

Hand cart, bikes ferry lovers to wedding

Business came to a standstill at Mundika market in Busia County when a couple used a handcart and a bicycle as a mode of transport to Mundika Catholic church where they took their marriage vows.

Clad in a wedding gown, the bride and the bridegroom boarded a handcart as the best maid and best man rode on a bicycle as they travelled to the church to solemnise the marriage in a mass wedding that attracted more than 100 couples.

Caroline Night and Godfrey Amin, who were being transported on the hand cart from their Esikulu village home, 4 kilometres away,

amazed a horde of Christians who were waiting at the church as people from Mundika market followed them to witness the rare show in the town.

With motorcycles as outriders, the bride and bridegroom snaked through the market as a huge crowd followed them to witness the grand occasion.

For the other couples who had also used bicycles as a means of transport to church, their ultimate aim was to formalise their marriage.

Mundika Catholic Church parish priest, Father Maurice Langiri, who presided over the

mass wedding said that the church was out to encourage people to wed at a minimum cost as most faithful had not formalised their marriage.

A major challenge to solemnising marriage in the church was polygamy, the priest said, adding that the church recognised the first wife as she was considered as the family's foundation.

The Catholic prelate criticised polygamy, saying it causes family rifts which are usually extended to the church and asked men to marry one wife and remain faithful until death does them part.

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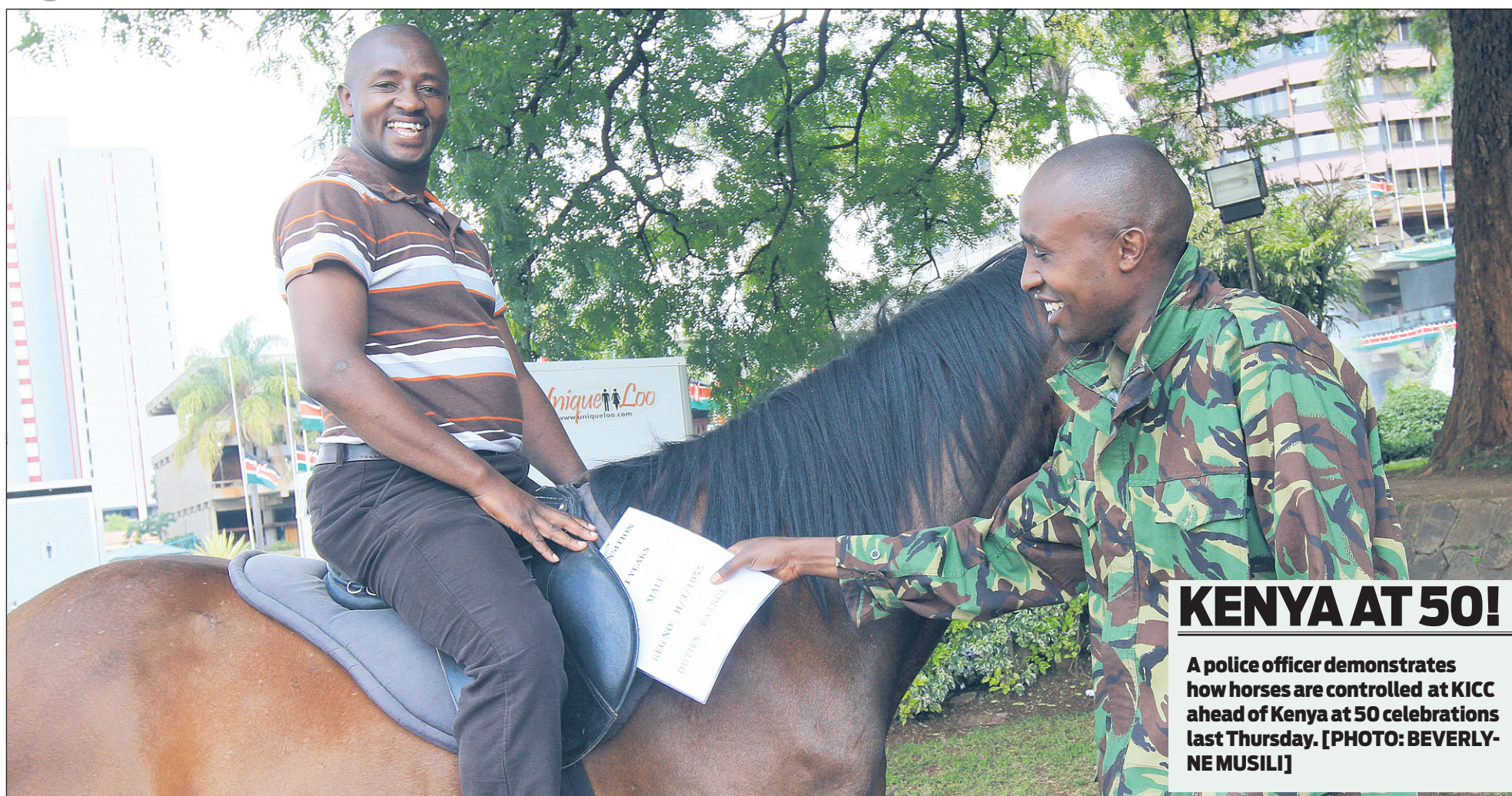
Kisumu: Man in court over email threat to kill colleague

