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His holiness Purshotam Priyadasi Swamishree

Spiritual Leader In Coast Journey

His holiness Purshotam Priyadasi Swamishree, spiritual leader of Shree Swaminarayan community, has jetted into Kenya to conduct prayers both in Mombasa and Nairobi, writes **Tobby Otum**.

His holiness arrived at Mombasa's Moi International airport on a Kenya Airways flight connected to Nairobi from India.

He was accompanied by another spiritual leader and twelve saints and they were all received at the airport by Kenya Transport Minister Hon. Ali Mwakwere.

Others at hand to welcome him were Mombasa Mayor Ahmed Mohdhar and Coast Provincial Commissioner Ernest Munyi among others.

Speaking on his arrival the spiritual leader said he was in the country for the second time after his last

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Serena Beach Rated 'Best Hotel In Africa'

Serena Beach Hotel and Spa was been declared winner of the prestigious silver award for 'The Best Hotel in Africa' during the annual Virgin Holidays World Travel Market (WTM) Awards Ceremony that was held in London earlier this month.

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the choice venue for travelers visiting the Kenyan coast.

"It is, indeed, with great honour that we accept this award".

VIRGIN HOLIDAYS WINNER



Serena Hotels' Managing Director Mahmud Janmohamed is seen [right] while receiving on behalf of Serena Beach Hotel and Spa the prestigious silver award for 'The Best Hotel in Africa' from a Virgin Holiday executive during the annual Virgin Holidays World Travel Market (WTM) Awards Ceremony held in London.

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Mombasa Academy Presents A Concert

Mombasa Academy is proud to present their "TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON" concert on Thursday 10th December in their Main School Hall.

The evening, beginning at 7.00 p.m., will include a range of songs and dances all dedicated to MJ, as well as an African Fashion Wear Show, displaying different costumes from all over Africa, including Morocco, Nigeria and Kenya.

Tickets are on sale on the evening, priced at K.Shs. 150/- for adults and K.Shs. 100/- for children.

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Rotary Club of Mombasa Central decided to take a drive to the wild side of Mombasa, last Saturday, November 28, 2009.

Rotarians Provide Water For Marimani Primary School In Mwakirunge Kisauni

No the Rotarians were not going to see the wildlife that the Coast Province has to offer ... but visiting areas that many are not even aware of.



The destination was Marimani Primary School, in Mwakirunge in Kisauni.

The Rotary Club of Mombasa Central has always had a soft spot for the school and has previously constructed a class room block for the school.

In later years the CDF and LATIF have constructed structures that remain unfinished to date, nonetheless the school is lucky to have these structures.

The Rotary Club of Mombasa Central decided to locate a water well within the school's compounds for the use and benefit of the local community.

Work started in earnest under the watchful eye of Rtn Eric Levi and his team and after a few hitches and hindrances the well was finally completed with a hand

President Emmanuel Mkok shakes hands with the vice chairman of the local committee, looking on are Rtn Brian Twinamasiko and school head master, with other committee members and Rtn Eric Levi and Rtn Mark Solomon.

pump installed and the well covered.

The community is already using the water and though not safe for drinking the water is actively used for farming and domestic chores.

A committee formed of the local people of the area was on hand to receive the members of Rotary Club of Mombasa Central and were ready to slaughter a goat for the visiting Rotarians to show their appreciation and express their gratitude for locating the water well in that area.

The goat was declined and after a general meeting with the committee the well was officially handed over to the community.

The headmaster of the Marimani Primary School was also acknowledged and commended for the very active

role he has played in getting the committee and the Club together and acting as a liaison person.

The water well would not be possible were it not for funds received from Rotary Club of Haarlemmermeerlanden in Netherlands and Rotary International and Rotary Club of Mombasa Central is grateful to its international partners for helping the Club ease the burden on the people in that area.

The Rotary Club of Mombasa has 8 other water wells, two of which have been completed and four that are currently being worked on.

The Club meets every Monday lunch time at The Mission to Seaman at 12:45 p.m.

If you are interested to learn more about Rotary activities please visit our Club.

Shree Swaminarayan Community Spiritual Leader Holding Prayer Meetings In Mombasa And Nairobi



Kenya Transport Minister Hon. Ali Mwakwere (left) is seen with His holiness Purshotam Priyadasri Swamishree in the vip lounge on his arrival at Mombasa's Moi International airport.

Meets With Kenya Transport Minister Hon. Ali Mwakwere

FROM FRONT PAGE

year's visit when he was in Kenya in his mission to preach for peace and tranquility to prevail in world.

On his remarks, Mwakwere said the government welcomes the spiritual leader's to visit the country, as it was geared towards promoting the well-being of its citizens.

Terming the arrival as a bless to the country, Mwakwere said it had come at a time when the harmonized draft constitution had been unveiled.

The spiritual leader is expected this morning to start conducting special prayers in Mombasa that will run for five days.

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Watch Martial Arts Action Thriller At Nyali Cinemax

OPENING AT the NYALI CINEMAX and worldwide simultaneously, is a very unusual film, with an unusual story line and cast.

In the R. Balakrishnan (*Cheeni Kum*) direction Paa, the father is the son of the son of the father.

There is a very rare illness in this world that is called Progeria.

Those born with that illness age physically more quickly than a normal person.

Thus we have the thirteen-year-old Auro who is just a teenager but looks almost seventy.

Auro is happy in his own world which he shares with his politician dad Arno, mother Vidya who is a doctor and grandfather Mr. Arte.

He, however, has a problem fitting into what we call the normal world because of his appearance, even though he is mentally just a young boy.

Now Auro is played by Amitabh Bachchan and his on-screen father is Abhishek Bachchan, thus reversing their actual roles to pull off a rare performance.

Vidya Balan is Auro's mother Vidya and Paresh Rawal plays his grandfather.

Classic case of role reversals here.

The second new film at the CINEMAX is the martial arts action thriller, *Ninja Assassin*

which stars Rain, Naomi Harris, Ben Miles, Sho Kosugi and Rick Yune.

Saved from the streets by the Ozunu Clan, Raizo is trained to be a ruthless and deadly assassin.

The young man is the best in what he does, and he does it with no qualms at all.

But when his friend is killed by the Clan, Raizo does not want to carry on with this life so breaks all ties with them.

He bides his time waiting for that opportunity where he can carry out his revenge.

Meanwhile, Europol agent Mika Coretti has discovered a connection between political murders and a money trail which goes all the way to assassins from the Far East.

As she digs deeper, against the advice of her superiors, she ends up being the target of these assassins, who are of course headed by the Ozunu Clan.

The highly accurate and lethal Takeshi is sent with his team to ensure that their murky secrets are not let loose by this young lady.

Raizo gets drawn into this battle as he saves Mika but he knows that this is only the start of a war that will end with either their deaths or that of the Clan.

Patrons please note that *Ninja Assassin*, which is releasing with Nairobi is for adults only due to some very violent scenes in the film.

Catch up on the most beautiful beach location with Vince Vaughn, Jason

Bateman, Jon Favreau, Faizon Love and Kristin Davis in the comedy, *Couples' Retreat*.

Vampires come alive in *The Twilight Saga: New Moon* which stars Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart, Taylor Lautner, Ashley Greene, Michael Sheen, Dakota Fanning and Nikki Reed.

The film is still breaking box office records, two weeks after it's release here in Kenya.

The sci-fi end-of-the-world theory film *2012* does not seem to have scared many people as they are still flocking the theatre to see it for yet another week.

2012 stars John Cusack, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Amanda Peet, Oliver Platt, Thandie Newton, Danny Glover and Woody Harrelson in the lead.

Catch the last show of the adults only *The Final Destination* (in three dimension on Saturday afternoon) at a very special price of 180/= per person.

The Hindi fare carries on with Akshay Kumar, Katrina Kaif, Suniel Shetty, Paresh Rawal, Neha Dhupia and Sameera Reddy in Priyadarshan's *De Dana Dan*.

If you have not seen Karan Johar's *Kurbaan* starring Saif Ali Khan, Kareena Kapoor, Vivek Oberoi, Diya Mirza and Kirron Kher, you are missing a superb film.

Even if you just want to enjoy the moto moto scenes between real-life couple Saifu and Bebo, it will make your day.

