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A STORM of excitement and anticipation has swept through Kenya's majestic South Coast, as a new five star resort opened its doors to the enthusiastic and eagerly awaiting tourists from not only Kenya but far distant places like Europe and Asia.

Swahili Beach Hotel is the first new major coastal tourist development in the last 15 years. It boasts a capacity of 280 beds and is located in the heart of Kenya's pristine Diani Beach. Designed by Tibor Gaal, of T. Gaal & Associates; this hotel has been brought to life by the use of unique Swahili concepts blended with Indian, Arabic and African influences throughout the resort. The entrance provides a beautiful view of the Indian Ocean through the tropical palm trees, swimming pool and well landscaped garden with rare tropical trees and exotic flora

Swahili Beach Resort Opens

FIVE STAR LUXURY HOTEL ON KENYA SOUTH COAST

that provides a soothing and relaxed atmosphere throughout the property. The hotel has 16 standard rooms, 110 Superior rooms with spacious verandas, extended sitting area and large closet space, and 14 Executive Suites all of which have a connected lounge, dining verandah and a private kitchen.

Some of the Suites have access to a Roof top sun terrace and open air lounge.

The rooms are all built in a complement of blocks that have been strategically placed giving each bedroom a fabulous ocean view and overlook an infinity pool that cascades through a series of pools to the beach.

The rooms are well appointed with luxuries like air conditioning, TVs and other amenities that one may expect in a five star beach resort.

The entire property has a fast speed Wi-Fi installed.

Swahili Beach Hotel has four themed restaurants to cater to the most discerning palette.


The main restaurant 'The Majlis' serves buffet breakfast and lunch.

The 'Spice Root' provides a fusion of Indian and Swahili

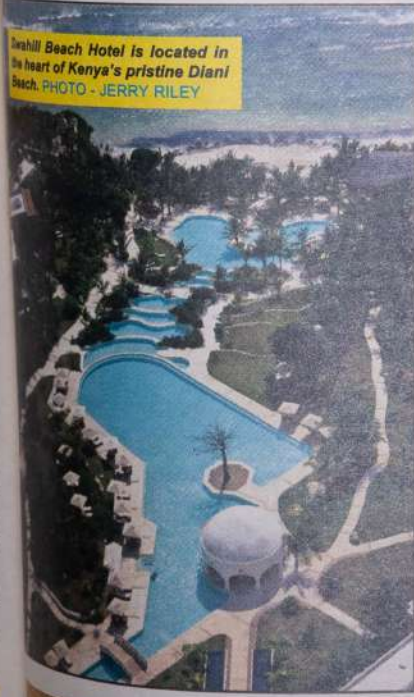
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Swahili Beach Hotel is located in the heart of Kenya's pristine Diani Beach. PHOTO - JERRY RILEY


Special Report by Correspondent

cuisine where one may enjoy the exotic Muglai dishes from Northern India or the Swahili specialties including 'kuku paka'.

For those desiring the fresh catch of the Indian Ocean, the 'Zan-zi-bar' specializes in seafood delicacies and for those wanting Italian cuisine, the 'Baharini' is must where pizzas are baked in a custom wood burning clay oven.

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ENTERTAINING FUN ANIMATION TEAM!



The Sarova Whitesands Fun animation team entertains members of the fourth estate during the dinner party hosted by the hotel for them in an appreciation for the continued support and the cordial relationship that exists between the two industries.

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KSPCA MOMBASA CRAFT FAIR

The KSPCA Mombasa branch has had and is still struggling for survival but we are optimistic that one day things will change for the better.

The current financial situation has a severe knock on effect on KSPCA as we have to spend so much more looking after animals and carrying out our work.

Our vehicles cover thousands of kilometers each month and fuel costs are spiraling.

However with all the support we get from all of you we continue to try what we can in

order to cater for the animals under our care.

Our annual Christmas craft fair held at the Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort and spa was yet another fundraising event to sustain our survival.

The hotel management was generous enough this year and allowed us to use their conference facility for three days- giving all the buys more time for better bargains.

Both exhibitors from the coast and up country presented their wares and there was a huge selection of all sorts of Christmas presents one would wish to buy for his/her loved ones.

To mention a few there was handicrafts, paintings, jewellery and many more.

Although the turn out was a bit low this year, most of the exhibitors had good sales and

promised to come back again for any other exhibition we might organize in the future.

We wish to thank the Sarova Whitesands management for yet another support with their venue and not forgetting the entire members of staff for their tireless help during the preparation.

Our gratitude's are also extended to everyone who supported us during this event as you made it a success.

With all your help we managed to raise ksh 503,000, the highest ever raised amount for the KSPCA Mombasa.

And as the year comes to an end the society would like to thank everybody who has been supporting and assisting this charity in any manner or form.

Thank you all and we hope that you will continue supporting us in the future and from all of us at KSPCA we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Special Report By **Marlen Enz**

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Children's Swim Gala And X-mas Party

The Mombasa Club recently held the Annual Children Swimming Gala and Christmas party at the Club on 17th December 2011.

The Swimming Gala was a joyous event with lots of fun and water sport activities for the children. The Winners of the

various categories were presented with Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals by the Club Chairman Mr. Kassim Shah.

All the participants were issued with certificates. The children enjoyed a wonderful fun filled day with games, magic shows followed by a scrumptious kiddie

luncheon. To crown the day, all the children received surprise gifts from Santa Clause. The day was filled with pomp, fun and excitement. A three year old who participated in the contest Mehrin was awarded with a certificate and a Bronze medal for winning in the under age category.

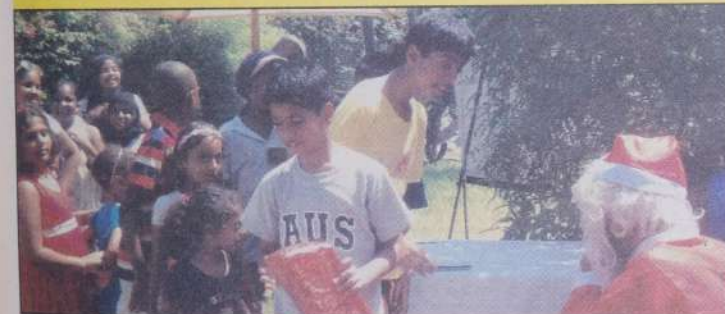
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Seen [from left] Club Manager Ms Juliet Mbulikah, Facilitator John Vespa and Adil winner in Boys Category receives medal from Mombasa Club Chairman Kassim Shah. Seen Riva winner in girls category receives medal from Mombasa Club Chairman Kassim Shah.



[LEFT] The winner of the under age category Mehrin receives a certificate from Mombasa Club Chairman Kassim Shah. [RIGHT] The children, participants, organisers and parents enjoying their luncheon. [BOTTOM] The children receiving surprise gifts from Santa Clause during the event.



University students from England arriving at the Lunga Lunga border post on their way to Mombasa, covering over 8,000 kilometers trip to raise funds for Glad's House Kenya which help street children to participate in sporting activities.

British Students Cycle Over 8,000km To Help Street Kids

Four British university students raised Sh420,00 after riding their bicycle to over 8,000 kilometres which is part of their donation to Glad's House Kenya, a Non-Governmental Organisation which helps street children by involving them in sporting activities.

The four East Anglia University students, Daniel Cooper, Michael Cannon, Daniel Welcha and Dell Bajrami would get more money for the organization after having completed the trip after cycling from UK to Mombasa.

"Many other sponsors pledged to donate after we complete the trip," said Cooper who expressed hope the organization to play an important role to make sure the street children are looked upon and play sports to reach at the top.

The Glad's House director, Fred Bokey Achola welcomed the four Britons and promised to form a new bicycle club consists of street children which will

compete against others during national and international competitions from next year.

Achola commended the four students for travelling from UK to Kenya and raised funds for the organization, promising that the money will be utilized for its intended purpose.

"We'll use the money to uplift the standard of our sports teams taking part in soccer, basketball and boxing and now cycling," said Achola.

The Msambweni MP, Omar Zonga who welcomed the students at the Lungalunga border post from Tanzania, asked Coast youths to take keen interest in sports saying sportsmen are currently the highly paid people all over the world.

"I hope our youngsters including girls and women will take sports seriously and not concentrate only in football alone.

"There are so many sports including rugby, athletics, basketball, volleyball, tennis, golf

and swimming whose winners are highly paid," said the MP.

