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The Greek Government since 1960 has not changed its desire to have all Turkish Cypriots leave the island. The TRNC response has always been the same.

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Hard Work Delivers Success in the USA for One of Our Own.



By Peri Sualp

I have a pretty amazing uncle, and I would like to share with you his recent successes with his companies.

My uncle, , is the founder, CEO and servant leader of two companies in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA which are <https://www.aefis.com/> and is a Assessment Management Platform for universities; and also <http://www.untra.com/> technology consulting firm.

After growing up in sunny Cyprus, he moved to the United States following high-school for his university education. As a serial technology entrepreneur, he established his first business, Untra Corporation in 1999 prior to graduating from university. He has nurtured it to a thriving technology consulting firm. Under his leadership, Untra Corporation became one of the SBA's Emerging 200 (E200) companies in 2008. Untra was also recognized as one of the fastest

growing, privately held companies in 2009 and again in 2017 by the reputable Philadelphia 100® list published by Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia Business Journal.

He started his next venture, AEFIS in 2012 to provide institutions of higher education a practical software solution to help ease the pains associated with assessment and accreditation. In 2016, AEFIS was recognized as the 81st fastest growing, privately held company by the Philadelphia 100. He was the original architect of the Assessment, Evaluation, Feedback and Intervention System—AEFIS, which was developed in close collaboration with his colleagues and academic partners at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.

In January of this year, AEFIS was highlighted as one of “Five Ed-Tech companies to watch” by Eduventures,

a well known research and think-tank organization for educational technology. Given short time he and his team have been working on building and growing AEFIS, this is a pretty big accomplishment. To read the full article go to:

<https://encoura.org/answer-value-question-five-vendors-watch/>

One of the notable projects Untra worked on was with Mustafa's high-school, Turk Maarif Kolleji (TMK). There, Mustafa had the great opportunity to work with his long term mentor and current headmaster, Fehmi Tokay. Funded by a EU grant, the project entailed setup of servers and other infrastructure to launch Moodle Learning Management Platform for all student and teachers complete with campus wide wireless for the first time. Fehmi Tokay was one of most influential mentors during Mustafa's years at TMK, who was the Computer Teacher at the time. Fehmi Tokay's favorite story from those days is one where Mustafa and his friends would come by his house at odd times to borrow the computer lab key when the school was closed.

I am proud of my uncle because he worked hard to be successful in the path he has chosen. And as far as I understand nothing comes easy. He always says “in the end, if you are passionate about what you do, success

follows”. For now he plans to continue growing and achieving further success with AEFIS. Being a huge animal lover, at some point in the future he wants to start his next company in low-tech (instead of high-tech) and to do with animals. A huge Star Wars fan and someone who always like to have fun, he ends his professional biography on LinkedIn with this line: “And yes, I am with the resistance...”



Mustafa Sualp



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**10 day weather forecast for Kyrenia (as at 23/2/2018)**

TODAY FEB 23 19°/9°C Clouds and sun, a few showers	SAT FEB 24 18°/10° Sunny to partly cloudy	SUN FEB 25 18°/10° Times of clouds and sun	MON FEB 26 17°/11° Mostly cloudy	TUE FEB 27 19°/8° Partly sunny and breezy
WED FEB 28 18°/9°C A passing afternoon shower	THU MAR 1 20°/10° Sun and some clouds	FRI MAR 2 20°/10° Mostly sunny	SAT MAR 3 22°/11° Sun and areas of high clouds	SUN MAR 4 23°/11° High clouds and warm

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Turkish Cypriots have equal rights in Eastern Mediterranean

The Minister of Economy and Energy Özdi Nami stated that Turkish Cypriots have equal rights to all blocks in the Eastern Mediterranean, where the Greek Cypriot Administration is currently conducting hydrocarbon exploration activities.

In a statement to the Anatolian News Agency, Nami confirmed that Turkish Cypriots have as much right as Greek Cypriots to the natural resources of the island, and added that "the use of these resources must be handled in such a way as to provide economic benefits to both sides".

Nami stated that the Greek Cypriots were ignoring Turkish Cypriot calls on the issue, and were using international recognition as a pretext to legitimize their unilateral steps.

Nami indicated that necessary initiatives are taking place in order to eliminate the growing tensions

regarding natural gas exploration in the region. He said that the Turkish Cypriot side will continue to defend its rights and interests on the basis of international law, whilst refraining from actions which would further escalate tensions.

Stating that neither Turkey nor the Turkish Cypriot side triggered the tensions, Nami added that "we always react proportionally to the steps taken by the Greek Cypriots. We gave a necessary and reasonable warning period, but our patience does not mean that we will remain unresponsive forever."

Nami stressed that this issue, and similar experiences, have further shown the important need to finding a comprehensive settlement to the Cyprus problem. He reiterated that the Greek Cypriot leader Nikos Anastasiades, who left the negotiating table and refused the compromise

package, did not accept the hand of friendship at the Conference on Cyprus in Switzerland in July.

Pointing out that the Greek Cypriot leader should behave more responsibly, Nami called once more for Anastasiades to take a calmer approach, and to stop taking measures in order to get a reaction from the Turkish Cypriot side.

Nami also evaluated the Cyprus negotiation process and stated that: "there is no longer a negotiation on the table where we will repeat past methods. That chapter is now closed, and a new methodology and a new approach are needed."

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



Turkish Cypriot side key actor in issue of natural gas

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kudret Özersay, said that the Turkish Cypriot side is a key player in the latest developments on the natural gas issue, and that some diplomatic initiatives had been made on behalf of the government and the Turkish Cypriot side regarding the issue.

"The Turkish Cypriot side is now a key player on the issue of natural gas, and is no longer simply an observer," said Özersay.

Noting that the two sides are joint owners of the natural resources on and around the Island, Özersay said: "The drilling and transferring of these natural resources to world markets in order to monetize these resources without our consent is meaningless. It is also both unjust and in violation of international law. Since the natural resources are jointly owned by both sides, the other side's approval is needed for action to be taken, and one side cannot possess the wealth without the other side. You cannot unilaterally authorize companies to take these resources."

Özersay stated that the message from Turkey and the Turkish Cypriot side was very clear: "We will not be put in a passive position."

"We have made a proposal for you to drill and manage these resources cooperatively, in order for us to sell them together on the world markets, and our proposal is still valid. If you are willing to do this, let's do it. If you avoid doing this, we will not allow you to use the natural resources without our permission."

Recalling that the recent Cyprus negotiations held in Switzerland were inconclusive, as was declared by the UN Secretary-General, Özersay said that "we are currently in an interim period on the Cyprus issue, and that this period is very important."

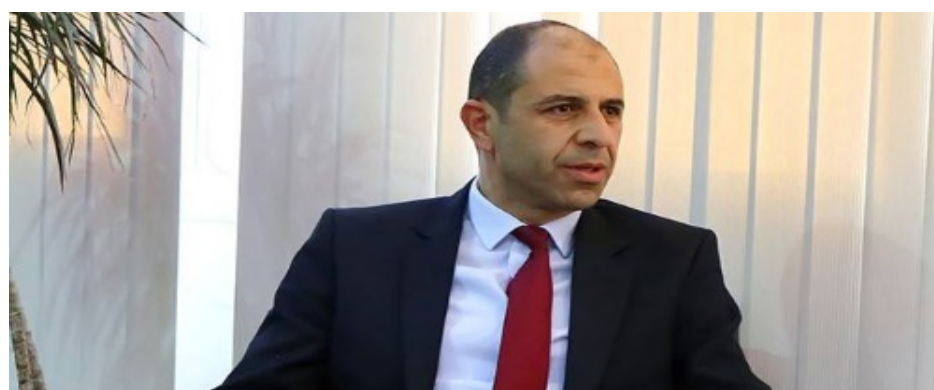
He further stated that: "It is obvious that the Greek Cypriot side is not ready to share the wealth and the governance of the Island with us. Therefore, if any negotiation process is going to be initiated, it first must be proved that something has changed, and the two sides have a common goal."

