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Mohanlal Kala Savani

Savani Family Mourn

A PIONEER Kenya businessman, Mohanlal Kala Savani of Messrs. Samji Kala & Co. Ltd Mombasa - passed away peacefully of Thursday, January 15th, 1998 at the age of 98 years.

Having arrived at Mombasa just after the First World War (1918) he founded his business which through the years he expanded not only in Kenya but all over East Africa.

His concerns included import and export of raw cotton, textiles and various other items.

He had established one of the leading film distribution and Cinema business throughout East Africa since 1930, and was a Founding Member of such industries as Kicomi, African Cotton Industries, Samex Textiles and Mombasa Towel Manufacturers.

Furthermore, he was one of the leading property developers on the Kenya Coast.

A family spokesman in told *Coastweek*:

"Mohanlal was a silent and constructive public working and elder guide to many and a very generous donor to many local charities.

"He was also a Trustee of the Mombasa Lohana Community during his lifetime.

"He is survived by a family of five sons, two daughters and numerous grand and great grand children.

"Having left for God's garden, he has left behind unforgettable memories.

"May his departed soul rest in peace."

IMPROVEMENTS TO LAMU AND MALINDI AIRPORTS

GREAT IMPROVEMENTS have been taking place at Manda Airstrip - where light aircraft land with passengers for Lamu and other islands in the Lamu Archipelago.

The run-way and taxi-way have been tarmacked and are now able to receive any aircraft upto about Foker 50 size.

Presently able to take 20 planes a day, this will increase to 30 when it opens, hopefully, by the end of the month.

Said a spokesman for the Kenya Airports Authority, John Mugo, Manager, Moi International Airport:

"Work on the improvements and the expansion of Manda Airstrip

should have been completed last month, but work had to put 'on hold' because of the rains.

"We are just waiting for them to stop to complete the project."

"As far as Malindi Airport is concerned" Mr. Mugo said "sometime this year we hope to expand the run-way and build a

new terminal.

"It should then also be able to handle charters from Europe".

Such improvements will, undoubtedly, do much to enhance tourism to these very interesting and attractive areas on Kenya's north coast which have enormous potential.

Suggestions For Council Clean-Up

"EL-NINO CANNOT be blamed for the horrifying and dangerous state of the roads in Mombasa - for if they had been properly maintained and repaired throughout this would never have happened".

According to a reliable professional source, who happens to be a very experienced civil engineer "the present state of the roads is entirely due to neglect."

"EL-Nino is merely an excuse to hide behind".

He explained:

"There are two basic components in the building and maintenance of roads.

(1) Their foundation has to be strong enough; and

(2) They need good drainage for if water gets into their foundation then potholes appear.

"If a small pothole is repaired straightaway, it does not grow.

POT HOLES AND THE DONORS ...

"But in Mombasa there is a tendency to encourage potholes to grow knowing that when the road is no more they can go cap in hand to some donor agency and ask for some help in building another.

"Undoubtedly, the greatest neglect has been the lack of maintenance".

Adding "every prudent corporation - whether business, private

'There Seems To Be A Complete Breakdown Of Controls And No Desire To Exercise Any'

or public has a maintenance budget.

"One wonders where the maintenance money set aside for roads is going?

"Obviously it is not being spent".

He described the present method of cleaning manholes and drains as an 'exercise in futility'.

Rubbish cleared from them is heaped along the roadside and left.

When it rains it is washed back into the manholes and drains again instead of being carted away.

He went on:

"If Council employees were used properly, they would do a proper job in looking after the roads.

"Otherwise, there are plenty of technicians and engineers who can do the work, for one thing that Kenya has is trained people in the technical field.

"For example, say we have eighty miles of road to be maintained, one technician could be apportioned two miles for a thorough check and report.

"This to include drains, potholes, street and traffic lights.

"Such maintenance would give employment to some of these technicians or it could be linked with practical training for students

on sandwich courses at the Mombasa Polytechnic.

"It would help pay their fees and also give them some valuable experience.

"Most importantly, such action would save our roads from total disaster.

"Should the Ministry of Works and the Municipal Council not have enough people for such maintenance, let us find out what their manpower needs are.

"When these are met then it is just a question of leadership on the part of engineers, managers and technicians".

He went on: "Roads, particularly where there are industries and warehouses, were not designed for very heavy wheel loads".

Referring to Makupa Causeway "which has been there a long time" he said "all it needs is inspection and maintenance - that is all.

BRILLIANT EXAMPLE

"A brilliant example of a good road is the one on the left-hand side going uphill to the Changamwe roundabout built from special cabro bricks.

"Heavy traffic passes over them and it works perfectly, while other parts of the road are being constantly repaired.

"In other words if you have a proper specification for a road and the work is properly executed - it lasts.

"With a poor specification which is poorly executed this does not happen.

"The particular part of the road to Changamwe is a prime example of how a difficult situation can be resolved by the use of proper engineering skills".

Reference was made to the

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The unique venue is a disused quarry conveniently situated along a road leading to five-star hotels at Shanzu.

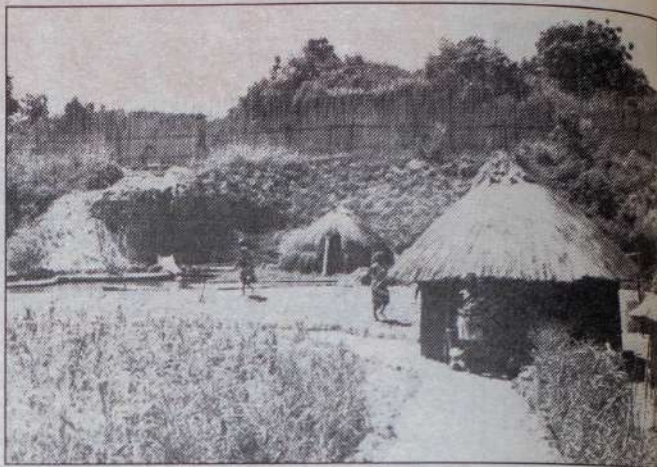
With such a cultural attraction virtually on their doorstep it is bound to lure hundreds of their guests!

It is a joint venture by prominent local personalities, mainly in the tourism industry, and is run by a Board of Directors who include Rahab Mwendwa, Vice Chairman of the versatile Mombasa and Coast Tourist Association and Director for Sales/Marketing Bongo Tours, also Dr. F. Gikandi.

Ngomongo Village represents an investment of some Kshs. 14 million.

Among the guests at its Grand Opening on January 10 were many from the industry, officers and members of MCTA; Kenya Association of Tour Operators and Kenya Association Hotel keepers' and Caterers' as well as representatives from overseas and local tour operators.

All were eager to see this new development of interest not only to tourist but local people alike



A TRADITIONAL Luo Village at Ngomongo around which is growing sugar cane and sorghum.

Kingfishers.

Kenyans of various tribes were invited to join this cultural development and to construct traditional villages in which to lead a folksy way of life.

Eleven tribes are represented

surrounded by forest which helps in maintaining its own individuality.

Villagers follow the traditional pattern of basic day to day living - cooking, cleaning, child care and the making of traditional arts and crafts for visitors to see

Buying direct from them comes out much cheaper than having a middleman involved.

They have their own showroom and such is the quality of their work that last year Ngomongo found export markets for Kshs. 10 million worth of their goods.

The village anticipates at least 200 visitors a day not only tourists but local people, including schools.

It has created over 200 job opportunities for Kenyans and is run by Kenyans with no foreign investor involved.

Said Rahab Mwendwa, its Director of Sales/Marketing 'Ngomongo Village is the only traditional rural cultural theme park in East and Central Africa.

The concept and preparation commenced in 1990 with inputs from various tribes in Kenya and operators within the tourism industry.

The village will also be a great source of education to our children many of whom know very little about their own cultural backgrounds.

Consequently, we expect many schools will also be visiting us.

Its Board of Directors were motivated in this development by the fact that while Kenya attracts thousands of tourists annually to her national parks and beaches, they rarely have the opportunity to observe the rich cultural heritage of her people.

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On ten acres are many casuarina trees and three man-made lakes which have attracted a variety of colourful birds among them being Egyptian Geese, Guinea Fowl and



ON A 'mini' Lake Victoria at Ngomongo Village a Luo goes fishing from a raft around a make-believe Rusing Island. Visitors can join him if they wish and the Tilapia caught cooked in the traditional way.

in ten villages and before constructing their original homesteads they first prepared their shambas.

Each village is isolated being

and buy who are also given the opportunity of sampling a variety of delicious ancestral cuisine, as well as listening to folk music played on traditional instruments.

Akamba craftsmen, famous for their wood sculpture can be observed at work and visitors can ask for something special to made for them.



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"Kenya Just Great" Says Drew McDonald, The 'Mean Machine' From Perth, Scotland

WRESTLERS AT REEF HOTEL



SOME OF the world's top wrestlers who competed in the 7-day Kenya Cup '98 Tournament at Mombasa's Tembo Disco, are seen keeping cool in the Reef Hotel's Jacuzzi. Rasta 'The Voodoo Man', winner of the Kenya Cup is seen flexing his muscles at the back. Front is Didier Gapp, the French Referee and Ring Master. Behind are from left Drew McDonald, the 'Mean Machine' from Perth, Scotland; Ulf 'The Killer' Hermann; Christian Ecstein (both from Germany) and Tony St. Clair (UK). At back are Eddy Stone Steinblock (Germany); Bobby Gultano (France); Rasta 'The Voodoo Man' and 'Cannonball Grizzly' (both from USA)

WISHING 'EL-NINO' would turn the heat down a notch or two were the international superstars of American Wrestling who found the Reef Hotels jacuzzi in its new swimming pool a 'proper treat' in keeping cool.

When Drew McDonald, the 'Mean Machine' from Perth, Scotland, jumped into it there was almost a tidal wave.

He is the Scottish Heavy weight Champion - 6 ft. 1 inch tall and weighing about 140 kgs.

The Reef Hotels was one of the sponsors of this popular American Wrestling which took place at Tembo Disco luring twelve participant - eight champions and the rest top contenders - to Kenya.

They stayed at the Reef which pampered and cosseted them.

In the mornings most were found sprawled out on sunbeds or keeping cool in the pool, making a bewitching display of 'prime beefcake'!

They were an affable bunch and after fighting most stayed on at the Tembo for some disco dancing with their fans.

Particularly popular with them was the Lambada and old style dancing.

Didier Gapp, the French Referee and ring inspector likes the Maccarena, while Drew who is obviously a romantic at heart said 'most of all I enjoy dancing with a woman in my arms so I can look into her eyes and whisper sweet nothings in her ear'.

