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WHITESANDS GREEN X-MAS

In a bid to conserve environment, Sarova Whitesands Hotel at the Coast, has come up with strategies to conserve the environment.

The hotel has collected over 20,000 bottles of Sprite soda and used them to put up a 12.5-metre long magnificent-looking artificial Christmas tree.

The whole masterpiece is weighing 550 Kg and was put up together in 14 days.

Christmas Cheer & Quality Health Care

MOMBASA HOSPITAL NOW 'ISO CERTIFIED' LABORATORY

The Mombasa Hospital Laboratory received the internationally recognized ISO 15189:2012 accreditation certificate at its annual awards presentation and Christmas Party held recently at the Hospital.

The ISO Certificate was presented to the Vice-Chairman of the Hospital Management Board by Mr. Abdikheir Dahiye, the Lead Auditor of Kenya National Accreditation Service in the presence of the guest of honour, Mr. Evans Achoki, Mombasa County Commissioner.

In his address, Mr. Achoki congratulated the Hospital on attaining the ISO status for its laboratory.

He commended the Hospital for maintaining standards on quality health care and urged the staff to work harder to maintain standards so as to remain one of the top Hospitals in Kenya.

Mr. Achoki and other dignitaries then presented gift vouchers and certificates to the outstanding employees and departments.

Among the outstanding employees were Sr. Fatma Ahmed, Critical Care Nurse as Nurse of the year and Razia Hassan

Ismail, Pharmacy Procurement Clerk as employee of the year (support services).

The ICU led by Sr. Jamila Jeizan and the Laboratory headed by Mr. Abdulrahman Subira were declared the best Nursing Department and Support Service Department of the year respectively.

The function ended with the lighting of the Christmas tree by the Chief Guest and a captivating Giriama dance by the Hospital choir.



The Lead Auditor of Kenya National Accreditation Service, Abdikheir Dahiye, presenting the ISO 15189:2012 accreditation certificate to Dr. (Col). S. M. Bebor, the Vice Chairman of The Mombasa Hospital Management Board. Looking on is the Hospital's Administrative Director, Abbas Nasser.

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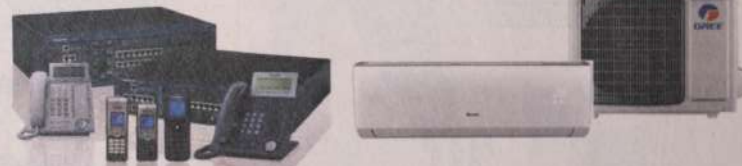
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'STAY SAFE THIS FESTIVE SEASON' - SECUREX CEO

Ahead of the festive season, Securex C.E.O Tony Sahni discusses some common crime trends noted in Christmases past and how to steer clear of the threats.

"Even amidst the frivolities of the festive season, criminal elements lurk among us. We often remind ourselves to remember the reason for the season; this time let us remember to stay safe while commemorating the occasion." - Tony Sahni.

The holidays often pose a unique challenge to most business and home owners.

Historically speaking, certain crime patterns tend to rear their ugly heads over and over each holiday season.

In fact, in the build-up to this holiday season, we have already seen some of these trends taking shape across the country.

Take, for instance, reports of carjacking and highway robbery that have increased in recent months, particularly at points along the Nairobi-Nakuru highway like Gilgil and Naivasha.

Organized crime in Butere, Mumias, Mombasa, Mander and Meru has repeatedly been highlighted in media and police reports, while some gangs opt for more covert tactics like drugging revellers in bars in Thika.

These security challenges are

what we sometimes fail to address and prepare for in good time.

Care needs to be taken to avoid becoming soft targets to these forms of crime this holiday season.

Carjacking:

Christmas tradition dictates that we criss-cross the country to share some festive cheer with family.

Whether via public means, private or hired vehicle, most of us will be on the road over the next few weeks.

Unfortunately, criminals anticipate this as well. Reports of highway robbery at Voi along the Mombasa-Nairobi highway road for instance are not unheard of.



Securex C.E.O Tony Sahni.

More common is ambushes by gangs at Gilgil and Karai, near Naivasha, along the Nairobi-Nakuru highway.

We should remain alive to the most common tricks these thugs use to dupe vulnerable drivers.

These include motioning you to stop as though there's some mechanical fault with your car, hitting your car from behind and striking as you pull over to inspect the damage, and feigning mechanical trouble with their own vehicle pretending to be in need of your help.

Armed Robbery:

This is a hallmark of organized crime, evidence of which has already been seen in Mombasa where gangs have been wreaking havoc over the last couple of months.

We know most of you cannot resist the coast over the holiday season, but perhaps a bit of caution would be wise.

Do a little homework before going on that trip to learn the crime trends in the area. For instance, locations that have been troublesome in Mombasa in the past include Kisauri, Nyali, Likoni and Old Town.

It might not be advisable to walk alone at night in these areas. Try to blend in with the local crowd as opportunistic thugs often look to prey on foreigners.

You could also ask your hotel information desk to recommend safer places to visit.

On that note, if you have a fanny pack, definitely do not wear that outside.

Do not dress flashy and leave any unnecessary valuables like your Kindle or tablet in the hotel room.

Burglary/Theft:

You're excited about this trip that you have been saving up for all year.

Your young ones cannot wait to flood everyone's Instagram timelines with vacation pictures and hashtags.

Remember, you might as well be as safe as you can be.

is now free to be broken into.

In Naivasha for instance, ga have been targeting and breaking into homes that perceive to be unoccupied.

Speak to your private security provider on beefing up security protocols before leaving, both the office or your business and your home.

Using technology that can monitor and control remotely might help you sleep better while on holiday.

For your home, ask a neighbor to make your house look "lived in."

They can park their car in your driveway or use your hanging lines even.

Crime Targeting Children:

Crime targeting children tends to spike over the holiday season, simply because they are seen as the softest targets and they are not in school for eight hours every day.

The most imminent threat here are abduction and sex violence. For their own safety it's advisable to know their whereabouts at all times.

Encourage your children to the buddy system whenever in public. Implore them not to lure into vehicles or houses that they do not know, and do not let them into homes where they should not accept food or drink from strangers.

When out and about, teach them the concept of "strangers" like a security guard in uniform or a mom with kids. Most importantly, if they are in a situation that makes them uncomfortable, they should get away.

Mugging:

This primarily occurs towards the end and in the immediate aftermath of the holiday season.

Most affected are urban areas like the Central Business District in Nairobi and Mombasa, and suburban areas like Karen in Nairobi which saw an influx of armed thugs on wheels particularly around the New Year holiday.

When in town, avoid parking spots that are isolated and ATMs that are in well-lit, public areas.

Do not walk around with large amounts of cash on you if you can help it and try not to make yourself a target.

However, should you outnumbered or faced with armed opposition, do not resist. Material loss can always be recovered, life cannot.

In addition to all this, sometimes it's the little things that we have to watch out for.

A number of safety-related incidents typically noted over this season are easily avoided.

When decorating your Christmas tree, hang ornaments at the top of the yourself and let your child put up the rest.

This way, they do not have overreach and risk falling off.

Also be careful with Christmas cards, especially those with button batteries which children can easily end up swallowing.

The risk of fire is also heightened over this season.

Remember that pretty as it might be, Christmas lights are just as susceptible to power surges and could end up lighting up more than just your living room. Be sure to put your candles not in use or when going to bed, and keep them far from anything flammable like curtains. Stay safe and enjoy!