He commended the Britons for raising funds that will help the youth to concentrate in playing sports instead of involving themselves in bad habits including taking of drugs.

The Britons started their trip in London to France, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia, Bulgaria and Turkey before flying to South Africa where they rode their bicycles through Swaziland, Mozambique and Tanzania and crossed to Kenya through Lungalunga border.

From Lungalunga, the Britons were accompanied with street children who are members of the Glad's House and pedalled their way to the organization headquarters in Magongo, Changamwe.

Currently, Glad's House Kenya has five teams, Havana Boxing Club, Coastal Queens soccer and basketball teams and Coastal kings soccer and basketball teams.

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HUGE CHRISTMAS WEEKEND WITH MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 4; DON 2 AND THE MUPPETS

King Khan Returns As Don Showing In Both 3d And 2d

IT IS THE season of joy and festivities and NYALI CINEMAX are really getting into the mood of things with three huge releases this weekend.

Get into cruise control with the fourth in the *Mission Impossible* series.

Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner, Simon Pegg, Paula Patton, Michael Nyqvist, Vladimir Mashkov, Samuli Edelmann with the desi Anil Kapoor (this guy has very quietly inched up the Hollywood ladder) take the main lead in *Mission Impossible 4 - Ghost Protocol*.

When an IMF agent is killed on assignment in Budapest, Ethan Hunt is recruited to get to the bottom of this mystery.

A search of the secret archives in the Kremlin are interrupted by a bomb and Hunt is now the hunted, being accused of the bombing.

This now starts a series of adventures that take the team from Moscow to Mumbai, Prague, Bengaluru, Vancouver and Dubai.

There are some exceptional action scenes in the film including Tom Cruise scaling the tallest building in the world (Burj Khalifa in Dubai) where he did not use a stunt double.

Encouraged by Cruise's bravery, Paula Patton and Lea Seydoux filmed a fight scene on the same tower without using

stunt doubles.

Sun TV office in Chennai, India, was the location for the filming of the high energy climax scene.

Mission Impossible 4 has scored an impressive 95 per cent on the Tomatometer.

More action drama in the worldwide release that has been anticipated by audiences in Farhan Akhtar's *Don 2*.

Five years ago, the Don walks out of the clutches of the law as easily as a hot knife through butter.

He is back with a vengeance in this sequel that promises loads of high powered scenes.

Roma, whose brother Ramesh was killed by Don is still looking for this elusive mastermind of crime.

Even her police background and training prove to be small change when compared to The Don and his mastery of evasion.

Double-crosser Vardhaan is spending his days in a Malaysian prison, also planning ways to exact revenge on the guy who put him in there.

Interpol officer Malik is the newcomer in this version and, like Roma, he has a burning ambition to put Don behind bars.

But "Don ko pakarna mushkil hi nahi, namunkeen hai".

Don 2 stars the badshah himself Shah Rukh Khan, Priyanka Chopra, Lara Dutta, Boman Irani and Om Puri in the lead and is filmed in both two and three dimension for your better enjoyment.

Get a load of *The Muppets* on the silver screen this week at the NYALI CINEMAX.

These puppets were a hit on

the television screen many years ago and continue to entertain in their own satirical style to all ages.

Starring Jason Segel, Amy Adams, Chris Cooper and Zach Galifianakis, *The Muppets* theatre in Los Angeles is under threat from a rich oil magnate Tex Richman.

Three of their biggest fans Walter, Gary and Mary from Smalltown, realize to their horror that oil has been discovered under the theatre and Richman will go to any lengths to get his hands on the black gold.

All the Muppets have gone their own individual ways and the three help Kermit reunite with Fozzie, Miss Piggy, Animal and Gonzo to stage the Greatest Muppet Telethon Ever and raise ten million dollars to save the theatre.

Clever and funny, *The Muppets* will be enjoyed by all ages.

Sherlock Holmes 2 is still looking for clues across Europe as the shipwrecked Chipmunks raise all sort of havoc in *Alvin and the Chipmunks - Shipwrecked*.

See who is the cleverer of the two in *Ladies vs. Ricky Bahl* - Ranvir Singh or Anushka Sharma.

With the voices of Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek and Billy Bob Thornton, *Puss in Boots* (in two and three dimension) is a must to watch.

You can still catch up with *Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part 1* (Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart, Taylor Lautner), *Desi Boyz* (Akshay Kumar, John Abraham, Deepika Padukone) and *Johnny English* (Rowan Atkinson, Gillian Anderson, Pierce Brosnan, Rosamund Pike).

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Nairobi National Park Expands Through First Easement Deal

Nairobi National Park has been expanded by more than 100 acres through the signing of Kenya's first voluntary easement deal.

To counter the alarming decline of Africa's wildlife and habitat due to development and land fragmentation, Mr. John Keen, 86, and his family have protected their land through the conveyance of an environmental easement to the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) and Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS).

Keen's land is adjacent to Nairobi National Park and the execution of a voluntary environmental easement adds over 100 hectares of habitat to the Park.

Nairobi National Park, one of Kenya's most visited parks, is dependent upon the open lands to the south for wildlife movement, habitat and dispersal.

These private lands have become increasingly threatened from land sales, land conversion and habitat fragmentation, putting the entire Park at risk.

"I want this land to remain pristine today and in the future for wildlife and future generations," said Mr. John Keen passionately.

"We have destroyed so much of our land and wildlife, it is time to save this country of ours!"

Keen reflected on the changes he has seen in Kenya over his lifetime, the depletion of wildlife and land, and how he hopes his effort will help preserve a bit of what is special about Kenya.

The easement was signed at a ceremony at the Masai Lodge, a lodge owned and operated by the Keen Family.

It was attended by the Keen Family, Dr. Helen Gichohi, President of the African Wildlife Foundation, Mr. Julius Kipng'etich, Director of Kenya Wildlife Service, Erna Kerst, Director of USAID and AWF, KWS and USAID staff.

"Kenya's national parks, sanctuaries, and reserves safeguard roughly 8 per cent of the country's land for wildlife habitat, but these protected areas are small to support viable populations of wildlife and not connected," said Gichohi.

"To secure Kenya's remaining wild places, we need creative solutions like easements."

"KWS would like to thank the Keens for their leadership in executing Kenya's first environmental easement," said Kipng'etich.

"Nairobi National Park was one of Kenya's first established national parks, so it is appropriate that this easement, being the first in Kenya, is adjacent to the

Park."

"The value of the property under easement will increase tremendously in coming years and change the fortunes of the Keen family while contributing to conservation for posterity."

"Wildlife conservation is not about competition; it's about partnerships and cooperation for the benefit of all," said Kipng'etich.

AWF has been working with the Keen family for over a year on the details of the easement, which is a voluntary agreement that restricts certain uses of the land in order to keep the land open for wildlife.

The Keens retain full ownership of the land, but are subject to the restrictions agreed upon by the land owner and the holder of the easement.

USAID has long supported livelihood improvement and conservation in the Kitengela region. All speakers thanked the strong support and strong partnership of USAID.

The easement model is to be replicated in the Taita ranches as well as wildlife-inhabited areas in Loita plains, Kerio Valley, Samburu plains and Tana Delta, among other places across the country.

"We are delighted to be part of this historic event," said Erna

STARCAST GEMINI KILIFI

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 21) Gaining a greater measure of control requires an advanced degree or additional experience. Dedicate yourself to a long term program of study that will give you expert status in a few years.

Aquarius (Jan. 22 - Feb. 21) troubled partnership is hurting your self esteem. You've got to put some distance between you and a business or romantic partner.

Pisces (Feb. 22 - Mar. 21) Don't let a colleague pull the wool over your eyes; you have been the victim of a jealous rival. Until you take steps to protect your ideas, people will continue to steal them.

Aries (Mar. 22 - April 21) An educational or travel plan will be cancelled, causing tremendous disappointment. You simply can't afford to be away from home. Your nearest and dearest need you.

Taurus (April 22 - May 21) Be content with what you have. A grab for additional power will backfire, making you look greedy. You're actually quite generous, but these days, people are eager to ascribe bad motives to others.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21) Someone in your social circle is being incredibly uncooperative. Unfortunately, nothing you do or say will change their behaviour.

Cancer (June 22 - July 21) Be brutally honest about what you want and need. This is no time to beat around the bush. A stressful situation has been compromising your health.