One more slot on Sunday morning for Ranbir Kapoor and Katrina Kaif in *Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani*.

STARCAST GEMINI KILIFI

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) See if you can get your kids - if you've got any - to hang out today. Your energy is much more childlike, so one way or another, you're at your best when interacting with others in the same frame of mind.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 21) You can't help worrying - some might say that it's what you do best! They're wrong, of course (and mean), but right now it feels as if they're on to something. Try to let go of what you can't control.

Aquarius (Jan. 22 - Feb. 21) Someone is trying to explain something to you, and you might not be able to hear them out. It's one of those things that might be better left unsaid, actually - though you need to understand it later!

Pisces (Feb. 22 - Mar. 21) Your thinking is a little fuzzy today, but that can yield incredibly creative answers if you let it! Don't let yourself get tied down by anyone's preconceived notions of what can work and what can't.

Aries (Mar. 22 - April 21) Whatever happens today, you are sure to avoid boredom! You maintain a steady level of activity that keeps you fully engaged and ready to strike when opportunity inevitably comes knocking.

Taurus (April 22 - May 21) Try not to drop too much money on anything big today unless you've done hours of research - impulse shopping is a no-no! Someone needs to show you a few new features or options.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21) Your social network stretches farther out than almost anyone else you know - which makes you a key player in a lot of dramas! Today you might get drawn into some else's strange world.

Cancer (June 22 - July 21) You can count on someone trying to set you off early today, but if you can avoid the temptation to react emotionally, you should be able to handle them with ease. It's all a mind game!

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21) You're having more fun than usual, which for you might be saying quite a bit! See if you can get your friends to join you in your quest for knowledge, as it should lead you in some interesting new directions.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21) Your feelings are tending toward exuberant right now, and you need to make sure that you're sharing that with as many others as possible. It's a good time to choose a new course of action.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 21) You may need to let your primary relationship coast for a while as you make your way through the world and try to get other folks to take your side or at least keep from impeding your way.

Scorpio (Oct. 22 - Nov. 21) Take care of stuff today with as much vigour as possible - you need to check every last detail if you want to succeed! That might not be your way on most days, but you can make it work now.

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The youngest students, some only 4 years old are the adorable rabbits.

The slightly older children are the dainty flowers, butterflies and good spirits and they are all dancing with grace and confidence.

The tap dancers take the roles of menacing trees, skeletons, bats and spiders. It is pleasing to see a boy dancing as Hansel and Neel Patel is performing very well in this his first major role.

The part of Gretel is danced with great charm by Imaan Karachiwalla.

Aika Patel and Kharishma Bhaghani have starred in many


of Jean Hughes's shows and in this production Aika is the Candy Witch and Karishma the poor henpecked Father who is forced to do everything he is told by his very dominant wife (Ria Sanghavi).

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Malindi Music Festival For Children



SHOW STOPPERS - Traditional Senganya dancers (above) prepare for the 'Malindi Music Festival' as some of Kenya's top local musicians (right) set up their stage and lights and sound equipment.

Main entertainment focus for Kenya North Coast this weekend is 'Malindi Music Festival for Children' being held on Saturday, December 05 from 10.00 a.m. until midnight at former 'Sindbad' adjacent to Malindi Casino.

A celebration of both local culture and ethnic diversity the festival is being launched by CISP (International Committee for the Development of Peoples), in collaboration with Malindi and Watamu Tourism Welfare Group. The programme is also supported by UNICEF and a large number of Malindi and Kenya wide based businesses.

A spokesman for the event announced: "The Festival will showcase a multicultural blend of local musical talents and a long list of big Kenyan musical celebrities."



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Research Into 'Harmless' Chatter - Does This Mean That Our Road-Safety Advice Needs To Be Revised?

This week we will revisit of use of mobile phones while driving.

In Kenya the rule is clear - we shall not use a mobile phone whilst driving.

However, the challenge has always been that if there are issues with the use of mobile phones whilst driving should there not then be issues with operating and listening to a radio or even other passengers when one is in charge of a motor vehicle of any kind?

It is a fact that many countries have made it illegal to use a hand-held mobile phone while driving.

Some countries allow the use of so called hands free devices but even these have to be operated at some point.

The issue we revisit this time is not the operation of the phone but the effect that conversation has on the driver.

Latest research confirms that the danger lies less in what a motorist's hands do when they takes a call than in what the conversation does to their brain.

It concludes that even using a hands-free device can impair a driver's attention to an extent that it could increase the likelihood of impaired judgement.

Kachumbari told me of some researchers who ran a series of experiments in which two groups of volunteers had to pay attention

and respond to a series of moving tasks on a computer screen that were considered to be equivalent in difficulty to driving a motor vehicle.

One group was left with no distractions at all while the other had to engage in a conversation about their hobbies and interests using a speakerphone.

The results of this experiment showed that those who were carrying out tasks with distractions had a slower reaction time than those who were not to an extent of almost a quarter of a second.

At a speed of one hundred kilometres an hour that would

Those only repeating words performed the same as those with no distraction, but those with the more complicated task showed even worse reaction time.

They were off by almost half a second.

This suggested that when people have to consider the information they hear carefully, as they might when making decisions about a business deal, it can impair their driving ability significantly.

It then begs the question as to whether people chatting in a vehicle and engaging the driver can have the same detrimental effect on driving.

Earlier studies had apparently found that it does not.

Those studies analysed the performance of young drivers using a vehicle simulator.

It was found that when using a hands-free phone, a volunteer drove significantly worse than he did when just talking to someone playing the role of a passenger.

Passengers, the researchers believed, might even help road safety by commenting on surrounding traffic.

The studies also explored the effect of simply listening to something such as a radio programme.

For this they played a recording of something that the driver would be unfamiliar with.

Even though the test subjects were told to pay attention because they would be asked questions about the recording

afterwards, it had little effect on their reaction times.

The researchers concluded that having to think about responses during a phone conversation competes for the brain's resources in a way that listening to a monologue does not. This work suggests the same thing is true of the idle chatter of a passenger.

Does this mean that road-safety advice needs to be revised?

Most data available suggests that the use by motorists of hand-held phones is continuing to increase.

The biggest culprits are drivers aged 16 to 24.

People texting while driving, or fiddling with an iPod, is also joining the list of things that worry safety officials.

Punishing people for using hand-held gadgets while driving

is difficult enough, even though they can be seen from outside the car.

Stopping people making hands-free calls would probably be impossible not least because more and more vehicles are now being fitted with the necessary equipment as standard.

What we need to do as responsible drivers if for us to switch our phones or iPods off altogether when we get behind the wheel.

This is the only way to ensure that we do not get tempted to use hand held devices whilst driving.

Who knows, we might even come to enjoy not having to take calls and be likelier to arrive in one piece.

As Kachumbari says, we should adopt the simple rule that says engine on, phones off.

This may save our lives

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translate to an extra six metres of stopping distance.

The experiment also revealed that the group that had distractions were making significantly more errors in their tasks than those who were not talking.

To try to understand more about why this was, the researchers tried two further tests.

In one, members of a group were asked simply to repeat words spoken by the caller.

In the other, they had to think of a word that began with the last letter of the word they had just heard.



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"Now why didn't you wait that in the first place?"



"Just a minute - when exactly did you say you bought these fish?"

Diani Forest Creatures Feature In Jacquelin Nazareth-Tomaschko's Book 'Come Find Me'

Well known Kenyan singer Jacquelin Nazareth-Tomaschko, has held a most successful launch in Diani for her new book on the environment, specifically written for children.

'Come Find Me' is a slim volume that is entertaining and colourfully illustrated and is about some of the creatures and trees found in Diani Forest.

It touches upon the habits of various species, the miracle of metamorphosis, food chains, simplicity of camouflage etc.

The small fact file at the back nurtures parent/child discussion and activity - a cultural tradition sadly missing in today's fast-paced life, which the author is trying to revive.

At the book launch at Ngiri's restaurant, Diani, Jacqui was attired as Mother Nature - a tree bedecked with greenery and a toy colobus monkey sitting on her shoulder.

Together with Nelmarie Sanders, the illustrator, they signed all afternoon, whilst kids coloured work sheets of the animals from the book, or sat enthralled, listening to fascinating facts and stories from the Colobus Trust guides.

