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By Chris Elliott & Margaret Sheard

It's that time of the we start to reflect on all that we have done, all the people we have met or been involved with and what we feel we have achieved.

Firstly we must thank all of our readers and organisations for sending us their news for publishing which has given great variety which we hope other readers will have found interesting and informative.

We would also like to thank our good friends Ahmet Abdulaziz, Can Gazi, Engin Dervisaga, Heidi Trautman, Ismail Veli, John Aziz Kent, Richard Beale and our new young star Peri Sualp for sharing their news and reports of their hobbies, interests or activities.

We have both had very valuable experiences of contributing to local newspapers and with this in mind we considered how best we could promote as widely as possible the news and reviews published by our website that publishes on a daily basis which is:

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Naturally it is so important to find effective ways to promote news and

reviews from those in the community about those in the community and after a few experiments we were delighted to start designing and publishing a FREE Enewspaper which can be read around the world and readers if they wish can download it freely and share with their friends.

Sadly our past experiences of contributing to local newspapers showed us that for each issue it had a very short shelf life of a few days before it is replaced by another issue and that the work of so many was then lost for ever.

With this in mind we have introduced an Enewspaper page on our website where all current and future Enewspapers can be accessed, read and shared and at no cost to the reader.

Again we considered how best we could promote this facility to the world and decided to arrange a weekly Newsletter that would be sent to a growing subscriber list of readers who would then receive a compilation of the website's weekly news and reviews.

Subscription to our Enewsletter is FREE and all we ask of our readers is that they share the news



Chris Elliott and Margaret Sheard

you gave us to publish with your friends and then we have lots of community sharing which is so important in the TRNC which has very little recognition and yet has so many different communities living together and also those many good folk who work

tirelessly to help the TRNC gain recognition.

To our readers we send our best wishes for the New Year and hope it will be Peaceful and Prosperous during 2018 for everyone.



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Archbishop Hrisostomos II accused of bigotry

The Greek Cypriot Archbishop Hrisostomos II has been accused of "instilling bigotry and spreading hatred instead of love," following a divisive memorandum that was read and shared in all the churches at Christmas.

As reported in the Greek Cypriot daily newspaper Haravgi, under the headline "Archbishop's Bigotry Message," Archbishop Hrisostomos again stated in his Christmas message that he was against the Cyprus negotiations.

Hrisostomos also made the unfounded and baseless assertion

that, "Refugees were sent to the Greek Cypriot side by Turkey in order to change the national and cultural identity of the Greek Cypriots".

The AKEL party in South Cyprus accused Hrisostomos II of "instilling hatred and bigotry" and emphasized that "extreme and separatist political views are criminal offences."

Describing the statements of Archbishop Hrisostomos II as an outrage to the church, Christian values, and Greek Cypriot society, AKEL further stated that being silent in the face of these

provocative statements by the Archbishop would be connivance. They criticised the Greek Cypriot Leader Anastasiades, the Greek Cypriot administration and all other

politicians who do not take a stand to publicly condemn the Archbishop's words as being complicit in supporting his highly divisive views.



Girne Municipality Employees' New Year Dinner



A New Year's dinner was organized for the Girne Municipality employees. Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü, municipal councillors, muhtars, employees and some former municipal employees participated in the event.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü, in his speech, thanked everyone for their participation, and said "The New Year Dinner is the beginning of new hopes. It is very important to me that this large family, the

workers, the pensioners, the members of the assembly, everyone who has gathered here today enjoys this atmosphere we have together. I would like to give my best wishes to everyone for their New Year."

In the ceremony held at the Municipality, Güngördü celebrated the New Year with all the employees individually and said, "I wish everyone to have a peaceful New Year, health, happiness and success".



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Girne Art Gallery insured by Limasol Insurance

A signing ceremony was organized for the insurance of the Girne Art Gallery, which was previously the old transformer building, and restored by the Municipality of Girne and put into service.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü and Limasol Insurance Chairman Hüseyin Kemaler signed the insurance contract at a ceremony held at the Girne Art Gallery.

Following the ceremony, Hüseyin Kemaler handed the policy for the building to Mayor Güngördü.

Güngördü: The insurance fee will not be paid.

Nidai Güngördü remarked that Girne Art Gallery is the first gallery to belong to the public sector. Nidai Güngördü also stated that the

gallery is for the people of the city for exhibitions, interviews and book introductions, and the building has been insured by Limassol Insurance free of charge. Güngördü thanked Limasol Insurance for insuring the building, on behalf of the municipal councillors and the people of the city.

Kemal: We also secured the buildings and works.

Limasol Insurance Chairman, Hüseyin Kemaler, thanked Nidai Güngördü and the municipality employees who restored the old transformer building, which was to be demolished, and brought it to Girne as an art gallery.

Hüseyin Kemaler said that they were happy to insure the building by carrying the risk, and stated that the works to be exhibited would also be insured. Kemaler also added that the building will be helped with the measures to be taken after it is insured.



Girne Municipality - New Year concert and precautionary measures



Girne Municipality has prepared a special activity program for the beginning of the New Year, and also ensuring necessary precautions for the citizens during this period.

Girne Municipality has prepared an event program specifically for the new year. Girne Ramadan will be a concert by Nihal Öztürk and

her group at Cemil Square at 10pm on 31st December - New Year's Eve. After the President's New Year celebration speech, the event will end with a firework display at 00.30. Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü said that all of our people are invited to the New Year activity and wishes peace and happiness to our country and the world.

Precautionary Measures for the New Year

Girne Municipality has taken some precautions to serve the people during the new year, including the first day of the New Year.

The Municipality will collect the garbage of the houses, will provide cleaning services in accordance with its routine schedule. In the distribution of drinking water, the municipality has taken necessary precautions in the event of the failure of the determined program and has organised teams for faults that may occur.

Citizens will be able to call the Municipality of Girne during the emergency period at the following telephone numbers:

Public works, zoning and health services : 0548 881 2114 / 0533 851 7666

Cleaning jobs : 0533 860 5973 / 0548 882 3120 / 0533 825 0104

Water works : 0542 882 1118 / 0542 977 7935

Sewerage works : 0533 870 2016

Funeral and burial work : 0533 840 5220

Police services : 0542 888 2118 / 0533 836 8817

Health services 0533 870 2014

Girne Municipality Baldöken Auto Park and Prepaid Water Vezni will close at 12:00 on 28th December. The cashier will be closed on Sunday 31st December, and open on Monday, 1st January from 13:00.

TRNC Martyrs Remembered

Kumsal Martyrs Commemorated

Turkish Cypriots, who fell martyrs on December 24, 1963 in the Kumsal region of Lefkoşa by Greeks and Greek Cypriots, were commemorated yesterday (24th December) with a ceremony organised in front of the Martyrs memorial at the Museum of Barbarism in Kumsal, Lefkoşa.

Speaking at the commemoration ceremony, Secretary General of the Association of Martyrs Families and War Veterans, Mehmet Kasabalı, said that Greek Cypriots started to enforce their dream 'Enosis' 54 years ago everywhere on the island, and Turkish Cypriots were stopped and kidnapped from various regions every day.



Adding that a Greek military officer carried out an attack with about 150 Greek Cypriots in Kumsal on 24 December, 1963, Kasabalı said that Major Nihat

İlhan's wife and his three children were killed on that day. Kasabalı also said that Erdoğan Rifat, Tuncer Hasan, Muhip Hüseyin, Aziz Güner, Mustafa Hasan,

Mustafa Mehmet and the owner of the house, where İlhan's wife and his children were killed, Feride Hasan, also fell martyrs on 24 December, 1963.



Türkeli Martyrs remembered

Türkeli (Ayvasıl) Martyrs were remembered with a ceremony held in Türkeli (Ayvasıl) village last Friday (22nd December).

Delivering a speech at the ceremony, the Deputy Secretary General of the Society of Martyrs' Families and Disabled War Veterans, Ceyhan Cambaz, said that they will never forget the

barbarism of Greek Cypriots that caused deep wounds on the hearts of Turkish Cypriots.