Some traditional dancing such as the Highland Fling is also popular with him which declared Drew 'I could not perform without my kilt, and this I did not bring with me' - thus depriving Mombasa of a treat!

Apart from wrestling and dancing Drew said 'I like women, Scotch Whiskey, German Beer, Porridge for breakfast and Haggis - a Scottish delicacy'.

It was his eleventh visit to Africa and the first to Mombasa which he described as 'bloody hot'.

All were most impressed by the friendliness of the people everywhere they went.

Added Drew 'they have been great to us at this lovely hotel and we have really enjoyed it here'.

Added Eddy Steinblock 'I am the German Champion and the best German all over'.

It is my first visit to Mombasa and I love your friendly people.

Everywhere I go I receive a smiling 'Jambo'.

The hotel is very nice and its new swimming pool overlooking the sea is great.

I come from Germany where it is nice and cold.

Mombasa is much too hot'.

Rasta 'The Voodoo Man' (his real moniker being Mr. Lester) is from Washington DC.

He is an International Heavy Weight Champion, also Champion in Body Building and Weight Lifting.

He is described as 'one of the strongest wrestlers in the world'.

It was his first visit to African and Mombasa.

He said 'I have been overwhelmed by the hospitality which is very much like the southern style of hospitality in the States'.

He found the hotel 'beautiful, and was not only enjoying its facilities, but its food'.

Rasta revealed he consumes 5/6 meals a day. Adding 'I love wrestling here but wish someone could turn down the heat a bit'.

In shopping sprees in the town he found prices very reasonable and bought many woodcarvings, also some Masalal spears.

However, he was appalled on seeing the living conditions of some of the people, describing them as 'really bad' and so 'congested'.

People are not meant to live like that' he declared.

'Hopefully, now that the General Elections is over urgent attention will be given to their

improvement'.

Rasta concluded 'I would like to come back and do what I can to help this country'.

Unfortunately, they saw Mombasa Island at its worst with piles of stinking garbage everywhere.

Said Eddy 'I have never seen so much rubbish in a town'.

All considered their stay far too short.

Being far away from the town in an area on the north coast where it is clean and very beautiful they found the Reef Hotel a great place in which to relax in between fights and really enjoy themselves.

The 7-day Kenya Cup '98 Tournament was organised by Dieter Koehler, Managing Director, Stars and Stripes

Promotions, Mombasa, in conjunction with the Directors of Tembo Disco who must be congratulated for their tremendous time-consuming effort in giving Mombasa the opportunity of enjoying some first class wrestling which is usually only seen on TV.

They came from two leading wrestling associations - CWA (Catch Wrestling - Europe) and WWF (World Wrestling Federation).

Meanwhile, Diether is presently planning to bring to Nairobi, Kampala and Dar-es-Salaam, some time in April, another group of top wrestlers, including some from India.

On Sunday night it was Rasta 'The Voodoo Man' who won the Kenya Cup '98 and Prize Money of Kshs. 1 Million.

Special Report by NETA PEAL

Wonderful Dinner Offer At 'Pirates Restaurant'

INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED Pirates Executive Chef Piero Lunghi announced an incredibly mouth watering offer for Kenya residents from Wednesday, 28th January till Sunday, 18th February.

Pirates Restaurant is offering a complete three course meal including coffee for only Kshs. 750/-!

The exciting menu includes seafood, pasta and of-course the ever popular dessert Tiramisu.

An extensive vegetarian menu has also been incorporated.

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"He's so short-sighted, he thinks he's watching the television!"



"You're getting as bad as your father - thank God I didn't marry him."



"... Wanna hear a really big bang?"



"The holiday brochure was right - it said 'an island of waving palms'."



"Can you manage another ten feet of slack, dear?"



"Dad saw your uniform and legged it over the back wall!"



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SATURDAY (24/01/98) AT 3.30 & 6.30 PM **007 - Golden Eye**
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AT 9.30 PM **Himalaya Putra**
*ING: Akshay Khanna, Anjana

SUNDAY (25/01/98) AT 3.30 & 6.30 PM **Double Team**
Van Damme - You are either on their side ... or in their way

AT 9.30 PM **Hum Hain Bemisal**
*ING: Sunil Shetty, Akshay Kumar, Madhoo

MONDAY (26/01/98) AT 6.30 PM **The Getaway**
A dangerous deal. A double cross and the ultimate set up is yet to come.

AT 9.30 PM **HAQEEQAT**
*ING: Ajay Devgan, Tabu

TUESDAY (27/01/98) AT 6.30 PM **SUDDEN DEATH**
Van Damme - Action goes into overdrive.

AT 9.30 PM **Gunda Raaj**
*ING: Ajay Devgan, Kajol

WEDNESDAY (28/01/98) AT 6.30 PM **Under Siege**
In 1992, a battleship's been sabotaged by Nuclear Pirates out to steal its warhead. Now surrounded by terrorists, a lone Man stands with a deadly plan of attack.

AT 9.30 PM **1942 - A Love Story**
*ING: Anil Kapoor, Jackie Shroff, Manisha

THURSDAY (29/01/98) AT 3.30 PM **Hard Target**
Van Damme - Don't Hunt what you can't Kill

AT 6.30 & 9.30 PM **Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge**
*ING: Shah Rukh Khan, Kajol, Anupam Kher

Tree Planting At Sun N' Sand



MR. AND MRS. FRIEDHELM SCHUETTLER of Germany plant a tree to commemorate their eight visit to Club Sun N' Sand and are seen with, from left, General Manager Sam Otero, Garden Supervisor David Ondiege and Resident Manager James Ambetsa.

'Golden Eye' - Latest James Bond Thriller

THIS WEEK is mostly one for action lovers at the LOTUS CINEMA as that is the theme for almost all the movies there for this week.

Westartoff with the real muscle man Arnold Schwarzenegger who will erase your past to protect your future in *Eraser* today (Friday) at 6.30 p.m.

At 9.30 p.m. you can see *Anokha Andaz* with Manisha Koirala and newcomer Manish Kumar.

Pierce Brosnan is the one and only James Bond 007 who is the star attraction in *Golden Eye* on Saturday at 3.30 and 6.30 p.m.

He is followed by another star, Akshay Khanna in *Himalaya Putra* at 9.30 p.m.

Jean Claude Van Damme is either on your side or in your way in *Double Team* on Sunday at 3.30 and 6.30 p.m.

Sunil Shetty and Akshay Kumar know that there is no one like them in *Hum Hain Bemisal*.

This film which also stars Madhoo will be showing on Sunday at 9.30 p.m.

An excellent double cross, double deal film is *The Getaway* starring the real life husband and wife team of Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger.

It has only one showing on Monday at 6.30 p.m.

Ajay Devgan and Tabu can be seen in *Haqeeqat* at 9.30 p.m. on the same day.

Van Damme goes into overtime with *Sudden Death* on Tuesday at 6.30 p.m. followed at 9.30 p.m. by another action film,

Gunda Raaj with Ajay Devgan and Kajol.

Nuclear pirates sabotage a battleship to steal its warhead.

George Seagal is the lone man who will stand up against these terrorists and their deadly plans in *Under Siege* on Wednesday at 6.30 p.m. - yet another excellent action film.

Time for romance in *1942 - A Love Story*, the all time hit starring Anil Kapoor, Jackie Shroff and Manisha Koirala at 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday.



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GEMINI STARGAZING

***CAPRICORN** Dec. 22 - Jan. 17
A sense of the miraculous is to the fore in your horoscope this weekend. You may be luckier than you expect.

***AQUARIUS** Jan. 22 - Feb. 19
It's a good day for competing and for demonstrating avocational and hobby talents. Romance and cultural endeavours are supported easily in the week.

***PISCES** Feb. 22 - March 21
Your fortunate astrological number is 8. Your financial outlook for this week is excellent. Your compatible sign is Leo.

***ARIES** March 22 - April 19
Sometimes, it's unwise to pay hunches, especially in matters of a material nature. However, this might not be true in your case this weekend.

***TAURUS** April 22 - May 21
Don't discount persistent intuitions. You might be in store for a constructive learning experience later in the week. It won't come from textbooks but from a personal encounter.

***GEMINI** May 22 - June 21
It may be difficult to get started on Sunday. You could wake up later than usual after a dream or nightmare under these lunar aspects.

***CANCER** June 22 - July 21
Enmity can result if you pursue personal progress without thinking of the ambitions of others. Your health is ideal.

***LEO** July 22 - August 21
Your fortunate astrological number for today is 431. Expectations and anticipations are represented by the aspects that dominate early next week.

***VIRGO** Aug. 22 - Sept. 21
Planning monetary objectives with aggressive individuals calls for tact, especially if you are making a request. Your health is stimulated favourably during most of the week.

***LIBRA** Sept. 22 - Oct. 21
Your lucky number is 7. Your financial outlook is weak. Your compatible sign is Leo. Generally not a good week.

***SCORPIO** Oct. 22 - Nov. 21
Give others time to get over bad feelings. Reorganise work schedule to accommodate another. You will have a small cash refund.

***SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
You could be feeling short-tempered. Try to take a walk on the beach. Now is not the time to make any long term investment. Take a break off your work.

Bamburi Quarry Nature Trail

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February 26 - "Ituri: Heart of Africa"

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March 12 - "Little Fish in Deep Water"

March 19 - "Two In The Bush"

March 26 - "Virunga - River of Fish"

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'Wet Weather Will Ease Off In February'

"LIKE MANY other parts of the world Kenya has been affected by *El-Nino*", report Julia Njeru (Secretariat) and James Flannery (Advisor) at the Kenya Tourist Board.

"Over the last month and a half - normally part of the dry season - Kenya has experienced unseasonal sporadic heavy downpours making the ground so wet that the tourists have been witnessing a totally new phenomenon.

"In Masai Mara, Nakuru, Nairobi and Samburu National Parks, the lions, due to the wetter

grounds, have taken to climbing trees.

"In Masai Mara last Friday a pride of seven lions were seen all relaxing up the same tree.

"The heavy unseasonal rains have also from time to time affected access to certain parks requiring tour companies to vary itineraries at short notice.

"The Tour Operators and the Kenya Wildlife Service have the situation under control with twice daily up-dates on road conditions and within the parks the roads have been kept open by the Wildlife Service.

"Despite the rains tourists are continuing to flock to Kenya, the tours are running well and clients are able to visit all parts of the country.

"The Kenya Meteorological Office, in conjunction with NASA has predicted that this weather pattern will continue in Kenya until February when it will begin easing off.

