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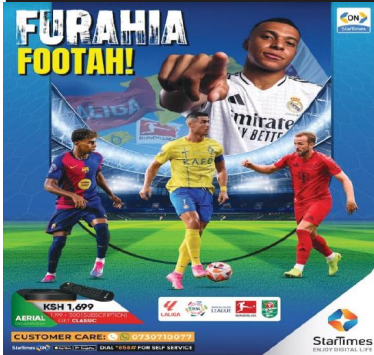
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Cabinet Secretary Deborah Mulongo Barasa with Council of Governors Health Committee chairman and Tharaka Nithi County governor Muthomi Njuki during yesterday's forum.

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Empowering Young Minds Thrive In School Assessments



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of creating summaries and flash cards (without doing the job for them!).

Celebrate small victories every day. Each section completed is progress toward success, and reduces the need for anxiety-ridden cramming the day, or weekend before the exam.

Motivate your child to create a practice of writing and illustrating keywords during study sessions. This process enhances memory retention. Whether they are jotting down essential points, solving math problems, or practicing spelling, the act of writing helps consolidate understanding. At this stage, relying solely on textbook reading for revision is no longer an effective strategy for success.

The last factor is goal setting and effort put in throughout the process. Assessments in primary school are important in terms of performance, but in the earlier years, laying the foundation for future years is even more important. This is the time to show your child how to determine and set achievable goals, to provide direction and motivation.

Teach your child that effort matters and that hard work pays off. Anxiety may still creep in, but consistently putting in the work, a little bit every day at this stage, helps students feel more empowered.

Parents possess the tools to unlock their child's potential. Preparing together for a student's assessments represents a significant learning phase and a milestone in their educational path. By nurturing a positive mindset, promoting organization, and highlighting effort, we empower them to excel in their exams. Simultaneously, we instill in them the mindset of lifelong learners who maintain positivity even when faced with challenges.

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Worth Noting:

- Three factors lay the groundwork for developing a successful study foundationa to help empower and support young students during this crucial time and in the future.
- One is cultivating a positive mindset and atmosphere where parents play a crucial role in shaping their children's mindset toward exams.
- When parents approach tests with anxiety, or pressure, kids absorb those emotions. Instead, they should exemplify a positive attitude, sharing personal exam experiences emphasizing growth and learning.

As parents, we eagerly watch our children attempt and reach their milestones from birth. One significant milestone that often fills us with excitement and apprehension is their school assessments. Regardless of when these formal assessments start, students and parents will face new expectations in terms of planning, studying, commitment and scope of work that needs to be mastered – amounting to moving up to the next level in students' academic journey.

While a good performance in formal assessments should be planned and worked towards, parents also need to realize that the experience of the journey of studying and preparing at this time will make

a substantial impact on the child's approach to exams in the future, when adult assistance and guidance will not be available, or even desirable.

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experiences emphasizing growth and learning.

Encourage your child to see exams as a chance to demonstrate their knowledge and abilities.

Second factor is organization and preparation, effective study is supported by the creation of a clutter-free, dedicated study zone over which the student can feel some 'ownership', to set the stage for focused learning. Ensure it is free from distractions like mobile phones, or TV.

Help your child break down the work, as large tasks can overwhelm anyone, but especially young students. Help them section the exam requirements into manageable pieces, and guide them in terms

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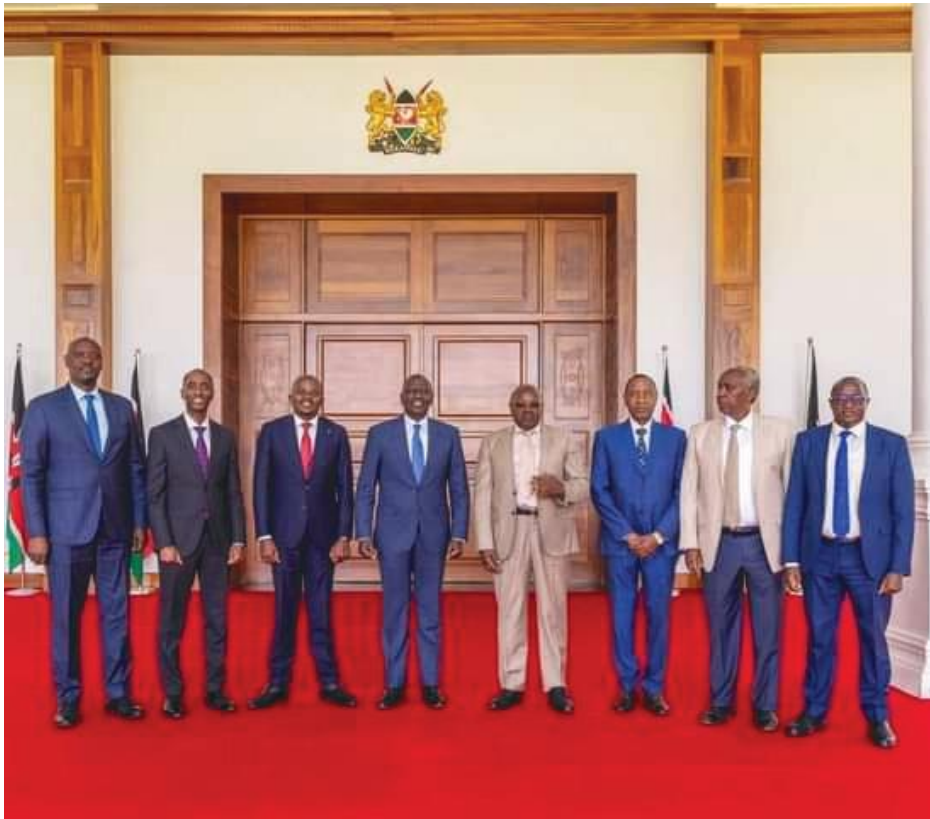
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NEWS IN BRIEF



President William Ruto yesterday held a consultative meeting with Nyeri County Members of Parliament. The meeting resolved on several issues, among them development projects in the county. Further, they agreed that Mwai Kibaki Level VI hospital will become autonomous with its own board and budget. It is only area Women Representative Rahab Mukami who did not make it as she is out of the country. However, conspicuously missing was the Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua.



Farmers in Siaya and Busia counties are smiling all the way to the bank following the introduction of technologies to cushion them against the effects of climate change. This comes after a study conducted by the Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) which identified the two counties as the most vulnerable to climate change in the lake basin. According to Siaya County Director of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources Mr. Gabriel Ogot, three groups in the area have benefited from the programme where they have deployed different farming technologies to build resilience and eke a living amidst changing weather patterns. Ogot said through support from United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) Adaptation Fund, Weseso Women Group which is one of the beneficiaries has ventured into soya beans farming using solar powered irrigation.



The Kenya Film Classification Board (KFCB) has rolled out a literacy program targeting creative in arts and film to promote production of clean content. Through the initiative, the state agency seeks to empower creatives to generate content that upholds Kenya's cultural and moral values while safeguarding children from exposure to inappropriate media content. This comes amidst a rise in production of local content across all digital platforms with various stakeholders raising concerns about the quality and content of the productions. KFCB Acting Manager in charge of Licensing Marcus Alexander said the initiative targets to create awareness of the legal framework and licensing procedures to ensure production of clean content and ensure sustainable growth of the sector.



Kenyatta University (KU) has signed a strategic partnership with the Football Foundation for Africa (FFA), a collaboration which seeks to harness the power of football as a catalyst for social and economic transformation. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two organisations outlines a comprehensive framework for collaboration in four critical areas of academic partnerships, research and innovation, community outreach, and utility partnerships. These initiatives are aimed at fostering educational excellence, ground-breaking research, and meaningful community engagement, ensuring both organisations contribute to Africa's socio-economic development. Speaking on the partnership, Brian Wesoola, Founder and CEO of The Football Foundation for Africa, stated, "This collaboration with Kenyatta University is monumental for The Football Foundation for Africa. Grounding our work on robust academic frameworks and accessing cutting-edge research and technology will accelerate our mission to leverage football for Africa's social and economic development. We are excited to take this journey with one of Africa's leading



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KEPROBA, AFA-Coffee Directorate Sign A Collaboration Agreement To Promote Kenya's Coffee Exports

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Worth Noting:

- The collaboration aims to enhance Kenya's coffee value chain for increased participation in export trade, boosting the country's contribution to national development and economic transformation.
- The Director General, AFA, Dr. Bruno Linyiru, OGW noted that with the collaboration agreement in place, the teams will implement a coordinated approach towards marketing of Kenyan coffee locally and internationally.

The Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency (KEPROBA) and Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA)-Coffee Directorate have signed a collaboration agreement that will see the two institutions coordinate Kenya's marketing efforts in emerging and established coffee markets.

The two institutions have been actively working together in implementing trade promotion initiatives to expand and diversify Kenya's coffee exports into key export markets.

