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Brothers in fathers' murder conspiracy

The seriously wounded father mentioned their names before he died.

Residents of Gaturiri Sub Location are yet to believe their ears after one of the villager was murdered in cold blood by his sons over land row contnd pg 2.

Old Pals re-unite as battle to the polls intensify;

Ministers call for re-election of Kieni MP

Political regrouping and regional campaigns strategy has taken root across the land, as battle to this year's general election gathers momentum. In Kieni two cabinet ministers Hon. Kiraitu Murungi - Minister for Engery and Hon. David Mwiraria Min for Envinroment accompanied their old friend Dr. Chris Murungaru in a fund drive in Endarasha, where they drummed up support for Kibaki re-election bid. contd pg 5

Wakaba shakes Laikipia East

The youthful aspirants takes Kiunjuri by the horns



As the battle to this years general election gains momentum, a youthful aspirant for Laikipia East Constituency has engaged in a whirlwind campaign to oust the incumbent Festus Mwangi Kiunjuri Continued page 9

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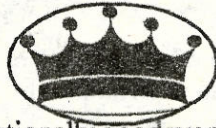
Crowd of sorrow engulf Kiamathaga

Sorrow reigned at Gikamba sub location after four people died one after the other in a most horrifying incident in the recent past. The late Karemba, committed suicide while the late Kelvin Mukuria a std 8 pupil at Victory Academy died after a short illness, the late Sarah Kamwitu died a day after, while the late Mrs Naitore Nkubai died after a short illness the same week. Residents had a hectic time attending burial everyday for a whole week.

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The late Wambuki died at Nyeri Hospital after he was clobbered to death by his sons. Sources revealed that the late Wambuki's sons had arrived home that evening and asked their father to accompany them and help push their car which they said had veered into a trench beside the road. The old man who lived alone was preparing supper when the sons called in. He followed them where he was hit by a blunt object and left for dead. According to our sources, his first wife who is the mother of the three was involved in the murder. He didn't die immediately and was rushed to Provincial General Hospital, where he died after a few hours. The dying man uttered the names of his sons to villagers who took him to hospital and narrated the horifying ordeal before he died.

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REGIONAL NEWS

Its a neck to neck battle for Kenya's service providers

by correspondent

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By Patrick Githaiga.

Stray jumbos cause havoc.

A herd of elephant suspected to have migrated from hombe forest early last week invaded several farms in Kabarau causing destruction of crops. One of the victim of the jumbos, John Murigu Gethi told *Mount News* that over 5,000 cabbages were destroyed by the elephants leaving him empty handed. He said he was surprised to hear that the government does not compensate the affected farmers whos crops are destroyed by wild animals, saying that it is unfair. He said he has been relying on the sale of cabbages to pay school fees for his children and wondered what he will do. Last month, KWS officers were called several times by wananchi who neighbours Hombe to scare the animals. Villagers believe the animals have a breeding site near Munyu because they keep on migrating from the forest to that site.

Kieni Chief Bereaved.

The Asst. Chief of Gikamba sub-location in Kiamathaga location Joseph Gatabu Kiambati has lost his mother. The late Sarah Kamwitu Kiambati died after short illness. She was among four villagers who died one after the other from the same village in less than a week living the villagers with much shock. The late Sarah was buried in her husbands farm in Kiamathaga location last week.

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*What our readers say.***Humble task against natural phenomenon**

An ancient philosopher, from the united states known as Dorwin, was the first to inform the World about the 'natural mistake of survival for the fittest'. Since creation, the theory has been witnessed in all living things.

When a tiny tree grows near a big tree, chances are the tiny will dry up or take too long to grow, but the stronger tree will grow stronger sky-rocketing high spreading its branches and finally overlap the tiny tree. When a weak hunters dog catches a prey, and a strong one happens to pass by the weaker one will flee in fear even before the strong one approaches. A steady look and a little roar will send it on its heels, crying woof.

