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Carnival!!

Come and celebrate!

On Saturday 29 May, from 10am, people of Yeoville Bellevue and other parts of Johannesburg will take to the streets wearing masks, in traditional and national costumes, playing musical instruments and dancing, as we celebrate Africa Week and African unity.

All members of the Yeoville Bellevue community and beyond are encouraged to join the carnival - come dressed in your national costume, play drums, dance in the street, play your vuvuzela.

Team up with neighbours and friends and form groups to take part in this annual celebration of African independence and unity.

The Carnival Task Team invites YOU to come and join the Carnival to celebrate your roots. Come with friends or family, all dressed in traditional clothing. March in the parade with your musical band, dance your way down the street together.

The City of Joburg and the Gauteng government will provide some masks and puppets, there will be a Congolese brass band as well as some marimba players. National organisations representing communities from across Africa and the world - come in your teams, come alone, but come in bright colours and celebrate.

The Carnival will leave from the sportsground in Bedford Rd at 10am and return to the same ground before 12 noon.

You can register at the swimming pool offices, corner Raleigh St and Kenmere Rd. in Yeoville or just join in on the day.

Venez célèbrer!

e samedi 29 Mai 2010, les résidants de Yeoville Bellevue et autre parties de Johannesburg seront dans la rue. Portant des masques, habillés en tenue traditionnelle et nationale, vont jouer les instruments musicaux en dansant pour célébrer la semaine et l'unité Africaine.

Tous les membres de la communauté de Yeoville Bellevue sont encouragés à joindre le carnaval. Venez, mettez votre tenue traditionnelle, utiliser des instruments musicaux sur la rue (drum, Fanfare, Violon,...) et même le Vuvuzela. Intéressez votre voisin (e) ou un (e) ami (e) former des groupes pour participer à cette célébration annuelle de

l'indépendance et de l'unité Africaine.

Les organisateurs du carnaval VOUS invitent à venir participer au carnaval afin de célébrer vos racines. Venez avec un (e) ami (e) ou un membre de famille, vous tous habillés en tenue traditionnelle. Défilez avec votre groupe au rythme de la music, danser comme cela vous semblera bon ensemble dans les rues.

L'hôtel de ville de Johannesburg et le gouvernement provincial de Gauteng vont fournir quelques masques and marionnette, nous allons avoir aussi la Fanfare Kimbanguiste du Congo Démocratique et pourquoi pas quelques joueurs de Marimba. Des organisations nationales représentant des communautés Africaines et mondiale, venez en équipe ou seul, mais habillé en tenue avec des couleurs frappantes pour célébrer.

Le carnaval va commencer a partir du terrain du football situé au croisement des avenues Bedford et Muller à partir de 10h00 et va retourner au même terrain de football avant 12h00.

Vous pouvez vous enregistrer au bureau de la piscine de Yeoville situé au croisement des Avenues Raleigh et Kenmere ou bien joignez le carnaval le même jour.

Wozani nizo jabula!

gomgqibelo wezi 29 May, ukusuka ngo 10 ekuseni, umphakathi wase Yeovile Bellevue nakwezinye izingxenye zedolobha lase Johannesburg unxuswa ukuba uzothatha inxaxheba ezitaladini zase Yeoville Bellevue ukuzobungaza umcimbi we (Afrika Day).

Wonke umphakathi uyamenywa ukuba ube yingxenye yalo mcimbi. Nicelwa ukuba nigqoke imvunulo yenu yesintu (Traditional Garments), niphathe yonke imitshingo eninayo kusukela kumavuvuzela, izimpempe, nezigubhu, nakho konke eninako, ukuzokwenza lomcimbi ube womnandi nothokozisayo.



Drummers parade through the streets during a previous Joburg carnival

Nicelwa ukuba nizibumbe amaqembuqembu omculo noma umdanso ukuzonandisa ngalolusuku.

Abaququzeli balo mcimbi bacela ukuthi nimeme omakhelwane, abangane, nezihlobo nize nonke nishaye nemitshingo yenu yesintu nizocula, nigide nihambe emigaqweni yaseYeoville Bellevue.