Kenyan coffee exports have seen variations since 2016, largely due to reduced productivity. This decline is linked to shrinking coffee-growing areas as land use has shifted, coupled with rising production costs, unpredictable coffee prices, and inconsistent weather patterns. Additionally, 97% of Kenya's coffee has been exported as raw green beans, with the country heavily depending on traditional markets, leading to a decrease in total revenue.

However, despite facing these challenges, the Kenyan coffee sector has shown signs of growth in recent years. Several factors have contributed to this positive trajectory including increased coffee production from 34,511 Metric Tonnes (MT) in 202/21 to 51,853 Metric Tonnes MT in 2021/2022, increased direct sales to international buyers, and reduced reliance on traditional markets to new markets such as Korea, Japan.

Notably, government support through implementing coffee reforms and the disbursement of the Direct Settlement System (DSS) through the Nairobi Coffee Exchange has also contributed to the growth of the sector.

"This collaboration aligns our goals with KEPROBA's export promotion



AFA Director General Dr. Bruno Linyiru with KEPROBA CEO Fioice Mukabana after inking the deal.

efforts, to tackle key challenges related to capacity building, broadening Kenya's export range, product development, and market access. The partnership will equip local coffee producers with the skills, knowledge, and opportunities needed to succeed in the global market. Kenya's coffee is a symbol of our nation's rich heritage, exceptional quality, and sustainable practices. Coffee is a nation brand driver that allows our consumers to savour a world-class beverage, that is grown sustainably through a legacy of craftsmanship and a commitment to environmental stewardship," said Fioice Mukabana, KEPROBA's CEO.

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The Director General, AFA, Dr. Bruno Linyiru, OGW noted that with the collaboration agreement in place, the teams will implement a coordinated approach towards marketing of Kenyan coffee locally and internationally. "Apart from promoting Kenyan coffee internationally, we need to encourage local consumption of coffee. Looking at leading coffee producing countries such as Ethiopia and Columbia, drinking coffee is part of the local culture. We need to do this in Kenya as coffee is a key product," he said.

The parties agreed to work closely with coffee industry stakeholders to organize and participate in joint inte-

grated marketing and communications initiatives including expos, trade fairs, buyer-seller meetings, origin trips or trade missions both locally and internationally with the intention of creating market linkage for Kenyan producers and exporters.

Key areas of collaboration include market research and intelligence where both parties will share data to guide producers in shaping effective export strategies, capacity building to empower coffee producers to meet international market standards and integrate into the export trade.

The Agencies will also develop and promote a unified Kenyan coffee brand.

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Tullow Confirms Continued Commitment To Deliver Value From Turkana Oil Resources

By: MKT Reporter
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Independent energy company Tullow has confirmed its continued commitment to Project Oil Kenya in Turkana County during a Senate Committee on Energy hearing.

Speaking at the committee session, Tullow Kenya BV Managing Director Madhan Srinivasan confirmed that Tullow is working closely with stakeholders, including the Government of Kenya, the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) and the Host Community in Turkana County. He also confirmed that Tullow now has a strong balance sheet and the technical capability to develop the Turkana oil resources.

At the session chaired by Senate Energy Committee Chairman Senator Wamatinga Wahome, Mr Srinivasan assured that Tullow is building a better future through responsible oil and gas development. Other Senate Committee members included Vice Chairperson William Kisang, Senators Mohamed Abass, James Lomenen, Oginga Oburu and Edwin Sifuna.

Srinivasan commented: "Tullow submitted a Field Development Plan (FDP) in March 2023 and we are working on final revisions following feedback from EPRA. Upon reaching final approval, we can commence critical workstreams to enable the project to reach a final investment decision (FID)."

Accompanied by the firm's Country Manager, Mr Franklin Juma, and Commercial Manager, Mr David Kombe, Tullow, Mr Srinivasan noted that the key milestone to advancing Project Oil Kenya and unlocking value rests on finding a strategic partner to apportion the capital exposure and risk due to the scale of the project investment. Once a strategic partnership is secured, the next challenge is to secure project financing.

He said unlocking value from Kenya's discoveries remains a key catalyst for Tullow and the Company is confident the development of the material resource base can reshape Kenya's energy landscape, bringing multiple financial and broader social benefits to the nation.

"Tullow is building a unique Pan-African operator platform and features a highly experienced management team, which is committed

to Africa," Srinivasan said. He added, "Tullow has a robust financial position and has generated over \$1 billion (KSh129 billion) of free cash flow between 2020-23, with a further \$200-300 million expected in 2024."

Further outlining the firm's delivery capability, Mr Srinivasan said Tullow has a track record of consistent top-tier operating capability and performance. He presented the firm's experience in Ghana, saying that over the past four years, the new management team in Tullow has achieved a major operational turnaround, resulting in higher operating and capital efficiency, and reduced operating and drilling costs.

"Tullow has operated the Kenyan assets and spent over \$2 billion (KSh260 billion) since the first discovery in 2012, which returned a discovery of 585 million barrels of oil. Tullow continues to be committed to bringing broader social benefits from its operations, such as community water boreholes, which continue to benefit around 20,000 households per year," he told the committee.

Tullow Kenya BV is an affiliate of Tullow Oil Plc, an independent energy company, with total annual revenues of more than \$1.634 billion



Tullow Kenya BV Commercial Manager David Kombe (left) with Turkana Senator and member of the Senate Energy Committee Senator Joseph Lomenen, Tullow Kenya BV Managing Director Madhan Srinivasan and Tullow Kenya Country Manager Franklin Juma when they appeared before the committee at Bunge Towers. During the meeting chaired by Senator Wahome Wamatinga, Tullow Kenya BV confirmed its financial and technical capability for Project Oil Kenya delivery. As part of the commitment, Tullow said it is working closely with stakeholders, including the Government of Kenya, EPRA, and the host community in Turkana County.

(KSh 210.78 billion) in 2023. For the first half of 2024, Tullow recorded revenues of \$759 million (KSh 97.91 billion), a gross profit of \$460 Mil-

lion (KSh 59.3 billion), and a profit after tax of \$196 Million (KSh 25.28 billion).

StarTimes To Air Exciting La Liga And Bundesliga Matches This Weekend

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StarTimes media is set to bring football fans a weekend of electrifying action with top fixtures from both La Liga and the Bundesliga.

The channel will showcase some of Europe's finest teams in high-stakes clashes, offering viewers an unmissable experience.

On Saturday at 10:00pm, Real Madrid will face Espanyol at the Santiago Bernabéu.

Historically, Real Madrid has been dominant in recent encounters, winning four out of the last five matches against Espanyol.

Real Madrid's recent form gives them a significant edge, and Kylian Mbappé's standout performances will be crucial, Espanyol's key players, Jofre Carreras and Walid Cheddira, will need to step up to challenge Madrid's formidable defense.

On Sunday at 7:30pm, Barcelona will host Villarreal at Camp Nou. Barcelona has consistently performed well in recent encounters, which could boost their confidence.

Barcelona is likely to dominate possession, while Villarreal may look to exploit counter-attacking opportunities.

Again on Sunday at 10PM, Atlético Madrid on the other hand will aim to extend their unbeaten streak against Rayo Vallecano.

Atlético Madrid's strong form this season, coupled with their tactical approach, makes them the favorites for this match and is expected to utilize a possession-based strategy, whereas Rayo Vallecano may adopt a more defensive stance, aiming for counter-attacks.

Bayern Munich, currently leading the Bundesliga with a perfect record, will face Werder Bremen on Saturday at 4:30 PM.

Bayern's dominant historical record adds pressure on Werder Bremen to break a long-standing streak.

Harry Kane's performances have been pivotal for Bayern, and his impact will be significant in this fixture while also Bayern Munich will likely continue their aggressive attacking style, while Werder Bremen may focus on a defensive approach and counter-attacks.

Further on Sunday at 6:30 PM, Stuttgart will take on Borussia Dortmund, who are currently at the top of the Bundesliga table.

Dortmund's attacking prowess, led by stars like Donyell Malen and Sébastien Haller, will be crucial while Stuttgart may adopt a defensive posture, focusing on counter-attacks to exploit any gaps in Dortmund's defense.

At 4:30 PM again, Bayer Leverkusen, with a strong start to the season, will face VfL Wolfsburg.

Leverkusen's aggressive style and home advantage will be key, while Wolfsburg will need to focus on defense and counter-attacks.

Myke Mwai, Head of PR and Content Syndication at StarTimes, as-



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Gov't Ready To Roll Out Social Health Insurance

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The government says it is ready to roll out the Social Health Insurance from October 1st, even as it faces the challenge of numbers that have registered so far.

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Consequently, the ministry and the council of governors are seeking new ways of enticing Kenyans to register with goodies being proposed as an enticement for those especially in the rural areas to register.

Council of Governors Health Committee chairperson and Tharaka Nithi governor Muthomi Njuki said the use of Community Health Promoters is not enough is registering over 44 million Kenyans still not in the SHA bracket, asking the government to now come up with innovative ideas



Public Health and Professional Standards Principal Secretary Mary Muthoni

that will drive a call to action.