Well those are just some of the examples the Dorwins theory highlights about this 'natural mistake.' But does it mean the weak do not have the right to live? Certainly no! Its only that those who care about them are few. God through his devine care protects them, guides and gives them alternatives until such time when they can be fit.

A shining example.

The founder of Lipela children's home in Naro Moru Kieni East Division is a shining example of the few people God uses to help the helpless. He initiated a home, which caters for the less fortunate children who are discriminated by the society; children's who nobody cares about, the orphans, the destitute, the neglected, the unfortunate. When other people scramble to attain wealth to buy property, strive to live prestigious and luxurious lifestyle, this humble man, uses the little he has to care for the young angels. I wish all the people would emulate this humble danish of Kenya origin.

Editor.

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We don't know them

I read the article "Continuos Praise uncalled for" in your last issue No 012807 page 4 col 1 with much interest and concern .It is true the media can magnify a tiny object to look like a mountain! My compliments go to the writer for taking the bold stand to speak out,also the editor for allowing such an article to pass through his editorial scrutiny. Here comes another one, last week, a certain newspaper had a front page coverage of a little known candidate. The high profile coverage was done with much praise to the aspirant unfortunately we don't know him! In as much as we would like to have a young energetic, and equally intelligent politicians to replace Dr Murungaru, the aspirant must be ready to pay the price. The price here is to proof to all that he will serve all people and be ready to sell himself in every corner of the constituency. As for now the aspirant is too green, and leaves alot to be desired. However, the coverage is an eye opener, as we shall now weigh options.

Francis .M.M.
Gatuamba - Kieni

End this exploitation

I am writing this letter with much pain in my heart over this heinous exploitation by the middlemen (brokers) especially those who deal with buying and selling of snow-peas.

It hurts sorely to realize that the poor farmer will never reap the fruits of freedom since he is always under siege from the bloody brokers who are but to suck him up the last drop of blood. The current trend of rising and falling of snow-peas price is worrying. It is like the price determines on what amount of money the broker needs at one particular time, and what he needs at another given time. But the poor farmer has no option, his powers are limited. He only ask "At what price are you buying the commodity today?" then the broker would reply, "Well I am waiting for a call, I can't tell now, just harvest the snow-peas as we wait for the boss to call." I appeal to the government to investigate the business. It is indeed a threat to national security where few people are making many people poor. Economist must wake up also and ensure the balancing of per capita income is balanced. The boss here drives a Range Rover while the poor farmer is in tartars. That is not all for the poor farmer. The big tummy Agrochemicals and farm inputs seller waits for him. The prices of farm inputs and agro chemicals skyrockets, the government must come in now and end this exploitation.

Angry farmer

NEWS

Old pals re-unite as battle to the polls gains momentum

As other tribes from different regions converge for a common course, those in Central Province and the Mount Kenya region have not been left behind. Early this week, two cabinet ministers, Hon. David Mwiraria and Hon. Kiraitu Murungi accompanied by Matare Kireri cried out in one voice asking the president to re-appoint Dr. Chris Murungaru to the cabinet saying that those who were accusing the former Minister over graft were not genuine, since they have failed to prove how he participated in the scandal.

Addressing the gathering, at the Endarasha Kieni West, the minister also drummed up support for president Kibaki re-election and advised the locals to stick to Narc-Kenya. During the Kieni M.P. predicament over the alleged Anglo-leasing scandal. Hon. Kiraitu told the press that Hon. Murungaru was his personal friend, and a friend is always a friend irrespective of what vedetta or accusation is put forward against him.

Likii residents appeal to children's welfare

Residents of Likii Estate in Nanyuki Municipality have appealed to the Children's Welfare Department to come to the rescue of a 10 year old boy who is undergoing abnormal abuse from his step mother.


The boy child is said to be subjected to a tormenting child abuse where he is oftenly beaten in a crazy manner by his step mother after he is unable to accomplish some of his dairy routine work which is too hard and too much for his age.