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21) You won't get an honest opinion from people you love. They would rather flatter you than invoke your wrath.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21) Household goods could be misplaced. It's always a good idea to hide an extra key somewhere around the premises, so you'll be able to gain entry in the case of an emergency.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 21) You're disillusioned with a youngster or lover. At times like these, it's important to consider what part you have played in this equation.

Scorpio (Oct. 22 - Nov. 21) Getting involved in community affairs gives you a sense of purpose. You have the power to make your neighbourhood a better place, just by force of your personality.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) It may be necessary to travel and get some advanced training for work. Although you don't want to go away now, it's best to agree to this trip.

Kerst, Director USAID. "It is a hopeful and extremely exciting day for the Keens, our partners and all Kenyans."

"Environmental easements have proven highly effective in other parts of the world, and we believe that they have great potential to be equally successful in Kenya," said Kathleen H. Fitzgerald, Director for Land, AWF.

"We applaud the Keen family for their decision to place their land under an environmental easement and hope that their conservation leadership will inspire other landowners to do the same."

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SWAHILI BEACH HOTEL OPENS ON DIANI BEACH



Swahili Beach Hotel offers a fully equipped sea front spa offering various treatments and relaxation therapies including yoga and reflexology. PHOTO - JERRY RILEY

FROM FRONT PAGE standard and quality of food provided in the two restaurants that had opened and were touched by the kindness, politeness and willingness to help and assist by the entire staff of Swahili Beach Hotel.

Swahili Beach Hotel also offers four bars to accommodate you during the hotel morning hours or relax in the evening before supper or even after supper.

The 'Palm Bar' is an air conditioned wine bar that is well stocked with fine wines from various parts of the globe.

The 'Baraza' also known as the Cocktail Bar is the perfect place to enjoy an evening cocktail.

The 'Baobab' Pool Bar and the 'Beach' Bar are perfect oases in the midst of Coastal summers to have a cool drink of fresh juice or 'madafu' coconut water.

The hotel offers a fully equipped sea front spa offering various treatments and relaxation therapies including yoga, reflexology amongst others.

It also contains a meditation centre, Jacuzzi pool, salon, yoga terrace and a well equipped gymnasium.

The Conference Centre has two rooms, one cater for 75 persons and the large for 200 persons.

The conference rooms are well equipped with the latest conference facilities one would expect in a city hotel.

This new facility will certainly take the value of Coast tourism a notch higher!

Friendly Advice From Coastarian To Nairobi Holiday Maker Types

Watu wa bara headed to Mombasa for Xmas listen up...
 • Mombasa is always HOT. This year I'm talking sahara desert in the summer with kado three suns blazing! So don't think sunblock is for watali ... stock up or roast!
 • All the 'bad manners' of the big city have arrived here...so don't leave your drink unattended ANYWHERE unless you wish to wake up in Mtwapa married to a large 'Mama' who looked uncannily like Kim "Nyambura" Kardashian through your beer goggles last night.
 • All you booked your trip down with plane/ train/ bus?... Woi Maskini! Don't lose heart waiting in the terminal or station ... there's a chance might get here in time for Valentines day.
 • Nakumatt is not a social gathering point! Go to a restaurant, go to the beach... go to a bar ... just get out of Nakumatt so I can buy my Sunday morning paper and bacon without spending an hour trying to park, another hour saying hello to boozed folks you haven't seen or spoken to in years and another hour trying to get the hell out having given up in frustration cos the queue is 16 people deep!
 • So I hear the Ministry of Roads and the Chinese contractors have done away with roundabouts in Nairobi.....well they haven't made it to Links Rd yet so try not to smash into and destroy all FOUR roundabouts on it like you do every year.
 Almost forgot...Merry Christmas to one and all :-)
 Julie Munyi Ogwapit, Mombasa. julie.munyi@gmail.com

Job Well Done By Ministry Of Water

There is always a tendency of blaming government officials whenever a problem occurs, but when the problem is rectified, we fail to recognise the efforts which the various officers put.
 My sincere and thoughtful words of praise 'goes' to the Ministry of Water, from the PS's office, Coast Water Board and Kilifi Water Board for their work to ensure that the water problem in Kilifi and its surrounding environs and in particular Mnarani, Kibaoni and Takaungu is fixed.
 During the months of August and September, we made a number of complaints about water rationing in Takaungu and Kibaoni - from the PS's office to the Engineers and Board members of both Coast and Kilifi, they assured us that there is a

problem in Baricho which will take some time but eventually it will be rectified.
 Their responses were taken lightly, as water shortages in other towns has not been solved, and many people thought our area will also be facing the same hardship.
 However, the water shortage and rationing has been fixed and water is flowing from the taps in our area, and we hope that the Ministry would start a comprehensive program to ensure water shortages in other towns are fixed as well.
 And in this respect, on behalf of the residents I would formally want to thank the PS ENG. David Stower, provincial and district engineers, Coast and Kilifi Water Board for their wonderful work.
 It is our rights for us as citizens to seek services from our government officers, but it is also imperative for us at the same time to give credit where it is due by praising them whenever they have done a good job!
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Thirty Three Years' Ago

Coastweek, December 15 - 21, 1978

'Jesus Opens Nyali Disco' headlined a tongue-in-cheek story about Spanish musician Jesus Marrocan who was completing a new 'Hole In The Wall' nightclub at Mombasa's Nyali Beach Hotel.

Assistant Minister of Tourism and Wildlife Clement Lubembe told the annual general meeting of the Kenya Hotel Keepers and Caterers Association that it was essential to maintain international standards to sustain growth in the tour industry, reported Neta Peal.

He was accompanied by Coast Fisheries Director Norbert Odero, Coast Tourism officer Clement Nyamongo, and the Domestic and Hotelworkers' Union Coast Area secretary Joseph Omolo; he also apologised for the absence of Tourism Minister Mathews Ogutu.

'Make No Mistake My Fur Is Fake!' was the lapel badge worn by Lady Michaela Denis reported Nairobi correspondent Ivor Davis, who noted that this world famous conservationist (now resident in Mombasa) while supporting the Government's recent ban on hunting insisted:

"(To make the hunting ban effective) a crackdown is needed on illegal sales of ivory and elephant hair to prevent further poaching".

A leading light in this world wide campaign included soul singer Sarah Dash (founder of Patti Labelle and the Blue Belles).

Mukesh Rajani was to manage a talented 18-strong Mombasa Sports Club Cricket team on a 25-day tour of India, assisted by Manhar Shah, captain Kirit Doshi and vice captain Fakru Babla.

Mwai Karani was the popular winner of the 'Jamhuri Day' Tournament hosted at Nyali Golf and Country Club, reported columnist 'Genti Kumi'. 'Best Lady' was Frances Cook and 'Best Gross' Paddy Rainford.

KENYA Cinema was showing Walt Disney's "Jungle Book", NAAZ the new re-release of "Gone With The Wind", REGAL "The Sweeney" and at CHOX it was Hema Malini and Dharmendra in "Raja Jani".

Letter writers included Rainer Borno, Samwel Hamisi, David Hurd, Juma Mwayani and Coast horticultural expert Brian Perkins.



Sarah Dash looking good in fake fur.

So, as a country we are not yet good at integrated decision making.

The example given last week was the lack of proper impact assessments to ensure that in any developmental activity, all potential threats and opportunities are identified and mitigation or exploitation measures are put in place.

The same malaise is evident in other areas of our existence as a nation.

When things do not seem to work and the government agencies that are supposed to deliver services seem to not be interested or are incapable, then wananchi take over but most of the time the takeover is without any plan.

This type of action is seen almost all the time in day life in the country and we have almost come to accept it as normal.

It is called by many names but the one I want to use and which may be considered provocative is impunity.

We have become a nation where impunity is the way of life. One does not have to look too far.

When one goes to any government office to require a service, it is not unusual to find a large crowd of people especially when there is a deadline approaching.

Typical deadlines are examination registrations, voter registration, filing of tax returns, voting and so forth.

We never seem to plan to do this in a timely manner.

We tend to wait till the last possible moment and then all rush to beat the deadline.

Our Leaders Have Perfected The Artful Craft Of Impunity

Normally one would expect that there will be very few people who would be in a queue at the last minute but no, everyone is there.

It would appear as though it is fashionable to do so.

People on the queue represent all manner of temperaments.