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Chaine Des Rotisseurs Mombasa Formal Christmas Dinner at the Tamarind Restaurant

The Chaine Christmas formal dinner hosted by the Tamarind Restaurant was a tremendous star to the festive season for Chaine members and guests.

A vast selection of canapés was served in the newly refurbished "Dawa" area and deck overlooking the magnificent Indian Ocean and historical Old Town.

The dining area had a superb ambience with mood lighting.

Ms. Bilha Mucuha, Manager of the Tamarind Restaurant and her team led by Henry Mwafuga and Executive Chef Mike Egasa produced one of the finest Chaine dinners well up to par with international standards. After the dinner Members were on the dance floor enjoying the music of the Tamarind band.

Seen in the front row [from left] is Fernando Marques, Anne Wamithi, Leila Awale, Bailii Honoraire Gurdeep Nayer, Ushwin Khanna, Maria Vitulli, Arlette D'Souza, Manager Tamarind Restaurant Bilha Mucuha and Cario Vitulli. In the back row are Kasse Wondwossen, Marco Gianandrea, Gurdpreet Mehta, Musti Mamujee, Marwan Misbah, Talib Sheikh, Shamsher Mawji, Mohamed Aboo, (partially hidden Horace Horsey and Tushar Pujara).

Pamoja Odyssey, Sailing on Board the Musafir

The Pamoja Odyssey is a series of creative community and sailing experiences on board the Musafir, bringing together filmmakers, designers, artists, musicians, educators, and community organisers to build bridges and share cultures.

Along our journey, as Musafiri, we will engage with our distant relatives in small coastal

communities to exchange in perspectives, transfer of ideas and sharing of knowledge.

At each port we will immerse and converse with the local communities, communicating with each other through art, music and film, resulting in a collaborative celebration of the experience - a film festival!

In its entirety, the Pamoja Odyssey is 10 days sailing and 28 days of community workshops and festival.

The Journey

Leg 1: 10 days. Kilifi to Shimoni. Jan 10th - 19th

(10th-14th workshop and festival in Kilifi. 14th-15th Sail to Shimoni. 15th-20th workshop and festival in Shimoni)

Leg 2: 14 days. Shimoni to Pemba to Zanzibar. Jan 19th - Feb 2nd

(19th-20th Sail to Pemba. 21-26 workshop and festival in Pemba. 26-28th Sail to Zanzibar. 28th - 2nd workshop and festival in

Zanzibar)

Leg 3: 7 days. Zanzibar to Mafia Island. Feb 2nd - 9th

(2nd-3rd Sail to Mafia. 3rd-9th workshop and festival in Mafia)

Leg 4: 7 days. Mafia Island to Kilwa Masoko. Feb 9th - 16th

(9th-10th sail to Okuza. 10th-12th workshops in Okuza. Depending on winds - 12th-13th Sail to Kilwa Masoko. 13th -16th workshops and festival in Kilwa Masoko)

The Musafir follows the trade winds so there is no return journey aboard.

Alongside our Distant Relatives of Kilifi Backpackers and Beneath the Baobabs, the Musafir is getting into the festival spirit with some of our incredible sundowner events and even a space at the festival!

You can find them in the Kisima area, the mind body soul space, where they will welcome you to speak openly about community, expression, peace, transcending boundaries, and the role as individuals and as communities, can take in changing the world.

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2nd Jan - Say hello to 2019 Sundowners! 5 - 8pm!

Musafir is a word in Swahili, Arabic, Persian, Hindi and Urdu meaning traveler. In the Romanian and Turkish languages it means

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We the Musafir have been building the boat for the past six years and are now sailing and reaching out to small coastal communities where we can exchange knowledge, skills and consciousness with the people we meet there.

Sharing our time and energy can only give a more clear understanding.

For further information contact them on: contact@musafir.org

This Christmas, Coast Hotels Record 22.4 Percent Increase in the International Bookings

Mombasa is flooding with local and international tourists, thanks to the Christmas festivals which has already kicked off.

Tourism and hospitality industry players said hotels and guest houses have recorded an average of 20 per cent increase

in bookings at this period compared to last year same time.

"Most local visitors are from upcountry, however, there is a significant increase in number of international holidaymakers by 22.4 percent following an increase in number of chartered, international direct flights and local daily flights received in

Mombasa," said Mr. Victor Shitakah, Coast Regional Manager for Pridelinn Hotels.

"This year's holiday has shown positive signs. We have recorded more tourist numbers over the period compared to previous years. Guests, mostly domestic, have arrived while others are on the way," added Mr. Shitakah.

Hotels have come up with a range of interventions to ensure that guests are safe during this festive period.

"We want to assure all visitors coming to celebrate Christmas that the resort is safe for vacations," said Mr. Shitakah.

Adequate security is in place to ensure visitors have enjoyable holiday.

Hospitality industry players are working hand-in-hand with the county security team and other security agencies to combat any form of crime during this merry making season.

Most of the hotels have their own security arrangement to ensure safety of visitors during the holiday.

"Apart from private security within, we have installed high-tech CCTV cameras and modern screening facilities at all points within our hotels to keep visitors safe and premises secure," said Mr. Shitakah.

Mr. Shitakah thanked the national and county government for efforts to keep Mombasa safe, he however insisted on increased patrols in the entire county especially as we approach Christmas and boxing day.

Kenya tourism and hospitality industry prospects are looking up after the 2014 reprehensible period when terror attacks and travel advisories threatened tourism industry.

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The report released by Kenya-China Economic and Trade Association (KCETA) last week said the SGR project, which is financed, constructed and operated by China, has been operating safely since its launch last year.

KCETA, a social organization comprised of Chinese businesses in Kenya, was founded in 2001 by 51 Chinese enterprises that were operating in Kenya and by 2018 its member enterprises have increased to 97.

According to the report, the SGR project is the early fruit of the Belt and Road Initiative in Africa, as well as a clear demonstration of the Sino-African industrial capacity cooperation.

The report shows that in recent years, China-Kenya cooperation has yielded new fruits in many fields with more than 30 co-operative projects having been implemented in the fields of: industrialization, agricultural modernization and infrastructure construction.



MOMBASA (Xinhua) -- Local tourists are seen at the Standard Gauge Railway train terminus [above] at Miritini in Mombasa. Local and international tourists on their arrival to celebrate the festive season at the Coast. XINHUA PHOTO - FRED MUTUNE

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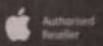
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In Search Of A Life: James A.C. Burke A Lawyer Who Came To Kenya In 1920

In search of information about a grandfather, father, lawyer, businessman, in Kenya.

The attached photo comes from the cover of the 'Old Africa' magazine of October-November 2013.

To the right of the photo is a gentleman by the name of James A.C. Burke who came to Kenya in 1920s, soon after the country became a British Colony.

He hailed from Trinidad and Tobago, of Asian stock, whose ancestors must have been part of the indentured labour force from India in the 1800s. He was educated in Britain, and came to Kenya to practice law.

He was also an entrepreneur, with his fingers in many business pies. He did go bankrupt once, according to the records kept by the Official Gazette of Kenya, at the time.

He was born in 1883 and died in Kenya in 1947, leaving two wives and a string of children.

His youngest daughter was in Mombasa on holidays, until one month ago, when she returned to UK where she lives with her family. But one of his grand-daughters lives in Mombasa, with a Swedish husband.

The reason we have sent you this photo is that in the magazine there was no article to say what the name of the football club or team was, and who were the people in the photo.