"The 'long rains' were due to start in April and last until the end of June.

"However, the Meteorological Office and NASA have predicted

that these rains will be very light, if they occur at all.

"This news has been welcomed by both European and American Tour Operators who plan to make use of the low air fares on offer from April to June to send off-season business to Kenya in what will be well-nigh perfect weather.

"In Kenya the tour operators, hoteliers, the Kenya Wildlife Service and the relevant Government Ministries have put strategies in place to deal with this projected influx in what is normally the low season".

Mombasa Town Roads Repair

FROM FRONT PAGE

waste water drainage systems are perfectly adequate for all these roads for they were designed with the future in mind.

"It is when the drains and manholes are not cleaned regularly and properly that the trouble starts".

He went on 'why are garbage heaps allowed to grow into mountains of epidemic generating proportions and what has been happening to our zoning.

"Why are warehouses built in residential areas and why do we have buildings exceeding the floor space ratio.

"In such zones you can only build so many square feet per plot.

"That has all gone by the wayside.

"We are having buildings with walls coming on to pavements and driveways reaching road curbs.

"People cannot walk in safety any more.

"Such buildings cannot have been approved for the simple reason that you cannot build on a road reserve.

"Look at Bombolulu village where a potential political explosion is just waiting to happen.

"Structures have encroached on the highway.

"How can we build a double carriageway there as planned.

"Who encouraged them to put up such structures there and are we going to compensate them when later they asked to move?

"Why are there so many road

bumps in Mombasa.

"Traffic is slow enough as it is.

"Most bumps are not painted and when you slow down to go over one that is the place where you are most likely to be robbed at night.

"Why do traffic lights not work and why is there such a lack of professionalism and pride in seeing Mombasa an attractive and clean town again.

"I believe that a way to put things right again is to examine the roads in Mombasa section and find out what needs to be done, the material and labour needed for their repair and what it will cost".

He suggested that the private sector might be asked to give the Mombasa Municipal Council loans which could be offset against rates.

"I think it would be willing to do so, but it is not going to give such money free.

"Or perhaps residents could get together and repair the road on which they live, with its cost being

offset against rates..

"Surely some reasonable system can be worked out.

"As far as the repair of the roads in Mombasa District is concerned if you start from scratch it will take years and years, but a patch-up job could be done within three months.

CONTRACTORS

"You can get private contractors to do this and there are about six or seven in Mombasa who have the wherewithal and means to do such repairs.

"The longer you delay doing so the worse and more expensive it becomes.

"While you cannot carry out repair in the rain, something can be done during dry spells as well as the cleaning of manholes/ drains.

"Meanwhile, many drain covers are missing leaving it very dangerous for pedestrians who

might fall into them".

KP&L also came in for some criticism.

One example being that "along Tom Mboya Avenue a pole has been lying on the ground for one to two months.

"It had been intended to go into a big hole that had been dug.

"A piece of corrugated iron covers the hole, but one day someone is likely to fall through this and break their legs".

He also asked:

"Who is authorising electricity for kiosks?"

Referring to pavements around Mackinnon Market which have been blocked by rubbish and traders, he asked:

"Who allows them to trade there?"

He concluded:

"There seems to be a complete breakdown of controls and no desire to exercise any".



SEEN POSING is David Jomeli (19) an upcoming artist in the world of Rap Music. Among the Raps he has produced with colleague Ben Dianga (17), 'Mali Dadi' has proved to be successful. They started rapping after being inspired by members of Kall Tribe in 1991. Other numbers produced are 'Mali Fly' and 'Salvation Armageddon' based on poetic reality, courtesy of Baobab Entertainment. They have also participated in the launching of the Metro FM 89.1 in Mombasa with their chart attack 'Bad Hommes'. David is also equally talented in drawing and painting and has won himself several awards such as UNEP Environmental Competition for Tree Shade Club (1991) to mention but a few. He is a student in Mombasa Polytechnic in the department of Civil and Building Engineering. Rapping couldn't be more underground than this. For more details contact P.O. Box 86054 Mombasa.

HOT NEWS ? YOU CAN 'FAX' COASTWEEK 'SPORTSDESK' ON MOMBASA 'FAX' 225003

Minister Promises To Protect Kenya's Fast Fading Forest

THE KENYA Forest Working Group, a consortium of conservation organisations including the East African Wildlife Society, congratulates the Minister for Natural Resources, Minerals, Forestry and Fisheries, Hon. Francis Lotodo, for his promise to protect the nation's forest (as reported in the *East African Standard*).

Kenya's forests are some of the most important natural resources.

Forests protect water catchments, breaking the force of the rain, storing water and preventing soil erosion.

They provide the country with timber, wood fuel and other wood and non-wood products.

Forests are important sites for cultural and religious ceremonies, for tourism and for recreation.

At this time of climatic change, it is known that forests help to moderate and stabilise the world's climate, and are therefore crucial to the survival of human beings.

THREATENED

Over the past few years, however, Kenya's remaining forests have increasingly come under threat.

They have been excised for settlement, logged unsustainably, allocated for development, encroached upon by farmers, and damaged by grazing cattle.

And once destroyed, natural forests cannot be recreated in all their diversity and quality.

KFWG therefore that Minister Lotodo for his timely and encouraging statement, and looks forward to wise use and conservation of forests in the future.

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A Great Holiday At Safari Beach Hotel

MANY THANKS for the wonderful hospitality experienced during our holiday in Kenya.

More important, thanks for a really special experience on the South Coast.

Carol and I both agree: it was a 'once-in-a-lifetime thrill' visiting Mombasa and staying at the Safari Beach Hotel.

We had a marvellous time and were really sorry to leave.

There was a small problem with the transfer on our arrival.

Frankly, being Africans ourselves, we expected 'Third World' standards but apart from the wait at the Airport, we were transferred into a delightful world where taps worked, toilets flushed, fine food was served and even (on the one occasion we needed a phone!) the telephone connections operated.

We didn't even have a power failure or a hot beer!

The service was superb - which is more than we can say about the standards in this country.

There is much we can learn from Kenya.

We have stayed at hotels in Egypt, Tunisia, every country in Africa in fact as well as in Asia and the United States, and we believe Safari Beach Hotel ranks among the very best.

No doubt it is because you demand high standards and insist on maintaining them.

We shall both enjoy writing about our very positive experiences.

(Yes, we got to the airport safely - at around 6.20 am.

We were told to be downstairs at 4.15 am but when the mini bus had not arrived by 4.45 am, the night receptionist called to find out if there was a problem.

The driver was there in ten minutes!

No problem.

We had coffee in the meantime and a nice chat - about AIDS of all things! - with the man on duty.)

We simply cannot fault the friendliness of the staff at Safari Beach Hotel.

Bless you all for your hospitality and kindness.

Winnie and Carol Graham,
"The Star" Newspaper, Johannesburg, S. AFRICA.

YOUR LETTERS TO
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DON'T MISS THE BEST SHAGGY DOG SHOW!

THE KSPCA is holding its Annual Shaggy Dog show on February 8th at the Mombasa Academy, from 9 am to 2 pm.

Classes range from "The dog most like its owner", to "The dog Judge would most like to take home".

There is a class to suit almost every dog.

I WOULD like to congratulate the Mombasa and Coast Tourist Association on their bold statement and their concern about the pathetic condition of Mombasa and its consequential effect on its residents and the tourist industry.

Mombasa residents pay to the Council huge sums of money in form of Land Rates, Service Charge and Licence Fees for non-existent services.

They have to live with uncollected garbage, blocked drains, overgrown bush, unkempt gardens and centre islands, impassable roads, non-functioning street and traffic lights.

It is time the Council tells the taxpayers how their hard-earned money paid to the Council is spent.

Before the residents make any further payments the Council should publish their audited

Time To Audit Accounts Of Municipal Council ...

accounts for the last ten years.

They should also explain why despite huge labour force, basic services, like refuse collection, bush clearing and unblocking of drains and replacement of street bulbs, which does not require large sums of money, cannot be provided.

I would like to suggest that before the newly elected councillors assume office the new Minister for Local Government, Hon. Sam Ongeri should, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Local Government Act appoint a team of inspectors to probe Mombasa Council.

The Terms of Reference of the Inspectors should be to investigate the following:

- Alleged Over Employment of Staff and employment and promotions contrary to Ministerial directives;
- Alleged Irregular Approval of Building Plans contrary to Council's building and Town Planning by-laws, Building Code, Density regulations and zoning;
- Alleged Irregular Award of Tenders, particularly for road works, and whether these were done in accordance with the specifications;
- Wasteful Public Expenditure (e.g. overseas trips including visits by Councillors and Officers to Zanzibar to discuss a hotel project) when the Council has no funds even to render basic services;
- Alleged Conflict of Interest of

Council's technical officers in approving plans and acting for clients as their architects and engineers;

• Alleged Irregular Allocation of Council Prime Plots and senior staff bungalows to well-connected people, Councillors and Officers of the Council at throw-away prices thereby depriving the Council of much needed revenue and loss of its valuable real assets;

• Alleged Misuse of Council Vehicles for personal errands and transporting personal belongings including delivery of water to officers' houses using Fire Brigade vehicles;

• Depriving the General Public of Valuable Parking Spaces in the town by allocating these to bus

companies and business concerns, the latter contrary to Council's Designated Parking Bylaws;

• Huge Rate Arrears allegedly not collected from some well-connected people;

• Council's Debts including amounts owing to Income Tax Department, NHIF, NSSF and Kenya Local Government Officers' Superanneration Fund.

Finally, I call upon Mombasa and Coast Tourist Association to spearhead the formation of Mombasa Residents Association, like the Langata District Association in Nairobi, a pressure group to ensure that residents get the services they pay for.
'Concerned', MOMBASA.

Three Critical Roads That Need Urgent Repair Work

MY CAR could not believe its luck when it turned into Beach Road, Nyali to find itself drifting down a wonderful re-carpeted road.

It sighed a sigh of relief, but then back to reality - bump, bang, thump over and around the craters.

Why, oh why was Beach Road considered a priority over and above all the other roads, like the stretch between Links Road and Rabna Square, or perhaps the paver could trundle its way towards a main thoroughfare like Digo Road, past MacKinnon Market, or the approach to the Railway Roundabout, to mention but three critical places?

A paver and its team could then feel they are having a profound effect on many, many peoples' lives, not just the few Nyali residents and tourists.

Could there be any 'factors' associated with this decision that are going right over my head?

I would be pleased to hear.
Disheartened Motorist, MOMBASA.



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We would like to take this opportunity to thank our main sponsors, Barclays Bank.

