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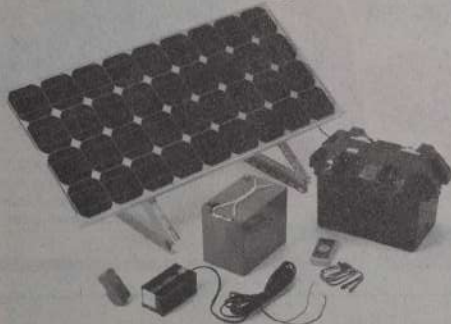
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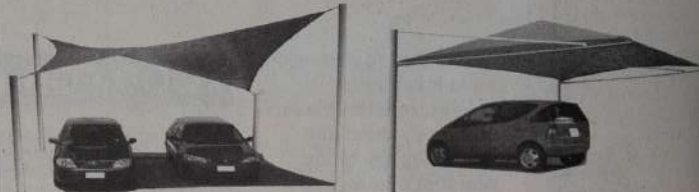
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Bailli Gurdeep Nayer remarked that by popular demand Sarova Whitesands has become the permanent venue for the Christmas fare

The outstanding menu included:

Crab Mille Feuille (Wine Chardonay Jean Jean), Oyster and Butternut Chowder (Chablis Talaud), Lime Sorbet, Quail Salad, Christmas Roast Turkey (Mara Red), Chocolate and Passion Fruit Magic (Beaconhill Es La Vida)

Chevalier Horace Horsey proposed a vote of thanks to the Regional Manager Mohamed Hersi and the Management and staff of Sarova Whitesands for an absolutely wonderful evening.

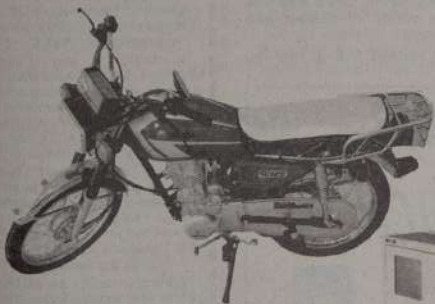
He commended Executive Chef Bimal Kumar, F&B Manager Ann Safari, Director of Services Moses Ponda, Chef de Partie Fredrick Ondiek and Maitre de Table Jack Obiero for producing a world class Christmas dinner.



CHRISTMAS CHEER : (top row from left) Roy Kinua, Marwan Misbah, Mrs. Leila Awale, Freddie Kiuru, Silvestor Mbandi, Nicole Weyn, Philippe Zimmerlin, Mrs. Narmin Somji, Hanif Somji and Tushar Pujara. [Second row from left] Mrs. Rashida Pereira, Charles Muia, Donato Fonseca, Mohamed Hersi, Mrs. Seema Khanna, Peter Dredge, Iqbal Valli, Horace Horsey, Ushwin Khanna and Mrs. Jackie Mbandi. [Third row from left] Ravi Mehta, Mrs. Rupal Inamdar, Paulo Francescon, Mrs. Ann Marques, Paul Blettermen, Mrs. Sally Misbah, Jeff Pereira, Mrs. Kamini Mehta, Mr. Michael Hughes and Mrs. Suzie Francescon. [Fourth row from left] John Mutua, Mrs. Shabnam Nayer, Fernando Marques, Mrs. Manju Mohamedbhai, Panayis Lagoussis, Mrs. Lana Van den Berg, Mrs. Jean Hughes, Dr. Mehnaz Musa, Ms. Nova Woods and Bailli Gurdeep Nayer.

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The director of Oscar nominated 'CAST AWAY' & 'THE POLAR EXPRESS' Robert Zemeckis brings to life the popular Christmas story as never seen before

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3 Idiots

Aamir Khan, Kareena Kapoor, Madhavan & Sharman Joshi

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The Management and Staff of Nyali Cinemax wish all patrons a very Merry Christmas and A Prosperous 2010

MAKING A Christmas worldwide release at the NYALI CINEMAX this week is 3 Idiots, directed by the supremely talented Rajkumar Hirani.

Three actors from the path-breaking **Rang De Basanti** team - Aamir Khan, Madhavan and Sharman Joshi - team up yet again. Not forgetting the hot Kareena Kapoor. It couldn't get bigger!

3 Idiots is about three engineering students who believe in 'I'll Do It On my Terms'.

The film is based on a novel 'Five Point Someone' by Chetan Bhagat.

Two friends R. Madhavan and Sharman Joshi embark on a quest for a lost buddy.

As they make their way through the perilous landscape of Shimla, Manali, Ladakh, another journey begins: their inner journey through memory lane and the story of their friend - the irrepressible free-thinker Rancho (Aamir Khan), who, in his unique way, touched and changed their lives.

It's a story of their hostel days that swings between Rancho's romance with the spirited Pia (Kareena Kapoor) and his clash with and oppressive mentor, Viru Sahasrabudhhe (Boman Irani).

And then one day, suddenly, Rancho vanishes...

Who was he? Where did he come from? Why did he leave?

The friend who influenced and inspired them to think creatively and independently, even as the conformist world called them three idiots.

Where is the original idiot now? Going on towards Hollywood we have a Betty Thomas direction comedy **Alvin & The Chipmunks - The Squeakquel**.

Starring Jason Lee, Zachary Levi, Anjelah Johnson, Wendie Malick and Justin Long.

America's favorite furry brothers Alvin, Simon and Theodore are back. Because of a freak accident involving Alvin and Dave Seville, they go to live with Dave's cool cousin, Toby and they have to enroll in school like every other kid.

The boys must put aside music superstardom to return to school, and are tasked with saving the school's music program by winning the \$25,000 prize in a battle of the bands.

But the Chipmunks unexpectedly meet their match in three singing chipmunks known as The Chipettes - Brittany, Eleanor and Jeanette.

The Chipettes who are managed by Ian Hawke, the Chipmunks greedy former manager who wants to turn them into the next big thing.

Romantic and musical sparks are ignited when the Chipmunks and Chipettes square off.

There is rivalry between the Chipettes and the Chipmunks at first, but in the end they realize that they make great friends and a great musical team.

James Cameron, director of Oscar winning **Titanic** and **Terminator 2** brings to big screen his epic adventure in ground breaking 3D **Avatar**.

The 160 minute action adventure Stars Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, Sigourney Weaver, Stephen Lang, Michelle Rodriguez.

Oscar nominated director Robert Zemeckis brings to life the popular Christmas story as never seen before in Disney's **A Christmas Carol** in 3D. Starring Jim Carrey, Colin Firth, Gary Oldman, Robin Wright Penn.

Watch one last and final show of **The Final Destination** in 3 dimension.

Get a bit of a scare before Christmas with **The Twilight Saga: New Moon** starring Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart, Taylor Lautner, Ashley Greene, Michael Sheen, Dakota Fanning and Nikki Reed.

Fact or fiction - only time will tell but make sure you see **2012** which stars John Cusack, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Amanda Peet, Oliver Platt, Thandie Newton, Danny Glover and Woody Harrelson.

Amitabh Bachchan, Abhishek Bachchan, Vidya Balan and Paresh Rawal and the main protagonists in yet another mentally challenging film from Bollywood, **Paa**.