The book is beautifully produced, the text kept simple, and the attractive illustrations saying as much if not more than the words.

Jacquelin envisions the book reaching all schools, however remote, along with her puppet show and self-composed sing-a-long songs relating to the animals.

The author would also like to

see a forest day for each book she releases - a fun event for all to raise awareness and appreciation, inviting schools to show-case environmental projects, music, theatre and dance, and "a treasure hunt filled with clues from Mother Nature.

Jacquelin, the female half of *Fandango Duo* along with her husband Peter, is internationally renowned for making music but she has much to say locally on another subject she is also passionate about - environmental education - hence this book.

"I lived in Diani, on the south coast mainland, for over ten

years, and I was recently reduced to tears upon returning to see the decimation of forest cover in what UNEP has claimed to be one of the last Coastal Rag Forests of the world, Diani Forest.

"The alarming rate of deforestation in our country due to the overwhelming greed of some people or the plain ignorance of its consequence is no secret" she says.

But believing early education is a good way to address the problem, Jacquelin resolved to write a series of books on every Kenyan forest, portraying the fragile, critical balance between man and nature, and just how

dependant we truly are upon her bounty.

Deciding against waiting for sponsorship with all its accompanying red tape, four months on sees her first book 'Come Find Me' filtering into bookstores with phenomenal response from kids and adults alike.

"Every drop of 'water' given to nourish this project will be rewarded ten-fold by 'Mother Nature'" claims Jacquelin.

Jacquelin Nazareth email contact: acquelinnazareth@fandangoduo.com

Part proceeds of *Come Find Me* will go to the Diani Colobus Trust who work hard to protect and conserve this particular forest.

- report by Patricia Hughes Scott



Author Jacquelin Nazareth-Tomaschko [left] seen with her book 'Come Find Me' and her illustrator Nelmarie Sanders.

Michelle Silveira Is Among Top U.K. Community Pharmacists

Michelle Silveira has achieved distinction as one of the five top Community Pharmacists in Great Britain in 2009 at the Pharmas Awards!

Michelle attended the Coast Academy and the Aga Khan Academy where she completed her GCSEs and A Levels respectively before graduating at The University of Nottingham, England, with a Masters in Pharmacy.

Since registering as a Pharmacist, Michelle has worked at Boots UK Ltd, setting high standards in all areas, including:

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pensing or administration of medicines

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• Delivery of tangible and outstanding achievements for the pharmacy and its patients.

Held at the National Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham, in a black tie awards gala, The Pharmas Awards encompasses all pharmacies nationwide.

They recognise exceptional teams and individuals from both community and hospital pharmacy across the UK and it presents an opportunity to celebrate those in the pharmacy



Michelle Silveira with her brother Mark Silveira are seen at the gala awards ceremony.

worthy of the highest possible recognition and accolades from their professional peers and colleagues. All the five short-listed nominees were invited as

guests of the Pharmas organisers to walk the 'red carpet' at the gala dinner and awards ceremony.

Michelle's brother, Mark Silveira, accompanied her to the awards ceremony.

Like Michelle, Mark was a pupil at The Coast Academy and the Aga Khan Academy in Mombasa before attending the London School of Economics, from which he graduated with a BSc in Economics and an MSc in Accounting and Finance.

He attended Harvard University Summer School in Capital Markets and Investments.

He then moved to Washington, DC, for a research internship at

the U.S. Congress.

Returning to London, he was sponsored by a top 10 British law firm, Norton Rose LLP, for the Postgraduate Diploma in Law and the Legal Practice Course at BPP Law School in London.

Mark then worked at Norton Rose for two years as a trainee solicitor.

Following qualification, he spent three years as an associate at a major American law firm, Kirkland and Ellis LLP, practising corporate law.

Mark left Kirkland in November 2009 to join another US law firm in London, Katten Muchin Rosenman Cornish LLP, also as a corporate lawyer.

Mark and Michelle are the children of Hasu and Edmund Silveira.



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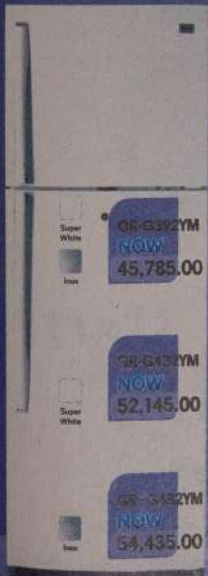
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THIRTY ONE YEARS AGO

Coastweek, December 04 - 07, 1978:

'Coast Man For World Cup Cricket' was the front page report by sports writer Anwer Versi and detailed the exploits of Jaffery Sports Club' 18-year-old cricket prodigy Iqbal 'Pataudi' Walji who had been selected for the Kenya National Squad.

Omani Ambassador to Kenya Sheikh Salim Hakkim Al-Hassbi was visiting Mombasa Islamic educational facilities accompanied by Imam Sheikh Badi Muscat, Kenya Chief Kadhi Sheikh Abdallah Saleh Al-Farsy and Coast NUKEM leader Sheikh Ali Amin.

Kenya Cargo Handling Services managing director Edward Halwenge was photographed with India's touring 'Gemini Circus International' artists then performing in Mombasa and commented: "Kenya has a lot of talent. It is time we had our own circus!"

Mombasa Womens' Association Secretary Mrs Illa Budheo congratulated flower shower winners Mrs Saroj Shah, Mrs Kanti Shah, chairperson Mrs Kusum Modi and Mrs Neera Shah in a competition which drew more than 60 entries.

U.K. singing stars Julie Felix and Peter Brent were entertaining in Mombasa and Diani.

Dutch choreographer Helen Le Clerq announced she would soon start a 'Jazz Dance Academy' in Mombasa.

The 'Vikings Band' had returned to Reef Hotel after a successful tour in Europe.

Coast Tourist Officer Mohamed Ali was leaving on reassignment to the Kenya Tourism Bureau in New York.

Malindi entrepreneur Dick Soames had returned from Seychelles to run a water-ski business at Kilifi.

KENYA Cinema was showing the sex-comedy 'Adventures Of A Private Eye' (the clever dick who uncovers everybody), NAAZ James Earl Jones in 'Deadly Hero', REGAL 'Executioners From Shaolin' and at CHOX it was Dharmendra in 'Do Chor'.

Letter writers included ISCOS Secretariat's B. Mbakileki, Mrs Holde Meyer, Juma Mwayani, Mrs Mia Dunford and Karim A. Karimjee.

DUNCAN RECORDS FASTEST TIME IN CLASSIC RALLY 2009

The 2009 Kenya Airways East African Safari Classic Rally finally ended on 30 November 2009 with Ian Duncan taking victory of the famous world marathon event after leading it from start to finish.

The former Safari Rally champion and multiple winner of the Kenya National Rally Championship titles, scored a historic win over one of the best known world rally icon and defending Safari Classic Rally champion, Bjorn Waldegaard of Sweden.

"It is one of the sweetest rally victories of my life. It was hard work and at times stressful but the service crew did fantastic job.

"Amo was excellent and my sponsors could not have helped more than this. Goodyear, Sopa Lodges, CMC and Tangaza were great," said Duncan.

The Kenyan household name worked a strategy that, even one of the world's best known rally drivers, Bjorn Waldegaard could apprehend in his attempt to win the title for the second edition running.

"I was waiting for Duncan to have a major problem but he drove very well and technically good. His preparation on the Mustang was excellent and it proved a good car. I will keep coming to try and win the rally," said Waldegaard.

One would have expected Duncan to ease off of going into

the final day with a

comfortable good lead, but that was the plan as he went quickest in all the remaining stages of the day to emerge winner by over a

10-minute margin over Waldegaard's Porsche 911.

Waldegaard, winner of the Safari Rally on four different occasions and victor in three of the world's most punishing rallies in 1977; the East African Safari Rally, the Acropolis Rally, and the RAC Rally was placed second overall.

Jonathan Savage and his sons Quentin and Russell made history by finishing the rally in

the 11th and 13th respectively.

Senior Savage was in a Datsun 260Z and the boys in a Datsun 180B that not only finished the rally but scored a three second fastest time in the final sections of the competition.

Aziz Tejpar and Andy Nagi finished in the 12th on their Classic Rally debut driving a Ford Escort.