We have also received assistance from Top Dog and many others.

LOST DOG:

If readers live in the Giriama Beach Area and have lost a dog through robbery in the last few months, please contact the KSPCA as we may have your dog.

Thank you for your assistance.
Aisha Khan - Executive Officer,
K.S.P.C.A. MOMBASA.

Allidinia Are Best 'Young Farmers'!

IT IS with regret that we complain about a Coastweek article in the issue January 2, 1998.

The article/photo caption stated that in the previously held 'Inter Schools Competition' for best Young Farmers Club, H.H. Aga Khan KenSec was second in 'provincials' and first countrywide - whereas it was the Young Farmers Club of Allidinia Visram that came first overall countrywide.

We therefore kindly request that you look into the matter to avoid any inconveniences on either of our parts.

Thanking you in advance,
Mustafa Hassanali, Chairman
A.V.H.S. Young Farmers Club
M. Mshabaha, Patron A.V.H.S. Young Farmers Club, and
Kang'ethe Mwangi, Head master A.V.H.S., MOMBASA.

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'Mombasa Wreck' 300th Anniversary

HELLO Coastweek!
While cruising the News from Kenya fall over your pages and what a delight it was to see your paper alive and well.

Now that I have found your site I look forward to keeping in better touch with events.

I was especially glad to see several articles by Neta Peal and would be very grateful if you could pass on many greetings to her.

We still remember the many reports that she wrote about the 'Mombasa Wreck Excavation' all those years ago.

(And it was the 300th anniversary of the Santo Antonio de Tanna's sinking last December)
Good luck and best wishes for the New Year.

Robin Piercy, Turkey.
<robin@efes.net.tr>

'Good Luck' To New Lamu MPs

I WISH to congratulate the two young Kanu Lamu MPs for their election to the Kenyan Eighth Parliament.

Mr Mohamed Hashim Salim for Lamu East and Mr Fahmi Yasin Twaha for Lamu West.

My congratulations extend once again to Mr Twaha for his appointment to an assistant Minister's position in President Moi's final Government.

Mr Salim a young and very vocal politician is an ideal

representative for the Lamu people.

I would advise Mr Salim and Mr Twaha to join hands in developing the area.

We don't want you to go and sleep in Parliament like the previous Lamu MPs did before you.

The people of Lamu are very much behind in all spheres of development, the District always come either last or second last in national

examinations, roads are always impassable, especially the Malindi-Lamu road.

We American based Lamu people would like to assist in any way we can to develop our area.

Omar Ahmed Ali, Philadelphia, U.S.A.

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Greetings From 'Down Under' ...

GREETINGS from 'Down Under'!

Excellent job performed by Coastweek on the InterNet.

Being a former resident of Mombasa, it's great that I can catch up with the news back home.

Keep it up!
Paramjeet Thaker, Australia.
<pthaker@standard.net.au>



COMMISSION OF INDIA
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To celebrate the Republic Day of India, flag hoisting will be held on Monday, the January 26, 1998 at 0900 hrs. at Roof Garden, Bank of India Building, Mombasa.

All Indian Nationals and Friends of India are cordially invited to attend the function.

Lions Remember World Children's Day



MRS. MARGARET PELL, a guest at the Indian Ocean Beach Club (centre) cuts a Christmas cake to mark the end of the year party for the IOBC staff. During this special party, the staff had the opportunity to be served by the Managers and visiting guests. Also dressed in service uniform are regular repeat guests at the Club Mr. Martins and Mr. Hallas, Financial Controller Coast Mr. Kibvo and Personnel Assistant Evalyn Gachuru.

LIONS CLUB of Mombasa Central arranged for the examination of 85 children for general ailments at the Mombasa Children's Home, followed by dinner, to commemorate World Children's Day. Dr. Sushil Sharma (left) is seen screening one of the children as (from right) Mrs. Anil Patel, Chairman Anil Patel and Himat Soni with members of the Children's Home look on.



CHAIRLADY INNER Wheel Club Mombasa Yasmin Khandwalla (seated right) assists in the PolioPlus Programme which was held throughout the country. Mrs. Khandwalla is seen with other members of the Club (standing, left).

AWAITING THE arrival of their first group of tourists at Mombasa Airport is the team from 'Going One' a new tour operator from Italy. They are, from left, Sports Manager Mirko Maccanti, Head Hostess Valeria Manchbi, Tour Guide Nassir Omar and Area Manager Kenya Fulvio Esposito.

REVEREND NICODEMUS Waka Omumbwa (right) is seen being awarded a Degree in Bible and Theology in Nairobi, from I.C.I. University by Reverend Chuck Ness, Director Kenya I.C.I.

Need we say more ??

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WEMA CENTRE BUILDING A HOME FOR MOMBASA STREET CHILDREN



WEMA Centre is a rehabilitation program for young street girls.

The Centre is registered as a Trust and an N.G.O (Non Governmental Organisation).

Wema has been in operation for the last four years and has witnessed an awesome population explosion of young Street children in Mombasa.

The rate of growth is nothing to joke about.

Many children are being born on the streets while others die from serious illnesses.

Street life is extremely torturous due to inhuman conditions and experiences which cause them to turn against society.

The society that put them there !

A street girl is a girl child living on the streets or using the street for survival.

Society seems to have forgotten that like any other children, street children need food, shelter and clothing.

The lack of food, shelter and clothing is not the only problem experienced by street children but most distressing are the problems encountered in the search for the same such as rape, disease, fear, hunger, insecurity, hatred and hostilities.

These are the inescapable terrors that dominate the life of a street girl.

Most of the girls have been so hardened by these experiences that they have lost their natural gentleness in the process of survival.

They think they can survive in the streets but do they ?

What does it take to be fit for the streets ?

Can anyone be fit enough to survive diseases like AIDS ?

Soon there will be very little we can do to solve the problem of street children.

A time will come when you will not be able to walk on the streets.

Violence, prostitution, drug abuse, rape, robbery, hate and all other manner of evil will be directed to you.

Unless we act now, this inevitable situation is very near.

Wema Centre has over the last four years offered continued help for many street girls but has also not resisted a few boys.

They need a home.

Wema Centre is providing a home for these children that aims at meeting their need for play, health, rest, food,

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"These are the inescapable terrors that dominate the life of a street girl."

Yes ! YOU can HELP !

education, love and security.

Wema Centre has been providing these needs for the sixty children currently accommodated at the Centre in addition to pastoral care and counseling.

THE BUILDING PROJECT

The Centre is currently operating from a rented three bedroom house in Likoni, which has a capacity for a normal sized family but there are 60 kids squeezing in.

There is therefore an urgent need to expand the facilities in order to continue offering quality care, and rescue more children from the streets.

There are about 7,000 street children in Mombasa.

The street girls would be about 2,330 being one third of the ever increasing number.

With the help of the Mombasa community, Wema Centre has made a major impact in minimizing the number of street girls in the town but would like to do much more.

There are a growing number of children outside the gates of the Centre begging for admission.

This problem has prompted the Centre to start a building project.

The project is in Kiembeni, Bamburi, on the old Malindi road and is on five acres of land owned by The Wema Centre Trust.

The project is in three phases and Phase One is nearing completion.

The total cost of Phase One, is K.shs. ten million of which the Centre has raised 50 per cent.

A further sum of five million shillings (K.shs. 5,000,000.) is required in order to complete it.

The plan has been drawn to provide facilities for 100 children in the first phase developing to a capacity of 200 in the next five years.

THE PLAN

Phase one will constitute four class rooms, five dormitories, housemother's house, lavatories, showers, laundry area, kitchen, and a multi purpose hall.

For the time being, two of the classrooms will serve as a dress making workshop, administration, library and dispensary.

The multi-purpose hall will be used as dining room, and pre-school.

The land is also sufficient for subsistence farming and playgrounds.

SUPPORT FROM THE MOMBASA COMMUNITY

Professional architectural and related services are being provided on 50 per cent gratis basis by Dr. E. May and Partners and their team of consultants.

Priyan Construction Limited are main contractors.

All the cement has been donated by Bamburi Portland Cement Company, and a substantial discount has been offered for the roofing by Simbarite Limited.

Round Table No. 25 has donated K.shs. two million for the construction of the classroom block.

Round Table No. 3 also gave K.shs. 300,000.00 from the 1996 Ring Us Up programme.

The Premchandbhai Foundation has pledged to give K.shs. one million of which a substantial proportion has been paid.

Mrs. Mirriam Mahihu has pledged to give K.shs. one million most of which has been paid.

Shabbir Brothers Limited have pledged to provide window glasses worth K.shs.100,000.00

Wema Centre is calling upon all you other caring people to join in with more contributions to help them meet the balance of K.shs. five million in order for the children to move in as current conditions are totally unsuitable.

More details can be obtained from:

Mrs. Lucy Yinda,
the Wema Office -

Telephone Numbers:

473843/ 473854 MOMBASA.

Yes ! YOU can make a Real Difference !

Collapse Of Kenya's Infrastructure - No Time For 'Knee-Jerk Reaction' As We Reflect On Root Cause Of Our Problems ?

THE WASHINGTON away of the embankment of the bridge near Kambo which resulted in severe disruption of traffic between Mombasa and parts of the country and hinterland to the West has caused some shocks.

People are baying about the state of the infrastructure in the country and telling the Government to go out and get it repaired.

This knee jerk reaction by wananchi is not necessary.

Instead we should reflect on the root cause of the problems that now face us supposedly as a result of the El Niño Southern Oscillation (or ENSO as it is technically called).

Let us cast our minds to the collapse of the railway bridge at Ngai Ndeithya not so long ago.

The damage occurred in a similar area that has caused the road links to be threatened.

At that time, a sudden downpour of rain was said to have caused the collapse of the embankment leading to the washing away of some coaches from the train.

MINOR REPAIRS

The knee jerk reaction at that time was for the railway authorities to go out and inspect all the bridges just in case any were showing signs of collapsing.

None were found to be in any serious danger and some had minor repairs done to them.

In the same period, various bridges were also affected but no one took any notice because they affected some remote area in Ukambani which would not impact on any national issue.

The writing was already on the wall but no one took notice.

Maintenance of the transport infrastructure has been based on the fact that one only considers the volume of traffic using the facilities and the age and suitability of the structures.

For the transport engineer, all he needs look at the statistics that are openly available on

growth in tonnage transported and volumes on each route.

Hence most of the maintenance



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activity is based on capacity considerations to the exclusion of everything else.

When facilities collapse as a result of what is perceived as unseasonal rain, the engineers take comfort in the perception that the occurrence was a so called "50 year" occurrence, that is that the flooding would only happen probably once in fifty years hence once does not design for it or prepare anything special to counter the effects.