But even as the ministry says it is ready to roll out SHA, the danger of an impending court case challenging implementation hangs on their neck as a colossus with a ruling expected tomorrow.

According to Medical Services Principal Secretary, Harry Kimutai, the outcome of the case may alter implementation, but they'd be banking on a window that allowed government to

go back to parliament in the event tomorrow's outcome does not go their way.

Public Health and Professional Standards Principal Secretary Mary Muthoni says the successful overseeing of community health promoters, a component of SHA, through their involvement of pushing a more preventive than curative approach, would also play a role in registering Kenyans on SHA



Council of Governors Health Committee chairman and Tharaka Nithi County governor Muthomi Njuki

County governments have also called on the National Government to critically rethink health financing, cautioning that delays in disbursement of funds as seen under NHIF would cripple SHA, an otherwise well thought out plan.

Dr. Daniel Mwai, the president's advisor on health financing says the implementation of SHA would greatly reduce dependence on WHATSAPP financing which has led to Kenyans being in different whatsapp groups at

a time.

On his part, Director General Patrick Amoth says under SHA, there would be a plan to cater for those seeking treatment abroad as they would negotiate for better rates.

Health Cabinet Secretary Deborah Mulongo Barasa wants Kenyans to focus their energies into registering for SHA arguing it would be the way out of health problems that have led to numerous harambees.

Pharmafinder: The Ultimate Medic, Pharmacist And Patient Connector

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A disturbing trend of price gouging by a section of pharmacists has been uncovered, with essential medicines marked up over 300 per cent above recommended retail prices.

Many Kenyans do not know how much a prescription costs until they get to the pharmacy. When they pick it up, they get shocked by the high price.

For years, Kenya's free-market drug pricing policy has operated with minimal oversight, ostensibly to foster competition and lower prices.

To curb the unchecked greed and callous disregard for human suffering a Kenyan start-up www.pharmafinder.co.ke has come in to help both patient and doctors get real-time recommended price of medication.

"By visiting the platform one can get information which ranges from

the different brands of medicine, their generic information and their manufacturer's recommended prices," Kimani Gitau the founder said.

Kimani during an interview said that medication costs may not be on the doctor's mind while prescribing certain medications for people with chronic illnesses. Unless the patient brings it up, they may end up with a prescription that costs more than they expect or can afford.

"Your doctor may prescribe a medication without knowing its cost. That's why it's smart to talk to your doctor about your medicine," he said.

He said that with the platform Kenyans can now compare prices of the different medicine brands of the same generic, in the Kenyan market, generic and branded. The platform also includes descriptions about the drug's mechanism of action, side effects and the uses of the medicine and manufacturing companies or agents.

He said that it is imperative to establish stringent regulations to prevent price gouging and ensure fair pricing

practices within the pharmaceutical industry.

He said it is within this backdrop that made him come up with this information and make it available to the public and doctors to assist them in better management of their medication costs and ultimately overall healthcare costs.

The Association of Kenya Insurers (AKI) estimates that 45 per cent of a patient's bills is drug costs.

He said that talking to a doctor about medical costs can also stretch one's outpatients and inpatient insurance medical cover aiding in reducing the cost of healthcare and reducing a patient's financial burden once the insurance cover is exhausted and they have to pay out of pocket.

"You could feel awkward or embarrassed at first. If your appointments are rushed, you may feel like there's not enough time. But talking about your concerns, especially if you're struggling with prescription costs, helps them understand your needs and give you better care," he said.

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Kirinyaga County Government Ask Police To Probe Kerugoya Jua Kali Fire Incident

By: MKT Reporter
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County Government of Kirinyaga has asked police to investigate cause of a fire that burnt business premises belonging to Jua Kali traders at Kerugoya town.

The county said yesterday that the cause of blaze which occurred at 2am on Wednesday is still unknown.

Deputy Governor David Githanda said about 90 traders lost property worth millions of shillings.

Githanda who together with Kirinyaga Central Member of Parliament Gachoki Gitari visited the scene of the fire incident also assured the traders that the County Government has no intension of evicting them from the public land on which they had built the burnt down kiosks.

“The Governor has sent us here as a team to show solidarity and offer her support to you. The County has a very clear and elaborate process of relocating people from a public land

and this includes issuance of written notices and we have not issued any notice to that effect,” he said.

The fire affected mechanics, spare part dealers and general merchandise traders.

He said during the time of the fire outbreak, the county government firefighters were responding to another blaze at Mwea sub-county and forcing had to seek help of another fire engine from the County Government of Nyeri.

Githanda who delivered Governor Anne Waiguru’s donation of Ksh.100,000 to the affected traders, asked those affected to put up new structures and resume business.

Kerugoya Jua Kali chairman Jackson Maina said traders are yet to quantify the amount of losses they had incurred as a result of the blaze.

“We want to thank the County Government because they have said they have no plan to evict us from this land. We are also grateful of the support the governor and our MP has offered us to restart again,” said Maina.

On his part, MP Gitari termed the fire as an incident and asked politi-



Kirinyaga County Deputy Governor David Githanda with other officials at the fire Incident site yesterday.

cians to stop seeking political mileage out of it.

“We are asking leaders to offer their support to the traders so that they can

restart their businesses again instead of seeking political mileage out of it,” he said.

Gitari gave a donation of KSh80,000

and promised to mobilized more support for the traders to reconstruct their business premises.

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The Talk Of A Fallout Between President Ruto and His Deputy Is Speculative



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Worth Noting:

- The media houses would give little attention to the statement released by DP's communication team that the DP was attending another church event in Kirinyaga County.
- The event took longer than expected. Therefore, it was wrong to cast a picture of his failure to join his boss as a show of defiance and disrespect.
- The initial reports indicated that the two leaders were expected to attend the church function in Kirinyaga and then proceed to Nyeri.
- But the President who had just arrived from Germany first attended a church service in Nairobi.
- As a result, he was not able to attend the Catholic Church event in Kirinyaga. He instead travelled to Nyeri where he was hosted by Archbishop of AIPCA church Fredrick Wangombe.



President William Ruto and his Deputy Rigathi Gachagua.

A day after Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua was reported to have snubbed his boss President Ruto at a church event in his backyard of Nyeri county, the two leaders shared the same podium at the Kenya School of Government in Nairobi.

Listening to their remarks and body language, one thing was clear.

Contrary to the impression created by their critics which was being amplified by a section of the mainstream media, it seemed their working chemistry remained cordial and intact.

DP Gachagua set the ball rolling by stating. As you can see, I'm here with my boss, President William Ruto.

As his principal assistant, my job is to help him to realize the promises he made to the people of Kenya during the campaigns. I know he means well for the people of Kenya. His achievements so far can attest to this.

After failing to show up in Nyeri, the media treated this as a juicy story. While displaying an empty chair reserved for DP, some wrote that this was a clear in-

dications that the fallout between the two leaders had taken a turn for the worse.

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In Nyeri, the President called on elected leaders to stop early and premature campaign and instead focus on fulfilling the pre-election promises they made to

Kenyans.

We have three years to go. You never know whether you will be there. Again, God and electorates will decide on who comes back.

He never mentioned names but some interpreted this to mean he was targeting the DP.

This is not the first time I have heard the President giving this advise.

Earlier when he toured Western Kenya, I heard him making similar remarks.

Then, he told off Kakamega Senator Bonny Khalwale for igniting debate on succession politics.

Khalwale had said that the Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua lacked qualities of a good leader and hence he was unfit to be President.

We, therefore, know President Ruto will pass the baton to a son of Mulembe honorable Musalia Mudavadi when he completes his second and final term in 2032.

President Ruto did not take the remarks lightly. He told him. I have not come here for politics. I have come to launch

and commission development projects that I promised the people of this region during the campaigns. You have seen me doing the same thing in other parts of the country.

As a writer, I would also not miss the numerous live interviews the President have had with top journalists from the mainstream media.

In one of interview, I listened to his response on question touching on his relationship with his Deputy.

I'm hearing this from you. Who told you I have a problem with my deputy?

Gachagua is my deputy and I cannot discuss him with you here. There is no love lost between him and myself. If you don't believe me, look for him.

Given this background, it is too early to say the two leaders have parted ways.

My message to doubting Thomases. Wait until you hear this from horse's mouth.

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Tharaka Nithi County Disburses Sh34 M Bursary Fund To Needy Students

By: Mwenda Njeru
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Worth Noting:

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- He said the 2024/2025 bursary fund will also be released either in January or May next year to ensure that all needy learners remained in school.
- "It is good for leaders to get facts right before exposing their ignorance and hatred to the people because today the bursary that some people claimed was stolen has been given to out," said Mr Karangi.



Tharaka-Nithi County Government has a warded Sh34 million bursary fund to a total of 9,219 needy students in secondary schools and Vocational Training Colleges (VTC).