Still on for another week at the NYALI CINEMAX is Priyadarshan's comedy **De Dana Dan** (Akshay Kumar, Katrina Kaif, Sunil Shetty, Paresh Rawal, Neha Dhupia and Sameera Reddy).

Ranbir Singh may not have taken off into space yet but **Rocket Singh - Salesman of the Year** is making waves where it is being screened.

The all Indian fare at the KENYA CINEMA is made up of Saif Ali Khan, Kareena Kapoor in Kurbaan.

Directed by Rensil D'Silva and a Karan Johar production.

Avantika is a teacher in a university in Delhi. She meets a temporary Professor called Ehsaan Khan.

Soon they begin seeing each other and love blossoms.

Avantika and Ehsaan get and

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start a new life in New York.

Just as they are setting up home, their conservative Muslim neighbours, Hamid and Anjum, invite them over for dinner.

The next morning, a woman, Salma pleads with Avantika to help her as she is in grave danger.

What follows next, is a series of incidents that sucks Avantika into a vortex of danger and intrigue.

The second film is the Raj

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Kumar Santoshi film, **Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani**, Starring Ranbir Kapoor and Katrina Kaif

Prem wants nothing but happiness in life. He wants happiness so much that he feels no desire to work or even be useful in the smallest of things.

Then we have Jenny, rich and very rich, but starved of love.

She searches high and low for that elusive element and thinks she has found it.

Prem kidnaps Jenny, and learns some hard lessons in life. As their friendship grows, love is staring them hard in the face but neither is reading the signs.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Even if you've got little authority, people still look to you for answers, especially on days like today. Your quick mind should bust out with everything that's needed, even if folks don't agree at first.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 21)

You may have to work twice as hard to get half as much done today - but that's just part of the game. You know that everyone has off days, but you can tell that this is all worthwhile.

Aquarius (Jan. 22 - Feb. 21)

That famous intellect of yours is all fired up and ready to go today - so make the most of it! You may dream up a hot new project or just see an obvious solution that everyone else has missed.

Pisces (Feb. 22 - Mar. 21)

You need to call in a favour or two today to make things work out, but as long as you're not shy about retrieving what's yours, all should work out for the best. If anyone balks, move on.

Aries (Mar. 22 - April 21)

If you're thinking about making a major purchase, moving or changing jobs, now is the time to get started! Your energy is just right for making a big shift in some important relationship.

Taurus (April 22 - May 21)

Your tendency to focus on the positive is generally quite powerful for you, for obvious reasons - but sometimes you can overdo it! Too much of a good thing is as bad as just enough of a bad thing.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)

See if you can get some alone time with your mate or someone else who's close. Your great social energy means that you can plant seeds that should help your relationship grow dramatically!

Cancer (June 22 - July 21)

No matter what happens today - and not all of it is good - you need to keep active. If you pull back or start to mope or fret, you are sure to find that the situation starts to get even worse!

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

Now is a great time to ramp up your love life! Make a date happen even if you have to pull your mate away from their favourite hobby or dial off that little black book. Have fun with it!

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

Your impulsive side is causing some minor problems today - especially if you're impulsively dragging out your credit card at every opportunity! Try not to spend a dime, if you can help it.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 21)

Get out in the world and mix it up with some new people! Your need for social change and flux is peaking now, so it shouldn't be all that tough for you to make new friends - or something more.

Scorpio (Oct. 22 - Nov. 21)

There's no harm in brainstorming - and you've got more time than you think! Just kick back a little and toss ideas back and forth with the right people. Something great will drift to the surface.

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World's Rarest Northern White Rhinos Arrive In Kenya

NAIROBI (Xinhua) -- Four of the world's last known remaining eight northern white rhinos have been relocated from captivity back to a Kenyan reserve as part of efforts to save the species from extinction.

Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS) said the animals, two males and two females, arrived at the Ol Pejeta reserve in central Kenya late Sunday after having travelled more than 7,000 kilometres from the Czech zoo that donated them.

Kenyan Forestry and Wildlife Minister Noah Wekesa who received the animals described the subspecies relocation as "a homecoming by one of the rhinos that initially came from Sudan."

He called on the international community help Sudan get any remaining northern white rhinos in its wild for breeding in Kenya.

The weekend successful relocation marked a second attempt by Kenya to introduce new species of rhinos, after the introduction of 70 southern white rhinos whose numbers have grown to a healthy population of 326.

The four were flown from a zoo in the Czech Republic to Kenya, after failing to reproduce since 1985.

Two other northern white rhinos remained behind while two others are in San Diego, U.S.

KWS Head of Species Conservation and Management Patrick Omondi said the aim of the project was to reintroduce the northern white rhinos back to Southern Sudan, Congo and Cameroon.

"That Kenya was chosen for this delicate process is an endorsement of our conservation efforts. Kenya Wildlife Service will strive to ensure that the northern white rhinos are successfully bred and introduced back to their original range.

"That is our commitment to the world," Omondi said.

Rhino experts believe that releasing the rhinos into their natural habitat in the wild might

help them reproduce and survive as a subspecies.

"Northern white rhinos are the world's rarest large mammal," said Rob Brett, Africa Regional Director, Fauna & Flora International and member of the IUCN African Rhino Specialist group.

The rhinos were to the Ol Pejeta Conservancy in Laikipia, in central Kenya within the "Last Chance to Survive" project.

"They are listed as critically endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species and are thought to be extinct in the

wild. Moving them now is a last bid effort to save them and their gene pool from total extinction.

"The Ol Pejeta Conservancy is immensely proud to have received the endorsement of the IUCN African Rhino Specialist Group in hosting these animals,

giving them a chance to breed at 11th hour," said Richard Vigne, CEO Ol Pejeta Conservancy.

"If we are successful, the preservation of their unique locally adapted genetic traits may allow their natural range to be re-stocked in the coming years."

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This has allowed me to have a close up experience of the driving environment in the country and refresh my views on it.

The verdict is that it has grown worse - and in many ways.

The first is simply the sheer number of vehicles on the road.

This is not in relation to cars only.

The number of motorcycles, mkokotenis, tuk tusk, buses, and lorries - you name it - seems to be increasing at an almost exponential rate.

If one were to measure the growth of the economy in Kenya by this explosion we would almost be in double digit figures.

Common wisdom says that with the economy growing at less than three per cent this year one would expect that all sectors of the economy would be equally affected.

Not the transport industry. The growth is higher than the national GDP and is much closer to the ten per cent than the lower side.

It does not reflect the growth but what the common man perceives to be the opportunity.

In every part of the country, people are getting lazier.

Where people used to walk several kilometres to catch a bus, boda bodas have arrived to ease that burden.

It is now common to catch alternative transport for half a kilometre rather than walk.

What used to be serene and undisturbed country side is now dotted with either bicycles that offer lifts or by motorcycles that are fast replacing the pedalled version of transport.

Where there was very little noise pollution, the refuge is

under attack and noise is permeating the country side.

In towns, the new registrations are at an increasing frequency despite the story that there is an economic downturn.

The average mwananchi aspires to say that they have "arrived" by acquiring some wheels.