Malindi-based Stefano Rocca ended the rally with fastest stage time in the last section. His 203/05 winning Datsun 260Z was placed in the 16th place.

Kishen Bandheri and Keith Henrie brought their "tired" looking Datsun 1600sss to the

18th place, while another Kenyan, Mitsubishi Colt Lancer of the late Rathamod and Sachin Sumara placed 16th overall.

Former national champion veteran rally drivers from the olden days, Jayant Shah and Lofty Drews brought their Datsun 260Z to the 22nd place.

Provisional Final Results

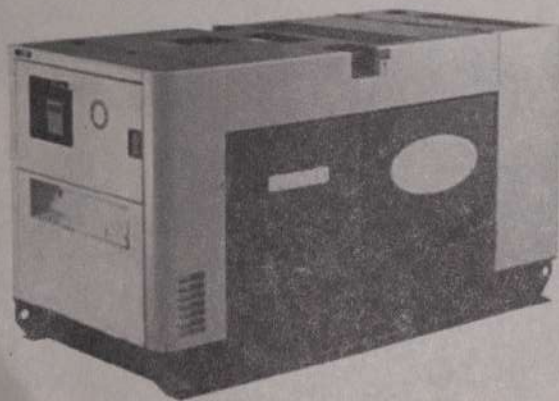
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2. Bjorn Waldegaard/Iqbal Sagoo (Porsche 911 B/B) 17:57:29
3. Steve Potts/Staffan Parmander (Datsun 260Z GB/S) 18:55:51
4. Gavin Marcy/Stephane Prevost (Porsche 911 B/B) 19:20:52
5. Thomas Flohr/Didier Breton (Porsche 911 CH/F) 20:10:27
6. Graham Alexander/Ross Rutherford (Datsun 260Z Auto) 20:37:18
7. Steve Trotter/Calvin Cooledge (Porsche 911 GB/GB) 20:50:53
8. Jean-Pierre Mondron/Dan Esculier (Porsche 911 B/B) 21:32:41
9. Paul-Eric Jerry/Jean-Francois Andreoli (Porsche 911 FF) 21:35:47
10. Geoff Bell/Chalen (Datsun 180B SA/EK) 22:27:47
11. Jonathan Savage/Gavin Laurence (Datsun 260Z EAK/EAK) 22:01:55
12. Aziz Tejpar/Andy Nagi (Ford Escort GB/EAK) 22:01:57
13. Quentin Savage/Russell Savage (Datsun 180B EAK/EAK) 22:05:18
14. Richard Arrowsmith/Norman Midwood (Ford Escort GB/GB) 22:32:04
15. Samit Goshal/Patel (Ford Escort Mk1 EAK/EAK) 22:39:19



Ian Duncan taking victory of the famous world marathon event Kenya Airways Safari Classic after leading it from start to finish. PHOTO COURTESY OF MCKLEIN-IMAGE DATA BASE - EAST AFRICAN CLASSIC RALLY

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THREE YEARS! Nixon Ooko [third right], Fly540's Operations Director joined members of the airline's cabin crew staff in a cake cutting ceremony to mark the Company's third anniversary during a party held for the staff at the Carnivore Restaurant.



Seen [from left] Private Safaris Coast General manager Cleophas Mongare, Baobab Resort Manager Adam Sheikh, Proprietor Pets World Vet Clinic Dr. Mahnaz Musa, Severin Group Sales Manager Astrid Mergheim, C.E.O. Leisure Lodge Beach And Golf Resort John K. Mutua, Captain Voyager Resort Sylvester Mbandi and Director Mombasa Air Safaris Capt. Kevin Cleave.



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South African Airways sales executive Ms Rehema Ibrahim presents a return air ticket from Nairobi to Jo'burg to Whitesands beach hotel Executive Sous Chef Raymond Mwabusa [right], after he won raffle ticket during the Skai Club International Kenya Coast, annual dinner held at Voyager beach resort. Lookin on is the clubs chairman Silvester Mbandi.



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Mike Belliere of medical Education Aid to Kenya (MEAK) showing image intensifier machine worth 40,000 pounds also donated by MEAK to the Coast General hospital. Looking on is Nyali Beach Hotel general Manager Charles Gichoi. Mike Belliere is among the team of doctors from UK performing free surgery at the hospital the event which is being sponsored by the Nyali Beach Hotel.



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Deputy group sales and marketing manager of Jacaranda hotels Kenya Ms Liz Tapawa [centre] shows guests some of the facilities at the newly opened jungle restaurant in Indian Ocean Beach Resort in South Coast. The guests who are employees of various companies in Nairobi were on a familiarization tour in Mombasa.

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Mombasa Academy Annual P.T.A Fun Day

The Mombasa Academy hosted a highly successful annual P.T.A Fun Day last Saturday.

An enormous amount of effort was put into the 'live stands' which offered a variety of activities such as apple dunking, sponge throwing, electric maze, amongst others.

These events were

thoroughly enjoyed by the huge number of parents and students in attendance.

'Halloween' was the theme for this year's fancy dress show which turned out to be a spectacular display with children as young as under the age of 1 taking part!

The judges Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Weeks had a very difficult

job this year as the standards were extremely high.

The fancy dress show was followed by a sporty wet balloon throwing contest which was messy indeed, but a huge success nevertheless!

Mr. Mansoor, the swimming coach took over the organisation of the disco competition where a lot of new

dancing talent was discovered.

The Mombasa Academy Headmaster Mr. Joshi congratulated the PTA Chairperson Mrs. Ulrike Allarakhia and her entire committee for organising yet another successful event and remarked that both parents and students were already eagerly awaiting the next one!



MOMBASA ACADEMY FUN DAY - Seen [from left] Kirtan Gor, Fareeha Vaiani, Kayla Jetha, Rohan Ahmed, Alyssa Jamal, Jessica Newton, Diya Khatow, Emma Rajabali, Aryen Muravvej, Ishav Suri, Mishal Lalani.

The Tamarind Harbour Restaurant Mombasa hosted the Positive Action Committee for Kids ("PACK") Quiz night on Saturday 14th November.

It was a very entertaining evening with Jean Hughes keeping the 120 participants on their toes with a mixture of topical and 'head scratching' questions.

The South Coast was well represented by two teams, one

Pack Quiz Night At Harbour Restaurant

of which missed winning by just a single point!

They were pipped at the post by the Drunken Sailors from Mombasa, the team included Peter and Gill Talbot, Frances...among others.

PACK ran a rolling PowerPoint

presentation throughout the evening to illustrate their work and acknowledge the sponsors and donors of the event.

Raffle prizes included accommodation at Tana River Delta, Satao Camp and Elerai and many others thanks to the generosity

of Mombasa and South Coast contributors.

The Tamarind Restaurant and Golden Key Casino kindly donated a delicious Buffet dinner.

They did a wonderful organi-

zation which was well received and some of the proceeds from the evening will go towards decorating it and making it more homely for the children who stay in hospital for long periods of

time during the three phases of their two and a half year treatment.

After our successful quiz we now look forward to the next fund raiser which is a Christmas Carol Service in Haller Park on 19th December at 6pm.

Please come and support the children again and enjoy mulled wine, mince pies and samosas with us after the service!



Winners of the PACK quiz at the Harbour Restaurant, Tamarind Village. Seen [from left] PACK committee member Emma Metcalfe, and 'The Drunken Sailors' Andy Burnard, Karen Burnard, Jill Talbot, Peter Talbot, Frances Lagoussis and Mike Rose.

sing job, provided a beautiful setting and great food.

An amazing 400,000/- was raised from ticket sales, the raffle, donations and an auction!

All proceeds go to the charity.

PACK was started in 1999 and its founder member included Hugh Walters and Mike Bowen.

Hugh has served as chairman for ten years and has recently handed over to Palle Rune who, being retired, can devote more time to oversee the efficient workings of the organisation.

PACK has many donors, both local and overseas.

Its main task is to procure chemotherapy drugs for children suffering from Burkitts Lymphoma.

This is a curable type cancer which usually shows itself as abnormal swelling of the orbital, mandibular or abdominal areas.

Sadly we see children who are grossly disfigured and are often brought to the Coast General Hospital when their condition is too serious to be treated.

PACK is currently distributing posters in clinics and on mobile units that go into the rural areas so that the folk will be educated and seek help early.