The issuance of the money for the fiscal year 2023/2024 was officially launched by Deputy Governor Nyaga Muisrael who explained that the disbursement was not done at the right time due to delayed release by the national treasury.

"On behalf of our Governor Muthomi Njuki I officially launch disbursement of a total of Sh34 million bursary funds for the financial year 2023/2024," said Mr Muisrael at Igwanjau in Ganga ward, Maara Constituency.

Out of the 9,219 beneficiaries, 8,755 in secondary schools and 464 in VTC and each of the 15 wards has benefited with a total of Sh2.18 million.

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He said to avoid the fights and inconveniences in issuance of bursary funds, the money from various government institutions should be consolidated as proposed by Kiambu Senator Karungo wa Thang'wa.

He said some politicians use the funds to reward their political cronies disadvantaging the deserving needy student.

"Let the proposed law to put all government bursary funds into one basket be passed so that education can be free from primary to university," he said.

Mr Mono said needy students in university and college did not benefit from the Sh34 million because the law passed by the county assembly in 2014 does not allow.

He however said they are in the process of amending the law and are hopeful that in the next disbursement they will benefit.

He noted that they have been giving bursaries to the college and university students but because they law does not allow it has always been an audit query by the Auditor General.

"We have been advised by the Controller of Budget to avoid giving bursaries to college and university students until the law is amended," said Mr Mono.

He said all needy learners from day secondary schools and from VTC who applied for the bursary were awarded.

Speaker Mbabu the county assembly will continue supporting the executive with the right legislations and passing budgets to ensure that it achieves its development agenda.

He faulted a few elected leaders 'fighting' the county government and called for unity in order to achieve development.

"Unity will help us achieve the development agenda for the benefit of our people. Instead of fighting each other we should be complementing," said Mr Mbabu.

Mukothima Member of County Assembly Luke Marengo, Sylvesters Mutwiri of Gatunga and Gitonga Kithuka of Nkondi who also participated in the bursary fund cheques issuance lauded the ward and county bursary committees for overseeing a transparent exercise.

Mr Kithuka who is also the Deputy Speaker said though only ECDE and VTC are devolved functions, the county government will continue to support needy learners in secondary, colleges and universities.



Mwaramo Sacco: Changing Living Standards Of Low Earners In Othaya

By: MKT Correspondent

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A new Savings and Credit Society, Mwaramo Sacco is changing the living standards of scores of its members.

The Sacco, opened by bodaboda operators in Othaya Constituency, is only three years old and has changed the fortune of its members.

The Sacco's patron Wachira Maina Kahihia told GTN TV morning where he was hosted by Waithaka Kinyua that they were planning to open branches in the neighbouring constituencies.

The patron, who is a lawyer by profession, revealed that the Sacco was started by default, where a few bodaboda operators in the area sought his

legal advice after they were allegedly defrauded in their Self-Help-Group.

He said that after listening to them, he advised that they should think of starting another initiative where they would be sure that their finances were safe.

That way, Mwaramo Sacco was born. After registering and saving for more than a year, they started offering loan services to the members.

During their second Annual General Meeting, the members agreed to incorporate members of the public, eking a living in order sectors to join and benefit like them.

Since then, farmers, employees in various sectors and traders different categories have since joined the new Sacco.

He called residents of Othaya to consider joining the Sacco and benefit like their colleagues.



Mwaramo Sacco patron Wachira Maina Kahihia during the interview on Monday morning.

Harriette Chiggai Takes Part In Informative Debate on Gender Based Violence In Sports

By: MKT Reporter

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President William Ruto's advisor on Women Rights took part in fruitful deliberations on Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Sports during a special forum held in New York, USA.

The talks, held under the topic; Free Future 2024: Preventing Gender Violence Around The World saw Ms Cheggai highlight various challenges that Kenyan women undergo as well as their possible solutions.

Meeting at the sidelines of ongoing UN General Assembly, the Presidential Advisor noted that Kenya is a global powerhouse in sports and the Government is resolved in ensuring that female athletes no longer suffer the devastating effects of GBV in all spheres.

"We have robust laws on sexual violence and remain committed under the Generation Equality Forum in 2021, to end all forms of violence by 2026. We also undertake to address societal stereotypes about traditional gender roles and sports that contrib-



Ms Harriette Chiggai with some of the penalisists during the deliberations..

ute to a culture of silence and victim-blaming," she said.

She noted that Kenya boasts of a robust law to curb sexual violence and is also signatory to international instrumental to end harmful cultural practices.

She further observed that addressing imbalances within Sports federations and technical benches in

national teams will go a long way in stemming Gender Based Violence.

Cheggai told the forum that while there is evidence that GBV in sports exists, the absence of reliable data on the magnitude of the problem presents major stumbling blocks to a robust understanding of its extent.

"We must address societal stereo-



Ms Harriette Cheggai listening attentively as a colleague make her contribution.

types about traditional gender roles and sports that contribute to a cultural of silence and victim-blaming," she said, adding, "Toxic masculinity objectification of female athletes and the expectation of physical aggression in sports often builds a culture that tolerates or even encourages GBV."

To have the best solution, the Presidential Advisor revealed that the country needs a reliable data on the magnitude of the problem for targeted policy interventions.

Bad Rabbit



I'm dancing with the devil
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat
 My head is on his shoulder
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat
 The very soul of evil
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat
 But I think I'm getting bolder
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat

He's got his voice in my head
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat
 You see the little rabbit
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat
 I heard him say you're brain dead
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat
 Little rabbit got bad habit
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat

Remember when you were young

Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat
 Your grandma said some bad things
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat
 And you had to hold your tongue
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat
 Boy you let them pull your strings
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat

Remember how your teacher
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat
 She said you're such a dumb kid
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat
 The preacher damned your future
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat
 Don't forget the wrongs they did
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat

Remember who you are son
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat
 Let the chicken go and roost
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat
 It's just what ought' be done
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat
 Here now son, a little boost
 Tap-a-rat-a-tat-tat

Nyambura Kuria
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Don't Be Angry My Love



Be not turbulent with me i pray
 For your colors are everywhere
 Although i brought all this up
 Just like the crowded street, people meet
 Tender mercy my love
 For the wonder-light to shine
 As i go by

When you came, you were like red wine
 and honey
 Your taste burnt my mouth with its
 sweetness
 Now my love

You are like morning bread
 Smooth and pleasant
 I hardly taste you at all for i know your
 heart
 Tender mercy my love
 To be completely nourished

You are my stem
 Of a young beech-tree
 Straight and swaying
 Breaking out the golden leaves
 My love
 Do not walk away
 For when you do it is like the blowing of a
 beech- tree
 On a hill
 Your voice i will miss
 Please don't be angry
 Tender mercy my love
 And remove the cloudy sky

Wanjohi. P. Mugambi
 The Weeping Onion

The Flying Leader, Hear Our Cry



We gave you power, placed our trust,
 In hopes you'd lead with hands so just.
 But now we see the veil you wear,
 Our dreams forgotten in the air.

You spoke of change, of voices heard,
 Yet every promise was just a word.
 Your heart, it strayed, your eyes grew
 cold,
 While we, the people, watched you fold.

Our hopes, once high, now bruised and
 torn,

In silence, we are left forlorn.
 For every gain you claimed as yours,
 We wait outside closed, guarded doors.

Where are the streets you vowed to
 mend?
 Where is the peace you'd help defend?
 Instead, we see your coffers swell,
 While we are left in shadows' dwell.

But know this truth, though we feel
 small,
 The tides will shift, and towers fall.
 For power built on greed and lies
 Will one day crumble 'neath the skies.

So hear our plea, before you reign,
 Return to us, heal our pain.
 For what is power, if not to serve,
 A leader's heart, the people deserve.

(Teacher Evans Asikojo, the poet)

Timeless Grace



By: Muhammad Adnan

It has been ages,
 The aura is still as steely.
 Clicks, picks, and never delays,
 Always shines and sweetly plays.

It has been ages,
 Miraculous mirth shakes senses,
 Bright eyes break the fences,

A vibrant visage still commences,
 A sacred heart echoes utterances.

Often pours holiness in ugliness,
 Cherishes charity in meanness,
 Remains calm in calamity,
 And smiles in deep darkness.

I often recall it in hodgepodge,
 Patch the unclassy cages,
 Comes and consoles in wilderness,
 Spreads like spring air and never dodges.

Its brevity and brilliance are class apart,
 Lives in a shell but a classy piece of art,
 Living the lot with fellows and foes,
 Twittering like a sparrow, never feeling
 low.