"Greek Cypriots have to show that they are ready to share the governance of the Island with the Turkish Cypriot side. On the other hand, they also have to prove that they are ready to share the wealth as well. This is directly related to the natural gas issue."

"In my opinion, if the Greek Cypriots are not ready to share the wealth with the Turkish Cypriots, it means that there is a very serious problem with the partnership. We have to test whether they have the same goal and are willing to share. This test is possible through dialogue or in coordination with the UN. As a result of the test, it could be discussed whether a new

negotiation process is necessary or not. If negotiations continue not to be results-oriented, then the Greek Cypriot side will continue to take advantage of the current status quo – and negotiations must not be used to uphold the status quo. The Turkish Cypriots do not intend to enter into such a process."

"President Akıncı also gave a clear message by not appointing a new negotiator. In the coming period, the Turkish Cypriot side will have a foreign policy vision on the issue of natural gas, the Cyprus problem and other foreign policy issues, and will be an actor, not merely sit in the audience. Everyone will be able to witness this".



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Greek Cypriot side cannot ignore Turkish Cypriot people

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay has stated that the Greek Cypriot side, alongside oil and natural gas companies, must share the island's natural resources with the Turkish Cypriot side.

In a written statement on the island's hydrocarbon crisis, the Foreign Minister stressed that the Greek Cypriot side cannot ignore the Turkish Cypriot people any longer.

The Foreign Minister stated: "Some crises create opportunities. The latest crisis in the island's hydrocarbons and maritime jurisdiction areas has not turned into a conflict, due to the calm approach adopted by the TRNC and Turkey.

"The Greek Cypriot leadership should understand that the Turkish Cypriot side will not allow these actions unless the Cyprus problem is solved. Even if there is no solution, they cannot proceed with these activities without reaching an agreement with the Turkish Cypriot side on the extraction and sharing of these common resources.

"It is unfair and unacceptable to position oneself as willing to find a solution to these problems, but to actively seek to benefit from the status quo created by the same problems. Unfortunately, the membership of the Greek Cypriot side to the European Union has allowed this exact situation. We will not allow a similar state of affairs to

develop in the field of oil and natural gas.

"There is a fundamental contradiction in the Greek Cypriot position. On one hand, they accept that we are one of the owners of these resources, but on the other hand, they try to continue their

activities without asking us. This is unacceptable according to both international law and justice".

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



TRNC companies attend 2018 Gulfood Fair in Dubai



Thirteen companies from the TRNC are attending the 2018 Dubai Gulfood Fair in coordination with the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry this week.

Gulfood is one of the world's largest annual food and drink trade events, where new and top products from the global food industry are showcased, and producers meet with their supply chains. The fair started yesterday

(19th February) and will be open until 22nd February.

At the TRNC stand, visitors can taste baked goods, ice cream, tahini, Turkish delight, olive oil, cheeses such as halloumi, and various coffee beans including Turkish coffee and espressos.

President of the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry, Candan Avunduk, stated that producers have

the chance to promote their products to the many visitors from the industry.

Avunduk noted that the TRNC's first attendance at the fair was in 2007, and that since then, they have improved commercially by increasing the number of participating companies.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Minister Zeki Çeler visits Jeddah

Labour and Social Security Minister Zeki Çeler held a series of meetings in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia for the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, of which the TRNC is an observer member.

According to a statement made by the Ministry, Çeler met with :

Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Dr. Yousef bin Ahmad Al-Othaimeen.

Executive Director of the Islamic Solidarity Fund İbrahim Al-Khuzaim.

Vice President of the Islamic Development Bank Sayed Aqa.

Director of the Department of Sourcing and Resource Mobilization Dr. Abdul-Hakim Elwaer.

Former Secretary General of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Dr. Al-Othaimeen.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



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There must be compromise on natural gas

President Mustafa Akıncı has stated that, despite the Greek Cypriot side not being ready for a comprehensive settlement on the Cyprus questions, there is an urgent need for them to come to a compromise with Turkish Cypriots on the issue of natural gas.

By continuing their unilateral drilling and exploration activities, they will leave the Turkish Cypriot side no other option than to launch their own hydrocarbon explorations in cooperation with Turkey.

“This wealth is common,” said President Akıncı, adding “It does not belong exclusively to the Greek Cypriot side.”

The President was speaking about the latest developments regarding the Greek Cypriots’ unilateral hydrocarbon-related activities in the Eastern Mediterranean on CNN Turk.

President Akıncı commented that the starting point for many of the problems and intractable issues in Cyprus was the perception amongst some of the Greek

Cypriot side that they had a greater or sole claim to everything on the island. Their repeated attempts to claim all of the natural gas petrol reserves in the shared Economic Zone (EEZ) is yet another unfortunate example of this mentality.

President Akıncı drew parallels with the manner with which the Greek Cypriots seized ownership of the Cyprus Republic in 1963 by excluding Turkish Cypriots from the agreement and their current attempts to unjustly extend the limits of sovereignty and take sole possession of the shared natural resources of the Eastern Mediterranean.

Stating that the Greek Cypriot side should give up their untenable policies that are not solution-oriented, and instead actively contribute to a lasting and fair settlement on the island, President Akıncı emphasised, “What needs to be done is to turn this from an area of controversy to an area of cooperation.”

President Akıncı said that during the Cyprus negotiations in previous

months, he had repeatedly warned the Greek Cypriot side of the potential increase in tensions, and proposed the creation of a bi-communal committee to jointly explore these common resources in cooperation. The response of the Greek Cypriot side to this proposal was to assert that this issue was non-negotiable, and to repeat that these resources were solely a concern of “their own jurisdiction.”

President Akıncı highlighted the Greek Cypriot Administration’s recent overtures to Egypt, Israel,

and Jordan, and noted that the Greek Cypriot side, in cooperation with Greece, was currently exploiting the deterioration of Turkey’s relations with some countries in the region.

Akıncı expressed concerns that the Greek Cypriot side would use this issue to try to bring Turkey into conflict with other significant regional and international powers.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



TRNC promoted in 8 countries in first 6 weeks of 2018



The TRNC has been promoted in eight different countries during the first one and a half months of 2018.

Among the fairs attended by the Ministry of Tourism and Environment were: the Vakantiebus Fair in Holland; Ferien Messe in Austria; CMT The Holiday Exhibition in Stuttgart; Emitt in İstanbul; Destinations in London; Matka in Finland; the Brussels Holiday Show in Belgium; and the Holiday World Show in the Czech Republic.

Representatives of the Ministry and the tourism sector held meetings with international tour operators, while cultural, health, ecological and the other kinds of alternative tourism were promoted to guests at the fairs.