Doesn't matter that they cannot afford to use it regularly.

The fact that it can be used when appearance matters is enough.

The rest of the time it is parked at home and matatus rule. This adds to the congestion.

Alternative short distance transport is also a necessity in the urban centres.

There is a proliferation of 'boda boda' either as bicycles or as motorcycles.

The more upmarket urban areas have 'tuk tuks' instead.

For transportation, dilapidated pick up s that can no longer perform the more arduous duties of on time deliveries are relegated to ferrying vegetables from market to Kiosk as well as hardware materials and other things from stockists or

wholesalers to small retail outlets.

If one cannot afford the ramshackle pick ups then mkokotenis will do.

Public transport is the icing on the cake.

This sector occupies more

viewed as essential to living so as to feed the demands of the car.

With all this sacrifice, operating on a road where it appears as if every other vehicle or roads user is trying to crash into our vehicle is quite a stressful experience.

Those of us who use cars on a daily basis are exposed to this roller coaster of emotions that befall us as we drive on the road and it is not getting any better.

With the increasing congestion and the changing manners of the road users, driving is now becoming another health hazard.

My take is that very soon we will need to have road nurses who will minister to the drivers with frayed nerves who get out

and want to take their frustration out on another driver who may have committed a minor traffic offence.

The roads are congested, the pace of infrastructure investment does not match the rate of growth of traffic.

In Kenya we do not have the word "maintenance" in the vocabulary of most languages hence the practice of keeping what we have whole has not caught on.

AS we rush headlong into building new roads, the existing ones are breaking down at a higher rate due to the increasing punishment that they are being subjected to.

As Kachumbari says, we are in a rat race but one where the rats are likely to sink!



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kilometre hours than any other form of transportation.

They hog the roads, the pavements and many other areas they should not.

They have created a new culture that seems to be permeating everywhere.

The normal motorist, that is you and I is at the bottom of the food chain.

Each of us has probably had to dish out quite a bit of cash to purchase a car.

We then have to run that car to the best of our means.

This sometimes involves cutting out what was previously

ENGLISH IS SUCH A CRAZY LANGUAGE ?

The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.

- Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- I did not object to the object.
- The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

[Kindly forwarded by Mrs. S.R. of Shimoni, South Coast]

FATHER PAUL BOSERET: A PILLAR OF HOPE FOR SAGALLA

Father Paul Boseret may have left Sagalla more than two decades ago, but he is still fresh in the hearts of the people of Sagalla.

He changed the lives of many despite the traditional and Christian faith battles at the time.

His hard work and love to help the needy and friendliness together with dedication made the people love and appreciate him till this day.

Fr. Paul currently works a society of priests working in a Diocese in Belgium.

He has 43 years of experience in priesthood and was born in Congo in 1939.

His father worked at Katanga

hence schooling both nursery and primary in Congo.

After his father's retirement, they moved to Belgium where he continued with his secondary and there he studied Agriculture for 4 years.

He later joined Seminary at the University of Luven where he studied Philosophy for two years and Theology for four years.

He then went to England London to study English for 16 months. He also worked at a parish in London in the town of Liezsh.

When he came to Kenya, he worked in the Diocese of Kisii under the late Cardinal Maurice Otunga then the Bishop.

Kiswahili being the national language in Kenya, he had to go to Tanzania to learn a little bit of it; with this he stayed with the MaryKnoll Fathers for 6 months.

When he came back he was under Fr. Mgendi because Bishop Otunga was now a Cardinal.

Fr. Paul asked Fr. Mgendi to transfer him to Mombasa because it would be easy to communicate with them in Swahili to which Fr. Mgendi agreed and he was sent to Mombasa under Bishop Eugene Butler.

He was then sent to Voi and while there, he used to celebrate masses at Sagalla every Sunday.

The first priest of Sagalla Fr. Peter had died of food poisoning, and so no priest was willing to replace him fearing for their lives.

The roads were also in bad shape and transport was a problem, so all this made it not a place where anybody admired working.

Fr. Paul though, saw potential and agreed to go work in Sagalla.

It was hard at the beginning because of the colonialists.

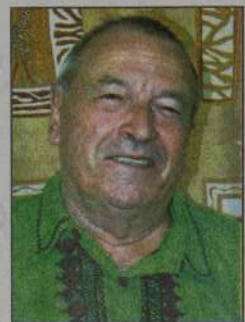
This was the beginning of the many developments of Sagalla courtesy of Fr. Paul.

He had a car, the only car at that time in the whole of Sagalla, so the chief and the residents would all ask Fr. Paul for help in case of transportation needed. His car was small so it was

hard for him to carry passengers.

When he went abroad, with the help of his friends he bought a pickup so that it could help with transportation.

On his way to and from Voi, he would carry some passengers up and down Sagalla.



Father Paul Boseret

He did this for seven years.

He also built schools and churches at Gimba and Maungu.

He was the one who started the Mlegwa and Marapu outstations.

He also built the first posho mill in Sagalla after listening to the residents' plea to have one.

He also provided water and built a social hall.

The Sagalla roads were very bad and he used to ask some of the residents to go with him to amend it especially during the rainy season.

He was also a very hardworking farmer; he planted oranges and eucalyptus trees, did poultry farming where he kept more than 300 chickens.

His mother used to stay with him in Sagalla, so she started a small dispensary that used to treat children and mothers and also helping many children in Sagalla with their school fees.

Some of the beneficiaries still

communicate to him up to now through letters. Fr. Paul helped one girl in particular, through her secondary and college.

She is now married and doing well, she drives Fr. Paul with her car whenever he is around and needs transport and even accommodates him at her home together with her family.

Many people loved him, so some of the protestant leaders were jealous of him, it was a challenge to him but he understood and loved them.

This is because; he wanted to bring Protestants and the Catholics together.

Despite the traditions conflicts, Fr. Paul managed to live harmoniously with the people of Sagalla, he says that: "if you love and accept people the way they are, they will do the same to you, and it will be easy to preach to them and show them the right way".

Fr. Paul stayed in Sagalla for eight years and he recently came back this year after more than 20 years.

After paying a visit to Sagalla he says that it has really developed; with all of the projects he left pending completed, some continuing and others extended.

Apart from Sagalla Fr. Paul also stayed in Wundanyi for three years before he became sick and decided to go back to Belgium.

His mother died in 2000. Fr. Paul says that he still misses Kenya and would like to return to work here.

Fr. Paul urges Christians to have a heart of helping each other to develop themselves. Priests are also asked to be at the service of local people and keep contact with all people even outside their congregation.

Such a very hardworking, loving, caring and a very generous person.

With what he did at Sagalla we pray that other priests and missionaries have the needs of their congregation and society at heart.

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Mr. Prabhulal Jayantilal Shah popularly known in the clearing and forwarding and shipping fraternities as P.J. Shah was recognized and awarded the Head of State Commendation (H.S.C.) by President Kibaki on 12th December 2008 for his continued outstanding service to the nation.

He is the Managing Director of Maritime Freight Co. Ltd.

An active member of the weekly Port Stakeholders Meetings and a crusader for the introduction of the 24/7 Port service, P.J. Shah was one of the 135 recipients of the award contained in the special issue of the Kenya Gazette Notice No. 11937 of 11th December 2008.