There will be the noisy and bragging types who spend the whole time talking up their achievements and in such volume as to ensure that no one else within a twenty metre radius can have an opportunity to talk.

Then there are the quiet and studious types who say nothing and seem to be paying attention to everything that is going on around them.

Their hands are usually full of something or the other and they fidget with the material all the time.

One also gets the commentators.

They do not contribute anything even if the contribution would have been to keep quiet.

They have to interject loudly at each point they consider appropriate.

Their sole objective appears to be to come out on top of every situation presented to them.

Then there are the schemers. These people are always asking about what is going on around them and what could be going on ahead in the queue.

They want to know whether anyone knows anyone who can help lessen the suffering of queuing or who could listen to some of the myriad suggestions put forward by those queuing on how to minimise the pain of queuing.

They are also the ones that you will find talking endlessly on the phone to someone or another whom they are trying to solicit help from.

It would usually be trying to find out who else who is not in the queue knows someone in the building whom they can go and see and offload their problem to.

The common thing with queues in Kenya is that they will be orderly so long as there are less than ten people.

where it becomes survival for the fittest - and it does not mean the physically fit.

Fitness is measured by shouting ability, pinching ability, hand bag wielding ability, weeping ability and so forth.

Impunity sets in. This is the Kenya that we have created where should there be a demand for order for large groupings then impunity sets in as the only way to achieve an end.

Our leaders have perfected the art of making impunity look good. They parade the rewards of impunity - large cars, flash clothes and increasingly bling.

This has become the way that Kenyans measure success - in the display of material things.

This is not good for the country as straightforward everyday hard work and just reward is no longer the in thing.

Getting rich quickly by hook or by crook is *de rigueur*.

It has permeated into every action that we take.

As Kachumburi says, we need to recalibrate our moral compass in Kenya.



Once the number goes beyond that then the opportunists and types described above will come into play and they will tend to create chaos.

What started off as a single line will double, triple, quadruple until the lines then disappear and all you have is a big crowd of people trying to jostle their way to a point of service.

Jungle law will then kick in

Kenya @ 48: Any Reason to Celebrate?

Kenya turned Forty eight on 12th December 2011. Forty eight years on, we have created wealth and can proudly boast of 48 billionaires.

What an achievement, yet 48 percent of the country lives under a dollar a day. We are rained on as they reign in us.

Forty eight years later. History will judge us. We need a new Kenya, a new beginning, a new hope, a new future. "God Bless Kenya" Jeremiah Kiwoi, Rights Advocate Nairobi. kiwoi@gmail.com

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Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort And Spa Is Honoured With Corporate Leadership Award



Sarova Coast Region Regional General Manager Mohammed Hersi (centre) proudly displays the Corporate Leadership Award, Looking on are the MC's Sheila Mwanyigah and Debari Inea.

AWARD RECOGNIZES BUSINESS THAT DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP AND 'SOCIAL AWARENESS' COMMITMENT

Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort and Spa has been honored with the Corporate Leadership Award 2011 at Inaugural National Ability Awards.

The Inaugural National Ability Award 2011 award ceremony was held on the 2nd of December, 2011.

The award recognizes a business that demonstrates leadership and commitment to enhancing accessibility, inclusion, universality and the elimination of any barriers that may impede the full participation of persons with any type of disability in community life.

The example set by this business will inspire other business to do the same.

Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort and Spa was bequeathed the Corporate Leadership Award for the effort made by the resort to

improve access to employment, enhance accessibility and eliminate barriers for their employees with disability and clients with a disability.

Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort and Spa has inspired inclusion and universality through her actions.

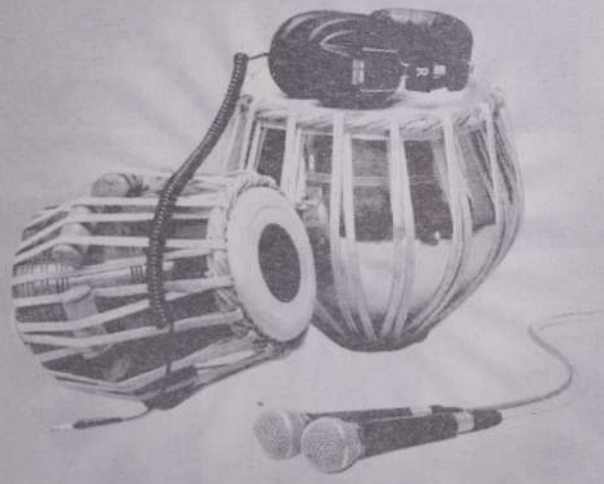
Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort and Spa was nominated by *Sweet Waves Band* that performs at the hotel, for their support and keen focus on supporting the disabled amongst other key Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives.

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THE NEW DAWN

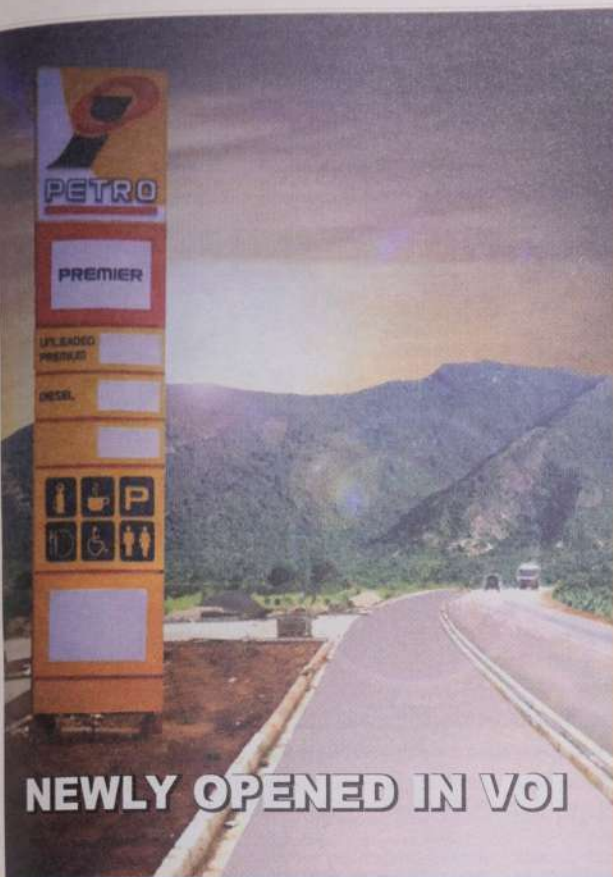
MOMBASA - NAIROBI HIGHWAY

It is finally here! A brand new service station in Voi along the country's main artery, the Mombasa - Nairobi highway is open.

And it is not just any other service station. For years travelers along the country's busiest and most important highway have yearned for a clean, convenient, safe and welcoming stopping point. Now they have it with one of the most modern, ecologically friendly and safe stations along the road.

Situated at the junction leading to Voi town from the highway, the new Petro Oil Kenya Voi Service station is a "must stop" for travelers who have either cruised down the 350 odd kilometers distance from Mombasa but nonetheless have braved the trucking corridor between Mombasa and Mariakani which can take up to 2 hours to clear on busy days. It is the natural rendezvous for travelers to Tanzania through Taveta and tour vans for the Tsavo National Park, the country's largest National Park.

No measures have been spared to ensure that the weary traveler is welcomed in this bright oasis. And cool modern facility with a fully fledged convenience store, 3 food outlets, hygienic washroom facilities complying with international standards including facilities for the aged, disabled and infants.



NEWLY OPENED IN VOI



And not to be forgotten are the traditional road side emergency tyre repair facilities and car wash facility with complimentary windscreen and headlamp wash situated with a scenic view of Sagalla Hills a landmark of Voi town.



There is ample parking for passenger cars, tour vans, commercial, school and institutional parking. The seating area which has a cool indoor area, an outdoor seating area as well as a children's playground catering for well over 100 customers at any given time.



Open 24 hours a day and seven days a week, Voi Petro Service Station has an offering for travelers of all levels. Late night and early morning travelers will be warmly welcomed with hot drinks and snacks and daytime travelers will have their thirst quenched by ice cold drinks and cooled down by a well stocked ice cream freezer.





Aerial monkey bridges bring down the number of monkey road casualties.



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A total of 31 bridges in Diani area.