An isolation ward has recently



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THIS WEEK IN PHOTOGRAPHS



FIBROIDS DISCUSSION. The Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi, (AKUH,N) has introduced an advanced fibroid treatment method known as the Uterine Fibroid Embolization (UFE). Professor William Stones [left], Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at AKUH,N and Dr. Patricia Muthaura [right], a Consultant Obstetrician, discuss their presentations with Ewinyu Alote [second left] and Millcent Pascal [second right], participants in a public education lecture on fibroid treatment options at the Hospital.



His holiness Purshotam Priyadasji Swamishree the spiritual leader of the Shree Swaminarayan Gadi Sansthan community accompanied by Ramesh Sanghani during tree plantation at Nyali in Mombasa. His holiness Purshotam Priyadasji Swamishree the spiritual leader of the Shree Swaminarayan Gadi Sansthan community being assisted by the Sangani during the tree plantation at Nyali Mombasa.



The CMC General Manager David Holly [middle] congratulates Ian Duncan [right] and Amaar Slatch [left], at Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort and Spa on Tuesday after winning the 2009 Kenya Airways East African Safari Classic Rally. They were driving a No-2, a Ford Mustang.



CRJ-200 TWIN JET. Fly540 has acquired a 50 seater CRJ-200 twin jet to strengthen the airline's regional services. The aircraft will initially be deployed on the Nairobi to Entebbe route and will reduce the flight time to 50 minutes. In January Fly540 will introduce three flights a week between Nairobi and Bujumbura using the twin jet.

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I have always been in awe of people who have had the perseverance to create a living from their passion albeit a modest one, writes **Dipesh Pabari**.

When we first visited the Mijikenda workshop it was clear that this was more about the process rather than the products. It was warm, welcoming, tidy and situated at the back of the family home.

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The pieces on the wall each had a short story to tell unto themselves and many were clearly the realization of a mind enjoying the creation rather than determined to get the piece done. Nicole Englefield, a long term resident of Diani Beach, and no

stranger to the rest of us residents opened the doors of Mijikenda in November 2008. Always one to listen to a story of how it all began, Nicole recounted how she always loved the art of framing, as she did her own pictures, her own paintings

and her own mirrors. "Friends would often ask me to put something together for a family picture or painting or as a gift, so it really felt like a natural thing for me to do," explained Nicole. And when I asked her why she chose to call it Mijikenda:

hammock is also one of their special and creative products, which is already well known and used in several homes across Diani. Antique lovers will also find an impressive selection of self-designed, carved Zanzibar mirrors and frames.

And if anybody has got something special in mind, there is also a great selection of antique pieces, which you can choose for yourself to make a frame or mirror or anything else you have

in mind. Nicole is always open to suggestions and keen to try something new and challenging. Definitely a place to check out. **Location:** The Mijikenda Workshop is situated on the beach road, Inshahighi (neighboring Diani Sea Lodge Hotel). The workshop is open from 0800 hrs. - 18.00 hrs. but it is best to call Nicole for an appointment (0734-702144) as she'll be happy to assist you.



Nicole Englefield in her workshop with Mijikenda products to be showcased at the Tamarind Christmas Bazaar.

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"All the craftsmen working with me are from the coast region, and therefore the workshop was named, "Mijikenda", which as you know means "the nine cities" and refers to the nine ethnic groups along our coast from the border of Somalia in the north to the border of Tanzania in the south. The Mijikenda Workshop is currently the only professional framing shop on Diani Beach. They specialize in custom made picture framing with professional set mountings in any color and finishing (fixings) which helps to protect special pictures and paintings for years to come. Soon, Nicole and her team of craftsmen began to design and produce a huge variety of useful and unique interior items, ranging from mirrors, candleholders, carved ashtrays, doorstoppers, wine bottle holders, pin and chalkboards and so much more.

'QUALITY' IS ONE OF THE TOP PRIORITIES

Quality is unquestionably one of the top priorities for the Mijikenda Workshop team but equally important to Nicole is the environment. "It's not news that we are losing our hardwood forests and trees at an irreplaceable rate across this country, so we are intent on being as environmentally friendly as possible. "Our choice of timber includes only reclaimed or naturally fallen hardwoods and antique Zanzibar carved wood from imported reclaimed doors, as well as local good woods such as Cyprus and Pine. "We have also specialized ourselves in trying to make use of every inch of wood. "Nothing should go to waste." Nicole is always working on new ideas and pieces, which reassure one that none of the items, are mass-produced. The giant Mijikenda all weather

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Amazing Performance By Khushbu Desai Of Oshwal Academy At Her 'Arangetram'

For petite, beautiful and talented Khushbu Desai, October 11, 2009, was a special day.

She performed at her 'Arangetram' – a graduation in Indian Classical dancing which is a culmination of years of training in the South Indian classical dances including Kathak and Bharatnatyam.

The Bandari College Amphitheatre was packed with 500 invited guests, friends, and relatives who witnessed Khushbu's graceful and extraordinary dance performance.

She has been under the tutelage of the well known Mrs Bharti Pathak of Mombasa Shivam Performing Arts from the tender age of five.

Her parents Pankaj and Bhavna Desai have always supported Khushbu's love of dance, a talent they recognised when she was in her cradle!

Khushbu, adorned with dazzling costumes and exquisite jewellery performed ten dances over a period of two hours and portrayed endurance as well as emotional expressions during the entire show.

She excelled in the Jugal Bandhi dance which she performed while standing on the edge of a tray (Indian kathrot thaal) which was placed on a drum.

This dance was performed for the first time in Mombasa.

She also moved the audience



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Talented Khushbu Desai seen after she performed at her 'Arangetram' – a graduation in Indian Classical dancing at the Bandari College Amphitheatre Mombasa.

to tears in one of her dance item which portrayed the emotions of a daughter separating from her parents for the first time, to make a life of her own.

Foram Desai and Priyanka Chotal the two MoC's did an excellent job with the introduction of the dances and kept the audience entertained during the short breaks.

The amphitheatre vibrated with applause from the audience

when the results were announced.

She had passed with honours.

The presentation of the graduation certificate was made by her tutor Mrs Bharti Pathak and Dr Gor, Chairman of the Hindu Council.

The guests were treated to a grand dinner after the performance.

Khushbu is currently pursuing

her first year of A levels at the Oshwal Academy Mombasa.

Besides her excellent academic achievements, she has also won awards in swimming, badminton and Indian dancing at the national level and was also awarded a certificate for completing her Presidential Awards Gold level.

- From Mombasa Shivam Performing Arts Mombasa



Seen [from left] Fatema Hassan, Alwy Sheriff, Mohammed Amersi and Zahra Gulamhusein.

Jaffery Academy Does It Again In Verse Speaking

Jaffery Academy was once again at the top in the inter schools verse speaking competition held on Saturday 21st November 2009 at Shree Swaminarayan Academy.

The competition open only to Nursery school children aged between four and six years, attracted six schools, namely;

Shree Swaminarayan, Jaffery Academy, Coast Academy, Oshwal Academy, Aga Khan Nursery, Loreto Convent and Almadraasa (MSB), Tiny tots.

Jaffery Academy, known by many as a powerhouse in sports, was not left behind in verse speaking.

Each school having two entries in each category, Jaffery Academy – Nursery was represented by; Fatema M. Hassan and Alwy Ahmed Shariff (Under 4 years) and Mohammed Amersi and Zahra Gulamhusein (Under 6 years).

Mohammed Amersi of Jaffery Academy went on stage with his poem, The Little Elf written by John K. Bangs.

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I spoke to Kuldip Sondhi, a Mombasa based thespian with a magical touch in all his plays scripts.

Kuldip, an hotelier, Mombasa municipal council member, sees himself as a thespian before anything else.

For an old man, his wisdom is as fresh as any young intelligent man studying in Harvard.

I say this because of all his plays, Kuldip has managed to maintain the legacy set by some of the world renowned European thespians like Brecht, Shaw, Ibsen and Shakespeare, in trying to use drama as a medium to comment about what is happening in their societies.

He has an accolade of plays, many of which have aired on BBC radio; published in anthologies of African plays and some used as set books.

Always, these plays have embraced the Little Theatre Club stage, which has been a lab to mould, rehearse and experiment the performance capabilities of these informative dramatic pieces.