If this happens at the frequency one thinks, then we would have fewer reports of collapsing infrastructure as a result of water or its effects.

The truth is that it is happening too often hence it cannot be that the bridges and similar structures are under designed or lack in maintenance.

The cause of our problems are further afield than in the incompetence of people or lack of funds to carry out maintenance.

The changing patterns of human population and the activities that they undertake have a far bigger impact than we think.

Populations in the semi arid areas are increasing as fast as they are elsewhere in the country.

If we take the population increase in the urban areas and take half of that to be the rate in the semi arid areas, it would mean a rapidly increasing population that has no means of support.

The mainstay of the people

there would be livestock breeding or seasonal farming.

Increasing herds of livestock would reduce the grass and tree cover available in those areas.

The burn and sow method of farming that we often see applied by people in that area would also reduce the grass cover.

The reduction in grass and tree cover would mean that any rain water would not be retained but would run off rapidly to the lowest point thus causing flash floods.

It also means that the lowest points that is areas around the rivers and dams, would soak up

the largest amount of water.

The result is that the embankments on any roads or bridges would become soaked in water and become liable to collapse.

The next heavy downpour that result in a raging river or flash flood would be certain to take away the soil on the embankment.

The catchment areas behind where the bridges and roads are being washed away represent the areas where there is very little tree cover.

Wananchi have removed whatever cover there was allowing water to find its way unimpeded.

When the rains hit Mombasa in October last year, we said that the bad planning and lack of proper construction was the cause of the various landslides in the place.

DEVASTATION

It is the same reasons that are behind the current devastation of our transport infrastructure.

We look only at the immediate problem.

We do not focus on root causes so that we can plan, on a national basis, to prepare our strategy on maintenance or construction for the future.

For as long as each branch of the authority work in isolation,

we will continue to have disasters like we are having from unusual phenomena like the El Niño we have come to know.

The Met told us about the rains, but we did nothing with the information.

The current rains are heavier than normal and have also lasted longer than one would expect.

More bridges, roads, houses, farms and so forth will suffer whilst we sit back and say we are helpless because it is a natural disaster.

Yet we should be looking to be in control of what we do.

As Kachumbari says, we should perhaps think of our planners as *El Ninthio*!

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The expansive hotel compound depicted a detailed journey through traditional African villages.

The hotel gate guards were in full 'colonial Askaris' uniform attire - a red cap, Khaki short pants with a matching short sleeved shirt, and a pair of black leather boots.

Further down, guests were introduced to a well built and strong man in a skin dress, skin cap, leather sandals and wearing traditional decorations standing at the entrance of a traditional homestead.

He was the paramount African chief Nyali Beach Hotel General Manager Mr. Ben Owira outside a thatched hut with mud smeared walls.

Further inside were three animal sheds with few goats and sheep resting.

On the edges of the compound, banana plants formed a ring round animal sheds and huts.

While the guest admired the architecture of the huts, children struggled with the banana leaves for a piece to feed the goats and sheep.

A wooden bridge with coconut leaves decoration on its edge provided the link between the chief's compound and Evans lane.

Below the bridge was a rivulet with clean water to enhance the romantic appeal of the Africa jungle.

The waiters in red blue loose short pants and a matching short sleeved shirt, served guests with different African cocktails and madafu (coconut) blended to their taste which they sipped as they listened to Afro-Arabic music, popularly known as Taarab, by Diamond Star.

The entertainment chain kept the guest glued to the stage.



WINNERS OF the most Creative and Original African Costume at the Nyali Beach Hotel's New Year's Eve "Passage Through Africa" were Mr. and Mrs. Matyn Purdie who are seen in their colourful attire with 'Zulu King' Block Hotels Regional Area Manager Coast John Mutua (centre).

Then the Nairobi Cultural Dance who performed a Giriama dance gave way to Mombasa Roots who played several African beats drawn from all over the continent of Africa.

Golden Kids Acrobats perfect balance skills and fire eating was an event many will remember for a long time.

The Collection Star and their cabaret show excited all with their talents.

Their Zulu Warrior dance and a dramatized South African drinking party dubbed "Omquomboti" had to be re-performed due to high demand by the guests.

Few even forgot to capture the scene on their films even after the third performance owing to the excitement it offered.

The dress line-up saw more than fifty entries in three different categories namely single, couple and group.

Guests and their children all dressed in different African cultural costumes joined in the stage circle to dance, in their effort to scoop one of the prizes on offer for the competition winners.

The most creative African dress prize went to Lindsay while the first prize was for a Standard Four girl, Crystal Mbugua who studies at Loreto.

Peter and Paula went for first and second runner-up prizes respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Matyn Purdie in their Maasai array supporting their model cow were declared overall winners.

Hence a free fortnights stay for two at Nyali Beach Hotel.

Mr. Bad 'Nyali Fitness team reject' won the funniest costume.

Presenting the prize to him, then Mr. Ben Owira honestly confessed:

"This is the funniest costume I have ever seen in my life."

With all the fun of the competition and prize giving, time ticked away fast to give way to the new year countdown led by Mr. Owira.

Sounds of exploding fireworks filled the air for almost five minutes as the dark sky was flooded with coloured sparks.

Guests and children on the stage struggled with over hundred balloons let out to celebrate the birth of the new year.

Mombasa Roots then took over the stage for the overnight express entertainment acknowledging guests' special requests and dedications.

Special Report By
Correspondent

European Tourists Vote Kenya Their Best Holiday Destination

A CROSS section of European tourists who have been visiting the country repeatedly have described Kenya as their best holiday destination and Nyali Beach Hotel, one of the most hospitable resorts they have ever visited.

Two English tourists, Michael Noble and Silvo Lindic said that they were captivated by the country's beautiful coastline, wonderful game reserves and friendly people.

The two said they found Nyali Beach Hotel to be unique compared to other hotels they had

visited around the world.

The variety of entertainment coupled with mouth watering dishes served at the hotel had enticed them to make repeated visits to the hotel.

"You can't help to keep coming, it's like coming home," said Silvo Lindic.

Michael Noble and Silvo Lindic have both been visiting Kenya for the last 22 and ten years respectively.

Commenting on what he described as unwarranted negative publicity in the wake of violent incidents at South coast, Mr. Noble said:

"We know where we were going and where to stay."

"This was internal problem and unlike in Egypt, tourists were not involved."

"Only people who have never been to Kenya would be affected (scared)."

A German couple who have visited Kenya during winter seasons since 1973 after reading a tourist brochure which described Nyali as the best Hotel and Kenya the best holiday destination Mr. Heimrich Kempas said:

"Nice people, best hotel, warm

climate, marvellous views, wildlife, not far from airport, very nice country."

An English couple Mr. and Mrs. Glasspell who have visited Kenya over ten times since 1986, told COASTWEEK that Nyali offered everything one would need in a holiday resort.

Mr. Ray Glasspell said he had persuaded quite a number of his friends to try Nyali while in Kenya and not a single one had ever looked back after the first attempt.

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Mrs. Audrey Glasspell pointed out that violence is a common phenomenon around the world,

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Fastenmonat Ramadan

WÄHREND DES heiligen Monats Ramadan halten die gläubigen Muslime auf der ganzen Welt die strikte Fastenzeit ein, ein religiöses Gebot, das auch von anderen Religionen in unterschiedlichen, mehr oder weniger strengen Formen vorgeschrieben und von den Gläubigen befolgt wird.

Ramadan ist der 9. und der wichtigste Monat im islamischen Kalender.

Das Gebot - eine Säule des islamischen Glaubens - erhielt der Prophet Mohammed am 13. Februar 624 n.Chr., im zweiten Jahr nach seiner Flucht von Mekka nach Medina (Hedschra, erfolgte 622 n.Chr. und ist der Beginn der islamischen Zeitrechnung).

Da der muslimische Kalender sich nach den Mondmonaten richtet, beginnt Ramadan jedes

Jahr elf Tage früher und nach dieser Zeitrechnung befinden wir uns heute im islamischen Jahr 1419 A.H.

In der Nacht vor Beginn des Ramadan blicken Tausende von Gläubigen forschend in den Himmel auf der Suche nach der Neumondsichel.

Der oberste Kadi von Kenia sitzt neben dem Telefon und wartet auf den ersten Anruf, daß der Mond in den entsprechenden Längengraden gesichtet worden ist, worauf er den Beginn des Ramadan offiziell bekanntgibt.

Von der Bevölkerung von rund 26 Millionen Einwohnern in Kenia sind schätzungsweise ein Drittel Muslime, ein Drittel Katholiken, ein Sechstel Protestanten; das restliche Sechstel setzt sich zusammen aus Hindus und Anhängern ähnlicher Glaubensgemeinschaften, anderen Sekten sowie Eingeborenen, die ganz oder teilweise noch dem altüberlieferten Glauben ihrer Vorfahren huldigen.

An der Küste gehört der Großteil der Bevölkerung dem islamischen

Glauben an (dazu werden auch die orthodoxen Sunniten, Schiiten, Ahmadiiten und die Ismaeliten des Aga Khan gezählt) und in der Altstadt mit ihrem typisch arabischen Charakter findet man immer noch die meisten der rund 50 Moscheen Mombasas.

Der Fastenmonat Ramadan, der am 31. Dezember 1997 begann, ist eine harte Prüfung für die Muslime und bedeutet eine Umstellung ihres gewohnten Lebensstils.

Fastenzeiten und Betzeiten müssen genau eingehalten werden und nach zwei bis drei Wochen fällt es vor allem den Berufstätigen schwer, sich bei dem ständig wachsenden Schlafmanko auf die Arbeit zu konzentrieren, die ja möglichst normal weitergehen sollte.

Nach Sonnenuntergang beginnt ein mäßiges Treiben in den Straßen der Stadt.

Jetzt wird das Fasten unterbrochen durch einen lang ersehnten schwarzen Kaffee, heißen Tee, Kokosmilch oder auch nur kaltes Wasser, wenn gerade nichts anderes zur Hand ist.

In Mombasa ist die Szene besonders ausgeprägt in der großen Kurve der Digostraße zur Abdal-Nasser-Straße, in der Nähe des Gemüsemarktes.

Gegen Abend strömen die Menschen in Scharen zu den Bergen von Kokosnüssen und zu den Straßencafés.

Fasten verbindet, es wird von allen Leuten, arm und reich, gleichermaßen durchgeführt.

