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Italians Back In Force!

GOOD NEWS for Kenya's badly hit tourism industry is that the third largest tour operator 'Going One' in Italy will be bringing tourists here each week until April 1998.

The first group of 120 arrived on an Air Europe Charter at Moi International Airport on December 24 receiving a big welcome not only from 'Going One' but United Touring Company representatives and airport staff.

'Going One - Benvenuti in Kenya' said a banner, while as they embarked into three waiting air conditioned coaches and two 'mini' buses they received a traditionally welcome by exotically adorned Masai dancers from Kenya Marineland.

All were off to Mamburi, north of Malindi, to stay at Angel's Bay Club - a big holiday village which is managed and run by 'Going One'.

It is UTC which is looking after their ground arrangements in Kenya.

No one could have been more happier than its Branch Manager from Malindi, Ali Mirza who said 'business generally in Malindi has been really bad'.

Now I shall see my fleet of buses busy again as many will be taking safaris and excursions with us while they are here'.

Declared an excited Fulvio Esposito, 'Going One's' Area Manager, Kenya 'we have wanted to operate in Kenya for about five years'.

Now we are here'.

The company established in 1985 with Head Office in Torino and now ranks as Italy's third largest tour operators.

Said Shafket Pervaiz, UTC's General Manager (Touring) Coast 'this is yet another new client for UTC over the past few months and we are going all out to attract even more'.

KRAZY KLUES KROSSWORD KOMPETITION
YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A SUPER 'COASTWEEK' UMBRELLA HAT FOR 'FREE' - SEE PAGE 14

Infrastructure Is Key Problem

URGENT ACTION NECESSARY TO REPAIR BASIC AMENITIES



MICHAEL MCKEONN, a well-travelled writer and publisher on 'Impressions of Africa' covering travel, tourism, wildlife conservation, African history and people is seen with Godfrey Ikande, Executive Asst. Manager Jadini Beach Hotel explaining some of the contents. He described Jadini as 'my favourite place'.

'NO OTHER destination has the diversity of landscapes, abundance of wildlife and such beautiful beaches as Kenya.

However, a lot of work needs to be done on the infrastructure and the Kenya Tourist Board should urgently address this problem'.

So opined Michael McKeonn, a well-travelled writer and publisher of 'Impressions of Africa' a very prestigious quarterly paper, in colour, covering travel, tourism, wildlife conservation, African history and people.

He also produces special edition for top tourism trade fairs in London (World Travel Market), in German (International Tourism Bourse), Milan and at 'Indaba' in Durban, South Africa.

Michael is presently based in Zimbabwe, having returned there about three years ago.

In an interview at Jadini Beach Hotel he explained:

'I was out of Africa for fourteen years staying in Greece where I wrote a book and did a lot of freelance articles.

Prior to this I was in West and East Africa involved in publishing and some writing.

Referring to the current slump in tourism here he said 'hopefully after the General Election those in the travel trade will feel more upbeat about Kenya'.

MARKETING

He went on 'early next year I think that some of the major tour operators in Europe will start to feature and market Kenya strongly providing there is no more political mayhem'.

Michael pointed that 'to a great many people Kenya is synonymous with safaris and big game, as a result those selling Kenya as a tourist destination have the best marketing tool they could possibly hope to have.

They do not have to persuade people who already know about Kenya being safari country'.

Referring to the introduction by the Kenya Government of a Visa requirement for British passport holders, Michael said:

'I think its introduction came at an entirely inappropriate time when tour operators/travel agents were trying their best to lure tourists back to Kenya again.

An extra £35 on the cost of a holiday is not going to help'.

Michael is spending New Year at Jadini during

which time he hopes to meet some of the leaders in the tourism industry who are presently working hard to regain Kenya's popularity in the fast growing world tourism market but, unfortunately, are beset by many problems.

He described Jadini as 'my favourite place on the south coast'.

He was introduced to this hotel by his Kenyan born wife who, when young, used to holiday with his parents there in the early sixties.

Have A Smile

"You're in for a real treat later. Daddy told me to come down at ten o'clock and start playing the piano."

YOU can WIN a Weekend in the SHIMBA LODGE SEE PAGE 12

SINGING THEIR HEARTS OUT



ELIMU SINGERS entertain at a special breakfast for business and professional people organised by the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International at the Orchid Bay Hotel, Mombasa.

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(IN)VISIBLE CAMPAIGNING FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

WE'VE all been through the Election plus the extra Public Holiday that was added due to some 'hitches' in the process.

(These will be reviewed later but some lighter thoughts first.)

I met Kachumbari on Tuesday as a result of the extra free time created by the authorities when they declared Tuesday a public holiday.

We were perched on our stools at a local bar discussing the election when one of the chaps there told us that his pet hate was the campaign posters.

We asked him why, and his reasons for not liking campaign posters were quite interesting.

All the political parties put up posters of their candidates for the various posts being contested.

This is the main tool for 'Visible campaigning'.

All the parties are also guilty of being indiscriminate in where they put their posters.

In the last month leading up to the election, anything erected by a road was plastered with campaign posters.

Road signs could not be read as a result of the multitude of faces, some mutilated, that were plastered onto them.

For anyone relying on the

precious few signs that give quality information, such as showing which road one was on or which way to turn, life was made difficult as one could not read the signs.

Advertising sites were also not spared.

Most large billboards became the home of campaign posters that appeared overnight like the plague and then clung on tenaciously like parasites.

Walls adjacent to main thoroughfares were not spared either.

Owners of the various properties had askaris keeping vigil against the poster plasterers.

The short time it took the askari to go for a pee was sufficient for some enterprising campaign man to stick posters onto the bare bit of wall on some of the more popular matatu and pedestrian routes.

Lamp posts and other public utility items were also used.

A good example was when the posters of one of the prominent Presidential candidates was pasted over the lights on a set of traffic lights in Nairobi.

That the lights were not working was irrelevant, but the cheek to cover the lights with a campaign

poster was one that seemed hard to beat... that is till the election day itself.

An even more ambitious plan was put into place when the campaign manager for one of the Presidential candidates decided he would be different.

In the wee hours of the morning, when voters and officials were expected to start their journeys to



Coast Drive with PATRICK OBATH

the various polling stations, he ordered his minions to paste posters on the tarred road surfaces leading to the polling stations.

They were to fan outwards from each polling station and cover the access roads as far back as they could.

In the morning, those who went to vote found the roads decorated with the posters of, thankfully, only one of the Presidential candidates.

One comment from Kachumbari as we discussed posters was

whether the road user was likely to read the posters.

In most places, the traffic is flowing and at the 50k.p.h. vehicles are supposed to travel in towns, it is unlikely that the driver will have sufficient time to read them and still drive his car safely.

A sporty motor car franchise holder has used the ploy that if one were UNABLE to read the message on their bill board then one was driving too fast.

The lettering on the billboard is large and well spaced out making their message plausible.

Considering the size of the campaign posters, if one were to read them and get the message, traffic in town would come to a standstill.

First, the posters are too small and then they are put in the wrong places making them difficult to read anyway.

Why put posters on lamp posts in the middle of Nyal bridge? Are people expected to read them when driving?

One also tries to imagine what image the party is trying to portray.

Why would they let posters of their candidates be covered to cover warning signs for motorists?

Is this to say that the party doesn't

care if accidents happen and people get killed?

This omission can be found everywhere in Kenya.

The ripping off and defacing of another candidate's campaign poster not only makes the places look awful but it may also reflect the character of those involved.

Wouldn't it be easier to stick another neatly on top of that of the other candidate?

But no. We deface it to show our anger at the other party.

'INHERENT' HOOLIGANS

In other words, it shows that hooliganism is an inherent quality for those aspiring to run campaigns in Kenya, and especially the henchmen used to carry out the menial tasks.

The leaders of these people still have the final responsibility for the image they are trying to portray.

With the election process nearly complete, one can only wait and see which party is responsible enough to clean up after the work is finished.

Our bet is that not one party will do so.

It will again be a reflection on the character of the people who run the parties (and indeed most organisations which relies on mass appeal).

The posters will not be removed. They will be left, defaced as they are, masking important public information which may have saved a life were it visible instead of being covered by the posters left behind.

Is this the image the various organisations want?

The Electoral commission has known about the state of the roads and the forecast that it would rain for a long time.

Everybody in the country knows about 'El Nino' and what it means, yet like our road repair men, they did not make contingency plans to ensure that the very likely event of rain would not mar the process.

For five years the whole populace has known that there would be elections yet we have not been able to plan an event of national importance like this one.

One can only hope that all involved will clean up after the event and return the road signs, billboards and public facilities to a reasonable state.

There are laws in all countries that make it an offence to put up any advertising material without first paying the appropriate fee.

Ernst Gunter Strecker Again Presents Handsome Donation To The A.P.D.K. Coast Branch

ON DECEMBER 23 1997 the Association for the Physically Disabled of Kenya, Coast Branch, once again received a generous donation from Ernst Gunter Strecker, a Clerk in the Municipal Council in the City of Mainz in Germany.

Mr. Strecker handed over Kshs. 500,000/- to the Executive Officer of the Association Mr. Hubert Seifert at the APDK Rehabilitation Clinic Port Reitz.

The amount will be shared among the Clinic, Bombolulu Project, Mobility Aid Workshop, Shanzu Girl Guide Project for disabled girls and Goodwill Industries for mentally handicapped in Mombasa.

For the last seven years Mr. Strecker has been able to raise substantial funds in Germany through his tireless effort and has so far donated nearly Kshs. 6,000,000/- to various charitable projects at the Coast of Kenya.

Touched by the plight of children, particularly those with disabilities and orphans at the SOS Children's Village, Mr. Strecker decided in 1990 to spend all his energy and free time in Germany to approach individuals, companies, organisations and particularly politicians in Germany with the aim of raising funds to assist the less privileged in Kenya.

He has received wide publicity in Germany and Kenya and this year the Office of the President honoured him for his philanthropic efforts.

The Executive Officer of APDK Coast Branch expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the outstanding contributions Mr. Strecker has made so far to the Association and informed him that he has so far made the highest contribution as an individual donor to the association.

In recognition of this outstanding achievement, Mr. Strecker received a Certificate as Honourable Life Member of the Association for the Physically Disabled of Kenya.

The Certificate was signed by the National Chairman, Honourable Moody Awori.

Mr. Seifert appealed to Mr. Strecker to continue with his effort to assist the Clinic and other projects with funds which are urgently needed since the project faced severe problems as a result of the coastal violence and the recent floods which devastated the Bombolulu Project and also flooded the Clinic's compound.

FRIDAY, December 19, was great day for the Thespians, writes TOKA AKHABELE.

The fourth Mbalamwezi Theatre Awards were to take place at Nairobi's British Council.

It was a day when it was presumably believed that the Kenyan Thespians were going to be awarded for their outstanding talents and works.

The stage was set and maybe for the few actors and actresses who braved the potholes to make it to Nairobi were waiting for a mention of their Musakales, Angores, Claytons and Shah.

But after the ceremonies it was only smiles for the Nairobi Thespians while their Mombasa counterparts felt that the awards were only preserves of the Nairobi actors and actresses.