What amazes me about Kuldip is that whenever you have a conversation with him, he seems to have 'another' play coming.

In this current play, Kuldip has surpassed his save zone.

I have known him to develop plays with a modern touch, spectacular set and dialogue.

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Autocross Season Ends With Runners Up Slot Up For Grabs

Following the glamour and dramatic conclusion of the Kenya Airways Safari Classic Rally in Mombasa, the 2009 Kenya National Autocross Championship gets gutsy for its conclusion this weekend (Dec 6), writes **SAMSON ATEKA**.

With the championship title already in Steve Anthony's bag, Ian Duncan and youngster Arthur Kinyanjui a.k.a. AK47 will be battling for the runners up position.

Action returns to the Nairobi's Jamhuri Park racetrack on Sunday morning soon after the practice lap that is planned to precede the official four-heat runs.

The winner will be determined from the best-of-three heat times posted on the hard and tight surface of Jamhuri.

The weekend action has attracted top drivers including Simon Sharpe, Mickey Hughes, rally driver Izhar Mirza and



Autocross champ Steve Anthony in his buggy spraying a cloud of dust as he speeds off.

Kinyanjui. Jeremy Andrade,

Charles Mugo, Tarveen Oshan, Amit Bhatt are also expected. Teenager Ken Anunda will of course be in the mix. His father and former rally ace Dave Anunda has been appointed the chief scrutineer and starter.

The Kenya National Autocross series marks the end to what has been a busy Kenya Motor Sports Foundation (KMSF) 2009 calendar that also incorporated motocross, the regional AMU, FINA Bank Cross Country Challenge, Enduro, the KCB Kenya National Rally championship (KNRC) and the Cummins Karting series.

It's been a long and exhilarating journey that started off from Jamhuri Park, headed to the Hussein Dairy track in Nguu Tatu Mombasa, over to Chololo Ranch in the outskirts of Nanyuki town, the serene location in Lake Baringo and back to familiar territory in Nairobi.

Indeed, the battle for supremacy this season has been a two horse race between Ian Duncan and eventual Champion Steve Anthony.

Duncan and Anthony have been rivals on motorbikes in their formative years but their rivalry on four-wheel contraption was truly volatile if not incredible.

With three wins under his belt, Duncan was of course the fastest driver but Anthony, who complained of an underpowered Starlet turbo-powered "Attacker 1" buggy all through, also won three rounds in Nairobi and Mombasa.

Rally navigator Keith Henrie also impressed with winning one of the rounds in Nairobi.

Danny Matharu, who was the surprise winner of the RSC Rally in Nairobi two years back, has

been appointed the clerk of the course for the eighth and last round organized by Kenya Motor Sports Club (KMSC). Autocross Standings as at round 7: Steve Anthony 130points, Ian Duncan 93, Arthur Kinyanjui 78, Jeremy Andrade 71, Tarveen Oshan 61.

Kenya To Bid For 2016 African Cup Of Nations

NAIROBI, (Xinhua) -- Kenya will bid hosting the 2016 African Cup of Nations finals, a top local football official said.

Football Kenya Limited (FKL) first vice-chairman, Titus Kasuve, said after taking everything into consideration, he was strongly convinced that the east African country of 38 million can host the continental soccer extravaganza.

Speaking at the Council of East and Central Africa Football Associations (Cecafa) Congress in Nairobi, Kasuve asked council members to support Kenya's bid, adding that Kenya also needed the council members' blessings.

It will be recalled that Kenya backed out of hosting the 1996 Cup of Nations finals, citing financial constraints and the event was moved to South Africa.

At the same time, Kenya has been put on standby to host the 2010 Cecafa Senior Challenge Cup tournament, should Ethiopia opt out.

Ethiopia, citing a congested calendar, had indicated that they might not host the event next year.

Though football commands a big following here, Kenya has never gone beyond the first round of the Nations Cup finals in its five appearances in the event.

At the international level, its athletes who have done the country proud in international competitions such as the world championships and the Olympics.

Meanwhile, Zambia defeated host Kenya 2-0 in the Council of East and central Africa Football Association (Cecafa) Senior Challenge Cup.

COAST BRIDGE with C.P. SHAH

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FOUR DIAMONDS	PASS	SIX DIAMONDS	PASS
PASS	PASS	PASS	

(1) Good Diamond Raise and Spade Control. West led his singleton Trump. Declarer won and led a Club to the King (West ducking) and a Club back to the king (West ducking) and a Club back to West's Knave.

He ruffed West's safe Ace of Club's exit and had the problem of avoiding a major-suit loser.

He began playing his Trumps.

On the penultimate Trump, West held King-Knave of

NORTH				
♠	A	8	7	2
♥	A	10	7	
♦	K	9	7	6
♣	K	6		

WEST					
♠	K	J	10	5	4
♥	K	J	8	2	
♦	4				
♣	A	J	3		

EAST					
♠	9	6			
♥	9	6	5	4	3
♦	3				
♣	10	9	7	5	2

Spades and King-Knave-Eight of Hearts, Dummy holding Ace-Eight of Spades and Ace-Ten-Seven of Hearts.

In order to retain guard for his King of Spades, West was now forced to discard the eight of Hearts.

Dummy discarded the Eight of Spades.

At trick Ten, Declarer led the Queen of Hearts, covered by the King and Ace.

Now Declarer had to guess for the Jack of Hearts.

Should he ruff Dummy's Seven of Hearts, playing West to have an original holding of King-Knave-Eight-Two?

Or should he lead Dummy's Ten of Hearts, playing to Pin West's Nine and take a ruffing finesse against East's Knave, playing for West to hold King-Nine-Eight-Two.

Because West should have a choice of equals (the Eight & Nine) for his Second Heart discard, if holding King-Nine-Eight-Two.

Declarer played for him to hold King-Knave-Eight-Two (in which case he would have to let go the Eight!).

He ruffed the Seven of Hearts - West's Knave appeared so he could cross to the Ace of Spades and cash the promoted Ten.

Twelve tricks and slam made.

SOUTH							
♠	Q	3					
♥	Q						
♦	A	Q	J	10	8	5	2
♣	Q	8	4				

Coast Youngsters Urged To Improve Their Soccer Skills

TRAINING HARD IN BALL CONTROL, DODGING AND PASSING

Coast footballers have been asked to train harder in order to improve their standards of play and considered for selection in the national soccer team, Harambee Stars, writes **ABDULRAHMAN SHERIFF**.

The appeal was made over last weekend by former Coast soccer star, Issa Khamis Issa who said unless players put more efforts in their training programmes, "our standard of the sport will continue to deteriorate day by day."

Issa who is the Managing Director of Nibal Freighters Limited said it was saddening to note that nowadays you can watch a match and see not a single cracking shot or a powerful kick is aimed at the two goalkeepers.

"During the past and even in my playing time, we used to see goalkeepers making daring saves from time to time but it is

different now whereby we can watch the whole match and not a powerful kick is sent for a gopalkeeper to save," he said.

Issa whose company Nibal sponsors Juve-Nibal FC said it was high time for Coast youngsters to train hard in ball control, dodging, passes and aim at kicking past goalkeepers.

He said current soccer players are lucky that if they improve their playing standards they can attract contracts from foreign clubs and get employment.

"In our times, we used to buy our own playing boots and training kits," he pointed out.

He appealed to team coaches to concentrate in making sure all their players and especially strikers do not miss penalties.

There should also be trainers to train goalkeepers to save penalties the way the likes of Mahmoud Abbas used to, said Issa Khamis Issa.



Issa Khamis Issa, addressing players and officials.

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Babadi Super Cup U-15

Twenty clubs from Mombasa and Kilindini districts will take part in the inaugural Babadi Super Cup under-15 soccer competition set to kick off next week, writes **ABDULRAHMAN SHERIFF**.

The competition is sponsored by one of Coast youth soccer promoters, Taherali Nurdin Babunur who said the competition is to be held on league-cum knockout basis. Clubs representatives are to meet today to draw fixtures.



Taherali Nurdin Babunur.

The competition organising secretary, Gharib Kassim said they will strictly adhere to under-15 youngsters.

"We will only allow teams to field players born in and before 1994," Kassim said and asked clubs to produce players birth certificates before the competition starts.