By mistake, the magazine pointed out the person on the left side of the picture as James A.C. Burke because it was an Englishman's name and he looked English.

Perhaps you can find in your archives the name of the football team, whose T-shirts bore an emblem of 'fleur-de-lis'. In a recent commemoration of lawyers and judges who had contributed their services to the Courts of Kenya, James Burke was remembered and his grandson, now living in Nairobi, came down to Mombasa to collect some token and a photo of his grandfather at the Mombasa High Court.

C.B. Gor, the retired lawyer, now in his 80s, remembers James Burke as a young man swimming across the channel from the Mombasa Club to English Point.

The family will appreciate your assistance in this matter.

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MOMBASA FOOTBALL CLUB 1930s



Kenyans Strongly Support Both DCI And DPP In Their Efforts To Battle Corruption

This is the final week of the year two thousand and eighteen and it's been the usual topsy turvy Kenya. We have had some highlights that have held their position throughout the year and others have come and gone without leaving a lasting mark - (...yet for some).

After the tensions and tumult of the prior year where the election was the main matter on peoples' minds, the year started with most Kenyans on tenterhooks as the threat of secession and the continuation of the violence and loss of life that characterised the election period would continue into the year.

Then then "Handshake" happened.

This event marked the thawing of the tensions and a new collabo and co-op between the two key protagonists during the prior election period.

It was at first greeted with a lukewarm reception as the traditional politicians tried to work out what the effect of the "handshake" would be.

They were all worried about what they would be left looking after and also whether their political situation would change or be under threat.

The situation has not changed.

The two so called principals have maintained that the handshake was meant to return some sanity to the country and work as a catalyst for development.

They have continually said that it was not a political pact but the wary and sceptical Kenyans continue to think that there must be some other ulterior motive that will manifest itself in the future.

Instead of focusing on the negatives and trying to fathom some kind of political intrigue, the political class should settle on using the opportunity presented by this political calm to speed up development activities at whatever level they operate at.

My view is that because the two principals are in synch and the message is clear - Big Four Agenda is the headlines for the President and changes in the representation and the electoral system is key for the former Prime Minister.

The handshake was on the basis that the two leaders did not really have different and priorities - they were not a divergent view on the same issue or opposing positions.

The noise, for the last nearly nine months, from the event has been mainly on the Big Four.

However, now that the agenda is clear, the actions are known and the actors are getting

into place, the focus is shifting onto the constitutional changes required.

Tampering with the Constitution or the laws of Kenya is a delicate activity and requires political astuteness and a strong consensus building acumen.

This is probably where the handshake will be subject to the sternest test.

This is what we consider will be the big political focus in twenty nineteen.

The other highlight of the year as far roads are concerned is the announced return to the Michuki Rules.

Whilst the welcome the return of the Rules and the implementation has started in earnest, our prayer for twenty nineteen is that the

starting momentum be maintained and we start working on the more basic and slightly more difficult mindset changes amongst the public service providers a whose current behaviour is uncouth at the least.

They are the thought leaders as far as roads are concerned and we insist that they should be the first to be steered in the right direction - behaviour wise.

The other highlight in the year is the robust action that is being taken against the typical impunity we have seen in the government and its agencies as well as parastatals.

The sterling work that the Directorate of Criminal Investigation as well as the Director of Public Prosecution is beginning to get results even as they hit the usual headwinds of smart lawyers and heavily monied actors in the sector who have in the past believed that they can buy "justice" and get their cases compromised.

That era is coming to end and we wish that in twenty nineteen they will have the backing to continue as they have stated that they intend to. The last highlight we would like to put on the table which is especially pertinent to the Coats, is the fact that the number of charters have gone up.

In principle, the number of charters should equal the number of arrivals that have come to Mombasa.

This increase in numbers should translate

- hopefully - into additional and badly needed bed nights

The main highlight of the year has been the sluggish economy.

The GDP of the country has been literally flat for a few years with a drop that happened due to the election uncertainties.

The underlying indicators point to an economy that will only marginally improve in twenty nineteen.

As the President gets us to lay the foundation of the Big Four agenda we should work diligently to ensure that it is done at the best cost to the country without the added high cost of corruption.

So, for the old year, a good start to the many things that we hope will mature in twenty nineteen.

They year has not seen big results but has laid a solid foundation for a lot of good things.

We are looking forward to the New Year and wish that the efforts that have been started should continue in earnest.

Clean out the transport sector, get corruption in a stranglehold and stop its spread.

We also wish that corruption will be driven out of the way we work and the work started will be strengthened.

We also wish that the road building and maintenance programme that has been ongoing will be accelerated to catch up with the backlog that was created in the last twenty or so years.

So, let us all have a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

It will also mark a year in which one of the icons of the coastal scene will take a break.

It has been privileged for me to have been with allowed to speak through Coastweek for the many years it has been in existence.

More importantly it has been really great having the many of you that have been faithful to this publication which has graced the tables and minds of many at the Coast.

As Kachumbari says, from the ashes a Phoenix will rise!

Forty Years Ago

Coastweek, December 22-23, 1978

MOMBASA BORN singer Sal Davis was 'BIG' in Central Africa - a report from Lusaka announced release of his new record singing the praises of President Kenneth Kaunda: 'a best-seller played almost by the hour over Zambia State Radio'.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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COMBINED MARITIME FORCES HAVE SEIZED THE LARGEST DRUGS HAUL IN ITS HISTORY #3 and #4

UK RN *HMS Dragon*, operating under the Combined Task Force (CTF) 150, has conducted the largest drugs haul in Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) history, seizing and destroying just shy of 10,000 kg of illegal narcotics from two dhows.

Had CMF not intervened, the hashish would have been sold locally for approximately £35 Million pounds or in markets further afield for many times that amount, with the profits benefiting organized crime networks and terrorist organizations.

The Task Force is led by Commodore Darren Garnier, Royal Canadian Navy, who said:

"HMS Dragon's successes under CTF 150 command is a testament to the effectiveness of CMF coalition maritime security operations in the Middle Eastern and East African regions in deterring and denying terrorists' use of the high seas for illegal activities.

"These drug seizures are directly taking the funding out of the pockets of terrorist organizations.

"A job well done to HMS Dragon and thank you for your continued efforts in support of CTF 150.

"Bravo Zulu".

During the drugs bust, the weather rapidly deteriorated,



HIGH SEAS DRAMA: Dhow being boarded by HMS Dragon boarding Team [above], HMS Dragon and Crew with #4 Drugs Haul -Largest in History of CMF- [below].

resulting in increasingly hazardous conditions.

The ship's Wildcat helicopter, was deployed to speed the process of transferring the drugs back to the warship.

The deployment of the helicopter to assist with the recovery of the narcotics significantly sped

up the process and enabled all the sailors and Royal Marines to be recovered to HMS Dragon before midnight on what had been a second very long and challenging day.

Lt J Bennett RN, one of HMS Dragon's Boarding Officers, said:

"To achieve two major drugs busts in under 48 hours is a massive achievement for the team.

"Our Royal Navy and Royal Marine boarding teams worked long hours in very challenging sea conditions in order to remove nearly 10,000 kg of narcotics.

"Personnel had to endure heavy seas, large amounts of ship movement and a dangerous working environment; all while removing over 300 heavy bags of narcotics and transporting them to HMS Dragon successfully".

The two recent busts are HMS Dragon's third and fourth under CTF 150 on this deployment.