Stating that 21 people were martyred in Ayvasıl, Cambaz said that people who were murdered in Alamyino, Muratağa, Sandallar, Atlılar, Taşkent, Terazi, Geçitkale, Boğaziçi and other regions had no other crime except being a Turk.

Larnaka Martyrs remembered with a ceremony

Turkish Cypriot fighters who fell during the struggle for existence in the Larnaka district between 1963 and 1974 were remembered with a ceremony at the Larnaka Martyrs Monument located in İskele.

Speaking at the ceremony, İskele Mayor Hasan Sadıkoğlu stressed that 173 people were martyred in

Larnaka and villages around Larnaka during the struggle against the Enosis dream of the Greek-Greek Cypriot duo.

"The past should not be forgotten. If we have a peaceful and secure life in the TRNC now it is because of struggle and sacrifices given by our martyrs and veterans," said Sadıkoğlu.



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Ertuğruloğlu - US should review and reverse its decision

Regarding the resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, Foreign Minister Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu stated that the US needed to review and reverse its decision which drew strong condemnation and reaction from the international community.

In an interview with the Anatolian News Agency, Ertuğruloğlu reminded that Organisation for Islamic Cooperation had also strongly criticized the decision at a recent emergency summit hosted by Turkey.

Mentioning that demanding to review and reverse the decision at the meeting, Ertuğruloğlu said that the same Muslim countries which

struggle for freedom in Cyprus were displaying a similar stance on Jerusalem.

Pointing out that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan had acted as torchbearer for the world's reaction to the decision, the TRNC Foreign Minister said that the fact that the resolution was adopted with an overwhelming majority was important and meaningful.

Ertuğruloğlu added that the next step to be taken by the international community was to recognize East Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine.

“What is befitting of us is to make a stand against this injustice, to voice this view within the

international community and to demand an end to this injustice,” he said.

Ertuğruloğlu also expressed his view that the Islamic World, in the event that prospects for a partnership in Cyprus emerge in the future, should support the notion that this partnership should be between two states and not two

communities.

“It is the time that the international community should recognize that a partnership based on political equality is not attainable as long as one of the two communities is recognized as the representative of the state and the other as a minority. A new page should be turned in Cyprus” he added.



Martyr Ömer Hasan Depreli buried 54 years later

Martyr Ömer Depreli, who went missing in Küçük Kaymaklı on 26 December 1963, was laid to rest yesterday with a military ceremony at the Tekke Garden, 54 years after his death. Depreli's remains were found and identified during excavation works by the Committee on Missing Persons (CMP).

Depreli was killed and taken away from his home in Küçük Kaymaklı by a group of Greek Cypriots on 26

December 1963. His body was protected in the Lefkoşa General Hospital's morgue, and then buried in mass graves at Ayvasıl. He was later moved and buried in Tekke Garden, in an unmarked grave.

Ömer Hasan Depreli's remains were recently found by the CMP in the Tekke Garden, and were identified with DNA tests. Yesterday, he was buried in a properly identified grave, so that his family can visit after 54 years.



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Of Hackers and the Hacked!



By Ahmet ABDULAZIZ

Recently I received an email with the subject “URGENTLY SECURITY ALERT”. The email was sent from “account_user@hotmail.com. As I opened the mail I found the message which I post hereunder.

“Your Security info is no longer working. On 25/12/2017 our system found that your security info is no longer working. Starting from 30/12/2017 you won't be able to sign in to your account unless you fix security information. To fix your security info. UPDATE YOUR ACCOUNT NOW”.

I was supposed to click on UPDATE YOUR ACCOUNT NOW, but I did not. Honestly speaking I think that this has been sent by a hacker, and I do not want to fall into this trap.

However looking on the other side, this email may also be a very correct mail, and I may not be able to sign in after 30th December, if I do not CLICK

My decision for NOT accepting this as a genuine email, is based due to my past experience, which I would like to share here.

About 8 or 9 years ago, I had received an email, asking me to CLICK on a particular link, to update my information. The mail had come from some HOTMAIL TEAM. I clicked on that link, without thinking that it might be a trap. As I clicked on the link, another window opened, asking me to once again sign-in. Without realising the well laid trap, I once again signed in by writing down both my email address and the password. The window closed, after I finished the sign in

process.

That was all, as my hotmail account did not open at all. I tried and tried without any result. Only then I realised what had actually happened. I had fallen into the trap of a hacker. My email account had been hacked.

There was nothing else for me but to wait and see, what might happen.

After about a couple of hours, my wife phoned me at my office. She told me that a friend of mine had phoned her at home, from Pakistan, and asked her if everything is alright, to which she replied that everything was OK. Then he asked her about myself, and she told him that I was in the office. Then my friend told her that he had just received a mail from myself, telling him that I had been in some African country for some official meeting, and had lost all of my money there. He was asked to send 3000 dollars to some particular address in that African city, so that I would buy my return ticket. My wife told my friend that there must be something wrong, as I had not gone to any African country, and I had been in my office since that morning. (My wife by that time did not know that my account had been hacked).

That was the plan of the person behind the HOTMAIL TEAM.

He had sent the same letter from my side to all the email addresses, that were there in my account, with the same message. Asking each of them to send 3,000 dollars to that particular bank in that African country.

Shocked as I realised the severity of the situation, I started contacting my friends on the phone one by one, to tell

them about what had happened. Some of them had already received such a mail from the hacker, whereas some had not.

Of course I did not have the phone numbers of all of those whose email addresses were in my account.

To date, none of the people I I knew had mentioned to me that they had sent any money to that particular bank account, as mentioned in that email, thinking of helping me.

But all that had happened, gave me a chance to think about how cleverly the hackers work.

I started thinking about how that hacker works. It was obvious that he was a master of his field. He was just acting in the light of the simple logic and human psychology. He had played his game very simply, knowing that everyone is always concerned about the chances of his/her account being hacked. So everyone is always concerned about how to make the account safe. This is the exact point where the hacker in fact actually played his game. He had used the name of HOTMAIL TEAM, to make the offer more genuine and serious. It clicked, in my case, and of course many more would not have fallen into the trap. But of course many like me would have fallen into the trap.

Just thinking wildly, if that particular hacker had send a few hundred (lets presume 100) emails to persons like me. I further presume that out of these

100 receivers of the mail, just 10 believed and fell into the trap, and ended up letting their account be hacked. Now let's further assume that each of these 10 account holders had 50 email addresses of friends etc in their account. That makes 500 people to whom the hacker had sent the REQUEST, asking them to HELP BY SENDING 3,000 Dollars to that particular bank account.

Even if I assume that only ONE person out of these 500 persons had really believed the contents of the REQUEST MAIL, and had sent 3,000 or less dollars to that particular bank account in Africa, looking from the point of the hacker, its not a bad deal. He might have got 3,000 dollars in his bank account, in a matter of a few hours labour of sending the mails, etc. Not a bad business.

Just think these hackers, do constantly work on such ideas, and send such emails world over. I simply cannot understand, how much they do earn. What do you think?

Or maybe the email that I received today is in fact a genuine email, and I must update my security information, without which I would not be able to sign in after 30th December 2017. It is a big question mark, until that date.

The reality will be exposed only on 31st December.



Christmas in the TRNC

Christmas Day at Al Shaheen, Karakum

By Margaret Sheard

As seems to be normal in the TRNC, Christmas Day 2017 in Girne dawned bright and sunny with a cloudless blue sky.

It is a much slower pace of life and Chris and I and my sister, Brenda, after opening our Christmas presents, made our way at lunchtime to Al Shaheen Restaurant in Karakum for a traditional Christmas Day lunch.

Gradually the restaurant was filling up and all tables were eventually occupied by people who had chosen to have their Christmas lunch away from home to enjoy with other like-minded people.

The Al Shaheen staff were kept very busy during the afternoon, always smiling, and making sure the diners were looked after with



We had a 3-course meal with a choice of Turkey and other meats and a large array of vegetables for the main course, so with a starter and a following dessert we were very full and just about managed the coffee and brandy, mince pies, chocolate finger biscuits and after-eight mints which also appeared.