Clubs to participate are Makande Youth, Civicon, Ziواني Youth, Mombasa United, Dragon Youth, Mzimama United, Spartak Moons, Others are Sparki Youth, Sparki Youngsters, Coastal Kings and Chaani Youth (from Changamwe), Western Stars and Kisauni United (Kisauni).

Kassim said the winners and runners-up will be awarded trophy and a goat each while other prizes are to be given to the best player, top scorer, best goalkeeper and the most disciplined team.

He said matches are to be played at Mombasa Municipal Stadium, Ziواني, Makupa, Shimanzi and Makande.

KYSE U-14 Soccer Cup Get A Big Boost Of Ksh 500,000

Kenya Youth Soccer Event (KYSE) got a big boost of Sh500,000 from Bamburi Cement Company for the sponsorship of KYSE Under-14 Soccer Cup Competition.

This is the second time for the cement company to sponsor a tournament organised by KYSE having two years ago held a successful same age category competition.

Receiving the cheque from the firm Plant Manager, John Mangi, KYSE Managing Director, Gerardo Cozzolino said such sponsorship help young players to improve their skills.

"If other firms follow Bamburi in sponsoring youth competi-

Soccer Scene with Abdurrehman Shami



tions, I am sure it won't take long before Kenya prosper and produce many talented and professional players," said Cozzolino.

Meanwhile, KYSE secretary, Abdul Iddi said the competition kick off on February 6, next year with 12 to 14 teams to take part.

All the teams will be required

to produce list of 20 players each with their birth certificates or passports.

DEADLINE

Iddi said they have set the deadline for registration of interested teams end of January.

Each participating team will be required to pay participation fee of Sh2,000.

All matches are to be played at Mombasa Municipal Stadium.

Winners are to be awarded with a trophy, a set of jersey and medals with the runner up to get a trophy, a set of jersey and medals.

KYSE will provide water for each team during matches.

KYSE is known to have produced some talented

players including Paul Thiong'o who play professional soccer with Empoli Junior team in Italy and has Shami Abdulla who is with Aspire of Middle East.

KYSE managed to send an under-12 team to Lyon, Italy where it took part in the Danone Nations Cup and finished in a respectable ninth position from total of 40 countries.

BEST PLAYER

The team-Mombasa FC - won the most entertaining team on and off the field and their midfielder Paul Thiong'o named the tournament best player.

Thiong'o was awarded a trophy by the tournament ambassador, former France player, Zinadine Zidane.

Junior Stars Football Academy Empower Girls Through Sports

The G-Power program is a positive youth development initiative by Junior Stars Football Academy, a Community Based Organisation in Mombasa, writes **ABDULREHMAN SHERIFF**.

The CBO which focuses on empowering youth through soccer and other enriching projects realized that young girls were being left behind by male footballers.

So the girl power mentorship programme was born.

The G-power program offers girls between 9 -19 an adult mentoring relationship, peer group meetings, and volunteer community service projects.

The programme addresses the need for young girls to view themselves as intelligent and powerful with infinite potential.

These interventions counterbalance the pressures towards high risk behaviors, which can lead to particularly teen pregnancies as well as sexually transmitted diseases like HIV.

The programme Director and founder, Mariam Mpaata says that their membership has grown drastically from 70 girls to 200 all from diverse schools within Mombasa.

The G-Power started with about 70 girls and 6 mentors but the number is steadily growing.

Schools and parents have seen the need and are also embracing it passionately by enrolling their girls.

Apart from promoting "smart, strong, self-confident and empowered youth", the programme also trains women to be G-Power mentors with focus on changing society through our programmes.

She calls upon women to join them as they seek to empower young girls from 9 to 19 years.

Mercy Deche, a co-founder argues that, this age group is more vulnerable to risky behaviors and are at higher risk for early initiation of premarital sexual activity hence exposure to sexually transmitted diseases, out-of-wedlock births, drug use, and school dropout more than any other age group.

"These young girls require a lot of guidance from us and as women we should not sit back and wait for this job to be done for us, it is our responsibility" she encourages parents and organizations to support this effort by enrolling their daughters and sponsoring other girls to attend such forums.

The Girl Power Mentorship programme has set out to roll its plan through holiday summits where more than 200 girls get together for a few days to learn

from well trained women facilitators and mentors.

The first summit was held at Nyali Primary on 8th and 9th of August 2009, it attracted 70 girls and 15 mentors.

This time round the summit is being at Loreto primary school in Mombasa on the 8th and 9th December 2009 from 9am to 5pm on both days.

This summit is expected to have 200 participants from within Mombasa and beyond.

This time round it going to be more exciting and more empowering and the jest of the summit will be driven by recommendations from the first summit.

Mariam says that among the topics to be covered are; relationships, overcoming peer pressure, goal setting, preventing sexual abuse, social skills, study tips, HIV and Drug awareness and many more.

The girls will also be helped to



Ms Mariam Mpaata.

identity challenges in their communities and be given the tools to create change in their community through our Change

Your World strategy.

G-power connects girls to a network of professional women and legislators who help them build their own web of contacts and mentors.

This network aims to help girls accomplish their projects as well as their personal goals.

Among the G-Power mentors are: Dr. Rahab Muinga (Scientist), Miss Beatrice Gambo (Development Consultant), Lillian Awimbo, (child therapist), Patricia scoot (Chairperson Girl Guide Coast Province), Dr. Alice Mwaka (Medical Doctor), Mrs. Waweru (Youth Development Officer Mombasa), and many more G-Power team believes that the empowerment model in Mombasa can be applied in many places.

The programme is being extended to as many areas as

possible most especially to economically challenged areas like Malindi, Lamu, Kilifi, Likoni and other areas within our reach.

The biggest challenge would be the financial implication of such a project.

For us to reach out to as many girls especially as possible especially those from vulnerable areas, we need a lot of support from organizations, government and individuals.

Among the organizations that have teamed up with this programme are Kenya Maritime Authority, Milele Beach and Pwani Oil Ltd.

"Imagine the possibilities if every year thousands of youth learn how to tackle community problems.

"Picture the huge number of powerful women leaders driving local communities and the world toward success and well-being.

"This is our vision," says Mariam Mpaata.

Golfers Enjoy NOKIA Golf Tourney And Rotary Mug

Florence Aranga won the Nokia N97 Golf Tournament at Nyali Golf and Country Club on Friday 27th November 2009 and as she explained in her winner's speech, the key to her winning was simple.

She took the cue from the sponsor's motto and just connected!

The connection obviously worked well, although it took a bit of time to get going, for in the 1st nine, while still trying to connect, Florence found triple bogeys on 3rd, 5th, 7th and 8th but with her 35 stroke allowances, even those holes produced a point each and with three points on 1st and 8th, she managed to put together 15 points.

The back nine on the other hand was a feast of points, three each on 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 16th and 18th which resulted in 23 points which secured Florence's overall win, counting out Taufiq Balala and Aniz Popat with their break down of 17 and 21 and 20 and 18 respectively.

Taufiq too did not have a great start, blanking the 1st but picking up 3 points with a par on 2nd and 4 points with a birdie on 7th he managed to reach 17 points.

Taufiq's back nine was flawless, with 8 straight pars, dropping just one shot on 18th making 21 points.

With that count back he had no difficulty taking the Men's Winner prize while Aniz

had to settle for the Runner up place in that category.

The first nine seems to have caused problems to most players, Pia Swatton the Best Lady and Daniel Nduva the Best Junior both not being able to do more than 15 points.

Pia added on 19 on the back nine while Daniel finished his back nine with 21 points, the result of a two over par 37, dropping shots on 12th, 13th and 16th but picking up a two club birdie on 18th.

Nokia N97 Tournament ended with the usual drinks, dinner, music and a promise by them to return.

There was a good entry for the Rotary Club of Kilindini sponsored Mug on Saturday 28th November 2009.

Apart from the usual mugs for the best gross and the three top nett winners in the three Divisions, the sponsors also provided prizes for six overall top scorers.

The Vice Captain Gurbux Singh was the clear winner of the overall first prize with his great performance of two over par 73 which earned him the Best Gross prize and also at 69 nett the winners prize in A Division.

Ismael Gulamali was the runner up in the overall winners category as well as in A Division at 70 nett, followed by Gael Ntore for third prize in that Division at 72.