The boy usually wakes up at 5am to do all the house work, before he takes a step sister to a Kidergaten which is situated half a kilometre away from home before going back to prepare to go to school. After school, he collects the kid and washes

mother and step sister before cleaning the house, washing the utensils and tapping water with a 20lts jerrican, which sometimes he is unable to carry due to his age. Most of the time, the land lord is forced to help the poor boy carry the water. The boy's parents usually leaves home early to go to work at a horticultural growing farm near Timau and only comes home late. The boy's mother was divorced a few years ago, and the young mistress treats him like a slave. "There is no single day when you won't find him with scars and swollen face due to severe beatings. The poor boy is always in tears," said a neighbour who seeked anonimity. Excessive scolding may lead the boy to

Laikipia aspirant humiliated at a Church Function

Laikipia East Parliamentary seat candidate was humiliated at church function, where more than 300 mothers of the ACK Mother's Union converged at one of their periodical fundraising, to develop the church at ACK Emmanuel church. Gitonga Kabugi was told point blank by one of the mothers to stop insulting other candidates in the church. Earlier Gitonga had told the congregation that he is saved, when he was given a chance to address the congregation, but as he went on with his speech he started to attack other candidates with abusive language, discrediting all other candidates. It is at that point one of the mother, went straight to him and told him to stop insulting others while still claiming to be a born again christian. Gitonga however ignored her and continued with his speech prompting everybody to rise and cut him short with "Tukutendereza song" later he sat down humiliated.




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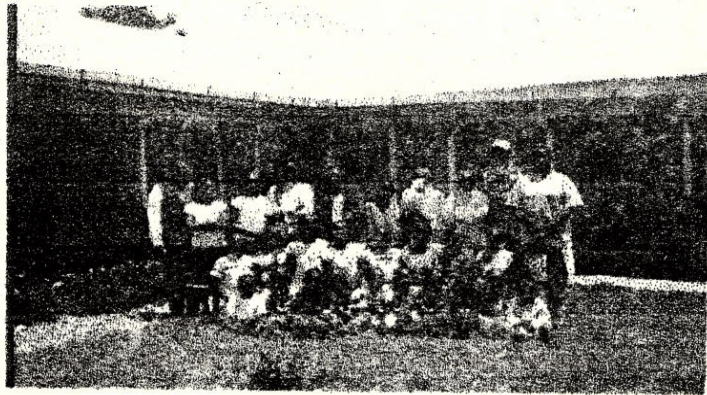
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Lipela childrens home, a home away from home

I arrived at Lipela children's home, shortly after 11.00am. I was exhausted having walked for over 1 hour from Naro Moru town during this calm, sunny day. I had heard of the home from friends and other village people but had never had a chance to visit the children's home. I had a strong urge to explore and discover, why most village people regarded the home as a home for the homeless. As I approached the home entrance, I was greeted by a big name on the wall at the front entrance of the administration block 'Lipela children's home'. The home Manager who preferred to be called 'Home mother' Sabina Wangui welcomed me to the home and after signing the visitors book, I introduced myself and explained why I wanted to know more about the children home. The home mother hesitated when she heard I was a reporter and left the office. She later came back after a short while and told me "It is okey, but emphasized that I should have earlier for preparations" she exclaimed. "I need no appointment, since I like to find things as they usually are," I replied.

The home mother took me around explaining to me every question of my interest. The home mother was quite co-operative and friendly. Unlike other children's home I had earlier visited, Lipela had a unique touch, I was marvelled by the closeness of the children to the home mother. There was no sign of adoption or any sign of loneliness from the children. They were playing outside the home's playground while the younger ones played with toys on the verander. As we moved from one place to the other, some children would interrupt us and ask 'mum, who is our visitor? Can we sing a song for him?' Another one would hold her hand as if to lean on her just like a child plays with his/her biological mother. It was indeed amazing.

