaushali Manghnani (standing) and Ferial Lowe (seated).



A WHEELCHAIR has been presented to Mrs. Agnes Ndago whose right leg was amputated at the Coast General Hospital. The presentation was by the members of Mombasa Women's Association. Members present (from left) included Mrs. Jyotsna Patel, Mrs. Sunita Gupta, Mrs. Ravinder K. Lal, Mrs. Kaushliya Manghnani, Mrs. Suman Kanji - the Chairlady and Mrs. Lalita Shah.

Bahari Cove Restaurant Launch New Menu At Indian Ocean Beach Club

Indian Ocean Beach Club has launched a superb new menu for its Bahari Cove Restaurant offering a wide range of succulent fresh food to both resident and non-resident gastronomes writes Andrew Kilonzi.

The hotel Executive Chef Alphasy Anyange expressed optimism that the menu will be popular with the guests during the festival season.

A scan through the new menu which includes something for everyone with a choice reveals:

- Parma ham rose and chilled sweet melon,
- tartar of smoked sailfish and Indian Ocean prawns,
- avocado fan seafood "Carousel",
- Mozarella "Caprese", chicken and lobster spring roll,
- crumble king prawns

"Yakitori", Kenya spring vegetables tempura and native oyster "Napoleon" as new appetizers, the later being batter fried with mushroom and bacon in champagne sauce glazed with parmesan cheese.

The variety of soups are wonderful, lobster bisque "Captain Cook", old fashioned baked French onion soup Bahari cove baked tomato soup.

The Indian Ocean seafish bouillabaisse scented with Spanish saffron covered by a flaky net is fast gained popularity among the patrons since the launch.

A compliment homemade sorbets from the chef is a must try to all.

The new set of beautifully presented Bahari Cove house specialties too have equally befitting names:

- Supreme of chicken "Admiral",
 - highland tournado of beef "King Henry",
 - Chinese vegetable "sizzle",
- Guests can as well try surf-turf which comes in form of delicate lobster and supreme chicken cooked in mushroom, garlic and onion flavoured with scotch whiskey with dash of coconut sauce.

The new menu also features a new set of mouth watering traditional grills namely prime beef fillet, pork chop "Normande" and spring chicken "Teriyaki" compliment with tangy lime and peanut sauce.

The new menu offers a wide variety to choose from when it comes to fresh fish and shellfish.

Jumbo prawns 'Madras', grilled reef rock lobster, deep-fried Malindi crab claw, the traditional lobster thermidor and the Indian Ocean fisherman's catch of the day which comes in form of finest coral fish cooked to perfection.

One can as well try popiette of red snapper 'Matoke' which is coral reef fish fillet baked in a banana leaves parcel on a bed of onion and mushroom topped with ginger sauce.

The main course is served

with chef's choice of market vegetables, potato of the day or rice. The menu brings in new set of desserts with equally befitting names:

Trio of ice-cream in a tulip basket, strawberry tartlettes Al' anglaise and homemade cheese cake.

Alternatively try tropical fruit suprice which comes in form of tropical fruits flambee with grand marnier and lime juice served in a pineapple cup. For the beverages there is a variety to choose from: Kenya tea, herbal tea, Masala tea, Irish coffee, drinking chocolate and the list goes on.

"We have thoroughly drilled our kitchen staff on presentation of these new dishes", the Executive chef told patrons during the launch.

HOTPOINT APPLIANCES - 'WIN N WIN' WINNERS



'Lucky winner in the on going LG Win n Win Promotion 2002'. Mr. Joseph Mwangi, a Customer at Nakumatt Mega Nairobi, is seen receiving his LG Microwave prize from Mr. Joseph Nduati, assistant branch manager Nakumatt Mega. Looking on are Mr. Satbinder Bhogal, Marketing Manager Hotpoint Appliances Ltd, Mr. Moses Nditika Branch manager, Mr. Kamanda Rondid Sales section incharge.'

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Yes, you guessed right, Harry Potter's second year at the world renowned school of magic has been created on celluloid for the enjoyment of young and old alike at the **NYALI CINEMAX** this week.

After the stupendous success of the first movie, which caused a worldwide movement from the western shores the U.S. of A. right across to the Tokyo, where Potter speaks perfect Japanese (thanks to dubbing experts), this second film **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets**, had to notch a mark higher.

That has been aptly achieved by Director Chris Columbus (now where did I hear that name before?) and one leaves the theatre visually and mentally satiated.

After a long, hot summer with his overbearing aunt and uncle, Harry Potter (once more enacted by Daniel Radcliffe) is more than looking forward to starting the semester at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

He has however been puzzled by the lack of contact from his best friends Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger who have not bothered to reply any of his letters to them.

Then one night, house-elf Dobby makes an appearance and gives him dire warnings about returning to the School.

LONDON DRAGON

Apparently Dobby is so keen on stopping Harry that he has deliberately hidden all of Ron and Hermione's replies.

This makes Harry wonder, but before long, Ron and his brothers whisk him away in their flying car.

Things begin to look a bit serious when Harry and Ron cannot board the train back to school, and so they have to make their own way there in their flying car of course.

But a freak accident with the Hogwarts' enchanted Whomping Willow tree almost has them expelled.

The trio now know that they are up against something pretty formidable and decide to form a game plan.

The other brand new release at **NYALI CINEMAX** is the medieval type fiction tale **Reign of Fire**.

The film stars Christian Bale, who as a 12-year-old accidentally wakes up a sleeping dragon in London.

After 20 years, this extremely intelligent fire breather and it's children have basically burnt out and taken over most of the world and are keen to have it for themselves only.

The plan is to obliterate all these little pesky humans who keep wanting to have trees and plants which keep coming in the way of the dragons.

Bale is now fire superintendent Quin whose job it is to keep off the dragons from the small community that is barely surviving.

Matthew McConaughey is American cowboy Van Zan who wants to impress the English with his expertise.

Zan thinks he has the way to kill the dragons and save mankind - except he has never actually done it before.

Other stars are Izabella Scorupco, Gerard Butler and Alexander Siddig.

All-Indian relationships come under close scrutiny in **Rishtey** starring Anil Kapoor, Karishma Kapoor and Shilpa Shetty at the **NYALI CINEMAX**.

The fast paced action packed **XXX** will be screened for yet another show on Tuesday evening.

The film stars Vin Diesel, Samuel L. Jackson, Marton Csokas and Asia Argento.

This film is definitely a must for those who love high flying and daring stunts that will have you catching your breath ever so often.

Meanwhile, **KENYA CINEMA** is screening Salman Khan's sibling Sohail Khan's debut film **Maine Dil Tujko Diya** this week on Friday and Sunday.



The film caused quite a craze when released and was an instant hit.

Also making her debut in the film is starlet Sameera, while Sunjay Dutt has a small but strong and very central role in it. Jimmy Shergill, r. Madhavan, Namrata Shrodkar, Sanjay Suri, Sonali Kulkharini, Hrishitaa Bhatt, Rakesh Bapat and Bhavna Pani will carry on their love games in **Dil Vil Pyaar Vyaar** on Friday, Saturday and Monday.

This movie is a fitting ode to maestro R. D. Burman whose melodies still continue to draw fans.

The film of the year was definitely **Devdas** and it will be screened on Saturday and Sunday at **KENYA CINEMA**.

This Sanjay Leela Bhansali direction had all the ingredients for a mega hit and starred the explosive trio of Shah Rukh Khan, Madhuri Dixit and Aishwarya Rai in the lead.

Action packed **Annarth** will be shown on Sunday only and stars Sunil Shetty, Sunjay Dutt and Prity Jhangiani.

Raaz (not for the under sixteens) with Dino Morrea and Bipasha Basu makes a comeback on Monday.

On Tuesday at the **KENYA CINEMA** is **The Sweetest Thing** starring Cameron Diaz, Christina Applegate, Thomas Jane, Selma Blair, Jason Bateman and is unsuitable for children under 16.

Diaz plays Christina a young woman who could not give a hoot about traditional values or relationships. To her life is here and now, to be lived to the

maximum. Her dates are far and varied for she is not looking for the right guy, but the guy who can give her the most fun right now, tomorrow will take care of itself.

One night she meets a handsome honcho Peter (Thomas Jane) and all her ideas and values on life literally fly out of the window.

Peter manages to make her look inside her and try and find what she is really searching for in that one night.

Before she can get any replies, he has run off to a wedding.

Breaking her own rules, Christina teams up with her best friend Courtney (Christina Applegate) on a road trip to find Peter. Of course the journey is not bereft of it's wild and snazzy adventures (misadventures more likely) but they finally reach their destination.

Here they find out the meaning of true love and destiny.

GEMINI KILIFI

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
 Fair-weather friends blow away when they decide that you're no fun. At last the field is open and the coast is clear.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 21)
 You appreciate an honest effort. Anyone willing to play will get a fair shot. Even though you're elated on maintaining the established order, a broken record would lift your spirits.