The TRNC stands are met with intense interest every year, said Minister of Tourism and Environment Fikri Ataoğlu, who added that these international fairs and organisations represent the most important activities for promoting the country.

Underlining that these promotion and marketing activities will continue in earnest in 2018, Ataoğlu continued, “In this period, we have planned to increase our promotion and marketing budget for the European market. We are planning to undertake much more active studies in the field of promotion, and are trying to find ways to be much more helpful for the activities of tour operators and agencies.”

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

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Attacks on Turkish Cypriots in Southern Cyprus

Attacks directed at Turkish Cypriots in the Greek Cypriot administration of Southern Cyprus are lately on the rise, and are increasingly becoming normalized.

In South Cyprus, where similar incidents have occurred many times in the past, a Turkish Cypriot's vehicle was attacked and damaged once again.

We condemn this dreadful attack and invite the Greek Cypriot authorities to immediately identify and punish those who are responsible.

This unfortunate experience of our citizen and her little daughter is upsetting and our sole consolation is that no one was hurt.

These heinous attacks that target the

Turkish Cypriots have also been reflected in the human rights reports of several countries as well as non-governmental organizations.

It is unacceptable that, despite all the calls made by the Turkish Cypriot side, the Greek Cypriot administration has failed to take any measures to discourage or prevent similar attacks from reoccurring. Racism and xenophobia in South Cyprus is exacerbated even further as the perpetrators of previous attacks on Turkish Cypriots were not identified and no dissuasive sanctions were imposed. These incidents and the insensitivity of the Greek Cypriot authorities verifies the security concerns of the Turkish Cypriot side.

Such incidents which are of a nature

that is damaging the necessary dialogue between the two sides are unacceptable. It is our expectation that the investigation on the part of the Greek Cypriot police does not remain inconclusive, as was the case in the past, and that the perpetrators are

identified, taken to court and punished as soon as possible. We will be monitoring closely the developments in this regard.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



President Akinci received Kudret Özersay



President Mustafa Akinci received Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Kudret Özersay on Friday (16th February).

They discussed the Cyprus issue and the concerns that have developed as a result of the Greek Cypriot side's unilateral hydrocarbon exploration activities

President Akinci will continue to hold meetings with the Government and the other political parties that are represented at the TRNC Assembly tomorrow (20th February).

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

CMP not involved with misidentification

The Committee on Missing Persons (CMP) has stressed that the misidentification of missing persons on the Greek Cypriot side was not carried out by the Committee during its activities.

A written statement by the committee points to news reports regarding the misidentification of two missing persons as a result of work carried out by the Greek Cypriot authorities in cooperation with the Cyprus Neurology and Genetics Institute and the Organization of Human Rights

Doctors in 2005.

The statement outlined that a media organization accidentally used a photograph of the Missing Persons Committee Laboratory. It stressed that the Committee did not carry out any work leading to misidentification of missing people, but that the misidentification occurred as part of a program run by the Greek Cypriot authorities before 2006.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



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Discuss your problems to avoid depression



By Ahmet Abdulaziz

The other day I was reading the observations of Dr. Kuzeymen Balıkcı, who mentioned that there are more than 500 million patients in the world with psychological problems. As he mentioned a large number of such patients either commit or think of committing suicide.

According to the World Health Organisation, as referred to by Dr. Balıkcı, the number of people committing suicide is more than 800,000 annually. But what is more important is the fact that on average out of 30 suicidal attempts, one ends up in death. That gives us an incredible number of people world over who attempt suicide. All this ultimately leads us to the number of persons who are having psychological disorders.

Depression is the most common form of psychological disorder. We cannot say that depression is a modern times sickness, since it has always been there in one form or another. But there is no doubt that there are too many people suffering from one or another form of depression.

With these views of Dr. Balıkcı, I looked around myself, at the people with whom I come across frequently. Looking around we see people having behavioural problems due to their psychological disorders. Frequently we come across people with depression. They react to the normal and usual problems in a different manner.

I have got an interesting personal observation, from our day to day lives. The cultural practice everywhere is to respond "I am fine", for every "How

are you", query. We know that all is not well, but still we say, "I am fine". This is an interesting social behaviour. Why does a person who is not fine, and having problems, find himself bound to give a unrealistic reply? I think that generally people do not want to mention their worries and do not want to share their problems with others.

But the very reason behind all types of psychological disorders, is the fact that people usually bury their worries and problems inside their heart, and avoid discussing them with others. The psychologists recommend that we must discuss our problems with others. Discussing with others has got two positive aspects. The first one is that this way one feels relieved of the burden of keeping the problem secret, and secondly the chance of finding out the reason and solution of the problem increases, when more than one person tries to address it.

I think this is what the psychiatrists do. They ask the patients to speak out. They make the patients believe that they are ready to listen to their views and griefs, which nobody else had listened to. The psychiatrists in fact are those who make the patient believe that

they are much nearer and friendly to them, as compared to others. But how come the psychiatrists succeed in making people believe so. Why others cannot make them believe so?

I think people start having psychological disorders when they find people are not giving them attention. When they start believing that no one would listen to them. Their sickness increases when in fact the people around them really do not listen to them.



Unfortunately this is reality.

The dilemma of the present times is that we are all too busy. We do not have free time, not even for ourselves. We do not have time to address even our own problems. We have developed a habit of running after something all the time. Parents do not have time to listen to their children. The children do not have time to listen to their parents. Friends no more have time to listen to their friends. In the present day friends

have almost the same topics, i.e. sports, politics, etc etc, when they sit together. They rarely speak out about their personal problems.

When people do not share their personal problems with each other, they find themselves alone to face them. Facing a problem without any support, coupled with related in-joint problems, finds himself unable to cope. The more he tries to overcome the situation the more he falls deep

inside it. This is depression. Feeling lonely, unable to cope with the problems alone. This is what we all have with different degrees.

We all fall into depression, sometimes we come out and sometimes not. But the reality is that the more we get the support of people around us, the more chance there is of coming out of the depression. Discussing our problems and feelings with others is nothing to be shy or afraid of. What we are going through in fact is what others too are passing through. They too have the same problems. But they too do not voice their problems and discuss them. Thus we all frequently fall into depression.

So, it is the time to realise the importance of sharing our feelings, our problems with others, if we want this world to be a happier and lovelier place in which to live.

Just do it.



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Happy Birthday CyprusScene.com Enewspaper

By Chris.Elliott..

So has a year passed already? No, but the CyprusScene.com FREE Enewspaper has just celebrated the publication of its 12th weekly edition for followers to read on-line or download for more convenient reading and sharing with their friends.

What a long journey of discovery Margaret and I have had in the past few weeks as we developed skills in creating a newspaper online and also in the art of page making, not that we are experts but we believe we are producing a very attractive Enewspaper that is easy to read and contains a wide variety of news and reviews and other sources of entertainment.

We have long held the view that we did not want to be a copycat newspaper and pretend, by posting news from around the world, that we were a contender for a place in the big league news media.

Our view is that we want to produce a community Enewspaper that concentrates on the activities of the various communities here in North Cyprus and, by so doing, help tell the people of the world about our adopted homeland and its people who do matter and exist despite what naysayers may wish for.

None of this could be achieved without the following of so many people and we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our contributors past and present for the news and reviews you have sent us and long may it continue.