The only good news for the Mombasa thespians was a suggestion from the Chief Guests, the Nairobi Stock Exchange Chairman, Mr. Jimnah Mbaru that an Arts Council be created to facilitate sponsorship to rescue the already ailing Kenyan Theatre.

It is no doubt that the Kenyan Theatre lacks the support of the business community who are always suspects of the Artists' financial demands and often rules out the demand as just 'another plot to con them'.

Mbaru's noble idea that need to



Ernst Gunter Strecker is made an Honourary Lifetime member of the APDK Coast.

Struggling Theatre And Its Budding Thespians Really Deserve More Public (Financial) Support

was implemented, not only for the Nairobi Artists as it has been witnessed with the Mbalamwezi Theatre Awards which has centred its energy in Nairobi alone, but for the whole acting fraternity in the country.

It is only then that one can talk of developing the Kenyan Theatre.

Back to the Mbalamwezi Awards, one may wonder why they have not been able to venture into the other towns of Kisumu, Nakuru and Mombasa.

There are only three reasons that can be advanced here.

One; it is against their objectives, two; they have no scouts in Mombasa, and three; the Mombasa Theatre is dead.

It is easier to agree with the first reason than the last two.

From Mombasa's point of view, there is a whole range of theatre personalities from whom the scouts can be appointed.

These are people like Juma Mrajah, Abby Mohammed, Jean Koch, Peter Oduor-Odote, Patrick Obath, Francis Ghana and Rev. Joseph Maisha.

But strictly speaking, Juma Mraja, Jean Koch, Peter Oduor-Odote and Abby Mohamed are best suited due to their constant closeness to theatre for the past few years.

On theatres activities, last year

saw a number of productions enough to warrant what one can call an active theatre scene.

Little theatre Club had four productions, without naming Jean Koch's versions of *A Little Bit of This, That and the Other*.

She had also Peter Pan and the Jungle Book.

Zinduko Theatre Productions had three productions. The Islanders had two productions while Kizingo Arts, Mwambao, Cathedral Youth and St. Luke's Church had one each.

All the same we are entering the new year minus Winnie Angore who is leaving for USA for further studies and Director/ Actress Liz Jadav who left the country on redeployment to France mid last year.

The two ladies need commendations for their various roles in theatre.

Liz Jadav will be remembered for her tireless effort to bridge the gap between what had come to be known as the white cast and the black cast.

She brought down the imaginary wall. Others who need commendations in various roles are: Chris Kiri Mwakideu and Nyambura (Majangwa), Teddy Ngoro and Dora Mwakio (*Dreams of a Sweet Tomorrow*), Yusuf Mohammed and Shilpa Shah (*Romeo and Juliet*), Winnie Angore

and Hillary Namanje (*Home is Where Your Clothes Are*), Gilie Owino and Fiona Ledger (*Beach Access*), Liz Jadav and Jay New (*Chess*), Andrew Musakale and Peter Odanga (*A Step in the Mind*), Vivien Orengo (*Cool in the Furnace*) and Andrew Musakale and Winnie Angore (*Medicine for Love*).

The year should not go without complementing the hotelier Kulidip Sondhi who made his first attempt on stage plays by adapting his BBC Award winning Radio Play, *Beach Access*, for stage.

A former BBC Producer, Fiona Ledger who flew in from London just to take part in the play.

There is also Phillippe Zimmerlin who together with Jean Koch saw the Success of musical *Chess* and of course KBC Radio Preview's presenter Emanuel Mumo who mid last year hosted a theatre workshop at the Youth Counselling Centre.

The Workshop had been sponsored by Artinet Waves Communications in conjunction with Sultan Promotions.

Could we then say that this year will be a year of doubled action?

Only the Thespians themselves have an answer but the audience will be expecting much more.

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Hard-Hit Hoteliers Seek Government Aid With "Industry Rescue Initiative"

WITH AN estimated loss of K. Shs. 560 million resulting from a 40 per cent drop in bednights on the Kenya Coast during the peak period of December 24 to January 2, 1998, it has been suggested that as a New Year's gift to the industry the newly elected Government might consider 'waiving', for one year, the new Visa requirement for British passport holders entering Kenya.

Recent political and tribal unrest at the Coast has resulted in a 50 per cent drop in tourism and the introduction of this new Visa fee of 35 Sterling Pounds per person has adversely

affected tourism even further.

Hence the suggestion by Kuldip Sondhi, Managing Director, Reef Hotels, for this Visa requirement to be 'waived for one year' and be re-considered by the parties concerned.

He explained: 'The Coast has around 35,000 beds and normally during December 24 to January 2 are all full'. 'An average rate for this time of the year, and I am talking about three and four star hotels, is around K. Shs 4,000/- per person a day.

'As a conservative estimate this represents a direct loss of K.Shs.560 million, this excluding the multiplying factor'.

Mr. Sondhi further explained: 'Hotel's at the coast are faced with a most serious financial situation which led to the Kenya Association of Hotelkeepers' and Caterers' sending a memorandum to the Ministry of Finance appealing for an 'Industry Rescue Programme' in the way of a Moratorium in the payment of government taxes, VAT, electricity, telephones and water'.

So far it had resulted in the

Minister approving a deduction of all input VAT paid on goods or services used for restaurant services.

Declared Mr. Sondhi: 'But much more needs to be done to arrest the critical situation the industry is in and the waiving of the Visa requirement for British passport holders for one year would definitely help'.

He also noted that if a tourist leaves Kenya for say, just one day, another Visa had to be obtained to return to Kenya.

Many potential holidaymakers were being put off coming here.



"... to think you'll spend most of your holiday in a bikini..."



"Or you can have two weeks in Libya for only 500 shillings..."



"You needn't say grace again, dear. It's yesterdays left-overs."



"If you'd been born two days earlier, you'd be kind, witty and generous."



"Don't mind him. He's just learning to drink alcohol-free lager."



"Yes, I know about that kind of hand signal, thank you."



"Ian, you don't want to mix with the tourist class."



"... or did I put the joint out and the cat in the deep freeze?"



SUPPORT FOR LIKONI VICTIMS



LADIES AUXILIARY Committee of the Lions Club of Mombasa Pwani have generously come forward and assisted desperate victims of the Likoni violence - who had been camping in the sanctuary of the Holy Ghost Cathedral Mombasa. Chairperson Mrs Chandrika Kanabar and Mrs Charlotte Mendes met with Father Mutua who suggested the Ladies Auxiliary might help meet expense of travel fares so that the arson victims could return to their original home upcountry. More than K. Shs. 40,000/= was subsequently raised, including a very handsome K. Shs. 12,000/= contribution from the Sondhi Charitable Trust. Others who assisted were Mrs Kanabar, Mrs Mendes, Mrs Shirin Sondhi and Mrs Clyde Monserrate. Some of the donors are seen with the thrilled refugees prior to their departure from the Coast.

Gilles Debie Joins Safari Beach Hotel

A PURVEYOR of haute-cuisine is Gilles Debie who recently joined Safari Beach Hotel as Executive Chef.

He has had sixteen years experiences in 5-star international hotels in many parts of the world and before coming to Kenya was Executive Chef at a famous Oberoi group hotel in New Delhi, India, for two years.

With seven restaurants they were catering for some 2,000 guests a day.

Other hotels have included Inter-Continental, Dubai, Sun City, South Africa where, said Gilles 'we were always too busy', the Shangrila in China and Meridian in Thailand.

He trained as a chef at a top hotel school in France, then spending eighteen months in the Army as a chef on board warship in the Middle East during the Gulf War.

He went to England to work and learn English but found he learned even more of the language in Stockholm, Sweden!

Gilles has been busy changing menus in all four outlets at Safari Beach Hotel, introducing Chinese and Thai buffets and has transformed the Island Grill into a



Chef GILLES DEBIE

gourmets paradise!
Gourmands staying or 'eating out' at this hotel over the festive season are in for a big culinary treat!

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*ING: Madhuri Dixit; Kumar Gaurav

SATURDAY (03/01/98) AT 3.30 & 6.30 PM
JUNGLE ASSAULT
Kidnapped, Framed and Marked to Die.
AT 9.30 PM **RANG**
*ING: Jeetendra; Divya Bharti; Ayesha Julka

SUNDAY (04/01/98) AT 3.30 & 6.30 PM
BOUNTY TRACKER
Lorenzo Lamas - Dead or Alive...He always gets his Man.
AT 9.30 PM **MOHRA**
*ING: Sunil Shetty; Akshay Kumar; Raveena Tandon; Paresh Rawal

MONDAY (05/01/98) AT 6.30 PM
Invasion Force
The Future of America lies in their Hands.
AT 9.30 PM **DAAVA**
*ING: Akshay Kumar; Raveena Tandon; Nasirudin Shah

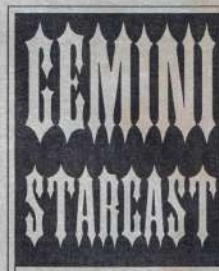
TUESDAY (06/01/98) AT 6.30 PM
OPEN FIRE
An elite Team of Mercenaries has taken over a Chemical Plant. One man can stop them
AT 9.30 PM **TARAZU**
*ING: Akshay Kumar; Sonali Bendre

WEDNESDAY (07/01/98) AT 6.30 PM
SERIAL KILLER
When the Hunter becomes the Hunted
AT 9.30 PM **VISHWATHMA**
*ING: Sunny Deol; Sonam; Nasirudin Shah; Chunkey Panday; Divya Bharti

THURSDAY (08/01/98) AT 6.30 PM
CODENAME VENGEANCE
Get up, Jailed, Left to Die. Now they need his Help.
AT 9.30 PM **Sapne Sajan Ke**
*ING: Jackie Shroff; Karishma Kapoor



SOME OF the children who were among the one hundred members of Mombasa's Goan community having a whale of a time during their weekend at the five star Mombasa Continental Resort are seen with Max Noronha (left), the community's social secretary who is planning another weekend there very soon.



***CAPRICORN** Dec. 22 - Jan. 21
Misunderstandings at home and at work may cause tension. Do not give them much importance, but do not neglect them altogether. Avoid heavy investments on Monday.

***AQUARIUS** Jan. 22 - Feb. 21
Chronic ailments may raise their heads, and require immediate treatment. Proposals for a joint venture may come up, but do not commit firmly till the end of January.

***PISCES** Feb. 22 - March 21
Your spouse and partners at home may not see eye to eye with you. Have patience and things will right themselves by Wednesday.

***ARIES** March 22 - April 21
Try to reconcile differences with others on Sunday and get their support. Your plans will go through on Thursday. Take extra care of your health.

***TAURUS** April 22 - May 21
The generation gap may cause some trouble. Love life may prove disturbing. Sunday is good for social activities but be tolerant with those around you. Set out business matters mid-week.

***GEMINI** May 22 - June 21
You will progress well in your career. Keep neighbours at a distance, otherwise they may add fuel to the fire. Routine business is profitable this week.

***CANCER** June 22 - July 21
Postpone travel during this and next week. News from someone who is close to your heart but far away physically will boost your spirits. Sunday is nice for meetings.

***LEO** July 22 - August 21
The key to success this week and next is to be sweet and pleasant to everyone. Do not loan money or borrow it. The start of the week brings you a lot of business.