Während die Männer sich in den Moscheen zum gemeinsamen Gebet versammeln, einhellig im weißen Kaffan mit Kofia, der runden, reich bestickten Kopfbedeckung, sind die Frauen zu Hause mit der Zubereitung der Hauptnahrung Futari beschäftigt. Sie besteht aus zwei bis vier Gängen.

Viele der pikant gewürzten Sushelgerichte werden in Kokosmilch gekocht.

Nach Mitternacht wird eine kleinere Mahlzeit Daku eingenommen, meistens Curry mit Reis, Sauermilch und eine Süßspeise.

Zwischen Futari und Daku beten die Frauen zu Hause und lesen im Koran, oder sie wandern in ihren schwarzen Umhängen, genannt Bubui, durch die Straßen,

besuchen Freundinnen und tauschen mit Ihnen Essen und kleine Geschenke aus.

Dieser Brauch heißt Bemba. Nach dem Daku steht einem wohlverdienten Schlaf nichts mehr im Weg bis um 5 Uhr früh, wenn es Zeit ist für das Morgengebät und ein neuer Fastentag beginnt.

Während des Fastenmonats gibt man großzügig Almosen an die Armen.

Viele wohlhabende Leute laden auch Bedürftige ein, an ihrem Abendessen Futari teilzunehmen.

Gemäß dem Koran sollte man auch freiwillig Zakatbezahlen, eine Steuer von 2 1/2 Prozent auf die jährlich angesammelten Ersparnisse, die für Krankenhäuser, Schulen und andere soziale Zwecke verwendet wird.

Der Islam verlangt, daß zusammen mit dem Fasten auch die höchsten ethischen Grundsätze eingehalten werden.

Enthaltsamkeit bedeutet Verzicht auf Nahrung, Wasser, Tabak und Sex von Sonnenauf- bis Sonnenuntergang.

Zu vermeiden sind Schimpfwörter, Unwahrheiten, Verleumdungen, Klatsch; dafür sollte man mehr an die anderen denken und mehr Toleranz für ihre Fehler aufbringen.

Nur wenn auch diese Punkte berücksichtigt werden, hat das Fasten einen tieferen Sinn.

Idd-Karten

Das Ende der Fastenzeit wird mit dem gesetzlichen Feiertag Idd-ul-Fitr zelebriert, wenn wiederum die Neumondsichel am Abendhimmel gesichtet wird, dieses Jahr voraussichtlich am 29. Januar.

Man verschenkt Idd-Karten mit Glückwünschen an Verwandte und Bekannte wie in Europa zum Jahreswechsel oder zu Ostern.

Manche Familien schlachten ein Schaf oder eine Ziege und laden böse bemißelte Verwandte, Bekannte und auch ihre Dienstmädchen ein, damit sie an den Feierlichkeiten und Freuden des Idd-ul-Fitr teilhaben können.

Im Stadtzentrum von Mombasa wird auf dem Makadira Festplatz während mehrerer Tagen der Idd-Jahrmarkt mit Karussells und Buden abgehalten.

VON
Nelly Riegger

UND ES WARD LICHT!



Dieses süße Baby war bei der Geburt blind, da beide Augen von Katarakt befallen waren. Nach einer erfolgreichen Operation in der Augenklinik "Kwale District Eye Centre", wo bedürftige Patienten zu geringen Kosten operiert und behandelt werden, kann das kleine Mädchen jetzt sehen und ein normales Leben führen. Das war sein schönstes Weihnachtsgeschenk!

Warum der Regenwurm unter der Erde lebt

Es war einmal ein Regenwurm, der war mit einer Henne befreundet, da sie in der gleichen Gegend lebten und zusammen arbeiteten.

Als der Regen lange Zeit ausblieb, wurde es immer heißer und auf den Feldern wuchs nichts mehr.

Nachdem sie die letzten Getreidekörner aufgegessen hatten, machte sich die Henne große Sorgen.

"Was werden wir morgen essen?" fragte sie den Regenwurm.

"Ich weiß es auch nicht," antwortete er, "aber wir müssen darüber nachdenken, sonst werden wir verhungern."

Frühstück

In der Nacht konnte die Henne nicht schlafen, weil sie angestrengt nachdachte, was zu tun sei.

Als sie jedoch den Regenwurm sah, der neben ihr behaglich eingerollt lag,

als ob keine Probleme zu lösen wären, kam sie auf böse Gedanken.

Sie betrachtete den Wurm genauer und sagte sich:

"Ich könnte den oberen Teil zum Frühstück, den mittleren Teil zum Mittagessen und den Schwanz zum Abendessen verspeisen."

Aber der Regenwurm hatte gar nicht geschlafen und konnte alles hören, denn die Henne hatte laut nachgedacht.

Deshalb schlich sich der Regenwurm davon, ohne daß die Henne es bemerkte.

Er besuchte das Chamäleon, das als weiser Seher bekannt war.

Nachdem er ihm den Fall erklärt hatte, sah er zu, wie

das Chamäleon seine Zaubermuscheln auf dem Boden austreute und unverständliche magische Sprüche murmelte.

"Bevor ich dir sagen kann, was ich sehe," sagte das Chamäleon, "müssen wir den Ahnen ein Opfer bringen."



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Ein Feuer wurde angezündet und ein Topf mit Wasser darauf gestellt.

Als das Wasser kochte, legte das Chamäleon Wurzeln und Kräuter hinein und forderte den Regenwurm auf, in den Topf zu steigen und magische Wörter zu singen.

Es hatte nämlich auch daran gedacht, daß der Regenwurm ein köstliches Mahl geben würde.

Aber der Regenwurm war

nicht dumm und sagte: "Da du der Seher bist, wäre es nicht wirkungsvoller, wenn du selbst in den Topf steigen würdest?"

Da wurde das Chamäleon rot vor Zorn, und der Regenwurm ergriff rasch die Flucht.

Als er weit genug weg war, sagte sich der Regenwurm: "Es scheint, daß alle nach meinem Leben trachten."

"Ich muß mich verstecken, und damit ich meine Ruhe habe, werde ich fortan unter der Erde leben."

Unterdessen wurde das Chamäleon von den Ahnen beschuldigt, die Berufstreue der Seher und das Orakel durch seinen unlauteren Plan verraten zu haben.

"Niemand wird dir mehr Vertrauen schenken, weil du so unbeständig bist, sogar in deinem Aussehen."

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CROSSWORD NO. 516

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ACROSS:

- Game fellow with sharpest of coughs? [8]
- Where nothing gets left aboard, nothing! [6]
- The very devil as Catherine Parr might have said [3, 5]
- Quick the Bachelor of Medicine is in the river [6]
- Cry about a broken lute [7]
- What busmen, presumably, do not go for on holiday [7]
- Twister on ice often encouraged by sweepers [7-5]
- Suffering caused by the pen [7,5]
- Military formation from the French [7]
- Not clear about the site of the Taj Mahal, so this should make it plain [7]
- Easy-going albeit mostly bitter [6]
- Breakdown of make-up [8]
- Opposed to the work of a poet? [6]
- To give the lie to somebody [8]

DOWN:

- The skeleton is obviously detectable. [6]
- First person singular? [6]
- Make up a tale for the table [7]
- Reason the harassed Cyril Gleason shut up quickly [5, 7]
- They are placed at the bottom of columns [7]
20. He came suddenly on Friday [8, 6]
- Go too far [8]
- Cuban habanera, say? Yes but not as we understand it [7, 5]
- A wee pest beautifully reformed [5, 3]
- Suitable teatime offering for sea urchins? [4-4]
- Sweet things found in city hide-outs [7]
- It's milder if German [7]
- See 7 down
- Clio, for example, is in a small advertisement, Queen Victoria was not [6]

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD NO. 515

ACROSS: 1. ITCHING PALM, 9. ANVIL, 10. SCARECROW, 11. ELLA, 12. BACH, 13. FENCE, 15. BAD DEBT, 16. CULPRIT, 17. CABARET, 20. CABBAGE, 22. SNIPPE, 23. NOON, 24. DIDO, 26. AMIDSHIPS, 27. SHEAR, 28. FLYING SQUAD.

DOWN: 1. INVALID, 2. CELT, 3. INSTANT, 4. GRAPHIC, 5. ACE OF CLUBS, 6. MARINER, 7. TAKE A BACK SEAT, 8. SWEEP THE BOARD, 14. FEARLESSLY, 18. BAILIFF, 19. TENSION, 20. CROESUS, 21. ANISEED, 25. ESAL.

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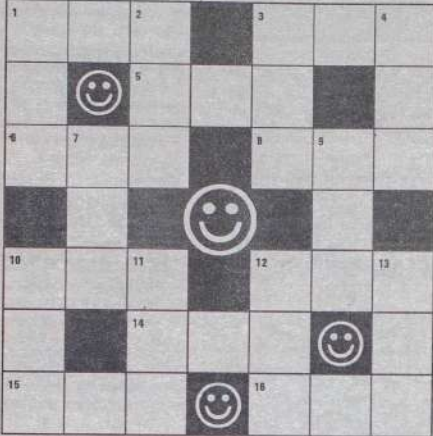
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ACROSS:

1. You wear it on your head ... ? (3)
3. A useful container for baked beans ... ? (3)
5. A number before TWO ... ? (3)
6. The sun does this to delicate skin ... ? (3)
8. A small insect found in the grass ... ? (3)
10. The opposite of women ... ? (3)
12. Name for a female sheep ... ? (3)
14. An old-fashioned flower pot ... ? (3)
15. Where the Lion likes to sleep ... ? (3)
10. What you place on top of the letter 'i' ... ? (3)

DOWN:

1. A good fire feels this way ... ? (3)
2. Heavy weight - exactly 1,000 kilos ... ? (3)
3. A popular drink in the afternoon ... ? (3)
4. As in "I am ... ready to play yet" ... ? (3)
7. You need this to chop wood ... ? (3)
9. Very latest? As in "Happy ... Year" ... ? (3)
10. A crazy person is this ... ? (3)
11. Ladies who work for the Church ... ? (3)
12. The ..., is the very last part of a story ... ? (3)
13. You do this with your mouth at meals ... ? (3)

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The afternoon sees the streets being lined up by vendors arranging food-

stuffs on wooden tables with the busiest street being the Mackinnon Market area where the pavements are used as short-term stalls.

Our Heritage Of Faith

Dates, Coconuts and the delicious naans (sweet bread which is only produced during this month) are but a

few of the commodities put on display. Ramadhan has brought to life the mosques which are filled up during the nights for the special prayers (Tarawih) to conclude the days fast.

This is the time when the young, old, rich and poor come together in harmony.

Hope by the end of the month each individual becomes a better person with a single valuable opportunity wasted as

Allah's help comes with action and Islamic qualities and not just a Muslim Name.