Gael Ntore was however beaten for the third overall position by the winner of C Division Rashid Sheikh who returned 71 nett placing Gael Ntore on 4th position, followed by the runner up in C Division Adel Balala on 72 and third in that Division Tahir Mohamed on 74 for the fifth and sixth positions respectively.

B Division lost out on the Overall category, the winner Z Imtiaz being two strokes behind the sixth placed Tahir and had to be content with taking just the Mug in his Division after counting out Reaz Alibhai also on 76 while the third place went to John Mburu on 77 nett.

The Rotary Club of Kilindini also awarded three overall prizes to the ladies who played their Medal on the same day.

By a coincidence, these prizes were claimed on the same score of 74 nett made by Alice Wahome the winner of the Silver Division, Farida Saed the winner of Bronze Division and Suhas Gudka, runner up in Bronze Division.

Alice had a superb count back on 42 gross, 32 nett to take the first prize, while between Farida and Suhas there was similar count back of 37.5, requiring a further count back.

Farida emerged the better of the two, having done a quadruple bogey on 11th whereas Suhas did hers on 17th!

All Jillo was the Best Caddy on 73 nett.

As the Captain said, it was a good show by the Juniors, claiming a prize in A and B, two in C Division and three in overall prize category.

Rotary too have pledged to continue with their sponsorship of this much appreciated competition.

NOKIA N97 Golf Tournament full results: Overall Winner: Florence Aranga 38 c/b. Men: Winner: Taufiq Balala 38 c/b, R/up: Aniz Popat 38 c/b. Ladies: Winner: Pia Swatton 34 c/b. Best Junior: Daniel Nduva 36.

November mug sponsored by Rotary Club Of Kilindini results: Mug: A. Division: Winner: Gurbux Singh 69, R/up: I. Gulamali 70, Third: Gael Ntore 72.

B. Division: Winner: Z. Imtiaz 76 c/b, R/up: Reaz Alibhai 76, Third: John Mburu 77 c/b.

C. Division: Winner: Rashid Sheikh 71, R/up: Adel Balala 72, Third: Tahir Mohammed 74.

Best Gross: Gurbux Singh 73, Best Caddy: All Jillo 73.

Men: Winner: Gurbux Singh 69, R/up: I. Gulamali 70.

Third: Rashid Sheikh 71, Fourth: Gael Ntore 72, Fifth: Adel Balala 72, Sixth: Tahir Mohamed 74.

Ladies: Winner: Alice Wahome 74 c/b, R/up: Farida Saed 74 c/b, Third: Suhas Gudka 74.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Results of Duplicate Bridge played on 30th Nov 2009, at United Sports Club, Mombasa.

1. C.P. Shah & K.P. Shah 147, 2. Tushar Pujara & Bharti Pujara 146, 3. A.D. Shah & C. D. Shah 144, 4. Chitu Shah & Kanchan Shah 141, 5. Kanan Shah & Meghji Shah 139, 6. Pank Chanderia & Rannik Beno 132, 7. J. Babla & Neeraben 127, 8. Raik Shah & Manju Shah 110, 9. Luma Phillips & Koki Shah 109, 10. Narendra Shah & Amu Shah 100, 11. P. Gandhi & Dr. J. D. Shah 99, 12. Ketan Shah & L. P. Gudka 88, 13. Tanu Shah & Punam 78.

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Kikulacho United Win 'Amani Challenge Cup'



Kikulacho United FC, Victor Terry [second, right] receiving the Amani Challenge Cup from Kisauni Chief, Mohamed Nzaro [second, left] as the Kisauni outh Football Association chairman, Yusuf Harub [third, left], Esther Juma of Red Cross, Kisauni [right], Red Cross Likoni team leader, Omar Kidege [left] and the Red Cross Coast Co-ordinator, Shadrack Musyoka [third, right] join hands.

Kikulacho United FC won the Red Cross sponsored Amani Challenge Cup when they edged Mtopanga Cranes 7-6 on post match penalties during the final match played at Utange primary school ground last Sunday.

Kikulacho playing with a player short from the 12th minute to the end when their dependable defender Ismail Mtimbwa was red carded in the 11th minute by referee Mohamed Abdalla for indiscipline, deserved special mention for putting sterling performance.

Immediately after Mtimbwa was given his marching orders, Kikulacho took the lead when Keah Dede was put through by Abdhilahi Abdhalla and sent a powerful kick into the net.

Mtopanga equalized in the 34th minute when Ibrahim Khalid made a solo move to send a cracking shot into the far corner of the net.

During the penalty shootout, Kikulacho scored through John Momanyi, Abdhilahi Abdhalla, Kamto Khamis, Samwel Obwanyu, Vincent Shtiabai, Angelo Ochieng and Keah Dede.

Mtopanga got their via Lucky Joseph, Washe Kelvin, Ferdinand Baya, Mbotela Lawrence, Vicxor Terry and Francis Moka but a shot by Gift Joan was saved by Kikulacho goalkeeper, Jackson Osewe.

ABDULREHMAN SHARIFF writes

During the semi final matches, Kikulacho beat Red Sharks 2-0 while Mtopanga knocked out Shanzu United after beating them 4-3.

Kisauni Youth Football Association (KYFA) chairman, Yusuf Harub said they

are to jointly with Red Cross Society of Kenya Coast planning to organise a tournament involving two teams each from Mvita, Likoni, Kisauni and Changamwe.

The guest of honour, Kisauni Chief Mohamed Nzaro asked players and officials to maintain high standard of discipline.

Sailing Around The World



Seen Lindsay Walkley, 58, Australian who has sailed single-handedly on his yacht the MY Avolare from Darwin, Australia to Dar es Salaam in Tanzania in 66 days. The Yacht is now anchored off the Mombasa Yacht Club in Liwatoni where he is repairing it before starting on a Southerly cruise which will take him to Madagascar, South Africa before starting on a transAtlantic cruise to South America. The former policeman has been sailing the South East Asia and Pacific Islands for the last 10 years.

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KENYA TIDE TABLES

MOMBASA, December 03 - 10, 2009

FRIDAY High Water - 3.7 m. at 05.05 hrs. (5.05 a.m.) and 3.0 m. at 17.36 hrs. (5.36 p.m.). Low Water - 0.1 m. at 11.28 hrs. (11.28 a.m.) and 0.4 m. at 23.20 hrs. (11.20 p.m.).

SATURDAY High Water - 3.6 m. at 05.47 hrs. (5.47 a.m.) and 2.9 m. at 18.20 hrs. (6.20 p.m.). Low Water - 0.2 m. at 12.09 hrs. (12.09 a.m.).

SUNDAY High Water - 3.4 m. at 06.30 hrs. (6.30 a.m.) and 2.9 m. at 19.06 hrs. (7.06 p.m.). Low Water - 0.5 m. at 00.05 hrs. (12.05 a.m.) and 0.3 m. at 12.52 hrs. (12.52 p.m.).

MONDAY High Water - 3.2 m. at 07.18 hrs. (7.18 a.m.) and 2.7 m. at 19.58 hrs. (7.58 p.m.). Low Water - 0.7 m. at 00.54 hrs. (12.54 a.m.) and 0.5 m. at 13.37 hrs. (1.37 p.m.).

TUESDAY High Water - 2.9 m. at 08.11 hrs. (8.11 a.m.) and 2.7 m. at 20.59 hrs. (8.59 p.m.). Low Water - 0.9 m. at 01.51 hrs. (1.51 a.m.) and 0.7 m. at 14.28 hrs. (2.28 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY High Water - 2.6 m. at 09.14 hrs. (9.14 a.m.) and 2.7 m. at 22.11 hrs. (10.11 p.m.). Low Water - 1.1 m. at 03.01 hrs. (3.01 a.m.) and 0.9 m. at 15.27 hrs. (3.27 p.m.).

THURSDAY High Water - 2.4 m. at 10.33 hrs. (10.33 a.m.) and 2.8 m. at 23.29 hrs. (11.29 p.m.). Low Water - 1.2 m. at 04.32 hrs. (4.32 a.m.) and 1.0 m. at 16.41 hrs. (4.41 p.m.).

NOTE: Standard Port is Kilindini. ADD 40 minutes for Lamu and ADD five minutes for Malindi. 'No Change' for Kiifi and Diani.

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