It seemed we were eating all afternoon, but with the restaurant

being so full, we were grateful for the gaps between courses to give our stomachs a rest.

There were a few people we knew who had chosen Al Shaheen for their Christmas Day lunch, including Janet Bartholomew and her husband Stephen (Friends Line Dancers) who were there with friends. Janet was also celebrating her birthday. Happy Birthday Janet.

As I was also born during the Christmas period, I can appreciate the almost non-event of a birthday at this time of year.

By the time we left, the sun had gone and evening had arrived so we made our way home to relax for the remainder of the day.

Another Christmas done and dusted!

Now we can look forward to a brand new year and I wonder what 2018 will bring for us all.

Well done Imtiaz and your staff for a lovely Christmas Day lunch.



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Girne Municipality Children's New Year events complete

Girne Municipality organized many activities for children in the play park at the Girne Open Market prior to the New Year.

Between 22nd and 25th December, at the Girne Open Market there was a special playground for children of every age group, there were a lot of fun games, movie shows, inflatable slides, moving toys, trampolines, which were all suitable for the children's use.

A special children's New Year party was held on 24th December at the Girne Open Market. At the event there was face painting, fun games, and shows of cute mascots. Corn and cotton candy were served and various gifts were given to the children by Father Christmas.

Güngördü: Children's parks developed.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü spoke at the event, saying that the children are our future and that the Municipality had organised a fun time for the children before the New Year.

Nidai Güngördü stated that more than 25 children were able to play in the play park area and expressed that they have acquired many new playgrounds in the city.

Güngördü wishes that children will bring peace and happiness in the New Year.



Girne Open Market - Children's New Year activities organised by Girne Municipality - 22-25 December



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Christmas in the TRNC

Christmas at Holman Hall

By Margaret Sheard

“Deck the halls with boughs of holly”, so the carol goes, and Holman Hall certainly lives up to this, with the huge Christmas tree and twinkling lights, it is a sight to behold.

Nigel and Lynn Holman invited many guests to their beautiful home to celebrate Christmas on Saturday 23rd December, which has become an annual event, and it is always a wonderful occasion, when people can dress in formal style and enjoy a traditional Christmas evening.

During the evening we were treated to carol singing with the choir standing on each side of the lovely staircase and everyone joins in with help from their song sheets. This year there was the addition of musicians – the Cyprus Strings which was founded by Ammar Dadizadeh.

The wine flowed, as did the conversation, and later the guests wandered to the kitchen where there was a lovely supper being served and soon everyone was enjoying the food which had been prepared.

As normal there were many familiar faces and a chance to catch up with people we don't see very often. The music went up a tempo and those that were feeling energetic started dancing.

Speaking to Nigel during the evening he said that he feels their



home is an absolutely ideal place for this type of gathering, and it certainly is.

Thank you once again to Nigel and Lynn for opening your beautiful home - Holman Hall - for a celebration of the festive season in North Cyprus.



NEWS in BRIEF

Road Safety

Don't be a Lemming, Drive Safely and be Safe in Northern Cyprus.

Burak Beşir.

Turkish Cypriot flautist and composer Burak Beşir has won an Outstanding Achievement award at the Global Music Awards (GMA).

Tulips Chilly Dippers will be braving a swim at 11am on Sunday morning, 31st December at The Fly Inn, Lapta. Try to go along and give them some support and sponsorship.

SeAngle Bar in Catalkoy hold a Friendship Club every first Wednesday of the month at 11.30am. A good time to go along and make new friends, chat and enjoy coffee, drinks and snacks.

The Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak - every Wednesday - Blues Night with Alper Cengiz and Friends, at 9.30pm.

New Year's Eve, Cemil Square, Girne - Niyal Ozturk concert at 10pm and firework display at 00.30.

Dive Hub - Kordon Boyu Str. No: 10 Bahceler, Iskele, Famagusta, 2 dives · 30 December at 9.30am and 12.30pm. We are planing to dive offshore. First dive will be 18m depth. Second dive will be deeper. If you want to join us, please book your place.
BOAT WILL MOVE AT 09:30 am. PLEASE DON'T BE LATE!!
Maria Ayça Koçdag - 0542 860 0119 and Hakan Berat Demircan -0533 875 8600.

NCCCT Coffee Morning at the Merit Preium on 6th February, starting at 10.30am.

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Tiredness/Fatigue

Simple help to ease Tiredness/Fatigue

Are your eyelids sagging as the afternoon wears on? When low energy drags you down, don't look to a candy bar, cup of coffee, or energy drink for a lift. The sugar and caffeine might give you an immediate pick-me-up, but after that quick high wears off, you'll crash and feel even more drain

What you need is a lasting solution to keep sluggishness at bay.

Eat breakfast. People who eat breakfast every morning report less fatigue and stress than people who skip it. High-fibre foods, like hot oatmeal, stay with you longer than a sweet roll or pastry. As the day wears on, it will prevent you from getting hungry. Hunger can lead to low energy.

Exercise Yoga and Pilates with a



little meditation can be an excellent fatigue fighter.

Singing, yes singing, gives you a kind of emotional high while it reduces levels of stress hormones in your body. So grab a hairbrush, put on your favorite song, and sing away. You can try singing in the car if you're a little shy.

Drink plenty of water - dehydration can leave you feeling drained and fatigued. You don't necessarily have to follow the "eight glasses a day" rule, but you do want to drink

enough water to keep your body well hydrated. You can tell you are well hydrated when you don't feel thirsty and your urine is light-coloured. Try to get to the fridge or water cooler for a refill every few hours. The walk there will also help you wake up.

Eat a handful of almonds and peanuts, which are high in magnesium and folic acid these nutrients are essential for energy and cell production. A lack of these nutrients in your system can leave you feeling weary.



Cinnamon Research finds that just a whiff of this scented spice can reduce fatigue and make you feel more alert. No cinnamon handy? Grab a mint from your bag. Peppermint's sweet aroma is another fatigue fighter.

Exercise is a natural energy booster, because whenever you do it, oxygen-rich blood surges through your body to your heart, muscles, and brain. Regularly squeezing a workout into your day -- even if you can spare only 10 minutes at a time -- will help keep your energy levels at their peak. Move around every chance you get, even if it's just to pace in circles while you're on the phone.

NORTH CYPRUS CHEMIST ROTA

29th December – Friday

Eminağa Eczanesi, Ziya Rızkî Cad No 10 GİRNE. Tel: 815 2248
Ahmet Çağır Eczanesi, Ahmet Çağır Eczanesi. Tel: 821 3434

30th December – Saturday

Mehmet Güven Eczanesi, Namuk Kemal Cad No 59/G Yukarı GİRNE. Tel: 815 2190
Mucizem Eczanesi, Naci Talat Cad. Nevzat Center. Tel: 815 1150

31st December – Sunday

Acarkan Eczanesi, Kordonboyu No 38 D Atatürk Heykeli GİRNE. Tel: 815 3375
Aydın Eczanesi, Karaoğlanoğlu Cad Beyaz Plaza 3 Alsancak. Tel: 821 3361

1st January – Monday

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Zehra Kelebek Eczanesi, Mınreşal Fevzi Çakmuk Cad. Denirese Tel: 821 3888

2nd January – Tuesday

Tören Eczanesi, Ziya Rızkî Cad. Yusuf Ziya Apt 210/3 GİRNE. Tel: 815 8979
Mehmet Kamiloğlu Eczanesi, Mustafa Çağalay Cad 41 C GİRNE. Tel: 815 2150

3rd January – Wednesday

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Nürçag Eczanesi, Şht Dursun Özaraç Sokak No 6/2 GİRNE. Tel: 815 1025

4th January – Thursday

Aşar Eczanesi, Mustafa Çağatay Cad, GİRNE. Tel: 815 7075
Emin Eczanesi, No 136C GİRNE Alsancak. Tel: 0533 870 1946

5th January – Friday

Selvin Çağay Eczanesi, Ecvit Cad No 68 /b GİRNE. Tel: 815 2025
Kandil Eczanesi, Karaoğlanoğlu Cad E 48. Tel: 822 3842

**Duty Chemists for the
GİRNE - Alsancak - Lapta areas**



29th December - 4th January

The NCCCT Christmas Party at the Fez, Catalkoy

By Engin Dervişağa.....