He started his career in 1962 when he joined the Kenya Customs and Excise Department, which he quit in 1969 to join Maritime Forwarders (K) Ltd., an international clearing and forwarding company as a Management Trainee.

He rose to the position of General Manager of that



[LEFT] The District Commissioner of Mombasa pinning the Presidential Medal on the Managing Director of Maritime Freight Co. Ltd. Prabhulal Jayantilal Shah's lapel on behalf of the Provincial Commissioner, Coast Province. [RIGHT] Prabhulal Shah being congratulated by Hon. Minister for Transport, Ali Makwore. The KPA stakeholders dinner was held at Wildwaters on Friday 4th December 2009 at 7.00 p.m.



company in 1971, was appointed a Director in 1973 and Managing Director in 1977.

He quit the company in September 1986 and formed his own company known in the name of Maritime Freight Co. Ltd.

Mr. Shah was a founder member of Kenya Clearing, Forwarding and Warehousing Association and served as its Committee Member from 1981 until the Association was dissolved in 1996 to form a

new Association in the name of Kenya International Forwarding and Warehousing Association (KIFWA).

During this time he also served as their Chairman for 2 years.

Mr. Shah also served as an Executive Committee member of KIFWA for over 27 years.

He was involved in formulation of documentation procedures for Inland

Container Depot in Nairobi when it was opened in 1984 and in the introduction of the Diploma course in Clearing,

Warehousing and Practical Freight Forwarding (DCWF) now Diploma in International

Freight Management at Bandari College.

Mr. Shah was a member of various Task Forces including the one on Seamless

Transport services to improve the flow of traffic along the Northern Corridor and one on the review of Customs and Port documentation and clearance procedures through the Central Bank of Kenya in 1994.

Mr. Shah was not also the initiator of the idea to form a Shippers Council in Kenya but was also involved in the drafting of the constitution for this body under the umbrella of KIFWA in the year 2000.

Mr. Shah has a record of

long service provided to community.

He was a committee member of Oshwal Yuvak Sangh from 1961 upto 1986 during which time he served as their Secretary for 12 years and Chairman for years.

He served as a Committee Member of Visa Oshwal Community for 8 years during the period 1971 upto 1979.

He was also a Committee Member of Oshwal Academic Management Committee from 1980 upto 1995 during which time he served as their Chairman for 6 years.

INSTITUTIONS

Of late he has been seen as a Committee Member of Oshwal Education and Finance Board which owns and manages educational institutions in Nairobi and Mombasa.

Mr. Shah is also a Director of Apollo Insurance Co. Ltd. Oriental Commercial Bank.

Mr. Shah is married to Ansuja and has one daughter, Sapna who practices as Solicitor for Field Fisheries Waterhouse in London.

Sapna is married to Kamal son of Vasuben and Ras Dhanraj Shah of Wason Tobaccoist. Kamal is also a Solicitor and a partner in law firm Stephenson Harwood in London.

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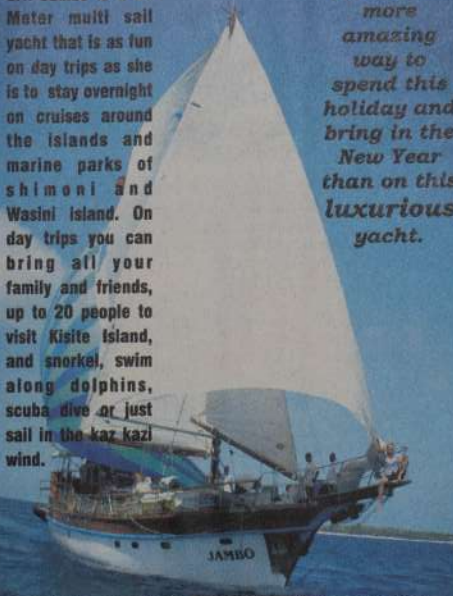
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To mention a few are the 174 members who decided that we have to continue existing.

A special thanks goes to Carl

Mombasa KSCPA Enjoys Strong Public Support

van Weert who went around to knock on so many doors and managed to bring us nearly 30 new members, the Gold corporate members who were willing to support us with 15,000 Shillings each, namely:

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- Civicon Ltd and
- Turtle Bay Beach Hotel in Watamu.

There are two families we are not sure if they like to be named so we keep them anonymous.

But to them we don't have even the words to express how thankful we are.

From one we receive monthly donations of 20,000 shillings from the other family regularly contribution between 10,000 and 30,000 shillings.

And whenever they report a case to follow up they have to make sure that our expenses are covered with an additional

Other KSCPA friends who give us continued support are:

Coast builders Ltd (Mr. Kuldip Soar) who renovated all our kennels free of charge and is donating 200 kg of dog meal every month.

Reef Hotel who sponsored one of the catteries, also donated food and snacks during our dog show, on top they give us vouchers as raffle prizes

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Sarova White Sands Hotel who is providing us with their venue for our craft fairs and also giving us leftover food to help feed the animals in our shelters.

Other hotels who are also involved in the program of left

family members and help KSCPA at the same time to get some extra income.

They sponsored our Mombasa dog show and are providing us with tins and dry food free of charge so also the animals in our care can have the opportunity to get a special treat.

Also a big thank you to the East African women's league branches from Malindi, Kilifi, Watamu, Mombasa and Diani who helped us with donations or other kind of support.

In this regard a special thank you goes to Pauline McKenzie from the EWAL at the south coast who organized the Diani Dogshow where she raised 200,000

shillings for KSCPA and also organized the Diani goat Derby where we received another 200,000 shillings from the EAWL.

For sure we don't want to forget all the children who found a heart for KSCPA.

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We must say they are an example for all the others in this program.

Both schools also attended our

education program together with other 12 schools.

And there are more people that are helping us in so many different ways.

Thank to everybody who is in one or the other way a part of our 'rescue team'.

To All of you who kept your hearts open for all leaving creatures, KSCPA wishes you a 2010 filled with god's blessing, love, joy and good health.

Marlen Erz, Executive Officer
KSCPA Mombasa.



This photograph was taken at Aga Khan school when KSCPA Mombasa received a very generous cheque from the students and staff. It shows Mombasa KSCPA Inspector and head master of Aga Khan together with the children involved.

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Nyali International Beach Hotel sales team [from left] Yvonne Omari, Julie Mbilu, Margaret Mburu and Sally Njenga displays a trophy after they won third position in hospitality category during the Serit Getway Expo- 2009 exhibition held in Nairobi.



Castle royal hotel General Manager Nafisa Sayed (with cap) seen with [from left] Joseph, zuberi, Paul and Hamisi with brooms had a clean day on Saturday at the premises and the environ around them. Unidentified street kids were also involved and sensitised to the issue.



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Food and Beverage Manager of Jacaranda Indian Ocean Beach Resort, Diani south coast James Dand [left] shares a light moment with Humphrey Akwabi of Carlson Wagonlit Travel Agency and Mary Wanjiku a senior tours consultant with BCD Travels during a reception at the hotel hosted for local travel consultants who were on familiarization tour of Coast tourists facilities.