FUN FISHING FOR MTWAPA CUP



KARL MANHARD, winner of the Mtwapa Cup, being congratulated by two happy admirers at the Moorings!



LONG TIME sponsors of the very popular 'Mtwapa Cup' fishing tournament, Gunter Seipp and his wife Sieglind, are seen during the presentation at the Moorings of some very



SIEGFRIED and GUNTER SEIPP seen (left) at the Moorings presentation together with Maji, James Adcock, Karl Manhard, Don Allen, John Webb and Sara Spencer.

handsome prizes won by local fishermen over the two-day event. Looking on is organiser James Adcock of Mtwapa.

BRIDGE RESULTS

RESULTS OF Monday, January 19, 1998 Duplicate Bridge played at the L.T.C.

J. Babla and M. Shah 133; H. Rawal and M. Boiness 121; H. Malde and S. Shah 119; Dr. V. Patel and K. Shah 116; Dr. and Mrs. L. Shah 115; M. Sawjani and R. Ruparella 110; Mr. and Mrs. N. Shah 104; Dr. J. Shah and B. Babla 104; Mr. and Mrs. M. Shah 102; S. Sule and A. Jain 101; Ramesh and Paniraj 85.

'Fischer Reisen' Host Tour Agents

LEADING TRAVEL agents from Germany found Kenya absolutely fascinating and experienced no problem during the week they were here, finding the people very friendly and hotels/ lodges of an international standard.

Their visit to Kenya was hosted by Fischer Reisen, described as probably the fastest growing tour operator in Germany. It has been bringing tourists to Kenya for the past eight years and until 1996 was the biggest private tour operator in Germany.

It then became part of the Condor group which also includes leading tour operators - Neckermann and Kreuzer.

With a 50 per cent drop in bookings being experienced following political unrest on the Kenya coast and forecasts not looking good, Fischer Reisen decided to help improve the situation by bringing leading travel agents here to see for themselves the product they sell with a view to increasing bookings.

Interviewed at Mombasa following a safari they said they had been very curious to see Kenya after reading some shocking reports about unrest on the coast.

However, they found it all very safe and experienced no problem. All were surprised at the

friendliness of the people and the high standard of service in hotels.

Their safari took them to Tsavo National Parks with an overnight at Hilton's Sallitick.

They described it as 'exciting, but a little bit frightening'.

Said one 'we are used to seeing lions caged up in zoos.'

It came as a shock to see one completely free popping out of a bush just near our

mini bus!

They also noted (with joy) that breakfasts in Kenya are 'very English' with much more to eat than a continental breakfast.

It was only the baked beans they

didn't like!

The group spent three nights at Safari Beach Hotel on the South Coast and four nights at Severin Sea Lodge on the north coast during which time they were kept very busy inspecting all eleven hotels at which Fischer Reisen clients stay.

Extra curricular activity included a Sundowner at an Ostrich Farm in the lovely environmental project of

the Bamburi Nature Park.

There was also a City Tour to see ancient and modern Mombasa.

They linked Kenya so much that all expressed a desire to stay for a further week!

It is Royale Tours and Safaris that look after Fischer Reisen's ground arrangements and these travel agents were also most impressed by its well trained and experienced Driver/Guides.



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An 'Out Of Africa' Cocktail



INTERNATIONAL DISTILLERS Kenya sales representative Peggy Ngure tries out a 'Delamere Special Cooler' cocktail prepared by Norfolk Terrace barman Patrick Gakungu. Cocktail connoisseur visiting the bar have an exciting array of cocktails to choose from. These include, 'Hole in One', 'Norfolk Scud', 'Royal Smile' and 'Out of Africa'. Gakungu comments: "I prefer to use spirits and liqueurs from IDK because they blend well with a number of products to produce delightful cocktails".

Vivek's Xi In Friendly Win Over Jayesh At Mombasa Sports Club

AFTER MISSING many Saturday Cricket fixtures due to the *El Niño* rains, an internal game between sides captained by Vivek Mehta and Jayesh Mistry was played last week, ending in an exciting win for Vivek's eleven, writes D.J.W.

Such was the enthusiasm that 30 players turned up.

It was agreed that both sides could bat fifteen and field twelve players.

Batting first on a bowler's wicket, Jayesh XI found runs difficult to score against medium pacers Sunil and Nikhil (2 for 10).

The spin of Anuj Jari, Anil Patel and Zuheir Ladak kept the pressure on, Anuj destroying the main batting with 4 for 12 in

five overs and Zuheir taking 3 for 23.

Jay Kothari bagged three victims behind the stumps.

In a poor batting performance, the top scorer was Alpesh with only 12 runs.

Aided by a generous supply of wickets, the team eventually totalled 124 runs for 11 wickets in only 12 runs.

Meanwhile, *El Niño* paid a short visit, with a heavy shower losing almost thirty minutes play.

In reply Vivek's eleven also struggled to make runs.

Again 'wides' was top scorer and wickets tumbled regularly.

Vivek's team was rescued by a good stand between Jay Kothari, who top scored with 19 and Aatish Chudasama (14 not out).

These two ensured a last over finish and, after careful audit, it was agreed that Vivek's side won, with a score of 125 for 10 wickets.

Annual 'Coastal Bottlers' Bridge Tourney At Travellers Beach Hotel

THE COASTAL Bridge Association will be holding the Coastal Bottlers Coast Open Bridge Tournament on January 31, 1998 and February 1st, 1998, at

"TIME and tide wait for no man" - this may be so but Mombasa sailors just wished they knew what the tides were up to - certainly not what the tide tables tell us.

The course for the Second Monthly Mugrace on Wednesday, January 14, was set for minimal wind with a tide change half way through the race - so that the boats could take advantage of the remaining flood tide in lieu of wind and then find their way back home on the beginning of the ebb.

All very well, except there was already a fierce ebb at least an hour before the tide should have changed.

When the same thing happened on Saturday with a dug out canoe reportedly plugging down tide at 30 knots and on Sunday the tide was still ebbing when a full flood was expected, sailors scratched their heads and tried to apply some logic to this on-going situation, other than saying "it's *El Niño* again."

As the tides still behaved as a flood and ebb on the shore with the water rising and receding, it was decided that there is a deep layer of fresh water seaward bound on the surface, the result of all the rains.

As the fresh water is lighter than sea water, this would explain how the top layer seems to be continually ebbing and affecting

Unusual Ebb Tides As Neptune And El Niño Play Games!

small dinghies with minimal draft, while underneath Neptune and the Moon are still busy playing their usual role.

Maybe sailors should be divided into categories - bantam, featherweight, flyweight and so on, up to heavyweight - like the boxers.

High spec new design boats now have the facility for adjustments that relate to crew sizes using specified formula.

In Mombasa we have always enjoyed windy sails with the odd quiet day, but it makes one realise that the bantam weights are really disadvantages with no wind sailing being a completely different sport.

Featherweight Michael Coppinger, aged eleven romped home to win in Topper *Freight Forwarders*, second was heavyweight Marylyn Barnes in *Ishilia* and third, flyweight, Gert-Jan Scherpenzeel still managing to sail the *Laser Sharpy*.

Free Willy carried bantam weight Jonty Marsh to fourth place before the bigger boats featured in the results.

The bigger the boat and the more sails it carries, the heavier crew it can carry.

Fifth were Alistair Barnes and Stephen Coppinger in a 420, sixth Dipali Patel in *WEC Rotterdam*, seventh Omar Mbithi and Boniface Ojiambo in a 420, eighth Mariam Hassanali in *Top-Pair*, ninth Sam Barnes and Trupti Patel in a 420, while the Bosuns both decided to retire gracefully

before the rest of the fleet benefited from a trickle of wind.

Better winds next week Frances, Ella, Nigel and friends from the UK.

Saturday morning's sail training saw a completely different scene with a good breeze up to Force Three at times.

However this saw Toppers going hurly burly everywhere as two months without wind had left the Cadets complacent and some sailing in winds for the first time since they had graduated to sailing single handed.

Remarkably Ben Hartwell as Captain of *Freight Forwarders* with crew Matt Clarke showed a great deal of competence capsizing only once.

Tarveen Singh Oshan in *WEC Rotterdam* survived well and being largely self taught should be commended. Tehzeen Mohamedali in *Bamburi Cement* seemed to enjoy the occasional dip with five capsizes while older sister Nausheen in *Stanray* took a single swim.

Newcomer Tim in *Free Willy* found himself in a spot when he capsized just as a ship was sailing from Mombasa anchorage, but was helped to safety by the rescue facilities.

Edward Omondi in *The Merry Mariner*, Stephen and Eric in *Rolls Royce*, Grayson Ochieng and Richard in *Mean Mercury Machine* and Jai Shah and Michael Braakmsa in *Stanray II* all coped

with the wind.

Three 420s were out attempting spinnaker flying in gusty conditions - Alistair Barnes assisting Omar Mbithi and Boniface Ojiambo to tackle the art, Sam Barnes and Trupti Patel making the most of some wind while Alfred Okoth and Samuel Ndaro sailed their 420 ably.

The Second Kilindini Cup race on Sunday 18th started off in barely no wind and was aborted after 15 minutes when a large container ship entered the harbour with four of the boats drifting aimlessly in the shipping channel.

The rescue boat scooped them up one by one and placed them clear of the ship's path.

As this affected over half the fleet it was decided to restart the race.

After this disaster the wind was generous enough to play ball, picking up to a Force Two at times and coming from somewhere near its proper direction of north easterly.

MARIAM HASSANALI

Chris Barnes in *Chanowas* first, second Andy Burnard in *Nyekundu*, third Sam Barnes and Trupti Patel in a 420, fourth Marylyn Barnes in *Ishilia*, fifth Omar Mbithi and Boniface Ojiambo in a 420, sixth Alfred Okoth and Samuel Ndaro in a 420 and seventh Mariam Hassanali in *Top-Pair*.

The overall results are very interesting, a clear win to Chris Barnes, but joint second were Andy Burnard, Marylyn Barnes and Sam Barnes and Trupti Patel.

Let's hope we have seen the end of this westerly wind and the monsoon has at last set in.

Come Monday when we were all back at work and school the rain had stopped, the sun was shining and the wind was blowing old boots - perhaps it can stay a while for us to enjoy the weather we are familiar with.

BRIDGE RESULT

RESULT OF THE Duplicate Bridge played at the Mombasa Sports Club on Wednesday, January 14th.