She has been operating in the region since November and is currently working alongside HMAS Ballarat in support to CTF 150.

HMS Dragon will spend the period over Christmas at sea continuing her support to CTF

150, and her great work ensuring the security of the high seas.

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Ten years of Operation Atalanta: EU NAVFOR Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft

Ten years of Operation Atalanta's counter-piracy efforts have seen a continual presence of Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft (MPRA) deployed to Djibouti, Mombasa (Kenya) and Victoria (Seychelles).

The MPRAs have been provided by France, Germany, Luxembourg and Spain. They help to create a broader maritime intelligence picture and when used effectively they can capture crucial imagery and intelligence as well as influencing suspect vessels to behave in a certain way.

In November 2018, EU NAVFOR's Deputy Commander, Rear Admiral Giuseppe Rapese visited the Spanish and German MPRA detachments.

He had the opportunity to discuss the progress and celebrate ten years of the operation with the crews.

Our MPRA detachments work closely with key aviation partners, including the Japanese MPRA detachment based in Djibouti.

Together, these crews play a crucial part in keeping maritime shipping safe from the threat of piracy, to allow the free flow of international commerce.



DT Dobie Awards Truck Driver for Exceeding Over 500,000 Kilometres Without Changing Brake Pads

DT Dobie held a ceremony to recognise a truck driver who exceeded 500,000 kilometres without replacing the brake pads.

The event aimed at encouraging road safety and low vehicle running cost for the vehicle owners.

John Mutua, a truck driver at

Roy Hauliers Limited commented,

"Road safety is a personal initiative that should be taken up by all drivers.

"Training is important to enable the driver to make informed decisions under varying circumstances.

"Employers should also ensure their drivers are in good health and calm before

embarking on trip."

Samuel Kimaru, Commandant Traffic Department emphasized, "We have lost many lives due to recklessness, companies have incurred losses and there has been destruction of road furniture.

"After purchasing vehicles employers should register truck drivers for a recognised training course as they play a

key role in maintaining the truck and ensuring road safety."

Joe Mungai, the DT Dobie Driver Trainer, Mercedes Benz Heavy Commercial Vehicles said,

"At DT Dobie part of the training course covers defensive driving which helps equip the participants with the ability to anticipate front and rear vehicle movements in

order to minimise sudden braking and manoeuvres."

"It is possible for drivers to cover over 500,000 kilometres without replacing brake pads once they understand the capabilities of the vehicle.

"The Mercedes Benz Actros prime movers bristle with safety features including ABS and pace setting engine throttle and exhaust brakes to slow down the truck."

concluded Joe.

DT Dobie is the sole distributor in Kenya of Mercedes Benz passenger cars, trucks and buses, Volkswagen cars and light commercial vehicles, as well as GMW pick-ups and Hyundai trucks.

The Company is located at Lusaka Road in Nairobi and has branches in Mombasa, Nakuru and Kisumu.



500,000 KM - At an event held at the DT Dobie showroom at Lusaka road, Njeri Waithaka [left] the NTSA Director of Road Safty presented John Mutua [centre] a truck driver at Roy Hauliers Limited with a trophy in recognition of exceeding 500,000 kilometres without changing the brake pads. Looking on is Joe Mungai, the DT Dobie Driver Trainer, Mercedes Benz Heavy Commercial Vehicles.

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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ACROSS THE GLOBE



A diver dressed in a Santa Claus costume feeds fish at the Manila Ocean Park in Manila, the Philippines, December 13, 2018. The Christmas-themed activity served as a celebration of the festive spirit of Christmas. XINHUA PHOTO: ROUELLE UMALI



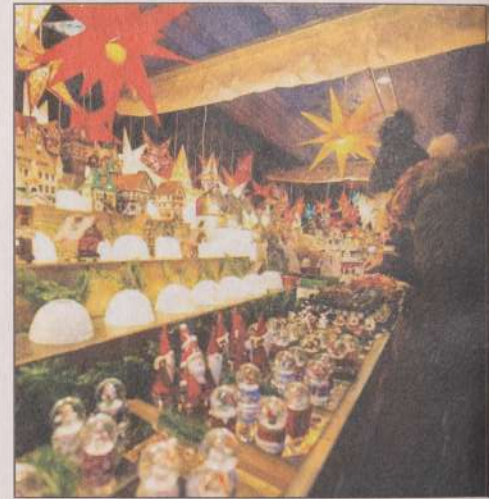
Light decorations are set up for the upcoming Christmas at a shopping center in Jakarta, Indonesia, December 20, 2018. XINHUA PHOTO: ZULKARNAIN



Children view Christmas decorations at a shopping mall in Ankara, Turkey, Dec 21, 2018. XINHUA PHOTO: QIN YANG



A woman shows Christmas decorations at a market in Jammu, the winter capital of Indian-controlled Kashmir, December 20, 2018. XINHUA PHOTO: STRINGER



People visit a Christmas market in Hamburg, Germany, December 18, 2018. There are more than 10 Christmas markets in Hamburg at present, making it a famous winter tourist city in Germany. XINHUA PHOTO: LIAN ZHEN



Local people shop for Christmas decorations in Al-Mansour district of Baghdad, Iraq on December 21, 2018. XINHUA PHOTO: KHALIL DAWOOD



People are seen inside a shopping center decorated with Christmas trees and lights in downtown Dublin, Ireland, Dec. 3, 2018. Irish households will spend an average of 2,690 euros (3,050 U.S. dollars) during this year's Christmas shopping season which refers to the entire December, said a report on Monday. The figure will represent a 3.3 percent increase over the same period last year, said the report which was released by Retail Ireland, the largest group of Irish retailers with members operating over 3,000 shops across the country. XINHUA PHOTO

Kenyan Firms, Agencies Embrace E-Christmas Cards to Cut Costing

NAIROBI (Xinhua)—
Most Kenyan companies and government agencies are closed last Friday for the Christmas break to enable employees join their families in celebrations.

While some would resume operations soon after Christmas, others have told their employees to return until the New Year.

Years back, most employees would on such a day get a card from their organizations wishing them and their loved ones a happy Christmas.

But times have changed, thanks to increased use of social media and other forms of electronic messaging in the east African nation.

What the employees walked out of the office with, on Friday, as they head for celebrations are electronic Christmas cards sent by the human resource offices.

Most of Kenya's private firms and government agencies have adopted this form of sending best wishes to their workers and customers to cut cost and change with the trend.

For the employees, a majority have already gotten cards via WhatsApp while messages for customers were sent through social media sites.

"We send our warmest Christmas wishes to all our staff, stakeholders and the public and a peaceful and welcome 2019," an electronic message from the Commission on Revenue Allocation, a Kenyan government agency, said last Friday.

From the Commission on Administrative Justice, a message posted on social media and sent via WhatsApp to staff read in part on Friday, "... we send you warmest greetings for the season and best wishes for the New Year 2019."

Dozens of other Kenyan organizations also sent electronic messages to wish their staff, customers and the general public a happy Christmas.

Beatrice Nzimbo, a human resource officer at a public relations company in Nairobi, noted that firms have adopted e-messages because they are cheaper, can reach more people and conform to modern technology.

"I don't know of any organization that is still sending the physical Christmas cards, even to its employees.

"It is expensive and a tedious process because you have to involve third parties to do the work, who include designers, printers and even courier services, and all these cost money," she said.

