



Charity golf

THE 15th Kiwanis-Starhill Charity Golf Tournament will be held at Starhill Golf and Country Club, Skudai, on July 30. The tournament is being organised by the Kiwanis Club of Johor Baru. For details or enrolment for the competition, call Alfred Chen at 012-709 0110 or Terry Augustine at 016-262 6978.

Free health tests

THE Heart Unit of St John Ambulance Malacca will give free ECG and blood sugar tests to members of the public aged 35 years and above on every first and third Friday of the month from 8pm to 9pm at A-3, Block A, Taman Siantan, Tengker. For details, call Meow at 016-668 9327 or Crystal at 012- 607 7721.

Traffic disruption

THERE will be temporary traffic disruption for 12 months due to construction work in Jalan Tebrau close to the Pandan Interchange and the North South Expressway of the Eastern Dispersal Link Expressway. Road users are advised to be careful and adhere to warnings. For details, call the Traffic Monitoring Centre at 1800-88-7752.

Counselling service

PRAISE Family Centre at Jaya Jusco Bukit Indah in Johor Baru is offering a free counselling service on family issues, marriage, personality profiling, crisis and trauma. For enquiries and appointments, call Maria Shalina at 07-238 3952 or 012-736 9553. The centre is open from Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

Petting zoo

ANIMAL lovers can view an adorable lioness cub at the Danga Bay Petting Zoo. The zoo is also home to another 180 species of animals and reptiles. Visiting hours are from 3pm to midnight with twice-daily animals shows at 6.30pm and 10pm. Tickets are priced at RM10 for adults and RM5 for children.

Computer classes

JOHOR Baru Senior Citizens Association is conducting classes on Microsoft Word and Excel every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11am at its premises in JKR 583, Jalan Petrie, Johor Baru. For details, call Soon Boon Keng at 016-717 4345 or Thong Kam at 012-771 2736 or email bk_soon71@yahoo.com.

New number

SWM Environment Sdn Bhd has changed its toll-free hotline number to 1-800-222-800. All complaints received from SWM service areas in Johor, Malacca, and Negri Sembilan will be transferred to the SWM customer call centre headquarters in Kuala Lumpur. The complaints will be recorded on the SWM customer relations management system online.

Crime-free Iskandar

Project to ensure security in Nusajaya

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Photo by ABDUL RAHMAN EMBONG

JOHOR BARU: A pilot project consisting of two security systems has been introduced in Nusajaya to make the Safe City Programme a reality and ensure the success of Iskandar Malaysia.

Johor police chief Deputy Comm Datuk Mohd Mokhtar Mohd Shariff said the programme would initially focus on a few areas in Nusajaya such as Kota Iskandar, Puteri Harbour, Medini and Gelang Patah town.

As a start, he said the Precinct Security Command Centre (PSCC) was installed at Puteri Harbour Clubhouse.

"The PSCC is designed to facilitate security management at Puteri Harbour, ensure efficient operations and minimise the report and response time.

"Another safety feature is the East Ledang Security Intelligence System, which employs sophisticated detection analysis and alarm technology with a plate recognition system for vehicular entry or exit. It is also equipped with other tracking capabilities," he said.

"The project is part of the Iskandar Safety and Security Blueprint and the Nusajaya Safety and Security Master Plan. Nusajaya was chosen as the implementation site because it is at the heart of Iskandar Malaysia," he added.

The systems, which are linked to the police station, were put in place by UEM Land Holdings Berhad.

DCP Mohd Mokhtar said the Safe City Programme was part of a long-term plan to boost security and lower crime in Iskandar Malaysia and Johor as a whole.



Safety first: (From left): Nusajaya community policing chairman Pandak Ahmad, Nusajaya OCPD Supt Abd Aziz Ahmad, Mohd Mokhtar and Johor deputy police chief SAC I Datuk Jalalludin Ab Rahman unveiling the logo for the Safe City Programme in Puteri Harbour, Nusajaya, recently.

"It requires the cooperation of all parties, especially the public," he told newsmen after launching the programme at Puteri Harbour in Nusajaya here recently.

"We are also planning to build a new Nusajaya district police headquarters.

"Police presence and cooperation from the public is vital to ensure the programme's success," he said.

"It requires close rapport between the public and the police to ensure information on crime is relayed quickly to the police. The public will be the eyes and ears of the police," he added.