By popular demand I am repeating our show when I went with my camera crew to The Fez, in Çatalköy for my Vox Pop programme on BRT 2 TV to be with the North Cyprus Cancer Charity Trust (NCCCT) where they were holding their first Christmas Party.

There were many people to talk to and I had the opportunity to talk to the NCCCT Chairperson, Wendy Anderson. I was also able to talk to Sadie, Dj Mancini, Dominic Holmes, Teresa Cefa and our very own Radio Angel, Denise Philips from Bayrak International Radio.

It was a great party night with entertainment from Dj Mancini who was born in Italy and then Sadie who sang her heart out and to complete the



Wendy Anderson

evening Dominic Holmes kept us all in the Christmas spirit.

My interview with NCCCT and friends will be screened on Sunday 31st December at 15.00pm and it will be repeated on Tuesday 2nd January at 18.30pm and on Friday 5th January at 20.00pm so do tune in to join me on my show, Vox Pop on BRT2 Television.

To go direct to BRT2 TV to watch these shows by live streaming on your PC, Tablet or Smart Phone at Cyprus local



Fun at the Fez

time go to www.brtk.net and select the BRT2 channel in the viewing screen. This programme was edited by Kut Adali.

For Radio Lovers do also tune in and join me on Bayrak International Radio on Saturday at 19.00pm for my programme Top Twenty which is compiled by DJ Bora and this show is repeated on Sunday at 15.00pm. We are transmitting this on 87.8 and 105.0 FM stereo.



Dominic Holmes

You can also tune in to live streaming of this radio show on your PC, Smart Phone or Tablet by going to www.brtk.net and select FM105 Bayrak International.

For those local readers who have interesting hobbies or interests who think it could make an interesting subject for my Vox Pop TV show, do please send me a message via www.cyprusscene.com

The Eaved House, Lefkosa

By Engin Dervişağa

By popular demand I am delighted together with my colleague, Qossay Eleyan to repeat an interesting report on "Discovering North Cyprus" from the Eaved House which is a mansion in the Selimiye quarter of Lefkosa and it is named after its wide eaves that support its hall protruding into the street. It is located to the southeast of the Selimiye Mosque.

Its year of construction is not known although it was built during the Ottoman period and after restoration it was opened officially as the Eaved House Centre of Culture and Arts on 23 December 1996.

The building is L-shaped and surrounds an inner courtyard. The lower floor displays Lusignan architecture, whereas the upper floor displays the Ottoman architectural style and was developed as a house during the Ottoman period upon the remains of a medieval building.



This show will be transmitted on BRT2 on Monday 1st January at 19.00pm and on Thursday 4th January at 19.50pm. This programme was edited with Turkish subtitles by Kut Adali.

To go direct to BRT2 TV to watch these shows by live streaming on your PC, Smart Phone or Tablet at Cyprus local time go to www.brtk.net and select the BRT2 channel in the



viewing screen.

For Radio Lovers do also tune in and join me on Bayrak International on Saturday at 19.00pm for my programme Top Twenty which is compiled by DJ Bora and this show is repeated on Sunday at 15.00pm. We are transmitting this on 87.8 and 105.0 FM stereo.

You can also tune in to live streaming

of this radio show on your PC, Smart Phone or Tablet by going to www.brtk.net and select FM105 Bayrak International.

For those local readers who have interesting hobbies or interests who think it could make an interesting subject for my Vox Pop TV show, do please send me a message via www.cyprusscene.com

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Girne Second Spring members' Christmas Dinner

Municipality of Girne Second Spring members came together for a Christmas dinner to celebrate the forthcoming New Year.

Girne Municipality Second Spring Project members benefitted from the Christmas dinner arranged for over 600 residents and they spent a lovely day enjoying their time together. At the dinner the members received gifts from the hotel. Also at the event the Second Spring members were given cupcakes which were supplied by Girne Municipality.

Güngördü: We live in peace

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü stated that the members of the Second Spring Project are happy to welcome another New Year. Güngördü emphasized that the people of Cyprus have been living in peace since 1974 and being in the Middle East where difficult days are experienced, he wished everyone to live a life with fair rights in the world. At the end of his speech, he hoped the year 2018 would be full of peace in the world.



A Cup Of Conversation with an app called Pingo!

By Can GAZI

My guest on A Cup Of Conversation is Iranian entrepreneur Pouya Sadr.

We will be talking a new website and a smartphone application for students called Pingo.

For the full story watch BRT2 TV this Saturday the 30th of December at 12 noon.

Do follow us online at "A Cup of

Conversation" your favourite TV show by going to www.brtk.net and selecting BRT2 in the live broadcast window.

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Do tune into Bayrak International Live where you can join me on a number of great radio shows that bring you great music and thoughts and comments of the day,

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Should we blame the immigrants?

By Ismail Veli

"It's the fault of immigrants", words we hear so often these days. It seems that everything and anything wrong in society is put down to immigration. Inadequate social services, "blame the immigrants", lack of funding in the national health service, "Blame the immigrants". Muggings, "must be the immigrants", murder and other crimes on the increase "must be the immigrants", 'lack of education funding,"blame the immigrants', and the list goes on.

I have lived in the UK since 1962, the only time I remember a racist remark against me personally was in July 2006, and yet in the last year alone it's shot up to no less than 3 times. I'm made of stern stuff and put this down to the ignorance of the individuals concerned, I prefer to rise above such prejudice, I don't like it but refuse to drop my standards of tolerance and respect for the massively rich and diverse culture I live in. Sadly, blaming the immigrants for every woe in society is not a new phenomena. Let's look at a few remarkable instances in history when wholesale persecution has left a shameful lesson for which we have still to learn in the 21st century.

The great fire of Rome in 64 AD inflicted so much damage on Rome that scapegoats had to be found. The Christians being the newest religion at the time became the target. The fact that shoddy building, lack of facilities to control fires and darn right callousness of the authorities to help make homes safer were totally ignored. Easy to blame others than accept faults in one's own inadequacy.

In 1348 a plague that decimated the population of Europe by an estimated 25 million people had such a profound affect on the continent that many believed it to have been caused by the Jews. The conspiracy was believed to have been plotted by the leaders of the Jewish community in Toledo, Spain, the head of this



atrocities was pointed in the direction of a Rabbi named Peyret whose headquarters was in Chambéry, Savoy. The theory was that the Jews had poisoned wells and springs in order to "Poison Christendom". An inquiry was initiated by Amadeus, the Count of Savoy. After some torture against male and female prisoners the sad victims confessed to have poisoned the water wells, springs etc. This confession was made "in the presence of a great many trustworthy persons". The poor tortured victims also confessed that the poison had been given to them by the above mentioned Rabbi Peyret and were asked to spread this poison among the "wells, cisterns and springs above Venice".

The stupidity of this episode does not explain how this so called poisoning was spread throughout Europe. The deep rooted hatred of Jews "seen as foreigners" was such that no-one doubted this theory. Many communities were massacred and many committed suicide in order to avoid torture and murder. In a town named Erfurt in Germany alone an estimated 3000 were said to have been butchered on 21 March 1349.



In September 1666 a violent and massive fire decimated large parts of London. The buildings at the time were mostly made of wood, any spark would start a fire that could become uncontrollable. It was not the first time London faced such a threat but the fateful fire of 1666 was so

massive that many believed it was the fault of the immigrants, the Dutch in particular were singled out as England was at war with the French and Dutch. It was believed they started this in preparation for an invasion. A Swedish diplomat was almost lynched, fortunately the Duke of York's timely intervention saved his life.

A Dutch baker was dragged from his shop and his whole property was destroyed. French were pelted with stones and hammered with iron bars. One of the worst atrocities was when a French woman's breasts were cut off and another Frenchman was almost dismembered by a crowd when the tennis balls he was carrying were wrongly assumed to be bombs.