For those readers who have not yet discovered our Enewspaper here it is and if you would like to subscribe for a weekly newsletter please do so on our cyprusscene home page.

Hope to hear from you soon!



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Lady and Lad in Red support CyprusScene.com

Reference article: " The hate campaign on Facebook continues! "

Readers mail.....

Dear Chris and Margaret,

Glad to hear the childish actions of others who should know better has resulted in an increase in your followers and an increase in materials being forwarded to you.

During our period of promoting Blood awareness in the TRNC we asked you and Margaret if you could help our campaign not realising the depths you would both go to to support our campaign



to increase Blood donations.

We were astounded to be received at your premises any time we chose to arrive needing your talents and not only did you put aside everything you were both working on you came up with

superb publicity for the cause and went to the extremes of creating a Web site for the Lady and Lads in Red.

We have followed your dedication to the future of the Island with great respect for you both and the

endless hours you give to promoting the TRNC and can think of only a hand full of people who provide the same dedication to worthy causes.

Thank you both for your company at the Valentines night party with our friends who all respect you both and are also committed in supporting the dedication you both give.

Yours very respectfully
Wendy and Peter.

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Thank you from Sue and Carole (Tulips)

At the beginning of March 2011, through the support of our close friends, we were able to hold our first fundraising event for Tulips/HTWCA at the Soyz Sunday Market, Catalkoy.

Little did we realise that almost 7 years later we would only just be retiring from our voluntary fundraising efforts for this wonderful charity.

Many of you will know and understand why we started raising awareness of Tulips. The charity had helped one of our friends who had been diagnosed with cancer. Later Tulips then helped one of us, who was also diagnosed with cancer. It was then that we both felt that we needed to express our gratitude to the association and do something to help in return and in doing so raise the awareness of what Tulips do and also raise funds to support their activities.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the support that you have given Tulips over this period. We have witnessed supporters jumping off mountain tops, students dressing up for the day, concerts, Car Treasure Hunt, Zumba classes, Quizzes, Dart Competitions, Pastamarathon, Fiddlathon, Birthday Donations, Ladies Football, Donate a Handbag, Ladies nights, Chilly Dippers, Steppers, stalls and auctions..... the list is endless, but let's not forget the island turning pink as everyone supported the largest single event, 'Pink October', by wearing something pink to show support and all in aid of Tulips. It has been truly amazing to see so many of you throw yourselves so wholeheartedly into some incredible fundraising events.

We have also received terrific support from the press and media and so many local businesses that we cannot even start to name them.

To all of you who have supported us over this period, thank you for choosing Tulips, as many of you know the charity works tirelessly to support cancer patients in the TRNC, without this charity there would not be the support infrastructure that there is today.

We are indebted to each and every one of you for the generosity and support that you have shown Tulips and we are truly blessed to have met you all through our 7 year journey, with so many of you inspiring us to keep going. But, as we have stated previously, 'all good things must come to an end' and the word 'thank you' seems so inadequate to express how much your support has meant to us.



Now that we have retired from active fundraising we want to let you know how much, as a team, we have raised over this 7 year period and we hope that you will be as proud, as we are, of what we have all achieved together:

1,213,230 TL!! Yes you have read that correctly we are way over a million.....

The one thing that we would ask you all is please continue supporting Tulips, it is so important to continue with fundraising activities, as Tulips still needs approximately 115,000TL per month - none of us knows what is around the corner

and any one of us could be asking for their support.

Lastly, the Lambousa Stall has come on in leaps and bounds in the last year and half since Lynda Hillard and a great team of volunteers took over the reins, however, to continue this success the stall needs a constant supply of donations. Please call Lynda on 0533 873 1693 if you have anything you could donate.

Once again, thank you all and huge congratulations in raising so much for this fabulous charity and long may it continue.

Sue and Carole



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"Brandy Sours" - A tongue in cheek memoir

By Bryan Hill ...

With retirement fast approaching, I thought 'Is this all there is?'... we were not ready to just drift into old age. We wanted 'a big adventure before dementia' so my wife Irene and I took a leap into the unknown, sold our house and business in Devon and moved to TRNC where we lived for nearly eight years from 2004 until 2012.

Our house was located on the boundary that divided Bellapais, Ozankoy and Dogankoy, on the tree line, with a backdrop of the mountains and wonderful views along the coast.

It became obvious that if we were to maintain regular contact with friends and family, then we would



have to look beyond telephone calls and post because of the unreliable services. Equally, internet facilities were not without frustration which when combined with the time difference, further reduced the opportunities.

Life quickly proved to be eventful and for the first time in my life, I kept a journal from which a blog



evolved and which I updated every few days. I anticipated that over time, interest would diminish as life became more routine, but that didn't happen, and I always found something to write about. The blog continued to have an enthusiastic following until we returned to England. Such had been the positive response, I was encouraged to write a memoir in full length paperback form and as an e-book, which has now been published and has received flattering comments, particularly from ex-pats who will probably identify with some of the escapades that we found ourselves in.

It has been written with a tongue-in-cheek approach and contains an abundant selection of our hilarious and sometimes scary brushes with the law, military, politicians and above all, the bureaucracy that impacted so much on everyday life here in Cyprus. I have also included a light-hearted brief history and some of the legends and folklore which are equally as fascinating, and sometimes, more believable

than the reality of life itself.

I believed it would resonate with Cyprus residents and approached Deborah Burdess at MC Best Sellers Bookstore in Karakum. Having read the book, Deborah agreed to stock Brandy Sours and invited me to do a book launch at the store. We were delighted to accept, and this is arranged for 11.00am until 2.00pm on Wednesday 21st March for a book signing session.



Such is the interest that has been generated, that we have also been approached by Denise Phillips to be interviewed for her weekend Bayrak Radio show 'The Main Event' and to appear on Can Gazi's show for BRT2 TV show which will be transmitted over the same weekend following the book launch. It promises to be a busy, enjoyable week but hopefully still give us time to catch up with much missed friends, visit old haunts and enjoy some Cyprus sunshine.

Brandy Sours will be on sale from Wednesday, March 21st and the e-Book is currently available from Amazon, Google and Apple.

Despite the research and due diligence that we undertook before we made the decision to retire to Cyprus, nothing could have prepared us for what was to follow. Had we known, I doubt we would have dared to have done it, but we are so glad that we did.

We would not have missed a moment of our time here and the friends that we made, for anything.

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Royal British Legion, Kyrenia Branch

By Margaret Sheard ...

We have been treated in the past to many interesting talks given by Keith Lloyd and he will be giving another on Wednesday 28th February at Al Shaheen Restaurant in Karakum, entitled "The Knights Templar in Cyprus".

The event has been arranged by The Royal British Legion, Kyrenia Branch, and will start at 12.30pm, with lunch at 1pm, followed by Keith's illustrated talk at 1.45pm.

The lunch will be Chicken Curry or Fish and Chips, 40TL per person, from which a donation will be made to the RBL 2018 Poppy Appeal.

To book lunch please call Imtiaz on 0392 815 7390

The picture shown on the poster is the Knights Templar Chapel of St John: One of the 'Twin Towers' in the Old City of Famagusta. From the early 13th Century: Recently restored; currently used by the Cyprus Arts Association.



Totally Tina at Colony Rooftop - SOLD OUT



The photo shown is courtesy of 'Ivan Ward Photography an official photographer to Totally Tina'

We have received news from Laurence Floyd that the Supper Club "Totally Tina" concert on 5th April at the Colony Rooftop is completely sold out.