Pacing with grace among the raw race,
 Sharing and caring in thick and thin,
 Ignoring and welcoming the weary fins,
 Sometimes, it seems like God's akin.
 (Dedicated to the Indomitable Spirit of
 Gujranwala)

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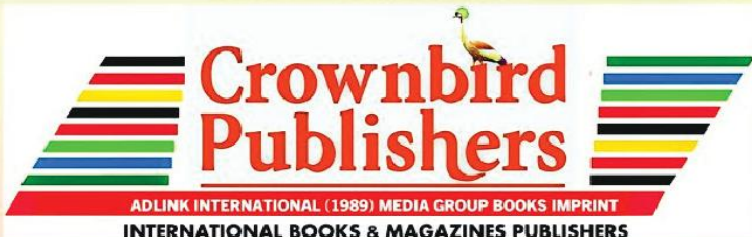
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BUSINESS

It's Full House For The Concours D'Elegance

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Worth Noting:

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Among the latest additions to the list is 2015 Royal Enfield Bullet Classic (with side car) of Mombasa based motorcycle enthusiast Moosa Khan who will be contesting the event for the first time. A similar bike made in 2017 is entered by lady biker Wamuyu Kariuki while her husband Dos Kariuki will be riding around the motorcycle judging ring on a LML Star Deluxe made in 2011.



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On Sunday September 29th the competitors car paddock and the motorcycle judging ring at the Nairobi Racecourse will feature an amazing variety of cars and motorcycles at the Africa Concours d'Elegance.

The organisers of the event have reported they have already received the maximum of 70 cars and 40 motorcycles for the event which will be the 52nd organized by the Alfa Romeo Owners Club.

The Concours d'Elegance is the classiest event on the Kenyan motorsport scene and the center piece is the judging of classic and vintage cars and motorcycles under the regulations approved by the Kenya Motor Sports Federation, Motorcycle Sports Federation of Kenya and sanctioned by the continental body FIM -Africa.

This year's Concours has an international flavor with Uganda leading with 19 entries and Rwanda and Zim-

babwe with two entries each.

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Sati Gata-Aura's fine Nissan 160J made in 1977 will be a strong con-

tender in the 1301cc -1600cc touring car class amid fierce competition from Thomas Frowein's 1968 Saab 96 and the 1961 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia entered by Tutu Maina.

Kevit Desai's 1974 Mercedes 450SLC will battle it out with Patrick Mweheire's 1988 Mercedes Benz W126, Mwenda Ruona Kageenu's 1999 Lexus LS400 and the 1966 Ford Mustang of Rob Collinge in the class for touring cars over 3000cc.

The Concours competitors are busy putting the final touches to their treasured machines in the hope of taking home one of the many prizes awarded on the day. In addition to the overall and class winners, there are awards for the best placed newcomers, machines appearing at the Racecourse for the first time, meritorious performances, costume and the best car and motorcycle teams.

Spectators will be treated to a fash-

ion show by models from Ascili Fashion House who will also award surprise prizes to the best dressed lady and best dressed gentleman from among the spectators.

Other attractions at the event include the 28 motor trade stands in Auto Expo where the motor industry showcase their new line of vehicles and products to the motorists. There will also be a sale of classic and vintage cars and motorcycles. The Heritage Collection area which offers a display of old equipment and machinery not seen around anymore draws a lot of attention from the spectators.



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The Pyrrhic Victory Of Data Privacy: A Critique Of Compensatory Shortcomings In ODPC Complaint No. 1085 Of 2023



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Worth Noting:

The ODPC's decision to issue only an Enforcement Notice to AAR Healthcare, without any punitive measures or compensatory awards, is akin to slapping a lion with a feather. It fails to create a strong deterrent effect that would compel data controllers and processors to take their obligations seriously. As Chinua Achebe might say, "When we gather together in the moonlit village ground it is not because of the moon.

Every man can see it in his own compound. We come together because it is good for kinsmen to do so." Similarly, the enforcement of data protection laws should bring together the interests of individuals and organizations, creating a harmonious balance that respects privacy rights.

In their seminal work "Privacy's Blueprint: The Battle to Control the Design of New Technologies," Woodrow Hartzog and Neil Richards argue that "privacy law should focus on the power relationships between people and the companies that control their data" (Hartzog & Richards, 2018). This principle lies at the heart of the case between Grace Gatambu and AAR Healthcare Kenya Limited, a decision that, while groundbreaking in its recognition of data privacy rights, falls short in providing meaningful redress to the aggrieved party.

The facts of the case are as clear as a cloudless African sky. Ms. Gatambu, a patient at AAR Healthcare's Roysambu clinic, had her confidential medical information shared with a third-party insurance agent without her consent. This unauthorized disclosure led to the unsolicited marketing of insurance products to Ms. Gatambu, a violation of her privacy that cuts as deep as Okot p'Bitek's Song of Lawino cuts into the heart of cultural conflict.

The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) found AAR Healthcare liable for violating several principles of data protection. The healthcare provider failed to process data lawfully and fairly, violated the purpose limitation principle, and neglected its duty to notify the data subject of her rights. Furthermore,

AAR Healthcare did not report the data breach within the stipulated 72-hour window, a lapse as egregious as failing to report a bush fire in the dry season.

The decision rightly acknowledges the violation of Ms. Gatambu's constitutional right to privacy, as enshrined in Article 31(c) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. It also recognizes the infringement of her rights as a data subject under the Data Protection Act, 2019, including her right to be informed, to object to data processing, and to have her data erased. This recognition is a step in the right direction, as solid as the foundations of the Great Zimbabwe ruins.

However, the decision's failure to award compensation to Ms. Gatambu is a glaring omission that threatens to render the entire judgment a Pyrrhic victory. As the Swahili proverb goes, "Haba na haba hujaza kibaba" (Little by little fills the measure), but in this case, the measure of justice remains woefully empty. The lack of monetary compensation fails to acknowledge the tangible and intangible harms suffered by Ms. Gatambu, including potential emotional distress and loss of control over her personal information.

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Moreover, the decision's silence on compensation overlooks the broader implications of data privacy violations in the digital age. In an era where personal data is often referred to as "the new oil," the unauthorized sharing of sensitive medical information can have far-reaching consequences beyond immediate privacy concerns. It can affect an individual's insurability, employability, and social standing. By not addressing these potential ramifications through compensatory measures, the decision fails to fully grasp the gravity of modern data privacy breaches.

The ODPC's approach also misses an opportunity to set a precedent for robust enforcement of data protection laws in Kenya. As the country positions itself as a tech hub in Africa,

known colloquially as the "Silicon Savannah," it is crucial to establish a legal framework that not only protects individual privacy rights but also provides meaningful remedies when those rights are violated. The lack of compensation in this case sends a troubling message that violations of data privacy, while recognized, are not treated with the seriousness they deserve.

In conclusion, while the ODPC's decision marks a significant milestone in recognizing data privacy rights in Kenya, its failure to award compensation to Ms. Gatambu is a shortcoming that cannot be overlooked. It is reminiscent of the hollow victory described in Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o's "A Grain of Wheat," where the achievement of independence is marred by unresolved issues. For Kenya's data protection regime to truly serve its purpose, it must evolve to include robust compensatory mechanisms that provide tangible redress to individuals whose privacy rights have been violated. Only then can we say, in the words of Ayi Kwei Armah, that "the beautiful ones are [truly] born" in the realm of data privacy protection.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Nutritional Showdown: Raw vs. Ripe Mangoes

By: **James Kilonzo Bwire**

Mangoes, often hailed as the “king of fruits,” are not only a delicious tropical treat but also nutritional powerhouses that offer a myriad of health benefits. The debate surrounding whether to consume raw (unripe) or ripe mangoes has captured the attention of health enthusiasts and nutritionists alike. Each variety presents unique advantages, making it essential to understand their respective benefits for informed dietary choices.

Raw mangoes are particularly rich in vitamin C, surpassing their ripe counterparts in this crucial nutrient. This vitamin plays a vital role in boosting immunity, promoting healthy skin, and aiding iron absorption. Additionally, raw mangoes are high in dietary fiber, which supports digestive health by preventing constipation and promoting regular bowel movements. Their lower sugar content makes them an excellent option for those monitoring their sugar intake, providing a guilt-free way to enjoy a flavorful fruit. Furthermore, the acidity of raw mangoes can stim-

ulate digestive enzymes, enhancing overall gut health and making them an effective remedy for digestive issues.

On the other hand, ripe mangoes shine with their sweetness and higher levels of vitamin A, which is essential for maintaining good vision and skin health. The natural sugars in ripe mangoes provide a quick energy boost, making them ideal for athletes or anyone needing an energy lift. Ripe mangoes are also rich in antioxidants like beta-carotene, which combat oxidative stress and may reduce the risk of chronic diseases. Their rich nutrient profile supports immune function and promotes skin rejuvenation.

The health benefits of raw mangoes extend beyond nutrition. They are known to aid in detoxification and hydration, especially during hot weather. The high fiber content aids digestion and prevents gastrointestinal issues while also regulating cholesterol levels, contributing to heart health. Raw mangoes are also beneficial for preventing scurvy due to their high vitamin C content.

Conversely, ripe mangoes excel in

promoting skin health and enhancing immune function. The antioxidants present help protect against cellular damage caused by free radicals while supporting collagen production for youthful skin. Their high vitamin C content further strengthens the immune system, making ripe mangoes a delicious ally in fighting off infections.