***VIRGO** Aug. 22 - Sept. 21
You may feel rather depressed about the way things are working out. Make deliberate efforts to launch an important proposition - it will work in your favour.

***LIBRA** Sept. 22 - Oct. 21
A sudden quarrel occurs at the end of the week, but there is a reconciliation soon. Get rid of your complacency. Be diplomatic and keep your moves secret.

***SCORPIO** Oct. 22 - Nov. 21
Whether you like it or not, you may have to break a long-standing association. Do it diplomatically and get rid of the disturbing situation boldly. The middle of the week is good.

***SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
Sudden development during this and next week may cause a change in the environment. Do not feel disturbed. This will be a blessing in disguise. Business takes a turn for the better.

LOTUS Brings In The New Year With A Bang

IF THIS week's programme at the LOTUS CINEMA is the guideline for things to come then we are all in for a very entertaining year at the cinemas.

For the whole week, LOTUS CINEMA will not only be showing a different film daily, but two different films every day.

They are having an English release for the afternoon and evening shows and an Indian release for the night showing.

This means fourteen different films in one week - can't get better than that can it?

Showing today at 3.30 and 6.30 p.m. will be *Rage To Kill* followed by *Madhuri Dixit and Kumar Gaurav in Phool*.

Saturday at 3.30 and 6.30 p.m. is an action thriller *Jungle Assault* with *Rang* at 9.30 p.m. starring Jeetendra, Divya Bharti, Ayesha Julka, Kamal Sadanah and Amrita Singh.

Lorenzo Lamas, always gets his man, dead or alive in *Bounty Tracker* on Sunday at 3.30 and 6.30 p.m.

The super hit *Mohra* will be shown at 9.30 p.m. on the same day.

'Mast Mast'

Starring Sunil Shetty, Akshay Kumar, Raveena Tandon and Paresh Rawal, it's hit song "Tu cheez badi hai mast mast..."

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still has a lot of appeal. Monday will be invaded at 6.30 p.m. by *Invasion Force*, followed by another Akshay Kumar film, *Daava*.

Co-stars are Raveena Tandon and Naseerudin Shah and is quite a recent release.

Open Fire burns on Monday with yet another recent Akshay Kumar release *Tarazu*, this time with the sexy Sonali Bendre.

When the hunter becomes the hunted, it is time for *Serial Killer* on Wednesday.

The all time favourite, shot almost entirely in Kenya, *Vishwatma* starring Sunny Deol, Naseerudin Shah, Chunky Pandey and Divya Bharati can be seen at 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Finally, on Thursday you can see *Codename Vengeance* at 6.30 p.m. ending with Jackie Shroff and Karishma Kapoor at 9.30 p.m. in *Sapne Sajan Ke*.

As at the time of going to press, we had not received any programme from KENYA CINEMA.

To all our readers, we wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Bamburi Quarry Nature Trail

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- January 15 - "Here Be The Dragons - (60 mins.)"
- January 22 - "Castle of Clay" - (60 mins.)"
- January 29 - "Kopjes" - (60 mins.)"
- February 5 - "Safari By Balloon" - (60 mins.)"
- February 12 - "The Tides of Kirawira" - (60 mins.)"
- February 19 - "Legend of the Lighting Bird" - (60 mins.)"
- February 26 - "Ituri: A Space in the Heart of Africa" - (60 mins.)"
- March 5 - "The Baobab Tree" - (60 mins.)"

Swahili Translation Of The Holy Quran

I HAVE the pleasure of informing *Coastweek* readers that now there is a site with Swahili translation of the Holy Quran.

The translation was revised several times by prominent Islamic scholars of Swahili.

The translation was also checked and approved by Al Azhar University.

Its first publication was sponsored by "Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nihayyan Establishment for Charity and Humanitarian Works".

In addition to the translation, the site contains an extensive subject index of the Quran in Swahili.

I hope you will include a cross reference to this site for the benefit of the Swahili speaking community across the World.

The site is:
<<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Parthenon/2355>>
Swahili is the language of East Africa.
It is spoken by more than 60 million people.
It is the second most spoken indigenous language of Africa. (Arabic is the first).
The language is spoken by people of Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Comoro Islands, Mozambique, Ruanda, Burundi, Eastern Congo and South of Somalia. Best regards.
Muhamed Barwani, U.A.E. <barwani@emirates.net.ae>

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Mombasa's Well-Known Pujara Sisters Have Now Established The New 'Varun Academy' In Kizingo

THE WELL known Pujara sisters have established The Varun Dev Academy in Kizingo.

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Many Art students of Pujara sisters have attained prizes at national and international levels.

Gold medal too have been attained by students Jigna Ruparelia Anand Abhani to name but a few swimming and computer lessons will be arranged at a later date.

There will be plenty of books, toys, video and other teaching aids at the library.

Parents and children can borrow and take away something to do at home.

Location

Varun Dev Academy is situated on David Kayanda Road in Kizingo near Lake Side Apartments.

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'Ecotourism At Crossroads - Charting The Way Forward'

A FINAL session at the 'Ecotourism at a Crossroads' conference, workshops and field trips event was recently held in Nairobi, hosted by the Kenya Wildlife Service, the Ecotourism Society of Kenya (ESOK) and the US-based Ecotourism Society (TES).

The panel consisted of Dr. David Western, Director, KWS, Ms. Megan Epler Wood, President TES and Colonel Joe Nguru (Ret'd) represent ESOK.

They summarised working groups and field trip conclusions and presented them to local and international press and remaining delegates in the presence of the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife.

'Ecotourism at a Crossroads - Charting the way forward' was an eight day event hosted in Nairobi and four evolving community based Ecotourism sites in Kenya:

Kimama, Mwaluganje, Il Ngwesi and Northern Mara and Transmara.

Over 1000 delegates attended the first four days consisting of conferences and workshops addressed by international, regional and local tourism conservation experts.

100 delegates including community representatives and members of the local and international press attended the field study trips to meet and discuss

Ecotourism issues with the host communities in all four locations.

Using information gathered before and during the field trips community viewpoints and experience have been added to the working group findings as part of the final report on Ecotourism arising from this event.

The main findings called for a National Ecotourism Task Force to be set up, representing Government, local authorities, KWS, ESOK, local communities, the tourism industry (through its existing trade associations), NGOs and the donor community.

It is anticipated that the Task Force would be supported by a

working secretariat the rough ESOK carrying out administrative duties for which funding would be required.

ESOK would compile, analyse and distribute the conference findings in a month's time.

The panel also called on local communities throughout Kenya to look at their own Ecotourism based needs and to create a body to represent them at a National level, as happens in Namibia.

Megan Epler Wood said "The policy process should start now, spearheaded by the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife and the Kenya Wildlife Service, drawing on the expertise of the Task Force

representatives to create a sound policy framework".

She also called for a National Ecotourism Plan and cited the international examples of Brazil, Belize and Australia as role models for Kenya.

Ms. Epler Wood confirmed that the conference conclusions and report would be made available world-wide to other communities through The Ecotourism Society.

Dr. David Western congratulated the speakers, delegates and community representatives who had attended this event.

He said it marked another step forward in the evolution of Ecotourism.

'Ecotourism has evolved from an elitist pastime into a mainstream movement allowing grassroots tourism to flourish.

I see Ecotourism as an opportunity for communities in Kenya to benefit from the global passion for wildlife tourism.

Through events like this communities can share local knowledge with and learn from other local, regional and international experts in order to successfully develop the natural tourism potential of their land and conserve the wildlife so prized by tourists.

Mr. Sam Mbova, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Wildlife and Tourism, commended Dr. Western and the Kenya Wildlife Service for involving communities who live close to wildlife and whose lives are directly affected by conservation activities.

On behalf of the Government, Mr. Mbova expressed his gratitude to the organisers for holding the conference in Kenya and added his belief that the tourism sector would greatly benefit from this event.

He welcomed all the representatives from other countries in Africa and overseas and called on them to carry the positive messages rising from this event back home with them to network the results worldwide.

He commented 'Total involvement is needed from all parties with an interest in Ecotourism for these ideas to work.

A policy must evolve to encourage even growth, drawing from the existing tourism

masterplan, which attracts outside investments as well as grassroots support.

Mr. Mbova said that there was a need to fully understand Ecotourism: "We must be clear before we go forward".

He said that the Ministry should be represented on the Task Force by the Kenya Tourist Board, the Government's role should be to create an enabling environment to allow the recommendations from the Task Force to be implemented at a National Level.

Addressing the panel, conference delegates and well-known naturalists Mr. Jonathan Scott thanked the hosts and the panel for their work in organising the event and regretted the poor turnout at the conference and workshops by individual members of the travel industry, particularly from mainstream operators and hoteliers.

Colonel Nguru speaking for members of ESOK, said that this forum had coincided with a bad time for the local travel industry in the face of a national slump in tourism.

But, he added, there is a strong groundswell support for the main issues and recommendations and the most important priority would be the membership and representation on the Task Force to ensure that all stakeholders have a voice and represent the commitment on their sector.

Megan Epler Wood pointed out that, globally, Ecotourism satisfies a niche market with high revenue from a small number of visitors.

Bella Ochoa Wilson, Deputy Director Tourism, KWS, noted that whilst Ecotourism operations tend to be more expensive than mainstream accommodation and tours, the experience is more intense, with visitors spending a longer time in one place learning about the culture, wildlife and ecosystem instead of bed and breakfast stop overs with many hours spent in vehicles transiting between locations interspersed with pressured game drives.

The significance of Ecotourism for Kenya will be examined by the Task Force at a time when tourism numbers are declining.

Traditionally thirty seven per cent of Kenya's Gross National Product comes from Tourism.

Nyali Residents Association Hope For Smaller Problems During 1998

THE REASON for the delay in sending this Newsletter out earlier are twofold:

My telephone was off the air for two weeks, with many others.

On finally reaching the Deputy Town Clerk, Mr. Mbogo for news of the search for a new garbage dump on the North Coast, the bad news is still that they have not found one yet, we are told.

They are still having to use Kibarani on the way to the airport.

Having persuaded the Mombasa Municipal Council that they have to accept the fact that private garbage collectors must be used in future, they took quick action.

They advertised, interviewed, tendered and selected ending with the decision that just one private company will handle the whole area, including all the North Coast hotels and restaurants.

When asking about charges, we are informed that the selected Company will be visiting all plot holders/residents to discuss their charges individually.

As they have not started doing that yet, and it will be a gigantic task and take much time, your Committee decided to postpone our Annual General Meeting into 1998 when more progress has been made in plans.

Good News: More vehicles arrived a few weeks ago for the MMC Cleaning Department.

Water: Pumps from India for the seven or eight boreholes on the South Bank of the Sabakia River are awaited and should be installed before the end of This Year.

These should improve the pressure of water for the whole of the North Coast.

Let's hope so.

The Kisauni Water Office is still without a working telephone, the way to teach them, without a visit, is a telephone 229961 at the water HQs on the Island and ask for messages to be sent to Mr. Masau there by radio.

Telephone Services: (of silence and inactivity), reports have been given to the Maintenance Headquarters in Mombasa Kenya Post and Telecommunication

about the tragic, infuriating deterioration of the maintenance services in the Nyali area for the last year.