The cleanliness of the home, the respect among the workers and the modern facilities, the garden and the lawn, the flowers and the hospitality was fascinating. By the time I finished moving around taking pictures for my newspaper, I had now a clear picture of Lipera and could write something about this home. Lipera Children's Home was started in the year 2000 by Peter Mutahi a Danish of Kenyan origin with assistance from his friend in Denmak. The children's home enrolled six children after doing the necessary continued pg 7



Lipela children and their care takers outside senior dormitory



Lipela children with geusts from Denmark

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vetting of the most needy cases.

The community around acted positively towards developing the home with some people volunteering to donate food stuff, while others helped in manual work.

Although this was just part time, it gave the management morale to soldier on and expand the home. Today, the school has over 30 children. 28 are in Primary School, 1 is in Secondary school and 1 is yet to join pre-unit.

The home recruits orphaned children's and the neglected. The management usually liase with the children's department in Nyeri, the administration, the church and the community leaders in vetting the needy cases. The home is

built in a 5 acres piece of land and has permanent structures, Administration block, modern kitchen, staff quatters, junior and senior domitories built separately, car garage and a store. There is also a 2 acres of nappier grass, 1 1/2 acres of assorted food crops and about 1/2 acre of grass. There are 6 zero grazing cows for milk, and sheep.

There is a home manager but there is another senior manager who lives in Nairobi who oversees that every thing is in order. The home receives guests from Denmark who have also assisted in developing the home and who have been advocating the good status of the home abroad attracting some volunteers. The home relays wholly on donations from Denmark but sometimes locals suppliments to the welfare. Also the administration has been assisting with relief food which comes twice a year. the home caters for children upkeep, education to any level depending on the child's ability. The manager says the management can release a child after 18 years once they are satisfied that the child will be a good citizen.

'Our role is to mold the child, to become a good citizen,' says Sabina.

Sabina also appeals to the government to assist projects which deals with children's within the country saying that the government must also chip in, by assisting the well wishers and donors to uplift the welfare of its people.

"The work of destitute and orphans cannot be left wholly to the donors and well wishers, the government must also prove that it is caring about its own people's esserts," Sabina. However, she says the stride made by the government to minimize street children is quite encouraging.



The staff of Lipela children home, outside the administation block



Lipela children having fun outside their dormitory after a party



Counsel scriptures give to Godly husbands within marriage union



The Godly husbands

The Proverbs of Solomon asks, "The good wife, who can find (Prov. 31:10). It is only fair that the same question be asked of husbands particularly Christian husbands. What counsel or direction do the scriptures give to godly husbands within the union of marriage?"

Some languages do not actually have a word for "husbands" or "wife" instead, they are just the words "man" or "woman" as in Greek (ANER male) and the context determines the precise meaning. In English the word "husband" means literally, "householder". The old English word "husbandry" was used of "management of domestic affairs" and so to husband was to care for a farm or a home and those within it. In the old testament, Hebrew Bible several words are used with regard to a man married to a woman. As in Greek, he is called ISH (man) (Hosea 2:16) ADHOHN (Lord) Genesis 18:12, 20:3, Jeremiah 3,20, in Malachi 2:14 husbands are also described as 'partner' or 'companion' Even God in his relationship with Israel calls himself a 'husband or husbandry owner' at Isaiah 54:5. Here the word BAAL is used (Strong Exhaustive concordance # 1166 to marry rule over, possess, own. Thus Godly Jewish men had the greatest of examples before them of what a godly husband would be like. Jehovah or Yahweh is described to by his own angelic representatives in this manner, Jehovah, a God merciful, Gracious, slow to anger and abundant in living kindness and truth, persevering, loving kindness for thousands.

In the New Testament scriptures, Christ is compared to a husband of his church. His bride in doing so Christian men who are married have in Jesus Christ a role model as a husband. Eph.5:25-33.

What are few key principals in the Holy scriptures that help characterize the godly husband? Lets discuss them here briefly.