The director of the visiting Crenshaw High School Elite Choir from Los Angeles, US Professor Iris Stevenson entertains members of the Skai Club International-Kenya Coast and tourist with a Key board, during the club's annual dinner held at Whitesands' Beach Hotel.



WELCOME BUSINESS. The Director General of Civil Aviation in Burundi Ambassador Joseph Bangurambona [right] and the Operations Director of Fly540 Nixon Ooko, exchange business cards outside Fly540's new office at Novotel Hotel in Bujumbura, Burundi. Fly540 has announced the introduction of three direct weekly services between Nairobi and Bujumbura from January 11th, 2010.

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THIRTY ONE YEARS AGO

Coastweek, December 22-28, 1978:

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The new-look Nyali Beach Hotel hosted a gala dinner for VIP guests including Tourism Ministry Permanent Secretary **Yuda Komora**, United Touring Executive Director **Eric Larson**, Mombasa District Commissioner **E.G. Karanja**, Block Hotels Chairman **Tubby Block**, Pollmans Managing Director **Dimitri Pelteko** and Neckermann Vice President **Hugo Stinnes**.

Kenya Ports Authority chairman **P.K. Kinyanjui** led his fellow directors **John Gituma**, **W.K. Bomett**, **D.K. Ngingi** and **Juma Ferunzy** on an inspection tour of **Shimoni**, **Vanga**, **Kilifi** and **Malindi** ports.

Coast magician **'Mighty Aboo'** was photographed on the Mombasa seafloor performing his latest daring illusion with a pretty girl apparently levitated off the ground on the point of an Arabian sword.

Calling on **Kilindini** while heading on for a five-day Christmas visit to the Seychelles was the 3,600-ton French Navy Indian Ocean flotilla destroyer **'Kersaint'** under the command of **Captain Franiatte**.

Nathu Nathwani, **Pratap Raichoora**, **Kirit Thakker**, **Kishore Nanji**, **Batuik Savjani** and **Dhiru Savjani** were leading a strong Coastal team to take part in the annual **Lohana Community Kisumu Sports Festival**.

KENYA Cinema was showing **'Jaws II'**, **REGAL** the filmed-in-Kenya adventure drama **'Safari Rally'**, **NAAZ** **Ryan O'neal** and **Bruce Dern** in **'The Driver'** and at **CHOX** it was **Dev Anand** in **'Shareef Badmaash'**.

Letter writers included sports columnist **Anver Versi**, **Chege Kamau**, **Juma Mwayani**, **Bernard Wambugua**, **John Ondiek** and **A.S. Juma**.

Reef Hotel advertised a 'full Christmas luncheon' at **K. Shs.100/=** per person, the **Mvita Grill** at the **Nyali Beach Hotel** offered a 'gala lunch' at **K. Shs. 90/=** per person, while a full five-course dinner at the **Tamarind Restaurant** cost **K. Shs. 150/=** per person (with telephone bookings accepted).

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"Beethoven was declared deaf but he did not stop his passion in classical Mozart music, he instead saw it as an opportunity to venture into composing music and was declared the greatest composer of all time.

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A Double Reward At Nakumatt Shopping

FROM FRONT PAGE agreement to waive parking fee charges at Prestige Plaza Mall that houses Nakumatt Ngong Road 24-hour service hyper branch. The temporary agreement reached between Nakumatt and the Prestige Plaza property developer will see customers to the mall enjoy free parking over the festive period.

Speaking when he confirmed the Nakumatt Christmas Rewards programme, Nakumatt Holdings Managing Director **Atul Shah** said the firm had opted to offer a unique customer reward programme for all their all loyal shoppers without the hustle of raffles.

"This festive season, every Smart Card shopper will automatically be a winner and will be rewarded in the ongoing double rewards programme which offers redeemable points which are as good as cash," Shah said.

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Mohammed A. Khamisa Is Guest Of Honour During Muslim Khumbar Prize Giving Event

Parents have been asked to follow of their children education progress in schools.

The appeal was made by Mohammed A. Khamisa who was the Guest of Honour during the Muslim Khumbar Nursery and Primary schools 2009 Annual prize giving day, writes Abdulrehman Sheriff.

Mr Khamisa said parents should help teachers in following the progress of their children, and emphasized that "Education is very important for every child."

Assistant Guest of Honour, Mrs Saumu Mumbo who is the Head of Tononoka Mvita Education Zone called upon every parent to ensure children go to school with the aim of improving the standard of education.

Muslim Khumbar Jamat Educa-



Assistant Guest of Honour, Mrs Saumu Mumbo poses for a photograph with Kiwi winners during the Muslim Khumbar Nursery and Primary School prize giving day. PHOTO: ABDULREHMAN SHERIFF



Muslim Association Mombasa secretary Shaahid Sheikh is seen [foreground] during the project to feed about 1,200 children from surrounding villages in Kikambala.

Muslim Association Of Mombasa Helping To Feed Poor And Needy

Learning as well as practicing, understanding mercy and kindness for all human beings coping with difficult situations should come from those of us who are blessed with faith in the Creator.

Each of us can have an impact, but collectively we can

accomplish a great deal more. Each time a person is helped from starving, we are enhancing the Association's name.

Each time a deserving child is helped by a member or the Association it enhances the Muslim Association of Mombasa. We share when our Association

works as a team to plan and carry out services or projects and we share the satisfaction in knowing that our efforts have benefited people who needed help.

With the collaboration of Ali Ishrat, son of late Dr. Bilqis Hassan, the Muslim Association Mombasa arranged to feed about 1,200 children from surrounding villages in Kikambala recently.

We shared the ideals and vision of Ali Ishrat who in the true spirit of Islam, had a desire to feed the hungry in memory of his late mother, Dr. Bilqis Hassan.

Those of us who knew late Dr. Bilqis Hassan will recollect that all her life she served the community, and the needs of the poor and deserving.

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All Ishrat has inherited the same generous spirit and is always willing to serve with the same determination of his late mother.

Feeding the poor and needy is one of the obvious forms of charity.

When we understand the hunger and suffering people experience just for the lack of food, it is truly disturbing.

Muslims are encouraged to give charity beyond the obligatory Zakat when they know that others are in need.

This purifies the wealth and soul of the believer.

The mission of the Muslim Association Mombasa is both caring for others and caring for the principles embodied in Islam and we never miss an opportunity to alleviate human suffering.

Nazir. In the Kiwi Art Competition, two pupils won watches, 30 pupils won school bags and the school was awarded Art Equipment worth Sh15,000/=.

Meanwhile, Muslim Khumbar Nursery and Primary School has announced places for KG1, KG2 and KG3 (Nursery) and Standard one to seven for primary school.

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2	3	6	4	1	5	9	7	8
9	5	7	2	8	6	4	1	3
1	9	3	5	2	8	7	4	6
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Jackson Indakwa Appointed Asst. Commissioner Of Sports

Coast Provincial Director of Sports, Jackson Indakwa has been promoted to the position of Assistant Commissioner of Sports to be based in Nairobi, writes ABDULREHMAN SHARIF.

During the handing over ceremony attended by officials from 45 sports associations in Coast, Indakwa informed them that the renovation work at the Mombasa Municipal Stadium will start in January.