There have been wrong numbers, crossed lines, dead receivers, and daily visits to the Nyali Exchange offices Off Links Road.

It has been quite common to learn of no repairs for over two weeks and more.

all roads at all acceptable times of the year.

They catch the pothole when they are small.

I put this suggestion to the Mombasa Council's Engineer, Mr. Muraya for him to think about.

Strangely very recently I noticed such a vehicle doing just that on the South Coast road.

Perhaps Mr. Muraya has "got the message"?

Power cuts have been far fewer and we have KP and L to thank.

Car Thefts: These are on the increase, and Travel Agents among others are suffering badly.

The following small advertisement was spotted recently.

Lost and Found: An American car tracking system with a 95 per cent recovery success rate was recently introduced to Kenya as a deterrent against rising car crime.

For further information on telephone Nairobi 712074/712705.

New Air Baggage Policy: Some of you may not have seen these?

Changes in baggage allowances as under: First Class 40kgs, old allowance; Premier Class 40kgs, old allowance; Economy Class 23kgs, old allowance; 30kgs, for First Class now; 30kgs for Premier Class now; 20kgs, for Economy Class now.

Visas: You may have heard that all British visitors to Kenya now have to apply for avisa costing £35 per head.

These can be obtained on arrival, but the queues are long.

This is bad news for tourism.

Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, may all our problems be smaller ones in 1998.

Lorna Hayes,
Nyali Residents Association.

YOUR LETTERS TO
Coastweek 
P.O. Box 87270 Mombasa KENYA

The special number for the medical profession, hospitals and hotels still exists and helps as much as it can.

The number is 225903.
Increased Postal Charges from August 1997.

Full details of All charges have been printed by the KP and T in a small booklet available from the Head Postmaster of the GPO on the Island.

K. P. and T have four departments.

The Departments are as follows, each with their own General Manager:

(1) National Telecommunications Network, Mr. A. K. Cheserem;

(2) International Telecommunications Network, Mr. Asava Majani;

(3) Communication Regulatory Affairs, Mr. Roger Ngotwa; and

(4) Commercial Division, Mr. Alex Maina.

Roads: The Island in Links Road are worrying drivers at night due to lack of reflectors or white stones to give warnings.

This is being pursued together with the improvement of the surfaces of the road where the bridge boulders used to be.

It is learned that Harare in Zimbabwe has an "instant pothole repairing vehicle" roaming around

Driving on the Mombasa/Malindi road I noticed piles of crushed coral every now and again on the roadside.

Should we ask Mr. Muraya to do the same thing in Nyali on the tarmac roadside?

Could not some of us arrange for our gardeners in those roads to fill potholes temporarily though it might be, to save them from getting bigger and saving repairs on vehicles?

Is that asking too much?

Kenya Post and Lighting:

Research Work For Swahili Professor ?

MY FRIEND's name is Yekii.

And she has a little problem.

Can you read her E-mail below (addressed to me) and tell me what her name means?

I'd really appreciate it.

Here's my friend's message:

I'm trying to find out what my name means.

My parents swear up and down that my name comes from a 'Swahili' word.

There was a little girl named "Ki-ye" (or Kai-ye, however you spell it) and my mother says her name is a Swahili word.

What she did was reverse the syllables.

Only my mother never bothered to find out what "Ki-ye" means.

So I've been telling people my whole life that my name is a Swahili word, but I don't know what it means - or sometimes I would make up a meaning.

Anyway, I took it upon myself to go hang out in Borders today and look up "Ki-ye" in their Swahili dictionaries.

I couldn't find it.

No matter how I spelled it.

I'm thinking that maybe it's a little bit more complicated than just a

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basic noun and that's why I can't find it (either that or it's just a made up name with no meaning at all) and unless I start learning the language I'm not going to find out what it means.

So I'm thinking maybe I'll E-mail some Swahili professors and see if they know.

That's where you come in.

Can you find out who, if anyone does, teaches Swahili?

Can you do that on the Web?

Kimberly Lyons, U.S.A.

<kimberly-lyons@pcworld.com>

Fond Memories Of The Loreto Convent

I HAVE BEEN on the net for several weeks ... surfing ... and WOW!

I found Coastweek.

What a memory jogger ...

Thanks to whomever for making your paper available.

Mombasa was home for so many

years ... Loreto Convent, Star of the Sea ... lots of hockey, swimming, singing under Father Corcoran's guidance ... so many memories ... it would be great to hear from anyone who finished Form 4 in 1977 at Star.

Isabelle Blanchard,
Municipal Airport, Pecos,
Texas 79772, USA.

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The Best Of Luck To Winnie Angore

I REFER to your article on Winnie Angore which appeared on your Web page for the 19th to 25th December "Coast Week".

I am a Kenyan student pursuing my studies here in South Africa and also an old friend to Winnie.

I would like to request you to please pass my greetings to Winnie if it will not be out of your way.

Please also wish her all the best in her future plans and her intended

studies in America.

I am unable to do this myself since I have none of her contacts.

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SOUTH AFRICA.

Has Anyone Heard Of Bikram Dang ?

I AM A FRIEND of Bikram Dang, son of Dr. Dang.

I lost touch with him and I would appreciate if anyone could please forward me his E-mail address or his phone number.

By the way I was in Mombasa in 1994, it was a great city.

Omer Butt

Arjumand Butt, CANADA.

<samina.tahir@sympatico.ca>

Wonderful Work !

HELLO Coastweek.

Just wanted to wish you all a very Happy New Year. Hope to read more of your wonderful articles in 1998 too.

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ALTHOUGH Sha Khan in *Naughty Potato* managed to claim line honours in the Fourth Monthly Mug race on Christmas Eve, it was Sam Barnes in *Out of the Blue* who thought it really was Christmas.

She sailed an excellent race in light airs, crossing the line just behind Sha and well ahead of her parents, Chris and Marylyn for the first time ever.

She then went on to a convincing win on corrected time.

It just shows that she learnt something at the KYA Cadet Camp in Naivasha held last week and sailed in next to no wind.

The Lasers took the first four places with Kadir Khan in *Foxy Loxy*, second, Sha third and Self Patwa in *Equalaser* fourth.

Head Chris Barnes in *Chanzo*, sixth, had duelled throughout the race costing them both time and although Chris finished ahead of Self, Self's position improved on corrected time.

Barry Mitchell and Peter Waikwa in *Atalanta* enjoying some good spinnaker legs finished fifth and Marylyn Barnes in *Ishila* seventh.

Michael Coppinger with friend Pierre in the *Topper Freight Forwarders* retired as they got left behind in the little wind, while Alistair Barnes and Stephen Coppinger in a 420 also retired after paddling with their hands, an illegal form of propulsion, when the wind dropped away leaving them mid-stream with a ship steaming out.

However the rescue boat, *Sally B* manned by Iddi and James was standing by to assist, but this was not necessary.

The Cadet Trophy was sailed on Saturday, December 27, having been postponed on December 6 due to poor weather.

It was an exciting series for both entrants and spectators, sailed in Toppers on personal (B) handicap in Force One to Two.

At the start of the first race the "over the line" signal was sounded denoting a premature starter.

Sam Barnes in *Mean Mercury Machine* returned to re-cross the line, although she was not the

It's Just Sam Barnes In 'Out Of The Blue' Who Thought It Really Was Christmas !

offender, but Michael Coppinger in *Stanray I* (who failed to return but sailed the course well, finishing third, but collecting ten points instead of three as he was disqualified).

Aziz Gulamhusein in *Stanray II* was immediately behind Sam and sailed round the course wondering if he was also over the line.

He finished first and was fortunately clear at the start, while Sam disadvantaged herself unnecessarily taking fifth place.

Aziz also took first place in the second race, Michael second and Alistair Barnes in *Bamburi Cement* third.

The wind piped up a little in the third race allowing Alistair to take a commanding lead, Sam second and Aziz third.

Everything was held in the balance when the Cadets started the fourth race with Aziz having four and a half points, Alistair five and three quarters.

Unfortunately there was an incident on the startline which left Michael and Aziz tangled while the rest of the fleet sailed off.

Aziz took a 720 degree penalty to exonerate himself allowing Alistair to sail into first place and Aziz, who caught up well, could manage only third place.

Aziz decided to lodge a protest - something to be encouraged among these young sailors who will learn more about the application of the rules by protesting each other.

'GOOD' PROTEST

The three Cadets involved in the protest presented their cases very well and Aziz should be congratulated for bringing the action.

At the hearing it transpired that Aziz had probably protested the wrong boat and the result stood

with the overall results showing Alistair Barnes in *Bamburi Cement* first, second Aziz Gulamhusein in *Stanray II*, third Sam Barnes in *Mean Mercury Machine*, fourth Stephen Coppinger in *Goca Cola*, fifth Michael Coppinger in *Stanray I* (would have had an excellent third had he not been over the line in the first race), sixth Ali-Asger Mohamedbhai in *Trophy Sieger*, seventh Gert-Jan Scherpenzeel in *WEC Rotterdam*, eighth Boniface Ojumbo in *The Merry Mariner*, ninth Hannah Marsh in *Rolls Royce* and tenth Grayson Ochieng in *Freight Forwarders*.

Aziz and Michael have to be the

two surprise contenders and need to get a lot of practice in before the Juvenile Cup is sailed on April 1, 1998.

The Toppers had a busy weekend as, with the kind permission of The Topper Trust, they were out in force again on Sunday to sail the annual team race event, the Hoggan Tiller with the Commodore's team versus the Vice Commodore's team.

With six purple boats and six blue, the teams were easily identifiable.

After two races it became apparent that the Commodore's team comprising the Commodore

- Chris Barnes, Andy Burnard, Sam Barnes, Frances Marks and Tony Rowland had a clear win and all sailors were quite relieved not to have to fold themselves back into the Toppers for the decider.

The series is a real leveller as Sam and Alistair Barnes demonstrated how to sail the Toppers with the oldies following on behind.

Kadir Khan showed he is just as capable of capsizing the Topper as the Laser while Self Patwa did a buoyancy test on his boat.

There were few team tactics displayed in this series as most

Club sailors are unaccustomed to using the rules to gain their team improved positions in this very different form of racing to handicap racing.

However it was a fun afternoon's sailing appropriately held in during the festive season.