Uhulumeni wezasekhaya (Johannesburg City Council) nohulumeni wesifundazwe (Provincial Government) ngalolu suku uzonika uxhaso ngokunipha ama-masks ezinhlobonhlobo enizowagqoka ngalolu suku. Ibrass Band yase Congo edlala imitshingo izobe ihola umphakathi ngomculo omnandi kanti neMarimba Band izobe inandisa ngomculo odlalwa ngemitshingo yeMarimba. Izinhlangano zonke zaseAfrika nomhlaba wonke jikelele ziyamenywa ukuba zibe khona kulomcimbi we Carnival. Wozani nonke nizobungaza iAfrika Day.

I carnival izoqala ngehora leshumi ezinkundleni zomdlalo eBedford Road. Kuyohanjwa kuzo zonke izitaladi ezimiselwe lomcimbi kuculwa, kugidwa. ICarnival yonke izophela ngehora leshumi nambili (12 pm) kuzo lezi zinkundla zomdlalo.

Abathanda ukubhalisela noma yini abafuna ukuyenza ngalolusuku, bangaya emahhovisi abagqugquzeli kwi Corner lika Raleigh Street noKenmere Road. Noma bengakwazanga ukubhalisa bavumelekile ukujoyina iCarnival ngalo lolusuku.

YO! We open the World Cup!

The FIFA Soccer World Cup kick-off is a few weeks away. In Yeoville Bellevue on Saturday 15 May, the Cup came early as part of celebrating Africa Week when teams representing participating African countries played against each other. **Gael Reagon** was there.

I arrive at the Yeoville Boys' School expecting an "irritation of Vuvuzelas" as that grumpy gin & tonic slugging old gogo says to curious child Thandi in the comic strip, *Madam & Eve*.

Me, I don't know about futbol. But I am here at the first ever soccer tournament of African countries playing against each other in the heart of Yeoville Bellevue.

This local soccer tournament is part of the Africa Week celebrations in the City of Joburg which marks the founding - 47 years ago, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - of the Organisation of African Unity, the precursor to the African Union which was established in 2002.

It's a competition and a celebration. Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroun, South Africa, Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire), Algeria these are the qualifying countries for the 2010 Fifa World Cup.

Here, in Yeoville Bellevue, we have included Congo and Zimbabwe in the Africa Week Tournament (remember the context: 25 May is Africa Day) because many, many people from DRC and Zim are here.

In one community meeting, I was told that Yeoville Bellevue has six times its capacity. Consider the demographics & the politics. Eish.

Consider that we are, in Africa, the only city of everyone and everything. Home.

So here, finally, it's a Saturday in 2010 and it is good to just be watching -



The Africa week tournament is generously sponsored by **Hellomobile**, a South African-

based telecommunications company currently partnering with Cell C to provide cheap continental call rates and good network quality. They contributed jerseys to all the teams and the tournament trophies. Thank you, Hellomobile, merci, siyabonga.

whatever the political and social and economic imperatives and degeneratives - our humanness.

People being people.

Playing a soccer game, feeding children, laaities dribbling on the sidelines, taking in the sun, displaying a real humanity.

"The ball, football, I've seen it as a tool to use, to showcase what we have in Africa," says Prince Adesina, from the

Scoresheet

Quarterfinals: Congo 4 Ghana 3; Nigeria 2 South Africa 0; Cameroun 6 Zimbabwe 1; Ivory Coast 3 Algeria 0.

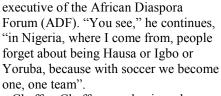
Semi-finals: 22 May 2010 - Cameroun vs

Congo; Nigeria vs Ivory Coast

Finals: 23 May 2010 - including play-off for

3rd place

Kick-off for the semi-finals and finals is 10am each day, venue remains Yeoville Boys School, Muller St, Yeoville.