He said the government has set aside Sh29 million for the reconstruction of the stadium mainly on renovation of the surface of the playing ground, floodlights, changing room and the terraces.

"It is part of the Vision 2030 on development of regional stadiums throughout the country," said Indakwawhile handing over to the new PDS, Alex Kabuto.

He said the renovation work

would start in January after Christmas and New Year's festivities. "Officials from the Sports Ministry, Public Works and Stadium Management Board engineers have inspected the stadium and found out sections to be tackled first for renovation," he said.

Indakwa asked officials of various sports associations at the Coast to cooperate with the new PDS who held the same post in North Eastern Province.

Kenya Football Federation (KFF) Coast branch treasurer, Mohamed Omar who was among officials who attended the handing over ceremony commended the government for setting aside some money for the renovation work at the stadium and appealed to the sports ministry to ask for more.

"Coast people are thirsty of watching top flight international soccer and we hope the project would be completed in a shorter period to the international standard," the KFF official said.

Nyali Junior Tennis Tournament



Some participants in the most recent Nyali Junior Tennis Tournament (part of the Tennis for Africa Cup series), which was held on 12 and 13 December at Nyali Golf and Country Club. Seen [from left] Coach Solomon, David Nesbitt, Euan Nesbitt (14 and under winner), Mohamed Nedim, Asgher Molu (sponsor, Consolbase Ltd), Alijawaad Molu (12 and under winner and 10 and under runner up), Abdullah Nedim (10 and under winner and 12 and under runner up), Haytham Buran, Coach Byron. Not pictured: Vivek Majithia (14 and under runner up). There were many exciting moments and several hard-fought matches, especially in the 10s and 12s, among these beginning-intermediate players. Nyali would like to thank all of them, and our sponsor, for turning out and working hard under a blazing sun!

KENYA TO BID FOR WRC STATUS IN 2012

Kenya plans to run the 2012 Safari Rally as a candidate event for the World Rally Championship (WRC), officials have said.

Jim Kahumbura, the Kenya Motor Sports Foundation (KMSF) Chairman said the World Governing Body (FIA) "is still interested in Africa as a rallying destination."

"FIA has withdrawn the 100,000 Euros permit fees for running

candidate events. There are indications that they (FIA) want to come back to Africa and this keeps Kenya in good stead," Kahumbura noted.

Kahumbura, who made this revelation just day after the Motorsport Council of KMSF approved the 2010 motorsports calendar, however noted the world status wouldn't be overnight affair.

"FIA will send observers to come and inspect our setup in 2010 and 2011 and we are probably making our bid in 2012 with hopes of making it back to the WRC calendar in 2013," Kahumbura said.

This year, the KCB Safari Rally 2010 still counts towards the FIA African Rally Championship (ARC), the KCB Kenya National Rally Championship and the KCB East African Rally Challenge (EARC).

The KCB Safari Rally 2010 has been relocated to Thika and Kajjido away from the usual Elementaita and Athi River terrain.

Kahumbura said KMSF is motivated by the FIA decision to scrap the 100,000Euros which organizing affiliates have been paying as permit fee for the WRC candidature.

The 2010 motorsports calendar, which kicks off with the KMSF Annual Awards for 2009 on January 24, still has eight rounds for the KCB KNRC, Kenyan National Autocross and

Kenya National Motocross championships. Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) remains the title sponsors for the 2010 season with a Ksh 30million package.

Equator Motor Club's Kisumu returns to the KMSF calendar since 2005; this time renamed the KCB Visa Card Rally 2010.

Kisumu replaces Nanyuki Rally Group's organized round that was sinoniomus with Timau and Ol-Pejeta wheatlands.

Western Kenya Motorsports Club (WKMSC) kicks-off the KNRC season in Eldoret with KCB Biashara Banking Rally on February 6-7.

The KCB Guru Nanak Rally, organized by Simba Union Club, wraps up the 2010 rally season on the weekend of November 20-21.

One of the most interesting features this season; according to Kahumbura is the initiative by co-sponsors Car Track to facilitate all rally cars with transponders in what is a long term project to curb shortcuts.

The rallies commission of KMSF has also introduced the Budget Car class, an under-1600cc non-turbo division that will run separately alongside the Two Wheel Drive category.

The Budget class will be the novice level anticipated to whip up the enthusiasm of beginners.

"We hope to attract as many entries from the Toyota Levins and Starlets and this will be a good start up point for beginners," Kahumbura said.

Special Report by Samson Ateka

COAST BRIDGE with C.P. SHAH

Following is a tricky No-Trump deal.

DEALER: WEST NEITHER SIDE VULNERABLE BIDDING:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
PASS	PASS	ONE SPADE	ONE 'NO' TRUMP
TWO CLUBS (1)	THREE 'NO' TRUMP	PASS	PASS
PASS			

(1) Bold Call From West. Declarer ducked the opening Spade lead, won the second with the King and crossed to the Ace of Clubs then led a Diamond.

East ducked and Declarer's King won the trick.

Declarer led a Second Diamond, West discarding, and East beat the Nine with the Queen and lead a third Spade to Declarer's Ace (West discarding).

Recalling West's Two Club bid, Declarer now finessed

NORTH

♠	7	4			
♥	J	8	4		
♦	J	10	9	7	6
♣	A	Q	10		

WEST

♠	9	3			
♥	K	10	9	5	3
♦	5				
♣	J	9	8	5	2

EAST

♠	Q	J	10	8	6	5
♥	Q					
♦	A	Q	8	4	2	
♣	7					

Dummy's Ten of Clubs.

He cashed the Queen of Clubs and led a low Heart.

By now he had a perfect count on the Defenders shapes and knew East held a Singleton (He has Six Spades and Five Diamonds).

West having shown out of bath suits - plus one Club.

Delighted to see that the Singleton Heart was an honour, Declarer won the Ace, cashed the King of Clubs, then led towards Dummy's Knave of Hearts.

West could score the King but had to present Declarer with a Ninth trick via Dummy's promoted Knave of Hearts.

Game made.

SOUTH

♠	A	K	2		
♥	A	7	6	2	
♦	K	3			
♣	K	6	4	3	

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EXCLUSIVE - GREG NORMANS' GOLF LESSONS

Mombasa Children Enjoy Sharing Christmas Party

FROM BACK PAGE is an important lesson for their children to learn that Christmas is about fun and games but it also about sharing. It is a time for taking care of others, not only those you love but also those who are less fortunate than you. The organizers were amazed at the generosity of all of the people

and businesses that donated goods or time to make this year's party a huge success and in particular the Reef Hotel without whose contributions the party would never have happened.

This was the first Sharing Christmas party but it is hoped that it will become an annual event.



The children making a banner of the Sharing Christmas logo to give to the children's centres.

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Sparki Defeated Mombasa United During A Hard-Fought Final Match

PWANI INTERNATIONAL CUP U-17 FOOTBALL COMPETITION

The first-ever Pwani International Cup Under-17 football competition ended in Mombasa last weekend with Sparki Youth emerging the winners.

Sparki defeated Mombasa United 4-3 during a hard-fought final match played at Mombasa Municipal Stadium.