Aquarius (Jan. 22 - Feb. 21)
 This is turning into a different weekend from the one you thought it would be. A temporary arrangement is really for the best.

Pisces (Feb. 22 - Mar. 21)
 Accept the full delivery now, and sift through it later for what you want. More is better for researchers and collectors.

Aries (Mar. 22 - April 21)
 When all else fails, be strong if you surrender to anger, you could lose your perspective as well. Oppressive times, as long as they might take to pass, are only temporary.

Taurus (April 22 - May 21)
 Stand up and testify. The evidence is in, and the show must go on. A big, positive response suggests that you're closer than ever to the truth.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)
 Try not to dominate those who are close to you. Explain the rules before assuming that they're universally known. Many will be on your side once they understand your point of view.

Cancer (June 22 - July 21)
 A long-desired event takes you by surprise. It's hard to blame others for smiling at your state of amazement.

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)
 Think about health in broad terms. A partner suggests that you take a subordinate position instead of establishing your usual dominance.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)
 Introduce a new side of yourself to someone who already knows you. Discuss important issues during harmonious times instead of waiting for a crisis.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 21)
 Your light flickers in a strong wind. You feel uncomfortable around powerful people. Obvious depression could turn you into an easy victim.

Scorpio (Oct. 22 - Nov. 21)
 Your practical mind lets you be endlessly patient. Whether you're teaching a slow learner or conducting a stubborn experiment, time is just another tool.

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Christmas Party In Paradise For Wema Children

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(obviously not one of those eligible for traditional 'chimney' deliveries!) with sacks of toys and very elegant party hats. His well padded ensemble and mask curtailed an overlong exposure to the burning sun 'Papa Xmas' was no other than Barnabas Said, Boat Captain.

NATURE RESERVE

A big surprise on arrival there was to see these children not rushing to the beach but filling its Swahili plump cushioned beds elegantly draped with mosquito nets on the terrace and reception areas. They enhance the romantic ambience of this exclusive tropical island camp set in a 223,000 sq.metre Nature Reserve with gleaming white sand beach. They left smuggling on these cushioned beds only when they heard the African Sound group from Ukunda strike up with traditional music and dancing to entertain them. Before the performance ended they were invited to join in. All did including Miss Tourism Coast and in a Conga line they danced around the beach.

Accompanying them was Pastor/ Teacher, Luther Mukanbanne. Wema Centre opened in a house at Likoni in 1988 and was initially to give a home and loving care to children found living and begging on the streets of Mombasa. It was after personally speaking to them that Lucy Yinda, horrified by it all, took positive action in providing them with what they needed most - a home. Together with others similarly motivated by their plight the Wema Centre was established and with it came the never ending task of finding the necessary support to keep it going. Somehow or other, and with a lot of hard work by its supporters, they managed and in 1993 moved to a larger home in Bamburi. They now have 83 residing there who also include orphans, abandoned youngsters and some from destitute homes. The Centre has four trained teachers, which it pays, and also gives lunch to those who attend. It is a blessing in disguise for both parents and children in this poverty stricken area. The Centre strives to become self-supporting as much as possible and keeps poultry and



Joe Brunlehner, Managing Director Romantic Hotels (left standing centre) is serenaded by children from Mombasa's Wema Centre for giving them a day's outing at Chale Island Paradise on the south coast. Next to Joe is Alex Hackendahl, a Management Trainee. Front left is Frank Neugebauer, Director of Operations and Marketing and next to him Miss Tourism Coast, Evelyn Awuor Okello.

cows to provide food and milk for the children. They have a small shamba where vegetables are grown, make Neem Tree soap and sell, CDs of Songs by their choirs. They have excellent voices and this was confirmed by the variety of songs rendered on their way home. Their CDs will make excellent

Christmas presents and by buying them you are giving badly needed support to Wema Centre. The Centre has a tailoring training unit, while outside catering and hairdressing classes are organised for career training.

Before leaving Chale Island they met Joe Brunlehner, Managing Director, Romantic Hotels, who had made a special trip to see and wish them a Happy Christmas. In thanking Joe, on behalf of the children and staff of Wema

Centre, the Pastor added 'God Bless you'.

He also thanked Frank Neugebauer, Director of Operations and Marketing and all who had made the Xmas Party such an enjoyable one.

ROMANTIC HOTELS

In an interview that day Joe Brunlehner said Romantic Hotels are always on the move and our Island Hopping programme in the future will include a luxury camp at Kiwayu for thirty people. It will partly open next summer and open fully by the end of next year. Island Hopping will then include Romantic Hotels properties at Chale Island, Lamu and Kiwayu. Mr. Brunlehner also revealed that they plan to renovate and reopen the Carnival (by Nyali Bridge) next year. With fantastic views over Tudor Creek it was a very popular rendezvous to drink and dine. With a decline in tourism and the economy generally it had to close but left many people with very fond memories and the hope it will open again.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dadlani are presently living in the up-market Tamarind Village next to the famous Tamarind Restaurant and run a company called African International Business Facilities which cover high quality service offices in Seaview Plaza, Mombasa Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Nari Dadlani on a romantic Dinner Cruise

Twenty Four Years' Ago

COASTWEEK, December 8-14, 1978:

"New Nyali Bridge Ready by 1980" was the front page report which detailed how Japanese contractors, Sumitomo Company, were on schedule to complete the (then) K. Shs. 168 million foreign aid project by February, 1980.

Coast Television personalities Aisha Mohamed, Eleanor Kipoto, Maryan Ali, Zenani Ali, Kiara Wakesho, Mary Wanjiru, Caroline Festus and Dorcas Musya were featured in a long article by Faraj Dumila who suggested the time was ripe for 'Swahili Films Made In Kenya'.

Esmond Bradley and Chryssie Perry Martin announced publication of their (now classic) new book 'Cargoes of the East: The Ports, Trade and Culture of the Arabian Seas and Western Indian Ocean'.

Office Equipment Company was diversifying its operation into the computer market reported Mwangi Kamau, who noted that the first of its kind was an Olivetti Audit 6 machine recently installed at the African Marine and General (AMGECO) Mombasa.

Traditional Giriama beers were being offered by proprietor David Herd as an attraction to visitors at 'Robinson Island', North of Malindi, reported Neta Peal.

Ellerman Lines' 17-year-old freighter 'City of Dundee' changed hands in Mombasa as a nostalgic crew passed her onto new Greek owners, reported John Walters.

KENYA Cinema was showing a special holiday attraction of Shashi Kapoor in 'Mukti' (freedom), NAAZ a documentary 'Abba- The Movie', REGAL Hong Kong Kung-Fu epic 'The Dragon Missile' and at CHOX it was Sunil Dutt in 'Pran Jaye Per Vachan Na Jaye' (better death than dishonour).

Letter writers included Salim Bakarai Hassan, Paul Mwadime, Salim Said El-Mashjery, Makupe wa Tokali, Mohamed Abdalla and Mombasa Road Safety Society secretary Abid Rajabali.

For it's 'Christmas Sale' Bintex was offering a new imported 'Chopper' bicycle for K. Shs 899/=, while a 'Classified Section' special offer was for a new, seven-foot, adjustable, wooden swimming pool chair at K. Shs. 287/=.

'Facelift' For Changamwe

Time has come for change in Changamwe especially when new comers like Kibwana running for the seat.

A Medic Consultant, Kibwana is a young man with vision and given a chance will give Changamwe a turnaround in all areas of development.

His leadership qualities can be traced from his school days, for example if you were at Shimo-la-Tewa Secondary School between 1973-1978 you will agree with me that not did Kibwana excel in academics but was also a regular starter in Shimo soccer squad which had rough times against the then unstoppable Khamis Secondary which had the likes of former International Mahmood Abbas.

His ongoing contribution in Medical fraternity is also well known in Coast Province.

Changamwe needs a change. **Mohamed Athman**, Mombasa. athmohd@hotmail.com

Mohamed Daud Will Do Us Proud

Reference to Mr. Hussein Abass letter from Dubai, I fully recommend that Mohammed Daud to be nominated as a councillor as my previous letter he deserve to be nominated a Member of parliament.

There should be a full support not only for Mombasa resident to be able to benefit but am sure Daud will be a great asset to the entire country- Kenya.

As I know Daud, he is well educated and very well disciplined person with a little experience in politics, however he is better than majority of our seating councillors and parliamentarian but he can be leveling for a Mayor or Prime Minister position through his influence with foreign diplomats.

If he decide to stand for a seat of any kind as a councillor or parliament we should all stand united to vote for this man, for the benefit of all us.

Said Hadi Daakik, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. daakik@atheer.net.sa

We Need Good Men Like Yusuf Haji And Abu Chiaba

I would like to take this moment to congratulate both Mr. M. Yusuf Haji and Mr. Abu Chiaba for their KANU nominations for Ijara and Lamu seats respectively.

I would also like to plead to those who had lost in the preliminaries, to join hands with those who have been 'elected' to contest the various seats in the country during the up-coming

national elections.