Good news for the event but probably not good news for those who would like to have attended.

This is what Laurence has told us

As of yesterday (16th February), we are sold out with 215 reservations for the Totally Tina event scheduled for Thursday April 5th, we believe we can cope with these numbers on the Colony rooftop with a small re-configuration of the tables and seating plan.

We will no doubt get some

cancellations due to illness etc, so if you wish to go on a first come, first served reservation list, then please let me know by emailing me at

floydlaurence@googlemail.com

Tickets will be available from around mid-March, so I will confirm status in due course

EFRAR Valentines' Dinner

By Sue Steel – EFRAR 2018 Committee ...

Everyone was welcome by Saeed Ahmed and his team who had gone to a great deal of trouble to ensure there was a great ambience, including romantic music along with efficient and friendly service of the excellent food on offer.

The evening raised more money for EFRAR than was expected. Mr Ahmed contributed 350TL, the raffle made 450TL and an unexpected and amazing donation of 1,000TL from Paul and Chris Farmer who are property managers

within the Evergreen Developments' Group. This money represented both a personal donation and one from their management company.

Mary Watson, Chair of EFRAR 2018 commented: "It was a really enjoyable evening with a great atmosphere - Saeed and the team did us proud. Our thanks go to all the Joya team, Paul and Chris Farmer and everyone who came along to support us".



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Valentine Day concert at GAU Spectrum Hall

Review by Heidi Trautmann ...

The concert featured the Presidential Symphony Orchestra and seven great singers.

A big thank you for this beautiful concert at the Spectrum Hall at the Girne American University, a thank you to the organisers who set up a most beautiful programme, and a thank you to the artists, the 27 members of the orchestra, its Konzertmeister Nihat Ağdaç and the conductor Ali Hoca.

Finally a big thank you to the soloists, singers of outstanding quality. Beste Berk, Soprano, born in Nicosia in 1985; Laden Ince, Soprano, born in Nicosia in 1986; Sermin Dikmen Töre, Soprano, born in Bursa/Turkey; Vasfiye Çakırtaş, Soprano, born in Nicosia in 1981; Tuğrul Enver Töre, Baritone, born in Yeşilyurt/Lefke; Arda Aktar, Baritone, born in Ankara; Ahmet Zeyin, Bass Baritone, born in Nicosia in 1988.

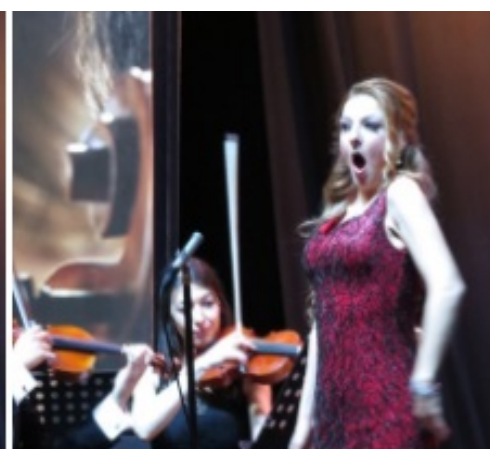
Young singers of the finest quality. We have heard them perform before on occasions of our music festivals and the Turkic Opera Days. It was great pleasure to meet them again. Some of them we are following closely, their personal development, we hear from them how they fare on the international opera stages and in great concerts. We are very proud of them.

The Spectrum Hall was packed full with music lovers.

They greatly enjoyed the programme which offered 16 pieces, among them well known arias by Mozart, Bizet, Gounod, Donizetti, Offenbach, Lehar and at the end a Turkish composition 'Mazi Kalimde Bir Yaradir', many around me in the audience joined in, plus one piece by Ali Hoca, a Tango Potpourri, with all singers joining.

There were standing ovations.... and so we got our Encore.

There were some things which disturbed me, and not only me. There was a microphone installed next to the piano which occasionally drowned the voices of the soloists, it was very annoying. Also, the lighting was not good, the light on the singers figures was bluish, there should have been a warm light directed onto their faces. The other thing which showed not the least respect for the occasion, was those young men who rushed onto stage in their very casual outfits, it was not a sports event. I hope my critic on these technical things is understood correctly, it does not negate the success of the evening.



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"Madness Season"(Cinnet mevsimi)

By Ahmet Abdulaziz

The Press Workers' Trade Union (Basin Sen) is organising the screening of a short documentary film entitled "MADNESS SEASON" (Cinnet Mevsimi) in Turkish, at their meeting centre of the Union in Nicosia, on 2nd March at 8 pm.

Based on the life story of Arda Ertan, who lost his life as a victim of drug traffickers in 2015, the documentary is expected to be received well by the audience. This documentary was made in 2016. The screening of the film is

scheduled on 2nd March which would have been the 29th birthday of Arda Ertan.

The film not just highlights the life of Arda, but also brings forth the danger looming over the heads of our youngsters, as the drug traffickers are becoming too active in this country. Directed by Elvan Levent, the film aims to highlight the various aspects and effects of drug trafficking. The director has tried to bring to light the seriousness of the issue and the factors and aspects of this menace, which have usually not been taken too seriously.

The film is perhaps the first serious analysis of the drug menace, and aims to guide everybody and especially the young students, into not falling prey to drugs. The director believes that his endeavour would also be a guideline for the next generations. The film thus carries a direct message to the young generation.

Arda was 26 when he lost his life. It is hoped that this documentary film will keep his name alive in years to come, and is expected to save the lives of many youngsters



Natural gas offers potential riches, but also potential crises



President Mustafa Akıncı has emphasized that if all parties cooperate, the Island of Cyprus and the natural resources surrounding the island offer potential wealth for the future of all Cypriots, as well as other countries in the region.

President Akıncı said: "It is necessary to build the future correctly by learning from crises that we have experienced. This state is not solely owned by the Greek Cypriots, and international recognition of their unilateral ownership violates international law. What they are trying to do in the sea is premeditated. The Greek Cypriot side should show

understanding, which is necessary for partnership, and will result in the common good and cooperation."

He further stated that the Greek Cypriots took unilateral steps in the Eastern Mediterranean, acting as if the natural gas resources belonged solely to them.

Akıncı noted that the Turkish Cypriot side has called many times for the issue of natural gas to be turned into an area for cooperation, in order to remove tensions, but that it has never received a positive response from the Greek Cypriots.

Indicating that a meeting with Greek Cypriot Leader Nikos Anastasiades is "out of the question for the moment", but without completely excluding this as a possibility for the future, Akıncı said: "When the time comes, we will need to come together, and work together, outside of the negotiation process."

Akıncı also stated that he will meet with the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Representative to Cyprus, Elizabeth Spehar, next week.

Akıncı held a three-hour evaluation meeting yesterday on the Cyprus issue with the leaders and representatives of the political parties represented in the TRNC Assembly, and then made a statement to the press.

Noting that yesterday's meeting considered the need to evaluate the situation with the parties after the elections in the north and the south, Akıncı said that they exchanged views on the Cyprus issue and what the next developments might be.

The UN Secretary-General has a clear stance on this issue, and will speak with the parties in the near future. The views of both sides regarding "what kind of a future can be shaped in Cyprus from now on" will be considered.