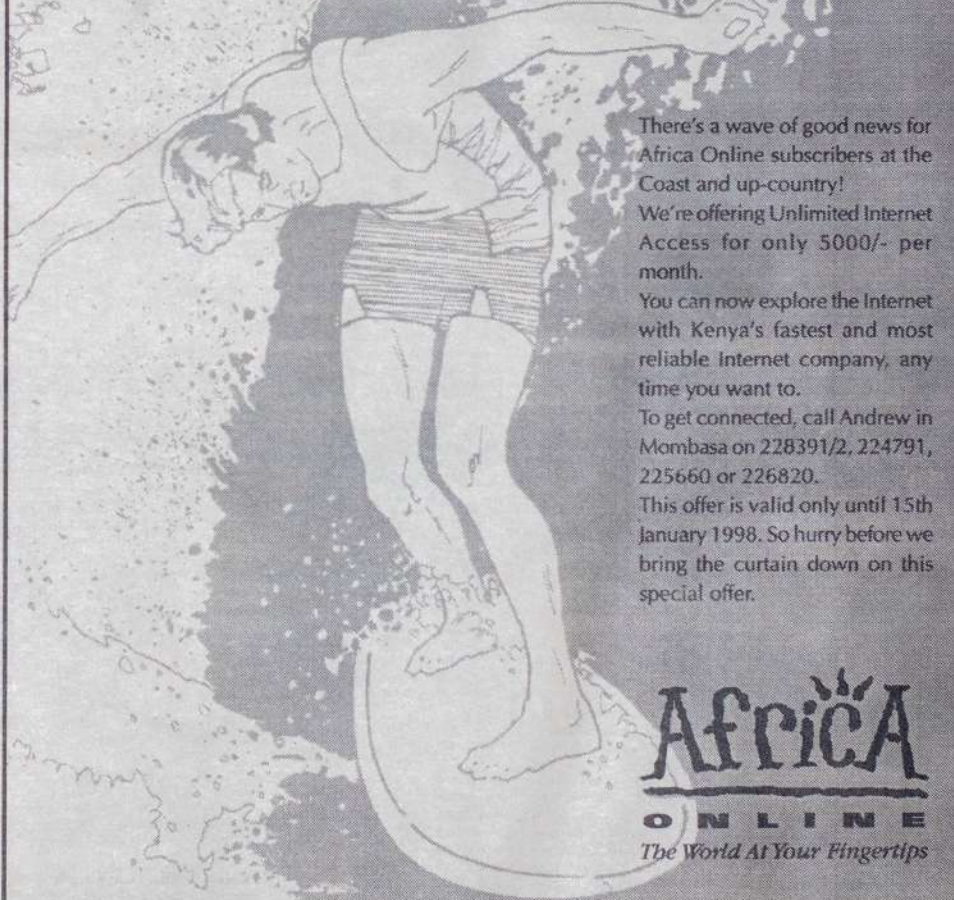
Forthcoming events - New Year's Day Cup on Thursday, January 1, at 2.00 p.m., Cadet sailing will recommence on Saturday, January 3, 1998 and First Killindini Cup race on Sunday, 4th.

Happy New Year to all and a message to all would be sailors - please come along and give it a try in 1998.

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YEAR ENDS AT NYALI WITH MEN'S MUG

THE YEAR drew to a close at Nyali Golf and Country Club last Saturday with the December Men's Mug.

This competition was very generously sponsored by Furnitureland who have been the main sponsors of the Men's Mugs throughout 1997.

There was a relatively small field of sixty players including four markers, many golfers having other commitments during the festive season.

It was another extremely hot afternoon with little change in the climatic conditions apparent.

The course, one week after the Nyali Open, was playing very well indeed and there were plenty of very good scores.

Winning the A division with a good 73 nett was Raju Shah who plays off 10 handicap.

The runner up was Paul Wangai who returned nett 75 counting into third place Kishor Lakhani.

The Best Gross was won by Anjam Rulia with an excellent 76.

Jayant Shah made it a day for family celebrations by winning the B division with by far the best nett score of the competition, a fine 66.

Just two shots behind Clive Barnsley was the runner up on a very good nett 68.

These two players were well ahead of third placed Willie Findlay who scored nett 72.

In the C division, Kishor Gudka had a very good nett 69 to win by one shot from Imran Elias who was runner up with a good nett 70.

Four players tied on nett 72 and, after a very close countback, Roger Dainty took third place from Paul Ichangi, H.G. Karim and P. Waki.

FAREWELL - After ten years of writing for COASTWEEK, this is FOLLOWTHRU's last golf column.

It has been a challenge and a pleasure reporting on the golfing scene at the Coast.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year, good golfing in 1998 and kwaheri!

FULL RESULTS:

MEN'S MUG - A Division: Winner: Raju Shah 73 nett, Runner Up: P. Wangai 75, Third: K. Lakhani 75, Best Gross: A. Rulia 76, B Division: Winner: J. Shah 66 nett, Runner Up: C.I. Barnsley 68, Third: W. Findlay 72, C Division: Winner: K. Gudka 69, Runner Up: I. Elias 70, Third: R. Dainty 72.

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Success Story Of Mkomazi Game Reserve

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IT HAS BEEN a remarkable year in the *Mkomazi Game Reserve (MGR)* with certain progress and success on many fronts.

● The (wild) dogs have started breeding.

● 'Nina' the elephant was finally transferred from *Mount Meru Game Sanctuary* and released into the Reserve after 27 years of captivity, and

● Thanks to Charles Dobie we have a new, distinguished and very active Trust Chairman in Brigadier General Hashim I Mbita (Retd).

Most importantly, there was, in July, an extremely positive Mkomazi Game Reserve (MGR) workshop organised by the *Tanzania Wildlife Department* and attended by all interested parties.

Of course, there have been problems too but part of the challenge is to confront the set backs and find solutions

For the moment we must express our profound gratitude to the growing list of supporters without whose contributions, be they Governmental, financial, goods, services, ideas, moral support or just simply time, we simply could not exist.

It is now impossible to attach a list of everyone concerned without making this newsletter the size of a telephone directory but it is available from the UK Trust.

To our many visitors, we hope you enjoyed your stay, we certainly enjoyed having you and again a full list is available.

Now, what have we been up to:

WILD DOGS

The dogs have been separated into three breeding compounds to avoid inbreeding.

In March 1997, a female from the *Liondriaggis* group gave birth to six pups.

Although the runt died shortly afterwards the remaining five are doing extremely well.

Intriguingly, on the day they were born, 15 wild dogs turned up on the edges of the rhino sanctuary and stayed in the area for about a week.

According to the pilot DNA research completed at the *Erasmus University of Rotterdam* (on nine dogs from two of the three families) there is a promising bio-diversity to form a genetically viable founder population.

There are ongoing vaccinations for all the dogs against rabies, canine distemper, 'lepto spirose' and 'parvo virus'.

The blood sampling is also being done at Erasmus as is research into the effectiveness of the inactive canine distemper vaccine and the effectiveness of the rabies vaccine.

For a full veterinarian report please contact Aart Visee.

Dr. Gus Mills and Marienne de Villiers, the species co-ordinators for the *African Preservation Programme for Wild Dogs* have provided advice for the future management of the captive breeding and translocation programmes in Mkomazi as have Dr. James Malcolm, Dr. Aart

Situated on the Tanzania/ Kenya Border below Tsavo West National Game Park is Tanzania's small but fascinating MKOMAZI GAME RESERVE. It is just 35 minutes flying time from Mombasa's Moi International Airport. For the past ten years' former Kenyan conservationist and wildlife expert TONY FITZJOHN (one-time assistant to lion man George Adamson) has been developing a small but dynamic project to build up this once neglected area.

Visee and Costa Mlay Director General of the *Serengeti Wildlife Research Institute*.

Dr. Rinus van der Ende was also prompt and helpful in performing an urgent operation on one of the females.

There was partial success with a joint dog programme between the Trust and the *Kenyan Wildlife Service (KWS)*.

KWS approached the Trust for four males to integrate with four wild caught females with hunting experience.

Costa Mlay secured their permits and KWS took them to the orphanage in Nairobi.

There was then a distressing few months while Kenyan bureaucracy held up their translocation to the release area.

Eventually, two of the males and all four females were released in Tsavo, not in the Maasai Mara/ Serengeti ecosystem as originally agreed.

Remarkably, the group found its way back to MGR and are still being tracked.

We hope that the next joint programme will be better managed with KWS taking the animals directly to the release point and introducing them in a compound unknown to either group as should have happened in the first place.

We have no real doubts that this kind of programme can work as long as the animals have access to plenty of prey species and small numbers of resident wild dogs - the latter being the problem we are trying to rectify in the first place.

Meanwhile, Costa Mlay is working on a programme for a large wild dog release in the Serengeti and we hope this can be successfully achieved.

'NINA'

Another step in the right direction.

After years of trying to coordinate Nina's release from the *Mount Meru Game Sanctuary* to MGR (and always being delayed by more pressing issues), *Will Travers* of the *Born Free Foundation* stepped in and finalised the arrangements.

With him came Clem Coetzee the renowned elephant mover from Zimbabwe, Martin Clunes accompanied by the *BBC* filming a Christmas special and *Bunde von Nage*, her owner.

Costa Mlay arranged the permits and *Care for the Wild* and the *David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust* were also sponsors.

The translocation was a success and there will be a video available shortly on the whole event.

But, briefly, after seven hours of anxious waiting Clem realised she would not go into the crate voluntarily and would have to be darted.

That done, the crate was moved first on to a low loader then onto the *KWS/ Born Free* translocation lorry.

She arrived at camp safely and was released into her new compound.

After six weeks the gate was opened and we all waited with bated breath for her dash for freedom.

It was a long wait! Some seven weeks later she quietly stepped out one evening and ambled round camp returning to the compound only once after that.

She spent two months on top of a mountain 10 kms. away with spectacular views over Tsavo and MGR.

Every now and then she comes close to camp where she can get water but she responds only to her trackers and more and more keeps her distance.

She has already linked up with a small group of female elephants and calves but still remains wary of this friendship.

We are now waiting for the wet season which will bring other elephants back into the area.



RHINO SANCTUARY

The sanctuary is complete and we await the first translocation of five rhino.

The dam in the Kisima valley has also been finished and is holding water thanks to cement donations from the *International School Moshi* and *Tanga Cement* along with the overflow pipe courtesy of *Friends of Serengeti*.

Meanwhile, the JCB (heavy earth moving machine) digs out other water pans within the sanctuary and we are in discussion with the Tanzania Wildlife Division on dams outside the sanctuary.

A trip to South Africa produced positive meetings with the *National Parks Board of South Africa (NPBSA)* and the *South African Air Force*.

The NPBSA (Mike Knight, Pete Morkel, Pete Otto and Barry Roberts) visited MGR to advise on final adjustments to the sanctuary.

A further check was undertaken by Dr. Robbie

Robinson, Chief Executive of NPBSA.

They have suggested the services of one of their own technical advisors to train our personnel in all aspects of health, well being and tracking the rhinos and we are pursuing this.

Dr. Anthony Hall-Martin also visited Tanzania for meetings in Dodoma, organised by our Chairman and Charles Dobie, with the *Minister for Tourism and Natural Resources*, the *Director of Wild Life* and the *South African High Commissioner to Tanzania*.

The Minister confirmed her support for the Mkomazi Project and for the endangered species programmes.

This was backed up by the Principal Secretary, Mrs. Rose Lugemba.

Meanwhile, James Hersov has worked tirelessly in SA on the many problems of transportation and we are awaiting final costs and dates.

The security of the sanctuary is being discussed by our Chairman and the Department of Wildlife in Dar es Salaam.

The Department have also taken responsibility for all the inevitable paperwork, permits and liaison.

Motorola Europe (through *Uday Bhanot* and *Paul Chauveau*) have donated the complete radio system for the sanctuary whilst *Save the Rhino International* and *TUSK* have both donated landrovers.

We are immensely grateful for their generosity.

The fence maintenance gangs continue protection of the fence line and seem to enjoy working out in the bush.