It is imperative to understand that as one of the pillars of democracy, the voters choices must be respected so as to maintain credibility of the etho's enshrined under the United Nations and also the Kenyan Constitution.

Let us all bury our differences, and join hands to look for positive alternatives which has confronted our nation and people.

Rhetorics and violence can not create solutions, rather they would create an opportunity to bring chaos and sufferings which our country does not need to under-go at this period of transition.

Let us bear in mind that an injury to one, is an injury to all. Thanks and May Almighty Allah bless our country.

Abdalla Shariff Alwi, Toronto, Canada. ABAFAGA191@rogers.com

IDD UL FITR COVERAGE

Thanks for the great coverage on Idd-ul-Fitr Day, your paper of Friday Idd day had a lot of interesting items on Idd Day, Idd day prayer timings, and a fabulous article on the end of Ramadhan and Idd in general.

Keep up the good work, and keep us happy Coastweek.

Hassan Jabry, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. HJABRY@naseej.com.sa

Business Continues As Normal For Tour Trade

STATEMENT FROM THE KENYA TOURISM FEDERATION AFTER THE MOMBASA TERRORIST ATTACK

Following the appalling atrocity in Mombasa when an international terrorist organisation from outside Kenya targeted Israeli interests and killed nine Kenyans and three Israeli citizens, the situation is as follows:

- Business continues as normal with all airports and hotels operating as usual.

CNN has featured interviews with overseas tourists on holiday in various beach hotels near Mombasa, all of whom painted a very positive picture.

Our tourist visitors have continued with their vacations here and have not wished to return home.

We have received an overwhelming number of messages of support from many leading international tour operators in our source markets and it appears that the level of cancellations has been far lower than might have been expected.

- The government has indicated that extra attention is being given to security issues, particularly at airports and tourist resorts to do everything possible to ensure that the safety of our visitors remains a high priority.

Our KTF Safety and Communication Centre continues to monitor all aspects relating to the security of our tourist visitors on a 24 hour basis.

KWS continues to maintain an effective presence in the parks to see that our tourists' safety is well looked after.

- Since the Mombasa atrocity, regular meetings are being held between the senior Government officers, Kenya Tourist Board and KTF on behalf of the private sector tourism stakeholders to ensure that everything possible is being done to ensure that Kenya remains an attractive holiday destination for our overseas visitors.

To emphasise this message and to demonstrate that Kenya is operating as normal there will be increased marketing campaigns undertaken in our key overseas source markets in the next few weeks.

- Kenya is part of the international community and it is a sad fact that in this modern day and age there is an increased threat of random terrorist attacks in most parts of the free world.

The British High Commission in Nairobi has informed us that they received a specific threat relating to their building and therefore deemed it prudent to vacate their offices while this threat was being investigated.

The offices would have been closed anyway over the public holiday and week-end and they re-opened as usual on Monday.

However in the meantime they have recommended that British visitors avoid the immediate vicinity of the High Commission which is located at some distance from the nearest tourist hotel.

The British High Commission has informed us that they do not consider this threat to their building to be a general threat to British interests in Kenya and that British companies and other organisations in Kenya should operate as normal but naturally should exercise caution as in other countries worldwide.

The British travel advisory relating to Kenya remains unchanged and the British High Commission indicated that at the present time there is no reason to alter it so British visitors may continue with their holidays to Kenya as normal.

It is worth noting that the British travel advisory on Kenya warns that UK nationals anywhere in the world should be aware of the risk of indiscriminate attacks on civilian targets in public places, including tourist sites worldwide, so this is not a threat that is specific to Kenya.

Jake Grieves-Cook, Chairman, Kenya Tourism Federation safetour@wananchi.com

It Is Our Hope That Strike By Terrorists In Msumarini Will Be The Last In Kenya

Environment Trust of Kenya is a Non-Governmental Organisation and one of its objectives is to promote and encourage Eco-Tourism to achieve environmentally sustainable tourism.

We take this early opportunity to send our sincere condolences to the families and friends of all those who lost lives at Mombasa Paradise Hotel, Kikambala through heinous terrorist attack last week.

We also wish those who were injured during the attack speedy recovery.

We condemn the attack in strongest terms possible.

Human life is very important. No body should take away human life for whatever reason.

This kind of terrorist attack accelerates deterioration of the environment, the web of life, through release of radio activities, toxic chemicals or impounded waters into the environment.

War degrades the environment in many ways.

The 10 or so graves of terrorist attack victims have taken up some hitherto productive land in Msumarini.

A vicious circle will definitely ensue.

Life in Msumarini, Kikambala, a somber and almost intact environment, the home of Mombasa Paradise Hotel will never be the same again.

With the senseless destruction

of Mombasa Paradise Hotel by terrorists, scourge of poverty has automatically crepted Msumarini and, will indeed, in time deepen causing greater pressure to be put on the environment.

The innocent Kenyans of Msumarini and indeed Kenya as a country, did not deserve the punishment and it is our hope that the strike by the terrorists in Msumarini will be the last in Kenya, and possibly the whole world.

The world deserves total peace.

Z. K. Nderu, Chairman Environment Trust of Kenya. nderu@connect.co.ke

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SAFARIS CONSIDERED 'GOOD VALUE FOR MONEY'

Kenyan Attractions Impress South African Travel Agents

THE ONLY negative aspect about the whole trip to Kenya is that we have not been here long enough!

So declared nine travel agents from South Africa on a six-day 'Educational' visit here hosted by Thompsons Tours with HQ in Johannesburg, South Africa.

It was their first visit to Kenya led by **Craig Parvess**, Thompson's Relationship Manager (Outbound) and **Annie Ngotshane**, Sales Consultant (African Department). They departed describing everything as 'fantastic' and vowing to promote Kenya in a big way back in S.Africa.

Accompanying them was **Lynette Naiker**, Kenya Airways Sales and Marketing, Durban, who revealed that KA is now operating seven 'Daylight' and two 'Night' flights a week into South Africa.

Kenya is becoming increasingly popular as a venue for conference and incentive groups. While South Africa has beaches and game parks they felt that one of the biggest assets that Kenya

has to offer is her people

'They are fantastic, very friendly, well spoken and with great personalities'

Their trip included a diversity of tourist attractions.

They went snorkelling in Kenya's most beautiful marine park - Kisite Mpunguti - at Shimoni, enjoying afterwards a fantastic lunch 'of the biggest crabs we have ever seen' on Wasini Island.

They dined and danced at **Pirates**, specialising in Mid-Eastern cuisine, went on a City tour which included the nearly five hundred year old Fort Jesus built by the Portuguese invaders, dined on Mombasa's famous **Tamarind Dhow** and spent one night at **Satao Camp** in Tsavo East National Park, seeing hundreds of elephant, plus two sightings of Lion with cubs.

Two nights were spent at **Leopard Beach Hotel** on the South Coast and two nights at **Whitesands** on the north coast.

Special Report by NETA PEAL

On their arrival at Whitesands, Bamburi, a Welcome Dinner was hosted by the General Manager, **Deneys Swart**, where sitting on comfortable well-cushioned Funzi Beds just a few yards from the sea they enjoyed the most delicious grilled Lobster.

The venue was **Coco's Beach Bar** which they described as 'fantastic and like being in Paradise'

They heard how the hotel is presently in the throes of a KShs. 60 million face-lift and development programme.

It is part of the **Sarova** group and their last night in Kenya was spent at **'The Stanley'** which is now 100 years old in Nairobi and part of this group.

In an interview at Whitesands the next day these travel agents noted that although Whitesands is big with 340 rooms, because of its space (22 acres of tropical gardens) you never feel crowded despite the many facilities and activities there to enjoy.

It was 'lively' offering something for everyone and 'very service orientated with lovely food'

Said Mr. Parvess 'the hotels we use the most at the Coast are Whitesands and Leopard Beach and, in Nairobi, 'The Stanley'

We have been promoting Kenya for some time and these hotels appear in our Kenya brochure

MUCH CHEAPER

He said that these travel agents had found the service to be very good in all hotels and revealed that in Kenya 'drinks are a lot cheaper than in Mauritius - something which is of particular interest to South Africans.'

They considered 'Kenya offers good value for money and that safaris into game parks here are more rugged and not interrupted by breaks for 'snacks' as in South Africa'

Thompson's Tours was established in 1978 by Anton Thompson Chairman.

Said Craig Parvess 'Generally, the trip has been fantastic.

Everyone has enjoyed it and feel that this personal experience of Kenya will help considerably in selling holidays here'

Asked why they had chosen to fly with Kenya Airways, Craig replied 'because the air fare to Mombasa, via Nairobi, is much better'



Craig Parvess, Relationship Manager, Thompsons Tours, South Africa (right) is seen receiving a 'Welcome' drink on his arrival at Whitesands Hotel, Bamburi, where he was greeted by Jessie Kenya, PR/Marketing Executive, and the Doorman, Ferdinand. Thomsons Tours were hosting a sixday 'Educational' visit enabling nine travel agents to get their first glimpse of Kenya which they found to be 'fantastic'.