DCP Mohd Mokhtar said that among the other initiatives were enhancing community policing, holding monthly crime talks for residents and building more police stations in the area.

Be positive about sports, parents urged

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TEMERLOH: Parents must change the perception that there is no future in sports, said Deputy Higher Education Minister, Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah.

He said parents should instead strongly support their children, especially those who loved sports, so that they could excel at national and international levels.

"Beside good training programmes, athletes need constant motivation and support, particularly from their parents.

"However, the opposite is taking place as many parents are sceptical of sports because they think it holds no future.

"Among athletes who excelled at international level and received strong parental support are Nicol Ann David (squash), Lee Chong Wei and the Sidek brothers (badminton), Nurul Huda Abdullah (aquatics) and Rabuan Pit (athletics), to name a few," he said after opening a sports programme entitled *Temerloh Athletics Power House for Pahang by 2016* at Temerloh Stadium here recently.



Well done: Saifuddin handing over a plaque to a teacher of SM Kerdau at the event in Temerloh recently.

Saifuddin, who is also Temerloh MP, said in western countries, parents gave full support to children in sports.

"They go to the extent of watching their children during training and sponsoring equipment such as shoes, jerseys, balls and rac-

quets.

"I hope all parents will adopt a more positive attitude towards sports and emulate their western counterparts," he said, adding that this could go a long way in producing sportsmen and sportswomen of international standard.

Saifuddin added that sports bodies should come up with good sports development programmes with new modules comprising intensive training and proper diets.

"If we stick to the right training approaches, there is no reason why our athletes cannot compete with others internationally.

"The country's population is no longer a yardstick for domination in sports," he said, adding that small countries excelled internationally by producing quality athletes through development and research in sports science.

On the programme, Saifuddin hoped that Temerloh Amateur Athletics Association would produce quality state and national athletes like in the 1970s.

He said, during those golden years, Temerloh churned out athletes who won at competitions in state, national and international levels.

Water cut in Simpang Renggam

JOHOR BARU: There will be a 12-hour water disruption on July 28 from 9am to 9pm involving areas in Simpang Renggam due to maintenance works at the water treatment facility in Simpang Renggam 2.

The affected areas are the whole of Simpang Renggam from Jalan Benut to Jalan Benut Simpang Renggam, the whole of Taman Industri, Taman Sri Bayu and Taman Ringland, the whole of Kampung Ibrahim Majid and the surrounding areas of Pt Penghulu.

Also affected are the whole of Parit Haji Salam, Parit Salman, from Jalan Johor to Bukit Nyamok, the whole of Taman Samudra, Taman

Putri Mas, along Jalan Renggam till Sungai Renggam Prison.

Other areas include Kampung Sari, Tmn Renggam Jaya, Ladang Tun Dr Ismail, along Jalan Ayer Hitam till Kampung Sri Desa, Taman Kasih, Taman Wira, Taman Simpang Renggam, Taman Berjay, Taman Industri, Taman Mewah and the surrounding areas.

The cut will also involve Taman Harmoni, Taman Kristal, Taman Rumas, Taman Intan, Kampung Cokro, Kampung Paya Mas, Kampung Haji Nor, Kampung Parit Jepun, Kampung Batu 6, Kampung Md Amin, Kampung Sungai Rambai, the whole of

Kampung Baru, the whole of Pekan Machap and the whole of Kampung Setia Jaya.

The other affected areas are Kampung Ayer Hitam, the whole of Felcra, the whole of Bukit Batu, Kampung Melaka, the whole of Kampung Desa Cina and the surrounding areas.

Syarikat Air Johor Holdings (SAJH) corporate communications department head Jamaluddin Jamil advised those living in the stated areas to store enough water in line with the cuts.

For details, contact SAJH's toll-free number at 1-800 88 7474 or send a SMS 019-772 7474.



July 26-31

	Subuh	Zohor	Asar	Maghrib	Isyak
JOHOR BARU	5.45	1.14	4.36	7.18	8.31
KUANTAN	5.46	1.17	4.40	7.24	8.37
MALACCA	5.50	1.20	4.42	7.26	8.39
K. KINABALU	4.49	12.24	3.46	6.35	7.49
KUCHING	5.21	12.47	4.11	6.54	8.07