He praises her;

Though it is godly wife who is described in Proverbs 31:10-31 there it should also should be noted that her husband 'stands up' and praises her. There are many good women but you are the best of them all, Proverbs 31:28-29. Everyone enjoys praise compliments and positive reinforcement go a long way and the godly husband should make sure that he does this daily. Such praise calls for a positive outlook. So godly husband is looking for every opportunity to compliment his wife. Not a day should go by without him making some endearing expression, that shows he appreciates all that his wife does and is. And there should be nobody who outdo you in praising your wife.

He Delights only in her

Some husbands have been accused of having 'wandering eyes'. The godly husband is careful to keep his attention and focus on his wife, Prov. 5:15-21, counsels that a godly husbands romantic interest should be exclusively devoted to only his wife.

Jesus of Nazarene also cautioned married men to be careful of this 'wandering eye'. In Matthew 5:27-29 the

master warns of the dangers when married men turns their interests away from their wives. You have it said 'Commit not adultery' be careful of this 'wandering eye' But I tell you (Husbands) anyone looking at a woman, desiring her in his heart has already committed adultery. But if your right eye scrumbles you cut it out and throw it away. Better to loose one body member than your whole body be thrown into Gehenna. When Yahweh describes a changed relationship with Israel He uses a particular expression that well describes the godly husband's attitude towards his wife the husband of Israel describes his new name as 'Hephzibah' which means 'my delight in her.' (Israel 62:4) And just so godly husbands will make sure to convey this same sentiment to their wives. Some men in some cultures find it difficult to do this. Not to worry your wife will accept all your praise and interest with open arms. If you find it hard. With all the daily struggles of life to make 'expressions of endearment' (Songs of Solomon 1:2) then make a determined effort to convince your wife that your 'delight is in her' and no other. Obviously, this means in social matters you will not be one, who flirts with the opposite sex. This is only a matter of good husbandly manners. Your wife will notice such lapses! Believe me your wife has what we sometimes call the sixth sense.

CHURCH HUMOUR.

Preacher confesed to bouts of Insomnia, then added "But I have a sure-fire remedy. When I wake up in the night and can't get back to sleep I go over some of my sermons in my mind. I find that my sermons have the same effect on me that they had on some of the members in my congregation. HA, HA, HEK, HEK, A little boy looking up from the sermon he was reading, was horrified to see his son in the gallery pelting the congregation with small pebbles. Before he could get out a word of reproach, the young son said 'You tend to your sermon, daddy and I will keep the congregation awake.'" HA, HA, HA, HEK, HEK, HEK, HEK

A preacher who had succeeded in putting an elderly man to sleep with his sermon was preaching hard for a decision. He pounced on the pulpit and almost shouted as he said, "Those who want to go to hell stand up, and I mean stand up!" The old man did so. He looked around a bit and said, "Preacher, I don't know what we are voting on, but it looks like you and I are the only one for it." HA, HA, HA, HEK, HEK, HEK

The Family of Joseph Muriithi Wachira (Wadama) is humbly appealing to anyone who would assist them raise hospital bill for their daughter Damaris Waithiegeni, who is to undergo a heart surgery at a cost of Kshs. 200,000. They will be a funddrive on the same on 30th September 2007 at Maina Catholic Church - Nyahururu.

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Wakaba goes full throttle in Laikipia East constituency race

As the battle to this year's general election gears up, a youthful, ambitious, and intelligent aspirant has intensified a no nonsense campaign in Laikipia East Constituency to counter the incumbent Hon. Mwangi Kiunjuri. Our independent survey reveals that Wakaba has outshined other candidates due to his ground campaign strategy, massive contributions to the welfare groups and his experienced campaign team work, among other advantages. His engagement in multi group campaign trails which is networking in almost every location selling his manifesto to the electorate has earned him a reputable stride amongst the others. Over the weekend he is using 5 different groups, one lead by his wife touring every corner of the constituency. Early this week the team covered Ntulukuma, Rekiji near Segera and Ol-jogi, Matanya, Ngobit and Wiyumiririe in a day. Interestingly, his name has also won him fame as many youths now have made it a habit in their greetings in a slogan 'Ni kaba Wakaba' (Better Wakaba) which is becoming a way of greetings in the vast constituency.