Rare Pygmy Hippo's Death Due To Pneumonia

The death of a rare and secretive female pygmy hippo on Monday night at the Nairobi Safari Walk has been attributed to an age-related bout of pneumonia.

According to a post-mortem examination report prepared by Dr Edward Kariuki, a Kenya Wildlife Service veterinary doctor, the unique wild animal succumbed to a bacterial infection at the animal welfare facility.

Parts of the animal have been specially preserved for the mounting and stuffing in readiness for taxidermy to keep Elizabeth at the Nairobi Safari Walk museum for posterity.

The popular Elizabeth was part of a pair of pygmy hippos donated by former President William Tubman of Liberia as a gift to Kenyans through the President, the late Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, in the 1970s.

She leaves behind Bob, a hippo grandson, aged about nine years.

Other relatives of Elizabeth are found in Mt Kenya Game Ranch and Oj Jogi Ranch in the expansive wildlife-rich Laikipia County.

Elizabeth signified a diplomatic bridge between Kenya and Liberia and her passing on is a sad moment.

However, the remaining siblings are living testimonies of the friendly relations between Kenya and Liberia.

In her lifetime, her early years in Kenya were spent in the Nairobi Animal Orphanage as it was called then.

It was transferred to a private conservancy in Oj Jogi in Laikipia to pave way for the modern Nairobi Safari Walk.

While at Oj Jogi, Elizabeth gave birth to a number of offspring, which she has left behind.

Her return to the refurbished Nairobi safari Walk was a joyous occasion, not only to her handlers but to the many fans, to whom she had endeared herself.

Until her death, she was a star attraction at the Nairobi Safari Walk where she enjoyed the prime of place in the first enclosure as one enters the captive animal husbandry facility.

Unlike the Nile hippo, which is indigenous to East Africa, the Pygmy hippo is found in isolated pockets of West African forests and swamps of the Ivory Coast, Liberia, and Sierra Leone, and possibly Nigeria and Guinea.

Pygmy hippos are severely threatened due to deforestation and bush meat hunting with an estimated 3,000 individuals remaining, according to the World Conservation Union (IUCN).

Pygmy hippos were unknown outside of West Africa until the 19th century.

Introduced to zoos in the early 20th century, they breed well in captivity and the vast majority of research is derived from zoo specimens.

According to IUCN, the survival of the species in captivity is more assured than in the wild.

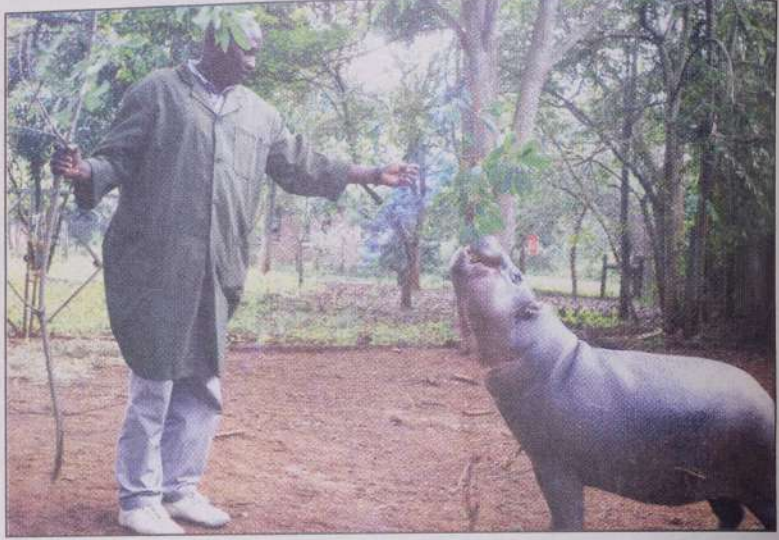
Pygmy hippos are primarily threatened by loss of habitat, as

detailed interpretation.

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eye-opener to Kenya's national parks and reserves.

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The 29-year-old female pygmy hippo Elizabeth being fed by her caretaker at the Nairobi Safari Walk.

forests are logged and converted to farm land, and are also vulnerable to poaching for meat and natural predators.

The name Hippopotamus came from the Greek, and it meant horse.

They called it the river horse but they are more closely related to the pig than a horse.

Two hippo species are found in Africa.

The large hippo, found in East Africa, which occurs in large numbers in south of the Sahara.

The other, much smaller species of hippo is the pygmy hippopotamus - limited West Africa, it is a shy, solitary forest dweller, and now rare.

At first glance, the pygmy hippopotamus looks like a mini version of its larger relative, the Nile hippopotamus (also known as the river, or common, hippopotamus).

But on closer examination there are other differences besides size. The pygmy hippo has adaptations for living in the water but is much less aquatic than the Nile hippo.

Not only is the pygmy hippo much smaller, it is much more rare, found only in the interior forests in parts of West Africa.

They are more pig-like in shape than Nile hippopotamuses, with proportionately smaller heads and proportionately longer legs and necks.

The pygmy hippo is reclusive and nocturnal.

Nairobi Safari Walk is barely 7 km south of the city centre.

The animal welfare facility is a combination of skilled and creative landscape design, unique wildlife species and

to learn about these valuable resources and how they can contribute to conservation.

Some unique plants and animals that are locally extinct or threatened are also displayed.

The Nairobi Safari Walk is an

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Car And General Opens A Branch In Malindi Town

As part of an objective to bring quality products closer to customers, listed company Car and General has opened a branch in Malindi town.

This is located at the Piaggio Service Centre on the Malindi to Lamu Road.

The Car and General Malindi premises consists of a showroom and a workshop and the staff will handle sales, service and spares for all the Company's product lines.

These include TVS and Suzuki

motorcycles, Briggs and Stratton generators, water pumps, lawnmowers and pressure washers and Piaggio three wheelers.

George Rubiri the Company's Manager for Mombasa Branch, will be in charge of the Malindi outlet.

He said, "We were represented by a dealer in Malindi, but the quick expansion of the town and the surrounding areas has generated a growing demand for our products."

"Accordingly, we decided to

open a full scale Car and General Branch with a showroom, workshop and spares department."

"Piaggio three wheeler passenger vehicles are a common sight in Malindi Town.

With a fuel consumption of 36 kilometres per litre, they are extremely popular with taxi operators in this area.

"The vans and pick-ups are very competitive for delivery work, courier services, laundries and fast food businesses."

"Also available in the

General Malindi Branch are TVS and Suzuki motorcycles which are designed to provide fuel efficient and reliable service for individuals and organizations requiring low cost transport.

"These bikes are ideal for boda boda operators, messenger, courier and security work."

"After sales service is very important to Car and General and the workshop is run by qualified technicians.

"The branch has stocks of spare parts for all our products including the Piaggio three wheelers and

Celebration Time For Aga Khan Health Service, Kenya

The Community Health Department (CHD) of Aga Khan Health Service, Kenya which is based in Mombasa celebrated the successful completion of its major maternal and child health project, also known as Mama Na Mtoto (MNM).

The MNM project was a 3-year project which started in 2009 and was funded by European Union and also contributed by Aga Khan Foundation, UK.

The MNM project was implemented in 11 government rural dispensaries in three districts of Coast province.

progress with each community representatives.

Speaking on the occasion, the Provincial Director for Medical Services, Dr. Maurice Siminyu appreciated the support provided by Aga Khan agencies and European Union for funding this project.

The representative from the Delegation of the European Union Mr. Daniel Plas, appreciated the good work done and expressed his organization's commitment in contributing towards the social development of the people of Kenya.

Dr. Amyn Lakhani, Director of CHD expressed his gratitude for generous funding from European Union, government health

capacity building.

He also thanked the community where the project was implemented for providing access and wished that the project activities will be sustained by the community with the help from government health facilities.

Finally, he vowed with same commitment for the next phase of MNM which is designed and approved for funding by European Union and starts from January 2012.

This new 4-year project will be implemented in the district of Msambweni in Coast province.



Seen [from left] Steven Oka, Nurse Incharge and Community Health Extension Worker Mwabila Dispensary, Mango Chengo Didimus member of Community Health Committee and Ms. Margaret Mwachiti, Community Health Worker, Mwabila Dispensary.



Seen Patrick Musyimi, Public Health Officer and Community Health Extension Worker, Shimoni Dispensary, District Msambweni, Daniel Plas, Head of Social and Environment Section European Union Delegation for Kenya, Ms. Batuli T Abdalla, member of the Community Health Committee, Shimoni Dispensary and Ndalu Mshee Chairman Dispensary Health Committee Shimoni Dispensary.