Ultimately, the choice between raw and ripe mangoes should align with individual health goals. If you aim to boost immunity, improve digestion, or manage weight, raw mango may be the better option due to its higher vitamin C content and lower sugar levels. On the other hand, if your focus is on enhancing eye health or obtaining quick energy, ripe mango offers significant advantages.

Incorporating both raw and ripe mangoes into your diet can provide a well-rounded nutritional boost. Whether you prefer the tangy zest of raw mangoes or the sweet juiciness of ripe ones, both forms contribute valuable nutrients that support overall health. This versatility allows individuals to enjoy unique flavors while reaping di-



verse health benefits.

As we explore the nutritional landscape of fruits like mangoes, it is crucial to embrace variety in our diets. Each type brings its own set of benefits that cater to different health needs. By celebrating this tropical fruit's versatility and making informed choices based on our health aspirations, we can enjoy not only the delightful taste but also the numerous health advantages that both raw and ripe mangoes offer.

In conclusion, moderation is key; both forms can coexist harmoniously in our diets, enriching our lives with

flavor and nutrition. As we continue to appreciate the myriad benefits of these fruits, let us remember that our dietary choices should reflect our individual health goals while celebrating the delicious diversity that nature provides. Embracing both raw and ripe mangoes ensures we harness their full potential for optimal health and well-being.

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Kenya's Junior Starlets Make Historic Debut at FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup

By: **James Kilonzo Bwire**

Kenya's Junior Starlets have made history by qualifying for the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup for the first time, following a commanding 5-0 aggregate victory over Burundi in the qualifiers. The decisive second leg, held on June 16, 2024, at the Ulinzi Sports Complex in Nairobi, saw the Starlets win 2-0, solidifying their place in the tournament scheduled from October 16 to November 3, 2024, in the Dominican Republic. This remarkable achievement not only marks a significant milestone for the Junior Starlets but also for Kenyan football as a whole, showcasing the growing investment in women's sports within the country.

The Junior Starlets have been drawn into Group C alongside formidable teams: former champions Korea DPR, 2018 finalists Mexico, and England, who have participated twice in the tournament. They will kick off their campaign against England on October 17. Head coach Mildred Cheche expressed immense pride in her team's accomplishment and emphasized their goal to gain experi-

ence and showcase their talent on an international stage.

In recognition of their achievement, each player received a financial reward of Sh300,000 from the Kenyan government. The Ministry of Sports is also providing support for training resources as they prepare for this prestigious event. The Junior Starlets aim not only to compete but to inspire future generations of female athletes in Kenya and break new barriers in women's football.

The qualification journey has been marked by hard work and determination. The team entered a residential training camp in Nairobi to intensify their preparation, focusing on tactical improvements and team cohesion. Coach Cheche noted that while they may be seen as underdogs against more seasoned teams, their unique playing style could surprise their opponents.

The Kenyan government has shown strong support for the team by rewarding each player with Sh300,000 following their qualification. This gesture is part of a broader initiative to promote sports development in Kenya. The Ministry of Sports has

also organized additional training resources to ensure that the players are well-prepared for the challenges ahead.

Many players face a delicate balancing act between their academic commitments and athletic aspirations. Some members of the Junior Starlets are preparing for national exams during the tournament period. The Kenyan National Examinations Council (KNEC) has assured that arrangements will be made to accommodate these players so they can participate fully in both academics and football.

Team captain Elizabeth Ochaka has expressed confidence in her squad's ability to perform on such a grand stage. She noted that this opportunity is not just about competing but also about showcasing their skills and representing Kenya with pride. The mood within the camp is high, with players eager to prove themselves against top international teams.

The Junior Starlets' success is expected to inspire many young girls in Kenya to pursue sports. Their journey serves as a powerful reminder of what can be achieved with dedication



and support. As they prepare for their matches, they hope to pave the way for future generations of female athletes.

The local community has rallied behind the Junior Starlets as they prepare for this historic event. Fans are eager to support them through various initiatives aimed at raising awareness and encouraging attendance at matches. This backing is vital as it fosters a sense of national pride and unity around women's sports.

As Kenya's Junior Starlets em-

bark on this unprecedented journey at the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, they carry with them not only hopes of personal success but also the aspirations of an entire nation. Their story is one of resilience and ambition—a testament to what can be achieved when young women are given opportunities to excel on an international platform.

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The House Of Cards: Kenya's Economy Teetering On The Edge Of Collapse



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Worth Noting:

- The much-criticized Finance Bill of 2023 introduced taxes so convoluted they might as well be riddles. “If a man taxes the air, what will the birds breathe?” Yet, in its desperation to raise revenue, the government is doing just that—taxing everything from fuel to digital content to even the rain in the clouds, if it could.
- The most controversial of these taxes is the Housing Levy, designed to fund affordable housing for Kenyans. “The man who promises you a house without walls is probably living in a tent,” and indeed, Kenyans are wondering where these houses are, or whether they even exist beyond the fancy brochures.

In a land where the hyena sings, the rabbit weeps. Such is the state of Kenya's economy, a grand illusion built on shaky foundations, promising prosperity but delivering only despair. For the past decade, Kenya has danced on the edge of a financial abyss, with every step bringing it closer to the precipice. But now, the house of cards seems ready to collapse. “When the river swells, even the crocodile knows it's time to move,” but our leaders, it seems, are swimming against the tide, unaware—or unwilling to admit—that the current is too strong.

At the heart of the problem is the national debt, which, like an insatiable monster, has grown to a jaw-dropping KSh 10.2 trillion. If you laid out Kenya's debt end to end, it would circle the earth several times over. But here's the riddle: how does a country, once touted as the “economic powerhouse of East Africa,” find itself borrowing to pay its debt? It's like a tongue twister that twists itself into knots: “Kenya keeps borrowing more to pay what it borrowed before, but borrowing more leaves us poorer than before.”

The government continues to assure the people that everything is under control. “The man who hides a festering wound under a bandage is only fooling himself,” and so it is with Kenya's leaders, who speak of economic growth and fiscal responsibility while quietly piling on loans like a child stacking wooden blocks—until the whole thing topples. The country's GDP may have grown, but so too has the wealth gap, and while the rich feast, the poor scavenge for scraps.

At the center of this economic whirlpool is the skyrocketing cost of living. Kenyans wake up each day to find that the prices of basic goods—maize flour, sugar, cooking oil, fuel—have risen yet again. “When a banana seller raises his price, the monkey cannot afford to eat,” and indeed, many Kenyans are finding it increasingly difficult to af-

ford even the most basic necessities. A kilogram of sugar now costs upwards of KSh 200, fuel prices have surged beyond KSh 200 per liter, and electricity bills are a nightmare best left unopened. It seems the only thing rising faster than the cost of living is the government's appetite for new taxes.

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While the government continues to rake in taxes, public service delivery remains abysmal. Hospitals are understaffed and under-equipped, public schools are bursting at the seams, and infrastructure projects are stalled or riddled with corruption. “A road half-built is worse than no road at all,” and yet, Kenya is littered with such roads—metaphorical and literal—that lead nowhere. The much-vaunted Big Four Agenda—which was supposed to revolutionize housing, healthcare, manufacturing, and food security—has become a shadow of its former self, a dream deferred in the face of mounting economic challenges.

Speaking of food security, Kenya's agricultural sector is in dire straits. Once the backbone of the economy, agriculture has been battered by drought, poor planning, and, yes, corruption. Farmers are left high and dry as the government's promises to subsidize fertilizers and seeds remain unmet. “A farmer who plants hope in barren soil will harvest nothing but despair,” and Kenyan farmers have been planting in such soil for far too long. Instead of boosting local production, the government has resorted to importing food from abroad, lining the pockets of foreign exporters while leaving Kenyan farmers in the cold. What happened to supporting the hustler nation?

Unemployment remains a ticking time bomb. While the government claims to be creating jobs, the youth—Kenya's largest demographic—remain unemployed or underemployed. Universities churn out thousands of graduates every year, but most end up chasing jobs that don't exist. “A man who casts his net in an empty pond will catch nothing but frustration,” and the youth of Kenya have been casting their nets for far too long. The government's promises to create millions of jobs have so far been empty rhetoric, much like the elusive “bottom-up” economic model that was meant to uplift the downtrodden.

Corruption, as always, is the silent killer of Kenya's economy. Billions of shillings vanish into the black hole of graft every year, with no accountability or consequences. “A man who steals from the village storehouse should not be surprised when the village starves,” and yet those who have looted public coffers continue to dine like kings. The sugar scandal, the KEMSA COVID-19 heist, and various other corruption sagas have only deepened the public's mistrust in the government's ability to manage the economy.

But the economic picture isn't all doom and gloom. Kenya has potential—great potential—but potential alone won't put food on the table. The country's technology sector, for example, is one of the most vibrant in Africa, with innovations such as mobile money (MPesa) revolutionizing financial inclusion. The agricultural sector, despite its challenges, remains a cornerstone of the economy, and with proper in-

vestment and planning, it could feed the nation and even export food to neighboring countries. Tourism, too, has long been a major revenue earner for Kenya, with its breathtaking landscapes, wildlife, and rich cultural heritage attracting millions of visitors every year.