With electronic messages, Nzimbo said, the cards are

designed by the communication department and then broadcast just from within the organization as long as one has the contacts.

"Companies are spending zilch on this new way of sending messages.

"Social media came as a blessing to many firms because they would initially spend at least 20 shillings to send each card," she said.

However, as they embrace the electronic messages, public relations agencies, printers, designers, courier services and makers of hand-crafted cards are counting losses as they lose business.

Some still miss the physical cards.

"I got a WhatsApp Christmas message from our company this morning," Alfred Gatere, who works with a bank in Nairobi, said.

"I felt appreciated, but my belief is cards have a more personal touch because the boss would sign them," he added.

According to him, cards had some form of permanency as one would get and keep them in their bedrooms or living rooms for the better part of the following year.

"But with the electronic messages, they are just for a moment.

"Once you open and read them, that is it.

"And the fact that you will not print the message, it gets lost within other photos or videos on your phone in a few days," he observed.

The shift is not limited to companies and government agencies.

The use of e-cards has caught up with Kenyans long ago, and supermarket and bookshops no

longer stock Christmas cards.

A spot check in two retail chains in Nairobi revealed that Christmas cards are not gracing the shelves.

Bernard Mwaso, a consultant with Edell IT Solutions, noted that with 42 million Kenyans using the internet and social media, it makes no business sense to send physical cards.

"E-cards reach millions of people, are cheaper, convenient and modern, and that is what any organization would want.

"Unfortunately, some businesses are suffering but that is what happens with disruptive technology," he said.

The number of letters sent locally dropped to 11.8 million in the third quarter, from 14.2 million in the previous quarter, according to the Communications Authority of Kenya, as technology continues to erode fortunes of the post offices.

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Make up your mind. There's a queue banging on my door for your job."



"I told you not to breathe in when blowing bubbles!"

INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT



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Ignore him officer - it's only the drink talking."



We want to open a joint account in my name."

STUDENT OFFICE



"Have you been here long, mate?"

Twenty Years' Ago

Coastweek, December 22-28, 1998

John Mutua Rated Among Most 'Energetic' Skål Club Chairmen

EIGHTY Skålleagues and invited guests attended a dinner hosted by John Mutua, Chairman of the Skål Club Kenya Coast at his private residence.

Many made an extra effort to meet the 'Black and White' colour theme with the best dressed ladies each being presented with a bottle of champagne.

In his welcome speech at a delicious Swahili/ Kenya Barbeque dinner, John gave a resume of recent events in the world of Skål and there was also a special greeting for some eighteen invited guests from Nyali Beach Hotel who are frequent return visitors to Kenya and this hotel.

Mr. Mutua is Block Hotels Regional Manager, Coast/ Nairobi and a Director, Nyali Beach Hotel.

A big 'thank you' went to *aul Keir* who once again sponsored the excellent wines from Chile.

As newcomers to Kenya's tourism industry a welcome was also extended to **Abdul Wahid Wajid**, District Manager, Emirates airlines, Mombasa office and his Sales Manager, **Hiten Kanabar**.

Chris Modigell, National vice-chairman, Skål Clubs of Kenya, thanked John for once more arranging such a splendid evening.

Said Chris 'having attended two International Skål Congresses I can confirm that John is among the most energetic and dynamic Skål Club chairman worldwide.

'This', he said, 'had also been recognised by the President of Skål International who had made special mention of this young club which under John's leadership had grown from strength to strength in only two years'.

Chris presented John with personal gift of a limited edition stone lithograph by famous artist Poen de Wjjs in appreciation of his friendship. Skål members of East Africa were invited to join an outing to the 'mother of all cities' Cape Town from April 29 to May 2 with an exciting programme.

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SUDOKU NO. 393

What is Sudoku?

Sudoku is a number puzzle based on a very simple idea: which is the use of clues and logic to place numbers into 81 squares in a 9 x 9 grid.

What are the rules?

Sudoku has only one rule: place a number in each cell such that every row, column and 3 x 3 group of cells contains the numbers 1 to 9 only once.

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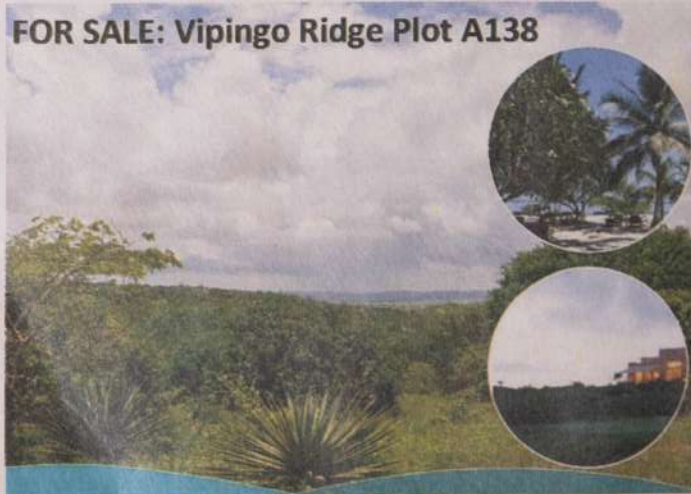
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18 Bowlers Go Head To Head at Tara and Chandu Shah Sponsored Trips Tourney

November 2018 was a month full of Bowling Tournaments.

Two weeks ago we had the 2x4x2 Challenge.

On 17th November 2018, our Senior Bowlers Tara and Chandu Shah hosted a Trips Tournament.

A record number of 18 bowlers registered for the Tournament meaning we had 6 trips teams to battle for the Prize.

To break the ice from the Norm, we started with the Spider.

A Jack is placed in the middle of the Green with all bowlers assembled round the Green with a Wood.

On the count of 3, all will roll their wood till it comes to a stop.

Prizes were earned by

those whose woods were closest to the woods of Tara, Chandu and our Captain Ali Jeneby.

A quick group photo taken and then the Tournament commenced.

The 1st 9 ends were played with certain twists which the sponsor preferred.

Jack not be centered and the End to be short and on return the Jack will be centered and no restriction on the length of the End.

Skip Chandu Shah with H Walijee as Lead and kalim hassanali as Second met Skip Deepak Vyas with Anwar Hamada as lead and Bhogie Doshi as Second.

Skip Chandu Shah's team took the lead to finish 12 shots up to 5 shots for Skip Deepak's Team.

Skip Kirti Chaniyara with

Totahira Syed as Second and Jaleel Syed as lead faced Skip Ali Jeneby with Alihusein Namajee as Second and Tara Shah as Lead.

A very close game with Skip Ali Jeneby's team 6 shots up to 5 shots for Skip Kirti Chaniyara's Team.

Skip Vishal Shah with Lead Zarak Rana and Second Shobha Bij tied against Skip Vijay Bij with Lead Zahra Syed and Aftab Mohamedbhai as Second.

Each had 7 shots on completion of 9 ends.

Tea break followed where



Seen [from left] are Deepak Vyas, Bhogie Doshi, M Hassanali, K Hassanali, Chandu Shah, Tara Shah and Ali Jeneby.

all talked about their 1st 9 Ends over a cup of Coffee and biscuits.

The Second 9 Ends followed with some interesting twist and turns... the Highlight being Skip Deepak Vyas's team

pulling up a fast one to be 11 shots up against 4 shots for Skip Ali Jeneby's team and claimed the Runner up position.