"The Secretary-General considers that there are two sides in Cyprus, and that if both sides come freely to a view on what they want, and communicate this to the UN, then the UN is ready to help them", said Akıncı.

"As the Turkish Cypriot side, we want to approach this open call constructively, as usual, but there are things to be done and things we need to see before that. It is also a matter of whether the Greek Cypriot side is ready to share the administration, power and wealth of the Island of Cyprus with the Turkish Cypriot side, because there have been many indications recently that they are not ready for this."

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

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Ataturk's teenage lover in Bitola, Macedonia

By Ismail Veli

Part 2 of Ataturk's romantic life.

While most accept that Ataturk had a turbulent private life there were some relations that had a profound impact on him. In "part 1" I explained his great love for a Bulgarian noble girl named Dimitrina Kocaeva "Miti".

Before that however he seemed to have had a romantic connection with what many Balkan people today call "The Romeo and Juliet of Bitola". This is a direct reference to his relationship with a beautiful girl from Bitola, in Macedonia. A memorial room in Bitola is today dedicated to Mustafa Kemal. A major tourist attraction for the area, also concentrates on his relationship with Eleni Karinte. There are letters from her to Mustafa almost pleading for him to return to Bitola to re-unite.

In 1896 as a 15 year old cadet Mustafa, was posted to pursue his studies at the Military Academy. While taking a walk down Sirok Sokak (street) in 1897 he noticed a beautiful lady on the balcony of her house. Eleni was the daughter of a rich business merchant named Eftim Karinte. It was love at first sight. Sadly as Eleni was a Christian and Mustafa a Muslim, Eleni's family, in particular her father, completely opposed their relationship. Their passion for each other was so strong however that Eleni took the decision to run away with Mustafa. Her father found her in short time and forced her to return. Eleni's letter to Mustafa a year later captures the intense sadness and virtual prison conditions imposed by her family in the rejection of her feelings for the man she loved.

"It has been a year since he grabbed me from you, locked me in the house and wouldn't let me out for a whole month. I didn't cry because I knew that all those locks and prison are in vain. I saw the man he wants me to marry only once and he asked if I could love him. I said no, I can only

love my first love. I haven't seen him since then. My father hasn't forgiven me and I haven't forgiven him either. Your Eleni Karinte who will always love you and wait for you forever."

The above letter and much more are on display at the Ataturk Museum at Bitola. The house in which Eleni lived can still be seen near the Epinal Hotel. The love story attracts thousands of tourists to the area. Sadly, while most Turkish writers concentrate on Ataturk's military and political successes which are immense, they often fail to mention the amazing private life of this great man. It's as though talking about love affairs will undermine his great achievements, and yet in my opinion his human feelings during such a momentous period of Turkish history simply brings Ataturk closer to people's hearts.

Though it's clear that Ataturk was attracted to Eleni, the evidence does not

her feelings in much better terms than I can ever hope to do.

"Many years have passed, I am still waiting to hear from you. If you ever receive my letter, remember me, see my tears on the paper.

Years and events pass, there are many things said about you. If you love another woman when you read my letter, tear it up and ask her if she believes that one Eleni Karinte from Bitola wasted all her life waiting for a man with whom she only spent a day.

If you love that woman as much as I love you, don't tell her anything, I wish her to be happy as you are. But if you remember the girl on the balcony, and don't love any other woman, I want you to know that I am waiting for you and will wait until the end of my life. I know that you won't forget me and will be back..."

Her comment sentence "I am waiting for you and will wait until the end of my life". was not written on the whim of the moment. Eleni lived to be 80 but sadly never married. In those days unmarried woman had little means of sustaining themselves but she did receive cheques from abroad all through her life. Though speculative, the conclusion in my opinion is that Ataturk sent her enough to sustain herself. She continued to receive this income until she died in the town of Lerin, which came under Greek control after the Balkan wars of 1913. It's possible Ataturk ensured Eleni would be cared for even after his death. If he did, he no doubt had compassion for her feelings without being in the position of reciprocating her infinite love.

Ataturk's private feelings can only be guessed on. One thing we have no doubt about however was his infinite passion in his dreams of modernising his country and people from a medieval mindset to the modern era. To that end he sacrificed his own life for that of his people. As a young boy his teacher gave him the name Kemal (meaning perfection) but a grateful nation went one further, on 25th November 1934 the Turkish Parliament awarded him the surname of, ATA TURK/ father of the Turks. On Monday 26 November 1934 his full official name became Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. A legacy any leader would give their life for. Need we say more?



Eleni's house in Sirok Sokak, Bitola.

show him to have been interested in a long term relationship, after all he was only about 16-17 years old at the time. Eleni however was clearly head over heels in love with the blue eyed, fair hair person, even at this stage in his life he was a strong willed and charismatic figure, but his ambitions were elsewhere.

Years later, with no sign that Ataturk would return, she wrote him an emotionally charged letter that any impartial reader would feel for her agony. Her letter to him is still at the Bitola museum and frankly even reading this in 2018 I feel for the young Eleni. No doubt she can explain



Sirok Sokak, Bitola

Mustafa Kemal seated second from left - 1902



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Midsummer Nights - Village Fairs

Personal notes on Village Fairs by a foreign wife

By Lois Cemal....

An accidental fall from a homemade roundabout at a school fun fair left me with a broken arm just before the holidays and a healthy fear of whirling around for the sake of "fun". I knew someday I would have to get back on the horse; that day came at my first panayır, or village fair, back in 1986, the year we arrived to settle in Cyprus. (It was to be the last fair to be held in our village.)

My two young children pulled me through the crowds to watch the only ride at the event. In front of us were twelve or so 'airplanes' on mechanical arms that rotated around a central axis and rose hydraulically to about 4 metres high while lights flashed and music blared. It was fairly tame by most boardwalk funfair standards; I would even call it a 'kiddies' ride. What worried me was that it seemed to flaunt all safety rules. There was no security fencing around it and kids swarmed in to claim a seat whenever the ride started to slow down. Two adult-size persons could fit in each 'plane and there was a pedal on the floor that made it rise while it went around.

The children were jumping up and down. "Come on, Mommy, come on!" My husband refused point blank (he gets sea-sick in an elevator) and disappeared into the crowd, so I squeezed into the open cockpit with them for a bit of adventure. As it started to turn I recall letting out a loud whoop that was halfway between a scream and a laugh. (I also remembering crossing myself...odd, because I was never raised Orthodox or Catholic) Then, as faces around us blurred, we rose above the crowds for a few minutes of exhilarating fun which the child in me enjoyed greatly, flying free and uninhibited.

"This isn't what village fairs used to be like" explains my husband with a

sort of disapproving sniff as we walked around the tiny event. He then went on to paint a picture from his memory of the yearly panayır of his youth being a gathering that was more like a rural 'craft, produce and livestock' market. The fair would have been visited by people from surrounding villages who came in by foot, donkey or by cart, to sell and to buy. These villagers, dependent on locally available materials in their areas, each developed expertise in specific crafts such as clay pots, rush

gone, the fair still serves an entertainment and social function.

Beginning in July and going until the end of September, fairs are held in various villages across north Cyprus. The two nearest to us that we have attended as a family are the one in Iskele in July and Mehmetcik in August. Both are at the beginning of the month (when people have money in their pockets) and run for 10 days or so.