Gbaffou Gbaffou, academic and Ivorian political refugee, chairperson of the ADF, underscores this concept of unity through aggressive and controlled play. "There is a bit of complexity around soccer and the unity it can bring even though it is about competition. Soccer is a good tool to bring people together. You cannot just knock at people's doors and say we are brothers and sisters. You need a medium... and soccer is that."

"Today we are actually opening up the World Cup. What is happening here now is the same picture you will see in the World Cup," Gbaffou proclaims. It was certainly good to check the seriousness of the soccer-playing brothers (and they're looking *good*!), to witness the professional organisation of the event, and to experience the kids, well, as a measure of who we are... because they were dribbling and dancing and defying the perspective of Africa as some kind of lost continent.

"This 2010 World Cup is a blessing for Africa," says Joseph Moulende (coach of the Cameroun team, they knocked Zimbabwe out 6-1 on the day). "Africa is no longer the unknown continent. This Cup shows Africa's quality and potential to be among the great continents. Africa must not see itself as nothing anymore. The world should give Africa the respect it merits and understand that it can consult Africa on the serious issues of the world".

Well now, Yeoville Bellevue. Just before Steven Bantu Biko, the black consciousness exponent, had his brains bashed out by security police in room 619 in September 1977, he prophesied in his life's work - *I Write What I Like* - that Africa's time is yet to come, and that is to give the world a human face.

That time, my loves, is here. We are ready.



Ghanaian fans show their support



Ivory Coast celebrate their victory over Algeria

Thank you to Yeoville Boys School for generously allowing the soccer tournament to take place on the school field.



Editorial

As we move towards Africa Week, Yeovue News has gone continental. For the next two weeks, we are using the Africa Week logo in our masthead and the Yeoville Bellevue

masthead in our editorial - Yeoville Bellevue is, after all, a small part of this huge continent whose unity we celebrate in Africa Week.

While the Africa Week Festival and Carnival is an ADF/Yeoville Bellevue community initiative in collaboration with the City of Johannesburg, there are other Africa Week activities happening through other organisations here and in other areas. Details appear in the pages of Yeovue News this week.

But while we celebrate Africa Day over the next two weeks, we should not forget the ever-present threat of xenophobia. In the ward public meeting hosted by councillor Nomaswazi Mohlala on Saturday 15 May, it was reported that there are cases of South Africans telling foreign nationals that 'when the World Cup is over, we are going to chase you all out'.

Similar allegations have appeared in national newspapers.

We should not exaggerate the problem. There could be incidents, but they are likely to be isolated. And the state will (have to) step in to deal with perpetrators immediately. At all levels of government, local government in Joburg in particular, we have heard promises of a strong commitment to tolerance and acceptance and, in the case of Joburg, making it a migrant-friendly city.

But there is a lot of work to be done if we want to prevent a recurrence of the 2008 attacks. This work must be done by all sectors in society - government, community organisation, faith-based institutions and the like. Our futures depend on it.

Afrika Liberation Day Symposium

How free are we?

A refreshing, honest and practical reflection on Afrikan freedom and peace building

Speakers:

Ekua E. Stanford Nkosi (United Kingdom/Barbados) Sabelo Sibanda (Zimbabwe) Liepollo Lebohang Pheko (South Africa) J P B Kilele (South Africa/DRC)

Sunday 23 May @ 2pm Yeoville Recreation Centre

Africa Week events around Joburg

2 May - July: William Kentridge, "I am not me, the horse is not mine", Joburg Art Gallery 11 May - 11 July: Space - currencies in Contemporary African Art, Museum Africa

19 May: Commemoration of 2008 xenophobic attacks and launch of Africa Week, Yeoville Rec

19 May - 29 May: African Film Festival, Yeoville Rec - see programme elsewhere in newspaper 20 May - 31 August: Pitika Ntuli Retrospective

and Sculpture exhibition, Museum Africa **21 - 23 May:** Ziyabila e Kliptown, Walter Sisulu Square, Soweto