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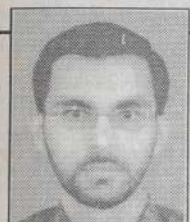
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I.A. THAKKER

'Shakir' Is Honoured As "Best Student"

IBRAHIM ABDULLAH Thakker (Shakir) has been awarded with "Best Out-going Student" of Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara College of Pharmacy for B. Pharm for the year 2000 - 2001.

He received the "H.H. Jagadguru Sri Shivaratri Rajendra Mahaswami's Gold Medal" on 10th October 2002.

Ibrahim is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Sheikh Abdulla Shakir of Mombasa.

'Alternative Medicine' Comes To The Shimo La Tewa Prison

Something unique has occurred at Shimo la Tewa prison.

Over 500 prisoners and staff members have been treated by the **Abha Light Foundation** medical team.

What was exceptional about this medical camp, however, was that the medical team exclusively prescribed with Homeopathy, a system of alternative medicine.

Abha Light Foundation (ALF) is a Nairobi-based NGO spearheading the introduction of Homeopathy into Kenya.

The mobile clinic team attending the prisoners was made up of the director of **Abha Light, Didi Ananda Ruchira**, two graduates and two students of the ALF training course.

The camp was organized by **Mrs. Ferial Lowe**, a board member of the prison.

Homeopathy is fast gaining worldwide popularity as a safe, effective and natural means of treatment.

The medicines are derived from plants and minerals.

An unusual feature about Homeopathy is that a dose of medicine is very small.

The patients at Shimo la Tewa were surprised to see their medicines in the form of tiny white pills that were the size of mustard seeds.

At the end of the exercise, a prisoner commented:

"These *daktans* listened to each of us carefully as individuals, we didn't feel neglected by this team."

"We never saw this kind of medicine before, but some of us

are already feeling better.

"I hope they will return soon."

As a science of natural medicine, Homeopathy stands about halfway between traditional herbal medicine and conventional medicine.

Didi Ananda Ruchira explained:

"Homeopaths do not see any conflict with either herbalists or doctors of Western medicine."

NATURAL SOURCE

"All our medicines are derived from natural sources such as herbs and trees and in places such as USA, Europe and India, homeopaths cooperate with many hospitals and health care systems."

In Nairobi, **Abha Light** is presently running two clinics in Kariobangi North and Mathare slums.

ALF sends out mobile clinics

regularly to villages in Makueni, Kibwezi, Naivasha, Nyahururu districts.

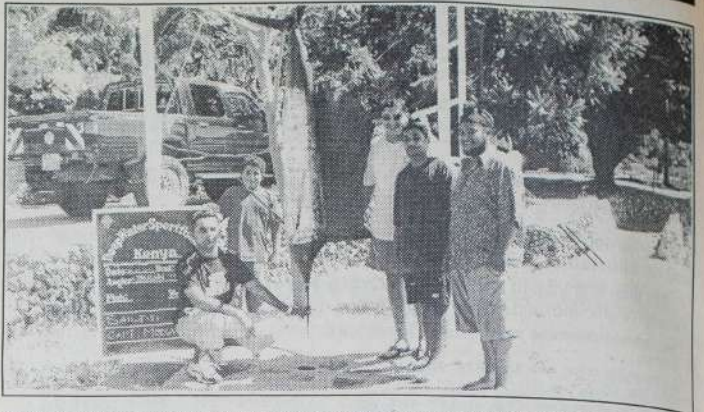
Last April, the first six students graduated from the homeopathy course and are now practicing their new-found profession.

Another fifteen are in training and in January, a new session of freshman students will begin their studies.

The course is two years of intensive study in homeopathic medicine and basic primary health care.

Didi Ananda Ruchira, who is also member of the Kenya Institute of Alternative Medicine, advised the prison's medical staff on certain affordable natural medicines and techniques that could easily be implemented at the prison for improving the health conditions there.

YOUNG GENERATION SHOW FISHING SKILLS



Keen Fisherman Imraan caught this 37 kg Sailfish on Deep Water Sportfishing's boat T T on Sunday, which was weighted in at Tamarind Village. Fishermen looking on are: Farhad, Moosa, Alister and Tarveen. Also this year Imraan caught an 85 kg Black Marlin and 55 kg Striped Marlin on boat INCA, while his younger brother, Moosa, landed a 126 kg Black Marlin.

IT IS UNBEARABLY DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE A LIFE WITHOUT FISHING

Return Of 'Kaskazi' Heralds Good Catches Of Sailfish, Yellowfin Tuna, Kingfish And Dorado

The wild leaps and dramatic runs of sailfish brought intense excitement to anglers on some Mtwapa boats last week.

On James Adcock's boat **Vuma**, a Norwegian angler based in Nairobi had the thrill of the first sailfish of his life bending down his rod and pulling out the line.

This was Stig Ornes, who was fishing with compatriots Ivar Stromso and his nine year old son Marcus, on Wednesday.

The sailfish stayed on the hook but freed itself of the water and took to the air, leaping many times, twisting and shaking, then

falling into white spray.

Eventually it was pulled to the boat, where it was 'tagged' ready for release, but it had been damaged by the hook and had to be taken on board.

It weighed 23.4 kilos, about fifty pounds, an average sailfish for these waters.

Young Marcus caught a fish

too, a pickhandle barracuda of 2.2 kilos.

Another sailfish showed itself on the wide stage of the sea on Friday, rising against the backdrop of a turbulent sky, slashing its bill at the clouds.

This one was on the end of Martin Meissner's line when he was fishing on another of James Adcock's boats, the **Sesse Samvuke**.

The sailfish was hooked while the boat was drift-fishing, using colourful party balloons as floats.

It jumped and cut the sea with its tailing run and jumped again and when it seemed done with jumping it took to the sky once again.

After twenty minutes of rod work, when it was very near the boat, it made a final jump and set itself free, which was fine with Martin as he was going to release it.

Two other fish were even luckier, two good-sized kingfish that **Martin** reeled close to the boat too, and they both shook the hook and got free.

He caught a big Captain's fish, though, and took it to his favourite restaurant and had it for dinner.

Two other kingfish were caught on the same day by John Webb and Rob Jessop who were fishing on **Ontos**.

These weighed seven kilos and six kilos, and they caught a golden dorado, also of six kilos, and a rainbow runner and a small trevally and a coral trout.

Not bad fishing for them on a day when some other boats found the hot, still, sultry weather had dulled their hooks as well as their judgements.

Steve Blanchet was one of the fishermen who caught nothing that day, no change for him as he had never caught a fish in his life.

Never say never, though, and Steve very sensibly set about learning to fish last week.

The first two times, he caught nothing, which he thought a good thing as you don't want to peak before you're properly started.

Then in his own boat **Akach** on Saturday he did catch, he caught four small five-finger

jack, the first fish of a lifetime.

A good way to begin, with small fish, and then the next day he went out in **Vuma** and caught a kawakawa of four kilos, another step up the scale.

Sensibly again, he took two of his daughters with him, eight-year-old Olivia and seven-year-old Neve.

Neve held the rod for a bit while the kawakawa was spinning line off the spool and she summarized the experience as:

"It was tough!"

Three other young anglers were on board, thirteen-year-old Charlyne, nine-year-old Ron and Tamara, aged seven, and they saw flying fish and turtles.

Their father, **Andre Arstenstein** also caught a fish, a kingfish of four and a half kilos, making an enjoyable day.

Munar Dhanjee had two days fishing in the Yamaha canoe, **Paw-Paw**, and caught a dorado and a rainbow runner on Saturday.

He also reeled a good, big, long wahoo right to the boat but it sped away from the gaff and went free.

The next day **Hershil Rawal** and **Daniel Shah** joined him and they caught a small trevally.

Hafiz Mangalji's Maverick had a kingfish day on Sunday, catching four of over ten kilos each and eight kawakawa.

Ontos caught fish too, at least those on board did, **Rob Jessop**, **John Webb** and **Stephen Webb**.

They caught a dorado of three and a half kilos and two small trevally, and they released seven five-finger jack.

An unusual event, releasing five-finger jack, probably brought on by the mind-numbing combination of all those five and sevens, too much for the brain of a fisherman, best put them all back, pretend it never happened.

Martin Meissner had more success with his kingfish on Sunday, catching one of thirteen kilos, and also a rock cod and a couple of snappers.

Hard fishing and hot weather over the weekend then, but the good news is that on Monday of this week the wind was blowing steadily from the northeast.

This is the **Kaskazi**, the angler's wind, and already sailfish were jumping feely about the ocean as though celebrating its arrival.

We all hope that it will continue blowing over this weekend for the **Open Boat and Christmas Hamper** competition on Sunday.

The best case scenario would be for it to keep blowing and for the shoal of giant yellowfin tuna to move down from Takauungu, and for both the tuna and the sailfish to start pouncing on lures.