Elephants approach the line but go round it once they understand its nature.

Other animals get in fairly easily if they try as they seem to have the capacity to withstand the electric shock.

Cheetah, lion and leopard have all been seen on the inside but are able to move out again depending on prey availability.

As a protective measure and on advice from NPBSA we have agreed to limit the amount of onlookers at MGR when the rhino arrive but there will be an official opening six weeks later.

Finally, Tony was invited to join the *Tanzanian Rhino Conservation Steering Committee* and the first meeting has already taken place in Dar es Salaam.

OUTREACH PROGRAMME

March was a sad month with the departure of Harrie and Truus from Tanzania.

The Trust and Minister for Home Affairs are looking into the reasons why the *Tanzania Immigration Department* refused to renew their Work Permits as it really isn't clear.

With their departure went experience, skill, an infrastructure and their ability to carry out the aims of the programme as well as their access to serious funding for long term development.

All those who have worked with them over the last 10 years, especially those involved in the outreach programme are unhappy at this loss and hope

their absence is temporary.

Meanwhile, the Trust, the management of MGR and the District Councils have agreed to pursue an awareness programme in the communities.

The Trust has also funded doors and windows for the *Kiswani Secondary School*, the foundations and piping for which were funded by Harrie and Truus.

The Trust has also lent a vehicle to the District Council for the travelling *National Polio Campaign* and have supplied the Wildlife Division with 'thunderflashes' and ammunition 'blenks' to deter elephants from the community plantations.



MKOMAZI GAME RESERVE WORKSHOP

In July a Workshop/ Seminar on the problems facing MGR was held in Same and within the reserve, attended by over 60 people.

It was organised by the Department of Wildlife and those present or represented were:

- District Councils
- Village Councils
- Ward Secretaries
- Pastoralists
- Agriculturists
- Local Members of the Tanzania Parliament
- Department of Wildlife
- Management of MGR
- The Trust

The focus was mainly on the problems facing the management of the reserve and the surrounding communities.

Support for the reserve was very encouraging as was support for the Trust's work within it and the communities.

Following visits to the reserve, the rhino sanctuary received full acknowledgement and acceptance.

Overall, the priorities were identified as anti poaching patrols, tourism revenue, increased water resource for communities and animals, education, wildlife management outside the reserve, fire management, community awareness and support and an increase in access roads; in fact many of the issues we have been trying to address for over seven years.

It was excellent to see all these matters being aired in an official but unfettered manner between so many interested parties.

MKOMAZI GAME RESERVE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

The *Department of Wildlife Planning* and Assessment Unit carried out a favourable environmental impact study on the lodge site and the proposal presented to them through *Capricorn Consultants*.

We are now awaiting the official go ahead for the lodge and in the meantime have given

the details to the Minister for Tourism.

GENERAL

There is a new Project Manager in MGR - Mr. Paul Marenga, formerly assigned as liaison officer to the RGS Ecological Research programme.

We look forward to working with him.

The Trust has also agreed to rebuild the recently burst Dindira Dam, desilt the other dams in the reserve and investigate the possibility of building new ones.

We also continue to back up ranger patrols and maintain the roads.

A fund-raising trip to Holland in December 1996 was organised by the Dutch Trust.

We attended receptions and meetings in Rotterdam and were granted a private audience with His Royal Highness Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands.

We went on to London and attended the annual 'Friends Dinner' and other meetings organised by the UK Trust.

A fund-raising trip to the USA in May '97 went extremely well with speeches at zoos and functions, coupled with approaches to individuals, zoos and institutions for funding the sanctuary and the project in general.

The USA Trustees put together a massive fund-raising schedule from East to West coasts and we are, as always, most grateful to them.

News is beginning to reach us of pledges and confirmed donations from that visit.

The RGS are winding up their three year Ecological Research programme and made an official summary presentation in Dar es Salaam.

Jonathan Kingdon and *Elias Jengo* exhibited their paintings of Mkomazi.

We look forward to seeing the RGS papers in due course.

The Mkomazi Project is a tiny example of environmental rehabilitation bravely undertaken by the Tanzanian Government and with which it is our delight to be associated.

What we are learning can be used as a blueprint elsewhere.

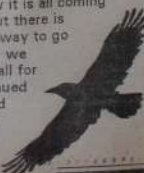
It is about restoration, endangered species, local communities, education, progress, change and good communication.

Maybe as a small organisation we cannot do great things but we can and do contribute, along with all those who support us, to an important programme.

We have had our share of environmental politics but mostly these seem to have been sorted out and we are moving towards a period of relative peace and co-operation.

We look forward to the rhinos arrival and working together with a new level of management within the reserve.

Somehow it is all coming together but there is still a long way to go and, again, we thank you all for your continued support and faith in the project.





RICHARD AINLEY, (right) winner of the 1997 Nyali Open Golf Championship receives his trophy from the sponsor Mrs. Allison Thefhy.

Christmas Gift For Little Sisters Of The Poor



MOMBASA WOMEN'S Association made a Christmas donation to the Little Sisters Of the Poor Home in Tudor. Seen above presenting the gift are members of the Association, from left, Honorary Treasurer Mrs. Damyanti Ved, Mrs. Sadhna Doshi, Honorary Secretary Mrs. Minder Khandari, Chairperson Mrs. Suman Kanji, Sister Lorita of the Home, Mrs. Ravinder Lal and Mrs. Jyotsna Patel.



JAMES MILLAR (left) and Cathy Millar (extreme right), who are regular guests at the Nyali Beach Hotel had the pleasure of attending the Staff Children's Christmas party organised by the hotel and are seen presenting gifts to one of the children during the fun filled event.

ALLIANCE 'TEA PARTY'



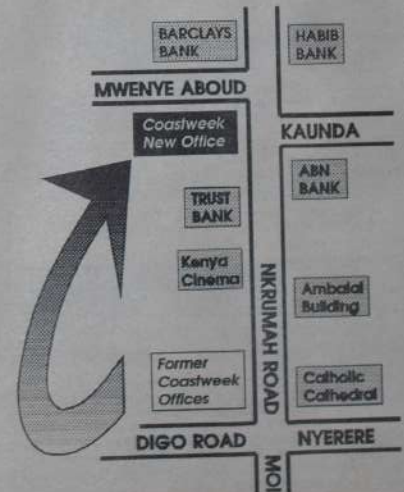
AMONG THE many 'repeat' guests at the 'High Tea' Party hosted by Alliance Hotels at Jadini Beach Hotel were Uschi and Horst Nath from Neumunster, Germany (left) back on their 25th vacation at this hotel. On the right, also from Neumunster are Ursula and Wolfgang Laaba, back on their 20th holiday there. At the head of the table is Ingeborg Meyer, Executive Housekeeper Ramada Hotel, Wiesbaden, Germany on her 12th vacation here. Standing on left is Guest Relations Manager Jadini and Africana Sea Lodge Fatma Fakih.

Goans Get 'Gourmet Galore'

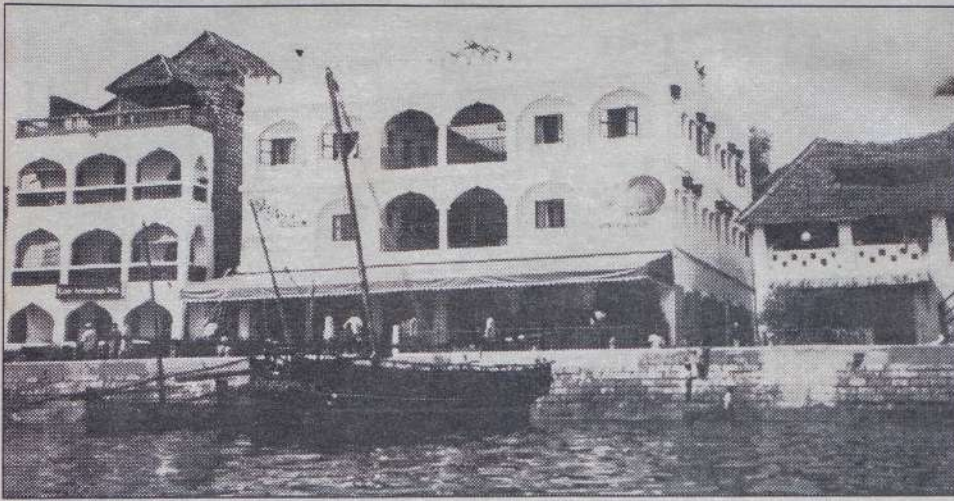


A BIG ATTRACTION for members of Mombasa's Goan community spending a weekend at Mombasa Continental Resort was the Prawn Masala at Sunday's Curry Lunch which was prepared by the Chef according to individual taste.

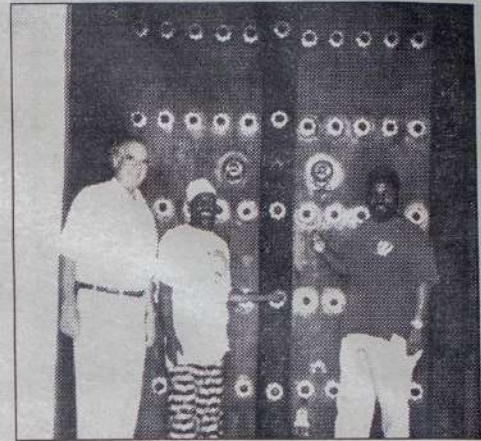
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ON THE quayside is the Lamu Museum one of the highlights being a 'Swahili Wedding Celebration' displaying 18th and 19th century furniture. Seen are Kim Morbey, Romantic Hotels Marketing Consultant for Nairobi, Abdalla Sultan, Lamu Palace's Tour/ Dhaw organiser and Joseph L. Cheryot, Principal Curator, Lamu Museums. PHOTOS - NETA PEAL



THE LAMU Palace has its own donkey and cart to carry luggage, and small guests arriving at the jetty. This is particularly popular with visiting tourists. Seen are local children jumped into the cart for a free ride.



THE DHOW harbour just outside the Lamu Palace is a very colourful scene throughout the day.



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"We can now host this event without any problem following our successful performance in Mahe,

Seychelles," Mr. Elias Nyendwe, the hotel's Food and Beverage Manager who led the team declared upon arrival.

The team consisted of 41 waiters, eight supervisors and the renowned *African Super Tigers* - a six member team of fire eating acrobatics.

The team departed from Nyali Beach Hotel on November 18th for an overnight stay at Block Hotel's luxurious Landmark Hotel before boarding an *Air Seychelles* flight for Mahe, Seychelles.

"This trip gave us experience and put our workers in a better position to offer our clients even better services," said Mr. Nyendwe.

He said the Nyali group was

invited based on its excellent performance and traditional hospitality perfected over the 50 years of its existence as a high class hotel.

At Mahe, Seychelles the team also participated in the preparation and set-up of the venue in readiness for the 86 gorgeous world beauties and 2000 plus guests who graced the event.

The Indian beauty queen Diana Hayden carried the day followed by *Miss South Africa* while *Miss New Zealand* came third.

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Alles führte er im großen Stil durch.

Er brachte Mozart und Kristall in den Busch.