Final analysis:

WINNER: Chandu Shah/K Hassanali / H Walijee

RUNNER UP: Deepak Vyas/ Bhogie Doshi/ Anwar Hamada

Dinner followed at Mvita Tennis Club where we celebrated Chandu Shah's 73rd Birthday.

Congratulations Chandu Shah. Good Bowling!

Kenya's Olympic Body to Revamp into Model Sports Body!

NAIROBI (Xinhua) — Kenya's national Olympic body has pledged to turn around the association into a model sports body.

Paul Tergat, president of the National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOCK), said that the new team that was elected into office in September last year inherited a financially insolvent office whose reputation in terms of institutional integrity was in an all-time low, with stakeholders already either withdrawn or threatened to pull out any ongoing and future support.

"We began one year ago with the singular, but firm purpose and resolve to restore and rebuild the image, capacity and resilience of NOCK to become a model sports body in Kenya and globally," Tergat said on Wednesday evening during the organization's annual general meeting.

"The association has slowly but surely reclaimed its position as the institution mandated to champion the Olympic movement ideals and serve the Kenyan athlete from all sports," the former world marathon record holder remarked.

The 49-year-old Tergat said he will revive and renew the organization which was scandal-hit and rocked by corruption and mismanagement that saw the International Olympic

Committee (IOC) freeze funding to its local affiliate.

Tergat said that despite the challenges, the executive took office with passion, and appreciated that the job at hand did not afford them any learning curve luxury.

"There were major assignments coming up in the pipeline such as the Commonwealth Games in Australia a few months away, and in between the

PyeongChang Winter Olympics in South Korea," he noted.

Francis Mutuku, NOCK secretary general, said the last one year has been a period of fast learning and appreciating the position in which the organization had been in the past few years, adding that a lot of catch-up has been done from meetings with local and international partners.

"We are poised to take

critical and rightful role of leading sports to the next level, during which we shall keep the athlete at the center of all our programs, engagements and activities," Mutuku said.

He said NOCK shall expand the space of operations to accommodate all people of goodwill who will be eager and excited to contribute to the Olympic Movement in Kenya.

COAST BRIDGE with C.P. SHAH

South had an excellent sequence in Slam. The bidding was better than the play.

DEALER: NORTH EAST-WEST VULNERABLE BIDDING:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
ONE DIAMOND	PASS	ONE SPADE	PASS
TWO CLUBS	PASS	TWO HEARTS	PASS
THREE SPADES	PASS	FOUR HEARTS (1)	PASS
SIX SPADES	PASS	PASS	PASS

1. Slam Try In Spades.

West led the King of Hearts and Declarer won his Ace.

He ruffed a Heart.

East following with Ten.

He crossed to the King of Clubs and ruffed a Heart with the Nine of Spades.

Unfortunately, East overruffed with the King and returned a Trump.

Declarer was now a Trump short in Dummy and

NORTH				
♠	A	9	8	
♥	4			
♦	A	7	6	5 4
♣	A	Q	7	5

WEST				
♠	6	3		
♥	K	Q	9	8 7 3
♦	Q	3		
♣	9	3	2	

EAST				
♠	K	5	4	
♥	10	2		
♦	K	10	9	2
♣	J	10	8	4

had to go one down.

Losing the Knave of Hearts at the end.

He East overruffed the Third Heart.

He might have been warned by East's Ten of Hearts on the second round.

In any case, it cannot cost South to ruff the Third Heart with the Ace of Spades.

He cashed the Ace and Queen of Clubs, discarding his Diamond loser.

He plays the Ace of Diamonds and ruffs a Diamond with Two of Spades and leads the Knave of Hearts ruffing with Dummy's Nine.

It does not matter that East can overruff the Fourth Heart as Declarer's last four cards are the Queen, Knave, Ten and Seven of Spades, all winners.

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

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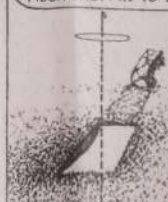
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EXCLUSIVE - GREG NORMANS' GOLF LESSONS

GOLF REPORT BY YOURS TRULY GRAND FINALE

As our direct link to our very local news, the mirror to the events and happenings right in our own backyards, our own *Coastweek*, comes to the end of its journey and bids us farewell, it is not out of place, it is in fact quite in order, to indulge in some reminiscences, a sentimental look back and recall a few milestones along the journey.

I all started way back in the year 1975.

Adrian Grimwood was based in Mombasa as the Bureau Chief of *Nation Newspapers* and he had earlier recruited Shiraz Alibhai as the Advertising Representative for the *Nation*.

Each with his own area of expertise and knowhow complemented the other, leading to a great teamwork and this business association developed into cherished friendship.

Being young and enterprising, the two started dreaming of bigger and better things and decided to venture out in the business of publishing their own paper.

Both had the drive and ability but were just a little short of cash for which they turned to the Late Kanwarlal Sabharwal, a keen photographer and pilot by passion who had established the business of running an airline through his company *Amphibian Air Charters Limited*.

The Late Kanwar was persuaded immediately and to share in the business, lent Adrian and Shiraz the start up capital.

With that injection of fuel, it was all systems go and the first issue of *Coastweek* rolled off the printing press and out into the public domain on 10th November 1978.

Right from its inception, *Coastweek* provided space in 8 pages for golf news through its column which has continued for most part of the life of the paper, with a break for a few years.

The very first golf reporting in the opening issue was no more than a mention of the winners of a tournament at Mombasa Golf Club without any dateline.

In the issue of 1st December 1978, Neta Peal reported briefly with names of the winners of a competition.

The issue also carried the first appearance by the late, great Cinti Kumi, aka Paddy Winsford and also known, but in a more formal and official context, as Patrick Rainsford.

Paddy's very first write up was not exactly a report on a game or its results but was devoted entirely to an issue that obviously concerned him strongly enough to prompt him to put pen to paper and which issue continues to rile us equally today.

In fact, if anything, it has become even more of a problem, namely, the slow pace of play and the unnecessary delay caused by this lazy, lethargic way of playing golf.

It would do a whole lot of good to have Paddy's write up circulated all around to try and nudge players into picking up a bit of pace by quite small and simple measures, such for instance as to keep your tee and glove ready in hand as you walk towards the tee box, not to take a dozen practice swing and certainly by no means a divot with every practice swing, to have the putter and ball marker in hand as you get to the green and walk briskly to your ball, put the marker down, pick up and get the ball cleaned in readiness for your turn.

One could go on a bit but you get the general drift, hopefully.

Neta Peal made her contributions from time to time but it was Paddy's column that became a regular feature, week after week and carried on until he could do it no more, being diagnosed with cancer in early eighties to which he succumbed sadly in 1990.

It was not easy to fill Paddy's shoes and it took the combined efforts of more than one person to continue from where Paddy had left.

P. K. Jaipal and Zakir Dattoo took up the baton and kept the golf column going.

When Jaipal left us for greener pastures, Zakir carried on but finding it increasingly difficult to cope with work, golf and his journalistic duties, he turned to yours truly who having just acquired handicap, in around 1984, took up the invitation with the enthusiasm of a new golfer.

Fortunately, the duties were shared and therefore easier to cope with until the time when

Zak decided he had given enough of his time and effort and so gradually withdrew, leaving yours truly in the deep end.

Help came however when asked for, Brian Elms being roped in more than anyone else.

There were others too, Steve Davidson ready whenever he could and Jean Elms chipping in once or twice.

Later much to my delight and relief, Yogesh Patel came on the scene and became a regular contributor in the similar mode of partnership I had with Zak.