During the weekend, a grand Exit-Forum was organized with the purpose of handing over the "Community Units" to the representatives of the community.

The Forum was organized at a local hotel and attended by members of the rural community from all 11 locations, representatives from local health NGOs, District Medical officer, Provincial Medical Director for Coast province and Head of Social and Environment section of the Delegation of European Union in Kenya.

Each "Community Unit" set up their desk to demonstrate their achievements and the participants were invited to visit each desk and discuss the

partners at all levels which allowed CHD to contribute and provide access to skills and



Participants attend Exit-Forum

Couple Visiting Coast For The Last 30 Years



General Manager of Mombasa Continental Resort Mr. and Mrs. Moon and Fred Goepfert from Germany on arrival at the Hotel. The couple has been visiting the country for the last 30 years.

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General Manager of Mombasa Continental Resort Gichohi [left] presents a gift to the wife of The Vice President of South Sudan Mrs. Anjellina Machar, and his wife Dr. Riek Machar, during a reception the Hotel for the ministers and their deputies from the Government of South Sudan who were on a retreat.



Musician Jardine Chao [left] of Sailwind Jazz Band is joined by George Kileen from America in entertaining guests during Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at Mombasa Continental Resort. The Guest of Honor was the Coast provincial Commissioner Earnest Munyi.



PHOTO - COURTESY: TITUS MUSAU

Nyali International Beach Hotel Chief Security Officer Micheal Adrid receives an appreciation award from the Coast Provincial Officer Aggrey Adoli on behalf of the Hotel for contributing in rehabilitating Mtwaya Police station office block and staff residential houses. The project which was undertaken by friends of the Police Group was initiated by a Mombasa business man Nahid Moosa.



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At Bamburi Beach Hotel, Food and Beverages Manager [3rd left] is seen presenting Mineral Water to Samuel Ochieng, Caretaker of House of Hope Children's Home. Donation was for Christmas Carols Fun Day, for 61 Children at Children's Home in Kisauni. Looking from left Bamburi Beach Hotel Staff and Children from House of Hope Children's Home.



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Tenzing, as one who practised the Buddhist faith, was a man of great humility; throughout his life he remained very humble.

Tenzing was born at Khumbu, Nepal or in the Kharta Valley of Tibet in late May, of 1914.

He spoke several languages although he could not read or write.

He had many friends and Mohamed Ismail was one.

In the spring of 1980, Tibet which was once a 'Forbidden country' allowed Lars Eric Lindblad, arguably the world's greatest adventure travel organiser to send Tenzing Norgay and Mohamed Ismail to do a reconnaissance of the high Himalayas from China, as well as the north face of Mount Everest for future trekking expeditions from Tibet.

Tenzing with Mohamed Ismail at Lhasa Airport, Tibet. Altitude 12,000 feet, and perhaps the highest airport in the world.



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Tenzing was then in his mid sixties and Mohamed Ismail was in his forties.

Mohamed had the skills to survive in hostile environments, he was also experienced in building tented camps and lodges.

At age fourteen, Mohamed had trekked and climbed all the hills within Tsavo and Taita District.

Their abilities and resourcefulness made them the ideal choice as teammates; they were a rare breed equipped to endure and survive under extreme and hostile climatic conditions.

first visited The Potala Palace; They also paid homage to Jhokang, Sera and Drepung Monasteries, and intermingled with the Tibetan people.

There wasn't much in the way of food or accommodation then. Yak meat, buttered tea and a thousand year-old eggs was the staple with some rice.

As their Chinese escort and help fell sick due to altitude, the

army barracks where conditions were quite basic and primitive.

They spent three weeks charting out routes and selecting base camps.

As a naturalist, Mohamed was very keen on locating the snow leopard at these altitudes as well as its prey, the blue sheep, but there were no sign of these creatures even in the most isolated and pristine places.

Mohamed made copious notes regarding what he observed in the way of avi-fauna and wrote a detailed report for Lars Eric Lindblad.

Lars Eric Lindblad was hoping to get a prominent American hotelier to build a five star hotel in Lhasa, but the project fell through as the Chinese were not keen on seeing visitors observing the plight of the Tibetan peoples under Han domination.

At the conclusion of their exploratory expedition, the three flew from Lhasa for different destinations.

Tenzing and Patrick flew to Hong Kong, while Mohamed went to Beijing and from thence to Guangzhou, Hong Kong and to Kenya.

Actually Mohamed had offered to stay in Tibet for six continuous months through its harsh winter, but the head office in New York did not respond either because plans were not in hand for any potential travellers or the whole Tibet foray was considered a debacle due to the Chinese authorities' not wanting any visitors at that time.

That year, in September, Mohamed received an urgent telex from Lars Eric Lindblad requesting that he should take over as expedition leader to Tibet as two expedition leaders were sick from altitude sickness.

Someone had to lead the stalled trip.

It was too late for Mohamed to return; he was committed to lead several safaris to remote corners of East Africa.

On the 9th of May 1986, Mohamed was at The Mount Kenya Safari Club in Nanyuki.

That morning, he felt restless and felt an urgent need to read the international newspaper.

After purchasing a newspaper from the Club's boutique he



The famous Potala Palace, high up in the Himalaya mountains.

opened the main page to find that his friend Tenzing Norgay had died in Darjeeling, India.

Speaking to Mohamed, he said to me that the news of Tenzing's passing was one of the saddest news in his life.

He recounted their friendship which began in Kenya in 1978 when Tenzing came to climb Mount Kenya under the auspices of Lars Eric Lindblad.

Also of the many languages he spoke including Pushtu which he had learnt while living in Chitral and during the years he had led mountaineering expeditions in and around the Karakorum Range of Mountains.

I shall always remember when Mohamed uttered the following verse to me about death and dying:-

"Nay, Hope may whisper with

the dead
By bending forward where they are;
But Memory, with a backward tread,
Communes with them afar."

I am not a mountaineer albeit I have no fear of heights.

I am however frequently assailed by thoughts about the ancients and those seers of yore, some went up and came down with the Tablets, while others said to their disciples that if the mountain won't come to them, they will go to the mountain, and isn't Noah's Ark somewhere on Mount Ararat?

Mountaineering must be a magnificent obsession, as long as there are mountains to climb!

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Tenzing Norgay standing on Summit of Mount Everest 1953.

three proceeded south-west and travelled for a full day to get to the town of Xigatse and closer to Everest using a Tibetan guide.

Here there was no guest house and they stayed in a Chinese

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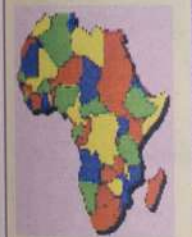
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Tenzing with Edmund Hilary at Darjeeling, Bengal almost three decades after their Everest conquest. The two men were the first to reach the summit of Mount Everest on 29th May, 1953.

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Door handle	Went by car	Brydon comedy actor	Beer cask		
Milk-white gem	Frosting on a cake	Plural of 'is'	Inuit		
New York airport (initials)	Billy lawyer in Chicago	Light beer	Bicarbonate of baking ingredients	David, Dragon's Den presenter	MP's constituency
Printing error	Looks for	Crill is French for 'what's ill'			
Friar, address	Play	Negative word			

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KCB MTAANI RALLY



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The KCB Mtaani Rally-better known as Mombasa Rally- was flagged off at the KCB Mariakani branch last weekend. [TOP LEFT] Ian Duncan and co-driver Amar Slatch winners of the KCB Mtaani Rally and the Season Champions pose with their trophies. [TOP RIGHT] James Kirimi and Kimmell Korir at the podium celebrate their 2WD Championship victory. Seen [from bottom left] Onkar Rai and Rajju Chaggar flying the furthest on a jump in CS1, Naushad Kara and Adnan Din near roll in CS4, Ian Duncan and Amar Slatch on a jump in CS1.



Mandinginyo Beat Takaungu In A Friendly

Madiginyo Stars consisting of many superstars and professional footballers, registered a fine 3-1 victory over Takaungu Youngsters during a friendly match at Takaungu ground last Sunday.

Sunday. After a barren draw in the normal playing time, Sparki managed to score their penalties through Toni Elias, Mbarak Mwalimu, Brunel Ambuga and Branton Mwaliko while Kilifi got theirs through John Charo, John

Katana and Safari Charo.