These are just a few examples. This disaster came hot on the heels of the Black plague. The Plague was a bi-product of millions of cats butchered in the belief that heretics manifested themselves in the images of geese, toads and above all in cats. This stupidity was actually declared by none other than Pope Gregory the IX who wrote to Prince Henry, son of Emperor Frederick. Any disasters, plagues or woes in society had to be blamed on immigrants, cats, witches or infidels. That was then. What has modern society learned from historic prejudice and bigotry? Sadly very little. Polish-Jewish immigrants were even blamed for the Jack the Ripper crimes. It seems people refuse to accept that their own brethren can commit such despicable crimes, therefore 'foreigners' are often the scapegoats.

Even the defeat of Germany in W.W.I was blamed on the Jews, subsequently the Jews were blamed by the Nazi's for everything and anything. The Latino's are blamed for the drug problem in the USA, as though the rest of society is totally innocent. Any murder by an immigrant becomes a national scandal while the deaths recorded by the FBI as a direct result of archaic gun laws are totally ignored. In fact

the murder rate in the USA in 2013 was 14.196. In 2014. it was 14.249, in 2015 it was 15.399 and 2016 it was a staggering 17.250. The four years total 61.094, which is higher than the total deaths of 58.220 American military during the entire Vietnam war which first started in 1955 and ended in 1975. Ten of these years saw massive military commitment.

On my recent visit to Italy, immigrants were blamed for the crime rate by many I spoke to, totally ignoring the fact that the mafia groups in Sicily, Naples and Calabria have virtually been a law unto themselves for centuries. The increase in car accidents, crime and corruption in North Cyprus is almost exclusively blamed on "Mainland Turks", the Greeks blame every woe to befall them on the Turks, regardless of any fault in their own education or politically suicidal actions of the past.

Gangsters activities in Limassol are nearly always blamed on Russians etc. while forgetting that it's the Government's open door policy to money laundering that invites such activities in the first place while "poorinnocent Cypriots" have "nothing to do with it". In Greece most of the crimes are attributed to Albanians and other immigrants. The recent trend is to blame refugees fleeing war torn countries of flooding into Europe. In 2015 the EU agreed to accept 160.000 asylum seekers and distribute these among the 28 countries, quotas were allocated depending on wealth of each country. The total EU population is 510 million, so the agreed quota is not exactly astronomical innocent Cypriots' have "nothing to do with it". In Greece most of the crimes are attributed to Albanians and other immigrants. The recent trend is to blame refugees fleeing war torn countries of flooding into Europe. In 2015 the EU agreed to accept 160.000 asylum seekers and distribute these among the 28 countries, quotas were allocated depending on wealth of each country.

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It's the fault of immigrants?

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According to the UNHCR, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon registered more than 2 million refugees, Turkey registered 3 million and 30.000 in other parts of North Africa. Considering the EU is the single largest economic block in the world 160 thousand is minuscule by comparison. Poland, The Czech Republic and Hungary have refused to accept this quota. The Polish government seems to overlook the fact that almost 2.3 million of its own citizens were recorded as economic migrants (not refugees) while denying this basic sanctuary to people from "other faiths".

This does not include the massive migration of Poles in the last century due to war and economic depression. 200.000 Hungarians themselves fled their country following the Soviet invasion in 1956. The US immigration statistics show that by 1920 roughly 600.000 Czechs lived in that country alone. In 2015 1,703,930 Americans claimed their ancestry as Czech or Slovak. Even allowing for some exaggeration the

numbers are clearly massive. Hypocrisy it seems has no limits.

According to the British Red Cross the estimated number of refugees living in the UK in 2015 was 118.995. much less than Germany's 587.346. Sweden recorded 83.103, this is much higher in percentage terms as Sweden's population is only 9.9 million compared to the UK's 65 million. In short, it's clear that much poorer countries in the world seem to take in a much higher number of refugees than the richer countries. Sadly while the theme these days is "We want our country back" or "America first" it would help us all to ask if the Western countries asked permission from other countries when sending their military to "protect our interests". Did those countries not have the right to shout out "We want to rule our own country as we see fit".

I'll go even further, the members of the security council which includes France, Great Britain and the USA have a final say or veto in every security council resolution, thereby giving them a unique position of importance but above all BENEFIT. Sadly, many want the BENEFITS



Hungarian Refugees of 1956

minus the OBLIGATIONS. If and when they want to wash their hands of such a unique benefit then we should all suggest they also give up those benefits. I'll BE DAMNED IF THEY DO. So basically we shall simply carry on blaming refugees and migrants for almost every woe, but refuse to forgo all the responsibilities and obligations that we rewarded ourselves in the aftermath of WW2. This of course will not stop us from interfering and lecturing to others about human rights, responsibilities, obligations etc etc.

who for one reason or another claim "we were different, we need to close our doors". So let's come in and pull the drawbridge up on others. Today's refugees are "Different" so let's just carry on blaming migrants and foreigners to make ourselves feel better about our own failings.

"Any nation that feels itself immune from such disasters, may have a rude awakening one day that calamity is not the exclusive domain of far away shores"

Cavidan Veli

One of the worst arguments I find are by 2nd and 3rd generation migrants

"Any nation that feels itself immune from such disasters, may have a rude awakening one day that calamity is not the exclusive domain of far away shores".

Cavidan Veli



1941 ; Polish refugees from USSR arrive at Persian port



Aylan Kurdi The Syrian lad dead on the beach in Turkey being carried away



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North Cyprus Ceramists Association

End of Year Exhibition

The exhibition was held 20th to 27th December 2017 and was opened by President Mustafa Akıncı. We are pleased to publish a review by Heidi Trautmann.

TURKUAZ - North Cyprus Ceramists Association End of Year Exhibition

By Heidi Trautmann

Clay, a material connecting us to the past, a timeless carrier of culture. Clay, a messenger whose language everybody can understand. Clay and its many ways of working it, bringing together people who want to express themselves. Feeling the softness of clay and creating something with your own hands is an experience so very valuable; creating a bowl, birds in flight, human ribs, the horns of a Capricorn or even the Tower of Babel.

Never have I seen such a well-attended opening event but it proves that working with one's hands and with the material of clay is becoming more and more interesting for young and old, yes, young and old guests came to the opening and were genuinely interested. This special art form that extends its usefulness into all niches of our life, into our living spaces and to public spaces as a decorative part in architecture.

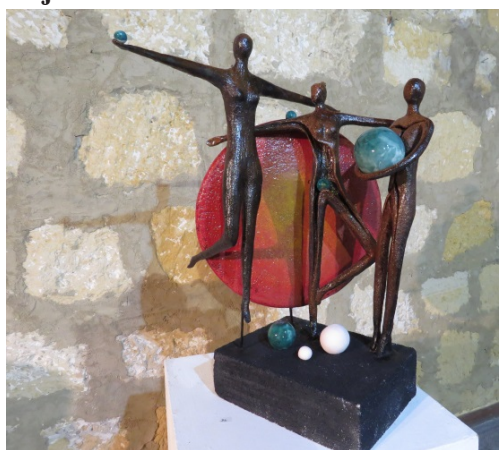
The participating artists were : Tomrul Tomgüshehan (one of the seven founding members), Semral Öztan (former president of the association), Hasan Saydam, Fatma Özok, Nergül Gezer Dünder (today's president of the association), Hasan Işık, Fatma Madalı, Nevber Okur, Sinem Saydam, Hasan Eminağa (former president of the association), Ülviye Percini Oksu, Özge Refik Kutsay, Özlem Kul Durmaz, Eser Keçeci, Özlem Kul Durmaz, Hayal Dimililer, Bedia Kale, Osman Murabık. Vedia Okutan Gaydeler.

The North Cyprus Ceramists Association was founded in 1999, by a handful of ceramists to promote the art form and information can be accessed on my website on the following links.

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For many years I have been following their activities and did interviews with some of the members who, over the years, have established their own meeting places and art schools. The number of artists working with clay is increasing and it attracts more and more people to join ceramic workshops. We are at the end of the year 2017, so my best wishes go with them. May the association continue to grow and cultivate this art form for our society.