By the end of 1999, the same factors that saw Zak out, pressure of work combined with other commitments, began to take the toll and I bowed out, leaving the column in the safe hands of Yogesh, later joined by Elizabeth Wilson with Poonam Thapa coming in when needed.

Yogesh too moved away to Nairobi, Poonam got caught up in other demands on her time so Elizabeth was left to continue as the solo reporter till she too moved away.

There was no golf except for a sporadic report for a few years as I continued to resist persistent pressure from Shiraz to take up the column again.

On a spur of the moment, in the year 2008 I did cover the Ladies Open but without any intention of a regular future commitment.

But *Coastweek* did not seem the same without a golf column and so I came back, in the year 2009 and have been here continually since then, except when away on a holiday.

Like Paddy Rainsford and all others, yours truly opted to use an alias, to start with "Follow Through", varying sometimes with *Miss D' Bunker* which however was dropped soon as being indicative of the gender, it could have been an easier pointer to the identity.

In the latter phase it has mostly been "The Driver", an audacious choice of *nom de plume* for someone of rather limited range off the tee.

But that disconnect between

the alias and the reality provided the safety of anonymity, it being difficult to make any connection between the name and yours truly, unlike the case of Cinti Kumi, an alias which could hardly serve to preserve Paddy's anonymity, given the brand of cigarette he favoured!

Much more likely to make the connection between the name and the person behind it, given the state of my game, was my less frequently used alternative name "The Marker"!

With the change of name I tried to vary my writing style, in order to create the illusion of more than one person writing the report, the slow, heavy, almost ponderous style adopted by *The Driver* being my favourite one!

Some of you may have made an educated guess, the absence of the column during my absence being a tell tale sign, despite Steve Davidson filling in occasionally.

I have enjoyed my stint at covering the golfing scene in Mombasa despite occasionally suffering the well known

"writer's block" and having to meet deadlines, with gentle reminders from Gulshan at the *Coastweek* of early deadlines when there was a long weekend or a public holiday fell on the normal day for submitting my copy.

But I would be telling a lie, if I said that I am not looking forward to enjoying my Sundays restfully, free of any tension to try and put together at least the first draft, subject to a quick polishing up, to submit it in time for Gulshan!

There are three people who have helped me out with information about correct names or scores if I missed them out, quite often supplying the info at the end of a telephone line to meet the deadline.

The three are Christine Ombija, when she was at Nyali

Golf and Country Club as well after moving to Mombasa Golf Club, Gladys Kidali while she was at Nyali and after she left, Ndoro Thoya Ndoro who stepped in.

Thank you very much, I appreciate your help.

Now with the end in sight, time has come to own up and tell all, so there, as we say in legalese, the names *Follow Through*, *Miss D' Bunker*, *The Marker* and *The Driver* are all names of and refer to one and the same person, me, whom you know as Suhas Gudka, abbreviation of the full name Suhasini Gudka and the real, original name being Suhasini Shah.

I would like end by sharing with you a few lines I have penned, a limerick in which some of you may see your own reflection :-

GOLFER'S LAMENT

*There once was a golfer, very keen but not really much good
He bought himself swishy sets of irons and wood after wood
He followed lessons on videos and devoured book after book
Tried very hard but sadly could not reduce the shots he took
Only, oh but if only, the intricacies of the swing he understood!*

SOME LAST THOUGHTS FROM OUR READERS

Sorry to learn of the very sad news.

On behalf of Shabnam Nayer, Bailli Deleuge du Kenya and Member Conseil Magistrat and all the members of *Chaine des Rotisseurs Mombasa*, please accept our sincere appreciation for all the work we did together over many years.

Also accept our personal best wishes as Gurdeep & Shabnam.

We were present at your first publication!

Bless you all, Gurdeep and Mrs Shabnam Nayer, Mombasa.

Many congratulations on *Coastweek* celebrating its recent 40th Anniversary.

And thanks for giving us readers its history, of those who contributed to its success over the years.

But as much honour and credit, if not more, go to you for taking up the baton, for *Coastweek* then grew even more with its exciting news, entertainment, and sports coverage, with its histories of famous Kenyan personalities, all of which brought it worldwide popularity.

We have vivid recollections of the late Neta Peal, one of *Coastweek's* great writers, whose articles and pictures lifted the newspaper to greater heights.

Kudos to all at *Coastweek*.

Regards and best wishes, Edmund and Mrs. Hasu Silveira, Mombasa.

Congratulations *Coastweek* on 40 years of publishing and 4152 issues (4152 = 12, a number of completion).

Retirement, we know all about that - it means working harder than ever before!

What a lovely thought!

We wish *Coastweek* staff a very happy Christmas and a great celebration.

Mrs Diana and Prof. Gil Stokes, Hobart, Tasmania.

I have happened upon your publication as a result of "googling" an article about the stage version of *Bohemian Rhapsody* and *Freddie Mercury* (F. Buisara) as I used to play cricket against Ramesh Buisara when I worked in Mombasa between 1960-1963.

I also saw an article featuring the life of Ray Batchelor with whom I used to play cricket for the Coast Stragglers Cricket Club.

I left Kenya in 1966 and was due to return to Nairobi after U.K. leave but was diverted to Zambia for two years and subsequently posted back to London.

I shall continue to view your website as it provides a nice link to happy days.

Kwa heri, Roy Groombridge, United Kingdom.

As Children And Young Adults Growing Up We Have Always Been "Part" Of *Coastweek*.

I was sorry to hear that *Coastweek* is closing down, what a shame. Your efforts over the last 40 years have been commendable.

As children and young Adults growing up we have always been "part" of *Coastweek*.

I do wish you well, kudos to your tremendous efforts and be blessed.

Rafique Parkar, Mombasa

I am very sad to read that you people are discontinuing the publication of *Coastweek* that we used to look forward to for the news around the coast.

You have served especially the coastal people well with the local and Kenya news for a very long time on weekly basis.

I am sure all the fans of *Coastweek* will miss reading it dearly including myself. I wish you the best in all your future endeavours.

Dr. Lata Magon, Mombasa.

I am in shock and I don't know when I will be myself again. I have just been informed that one of my favourite newspapers, at least its printed version, Mombasa's *Coastweek* will cease publication after the final edition next Friday.

It may be possible to be born again as an online publication. It never is the same.

The *Coastweek* will be buried with the human parts of thousands of past readers who stories and photographs it published: their successes, their failures, their births, their deaths ... all of the human endeavours which collectively is a cyclopedia, or several copies, of the Coast.

In a way in its death, much of the coast will die with it. My heart is filled with sadness. The grieving process begins next Friday.

Coming to terms will take a long, long time.

Many thanks to all my friends who made the *Coastweek* possible. Never forget you.

Cyprian Fernandes, Sydney, Australia.

Happy Christmas from Hotty Perth (41.2C today)

I see that 'The end is nigh' for your newsprint media. Enjoy your retirement. No one on their death bed has ever said: "I wish I had worked longer!"

Mrs Val and Michael Parry, Perth, Australia.

FLASH BACK: Robert Matano Officially Opening *Coastweek* Mombasa Office



NOVEMBER 1978 *Coastweek* publisher late Kanwarlal Sabharwal seen with (from left) *Coastweek* advertising manager Mrs Nasim Hatim, Mrs Lucy Matano, Home Affairs Minister and KANU Secretary General Hon. Robert Matano, *Coastweek* managing director Shiraz Dawood Alibhai and editor Adrian Grimwood. INSET: Hon. Matano congratulates *Coastweek* management on enrolling as KANU Life Members.