But here's the catch: “A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush,” and Kenya must start investing in the assets it already has rather than chasing after grandiose schemes that benefit only the elite. The government needs to focus on fixing the basics—ensuring food security, creating jobs, improving infrastructure, and most importantly, curbing corruption. For without these, the economy will continue to teeter on the edge, like a house built on sand, waiting for the next storm to sweep it away.

To rescue the economy, we must also rethink the debt burden. Kenya is at risk of defaulting on its loans, which would be catastrophic for the country's creditworthiness. “The man who borrows to buy food today must still repay tomorrow,” and the chickens are coming home to roost. The government must renegotiate its loans, cut down on unnecessary spending—particularly on foreign travel and luxuries—and redirect funds toward critical sectors like health, education, and agriculture.

Kenya's economy is not beyond saving, but time is running out. “When the lion roars, the gazelle does not wait to hear the second roar,” and we, as a nation, cannot afford to wait any longer. The people are crying for relief from the crushing weight of debt, unemployment, and a cost of living crisis that has left many destitute. We need action, not just words. We need leaders who will prioritize the welfare of the people over their own pockets. We need a government that is accountable, transparent, and committed to restoring Kenya's economic glory.

Kenya's economy is like a balancing act on a high wire, teetering dangerously close to collapse. If we do not act now, if we do not demand better governance and fiscal responsibility, we risk plunging into an economic abyss from which it will be difficult to recover. “A stitch in time saves nine,” and it's time for Kenya to start stitching before the hole becomes too big to repair. The future of Kenya's economy depends on the choices we make today.

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Dedan Kimathi University Staff Protests Paralysis Traffic In Nyeri Highway

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Universities Academic Staff Union and the Kenya Universities Staff Union members at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology have joined other universities countrywide in protesting.

They held protests and paralyzed traffic along the Nyeri-Nyahururu highway.

The group complained about the delay in negotiating the 2021-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the government.

UASU Nyeri chapter vice chairman Daniel Mwai said efforts to negotiate with the government to avert the

strike were unsuccessful.

“We tried to talk to the government over our grievances but it came empty handed at the negotiating table, with nothing to offer to university lecturers and staff. That is why we were not able to come to any agreement,” Mr Mwai said.

The dons and non-teaching staff vowed to continue with the strike until the government addressed their grievances.

“We will go on with this strike until that time when the government will iron out our grievances. We want the government to intervene and treat university staff and lecturers like any other State officers. We have waited for almost four years now without having these negotiations resolved,” the vice chairman said.



Some of the Dedan Kimathi University academic staff

Civil Society Raises Concerns Over Kenya’s Mpox Response

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Civil society organizations (CSOs) have expressed concern about the Kenyan government’s Ksh. 6.7 billion Mpox response plan, deeming the fund insufficient and poorly allocated. In a press statement, the CSOs urged the government to redirect resources towards essential areas such as vaccine procurement, advanced diagnostic tools, and community sensitization efforts.

The press conference was attended by representatives from AHF Kenya, KETAM, HENNET, North Star Alliance, the Pandemic Action Network (PAN), and the National Empowerment Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Kenya (NEPHAK). They called for more robust collaboration with the government to ensure that the Mpox outbreak is effectively managed, particularly in vulnerable communities.

On Sunday, the government announced that Ksh. 800 million would be used to set up temporary isolation spaces, while Ksh. 91 million would go towards healthcare worker training. Additional funds are earmarked for screening, personal protective equipment (PPE) procurement, and community-based surveillance.

However, there is no allocation for vaccine procurement, a critical component in combating the highly contagious virus.

Dr. Samuel Kinyanjui, Country Program Director at AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) Kenya, warned that the situation could quickly escalate. “Mpox could follow the same path as COVID-19. The reported five cases today could turn into thousands, just like one COVID case led to more than 300,000 infections and nearly 6,000 deaths. We must act now before it’s too late,” he cautioned.

With Mpox confirmed in 18 African countries, including Kenya and Uganda, civil society leaders are particularly alarmed about the lack of vaccines and the high cost of the only available option, the MVA-BN vaccine, which is priced at KES 12,900 per dose. They urged the World Health Organization (WHO) to fast-track the approval of alternative vaccines to enhance accessibility and affordability. Dr. Kinyanjui also called for technology and knowledge transfers, including patent waivers, to enable regional vaccine production.

“These measures will increase vaccine supply, reduce costs, and strengthen the global response to Mpox,” he emphasized, noting that local manufacturing could help make vaccines more affordable for low-income populations.

Another concern raised by CSOs is



Dr. Samuel Kinyanjui, Country Program Director at AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) Kenya addresses the media on matters of Mpox.

the government’s limited focus on diagnostics. Of the Ksh. 6.7 billion allocated for Mpox response, only Ksh. 10 million is earmarked for border screening, with no specific funding for advanced diagnostic tools. The WHO has warned that many suspected Mpox cases, although clinically consistent with the disease, remain untested and unconfirmed due to limited diagnostic capacity.

James Kamau, from the Kenya Treatment Access Movement (KETAM), criticized the government’s approach to funding and accountabil-

ity. “We are asking the government to allocate funds specifically for disaster management, including pandemics,” Kamau stated, referencing the National Treasury’s yet-to-be-operationalized Disaster Management Fund. He also underscored the need for transparency to avoid misuse of funds, warning against the creation of “Mpox billionaires,” echoing the COVID-19 corruption scandals.

The CSOs also emphasized the critical role civil society and community organizations play in Mpox prevention and response efforts. Faith Nd-

ungu, Advocacy and Communication Manager of the Health NGOs’ Network (HENNET), stressed the importance of collective action, saying, “As civil society and communities, we are crucial in prevention, referrals, and sensitization, and we urge the Ministry of Health to empower us in these efforts.”

As the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) reports over 21,000 Mpox cases and more than 700 deaths, the CSOs stressed that Kenya must take immediate action to avoid a similar trajectory.

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Atletico Madrid And Barcelona Ready To Start With European Campaigns



Barcelona players celebrate one of their four goals against Betis. PHOTO/Barca/Twitter.

Barcelona and Atletico Madrid make their Champions League debuts today night with Barcelona traveling to Monaco, while Atletico Madrid are at home to RB Leipzig.

Barca travel to the south of France after starting the season with five wins from five games in La Liga and with 17-year-old Lamine Yamal in outstanding form, along with central defender Inigo Martinez, while midfielder, Pedri also looks to be getting close to his best after a long run of physical problems.

Hansi Flick's job will be to ensure that the trio remain free of injuries under the intense fixture schedule, with Martinez and Pedri both struggling with muscle

problems for the past couple of seasons.

Flick is certainly working hard at his task, with stories that he arrives at Barcelona's training ground at 6 a.m. to prepare his training sessions.

New signing Dani Olmo is out with a hamstring issue, and Fermin Lopez suffered a relapse of his muscle problem training on Tuesday, but the good news for Flick is that Frenkie de Jong and Gavi are training with the squad again as they look to get back to action.

Flick may look to rotate his squad after Sunday's win in Girona and a tough visit to Villarreal this weekend, with Ferran Torres and Eric Garcia both in with

a good chance of starting.

Atletico welcome Leipzig after an impressive 3-0 win at home to Valencia on Sunday in a game that saw new signings, Conor Gallagher and Julian Alvarez score their debut goals for the club.

Gallagher has quickly won over the Atletico fans after his move from Chelsea, thanks to his high workrate and ability to score important goals, while Alvarez adds guile to an attack containing Alexander Sorloth (another summer arrival), Antoine Griezmann and Angel Correa.

Last season Atletico were able to turn their Metropolitan Stadium into a veritable fortress, winning all five of their Euro-

pean matches in front of their supporters and it will be a 60,000 full house as they start this season's campaign.

-By Xinhua-

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I 'Didn't Like' Rice Red Card In Brighton Draw, Reveals Referee



Declan Rice's red card against Brighton saw him miss Sunday's north London derby victory over Tottenham

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Rice was sent off during the 1-1 draw at the Emirates Stadium for a second yellow card after nudging the ball away from Joel Veltman as he prepared to take a free-kick.

Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta said he was "amazed, amazed, amazed" at the decision immediately after the match.

Audio released on Tuesday night from the Premier League's latest episode of Mic'd Up revealed Kavanagh said he had no choice but to show the England midfielder a second booking.

"I don't like it, but he's knocked the ball," said Kavanagh.

"Second yellow, for me. I had no choice, he knocks the ball away. As [Veltman's] about to kick it, he knocks the ball.

"I have no choice. He's put me in an awful position. Dec, you need to go I'm afraid."

The decision, supported by the Key Match Incidents panel, was also backed by Howard Webb, chief operation officer of the Professional Game Match Officials Limited (PGMOL).