Looking forward, the next competition after this weekend is the **Mtwapa Cup** on 12 January, and the **Kilifi-Mtwapa Match** combined with it.

And looking back to last week with **Steve Blanchet** never having caught a fish before it, never in his life.

That's saying such a mouthful that one must pause to consider the enormity of it.

There are of course others among us who have never been fishing, we rub shoulders with them, shake hands with them, talk to them even.

But for anglers, going fishing seems some kind of inalienable human right, an essential condition of life, like breathing.

It is unbearably difficult to imagine a life without fishing.

NEW ANGLERS

Most of us are of the type that take it for granted that soon after a fellow pops into this world for the first time, he takes a look around him and says:

"How's the fishing?"

"Lead me to it."

"I want to start catching fish." Same for the young lady whose first words are:

"Let's go fishing, Ma. You bring the sandwiches, I'll bring the bait."

Natural, you might think, all of us are born with it.

Hard to imagine reaching your mature years in a state of total fishing deprivation, a kind of atrophy of the piscatorial instinct.

Always something to celebrate, though, a new angler getting hooked.

And beginner's luck dictates that **Steve's boat Akach** should be in the winner's lineup on Sunday.

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Firestone's Customer Service Engineer, Aloys Walaga, is seen at UTC's Coast HQ explaining to some Driver/ Guides the importance of ensuring tyre pressures are checked before leaving. Looking on (from left) are Rishard Khamis; Salim Bakabe; Shee Yusuf, Amani Nassir, Nawab Abbas, Khalid Mohamed and Themis Hassan. On left of Aloys Walaga is Lenox Mwalimu, who looks after tyre and service at UTC. On right are Ali Mirza, Fleet Operations Manager, Coast and Jitendra Rajani, Chief Accountant, Coast.

Top Tour Drivers Advised On Essential Tyre Maintenance

Kenya's bad roads and their wear and tear on tyres is a big problem, particularly for safari vehicles, and much appreciated by United Touring Company, Coast, is the efficient and prompt after sales service received from Firestone East Africa (1969) Ltd.

This includes their Customer Service Engineer, **Aloys Walaga**, coming along to discuss with their experienced driver/guides any problem they may be encountering and to give

expert advice.

Mr Aloys is seen at UTC talking to some Driver/ Guides about the tread of a tyre and the need to check tyre pressures before each safari.

He told them that Firestone tyres are made specifically to cater for Kenyan roads they will be driven over.

"They are not only locally manufactured in Kenya but tested here" he said.

Mr Aloys also suggested to UTC the use of the *Bridgestone* 650-14 tyre instead of the CV 2000.

Commented **Ali Mirza**, UTC's Fleet Operations Manager, Coast "It has been arranged with Firestone that we will test and evaluate this new tyre.

"If we feel it will perform better, then UTC will be using them as the safety of the tourists we carry is of paramount importance."

Selina Is Just Their Cuppa ...

Tea Anyone ?

Selina Tsuma has been serving tea to the staff at MIS for four years now and MIS Mathematicians calculate she has boiled her way through nearly half a million cups in that time.

"Tea really seems to pick-up members of staff after their morning break" said Selina, who also noted that older staff are liable to nod off in the evening if they have been marking or report writing without their tea. "Tea really seems to perk them up," she says.

"Perhaps it's just as well that we have parents in the second largest tea auction centre in world who help us with supplies!"

HEALTH BENEFITS

Senior members of staff swear that the flavonoids contained in their tea have enormous health benefits.

"MIS morning tea is thick and bright, just the way I like it" commented Darrell Maupin, MIS's New York trained Drama teacher.

"In the afternoon Selina is more likely to serve tea that is earthy and strong. It's just delicious!"

Frisky members of staff, like injudicious Lee Raby and computer expert Terence Driscoll, point to the health benefits of school coffee too.

Terence prefers the brisk body and distinctively bold, yet smooth taste of his morning brew.

He puts this on in the staff room as he boots the computers before



Selina is seen outside the MIS staff room with her trusty kettle.

other staff and pupils arrive.

"I may be old but coffee does seem to kick start me in the morning. After my morning cup, dealing with the storm troopers of Year 4 is a possibility.

It does keep me sane, they can be real pests."

The school has purchased two state of the art percolators for brewing fresh Kenyan coffee for staff and visitors alike.

"Life is too short to drink bad coffee" Headmaster Bill Bartlett insists.

"What sort of message would we be giving to the children at the school and our visitors if, in a country that is world renowned for its tea and coffee, we weren't serving up the very best?"

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RE-OPENING OF THE DELPHIS BANK LTD

THE CENTRAL BANK of Kenya wishes to announce that the Delphis Bank Limited is scheduled to be re-opened on Thursday, December 5, 2002.

The Central Bank placed the bank under Statutory Management on 21st June 2001 due to inability to meet its obligations in the Clearing House, following a run on its deposits at the time.

The Statutory Manager, shareholders and depositors have been restructuring the bank culminating in a Scheme of Arrangement that was approved by the High Court on 24th October 2002.

The Scheme of Arrangement entails:

- Immediate access of funds by all depositors and creditors up to a maximum of Kshs. 100,000;
- Conversion of 50% of balances in excess of Kshs. 100,000 into equity; and
- The residual amount to be payable in five equal yearly instalments at an interest rate of 4% p.a. commencing 31st December 2003.

In essence, the bank is now largely owned by depositors and has converted from a private company to a public institution.

The bank restarts operations with the following strengths:

- A lean balance sheet with broad based capital base at Kshs. 1.25 billion;
- An improved liquidity position supported by fresh capital cash injection of Kshs. 300 million by the local shareholders; and
- A new professional team of management and a newly constituted board of directors.

Upon re-opening, the bank will offer all types of commercial banking services and all depositors and creditors are requested to surrender the relevant original documents and to complete claim forms available at any of the branches of the bank.

Depositors and creditors are advised that they may, if they so wish, withdraw their funds or simply reactivate their accounts since an amount of Kshs. 100,000 will be readily available, safe and protected.

Creditors without accounts will be allowed to open new accounts and continue operations if they so wish.

The management of the bank will operate under the newly constituted board composed of five directors.

The Chairman of the board will be Mr. Girish V. Shah while Mr. Yogesh M. Shukla will be the Managing Director.

The other board members are Messrs. Vipul T. Patel, Azim J. Virjee, and Prabhulal J. Shah.

In the meantime, a steering committee has been established to oversee the implementation of the Scheme of Arrangement.

The bank will also remain under close supervision and advise from the Central Bank.

The Central Bank wishes to thank the various parties who have been instrumental in the successful restructuring of the bank.

JOHN MURUGU

DIRECTOR BANK SUPERVISION DEPARTMENT

December 04, 2002

You don't have to visit Italy to enjoy the best of traditional cuisine for **Magdalena Cubadda of Mokambo Ristorante**, Nyali, was trained by the best tutor of all - her Mother - a connoisseur in this particular field of the culinary arts, writes **NETA PEAL**.

It is a family business owned by **Maddalena** and **Gianni Cubadda** with their son, **Giulio**, looking after the preparation of some twenty different Pizzas cooked traditional style in a wood oven which gives it a 'crisp' base.

The restaurant on Mwamba Drive, just off Links Road, near the Reef Hotel, was formerly the 'OASIS'.

The new owners have completely refurbished it - Italian style - making it a very comfortable restaurant to seat 40 people both inside and outside on the terrace.

It is open for dinner each day of the week (except Mondays) from 7.00 p.m. and there is ample and secure parking space just outside.

Italy has a rich heritage of traditional dishes which, due to their popularity, remain unchanged.

Before coming to Kenya the Cubaddas had a restaurant in Sardinia, their son, Giulio, running a Pizzeria there.

At the 'Mokambo' their fifty itemed-menu offers the 'Flavours of Italy' including some from Sardinia.

A 'Take Away' service is also

Nyali's New 'Mokambo Ristorante' Gives You That Genuine Italian Home Cooking



'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 Ainairetti.

available.

Invited there one evening I enjoyed an *Antipasto* dish of delicious Italian Salami with black olives so attractively presented it was, I thought, a great pity to demolish.

This was followed *Pesce al Cartoccio* - fish cooked in an oven with vegetables/ herbs in an envelope of foil thus retaining all its juices, flavour and vitamins.

Knowing how filling *Tagliatelle*

al Funghi can be, and the lavish serving one usually receives, I asked for 'just a little'.

It was so good and the mushrooms cooked to perfection that I couldn't resist asking for more.

The restaurant offers an interesting selection of Italian wine and to accompany dinner I selected *Valpolicella* - a red wine from the north of Italy. Dinner had been preceded

by some crunchy 'Pasta Fritta' bitings, ending, with a wickedly delicious *Tiramisu* topped by *Amaretti* almond biscuits and Espresso coffee.