22 May: Book launch of The Mudjadji Dynasty, Kara Heritage Institute

22 May: 2010 Ingomabusuku and Ndlamu, Mofolo, Soweto

22 May: Soccer tournament (semi-finals),
Vooville Boys School, Muller St. Vooville, 10ar

Yeoville Boys School, Muller St, Yeoville, 10am 23 May: Soccer tournament (finals), Yeoville

Boys School, Muller St, Yeoville, 10am 23 May: Symposium on Africa, Yeoville Recreation Centre. Raleigh St Yeoville, 2pm

23 May - 29 August: Afro-Cuban Art Exhibition, Johannesburg Art Gallery

23 May - 17 July: In Context art exhibition, Goodman Gallery et al

24 May: Trade Fair (women in arts & Crafts and Trades) and Speak Out (success stories by women), Lord Khanyile Resource Centre

24 May: Xenophobia and human trafficking awareness drive, Orlando Skills Centre

24 May: African musical instruments exhibit, poetry and dance, Region F

25 May: Coming Home (musical event), Roodepoort City Theatre

25 May: Human Trafficking Dialogue, Rabie Ridge Community Hall

25 May: Human Trafficking and Refugee success story, Jozi FM Radio

25 - 29 May: Launch of African Library Venue, literary activities and exhibition by indigenous publishers, writers and book dealers, Orange Grove Centre for Integration

25 May: African culture & heritage celebration, Windybrow Theatre

26 May: Cultural history talkshow, Lord Khanyile Resource Centre

26 May: Community Fair, Uncle Tom's Hall, Dube, Soweto

26 May: Child Awareness Programme (human trafficking), Alex San Kopano, Alex

26 May: Documentary and dialogue on human trafficking, Windybrow Theatre

26 May: 4 Soweto high schools celebrate Africa Day, Hector Pieterson Memorial Museum

26 - 29 May: Africa Night at the Bassline, Newtown (Pops Mohamed, Blk Sonshine et al)

27 May: Early Childhood Development Cultural Show, Lord Khanyile Resource Centre

27 May: Dialogue on tolerance and diversity, Credo Mutwa Village, Mofolo, Soweto

27 May: Open mike session, Orange Grove Centre for Integration

27 May: African musical instruments display, Windybrow Theatre

28 May: Open Mike cultural event, Lord

Khanyile Resource Centre

28 May: Cultural day (fashion show), Meadowlands Welfare Centre

28 May: African Film Festival, Orange Grove Centre for Integration

28 May: African Catwalk fashion show,

Windybrow Theatre
29 May: community walk & dance,

Tshwaranang OVC to Oracle Sec School **29 May:** Cultural events incl Disk Dance by

children, Windybrow Theatre

29 May: Africa Week Festival and Carnival, Yeoville Bellevue, Carnival starts 10am, Festival from 12 noon

29 May: Launch of Hotel Yeoville (interactive exhibition and public art installation), Yeoville

Library, Raleigh St, Yeoville, 2pm 29 May: 2010 Africa Family Day celebrations,

Ivory Park North Hall, Midrand

30 May: Coming Home (musical event),

Roodepoort City Theatre

Information (hopefully) correct at the time of going to press. For more details and updates, see the following websites:

www.yeoville.org.za; www.hotelyeoville.co.za; www.joburg.org.za; www.adf.org.za



Yeoville Studio is exhibiting its work in the Yeoville Library during Africa week

Come and vote for your favourite pictures of Yeoville – the best will be printed as postcards (*Yeoville Library courtyard*, 25-27 May, 12h00-18h00)

Come and put your story on Yeoville Giant Map (Yeoville Library courtyard, 29 May, 10h00-18h00)

Read and watch Yeoville Housing Stories (Yeoville Library courtyard, 29 May, 10h00-18h00)

Imagine and build Yeoville 2030 (interactive exhibition, 'What

if...?' (Yeoville Library courtyard, 29 May, 10h00-18h00)

Get your guide to African restaurants in Yeoville *(Launch Yeoville Library*)

Courtyard, 29 May, 12h00) Contact numbers: Claire Benit-Gbaffou

083 9685444, Naomi Roux 0722657618, George Lebone 0793894409 Yeoville Studio is a project of

Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of the Witwatersrand.