A man was arraigned before a Kisumu court for allegedly sending a threatening text message to his colleague. Erick Ochieng appeared before senior resident magistrate Ezekiel Obina charged with issuing threatening messages through email to Ezra Makopeny.

The message before court read: "Am coming to take away your life" and was delivered to the complainant through his email. The accused however, denied the charge and is still in custody while waiting for mentioning of the case on 27, 2013.

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A police officer demonstrates how horses are controlled at KICC ahead of Kenya at 50 celebrations last Thursday. [PHOTO: BEVERLY-NE MUSILI]

Good Samaritan now haunted by hospitality to a strange woman

A business woman in Kakamega County is living in fear after she welcomed to her home a strange visitor who has turned to torment her.

The trader said she received a female visitor recently who claimed to be desperate and seriously in need of employment as a house help.

Since then, the 'needy woman' has turned to be a nightmare to her host at Mtoni village in Matunda sub-location of Likuyani Sub-county.

The host explained how the

visitor exhibited bizarre behaviour, citing an incident where the culprit allegedly grabbed a hot tray of ugali the former intended to serve for dinner and munched it all.

The business woman, who ekes a living by cooking samosas and selling fruits at Likuyani market, added that the unknown visitor had in another incident consumed more than 40 samosas and 10 mangoes within a span of five minutes.

She said the visitor vanished the following day when "I in-

quired from her why her clothes were changing colours like a chameleon.

"The incident has really tormented my family members who are spending sleepless nights fearing the mysterious visitor to come calling on door steps again," she said

A resident said the incident was not isolated.

He recalled an incident sometimes back where area villagers complained of getting tormented by demonic powers.

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Nakuru: Woman returns to parents, cites husband's unbearable abuse

A woman has found herself back at her parents' house after her marriage crumbled. The pretty looking woman had been married to an abusive military official only for a year.

According to neighbours, the husband is a habitual drunkard and battered his wife, which forced her out of the marriage. It is said he would come home in an inebriated state and literally start fighting his submissive wife. She endured this battery for long.

The woman who hails from a Bahati District village in Nakuru County returned home with a suckling kid. She had left the same village after a colourful wedding in a convoy that stretched almost for a mile. She returned aboard a boda boda motorbike bearing only her and the kid's clothes.

It is said that what put an end to their marriage was when her estranged husband sold every household item to sustain his hedonistic lifestyle. It is reported he sold almost every item ranging from furniture to the electronic and other household goods, leaving only the bed and cutlery. But if this selling trend continues, many believe that the house will soon be empty.

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