The restaurant, which is on the first floor, offers a very tranquil and cosy ambience, also a personalised service which includes probing the 'Specialta Della Casa' together with Maddalena to satisfy one's specific needs.

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They also make their own Italian bread which is described as being 'more robust than that which comes from France'.

Tables are professionally laid and dressed and the unique lampshades plus elegantly draped curtains make a wonderful setting in which to enjoy Italian cuisine at its best.

The owners are very chatty people and Gianni revealed that he had first come to Kenya in 1985 to build a Dam at Kajjado.

After seeing the coast he fell in love with the country and decided it was a place in which he would like to and work.

He is a Building Contractor on the South Coast.

For more information, also advance table bookings or orders, telephone **0733 795173 or 961504**.

DR. ROGER DEHAVEN IS BACK AT THE LIGHT HOUSE FOR CHRIST EYE CENTER

LIGHTHOUSE FOR Christ Eye Center is happy to announce the return of Dr. Roger DeHaven.

Dr. DeHaven will again be at the Lighthouse for Christ Eye Center as from 30th December 2002 till 18th January 2003.

Dr. DeHaven is donating his services to raise funds to provide eye care for less fortunate and the extensive Lighthouse Coast Province free eye camps.

Accompanying Dr. DeHaven is Dr. Peter Lane from Norway. Dr. Lane will arrive on January 6th 2003.

Dr. DeHaven will be performing phaco emulsification techniques, similar to those currently in use in the USA, for patients who will otherwise travel out of the country to receive the benefits of this procedure.

Phaco emulsification uses an ultrasonically driven needle to fragment the lens into tiny particles, which can be aspirated through a smaller incision than that required for conventional surgery.

A smaller incision allows faster recovery time, added safety, and less

chance of postoperative astigmatism.

Dr. DeHaven will have corneal tissues, and plans to perform corneal transplant surgeries for patients with various corneal problems impairing their vision.

The Lighthouse for Christ Eye Center staff anticipate a large number of patients needing corneal transplants, therefore Dr. DeHaven will be screening prospective transplant patients by appointment only.

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Kenya Commercial Bank Ukunda branch manager Azzan Mohamed (left) is seen handing over a generous donation to showground committee chairman Ali Jamal (right). Looking on are KCB community service officer Kenneth Maganga and 'Teens Watch Centre' official Paul Masumba.

KENYA COMMERCIAL BANK MAKE GENEROUS DONATION TOWARDS DIANI YOUTH PROJECT

KENYA Commercial Bank Ukunda through its 'Community Service Week' programme has made a generous donation to Teens Watch Centre, Diani.

Project co-ordinator **Cosmus W. Mama** reports:

"Led by the KCB Ukunda manager **Azzan Mohamed** and community champion **Kenneth Maganga** they brought us a huge 1,900 litres water tank and foodstuffs worth ksh 45,800/=."

In their speech the community champion emphasized that the bank will continually endeavour to help the less fortunate members of the society.

He also noted that the bank had

seen the need to assist our organisation so as to empower us to be able to rehabilitate drug addicts and make them worthwhile members of our society.

"Teens watch rehabilitation centre is a community based organisation located in Diani/ Ukunda our objective is reaching out to teens and children on the issues of drug use/ abuse and HTVIAIDS, the ultimate goal being behaviour change," said Mr. Mama

"This Christmas season our centre has organised a Christmas treat party for the whole month of December, we shall host three hundred children

in every division of Kwale District."

Tiwi location has over nine hundred and seventy-five orphans and Ukunda has over three-hundred and fifty orphans, this has been revealed through a base line survey.

The main aim of the treat will be not only to feed them but to give them advice and help them make positive choices in their future endeavours, as regards HIV/ AIDS and drug abuse.

• For further information contact: Project co-ordinator Mr. **Cosmus W. Mama**, Teens Watch Centre P.O.Box 5650, Diani, Tel: **0722 927334**

A PARAPLEGIC STUDENT CONTINUES HIS STUDIES

Aga Khan Junior Academy, Mombasa Proves To Be An "Inclusive" School !

The Aga Khan Junior Academy, Mombasa continues to go the extra mile to cater to children from all the walks of life!

Class 2 student, Sheikh Mohidin attends The Aga Khan Junior Academy in Mombasa.

Sheikh met with an accident six months ago that has left him paraplegic.

As a result, Sheikh commutes solely by wheel chair.

The teachers and staff at the Aga Khan Junior Academy have warmly opened out their arms to Sheikh", said Sheikh's mother, Mrs. Zainab Alimohamed.

Teachers and staff take turns to lift and transport Sheikh up and down the flight of stairs every morning.

Physical Education lessons have been adapted so that Sheikh can participate fully as a regular child without feeling he



Class Two student, Sheikh Mohidin seen at The Aga Khan Junior Academy in Mombasa with his mother, Mrs. Zainab Alimohamed.

is any different and Sheikh also participates in weekly swimming instruction.

"The school has found ways to include Sheikh in all areas so that he does not feel that he is any different" exclaims Mrs. Alimohamed.

"Since the time Sheikh has enrolled as a student at The Aga Khan Junior Academy, Sheikh is very cheerful and happy."



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DAS HISTORISCHE Fort Jesus, das seit mehr als vierhundert Jahren hoch über der Hafeneinfahrt von Mombasa thront, war der ehrwürdige Schauplatz für eine Party, bei welcher sich die Hautvolee der Hotelindustrie von Mombasa versammelt hatte, um ihren Kollegen von der Severin Sea Lodge zum 30-jährigen erfolgreichen Bestehen dieses Hotels an der wunderschönen kenianischen Nordküste zu gratulieren.

Die hohen Bäume waren mit Lichterketten behangen und wirkten wie ein glitzernder Vorgang vor dem samtenen tropischen Nachthimmel.

Im Burghof waren Tische und Stühle für rund 200 Personen aufgestellt sowie eine Plattform in einer Ecke für die Redner und die *Safari Sounds Band*, die - wie den Gästen erklärt wurde - auch vor 30 Jahren während der Eröffnungszeremonie der Severin Sea Lodge spielte.

Nach einer geselligen Stunde, als den Gästen speziell kreierte Cocktails und Partyhappchen serviert wurden, begab man sich zu den Tischen und konnte eine opulente Mahlzeit und Getränke nach Wahl genießen.

Dann folgte der Höhepunkt des Abends.

Ein fasziniertes Publikum wurde mit nostalgischen Erinnerungen zurückgeführt zu den ersten Tagen des Tourismus in Kenia, der an der kenianischen Küste begann.

Freddie Schumacher be-



DER GEBURTSTAGSKUCHEN zur Feier des 30-jährigen Bestehens der Severin Sea Lodge wird angeschnitten von den Direktoren (v.l.n.r.) Sam Wahurihu, Phillip Ransley, Claudia Stuart und Severin Schulte.

richtete über seine Erfahrungen. **Eberhard Wullkop** führte die Geschichte weiter, **Severin Schulte** fügte mit viel Gefühl Familienerinnerungen bei, **Andy Stuart**, nun Managing Director und Aktionär, dessen Firma *Jahazi Marine* im Jahr 2000 mit Severin fusionierte, schloss die nostalgischen Betrachtungen ab mit der Würdigung des Personals von Severin, das teilweise von Anfang an mit dabei war.

Er erwähnte **James Owiti**, einen langjährigen Angestellten, heute Front Office Manager, der

mit einem Gehalt von Shs 675/- im Monat vor mehr als zwanzig Jahren begann und tief ihn auf, im Namen aller Angestellten zu erzählen, wie es in jenen frühen Tagen war.

Dann erschienen zwei Reihen singender Masakrieger mit brennenden Fackeln, die sich aufstellten und eine Gardé bildeten für alle Köche in ihren weißen Uniformen und hohen Hüten.

Zwei von ihnen trugen einen riesigen Kuchen herein.

Ihnen folgte eine Prozession von Kellnern in arabischen Gewändern und Kopfbedeckungen.

Sie stellten sich entlang der Burgmauern auf zu Ehren ihrer Kollegen, die als langjährige Angestellte einer nach dem anderen aufgerufen wurden, um ihre entsprechenden Zertifikate und Geschenke entgegenzunehmen.

Unter begeisterten Zurufen und viel Applaus schloss Andy Stuart die offizielle Feier, indem er allen dankte und den Platz zum Tanzen freigab.

Die Gäste zeigten ihren Dank für den wunderschönen Abend sowie ihre Solidarität und Unterstützung des Hotels und der Tourismusindustrie mit tosendem Applaus.

Die reparierten Elefantenzähne wurden nochmals offiziell eingeweiht

MOMBASA, jaganz Kenia kann stolz sein auf die gelungene Restaurierung der 49 Jahre alten Elefantenzähne, die sich als Wahrzeichen der Stadt hoch über die Moi Avenue wölben.