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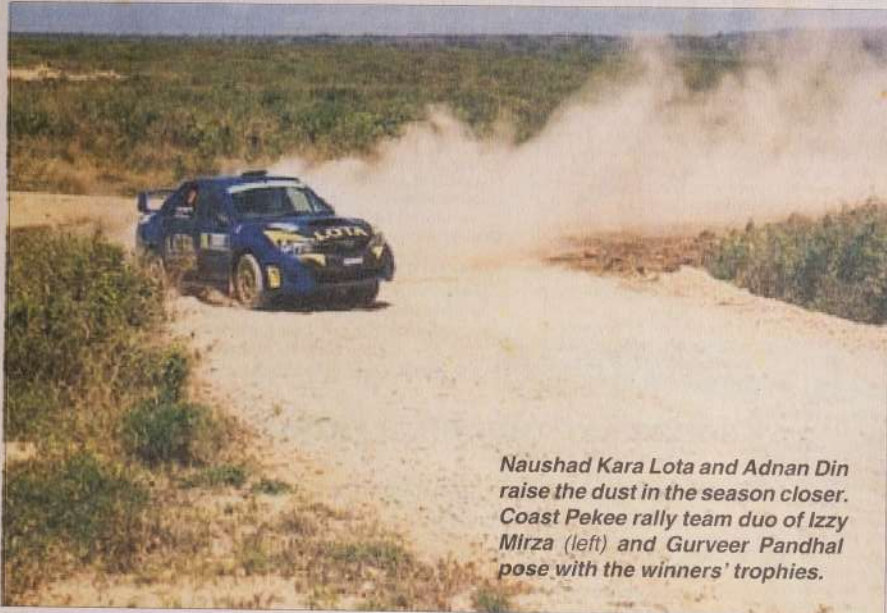
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Naushad Kara Lota and Adnan Din raise the dust in the season closer. Coast Pekee rally team duo of Izzy Mirza (left) and Gurveer Pandhal pose with the winners' trophies.



Naushad Reclaims Coast Rally Championship as Izzy Wins Season Ending Night Rally

Lota Motorsport team of Naushad Kara Lota and Adnan Din reclaimed the Coast Rally Championship title following scintillating action in the 2018 season.

Naushad savoured the title he won a few years ago in a Subaru.

And he did it again in a crossbreed Subaru Impreza despite retiring in the last event.

Adnan, who guided Sohanjeet Singh Puee to the

2018 Kenya National Championship Division 2 and S Class titles, completed a rare hat-trick with the MMC clubman championship crown for navigators.

"It's quite a good feeling to start a season on a modest note and wrapping it up on a high.

"It's been an eventful season of hair-raising competition both at club and national level and it takes this opportunity to thank my team members from Lota and Team Nanak for their support and hard work.

"We now look forward to some great moments ahead next season," said Adnan.

Naushad who won the first two rallies of the season and retired on the weekend event was all smiles:

"The Subaru project on our crossbreed car has been executed meticulously.

"General hard-work and cohesion have always been our buzzwords.

"A lot of effort went into transforming the car to a championship winning contraption and we are overly excited as a team to end the 2018 season on a high note.

"We look forward to defending the title next season."

Izzy Mirza navigated by Gurveer Pandhal in a Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution 7 won the season ending night event after clocking 1:06:29 hours.

He beat Synergy Gases rally team driver Paras Pandya (Evolution 10) by a 1.15 minutes margin as Iain Freestone settled for third in a

Ford Escort Mark 1 classic clocking 1:14:17.

Izhar resplendent in Coast Pekee team yellow livery said:

"The route was awesome, a mix of everything...from fast to slow stretches. Pole to Arjun Pattni for the accident.

"Hope to see him back in the cockpit next year.

"Gurveer was on point on the notes. Good driving from Paras, a clear indication that MMC teams will perform well in next year's KNRC."

Adnan added: "Unfortunately we had to retire due to some technical issues this time round, but we were looking forward to this one having already sealed the MMC championship.

"Super drive by Naushad this season and I am very happy to see him back as the coast champion.

"Well-done to Izzy and Paras... great driving by both and congratulations to all finishers, pole to Arjun for the mishap, another well organised event by MMC, another great night event.

"2019 here we come!

Arjun Pattni escaped unharmed after his Subaru went up in flames.

He said: "We were flat out on a 1.6km straight when we suffered a front right tyre burst.

"This rolled the car twice and landed us on the right.

"As a result of the heavy impact, brake fluid leaked onto the turbo and caught fire.

"We are hoping to come back soon."

Final results

1. Izhar Mirza. 1:06:29 with Gurveer. Mitsubishi evo 7.
2. Paras Pandya and Falgun Bhojak. 1:07:44. Mitsubishi evo x
3. Iain freestone and Yves. 1:14:17. Escort mk 1.
4. Amit Vaja and Willy. 1:18:42. Subaru n10
5. Dinesh Varsani and Paras. (not Pandya) 1:20:55. Subaru gc8

Adnan's 2018 achievements:
 KNRC Division 2 navigators champion
 KNRC S Class navigators champion
 Coast rally championship navigators champion

KENYA TIDE TABLES

MOMBASA, Dec 28, 2018 - Jan 03, 2019

FRIDAY High Water - 3.2 m. at 08.03 hrs. (8.03 a.m.) and 2.9 m. at 20.46 hrs. (8.46 p.m.). Low Water - 0.7 m. at 01.42 hrs. (1.42 a.m.) and 0.6 m. at 14.20 hrs. (2.20 p.m.).

SATURDAY High Water - 2.9 m. at 09.01 hrs. (9.01 a.m.) and 2.8 m. at 21.53 hrs. (9.53 p.m.). Low Water - 1.0 m. at 02.44 hrs. (2.44 a.m.) and 0.8 m. at 15.18 hrs. (3.18 p.m.).

SUNDAY High Water - 2.6 m. at 10.13 hrs. (10.13 a.m.) and 2.8 m. at 23.12 hrs. (11.12 p.m.). Low Water - 1.1 m. at 04.03 hrs. (4.03 a.m.) and 1.0 m. at 16.27 hrs. (4.27 p.m.).

MONDAY High Water - 2.4 m. at 11.40 hrs. (11.40 a.m.). Low Water - 1.2 m. at 05.36 hrs. (5.36 a.m.) and 1.0 m. at 17.45 hrs. (5.45 p.m.).

TUESDAY High Water - 2.9 m. at 12.31 hrs. (12.31 a.m.) and 2.4 m. at 13.03 hrs. (1.03 p.m.). Low Water - 1.1 m. at 07.02 hrs. (7.02 a.m.) and 1.0 m. at 18.55 hrs. (6.55 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY High Water - 3.0 m. at 01.36 hrs. (1.36 a.m.) and 2.5 m. at 14.08 hrs. (7.08 p.m.). Low Water - 0.9 m. at 08.07 hrs. (8.07 a.m.) and 0.9 m. at 19.54 hrs. (7.54 p.m.).

THURSDAY High Water - 3.2 m. at 02.28 hrs. (2.28 a.m.) and 2.6 m. at 14.58 hrs. (2.58 p.m.). Low Water - 0.8 m. at 08.56 hrs. (8.56 a.m.) and 0.8 m. at 20.42 hrs. (8.42 p.m.).

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