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Christmas Lights in North Cyprus

The Turkish Cypriots in North Cyprus celebrate the New Year rather than our traditional Christmas, although they seem to enjoy that as well, but there is no lack of glitter when it comes to street decorations and most of our superb hotels go all out to impress. We spent an hour or so one evening driving around the local area to capture some of the wonderful Christmas/New Year lights and the photos are shown below for your enjoyment.



A Happy New Year from North Cyprus

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Girne Municipality - Karaoglanoglu event

Girne Municipality organised a public event in Karaoglanoglu prior to the New Year.

The New Year event was held at Karaoglanoglu Park. In addition to Mayor Nidai Güngördü and members of Parliament, Karaoglanoglu Muhtar - Hüdaverdi Tutku, Karaman Neighbourhood Muhtar - Saadet Cibo and citizens participated in the event.

There were souvenirs and catering stands and The Healers music group gave a concert.

Güngördü: We were happy to organise the third event in Karaoglanoglu.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü expressed his happiness in arranging the third of the New Year's events in Karaoglanoglu in 43 years. He stated that they are planning to say goodbye to the year 2017 and that they will be organising various events in the city in the New Year and he wished the citizens to be happy and that the new year will bring peace to people and the world.



Karaoglanoglu Muhtar, Hüdaverdi Tutku, remarked that the most investment in Karaoglanoglu had been made in the period of Nidai Güngördü in 43 years and he thanked Güngördü personally and on behalf of the village people for the investments made.

Saadet Cibo, Karaman Neighbourhood Muhtar, thanked the Municipality of Girne for organising the event and hoped that the New Year will bring health and happiness to all.



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CyprusScene - Trivia Quiz No. 6

Test your knowledge with these Trivia questions



TRIVIA QUIZ No. 6 – 29th December 2017

Rivers

- 1) Which river featured in the musical Showboat”?
- 2) Which river flows through the Grand Canyon?

Film songs

- 1) Name the hit from Rocky II
- 2) What film song was the UK’s biggest hit single in 1991?

Food

- 1) How did Toll House cookies get their name?
- 2) Where does the term “chowder” for soup come from?

Real Names

- 1) Who has written books under the name Barbara Vine?
- 2) Which British actor was named Derek Van Den Bogaerd?

Gave name to

- 1) British policemen were once called “peelers” –why?
- 2) Who invented tarmac?

The Oscars

- 1) What year was the award for best sound first given?
- 2) David Lean received his first Oscar as director of which film?

Name Origins

- 1) After what is Brazil named?
- 2) Who was Rome named after?

Bridges

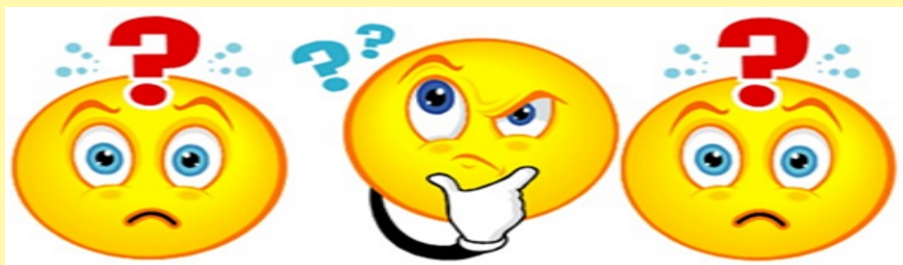
- 1) Which city bridge is locally known as “The Coathanger”?
- 2) Which was the first major suspension bridge in the world?

Jazz

- 1) What style of jazz was pioneered by Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie?
- 2) By what name is pianist Ferdinand Joseph Lemott remembered?

Rock ‘n’ Roll

- 1) What is Bo Diddley’s real name?
- 2) Who led the “Blue Caps”?



Answers on page 22

No cheating !

CyprusScene - Sudoku Quiz No. 11 and 12

Test your skill at Sudoku with Grids 11 and 12 The grids are in PDF format so you can print them off and complete at your leisure. Perhaps a bit of relaxation during the weekend. The answers can be found on Page 22.

Grid No. 11

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A Happy New Year
to all our readers and puzzlers.

The picture on the right of a stained glass window was shown in Issue No. 4 last week.

Did anyone know where the window is located?

The answer is :

The stained glass window is on the top floor of the main Girne Municipality building on the long upwards wall.



North Cyprus Events Calendar

29th December 2017 to 19th January 2018

A list of events you can look forward to in North Cyprus. For those charity fund-raisers, venues etc. who would like to include an event in the Weekly Events Calendar, contact Chris or Margaret at cyprusscene.com.

The Events Calendar is published every week on Thursday so please try to submit information you would like to be included by Wednesday each week.

29th December – Friday -
EFRAR 2018 will be presenting The Abnormals Christmas Show “Let’s go back in time” at The Venue, Turtle Bay, Esentepe. 8.30pm – Show 10TL and full menu will be available for those who want to have a meal. To book call 0533 884 9816. This will be followed by “3 Brave Shaves”. To see more about this event go to cyprusscene.com website.

29th December – Friday -
The Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak – Arda Baykurt Latin Quartet (Latin Jazz), starting at 9.30pm.

30th December – Saturday –
Football: Esentepe v Doganci at Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium. Kick off 2pm.

31st December – Sunday -
Join Tulips “Chilly Dippers” for a New Year’s eve day swim at 11am at the Fly Inn, Lapta. Sponsor forms are available by emailing tulipscarole@yahoo.com or call Jackie Pennington 0533 872 3237. Swimmers will be given soup and bread roll, plus mulled wine.

31st December – Sunday -
Cemil Square, Girne – Niyal Ozturk and group will be performing at 10pm followed by fireworks at 00.30.



3rd January – Wednesday - The Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak – Blues Night with Alper Cengiz and Friends at 9.30pm.

7th January – Sunday - EFRAR will be having a Car Treasure Hunt which will be registration at 11am with the event at 12noon starting and finishing at Stevie’s Restaurant and Bar in Kucuk Erenkoy. 50TL per car – maximum 4 people per vehicle. From 4.30pm there will be a 2-course Sunday Roast – 45TL from which there will be a donation to EFRAR. To book a place on the Treasure Hunt or to book lunch please call 0533 849 4744.

8th January – Monday - RBL Quiz Night at the Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak, starting at 7pm. 5TL entrance and 15TL for food. To book contact Vicki on 0533 835 5133.

10th January – Wednesday - The Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak – Blues Night with Alper Cengiz and Friends at 9.30pm.

19th January – Friday - Blakes Lounge Bar and Bistro, Alsancak will be featuring Dominic Holmes from 8pm. A night not to be missed. For reservations call 0548 839 4007.

3 BRAVE SHAVES!

Paul Lee, Art Watson and Martin Foster

Please sponsor these brave guys!

Friday
29th December

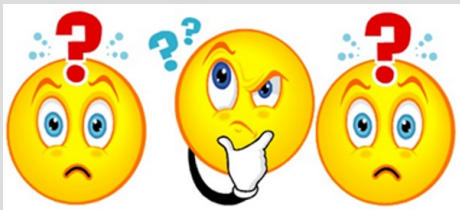
Here are the answers for the two Sudoku grids on page 20

GRID No. 11

GRID No. 12

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Here are the answers to Trivia Quiz No. 6 on page 19

- Rivers**

 - 1) The Mississippi
 - 2) The Colorado

Film Songs

 - 1) Eye of the Tiger
 - 2) (Everything I do) I Do It For You (Brian Adams) – Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves

Food

 - 1) To cross the Mississippi people would stop at the Toll Man’s house and buy his chocolate chip cookies.
 - 2) From the French “chaudiere” – a communal copper pot for fish stew

Real Names

 - 1) P D James
 - 2) Dirk Bogarde

Gave Name To

 - 1) Sir Robert Peel, the founder of the British police force.
 - 2) John Macadam

The Oscars

 - 1) 1930
 - 2) The Bridge on the River Kwai
- Name Origins**

 - 1) A tree – Pau brasil
 - 2) Romulus and Remus. Romulus killed his brother and named the city after himself.