The aspirant unlike other candidates who are on record to give false promises to the electorates is truthful and fulfil his promises. As *Mount News* investigative writer was interviewing some locals in Central Division, a middle aged mother could not hide her joy after her son who was among 20 youths who were assisted by the aspirant to acquire job at a tourist lodge recently. "We have been cheated for long by other aspirants but John has been truthful to his promises," she said.

Survey further reveal that the aspirant sponsored a bicycle race at Ngenia Ndaiga and gave presents to the winners, a stride which won him a considerable support from the youth. He is also concerned with less fortunate as Likii Children's home bears witness that the aspirant support to the institution with funds and materials has taken them a step further.

His support in material to the institution together with another one at Muthaiga Ward SADEK, will continue. Other areas in the constituency has had their share also as he has personally renovated several cattle dips in Tigithi, Matanya and Njikinge just to mention, a few. In education, the aspirant assisted Wiyumiririe Polytechnic, several other institutions in Mkogondo and Lamuria Divisions. Wakaba who is also a successful entrepreneur in Nanyuki town has employed a considerable number of people in his timberyard in Nanyuki town. His sweat earned success portrays a jua kali man who has risen to become a noticable personality, who is used to the lowest level of life. His articulate public address and his charismatic style has won him favour and respect from the locals.

Efforts to book him for an interview before we went to press were fruitless, since he was said to be out in the countryside in his campaigns trails. However, in a nutshell, he informed us through the phone that some of his major objectives are to improve the livelihood of Laikipia East people, to harmonise all tribes in Laikipia East and to ensure they share political, social and economic opportunities equally without discrimination to revive the stalled projects which once benefited the locals like Mountex, to establish a welfare home for the aged which he stresses it is a priority in his campaign blueprint.

Others are: **Empowering the youth and women.** Formulate a sustainable system to cater for orphaned children and destitute, revive the fading glory of Laikipia sportsman among other major objectives. "We used to have champs in Laikipia East for many years, we must revive the spirit and give morale to our youth," said Wakaba through the phone. He also promised to give a detailed campaign blue print to the media soon. In an email statement to the *Mount News* a brief history of Wakaba states that he was born and brought up in Laikipia.

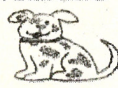
He attended his early education at Nanyuki Primary School in Nanyuki. He later proceeded to Murang'a High for his O' and A' level education. Currently, he is studying a higher Diploma in African Research Studies at an Eldoret Campus. He is married with three children. *Mount News* wishes him all the best in his efforts to become the next Laikipia East MP.

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ECONOMIC GROWTH RATE WILL FINALLY BENEFIT

By Maina Kamau

Economic growth rate is a percentage index that sets a change of status of an economy relative to the previous year considered to be the base or standard year of comparison. To a layman the growth rate may mean an increase in general wealth of a country.

Technocrats however take the changes in all sectors and establish an average figure. This includes manufacturing, construction and services sectors producing physical goods and those offering services like tourism, medical care, education, communication, banking among others.

To them economic growth rate is the expansion of the national income or total volume of production of goods and services of a country. For a long time, average rate of expansion in Great Britain around the 1960's was 2 to 3 percent but great progress has been made from time to time to increase the rate of progress, since some nations showed higher rates.

However, to compare the economic growth of countries according to percentage, in their total output over a brief period of time does not provide, a very reliable basis of comparison.

For an advanced nation, a small percentage increase represent much greater absolute increase than does a large percentage increase for a less developed country.

Take for instance country "A" whose national income is \$1000 Billion, a 3% economic growth translates to an increase of \$30 Billion while country "B" whose national income is \$200 Billion with growth rate of 7% will receive \$14 Billion change on its reporting. Ideally, therefore, economic growth is necessary but not sufficient condition for concluding that a high economic growth guarantees significant growth.