Community workshop hosted by Yeoville Studio



Reflecting on xenophobia (SA) *19 May* @ *6pm*

Bambata 1906 (SA) 20 May @ 6pm Sarraoiuna (Mauritania) 21 May @ 6pm

Sia, the dream of the python (Burkina Faso) 22 May @ 2pm

Ali Zaqua, prince of the street (Morocco) 23 May @2pm

Zulu Love Letter (SA) 24 May @ 6pm - Producer Bhekisizwe Peterson attending

Driving with Fanon (SA) 25 May @ 6pm - Director Steve Mokoena attending

Destiny (Egypt) 26 May @ 6pm **Max and Mona (SA)** 27 May @ 6pm -Director Teddy Mattera attending

Adera (Ethiopia) 28 May 6pm Entrance is free. African food and refreshments will be on sale.

Community notices

YSF General Meeting

5.45pm Thurs 20 May at St Aidans Anglican Church. On the agenda: Human trafficking and other important community issues. Visitors welcome. George Lebone on 079 3894409

ANC Branch General Meeting

2pm Sat 22 May at the Yeoville Recreation Centre. On the agenda: Branch Report; Provincial Conference Report; Input on Labour Brokers; Programme of Action Sihlwele Myeki on 0765174596

Africa Week Soccer Tournament

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Finals: 23 May 2010 - plus play-off for 3rd place Kick-off on both days is 10am. Venue is Yeoville Boys School, Muller St, Yeoville. Talla Niang on 0829519859

Classifieds

Employment needed

Experienced, mature Zimbabwean woman with permanent residence is looking for a job in the secretarial, bookkeeping or administration field. Has experience in typing up medical terms. Nemorine 072 3075744

Brass band

20-piece Congolese brass band for hire for all occasions. Please contact Fanfare Kimbanguiste on 074 3486862 or 084 3509199.

Computer School

Computer + secretarial courses, also Pastel + bookkeeping. NE Study Centre, 64 Becker St, Yeoville (off Kenner R7)

Call 011 648 8794 or 079 6105 909



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- Congress of the People (COPE) Nolitha Majola - 082 0509464
- Disabled Musicians Association Johannes Dube - 083 6897194
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- Kopanong
 George Lebone 079 3894409
- National Association of Yoruba Descendants, Southern Africa Prince Adesina, National Youth Leader, 076 6928060
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- Mother Johnson International Mother Johnson - 011 4870309
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- Self Help Christian Refugee Association Xavier Bulimwengo - 078 4251650
- SA Nat. Council for Alcoholism & Drug Abuse (SANCA) 011 8362461
- Curriculum Development Project Charlotte Schaer - 011 6241025
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- Yeoville Market Micro-Retailers Sebastian Zaremba - 072 1416411
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- Observatory Girls Primary School
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- Yeoville Public Library
 49-51 Raleigh St Tel: 011 6484804
- Yeoville Recreation Centre Raleigh St Tel: 011 648
- Yeoville Swimming Pool (closed for winter)
 Corner Raleigh St and Kenmere Rd
 Tel: 011 6489359

Other contact numbers

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Tel: 011 8348361/5 For advice and help with your rights

• City Power Tel: 011 4907900

• Emergency Connect Tel: 011 3755911

• Emergency Management Services Tel: 011 4076374

Hijacked Buildings hotline

Tel: 011 3768640 Email: patrickpho@joburg.org.za

Joburg Connect
 Tel: 011 3755555 (always ask for reference no.) joburgconnect@joburg.org.za

Toll-Free Presidential Hot-line
Tol: 17727

Gauteng Provincial Government
Gateway 2010
Mass Mobilisation Programme
around the

2010 Fifa World Cup

The GIG RIG

with live entertainment will be in Yeoville Bellevue on Tuesday 25 May 2010 from 2pm to 6pm Feel it! It is here!

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