Bridges

 - 1) Sydney Harbour Bridge
 - 2) Menai Strait Bridge in Wales

Jazz

 - 1) Bebop
 - 2) Jelly Roll Morton

Rock ‘n’ Roll

 - 1) Elias Bates (or Elias McDaniel)
 - 2) Gene Vincent

How did you do?



Chef's Choice -- Winter Warmers (Soups)

By Chef



Spinach Soup (Ispanak Corbasi)



Ingredients

350-400 gr spinach/ can
1 small onion, chopped
3 tbsp oil/butter
1 tbsp flour, heaping
4-5 cups water/chicken stock
1 cup yogurt
1 egg, beaten
1 tbsp salt to taste

Preparation:

In a pot, place onions and oil/butter. Sauté them for 2-3 minutes and then add spinach. Sauté over medium heat until the water in spinach evaporates. Then add water/chicken stock and salt. When it boils, simmer for about 10-15 minutes over low-medium heat. After that you can blend it with a blender for a smoother soup. If you like the spinach pieces in the soup do not blend it.

Leave Spinach Soup to cool for 10-15 minutes. Then whisk the yogurt with egg and stir in slowly. If you stir in the mixture to hot soup, the texture of yogurt will spoil and this will affect the soup.

Chicken Broccoli Soup (Tavuklu Brokoli Corbasi)

Ingredients:

1 onion, finely chopped
2-3 tbsp canola oil
3 tbsp flour
1 lb broccoli
4 cups chicken broth
½ lb boneless chicken, cooked and cut into cubes
1 cup milk
1 tbsp salt to taste
½ tsp black pepper
1 cup cheddar cheese



Preparation

Sauté onions with canola oil over medium heat for 2 minutes. Stir in flour and cook stirring constantly for 2-3 minutes. Then, add chicken broth and milk. Bring to a boil.

Meanwhile wash broccoli and cut into small florets. Add into the chicken broth. Simmer for about 3 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste. Stir in chicken and simmer for 2-3 additional minutes. Stir in cheddar cheese and serve hot.

29 December - 4 January

A Happy New Year to the World



By Peri Sualp

Christmas, often mixed up with New Year, is actually the celebration of Jesus Christ's birthday by the Christians on 25th of December. Then after only 6 days the year finishes on 31st of December and the whole world celebrates the coming of the New Year.

Both events are the biggest celebrations around the world in one year. It surely is the most attractive time of the year. Preparations start from November or even in October in some countries. Most of the places are decorated with glittering lights and related decorations. Most important decorations are Santa Claus and his deer, pine trees and ornaments that can be placed on them, huge fancy socks, snowmen, nutcracker etc. All are shiny and glittery and with twinkling lights. Who cannot be attracted to all these dazzling and shimmering decorations distributed all around the place!

Beside these attractive pictures of decorations, the variety of food and drinks change to better looking shape and most delicious form. Presentations of luscious food on nicely decorated tables are a feast for the eyes as well. Besides, Christmas cakes and New Year cookies and an unaccountable variety of candies and chocolates are certainly to die for!

Another tradition is to give

presents to each other. It's always good to be remembered and get a nicely packed gift and it's important to remember our family and friends around us. Some people are prepared well before but most of the people go shopping on the last days of the year. I think that's another fun time because there's a sweet rush around.

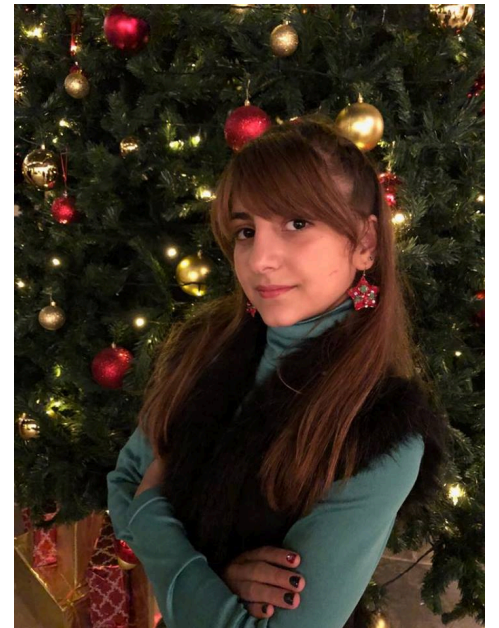
During this holiday season, everyone is more tolerant and patient with each other than normal times. Everyone is relaxed and smiling. There's joy and happiness spread all around... As if everything is perfect in the world!

I wish every day was celebrated

like Christmas and New Year... I wish everyone was lucky enough to welcome this glamorous holiday season with presents and delicious food and drinks and joy. I wish everyone has enough money, enough health, enough family and most important, enough peace to welcome the coming New Year.

Sharing and helping those in need are two of the most important values of being a human no matter what religion you have or what country you are living in. After all, both values should be the main spirit of the season. We should always be thankful for what we have and try to be a helping hand to others and to our surroundings (not forgetting the nature and animals).

Remember, every New Year is the beginning of everything new. We should never give up our hopes for a better world and wish for the best.



A Happy New Year to you all!



29 December - 4 January

Christmas Day Classical Concert at The Soulist

By Roland Eyerich

On December 25th there was the premiere of a classical concert at "The Soulist" Coffee and Music House in Alsancak. This was an experiment, having not tried this type of performance previously, and it was a complete success with a full house.

The organisers - Roland Eyerich and Alper Cengiz (The Soulist) succeeded in signing two top-class musicians for this evening. Baritone Ahmet Zeyin and pianist Atakan Sari. The two musicians played in front of a sold-out house. Unusually this special atmosphere was for the first-time in the "small music hall" of Alsancak. It was like magic that the classic duo Ahmet and Atakan gave to the audience. The selected program was classical arias, arias antique and Neapolitan songs.

Several times there were calls of "Bravissimo" and "Bravo". It was a

magical evening that surrounded the listeners and musicians alike. Whether Caldara, Gluck, Montverdi, Scarlatti, Donizetti, Mozart or Handel (just to name a few). The wonderful baritone voice of Ahmet Zeyin with Atakan Sari on the piano, laid the foundation stone for this great performance.

The highlight of the evening was the second set from Figaro's wedding, the aria "Hai gia vinta la causa", that ended with a grand finale and the "Neapolitan song O Sole Mio" by Eduardo Di Capua concluded this successful evening.

The audience wanted even more and so there was the popular Turkish-Cypriot folk song "Al yemini mor yemini" or "The Until Song" by Kamran Aziz. (*1922 - 2017, Turkish-Cypriot musician, who co-wrote Turkish Cypriot folk music with his songs).

A great performance with a great audience on a very special evening.



I-r Roland Eyerich, Atakan Sari, Ahmet Zeyin, Alper Cengiz



About the performers :

Ahmet Zeyin has worked with world-renowned professors from leading universities in opera history. Ahmet successfully completed the Masterclass Program of the Robert Schumann Conservatory of the University of Düsseldorf Prof. Helge Dorsch in Germany.

He also successfully completed the masterclass program of the Music Academy in Wrocław or Breslau in Poland under the direction of the Opera Department, Prof. Ewa Czermak.

Atakan Sari is a sought-after chamber musician and pianist, has released his own Beethoven CD. 2004 one of the highlights when he performed in the Tchaikovsky Hall in Moscow. In 2005, he won the Young Concert Artists competition and made his New York debut at Carnegie Hall. He is at the faculty of NEU - Near East University (Lefkosa)



Answers To The Christmas “STINKER ” Quiz



By Richard Beale

The “**Stinker** “question was can you select a football team of present and past players whose surname had “loosely” something to do with Christmas ?

Unfortunately this turned out to be more of an Anorak question as the deeper I delved the more it “snowballed’ and yes there was an ex footballer with the surname of Snowball.

Unfortunately I could not find any footballers who have the surname of Christmas.