Opening time for the events to start is sunset, about 8 pm or so, as rural life in



chair seating, cane baskets or edibles like olive oil and cheeses. Blacksmiths made extra scythes, axes and horseshoes in their spare time during the year, as did women who wove bolts of cloth or embroidered headscarves in preparation for the rural gathering. One could buy beaten copper pots, sieves made of silk or bread troughs carved from a single piece of tree trunk. Farmers could bargain for a pair of oxen to pull their plough or a new ram for their flock of sheep. It was also a time of important socializing, a gathering for families and friends to meet and where those of marriageable age were able to be seen and courted.

What the panayır has become is a poor shadow of what must have been a truly valuable gathering for rural peoples. Although the trade aspect is

Karpaz is still dictated by chores around agriculture and livestock. Everyone gets dressed in their finest as this is a time to be seen. The fairground, either a closed street or a sports field, is lit up by stings of lights from gaming stalls and the flashing bulbs of the rides. Tented booths offer dart-throwing at balloons, where your prize can be a framed picture of a pop star, or there's ring toss, where the prize is what the hoop encircles, either cigarettes or a bottle of brandy.

The largest selection of prizes can be found at the homemade pinball stalls, ranging from an Islamic-theme clock that wakes you up with the call to prayer (yes, they do exist!) or a chintzy plaster bust of a German shepherd dog for your front porch and all kinds of stuffed animals, clothed statues of Venus, plastic toy rifles and even birds



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or turtles. A steel ball is hurtled into a wooden box by a spring loaded knob which you pull and let go. A tailor's measuring tape, cut into 10 cm segments, is held in place with rows of nails, making little platforms where the ball finally comes to rest after bouncing around a bit. You get three chances and if the number where the ball stops matches one on the card that you hold (you have a 1 in 10 chance), you walk off with a prize.

Let me warn you that small children don't understand when they don't win, especially after their brother just did. It's good to know that the toys on display are also for sale, albeit at inflated prices, but a definite alternative to trying to cope with a crying 3 year old.

Open air restaurants with white plastic chairs and colourful vinyl covered tables offer places to rest, eat and drink around the edges of the fairground. In front of these eateries the crowds parade past in a movie of Cypriot society, families pushing sleeping babies in prams, tottering old men and women, giggling clusters of mini-skirted girls and groups of lads with slicked hair, all dressed in their best clothes, all intent on socializing, actively or passively. Döner kebab is cooked at the front of the fair's restaurants to entice people with the



smell of the grilling meat while those selling lamacun have the portable ovens placed at the back, behind the table where the cook rolls out the dough for these little Turkish pizzas. Yet another stand sells only lokma, sweets made by frying little balls of yeast dough in hot fat and soaking them in sugar syrup. You never go away hungry.

The smell of barbequed corn always gets my attention. I choose a young tender cob while my husband likes a mature one. These are fanned furiously on the coals, turned until slightly blackened all over. Holding it in a handful of corn husks and liberally dusting it with salt, we join the wheel of people moving around the fairground to watch and be watched. Another must is to stop at the dried fruit and nut stand to buy some pastelli

made with carob molasses and sesame, and also some fresh hazelnuts or almonds.

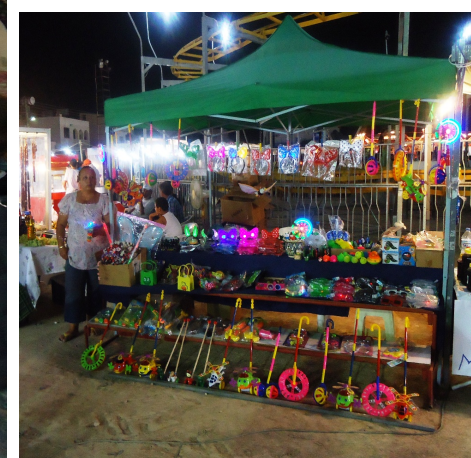
Tombola, the local equivalent of Bingo, is the main adult attraction of the panayır. Held every night towards the end of the evening, tombala draws a large crowd all seated at small chairs and desks emptied out of the local school. Cards are bought and pens readied while the numbers, between 1 and 99, rolling about in a wire cage, are called out over a PA system. The prize money rises each night until the last day of the fair. A few years ago I actually won that big one, worth about 200 sterling! It was drinks and roasted nuts for all at our table and a donation to the village soccer club, who hosted the draw. I was congratulated for weeks after by any number of people from different villages who had been there

that night, showing what a small place north Cyprus is and how word gets around.

Compared to fun fairs elsewhere in the world, the local panayır is a pretty rustic affair where, if you've been living here for a while, you're bound to know at least half the crowd. The pictures that come to my mind in describing the whole event are the antiquated rides, the outdoor eateries with their expensive beer, smoky charcoal fires, the super sweet pastries, the parade of people going round and round, girls, boys, grannies, babies, the cheap trinkets for sale at stalls under strings of bare bulbs, my teeth filled with corn fiber...that's what the village fair is for me.

It may not be the most exciting event, but the village fair for many rural Cypriots is a good way to indulge in time among friends and family, to spend a little, maybe win a little, let the kids run wild a bit. But best of all, there's something special about a warm mid-summer night on a Mediterranean island for those who are young at heart.

Lois Cemal, a Canadian, has been married to her Turkish Cypriot husband for 40 years and they have 3 children together. For the last 32 years she has raised her family in a village in the Karpaz, the panhandle of Cyprus, keeping goats and chickens, baking bread and making cheese and learning much about Cypriot traditions and culture



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Time for Change in Cyprus thinking and peace talks

Letter from America

Roger L Jennings ... (grandson of Asa K Jennings) ...

To all concerned readers,

The Greek Government since 1960 has not changed its desire to have all Turkish Cypriots leave the island. The TRNC response has always been the same.

Albert Einstein said *"insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."*

All of the negotiations, the latest being Crans-Montana, were doomed to failure before they began. President Anastasiades cannot agree to any progress with the TRNC. An agreement would be political suicide. The Greek Cypriots who voted against the Annan Plan would vote against President Anastasiades, if he agreed with the TRNC. If he took that risk, history shows the Greek Cypriot people would vote against the Turkish Cypriots at a referendum.

President Anastasiades is not the leader of the Greek Cypriot people. He is the leader of a splinter political party. The only unifying force among the Greek Cypriots is the Archbishop.

Greek people really do not like Turks. Since 1821 only one conflict between Greeks and Turks was settled amicably. That was in 1923 at the Treaty of Lausanne. The person responsible for that success was an American, Asa K. Jennings. He is the highest decorated person in modern Greek history, and was a confidant of the Gazi, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. The feat of Jennings is explained on the Raoul Wallenberg website.

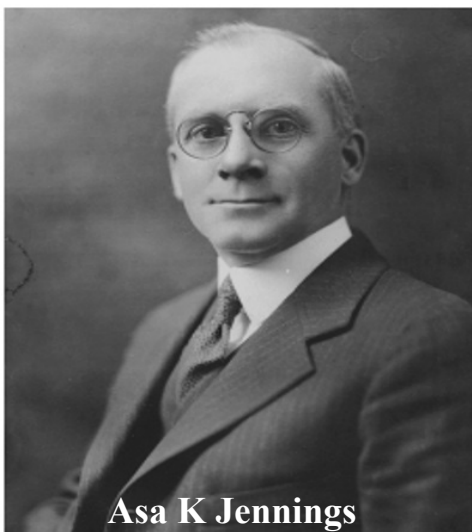
All Cypriots need a solution that stops this chain migration of hatred. Political leaders promote hatred as a way of promoting themselves as the leaders. That type of leadership must be cast aside.