Mombasa United beat Kisauni 2-1 to finish third.

All the winning teams, Sparki, Kilifi and Mombasa United were presented with trophies.

Spark defender, Branton Mwaliko was awarded a medal for being the best player, Mombasa United's striker, Hashim Ali was awarded with a medal for being the top scorer, having scored total of 11 goals.

Meanwhile, Sparki Youth emerged the winners of the inaugural Mombasa Youth League Cup Under-14 Soccer Competition after recording a lucky 4-3 penalty shoot-out victory over Kilifi County in the final match at Ronald Ngala Primary School ground last

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Madinginyo team back row [from left] Ahmed Boss, All Breik Katolilla, Ashraf Abdulaziz, Jamal Mohamed, Hassan "Rio" Mohamed, Moses Wachira, Robert mambo and Team Manager, Rashid Hussein. Front row [from left] Mahmood Jama, Egal Ibrahim, Mohamed Madigi, Abdul Ibrahim, Hussein Machinga, Ramadhan Athman Mbuggus, Abdi Simba and Patrick Osiako.

COAST BRIDGE with C.P. SHAH

Most inspired defence occurred in the following deal.

DEALER: SOUTH BOTH VULNERABLE BIDDING:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
ONE SPADE	PASS	ONE 'NO TRUMP	PASS
FOUR SPADES	ALL PASS		

West led a Heart to the Ten, Queen and King.

Declarer cashed the Ace-King of Trumps and then gave West his Third Trump. (East discarding a Heart).

West now came up with a devilish and switched to the Queen of Clubs.

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

WEST			
♠	Q	J	4
♥	J	7	4
♦	9	7	6 5
♣	A	Q	9

EAST			
♠	5		
♥	Q	8	6 5 3
♦	Q	4	3
♣	J	6	4

Placing West with the Knave and East with the Ace, Declarer ducked.

West then followed with the Nine of Clubs and Declarer ducked again.

East won the Knave and returned a third Club to West's Ace. Down One. West would have led the Queen of Clubs at trick one from Queen - Nine - Knave. Rising with the King of Clubs on the first

SOUTH			
♠	A	K	9 8 7 5 3
♥	K		
♦	A	K	
♣	10	8	7

The Short Game



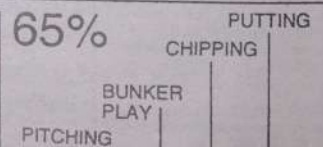
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IT'S A FACT THAT 65% OF GOLF IS PLAYED WITHIN 60 YARDS OF THE HOLE, SO IT MAKES SENSE THAT MOST OF YOUR PRACTICE TIME SHOULD BE SPENT ON YOUR SHORT GAME. REMEMBER THAT NEXT TIME YOU'RE TEMPTED TO KEEP ON BANGING AWAY ON THE RANGE WITH YOUR DRIVER.



EXCLUSIVE - GREG NORMANS' GOLF LESSONS

Mombasa Olympic Penalty Shoot Out Victory

Mombasa Olympic lifted the Junior category trophy in the Hassan Joho Foundation sponsored Jamhuri Cup Ladies Soccer Championships when they beat Bravillian from Nairobi 5-4 in the lottery of penalty shoot out in the final match played at Bomu Primary School ground.

After a barren first half, Mwanahalima Adam shot Olympic into lead in the 54th minute and Margaret Wanjiru cancelled the deficit for Dagoretti in the 79th minute.

In the senior category, Moyas



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Nairobi duel. Goal merchant Macreen Awino drew the first blood for the Sisters in the 52nd minute before Pauline Adhiambo levelled the score in the 66th minute.

The event was graced by Mombasa businessman, Omar Muhsin, the Secretary General of Football Kenya Federation (FKF), Omondi Aduda, FKF Coast NEC representative Hussein Terry, FKF South Coast Branch chairman, Hamisi Mwayoyo and Kibibi Kassim, the Changamwe Constituency AIDS Control Council (CACC) Committee member.

Spedag Interfreight coach was named best female coach as Coach Ndunda of Bravillian was declared best male trainer.

Rael Kamanda (Bravillian) became the best upcoming player.

But it was Spedag's ball controller, Mbeyu Akida who won a double when she jointly with Macrine Awino snatched the top scorers' awards after each having scored four goals.

Mbeyu also won the tournament best player award.

Moyas were awarded a set of uniform, a trophy, two footballs



Football Kenya Federation Secretary General Omondi Aduda presenting uniforms to Rachael Wanini of Spedag.

and Sh30,000 while Spedag received a set of jersey, trophy, two balls and Sh2,000 with Soccer Sisters also of Nairobi taking a trophy, two balls and Sh10,000.

Mombasa Olympic were awarded a set of jersey, a trophy and Sh15,000 as Dagoretti Soccer Queens receiving a

trophy, two footballs and Sh10,000. The tournament was organised jointly by Mikindani Youth Project and Football Kenya Federation (FKF) South Coast branch and sponsored jointly by National AIDS Control Council (NACC) through Total War Against AIDS (TOWA) Project, Spedag Interfreight Limited Hassan Joho Foundation.

Football Federation Kenya Coastal Branch Meeting



PHOTO: WINSTON OTUM

Football Federation Kenya, National executive committee member, Terry Hussein (left) explains a point during Coast branch meeting in Mombasa. Looking on is South Coast branch chairman, Hamisi Mwayoyo.

Mombasa businessman, Omar Muhsin giving medal to Elizabeth Ambogo of Moyas.

from Nairobi were crowned this year's National Jamhuri TOWA Project Women champions after they downed Coast soccer queens, Spedag in a thrilling end-to-end final clash played at the same venue.

Moyas opened the first bottle of champagne through international striker Elizabeth Ambogo in the 21st minute but Spedag hauled themselves off the canvass to equalize through playmaker and woman of the match, Mbeyu Akida in the 37th minute to set up a 1-1 score at breather.

Moyas fought back in the second half and scored the winning goal through Mildred Chacha with a volley in the 75th minute.

Soccer Sisters crashed their city counterparts, Bravillian 4-2 to clinch the second runners up position in the third play off for the senior category in an all-

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG SHOW



Just concluded German Shepherd Dog Show at East African Kennel Club Nairobi where more than 100 dogs participated. Champion Zenja Vom Mattenburcherland was judged as best in show and best of breed by an eminent judge Herr Gunter Schwedes from Germany. Doeland Kennel Nairobi is the only kennel which has got four GSD East African champions.

ICC Announces The Umpire Panel

The ICC-Africa Regional Office announced the appointment of the Match Referee and the Umpires for the Upcoming ICC-Africa Senior Women's Cup Tournament which is set to take place in Kampala, Uganda from 16th to 20th December 2011.

Six of Africa's membership countries will take place in this Tournament which comprises of:- Uganda (Host); Kenya; Namibia; Nigeria; Tanzania and Sierra Leone who will fight it out for top honors during the five day tournament in Kampala confirmed Cassim Suliman, ICC-Africa Regional Development Manager Subhash Modi from

Kenya will stand as Match Referee and appointed to umpire are:- David Odhiambo; Rockie D'Mello; Isaac Oyieko all from Kenya as well as Patrick Makumbi; Baker Elonge and Ezra Mindyo all of whom are from Uganda.

The RDM commented that staging this most important event will not only motivate girls and woman cricket within the continent but at the same time will also encourage the members to institute mass participation of woman cricket within their countries.

On behalf of the ICC Development Department in Dubai as well as the ICC-Africa Regional Office we wish to convey our best wishes to the host country; all officials as well as the participating women's teams.

Ladies Cricket Team For Africa Twenty20

Cricket Kenya has named a squad of 14 players for the Inaugural Africa Women Twenty20 Cricket Championships in Uganda.

The tournament is set for 16-20 December and will involve six countries namely Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Namibia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria.

Squad: 1. Emily Ruto (Captain), 2. Mercy Adhiambo, 3. Sarah Bhakita, 4. Ruth Mwihiaki, 5. Sharon Jurma, 6. Margaret Benja, 7. Belinda Maska, 8. Sylvia Wairimu, 9. Faith Kingi, 10. Beryl Oyugi, 11. Noreen Muluhya, 12. Peris Abuko, 13. Mako Wako, 14. Doline Adhiambo.

NOTE: - Nigeria, Namibia and Sierra Leone will be making their first appearance in an international cricket event.