The week-long soccer bonanza attracted thousands of fans who flocked to the Mombasa Municipal Stadium, Tudor Secondary and Khamis High school grounds.

The fans were impressed with the way the up-coming youngsters displayed soccer artistry which would have impressed Harambee Stars team selectors if they were present.

Sixteen 16 teams from as far as Lamu, Thika, Nairobi and Mombasa participated with the only foreign team from Arusha, Tanzania being Bishop Durning.

The brainchild of the competition, Ricky Solomon who is the Kenya Football Coaches Association (Kefoca) national chairman said the tournament could have been more colourful had he got a sponsor.

However, Solomon managed to get trophies, medals and footballs from his personal friends.

FOREIGN TEAMS

Solomon said he would be hosting the competition again next year and expressed hope more foreign teams will take part if he gets sponsors.

He said in next year's competition, he would add up two other categories, the boys under-14 and an open for women events.

"I have every hope sponsors will help us in future having known how successful we organised the tournament of such magnitude," he said.

Briefing the press at the end of

Soccer Scene with Abdulrehman Shariff



the tournament, Kefoca national assistant treasurer, Ben Tolle who was accompanied by Kenya Football federation (KFF) Coast branch treasurer, Mohamed Omar, disclosed that 500 players, 45 coaches and team managers and team supporters were

involved. Tolle said 16 referees were involved in officiating 29 matches with 108 goals scored; an average of 3.7 goals per match. Winners Sparki Youth registered the highest number of goals 18 from their six matches they played.

Mohammed Khamis, the Sparki's goalkeeper, conceded the fewest goals, letting in only four goals.

George Aladwo scored the highest number of goals in one match. They scored nine goals when they played against Anidan of Lamu.

Mombasa Sports Club's striker, Joshua Abdul topped

the scorers' chart having scored eight goals.

Though the fans were impressed with the soccer display and players' discipline, they complained that most of the teams fielded over-age players.

But Solomon said he was trying to find ways to assess the age of all the players to take part before the start of next year's competition.

KFF Coast branch treasurer, Mohamed Omar commended the organising committee for having worked tirelessly to assure the competition ended successfully.

Outgoing Coast Provincial Sports Director, Jackson Indakwa who was present at the final, asked for more competitions for the youth to be kept busy instead of indulging into bad habits.



PHOTO: ABDULREHMAN SHARIFF

Lazaro Nangela of Mombasa United blocking Sparki Youth's Steven Otieno during the final match of Pwani International Cup Youth Under-17 Competition played at Mombasa Municipal Stadium last Saturday. Sparki emerged the winners after beating Mombasa United 4-3 on post match penalties.

"Chafua Chafua" Win Kenya Boxing League

Coast Combined boxing team completed the 2009 season in fifth position as Kenya Police known as "Chafua Chafua" won the Kenya Boxing League crown having bagged 127 points.

Kenya Prisons took runner-up position with 96 points as Armed Forces Amateur Boxing Association (Afaba) finished third with 93 points and Administration Police, fourth with 33 points.

Coast Combined and Nakuru shared fifth place each with 24 points as Nyanza Combined, Dallas, Nairobi, Meru and Central Combined are seventh, eighth, ninth, 10th and 11th respectively. Nanyuki were last with only a point.

During the final league contest, Hassan Ali of Coast was the only local boxer to win his bout when he beat Issa Mwangi of Dallas in youth flyweight clash. Leonard Mutisya of Coast lost to Police's Peter Mungai in light-flyweight bout. Coast's Kibaki Tabitha bowed down to Dallas' Paul Njika

in youth lightweight. Police boxers Benson Gicharu and Thomas Kasina won their flyweight and bantamweight fights against Harrison Mathuku and William Kamau both of Prisons.

The fifth and final league was attended by among many others, the outgoing Coast Provincial Director of Sports Jackson Indakwa who has left for Nairobi to take up the Assistant Sports Commissioner position.

Meanwhile, Coast Province Amateur Boxing Association (CPABA) match secretary, Samson Mtoni thanked all boxers, club officials and his entire committee members for having made year 2009 a memorable one for Coast boxing.

In his Christmas and New Year message, Mtoni appeal to boxers to put more effort in their training programmes and urged sponsors to come forward and help CPABA in its endeavour to promote the sport in Coast Province.

ABDULREHMAN SHARIFF writes

Chris Omedo Scoop Mr Tembo Title

Defending Mr Tembo body building champion Chris Omedo beat a team of 15 finalist to scoop the coveted title for the second year consecutively.

Facing a tough challenge at the battle of champions, the 2008 defending champion skillfully outmaneuvered the other contenders to a standing ovation of the fans at the ewe of the night at Tembo disco.

Mr Kenya reigning champion, Meshack Ochieng was declared second after displaying his prowess in the event that saw Timothy Kasuku the 2008 Mr Tembo Heavy champion winning the third position.

The contest drew among the following champions, Francis Ioti, the reigning Mr Mombasa and Soro Kazungu, the reigning Mr Shakata.

Other contestants that bravely struggled to show their mighty in the competition were Ediger

Ssentongo of Faiz gymnasium and Fredrick Subo.

The competition had 50 participants but after the pre-judgment they were eliminated to the final 15.

The event was organized by the Managing Director Tembo Disco, Walter Reil and the Laureus production group promoter Swaleh Said.

The competition awards amounted to Sh70,000 = including prize money, trophy and medals.

Swaleh Said said that the body building competitions required the support of the government and corporate organization to bring it to international level. The Tembo Disco

MD said he was happy to continue supporting the event and the efforts of the bodybuilders was commendable.

The winner Chris Omedo said he was delighted to have clinched the title for the second time and would like to defend it for the third time next year.

ABDULREHMAN SHARIFF writes

Kenya's Rugby Team In Tough Group

NAIROBI, (Xinhua) -- Kenya Rugby team will have its gloves off when

it meets old oppressors England in International Rugby Board (IRB) circuit in Wellington Sevens leg due Feb. 5-6 in New Zealand.

Semi-finalists in the main cup competition in George, South Africa, Kenya have a difficult group which has U.S and Tonga in a physical pool C.

The match against England will bring back the memories of last year's circuit in Wellington, where England dismissed Kenya in the semi-final 26-0 and went on to beat host New Zealand 19-17 to win the Cup.

Currently England has an edge over Kenya with a 3-1 record from last season up to the George Sevens Leg.

Ironically, Kenya enjoys a similar record against the USA.

After their victory over Kenya in Wellington, the English upheld their grip on Kenyans beating them 26-0 at the Rugby World Cup.

But the Kenyans were to take revenge 21-14 at Scotland Sevens.

Against the USA, Kenya were in a class of their own as they recovered from a 7-12 loss at San Diego Sevens to avenge 19-12 and 33-0 in Hong Kong and London respectively.

As fate would have it, Kenya was again handed England and USA in Dubai, during the opening

leg of the 2009/2010 IRB World Sevens Circuit Early in December.

The team that is sponsored by Kenya Airways humbled USA 31-26 and Russia 26-5 before going down to England 27-10 to still reach the main Cup.