Es ist bisher das größte Projekt des Ausschusses zur Verschönerung von Mombasa und wurde ermöglicht durch die Initiative der *Mombasa and Coast Tourist Association MCTA*, der es gelang, Sponsoren zu finden, die das nötige Geld und Material für die Zahnreparatur zur Verfügung stellten.

Die Elefantenzähne erstrahlten in ihrer vollen Schönheit, als der Provincial Commissioner, Küste, **Mr. Samwel Limo**, bei der Einweihungsfeier anfangs November als Ehrengast die Beleuchtung der Zähne einschaltete, was eine große Zuschauermenge anlockte.

Die Elefantenzähne sind eine große Tourismusattraktion und werden täglich fotografiert von Touristen, die in Bussen auf Stadtrundfahrt geführt werden.

Königin Elizabeth

MCTA Chairman **Mr. Kuldip Sondhi** sagte:

"Sie wurden uns von der Stadtverwaltung zur Restaurierung anvertraut, nachdem die Arbeit ausgeführt worden ist, geben wir die Zähne zurück und hoffen, dass sie von kompetenten Leuten gut instand gehalten werden."

"Es ist nun ihre Aufgabe, dafür zu sorgen, dass dieses historische Monument gepflegt und mit Respekt behandelt wird."

Er erwähnte auch, dass ein Schutzgitter um die Zähne errichtet wird, um Beschädigung durch Fahrzeuge zu verhindern. Im Namen der Stadtverwaltung

übernahm der Stellvertretende Stadtdirektor **Mr. Enos Kidai** die Elefantenzähne und dankte MCTA für die gute Arbeit.

Er versprach, dass die Zähne in gutem Zustand gehalten werden.

Mit dieser gelungenen Restaurierung wurde bewiesen, was der private Sektor zusammen mit der Stadtverwaltung erreichen kann.

Es wurden Schilder angebracht, auf denen die Namen aller Spender aufgeführt sind.

Als Andenken an diese Zeremonie überreichte der MCTA Chairman **Mr. Limo** ein Modell der Elefantenzähne als Gong.

Die Zähne wurden 1953 von der Stadtverwaltung errichtet zur Feier des Besuches von **Prinzessin Margaret**, der Schwester von **Königin Elizabeth** von England.

Die Zähne waren ursprünglich aus Sperrholz; sie wurden später abgebaut und durch ein Stahlskelett, umwickelt mit Stahlplatten, ersetzt.

Kürzlich waren der **Graf und die Gräfin von Wessex** auf Staatsbesuch in Kenia, unter anderem um die neuen Büros des *British Council* zu eröffnen, die sich in der Moi Avenue befinden.

Bei dieser Gelegenheit besichtigten sie auch die Elefantenzähne.

MCTA ist führend in der Tourismusindustrie, unterstützt die weltweite Bewegung zum Schutz der Kinder und arbeitet mit dem *Watoto Kwanza Trust* sowie mit dem UNICEF Büro in Kenia zusammen.

Auf beiden Seiten der Elefantenzähne wurden künstliche Palmen errichtet mit der Aufschrift "*Mombasa City says Yes for Children*".

Als die Beleuchtung für die Zähne eingeschaltet wurde, waren auch die beiden künstlichen Palmen angestrahlt.

Bei der Einweihung der Zähne waren zwei Vertreter von UNICEF anwesend, **Justice Effie Owuor**, National Ambassador of UNICEF in Kenya, gleichzeitig Ausschussmitglied des *Watoto Kwanza Trust*, und **Nazim Mitha**, Programme Officer.

Lady Justice Owuor sagte:

"Ich freue mich, in Vertretung von UNICEF und des *Watoto Kwanza Trust* bei der Einweihung und Beleuchtung der Zähne und der Palmen dabei zu sein, womit Mombasa beweist, dass sich die Stadt für das Wohl der Kinder einsetzt."

"Wir alle haben die Verantwortung, dafür zu sorgen, dass die Kinder eine heile Welt vorfinden und es ist nicht nur die Aufgabe der Regierung."

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The higher sound frequencies are affected first, and as the disorder gradually progresses, the person has trouble in hearing lower frequency sounds as well. Comprehension of speech is affected.
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Presbycusis has no contributing etiological factors except advancing age.
Lesions in presbycusis are not restricted only to the cochlea.
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However poor hearing should not be considered just another problem.
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The ability to communicate with one's friends and neighbours during the twilight years can help alleviate some of the myriad of problems during these years.
Since it is a gradual and a progressive loss, audiological assessment periodically after the age of 50 years may assist towards early intervention.
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A greater understanding of this problem by other family members is needed.
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Lucky Golfers Enjoy Annual Nyali Beach Hotel Tourney!

Nyali Beach Hotel has been much in news for almost the whole of the year during which it has been celebrating its 75 years at the forefront in the hotel and catering business.

For at least 30 years of that long period Nyali Beach Hotel has enjoyed a close association with Nyali Golf and Country Club, each deriving mutual benefit from the association.

For a number of years Nyali Beach Hotel could list a great 18 holes golf course among many amenities offered to its guests.

This was the time when for an annual fee paid by the Hotel, its guests could play and enjoy the golf course without having to pay any green fees themselves.

Even now the Hotel perhaps sends the largest number of guests who pay the green fees and play the course practically at the door steps of the Hotel.

Out of this association was born the annual Nyali Beach Hotel sponsored competition at Nyali Golf & Country Club which is now into its 29th year.

As it has been done in the past, the Competition is held in December and sets the festive tone which goes with the month.

The Competition attracted the usual big field of Nyali players, sponsors' guests and staff and every one was rewarded well with the free give-aways, half time drinks, cock tails and the sumptuous dinner with music that followed the prize giving.

The Competition was played on the tough format of stroke play and as usual with this format, except for the top of the board, the scores were high.

Even amongst the top players, competition was not as close as is found when the scoring is Stableford points.

The clear winner on an excellent score of 66 net was Andrew Burnard with no question of decisions on such chancy matters as a count back.

After Andrew followed others in a neat pattern, Wachira Gitumbi 67, Kay McMillwaine 68, and Jane Mburu 69 to take second, third and fourth prize respectively.

The only crowded place on the board was for the fifth, sixth and seventh position and after a close scrutiny emerged the winners, Suresh Popat, Kishor Gudka and Kiran Patel in that order, leaving out a few other unlucky ones on the same score of

71. Apart from the coveted Trophy, Andrew was rewarded with a return ticket and sojourn at the Blue Bay Hotel, Zanzibar for two, certainly a prize worth waiting the last 29 years that Andy has waited to win a prize.

There appears to be a new competition within competition for waiting the longest time for a prize.

It started with Brian Elms when he won the KQ Competition, after waiting for 20 plus years since he started playing golf.

Now Andy claims to out do Brian by a few more years.

It is not however likely to become a new trend as there are not, with due respect to Brian and Andy, many around who go back to such long time in the past, especially without winning anything in between.

FULL RESULTS

Winner: Andrew P. Burnard 66 net, Runner Up: Wachira Gitumbi 67, Third: Kaye McMillwaine 68, Fourth: Jane Mburu 69, Fifth: Suresh Popat 71, Sixth: Kishor Gudka 71, Seventh: Kiran Patel 71.

Best Gross: T. Kaguta 78, Longest drive: Man: Nicky Munji (No.16) Lady: Mary Chebukati. Nearest to pin: (no.18) Mohamed Taib. Best Hotel Guest: Bruce Ken 80, Best Guest: K. S. Anjarwalla 74, Runner Up Guest: M. Nzioka 76, Piga Mingi E. Blackburn.



Winners. Back; Mr. Mwandime Branch Manager UAP Office Mombasa, Malvi Shah, Prit Gudka, Mathew Clark and John Mulwa squash coach. Front row: Aakash Kamdar, Kaveeta Rajani, and Jack Coupland.

LARGE ENTRY FOR U.A.P. INSURANCE COAST OPEN SQUASH TOURNAMENT

The UAP Insurance Coast Open Squash Tournament took place at Nyali Golf and Country Club on Dec. 6th and 7th.

27 juniors entered and three events were played.

The Swiss Pairings Draw System was again used this year which has the advantage of keeping the players more involved and gives them the chance to meet more players.

In the Boys Open Event Mathew Clark maintained his number one position and got the winners trophy.

Prit Gudka was the runner up when he lost to Mathew 3/1 in the final round.

Prit had a very close game

against Tanveer Diamond in the previous round and won 3/2 giving Tanveer third position.

Marcus Zanachi and Yusuf Zavery also had a very close match in the final round with Marcus winning 3/2 to end in fourth place.

Yusuf came fifth and Faizan Khandwalla and Melvin Asige sixth and seventh.

In the Girls Open Event only four girls participated so a round robin was played.

Malvi Shah brought home the winning trophy and Kaveeta Rajani the runners up trophy.

Sadhmini Weeraratna and Crystal Asige came third and fourth.

There was very keen competition in all four rounds of the Boys Under 14 Event.

In the final round Aakash Kamdar was leading 2/0 up against Jack Coupland when Jack turned the match around and fought his way right back to take the winners trophy and Aakash the runners up.