Economists therefore use econometrics, a science that employs mathematical and statistical methods in testing economic theories. The aim of econometrics is to obtain quantitative information regarding economic problems that may be barriers for citizens to feel the benefits of economic growth like the one Kenyans are experiencing.

Citizens of any given nation associate economic growth rate with direct improvement of living index for the year or two within the period the statistics are completed. This notion becomes a frustration if the country was kicking the growth from a state like the one Kenya was facing in the year 2002, when economic growth was below a full digit.

It takes a period of 5-7 years for an economy whose infrastructure was at its knees for the citizens to receive the benefits of an accelerated growth.

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Furthermore, the rate at which the wealth of a country can be re-distributed from those who fraudulently acquired wealth to those who live below the poverty line at less than US \$1 take time.

This is because there is a time-lag between when an honest government can be trusted and when capital investment can be undertaken to employ people who are pivotal to redistribute what they earn to their families.

Similarly, the government which undertakes to rejuvenate the economy needs time to put rational structures and systems into place to support its policies ahead. All these arguments point to one thing; that it takes more than the development period, 5 years in the case for Kenya, to have an economy whose turn around is felt at very household.

During the last economic survey 2006 - 2007, Kenya reported more than 6% economic growth rate. During the 60's and 70's, many countries in the developing world bracket like Japan, Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, reported massive growth rates developed nations the same. Japan grew with over 9%, Germany 7%, but at the same period, both Great Britain and USA grew with under 3% which was thought to be too slow.

The fundamentals have already been explained. When Malaysia was trying to move to accelerated economic growth, it had first to deal with many problems. The structures needed to support industry and service sector growth consumed greater portions of earnings for many years. The case for Brazil currently is a pointer to tell Kenyans to be patient. Last week President Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva launched a \$3.3 Billion plan to tackle massive violence which is traditional now. With 45,000 people killed each year in Brazil due to violence, the government is concerned with potential investors being frightened and diverting Direct Foreign Investments (DFI's).

The plan may not be enough to compensate for centuries of inequality that gave rise to violence in Brazil. Kenya on its case may realize that a good portion of revenue is going to ensure investors confidence in terms of security.

Yes the government is collecting more tax revenue. The total budget for 2006/07 Financial year was almost Ksh700 Billion, 3 times, 5 years ago but we continue to import goods like

petroleum to tarmac roads, machinery to rehabilitate infrastructure, pay for expatriate consultancy on major issues and more so finance our foreign debt. This is money that is generated but goes out of the country for reasons mentioned above.

The hope I want to give to Kenyas is that this trend will come to an end once auxiliary services are established. Industrial growth will be significant, employment generated and general income distribution realized. However, this can only be achieved if there is continuous evaluation of the programmes put into place and methods to ensure sustainability are sought. At the moment the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) is aimed at regional balancing in terms of development to ensure equitable growth.

The allocation of Kshs.5 Billion more annually to marginal areas is a parallel measure to their target. The fact is that when a rural people see a road that was not previously murramed being rehabilitated, an additional classroom being constructed, a borehole dug, a rice mill or sugar mill operating again, this is enough for a future that is bright.

The momentum of growth may be curtailed however by future lack of government commitment and failure for prudent management of resources. In mind 1970's Kenya was on the right path but things turned bad due to lack of commitment and political goodwill. We were to take the path of Japan and Hogn Kong only to rely on them currently. These South East Asian tigers defied the normal stages of development according to Economist Abraham Rostow. They achieved their goals within half the period of Rostow's projections. The truth is that it is possible to become industrialized by year 2030 if we have achieved what we have since year 2003.

More need to be done however; the government must reduce beauracracy when an investor is processing work permit. This includes, even reducing the number of days to do that. It should provide incentives to potential local entrepreneurs, undertake research on exploitation of natural resources, process research data and make them available, and above all regulate bank interest rates to make capital less expensive, to encourage borrowings and thus promote investments. It must privatize key industries, which are a burden to the exchequer. This will leave more money for social and support infrastructure. The market is wide in Sudan, Rwanda, Ethiopia and COMESA region. When commitment, dedication and prudence are entrenched in our leadership, economic benefits can be realized.