Dasselbe finden Sie heute auch in diesem Camp, das vom Besitzer Peter Frank, früher Regional Direktor von *Hilton Hotels Limited*, in umsichtiger und liebenswürdiger Weise geführt wird.

Das *Finch Hattons Safari Camp* liegt am Rande von drei Hippo Pools, die durch natürliche Quellen gespeist werden.

Rund um das Camp ist ein Trockengebiet mit Dornbüschen und vulkanischer Lava, was für diese Hügelregion in Tsavo charakteristisch ist.

Der Kilimandscharo im Hintergrund ist als majestätische Kulisse von vielen Stellen im Camp aus zu sehen.

Es gibt 35 äußerst luxuriöse Zelte, weit auseinandergelegen auf beiden Seiten der Hippo Pools.

Sie stehen auf hölzernen Plattformen direkt am Wasser.

Alle Zelte haben eine große, schattige Veranda mit einer bequemen Liege und Stühlen im Lamustil.

Die Zelte sind extra groß und luftig mit vielen großen "Netzfenstern".

Auf dem Fußboden aus Holz liegen Kellenteppiche; die Betten und Matratzen sind von erstklassiger Qualität.

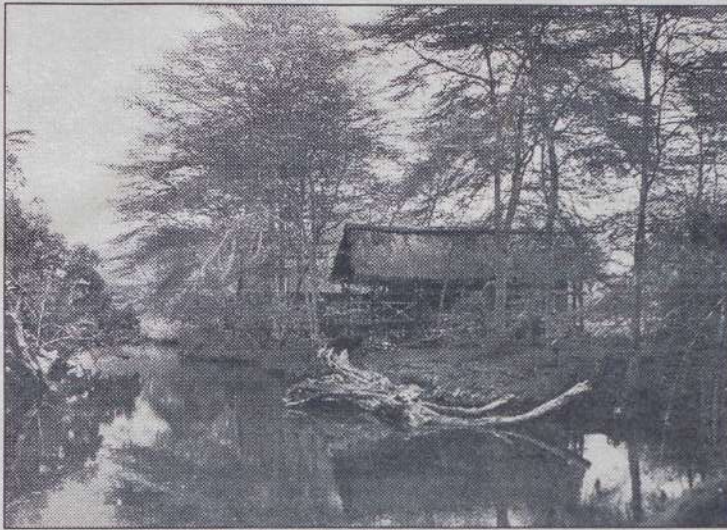
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Ein Minikühlschrank steht in jedem Zelt.

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ZURÜCK ZUR NATUR im luxuriösen Finch Hattons Safari Camp.

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Das Camp wurde ganz im Sinne seines Namens dekoriert - stilvoll, britisch, nostalgisch.

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Die Gäste werden gebeten, sich zum Diner entsprechend umzuziehen - Shorts sind nicht erlaubt!

Und dann tafelt man festlich mit Kristall und Mozart.

Das Camp ist nicht eingezäunt

sicher zum Zelt zu begleiten.

Elefanten werden oft auf den Fußwegen im Camp gesehen, und nachts wandern die Flußpferde an den Zelten vorbei zum Gras.

Aus diesem Grunde ist das Camp für Kinder weniger geeignet.

Die natürliche Vegetation wurde möglichst unverändert beibehalten; die Verbindungswege führen durch Lavafelsen und Busch.

Einige Zelte stehen unter uralten hohen Bäumen.

KÜCHENCHEF

Über verschlungene Wege und Stege gelangt man zu zwei speziellen Beobachtungsposten.

Nachts sind die Hippo Pools diskret beleuchtet.

Da manche Zelte ziemlich weit vom Hauptgebäude entfernt liegen, leisten die gut bestückten Minikühlschränke gute Dienste.

Der nierenförmige Swimmingpool ist umgeben von natürlichen Felsen und wurde etwas erhöht gebaut, um wilde Tiere von einem Besuch abzuhalten.

Das Camp wurde sehr sorgfältig geplant und aufgebaut.

Peter Frank weist besonders auf die fachgerechte, umweltschonende Abwasserbeseitigung, die Solarheizung und die "sterile" weißgekachelte Küche sowie auf die begehbaren Tiefkühlschränke hin.

Er legt größten Wert auf hervorragendes Essen und ist stolz auf seinen außergewöhnlich talentierten Küchenchef und seine erfahrene Brigade.

JAHRELANGE ERFABUNG

Peter Frank verfügt über jahrelange Erfahrung in der kenianischen Tourismusindustrie, er kennt sich in der Gegend von Tsavo bestens aus und ist überdies entschlossen, das Camp stets nach den strengsten professionellen Regeln und nach dem höchsten Standard zu führen.

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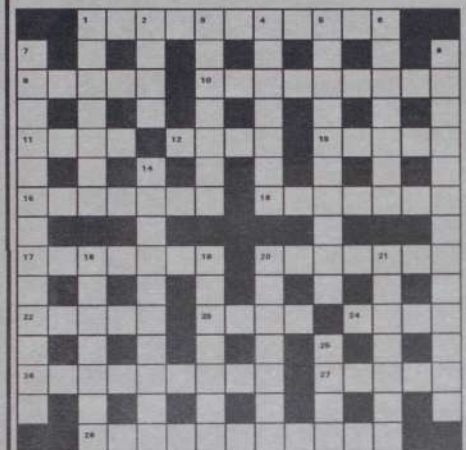
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CROSSWORD NO. 515

NAME.....

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ACROSS:

- On hand, one hears, for the greedy [7, 4]
- Smith's contribution to the listener [5]
- Lone figure capable of staving off an aerial invasion [9]
- Mrs. Wheeler Wilcox, to her friends [4]
- Degree and decoration for a musical genius [4]
- Ha-ha, he has a hand in the spoils! [5]
- Owing to one who'll never recover [3, 4]
- Responsible person though not in a laudable sense [7]
- In which you may see a slinky creature going around with nothing on [7]
- Suitable perquisite for a vegetarian tall. [7]
- Birds to pick off [5]
- A timely palindrome [4]
- Did nothing and fell in love with Aeneas [4]
- Centre of things afloat [9]
- Cut for Ayesha turned artist [5]
- They often exceed the speed limit, but are still within the law [6, 5]

DOWN:

- Patient having no legal claim? [7]
- One of our oldest inhabitants [4]
- The present month is so described [7]
- Vivid in delineation [7]
- The golf champion is quite a card [3, 2, 5]
- Mr. Raine's occupation [7]
- Retire in the way hansomcabbies did [4, 1, 4, 4]
- To win handsomely might cause a dust-up among the directors [5, 3, 5]
- Sally's free (anog.) [10]
- About to be sick he takes a blow [7]
- Rigidity in stone [7]
- Rich as _____, as the saying goes [7]
- It's so sweet, I see, and round [7]
- He sold his birthright for a mess of pottage [4]

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD NO. 514

ACROSS: 1. FRANTIC, 5. PARASOL, 9. CORPSE, 10. FIRM OFFER, 11. SUCCESSOR, 13, 14. EMOUCH ARDEN, 16. SHORTHAND, 17. GONE TO POT, 18. TEETH, 20. SPELL, 21. YESTERDAY, 24. ORIGINATE, 26. PATTI, 27. TONIGHT, 28. NETWORK.
DOWN: 1. FUCHSIA, 2. ASPIC, 3. THERE'S NO TELLING, 4. GUFFS, 5. PAR, 6. ROOTED TO THE SPOT, 7. SUFFOCATE, 8. LURCHED, 12. ROOST, 15. DANDELION, 16. SEPOY, 17. GOSPORT, 19. HAYRICK, 22. STERN, 23. DITTO, 25. APT.

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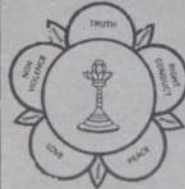
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Writers On Religion



BHAVINI DOSHI



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HINDU COUNCIL of Kenya - Mombasa Branch recently organised a Religious Essay Writing Competition on various selected subjects. The competition, which was the council's religious activity, was participated by students from various Mombasa Schools. Doshi Sisters, Bhavini and Shradha were awarded First Prizes in their respective groups. The competition was held for the occasion of Diwali.

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ACROSS:

- Type of meat coming from a pig ... ? (3)
- An interesting way to see tea ... ? (4)
- It is very good when placed on roads ... ? (3)
- How to describe a lyric poem ... ? (3)
- To 'inflate', 'cram in' or 'replenish' ? (4)
- A short word that rhymes with 'kid' ... ? (3)

DOWN:

- This can happen under your collar ... ? (3)
- A famous Russian space ship... ? (3)
- To 'repair', 'restore' or 'fix' something ? (4)
- Very dry place, with little water ? (4)
- Aged, not new: the opposite of young ... ? (3)
- To 'finish' or 'close', especially a film ... ? (3)

LAST WEEK'S KRAZY CROSSWORD KLUES:

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TRENDY TOPPERS IN TRAINING



SAIL TRAINING in sponsored Toppers on Saturday mornings at Mombasa Yacht Club.

Bowlers Hold Annual Elections at M.S.C.

THE AGM of the Bowling section took place last week on Thursday at the Mombasa Sports Club, writes **WHAT-A-BOWLER**.

Chandrakant Shah, the outgoing Captain handed over the Captainship to Chandu Shah, who was elected unopposed.

Rehana Sheikh moved one step up from out-going Secretary to Vice-Captain.

Bijal Dodhia was voted in as the new Secretary.

Rasik Patel and Nafisa were elected as the committee members.

Chandrakant Shah also stays in the committee as the immediate past captain.

The Awards ceremony usually takes place at the AGM for the Best Male and Female Bowler of the year.

This year, the Best Male Bowler of the Year 1997 was none other than the Captain, Chandrakant Shah.

Deepa Mukhopadhyay took the Best Female Bowler of the Year Award.

Candlelit Dinner

Chandrakant Shah had hosted a lavish candlelit dinner at his residence for all the Bowlers and their families on Friday evening.

The event was fantastic and many bowling jokes were heard over the night.

Saturday was Captains Day Tournament, where there was plenty of action organised for the afternoon.

Thirty two regular and new bowlers turned up for the tournament.

Spider was first played and I have always thought that, the person who picks up the Jack, would probably win the Spider.

The Men's Winner was Raman Patel and the Runner-up was Mhajan.

The Ladies Winner was Tara Shah and the Runner-Up was Deepa Mukhopadhyay.

The afternoon was all set for play between eight teams of four players each.

Eleven ends of two sessions each were to be played over the afternoon.

Shot of the Day went to Mhajan. The Jack was lying a foot from the Ditch and the opposition team were holding four woods.

Mhajan played the long end and

placed his wood closest to the Jack to win the end in an amazing fashion.

Play of the Day went to K. P. Shah's team, which included Mhajan, Natu Nathwani and Chaky Vaghela.

They were holding all eight woods against the opposition team. They won that particular end with an astonishing eight points.

First time such a feat has been achieved any team in Mombasa.

Well Done to K. P. Shah, Mhajan, Natu Nathwani and Chaky Vaghela.

Two new beginners who also performed extremely well on the afternoon were Chaky Vaghela and Aftab Barclaycard.

Well Done.

Overall winners for the afternoon were Deepa Mukhopadhyay, Kirti Channiyara, Jyoti Pandaal and Sakina.