Kirti and Chuni 142; Dr. Rawal and Harilal 142; Ajit and Chuni 139; Pulin and Tushar 130; Dinash and Ranchothbhai 126; Shantilal and Harilal 115; Kishore and Chandrakant 100; Mr. and Mrs. D. Shah 96; Dr. J. Shah and Bharti 92; Amu and Kirti 89; Meghji and Janakbhai 75; Laxmikant and Dr. V. J. Patel 74.

COAST BRIDGE with C.P. SHAH

THE FOLLOWING hand illustrates how an atrocious Trump 'break' can often be overcome.

Dealer: South. North-South 'Vulnerable'. *BIDDING*.

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

The Contract seemed too easy when West led the Ace of Clubs - an unfortunate choice.

But when he switched to the Queen of Spades, Dummy playing the King, East discarded a Club.

Not panicking, Declarer crossed to the Queen of Hearts, played three rounds of Diamonds finishing in

NORTH				
♠	K	7	2	
♥	A	K	9	7
♦	A	J	10	
♣	7	6		

WEST				
♠	Q	J	10	8
♥	J	10	6	5
♦	7	5	3	
♣	A			

EAST				
♠	-	-	-	-
♥	8	4	3	
♦	9	8	6	4
♣	Q	J	9	5

Dummy and cashed the Ace and King of Hearts.

He 'ruffed' the fourth Heart, and played the King of Clubs, West down to just Knave, Ten, Eight, Five of Trumps, 'ruffed' the Club and led the Knave of Spades.

Declarer ducked and at Trick 12 West was forced to lead a Spade from the Ten, Eight into Declarer's Ace and Nine. The full hand is shown above.

SOUTH				
♠	A	9	6	4
♥	Q			
♦	K	Q	2	
♣	K	10	8	2

Poonam Thapa Bids Farewell To Captaincy



POONAM THAPA, Lady Captain of Mombasa Golf Club (left) presents Betty Kembaro, the Lady Captain's Prize winner with her award.

POONAM THAPA, the Lady Captain at Mombasa Golf Club, bade farewell in her last week of captaincy by hosting her Lady Captain's Prize on Saturday.

The participants and the Lady Captain's guests enjoyed a glorious afternoon with perfect golfing conditions, the course playing well now thanks to the rains.

Poonam has had a good year and all her competitions have been well run.

She was especially thankful of the support of her committee and presented tokens of appreciation to the committee members at the Prize Giving ceremony.

Acknowledging the good work carried out by Poonam was the delighted winner Betty Kembaro.

Betty has been playing well recently and scored 33 points.

After a two way countback on 32 points, Florence Karimi, the Lady Vice captain was declared the runner up and the evergreen Saida Samji, third.

All participants and guests went on to enjoy a sumptuous tea courtesy of the Lady Captain.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies section of the Club on Monday, the following office bearers were elected for 1998:

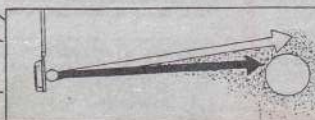
Lady Captain: Florence Karimi, Lady Vice Captain: Sue Williamson, Hon. Secretary: Rekha Patel, Hon. Treasurer: Poonam Thapa, Members: Hilary Brahmhatt, Saida Samji and Suhas Gulika.

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Nairobi Tourney Delayed

SOCIAL Bowling continues on weekdays and Weekends at the Mombasa Sports Club Bowling Green, writes **WHAT-A-BOWLER**.

Over the weekend, the Singles Championships in Nairobi were postponed due to the El-Niño flooding vast parts of the country.

The playing green was totally water logged in Nairobi and the rains did not stop pouring until after the weekend.

This weekend, K. P. Shah, Bharti Babla, Deepa Mukhopadhyay, Rasila Shah and Rehana Sheikh are all once again travelling to Nairobi for the Singles Championships which was postponed from last weekend.

Good Luck to all those travelling to Nairobi.

On the social scene, Tuesday's bowling session was totally wiped out, as the rains continued in Mombasa, thus making the bowling green completely water-logged.

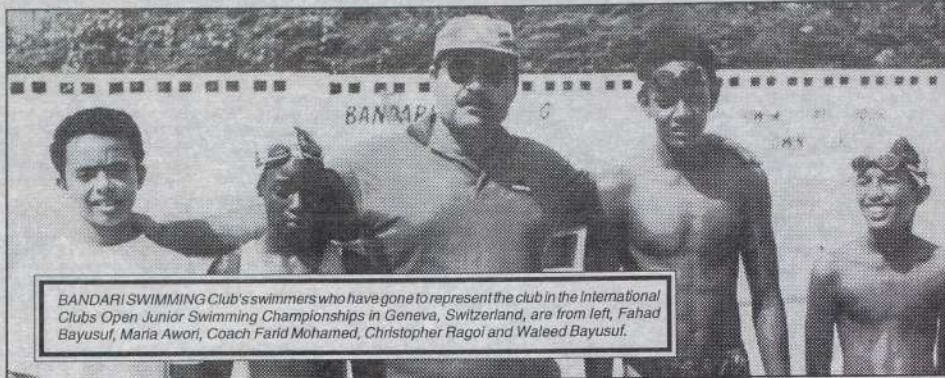
On the weekend, Social Bowling was played on Saturday in the hot Mombasa sun, which was well attended by the regular bowlers.

The next tournament in Mombasa is the Rozy Memorial Trophy, which takes place in February.

By the time of going to the press, more than 25 entries had already been received.

Social Bowling continues this weekend at the Bowling Green of the Mombasa Sports Club if the El-Niño does not strike again.

COAST SWIMMERS FOR INTERNATIONAL MEET



BANDARI SWIMMING Club's swimmers who have gone to represent the club in the International Clubs Open Junior Swimming Championships in Geneva, Switzerland, are from left, Fahad Bayusuf, Maria Awori, Coach Farid Mohamed, Christopher Ragoi and Waleed Bayusuf.

Mombasa Motor Club Time Trials

THE MOMBASA Motor Club will stage the first of the 1998 Time Trials this Sunday, January 25, 1998, at the Mtwaapa Track starting at 10.00 a.m.

Entrants are advised that the practice session for this event will start at 9.30 a.m. the same day.

Refreshment and food shall also be available throughout the day.

Come along and enjoy this exciting form of Motor Sports in Mombasa.

New K.F.F. Rules For All Clubs

THE COAST KFF Secretary Ali Mbarak has cautioned his clubs participating in the Kenya National League to pull up their socks in this new Kenyan Soccer era.

Speaking in his office on arrival from Nairobi where he attended the just-ended National Governing Council Meeting, Ali stated that Kenya's body under KFF Chairman Mr. Peter Keneth is in the process of laying down certain rules which if clubs fail in implementing, they will have no one else to blame.

The rules are contained in a booklet titled 'Rules of Kenyan Football' which was compiled by a group of Soccer Specialists under Chairman Bob Munro together with retired FIFA Referee Haroun Ondera, Mr. Lucas Mangoka, Mr. Joseph Masiga and the National first vice Chairman Mr. Abou Nurein.

The booklet in a draft form has invited suggestions and comments from the Public to reach the KFF National Office by January 31, 1998.

Mr. Ali Mbarak stressed that rule 5:2 (a) in the booklet needs clubs to sign written contracts with all their players where the club and the player must agree on mutually acceptable financial arrangements and record them in the contract.

A copy of the agreement must be sent to the National KFF Secretary General.

Secretary Ali looked very worried

at the Kshs. 5,000/- fine to be imposed on clubs breaching the Contract Policy and the expulsion

Province to have at least one team participating in the Premiere League.

year's league, Bandari, a team that was relegated last season.

Ali stated that in the end he found himself fighting a losing battle.

We now have to re-structure our system of play and be more serious right from the grass-roots archon now Ali vowed to act together on reluctant clubs.

Bandari FC will this year play in the National Super League together with her sister clubs Supa Comp, Boys, Baobab and Mabali - we have yet to get news on the fate of Young Rovers FC who won last year's Coast Super League.



Soccer Scene with **SERAJ MOHAMED**

of the club from forthcoming competitions.

The Coast Soccer giants Bandari FC will not play in this year's Kenya National League.

The sad news were confirmed by Secretary Ali Mbarak on arrival from Nairobi where he had fought tooth and nail in vain for Coast

Mr. Ali stated that in Nairobi he was not fighting for Bandari as a team but he was arguing that it would be detrimental for the Coast Soccer fraternity to spend a complete year without watching top flight soccer.

In Nairobi, Ali Mbarak well known as a force who wants fairness to be adhered to found himself in a very difficult condition urging the Governing Council meeting to include in this

TIDE TABLES

MOMBASA, January 23 - 29, 1998.

FRIDAY High Water - 2.1 m. at 12.17 hrs. (12.17 p.m.)
Low Water - 1.3 m. at 06.25 hrs. (6.25 a.m.) and 1.2 m at 18.07 hrs (6.07 p.m.)

SATURDAY High Water - 2.6 m at 01.00 hrs (1.00 a.m.)
and 2.2 m at 13.47 hrs. (1.47 p.m.) Low Water - 1.1 m at 07.44 hrs (7.44 a.m.) and 1.1 m at 19.28 hrs (7.28 p.m.)

SUNDAY High Water - 2.8 m at 02.04 hrs (2.04 a.m.) and 2.4 m at 14.46 hrs. (2.46 p.m.) Low Water - 0.8 m. at 08.38 hrs. (8.38 a.m.) and 0.9 m at 20.25 hrs (8.25 p.m.)

MONDAY High Water - 3.1 m. at 02.54 hrs (2.54 a.m.) and 2.7 m. at 15.30 hrs (3.30 p.m.) Low Water - 0.6 m. at 09.20 hrs. (9.20 a.m.) and 0.7 m. at 21.11 hrs. (9.11 p.m.)

TUESDAY High Water - 3.3 m at 03.36 hrs (3.36 a.m.) and 2.9 m at 16.08 hrs (4.08 p.m.) Low Water - 0.3 m at 09.58 hrs (9.58 a.m.) and 0.5 m at 21.53 hrs (9.53 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY High Water - 3.5 m. at 04.16 hrs (4.16 a.m.) and 3.1 m at 16.45 hrs (4.45 p.m.) Low Water - 0.1 m at 10.34 hrs (10.34 a.m.) and 0.3 m at 22.33 hrs (10.33 p.m.)

THURSDAY High Water - 3.6 m. at 04.54 hrs. (4.54 a.m.) and 3.3 m. at 17.21 hrs. (5.21 p.m.) Low Water - 0.0 m. at 11.09 hrs. (11.09 a.m.) and 0.2 m. at 23.13 hrs. (11.13 p.m.)

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