AGRICULTURE

Its a constant price for cabagges as exortic lowers price

Cabbages: The buying price of cabbages to the farmers remained constant, for over 1 month now. The price is retailing between sh10 - sh13 per cabbage. The commodity might lower price as school reopens since most farmers rush for the buyers during the first and second week of back to school and hence the buyers usually lowers the price.

Onions: 1 kg of onion is costing between sh10-sh15 to the farmer and sells at sh20 - sh25 in the market. The commodity is now in plenty.

Carrots: 1 bag of carrots is costing between shs600 - shs700 maintaining the last market price. The price of the commodity has deflated rapidly from over shs1,500 to half that price in less than three months.

Snow peas and other varieties of the exotics were

worsly hit 25kg package. Lowered price from sh250 - shs270 dropping by shs70 - shs80 to the farmer and selling at shs100 to the suppliers.

Potatoes: Price to the farmers is sailing from shs1,000 to shs1,200 in some parts due to scarcity of the commodity. Last month the commodity lowered price to shs700 but the price shot rapidly due to demand and low supply. The price of the commodity is for both varieties red & white ones.



Beans Rose cocco: 2kg of rose cocco is costing between shs60 to shs70 and selling at shs90 - shs100 in major markets. The commodity is not plenty as has been experienced before.

Maize: 2kg maize is costing between shs20 - shs25 and selling at shs30 to shs40 in local market.

Know about the youth enterprise development fund (YEDF)


The Youth Enterprise Development Fund was conceived in June 2006 by the government as a strategic move towards arresting unemployment which is virtually a youth problem. 75% of those unemployed are the youth. The government set aside 1 billion shillings in the 2006/07 budget at fast track this noble and timely initiative. The fund was gazetted on 8th Dec. 2006 to provide the necessary legal frame work to governments use and operations. The fund facilitates youth employment through enterprise development and structured labour export the member Advisory Board of the fund was

gazetted on 31st January 2007 and is 60% private sector dominated. The Youth Enterprise Development Fund was officially launched on 1st February 2007 by his excellency president Mwai Kibaki. This launch marked the beginning of the fund disbursement process to the youth enterprises through the financial intermediaries and the constituency youth enterprises scheme.*To be cont. in the next issue.*


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Another giant for Kiamathaga civic seat

John Miano Ndirangu an aspiring candidate for Kiamathaga civic seat has embarked in a nononse campaign to oust Paul Maina Mwangi (peacock) in the forth coming general Election. John was in the race in the last election and he emerged second. He is termed as a big threat to the incumbet due to his massive campiagns and the fact that he is a youth. Many paople are for him and have vowed to support him

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We reveal the truth

Kieni fiction writer launches new book

A Kieni fiction writer, Mercy M. Njogu has launched her first novel entitled "*The Unreasonable Doubt*". The novel gives you a life history of a girl by the name Daizy who was brought up by a woman she thought was her mother only to realize later that she was wrong. The novel is very much educative especially to men who normally blame their wives for not having boys. The author told *Mount News* that she felt great that her long ambition to become an author is now

coming to reality. Mercy was born and brought up in Kiamathaga and schooled at *Moi Equator Girls' Secondary School* where she discovered her talent. Her role model is Prof. Ngugi Wathiong'o who have become a great role model in our country. Mercy has worked as a correspondent in various journals. Her books are available at *Price Worth Computer Services*, where she is currently working.

Cattle rustlers invade Gakawa

Rampant cattle rustling has become the order of the day at Kwamea, near Kahurura forest in Gakawa location. Several people, cows and sheep have been stolen. Ann Nyambura have lost 1 cow, Titus Fundi lost 2 sheep, Macharia 5 sheep and Njogu 7 sheep. The villagers suspect that the rustlers usually slaughter the animals in the forest and transport meat to Nanyuki town for sale. Man hunt for the rustlers has started.

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