Runners-Up were K. P. Shah, Mhajan, Natu Nathwani and Chaky Vaghela.

Social Bowling continues as usual on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The Ian Stewart Trophy is to be played on the first of January at 2.30 p.m. at the Mombasa Sports Club.

Over twenty entries had already been received by the time of going to the press.

Some of the Bowlers were seen venturing into the South Coast over the festive season.

I wonder, if Chandrakant Shah, Lata Shah, Rehana Sheikh and Bijal Dodhia, were trying to take up Beach Bowling.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all those Bowlers out there.

Asante Sana

BRIDGE RESULT

THE RESULTS of Monday, December 22, 1997 Duplicate Bridge played at Little Theatre Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Dhuru Shah 131; Mr. H. P. Shah and Mr. Mahendra Shah 129; Mr. and Mrs. Kirit Shah 124; Dr. J. D. Shah and Ms. B. Babla 119; Mr. Kiran and Mr. Mukesh 114; Mr. J. Babla and Mr. M. P. Shah 113; Mr. R. Rasik and Mr. Jitendra 111; Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Shah 101; Mr. and Mrs. Narendra Shah 98; Mr. Ruparelia and Mr. M. Sawjani 90; Mr. Ketan Shah and Ms. Kaushika 80.

COAST BRIDGE with C.P. SHAH

TO BID or not to bid expounds the theory that it is the number of Trumps that determines how boldly to bid in a competitive auction.

In the following hand the Declarers play was startlingly accurate on this theory.

Dealer - East. Neither side 'Vulnerable'. BIDDING:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
ONE SPADE	TWO HEARTS	THREE SPADES	FOUR HEARTS
FOUR SPADES	FIVE HEARTS	PASS	PASS
DOUBLE	PASS	PASS	PASS

West led the Two of Spades, to the Three, Ten and Ace. Declarer played a Heart to Dummy's Queen and East's Ace.

East returned the Six of Clubs to West's Ace and West erred by leading another Spade.

Had he led a Diamond, East would have 'ruffed' for 'one down'. Declarer Trumped the Spade, led a Heart to Dummy's Knave, a Heart back to his Nine and cashed the King, felling East's Ten.

West's four discards on the Heart's were all Spades and Clubs.

It seemed easy for Declarer - assuming Diamonds split no worse than 4-1, all his Diamonds would win.

The Declarer delved deeper and reconstructed East's hand.

Clearly, he had Five Spades

NORTH			
♠	Q 8 3		
♥	Q J 8		
♦	A K 9		
♣	J 7 5 3		

WEST			
♠	J 9 5 2		
♥	- - - -		
♦	10 8 5 4 2		
♣	A 10 8 2		

EAST			
♠	K 10 7 6 4		
♥	A 10 4 3		
♦	- - - -		
♣	K Q 9 6		

and Four Heart's yet the Club trick was curious.

West had won it with the Ace, marking the King and Queen with East.

There was barely room for him to have a single Diamond, and when you consider the risk he took to 'underlead' his Club honours, he was presumably desperate for his partner to win the lead to give him a Diamond 'ruff'. Declarer courageously led a Diamond and inserted Dummy's nine, East discarding.

Now he was able to cash the Ace and King, 'ruff' a Club and cash his Queen and Knave of Diamonds. The full hand is shown above.

SOUTH			
♠	A		
♥	K 9 7 6 5 2		
♦	Q J 7 6 3		
♣	4		

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"He is a fly fisherman really. Only last week he caught a seven and a half pound bluebottle."

"Don't do that - it isn't cricket!"



"It's the Open University boat team..."



"If I get rid of it where will I rest my pint pot when I am playing darts?"

"How do they feel, sir?"



"Do you STILL say my first serve was a 'let'?"

'A.V.A. Junior' Tourney Attracts Record Entry!

THE Christmas Holidays brought back lots of junior golfers to the Nyal Course, looked after by the Ladies Section and given great help by Club 'Pro' Fred Kamau.

On December 23 a junior golf competition was held, sponsored once again by A.V.A.

Twenty eight young players teed off, accompanied by willing helpers.

Since last holidays there has been an increase in junior handicapped players and four played 18 holes in the handicap section.

Mr. Peter Hughes, Managing Director of AVA was in hand to give out the prizes, and once again confirmed his company's willingness to promote junior Golf on the coast with a hope that sometime in the future it will produce a Champion golfer!

The juniors were very lucky to have hand-outs given by COASTWEEK (caps) and Shankar Electronics (a KTV CD-ROM).

Also at Prize Giving Mr. Sunny Thy of Kibo Sports - sponsor of the Nyal Open was on hand to donate golf balls and give assurance of his company's interest in the Junior Foundation Country wide. Best overall winner was handicapped player Irfan Elias on a good score of 33 points followed by Rehan Sheikh on 32 points.

FUTURE CHAMPIONS



WINNERS IN the AVA sponsored Junior Golf Competition from left to right Steven Coppinger, Suraj Shah, Hassan Kudrati, S. I. Hong, Rehan Sheikh, Irfan Elias, William Kaguta.

Best junior over nine holes was S. I. Hong with a very good score of 22 points.

He has now to move to the men's tees and by next holidays will be a handicapped player.

Runner up was Stephen Coppinger with 15 points.

Best Junior under 12 was Suraj Shah with Runner up H. Kudrati.

Best Junior Lady went to Janine Patel and the best trier this holidays was William Kaguta.

Best marker was Selma Scherpenzeel on 16 points.

The Lady Captain Frances Lagoussis thanked the sponsors and the helpers, acknowledging the fact without them the competition could not be run and hoped for their continuing support during the next holidays.

GOLF NEWS by BIRDIE

Table Tennis Players Return With 'Medals'

FOUR Kenyan Table Tennis players at the recently concluded Africa Junior Table Tennis Championship in Port Elizabeth, South Africa were the only ones who made any impact out of the team of eight national players.

Out of these, three were from Mombasa's Aga Khan Sports Centre and one from Nairobi.

Coast's representatives who brought in three bronze medals were Heeral Kanabar, Jinita Shah and Meera Shah while Victor Ouko of Nairobi bagged the bronze in the Boys Singles Under 14.

The team captain Parit Shah, seeded eighth, reached the quarter finals in the Boys Singles Under 17

where he lost to Egyptian top seed 1-3, after beating a Nigerian in the pre-quarters.

The youngest player in the tournament, eleven year old Heeral Kanabar lost to a South African in the pre-quarters and mixed doubles where she played with her brother Poojan Kanabar, losing to the Nigerian team in the second round.

Jinita Shah, Parit's sister, beat the South African top seed in the second round but eventually lost to Egypt.

Pairing with Heena Shah in the Under 17 Doubles they lost to South Africa in the semi final.

Poojan Kanabar and Parit Shah beat South Africa in the Boys Doubles but lost to Egypt in the quarter finals.

In the Mixed Doubles, the brother and sister team of Heeral and Poojan Kanabar lost to Nigeria in the pre-quarters.

Egypt, which was found to be the toughest team, won the overall title, Nigeria and South Africa following in second and third.

Other participating players from, Kenya were Jishit Rajani, Giren Rajani, Heena Shah and Fahd Daim, all led by Ken Majimbo.

Countries also taking part were Angola, Tanzania, Uganda, Mauritius and Seychelles.

Akki Khan Takes Gross And Nett Prize In Medal

The December KLGU Medal at Mombasa Golf Club was held last Saturday and sponsored by Kishore Gudka, a member of the Club and an ardent supporter of the Ladies section, writes POST ENTRY.

Despite the gentle wind and good grass cover on the course, the heat and the hideous fairway rough put pay to an enjoyable round of golf for the participants and poor scores ensued.

Akki Khan took both, the gross and nett honours in the Silver Division with her tally of 89 gross, 74 nett. Betty Kembaro was the Runner Up on a nett score of 78.

Rekha Patel was the winner of the gross (104) and nett (82) prizes in the Bronze Division and Mita Patel was the Runner Up, ten shots adrift.

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Dashing DANIELLE HAY, 16, may go down in the history books as the 'First Woman In East Africa To Barefoot Water-Ski' - and if there are any other claimants, then she is most definitely the 'youngest'!

She is seen (right, and inset) performing this difficult and sometimes dangerous feat while sweeping past numerous admirers watching from the 'Moorings' Bar, anchored in the Mtwapa Creek, near Mombasa on the Kenya North Coast.

Danielle was coached and trained by Coast architect Patrick Will, supported by his wife (and Danielle's mother) Michèle, and also strongly encouraged by her younger sister Keren Hay, 14, who in turn has become a very promising water ski enthusiast.

Barefoot water-skiing has long been the sole preserve of very athletic and skilful male water skiers at Mombasa and Mtwapa.

Danielle's remarkable performance has been described as: "another breakthrough for women athletes."

Both Danielle and Keren are students at the Mombasa Academy, Nyali.

(These photographs were taken by Danielle's Uncle, and well-known Coast cameraman, Ian Hay of Mombasa.)

MAKING WAVES AT MTWAPA



TIDE TABLES

MOMBASA, January 02 - 08, 1998.

FRIDAY High Water - 3.5 m. at 06.19 hrs (6.19 a.m.) and 3.1 m. at 18.51 hrs (6.51 p.m.). Low Water - 0.2 m. at 0.18 hrs (12.18 p.m.) and 0.4 m. at 24.00 hrs (12.00 a.m.).

SATURDAY High Water - 3.3 m. at 07.00 hrs (7.00 a.m.) and 3.0 m. at 19.38 hrs (7.38 p.m.). Low Water - 0.5 m. at 00.43 hrs (12.43 a.m.) and 0.3 m. at 13.17 hrs (1.17 p.m.).

SUNDAY High Water - 3.0 m. at 07.46 hrs (7.46 a.m.) and 2.9 m. at 20.28 hrs (8.28 p.m.). Low Water - 0.1 m. at 10.23 hrs (10.23 a.m.) and 0.6 m. at 01.29 hrs (1.29 a.m.) and 0.5 m. at 14.00 hrs (2.00 p.m.).

MONDAY High Water - 2.8 m. at 08.39 hrs (8.39 a.m.) and 2.8 m. at 21.30 hrs (9.30 p.m.). Low Water - 0.8 m. at 02.25 hrs (2.25 a.m.) and 0.7 m. at 14.50 hrs (2.50 p.m.).

TUESDAY High Water - 2.5 m. at 09.47 hrs (9.47 a.m.) and 2.7 m. at 22.47 hrs (10.47 p.m.). Low Water - 1.3 m. at 03.36 hrs (3.36 a.m.) and 0.9 m. at 12.47 hrs (22.47 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY High Water - 2.3 m. at 11.15 hrs (11.15 a.m.). Low Water - 1.1 m. at 05.12 hrs (5.12 a.m.) and 1.0 m. at 17.18 hrs (5.18 p.m.).

THURSDAY High Water - 2.8 m. at 00.10 hrs (12.10 a.m.) and 2.3 m. at 12.51 hrs (12.51 p.m.). Low Water - 1.0 m. at 06.45 hrs (6.45 a.m.) and 1.0 m. at 18.44 hrs (6.44 p.m.).

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