All twelve boys played good squash and each match was well contested.

Peter Scott followed the winners with Sam W Wright, Anand Vaghela, Sam Bartlett, Jaimin Shah, Avadh Kamdar, Isuru Weeraratna, Kush Shah, Hussein Kalah and Edmund Scott following on.

This is the 9th year in succession that UAP Insurance has sponsored this tournament in Mombasa.

Mr. Mwandime the Branch Manager in Mombasa presented the prizes and encouraged the juniors to keep playing and UAP would continue with their support.

Mr. Mwandime told the supporters about UAP Maxi Med which is a medical cover UAP are now offering.

All the participants received UAP T-shirts which promote Maxi Med on the back.

John Mulwa assisted in presenting the trophies and running the tournament.

John, who for many years brought juniors from Nairobi to play in this event is now based in Mombasa and coaching squash.

This is a great boost for Junior squash in Mombasa and we hope to see many more entries in the coast tournaments next year.

John is happy to coach young and older alike and can be contacted on 0722 880437.

POOR INSULATION - CAN CAUSE VERY MYSTERIOUS ENGINE PROBLEMS

Basic Facts On Vehicle Ignition Systems

We continue this week with the ignition system of the vehicle.

After having looked at the spark plug and the coil we turn to the distributor.

This component handles several jobs.

Its first job is to distribute the high voltage from the coil to the correct cylinder in the engine.

This is achieved by the operation of the cap and the rotor.

The coil is connected to the rotor, which spins inside the cap.

The rotor spins past a series of contacts with one contact for each cylinder.

As the tip of the rotor passes each contact, a high-voltage pulse comes from the coil.

The voltage pulse jumps across the small gap between the rotor and the contact (they don't actually touch) and then continues down the spark-plug wire to the spark plug on the appropriate cylinder.

When one goes for a tune-up, one of the things replaced in the engine is the cap and rotor — these eventually wear out because of the arcing.

Also, the spark-plug wires eventually wear out and lose some of their electrical insulation.

This can be the cause of some very mysterious engine problems.

Older models of vehicles are likely to have been fitted with distributors with breaker points.

These types have another section in the bottom half of the distributor whose role is breaking the current to the coil.

The earthed side of the coil is connected to the breaker points.

A cam in the center of the distributor pushes a lever connected to one of the points.

Whenever the cam pushes the lever, it opens the points.

This causes the coil to suddenly lose its earthing and generate a

high-voltage pulse.

The points also control the timing of the spark.

They may have a vacuum advance or a centrifugal advance.

These mechanisms advance the timing in proportion to engine load or engine speed.

Spark timing is so critical to an engine's performance that the evolution of vehicles has led to cars that do not use points.

Motor vehicle manufacturers have used the developments in electronics to advantage in improving the spark timing reliability.

Instead of points, modern cars use a sensor that tells the engine control unit (ECU) the exact position of the pistons.

The engine computer then controls a transistor that opens and closes the current to the coil.

The sensor consists of a rotating reluctor and magnetic pick-up coil replace the traditional cam, breaker points and condenser in the distributors of cars equipped for electronic

ignition.

This system reduces the time between tune-ups.

The high spots of the reluctor interrupt the magnetic field of the pickup coil and the permanent magnet.

These interruptions, or pulses, are transmitted from the pickup to a nearby electronic control unit.

There, the pulses signal a transistor to break the low-voltage sub-circuit and release high voltage from the coil to the spark plugs.

They came into widespread use in the mid-1970s.

Currently there are cars that need their first tune-up after at least 100,000 kilometres.

One of the technologies that enables this long maintenance interval is an ignition system that does not have a distributor.

Instead of one main coil as in the old systems, this modern type of ignition has a coil for each spark plug which is located directly on the spark plug itself.

The coil in this type of system works the same way as the larger, centrally-located coils.

The engine control unit controls the transistors that break the earthed side of the circuit, which generates the spark. This gives the ECU total control over spark timing.

Systems like these have some substantial advantages.

First, there is no distributor, which is an item that has components that eventually wear out.

There are also no high-voltage spark-plug wires which age over time and lose the insulation value.

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Finally, they allow for more precise control of the spark timing, which can improve efficiency, reduce undesired emissions and increase the overall power of a car.

As Kachumbani says, where there are high voltages any moving components may be maintenance intensive and add costs to the operations of vehicles.



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HARAMBEE Stars, the Kenya national soccer team put up a creditable performance to qualify for the semi-finals of this year's east and Central Africa Senior Challenge Cup currently going on in Arusha and Mwanza, Tanzania.

Harambee Stars who started poorly after losing 0-1 to the

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Soccer Scene with
Abduirehman Shamir



CLASS THREE student Issa Abdalla receives his trophy from Aga Khan Primary School parents association chairman Abdulkarim Badi during the Inter House swimming gala. Issa was declared 'Best Swimmer Of The Day'

A Walk Over For Birikani Sportiff

Thousands of soccer fans went home disappointed after the Defending Champions Jua Kali failed to show up at Kwa Mwanza Football Ground on Sunday for their opening Match in the Third Edition Reproductive Health Care Soccer Bonanza, reports **Sumba Bwire**.

The 1991 referee of the year Robert Kitunga waited in vain for thirty minutes (30 minutes) before awarding a walk over to Birikani Sportiff.

Birikani will now lock horns with the winners between Cambodia 501 and Lit Samba in the first semi-finals on Saturday 21 December, 2002.

While the walk over was being awarded, certain Jua Kali officials were busy attending political rallies and campaigning for their prospective candidates in the 2002 General Election.

Some Club officials are vying for civic and Parliamentary seats.

On Thursday Gana Hola Stars face Fiat Rangers.

Meanwhile glamour Boys Boca junior blanked X-mark Stars 4-0 to lift the fifth edition of the under 14 cup. Both teams were awarded a trophy.

Mombasa 'Autocross' Sunday, December 22

On Sunday 22 December Mombasa Motor Club will hold the opening races on the new Hussein Dairy twin-track at Nguu Tatu, writes Mombasa Motor Sports Club secretary Steve Davidson.

The track has been lengthened from 1.8 km to 3.1 km and features a new bridge positioned so that the buggies/cars that start together should reach the intersection at the same time with one driver airborne over the top as the other powers through below.

The event will be sponsored by Bob's Bar and has attracted some media personalities like Maina Kageni from Kiss 100 amongst others.

Coast based drivers will also encounter stiff opposition from the Up-country buggies with special interest in the challenge from Ian Duncan and Rob Collinge.

Will the Horsey clan be able to match their speeds and keep the Bob's Bar Trophy at the Coast.

For answers to these and many other questions come to witness the event live at the Hussein Dairy Track, Nguu Tatu (1.5 km past the Turkey Bayse bar and restaurant near Kiembeni.) Racing from 2.00 p.m. Bar and BBQ Music.

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MOMBASA, December 13 - 19, 2002

FRIDAY High Water - 2.23 m at 11 30 hrs. (11.30 a.m.) Low Water - 1.43 m at 05.33 hrs. (5.33 a.m.) and 1.20 m at 17.42 hrs. (5.42 p.m.)

SATURDAY High Water - 2.59 m at 00.32 hrs. (12.32 a.m.) and 2.27 m at 12.50 hrs. (12.50 p.m.) Low Water - 1.28 m at 07.00 hrs. (7.00 p.m.) and 1.14 m at 18.53 hrs. (6.53 p.m.)

SUNDAY High Water - 2.78 m at 01.26 hrs. (1.26 a.m.) and 2.37 m at 13.50 hrs. (1.50 p.m.) Low Water - 1.07 m at 07.55 hrs. (7.55 a.m.) and 1.04 m at 19.42 hrs. (7.42 p.m.)

MONDAY High Water - 2.97 m at 02.09 hrs. (2.09 a.m.) and 2.49 m at 14.35 hrs. (2.35 p.m.) Low Water - 0.85 m at 08.35 hrs. (8.35 a.m.) and 0.93 m at 20.23 hrs. (8.23 p.m.)

TUESDAY High Water - 3.14 m at 02.44 hrs. (2.44 a.m.) and 2.61 m at 15.13 hrs. (3.13 p.m.) Low Water - 0.65 m at 09.11 hrs. (9.11 a.m.) and 0.82 m at 20.58 hrs. (8.58 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY High Water - 3.28 m at 03.18 hrs. (3.18 a.m.) and 2.71 m at 15.49 hrs. (3.49 p.m.) Low Water - 0.48 m at 09.43 hrs. (9.43 a.m.) and 0.72 m at 21.32 hrs. (9.32 p.m.)

THURSDAY High Water - 3.40 m at 03.51 hrs. (3.51 a.m.) and 2.79 m at 16.22 hrs. (4.22 p.m.) Low Water - 0.36 m at 10.14 hrs. (10.14 a.m.) and 0.64 m at 22.04 hrs. (10.04 p.m.)

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