- Kenya will be missing two of their experienced players namely Mary Belle and Peryne Omamo who made themselves unavailable for the event. The two are the team's opening bowler and opening batters respectively.

- In their place, Peris Abuko and Beryl Oyugi were selected and will be making their debut.

- Doline Adhiambo and Faith Kingi are making a comeback in the team after failing to make in the team last year during the Women World Cup Qualifiers.

- Of the players that played in the Qualifiers last year in Nairobi, Maureen Mutunga and Peris Adhiambo are the other players that are not in the team.

- Mako Wakom is only 14 years. Dun Okinyo is the coach.

Nautilus Triathlon Grand Success

FROM BACK PAGE The Nyali beach.

In today's world you have the coach and the parents.

You have good coaches and good parents.

What the Mombasa Triathlon Organization Trust has is the best combination you can ever ask for.

Through out 2011 MTOT gathered momentum and new blood/new committee came together with such a dedicated team, excellent parental support and a wonderful team of sponsors who together put on a show like no other to crown off 2011's last event in the 9 event

calendar that was set by giving away the much awaited "Athlete of the Year" awards for the highest top 3 positions/points obtained throughout the year in each age group.

A big thank you to all our sponsors who have strongly supported this event.

SDV Transami, SECO, Masafi Industry, Alpine Foods, Trace Security, Keen Cleaners, Comital Ltd, Shifachem, Meezan Trading, Turtle Bay Beach Club, Graphics World, Yukay and Nautilus Food Products as the title sponsors for the great support. Special thanks goes to all who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to

pull in the sponsors namely Malon de Zilva, Mrs. Nicolas Dupart, Mr. Adnan Tung, Murtaza Mohamedali, Mr. Gianni Sganzerlia, Mr. Said Mahdi, and not forgetting the mothers who made sure registration and the finish line was well taken care of.

Hats off to Mrs. Tung, Mrs. Masuma Khan and Mrs. Malon de Zilva.

Mombasa Triathlon had its open forum on 7th December at the Royal Castle Hotel where various committees were formed to be the various organs to ensure the 2012 calendar year is well taken care of.

Some of the committees

formed include the Finance control committee headed by Nasir Said, Sponsorship committee, Technical committee, Marketing committee, 2012 International trip committee, 2012 Athletes prizes committee.

The calendar 2012 series of 9 races is already posted in www.kenyatriathlon.com

A new dimension that will feature the Iron Kids triathlon is something new and interesting for our kids.

All the series results and more than 1500 pictures posted of facebook on Mombasa Triathlon page by our great supporter Malon de Zilva.

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KENYA TIDE TABLES

MOMBASA, December 16 - 22, 2011

FRIDAY High Water - 3.0 m. at 07.22 hrs. (7.22 a.m.) and 2.8 m. at 19.59 hrs. (7.59 p.m.). Low Water - 0.8 m. at 01.05 hrs. (1.05 a.m.) and 0.6 m. at 13.39 hrs. (1.39 p.m.).

SATURDAY High Water - 2.8 m. at 08.10 hrs. (8.10 a.m.) and 2.7 m. at 20.56 hrs. (8.56 p.m.). Low Water - 0.9 m. at 01.56 hrs. (1.56 a.m.) and 0.7 m. at 14.24 hrs. (2.24 p.m.).

SUNDAY High Water - 2.5 m. at 09.11 hrs. (9.11 a.m.) and 2.7 m. at 22.06 hrs. (10.06 p.m.). Low Water - 1.1 m. at 03.00 hrs. (3.00 a.m.) and 0.9 m. at 15.20 hrs. (3.20 p.m.).

MONDAY High Water - 2.3 m. at 10.31 hrs. (10.31 a.m.) and 2.8 m. at 23.26 hrs. (11.26 p.m.). Low Water - 1.2 m. at 04.29 hrs. (4.29 a.m.) and 1.0 m. at 16.33 hrs. (4.33 p.m.).

TUESDAY High Water - 2.3 m. at 12.02 hrs. (12.02 a.m.). Low Water - 1.1 m. at 06.06 hrs. (6.06 a.m.) and 1.0 m. at 17.58 hrs. (5.58 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY High Water - 2.9 m. at 00.43 hrs. (12.43 a.m.) and 2.4 m. at 13.26 hrs. (1.26 p.m.). Low Water - 0.9 m. at 07.24 hrs. (7.24 a.m.) and 0.9 m. at 19.13 hrs. (7.13 p.m.).

THURSDAY High Water - 3.2 m. at 01.50 hrs. (1.50 a.m.) and 2.5 m. at 14.32 hrs. (2.32 p.m.). Low Water - 0.6 m. at 08.26 hrs. (8.26 a.m.) and 0.7 m. at 20.14 hrs. (8.14 p.m.).

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

Nautilus Triathlon Grand Success

The Mombasa Triathlon came to its final race with a big show that attracted many Schools and clubs at the Nyali Beach.

Athletes came from various schools and clubs namely Oshwal Academy, Mombasa Aquatic Club, Coast Swimming Club-Nyali, Aga Khan Primary students, Aga Khan Academy students and Jaffery Academy too.

It was a fun filled challenge that the Chairman of CASA took part in the event and enjoyed in the process.

This event marked the last in the series of 9 races of 2011.

Thanks to our sponsors for their effort and support.

The athletes who raced in the individual events were awarded with their best athlete trophies and medals.

The climax of the show was the presentation of the Road Bicycle sponsored by Gianni Sganzerla to Hamza Tung who managed to acquire 2632 points putting him in the lead.

Second in the list is Mohamed Suleiman with 2513.8 points who received the Cycling Roller sponsored by Malon de Zilva.

In third place is Hadnaan Khan who got 2339.1 points and won a weekend for two at the Turtle Bay Beach Club in Watamu courtesy of the Turtle Bay Beach.

A group of dedicated professionals that include parents, technical team members and coaches that form the Mombasa



Seen [from left] is Mr Slim, second place is Melany Humar of Oshwal Academy, in first place Chairman Abdulmalik of CASA receiving Gold on behalf of her athlete and in third place is Shivani Chhaya while Mombasa Triathlon Chairman Suleiman Said looks on.

Triathlon Committee made the 2011 event a show many will

want to see again. It was indeed a stunning success to see well

over 125 athletes competing at CONCLUDED PAGE NINETEEN

LAST 2011 MUG AND MEDAL ROUND

The last Mug and Medal round for 2011 was

played at Nyali Golf and Country Club on Saturday 10th December 2011.

As it was a part of the "long weekend", some members perhaps had other plans, more exciting outings, out of town or even further a field, which explains the entry for the competition being small.

Out of 48 men and 11 women who played, only one player was able to play to his handicap and that was the winner of the A Division, Atul Patel.

With his 82 gross, the ten handicapper Atul was only 3 shots behind Aalan Dainty who with his 79 gross brought the lowest score of the entire field and claimed the Best Gross prize.

Alan also took the second prize in A Division on nett 73.

Four shots behind Alan to take the third position in A Division was ten handicapper Bhaskar Patel with his 77 nett, after

beating Alnoor Dhanji and Davis Mulli in that order.

The third best nett of the day was 74, shared by Salim Tweshe and Mike Lessons on the men's side and Suhasini Gudka on the women's side.

Salim and Mike both belong to

the B Division and had to depend on count back for their positions, Salim beating Mike to take the first place.

Mike was followed by Naqvi who has returned to our shores after being away for a long time.

He has obviously adapted

himself quickly, claiming the third place in B Division on 76 nett.

Nett 76 was also the number that decided the top and the second position in C Division, and the winner of the Silver Division on the women's side.

Paul Macharia took the first prize in C Division after beating Nicholas Soares on count back.

The third prize went to Gunkie Bonanno on 78.

The Silver Division winner on 76 was Christine Okatch who was followed some way behind by Saida Samji and Mamma Patel both on 81 nett. Saida beating Mamma on count back.

In the Bronze Division, the winner Suhas was followed four shots behind by Jayne Githere to take second place and Ulta Grimwood followed one shot behind in the third place.

Farida Saeed took the best first nine on 38 and Sheila Rust the second nine with 42.

Farida also claimed the Best Putting prize with 30 puts.



Allan Dainty [left], Best Gross during December Mug at NGCC, receives a Mug from NGCC Captain George Nesbitt.

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