Angel	Brett Angell (Stockport, Southend) Forward F	Lemon	Paul Lemon (Sunderland, Chesterfield) M
Bell (jingle)	Colin Bell (Man City) Midfield M	Noel	Peter Noel-Williams (Watford, Stoke) F
	Gary Bell (Cardiff, Newport) Defender D	Partridge	Malcolm Partridge (Mansfield, Grimsby) F
	Graham Bell (Oldham, PNE) M		Scott Partridge (Brentford, Torquay) F
	Micky Bell (Wycombe, Bristol City) Left Back LB	Pear	Steven Pears (Middlesborough) GK
Carol	Andy Carroll (Newcastle, WHU) F	Robin	Ian Robbins (Oldham, Huddersfield) F/W
	Tom Carroll (Swansea) M		Mark Robbins (Man U, Norwich) F
	Roy Carrol (Man U, Wigan) Goalkeeper GK	Santa	Rocky Santa Cruz (Blackburn, Man City)F
Chicken	Adam ChickSen (MK Dons) CD	Shepherd	Ernie Shepherd (Fulham, QPR) F
Crib	Alex Cribley (Wigan) CD		John Shepherd (Millwall, Brighton) M
Deer	Brian Dear (WHU) F		Tony Shepherd (Carlisle) M
	Steven Deere (Scunthorpe, Hull) CD	Sleigh	Geoff Sleight (Bolton) W
Frost	Des Frost (Halifax, Crewe) F	Snow	Simon Snow (Scunthorpe, PNE) F
	Jack Frost (York) GK	Snowball	Ray Snowball (Darlington) GK
Gabriel (angel)	Angella Gabriele (Watford) CD	Stephen (Feast of)	Jimmy Stephen (Bradford , Portsmouth)RB
Ivy	George Ivey (York) Winger W		Trevor Steven (Everton) M
Jesus	Gabriel Jesus (Man City) F		Archie Stevens (Bristol Rovers) F
	Jesus Navas (Man City) W	Wisemen	Scott Wiseman (Rochdale, Barnsley) RB
King	Andy King (Leicester) M		Dennis Wise (Wimbledon, Chelsea) M
	Jake King (Shrewsbury, Wrexham) RB		
	John King (Swansea) GK		
	Marlon King (Gillingham, Wrexham) F		

As you can see this turned out to be a bit of a marathon and I may have missed certain Christmas themes and players.

But a possible passable team could be : (4-4-3)

Roy CARROL (gk) : Scott WISEMAN, Angella GABRIELE, Gary STEVENS, Micky BELL:
Colin BELL, Andy KING , Denis WISE : Rocky SANTA Cruz, Andy CARROLL, Gabriele JESUS.
Subs : Ray SNOWBALL (gk), Peter NOEL-Williams, Trevor STEVEN, Mark ROBBINS, and Brett ANGELL.



A New Turkish Cypriot Football Star Is Born

By Ahmet Abdulaziz

Ahmet Sivri, the 19 year old, young promising Turkish Cypriot football sensation recently signed a 2.5 year professional contract with Galatasaray Football Club, Istanbul. He is already playing with the U21 football team, where his 13 fine goals caught the attention of the coaches, who recommended his name to have a professional contract with the club.

Well known for his effectiveness

in front of the opponent goal, the young Turkish Cypriot is expected to make his mark in the Turkish football circles in the near future.

In his latest public statement, Sivri expressed his happiness for signing this contract, and expressed his hope for a better future.

Pictures courtesy of Ahmet Sivri



Last match before the Freeze gets here!

Pre-match report : **Esentepe KKS** v **Doğancı SK**

Saturday 30 December : Kick off 2-00pm: K-Pet League 1: Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium

By Richard Beale

The freezing weather that I am now experiencing here in the UK as I write this will be shortly on its way to Cyprus, hence this is why Saturday's match will be the last game before the season breaks for winter.

The football season closes down for around a month allowing the snow, rain and freezing weather to takes its toll on the island.

Seriously though we don't get that kind of weather in Cyprus, it gives the players a break which enables any injuries or strains to clear up.

Struggling Doğancı(a village near Lefke) are the visitors to Esentepe on Saturday. They currently lie 3rd from bottom in the table having only recorded 1 win in their last 8 games. They have changed their



Coach (Cenk Berklap) after only 6 matches into the season to the current one (Ahmet Coşkun) but there seems to be little improvement by the team.

Doğanlı were promoted to League 1 in season 2016-17 from the amateur BTM League and managed to stay in that division thanks to surviving a relegation play out. Unfortunately they have found this season just as tough and it looks like they could face a similar battle.

Esentepe on the other hand can do



no wrong, currently joint first behind Gonyeli on goal difference. They are full of confidence and have momentum and a great team spirit, not surprising being 8 matches undefeated, winning their last 4 matches.

That word complacently could be the most difficult opponent but this being the last match of the first half of the season I am sure the team will want to finish the year on a high.

Doğanlı only visit to Esentepe

came last season and just like this season Esentepe were on a good run, unfortunately for the home team the visitors sprung a surprise result winning 2-0. So beware Esentepe !

Current Form :
ESENTEPE : WWWWDW.
DOĞANCI: LWLLLL

Prediction : Cannot see Esentepe slipping up a 2-0 win.

Admission 20tl (ladies, children no charge). Good refreshments and toilet facilities.

NB: bring a cushion as still no seats in the stand !

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Esentepe Great Run Continues

By Richard Beale

Saturday 23 December 2017

Esentepe KSK 3 Mehmetcik TCB 0

Esentepe are now 8 matches unbeaten, winning in the end against a plucky 10 man Mehmetcik team. The home side lost defender Hasan Aktas after a bad foul in the 35th minute just when they were enjoying their best spell of the match. Mehmetcik remain firmly anchored to the bottom having now lost 7 games on the trot.

Esentepe took the lead as early as the 2nd minute, when Esentepe Captain Başak put pressure on Mehmetcik defender Stelios the Greek Cypriot midfielder that unfortunately he headed into his own net **Score: 0-1**

After this the game sank into stalemate with Esentepe trying to boss the match but were thwarted by a plucky and determined home side.

After prolonged pressure by the home team it was finally relieved by Esentepe defender NERSIN making a timely clearance.

Esentepe keeper Kemal was brought into action making a fine save in the 32nd minute. The Mehmetcik momentum was halted in the 35th minute when defender Hasan Aktas tripped Eser in an off the ball incident and was sent off.

Nersin was having a fine match for Esentepe again he put his body on the line making a fine clearance from a free kick. **HALF TIME SCORE: 0-1**

Esentepe must have had a good talking to at half time as they came out from the break a different team and were rewarded with a goal in the 46th minute from their leading goal scorer HASAN ÖZÇELİK who netted from close range from an Eser short cross. Mehmetcik, despite being down to 10 men, continued to battle on with the dangerous Mehmet Çil heading just wide from a Ridvan cross.



Esentepe team on a roll

Mehmetcik keeper Firki made a fine save from a great cross ball.

Back came the home side with Kemal tipping a good shot over bar and Mehmet Çil headed straight into Kemal's arms.

Esentepe finally wrapped the game up in the 79th minute with HASAN ÖZÇELİK scoring with a header at the far post from a Mahmut corner, for his second goal of the match and his 10th of the season. **FULL TIME SCORE: 0-3.**

MEHMETÇİK TEAM : Firki (gk) , Murat, Emir (Ridvan 46), Hasan, Uğür, Stelios, Mehmet, (Mahmut 70), Halıl(Hasan 60), Uğür, Ali, Barış

ESENTEPE TEAM : Kemal (gk): Emre, Hasan Songur, NERSIN (Asil Arif 84), Onur : Ahmet (Muhammed 80), Ismail (Hüseyin Ermiş 65), Eser, Başak: Hasan Özçelik

Esentepe replacements not used: Hüseyin İkinci (gk), Burak, Yakup

MAN OF THE MATCH: NERSİN

Red card: Hasan Aktas (35), Yellow cards : Mehmet Çil, Uğür (Mehmetcik) Emre (Esentepe)

NEXT ESENTEPE MATCH

Saturday December 30 : KO 2-00pm

Erdal Barut Esentepe Stadı.

Doğancı V Esentepe



Mehmetcik TCB ve Esentepe KSK - Pictures courtesy of Arena Spor Kolik