"He's clearly seen Declan Rice commit a foul, then kick the ball away for an opponent that was in the process of taking a free-kick," Webb told Mic'd Up.

"We've messaged very clearly and strongly to the players in pre-season around the importance of not getting involved with the ball once the whistle is gone, not delaying the restart in that way.

"Once he's seen Declan Rice deliberately, clearly kick that ball away from the position of that free-kick, then I don't think he's got any choice."

In the same match, Brighton forward Joao Pedro also kicked the ball away, but received no punishment.

While Webb felt they were different scenarios, he did say Kavanagh should have booked the

Seagulls' forward.

"It sits in the same kind of book around delaying the restart. Of course, he should have been cautioned here," said Webb.

"The officials on the field gave him too much benefit of doubt.

"They do delay Arsenal's ability to restart. We've certainly messaged that back to the officials."

Decision to rule out Ouattara goal 'wrong'

Among the six decisions assessed in the latest edition of Mic'd Up was Bournemouth's disallowed late goal against Newcastle United.

Dango Ouattara's header from a corner was ruled out late on at the Vitality Stadium, with the ball hitting the top of his arm.

With no conclusive evidence as to whether the ball was low enough on Ouattara's arm to deem it a handball, Webb said it was incorrect of video assistant referee (VAR) Tim Robinson to intervene, with no evidence either way

to prove whether or not it was a handball.

"In this situation, the ball strikes Ouattara's shoulder, upper-arm area. It's hard to be totally conclusive as to exactly where," said Webb.

"The VAR looked at this and decided that, in his professional opinion, that was in the area of the arm that has to be penalised below the bottom of the armpit. That's the important reference point. I don't think that's conclusive enough to intervene.

"Equally, if the goal had been disallowed by the on-field officials, I don't think there's evidence here to say that there's no handball either. So again, it goes back to referee's call. It's an important concept. And for those factual matters you need evidence. It's very clear that the on-field call is wrong, I don't think we have it here."

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A Child In Development Stages

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What is a child? A thinking, feeling entity? An organism shaped by parental constrictions? A possession of his or her family, of the government, or of him or herself? A being in transit to adulthood? We see children as all of these, and more. We see children and their developmental needs as the fundamental building blocks of a human society. A society that does well by its children—and their parents—is basically sound (Bronfenbrenner, 1970).

This theme runs through all our discussions. Our goal in this chapter is to outline some of the basic processes and events in child development. We will follow this with a discussion of parent-child relationships. In this chapter, however, we are most directly concerned with the child's own developmental agenda, albeit with a constant eye toward issues of social context. As ever, we are bringing to bear our ecological perspective. Our main thing is the child as a developing, thinking, acting organism able to take initiatives to meet the challenges of the environment.

We see children as resourceful and flexible, and we believe that challenge, within limits, is growth inducing. We will try in this chapter to outline some of these limits so that we will be in a better position to discuss how children use their resources in parent-child relations to meet developmentally appropriate challenges in their environments.

This in turn will help us see how human services and social policy can and should work on behalf of children and families. The way the child's society defines the child influences contemporary policy and practice, and this macrosystem effect has existed since the ancient geniuses Plato and Aristotle began their efforts to develop a systematic conceptualisation of human development. Their concern was to define the child in relation to family and society. Plato believed that most parents, imbued with the

moral decadence of contemporary Athenian society, were unfit to raise their own children.

Even parents who gave every appearance of being capable were still not up to the challenge of creating the caretakers of some future ideal state, because parenting techniques differed so widely that their separate influences would create a "medley of incongruities" in the character of the citizens. Therefore, all children were to be separated from their parents early in life, allowing the state to control child rearing and education.

Plato struggled with the eternal issues of child rearing, most particularly with how to establish self-control in the child without destroying individuality and initiative. In any case, this notion of the state as arbiter of the child's well-being and best interests has obviously stayed with us and remains in contemporary child custody and child abuse laws (Biehler, 1981).

We will return to these legal implications later. Aristotle was also devoted to the concept of the "ideal society". However, he opposed state control of child rearing because he believed it denied most citizens the right to essential individual liberties and denied the family the right to provide personal and social stability for the child. He judged that different parents using different child rearing techniques would not provide undersirable "incongruities," but rather positive individuality.

Aristotle proposed a transfer of power from the state to the parent. Rather than being a possession of the state, the child would be a possession of his parents. Unfortunately, to the present day, the child often finds himself either at the mercy of one force or another, always a possession, rarely a trust.

An abused child, if not taken under

the wing of the state, is left to contend unaided with the abusive parent. The imbalance of power is too great. Nowhere is this more clearly seen than in the case of incest, where the child cannot give truly informed consent because the child is asked to make a judgment inappropriate for her or his age and is forced to do so in a coercive climate where all the power lies outside her or his real control (Finkelhor, 1979).

This is, of course, even true in those rare instances where incest occurs in a climate of love and respect. The Platonic and Aristotelian conceptions of childhood have influenced successive generations by focusing on the question: "Who owns the child?" Aries (1962) proposed that during the Middle Ages, this issue was resolved by downplaying the notion of childhood as a separate period of life. Thus, children were not thought to be qualitatively different from adults, only smaller. Artistic depiction of children represented them as little adults.

The children one sees in the paintings of the time do not have the characteristic "look" of modern children. Children who survived the critical period of early childhood immediately became "adults" in the eyes of society and were treated as such—with its positive and negative implications. Working, playing, and loving were shared with the young.

Given the conditions of life, this was understandable. Life expectancy was short; most work was simple. The advent of the Renaissance and the Reformation, followed by the eighteenth century revolutions in America and France, brought about important economic, political, and social changes. The influence of the Church diminished, as did social stratification, and economic opportunities grew. Families increasingly saw children as invest-

ments in the future.

Childhood became a separate part of life, and more people began to recognise that children have their own inner lives. Whereas earlier the hardest children had been sent to work or had been apprenticed, it became more and more common for children to go to school and prepare for careers (Gardner, 1978). One of the attitudes toward children that underwent a most profound change was the shift from believing children to be wicked to viewing them as being innocent. "Expert opinion" believed children to be inherently sinful during the Middle Ages, and parents were advised to punish them often.

Starting in the eighteenth century, however, a shift in attitude occurred. New religious forms stressed salvation and innocence. Baptism was believed to purify the soul. Child rearing began to be portrayed as a safeguard of the child's innocence. Debates as to the requirements of child education and child rearing became common as Western culture experienced significant liberalisation.

The philosophers John Locke and Jean Jacques Rousseau placed particular emphasis on the importance of early child rearing and child learning. Locke developed what has been identified and handed down as the "environmental learning" view of child development. He envisioned the child's mind at birth as a "white paper" or blank slate ("tabula rasa") that provides form, but not content to the child as an individual.

The knowledge that a child attains is learned through contact with the environment. Locke saw experience and observation as the sources of all ideas, yet he believed that children have personalities at birth that guide their responses. He also believed that parents should encourage the child's natural curiosity. He advocated the use of reinforcement rather than punishment in rearing and educating the child, techniques that have found their way into the theories of most contemporary psychologists, but still are resisted by some parents (Gardner, 1978).

Jean Jacques Rousseau believed in the inherent goodness of the young, but he believed this goodness was corrupted by the influences of society. His general message was that parents and teachers should fit education to the child, not force the child to learn what was beyond his or her natural grasp. If adults shield

children from the negative aspects of society, their "natural goodness" would ensure that they make the right choices. Rousseau did not believe in the "perfectability" of human beings, as Locke did, but he suggested that education could "enhance" a child's desire to learn and develop.

These ideas, too, have their contemporary counterparts (Biehler, 1981), although their philosophical character is foreign to much of contemporary scientific child development. Certainly one of the environmental factors contributing to the past legal and cultural status of children was their relative physical vulnerability, given the poor sanitation and the inadequate health care characteristic of earlier eras.

Children were not a good investment for the future, given their short life expectancy. As late as 1900, 55 per cent of the children born in London's slums died before the age of five (Gardner, 1978), and even the rich had to contend with substantial infant mortality. After the Industrial Revolution, industrial managers came to see children as the least expensive source of labour, and their instrumental value increased. Concern for children began to increase in the early nineteenth century, as the standard of living began to rise and as epidemics became more subject to control.

A few medical practitioners began to specialise in childhood diseases. Along with the growing interest in the child and the questions raised about how best to train and educate children, the 1800s saw the growth of the discipline of biology, which became concerned with the study of the development of organisms. It was natural to study the "child-as-organism."

Early studies of child development were initiated by Charles Darwin in the form of "baby biographies," daily diaries that reported happenings in a child's physical, mental and emotional life. The first person to conduct empirical research with children was G. Stanley Hall.

Through the use of questionnaire data, he was able to develop an initial picture of how children viewed the world. Hall believed that human development proceeded in regular, ordered stages, one following the other, largely on the basis of internal cues. This approach was soon displaced, however, only to return to a position of prominence decades later.