The national team assistant coach Felix Ochieng predicted a highly physical pool but said that his team targets to finish tops.

"I foresee some physical confrontation which should make it very competitive and challenging," said Ochieng.

"But that will not distract us from our focus in topping the pool and eventually winning the title."

"It will be a situation where your opponents wait for the mistakes you committing and punish you heavily," he said.

Kenya lost to South Africa in the Plate semi-finals 14-19 in Dubai but went all the way to Cup semi-finals in George before going down to New Zealand 14-17.

Kenya are currently in a tie fifth place in the IRB standings with 22 points, same as Argentina. The All Blacks (New Zealand) lead with 48 points after their back-to-back victories in Dubai and George.

Meanwhile, current IRB Sevens World Series leaders New Zealand have been handed a tough draw against defending Series champions South Africa before taking on Wales and Niue.

HISTORIC FORD RALLY CAR ON SHOW AT CMC

Ian Duncan and Amaar Slatch made motor sport history by winning the Kenya Airways East African Safari Classic in their 1967 Ford Mustang.

This is the first international rally victory by the Mustang model and is the latest in a long string of Ford successes in the safari rally.

The powerful, tough, but bulky Mustang will be on display in the showroom of the Ford and Mazda Division of CMC in Lusaka Road until December 23rd.

As the safari rally route did not include Nairobi, this will give an opportunity for rally fans to view the winning machine.


Duncan set the fastest times on 12 of the 24 competitive sections and finished nearly ten minutes ahead of Bjorn Waldegaard who won the rally in 2007 driving a Ford Escort.

At the end of the gruelling 4,000 kilometre event Waldegaard exclaimed, "Duncan is a fantastic driver. It was hard for me to catch him. He is also a good mechanic and prepared the Mustang very well."



AUTOGRAPH. Ian Duncan [left] and Amaar Slatch [centre] won the 2009 East African Safari Classic in a 1967 Ford Mustang. Amaar autographs the winning car for Tim Jessop [second right], the General Manager of the Ford and Mazda Division of CMC. The Mustang will be on display at the Ford and Mazda Showroom up to December 23rd.

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Mombasa Children Enjoy Sharing Christmas Party

On the afternoon of December 16th over fifty children from Mombasa enjoyed the first Sharing Christmas party at the Kids Club at the Reef Hotel in Nyali which provided the venue free of charge for the day.

The idea behind the party was to encourage the children to share Christmas with those less fortunate than themselves.

They did this by choosing one of their own toys to wrap up as a gift for Santa Claus to deliver to the children living in three children's centres in the Mombasa area.

In addition, the organisers wanted to raise donations and money to buy essential items that the centres indicated that they have a need for.

To this end the children also paid an entrance fee to attend the party, all of which was donated to the centres, and the parents attending the party were encouraged to donate items such as food, clothes, toys, books and toiletries amongst others.

Throughout the afternoon, the children participated in many fun activities.

They made Christmas cards, Christmas crackers and Christmas decorations to take home.

They got their hands mucky making a Christmas banner with the Sharing Christmas logo for each of the centres (see photo) using paint hand prints.

There were Christmas party games such as pass the Santa hat and a treasure hunt in which the children scoured the grounds of the Reef Hotel for stars.

They then swapped their stars for sweeties and were encouraged to share them with the children in the centres.

It was very rewarding for the organisers when all of the children shared their sweeties. Many gave over half of their loot and some gave all of it.

There was plenty of party food and drinks all of which were donated by the parents of the children, friends of the organisers and local businesses and restaurants.

Members of the Reef Hotel staff were on hand to serve the parents with coffee and tea whilst their children were entertained and everyone

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The children and some of the organisers/helpers wearing their special thank you T-shirt for Sharing Christmas from Santa.

was able to sit comfortably at chairs and tables all of which were provided free of charge.

Even the short rain shower did not stop the fun: a local business had donated the use of a waterproof marquee for the day.

The highlight of the afternoon came after a sing along in which the children sang a selection of

Christmas songs.

They sang each song louder and louder until they finally attracted the attention of Santa Claus, who, being old needed the children to sing very loudly so that he knew where to find them.

At first Santa could not find his sack. The children told him 'It's behind you!' but when he looked

behind him it was not there.

They told him again and again and finally he turned around and saw his 'Elf' helper with the sack following him so closely that he could not be seen.

The jolly pensioner then greeted every single child at the party and gave them a very special thank you for Sharing Christmas in the form of a T-shirt bearing the Sharing Christmas logo.

The T-shirts and printing were made at cost by a local business which also donated T-shirts for every child and member of staff at each of the children's centres.

Before he left with the gifts that the party goers had donated he joined the children in several Christmas dances and even led them in a conga around the Kids Club proving that even though he may look old, Santa is still young at heart.

After Santa said goodbye there was more music from the excellent DJs who had given their services for free and Christmas cake for everyone!

One child commented 'That was definitely the real Santa!'

The organisers of the party were a group of mothers who all live in Nyali and feel that it

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Some of the children at the Sharing Christmas party with Santa Claus.

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MOMBASA, December 25 - 31, 2009

FRIDAY High Water - 2.3 m. at 09.19 hrs. (9.19 a.m.) and 2.5 m. at 22.21 hrs. (10.21 p.m.). Low Water - 1.3 m. at 03.25 hrs. (3.25 a.m.) and 1.1 m. at 15.28 hrs. (3.28 p.m.).

SATURDAY High Water - 2.2 m. at 10.36 hrs. (10.36 a.m.) and 2.6 m. at 23.39 hrs. (11.39 p.m.). Low Water - 1.3 m. at 04.49 hrs. (4.49 a.m.) and 1.2 m. at 16.36 hrs. (4.36 p.m.).

SUNDAY High Water - 2.1 m. at 12.08 hrs. (12.08 a.m.). Low Water - 1.2 m. at 06.21 hrs. (6.21 a.m.) and 1.1 m. at 18.00 hrs. (6.00 p.m.).

MONDAY High Water - 2.8 m. at 00.54 hrs. (12.54 a.m.) and 2.2 m. at 13.33 hrs. (1.33 p.m.). Low Water - 1.0 m. at 07.36 hrs. (7.36 a.m.) and 1.0 m. at 19.16 hrs. (7.16 p.m.).

TUESDAY High Water - 3.0 m. at 01.57 hrs. (1.57 a.m.) and 2.4 m. at 14.37 hrs. (2.37 p.m.). Low Water - 0.7 m. at 08.34 hrs. (8.34 a.m.) and 0.8 m. at 20.16 hrs. (8.16 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY High Water - 3.2 m. at 02.49 hrs. (2.49 a.m.) and 2.6 m. at 15.27 hrs. (3.27 p.m.). Low Water - 0.5 m. at 09.21 hrs. (9.21 a.m.) and 0.6 m. at 21.05 hrs. (9.06 p.m.).

THURSDAY High Water - 3.5 m. at 03.36 hrs. (3.36 a.m.) and 2.8 m. at 16.11 hrs. (4.11 p.m.). Low Water - 0.3 m. at 10.04 hrs. (10.04 a.m.) and 0.5 m. at 21.52 hrs. (9.52 p.m.) FULL MOON.

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

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