The Turkish Cypriot Government must come to the realization that the sovereign power and authority of the Greek Cypriot side of the island rests with its people and not the so-called leaders. So, President Akinci, ignore President Anastasiades and his political cronies. There will be no future investing your time, resources and attention in them.

The Gazi, who was the greatest leader Turks ever had, preached peace and prosperity. Prosperity depends on peace, and peace depends on prosperity. That is the objective of the TRNC. If this objective is ever to be achieved, the TRNC Government must focus on the sovereign of south Cyprus.

How can Greek Cypriot attitudes be changed? Turkish Cypriot drilling for gas in opposition to the Greek Cypriots just extends the conflict. That is not the "comprehensive settlement" the Turkish Cypriot Government claims it wants. Attitudes will change when opposing peoples work to achieve shared



Asa K Jennings

objectives. That is when they become friends. When you create friends, you create peace and prosperity. The message is simple, but has escaped the Turkish Cypriot Government.

One of the traits that made the Gazi so special was he listened. I know for fact that all during the crisis in Izmir after the Turkish Army arrived that the Gazi listened to person after person without regard to rank or station in life about what these people had witnessed. Some of those people were the lowest level soldiers in the Turkish Army reporting personally to the Gazi. After hearing all these reports the Gazi was

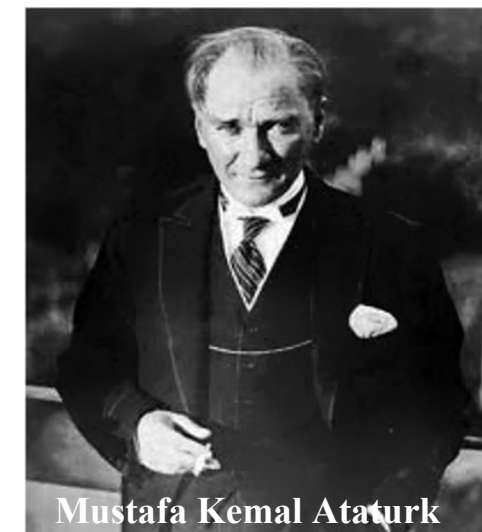


We failed at Crans-Montana!

the best informed person, and that allowed him to make the best decisions on behalf of the Turkish people.

Who is the Turkish Cypriot Government listening to? Are they listening to anyone other than themselves or political friends? Have they learned anything from the Gazi?

The embargo has to be broken. The UN and EU are not the friends of the TRNC. What other organization could



Mustafa Kemal Ataturk

break the embargo? Why isn't the TRNC visiting President Trump asking for the US to take that role? President Trump does not like the UN or EU, and marches to the sound of his own drum. If approached properly, he would be the greatest supporter of the TRNC.

Once the US breaks the embargo, other countries will follow that lead. Commercial trade will increase, and the Turkish Cypriot economy will get stronger.

Next, there are many ways for the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot people to work together. Natural gas is in the future of all Cypriots. The Greek proposal to sell your precious resource on the world market is crazy. Do you want to be forced to sell at the lowest world prices dictated by large producers like Russia, Azerbaijan and Iran?

The smart approach for all of Cyprus is to convert gas to higher value products like synthetics, fertilizer, paint and cosmetics. These are products used in Turkey, Greece and all over the world. Converting gas to these products would create jobs that pay higher wages than many Cypriots earn today. If the products are made in both north and south Cyprus with Turkish Cypriots working alongside Greek Cypriots, friendship will be created. The leader of the Greek Cypriots, the Archbishop, will support any changes that create a better life for the Greek Cypriot people. He is not held hostage by votes or political parties. That is just the beginning.

There is so much more that could be done to unify all Cypriots, and the religious communities will support this progress.

It is time for the TRNC to take its lessons from the Gazi, and offer the Turkish Cypriots a new opportunity.

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BEWARE HEDGEHOGS, (NOT ROAD HOGS!)

Drivers are asked to look out for the Hedgehogs on the road that are coming out of their "Winter Hibernation".

This one was photographed in Ozankoy this week. They appear to be smaller than their English cousins, but this might be because they have less slugs, snails and worms to eat over here. If you have one in the garden, please don't give them bread and milk, it is not good for them. I think cat tinned food is OK and water.

Quite a lot of the hedgehogs, babies and adults, are killed on the road at night when they come out, so could I ask all drivers to be particularly careful if you see them in your headlights and let them cross the road safely.

Thank you on behalf of a lovable little creature.

Richard Chamberlain

In the Spotlight!



Remembering Valentine's Day with Havva Hayırsever



Cyprus and North Cyprus Rotary Clubs meet in the UN buffer zone to plant trees for Peace

Rotary International - Planting trees for Peace

By Chris Elliott ...

This week we have seen an unprecedented volume of news and reviews being sent to us for publishing on our website and Enewspaper and on Monday 19th February I was able to be out and about experiencing and recording a great event.

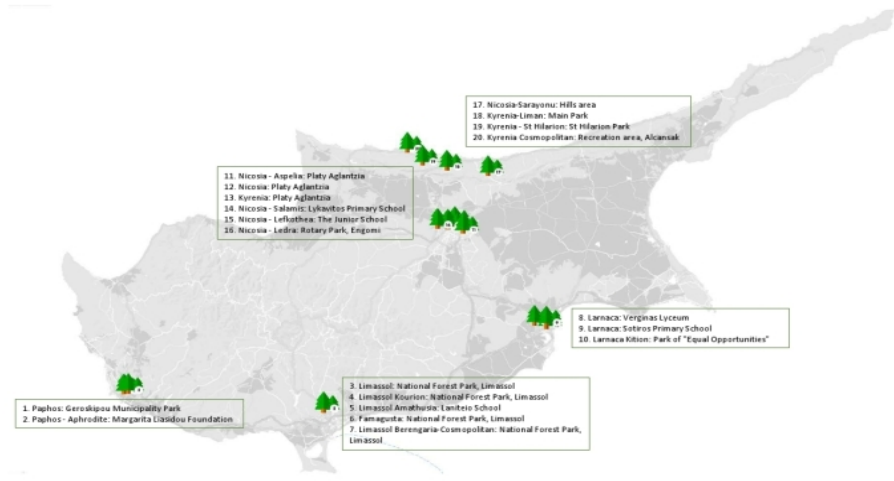
Early in the morning I drove to the Buyuk Han in Lefkosa to meet with members of four North Cyprus Rotary Clubs who had gathered in anticipation for the arrival of Rotary International, President Ian H. S. Riseley and his wife Juliet (Past District Governor).

Prior to his arrival, Rotarians started to arrive from Limassol and other locations in Cyprus and we all awaited President Ian's arrival and when he did, there was great excitement and everybody sat to take coffee and snacks and meet each other.

Soon it was time for everybody to walk through the old part of Lefkosa past the old Colonial Courthouse and then after a short distance we all arrived at the crossing point at Ledra Palace where we left Northern Cyprus to walk the short distance to a suitable place where we all gathered with President Ian and other Rotary officials and club members for the symbolic Peace

Tree Planting in the UN Buffer Zone as part of a unique Peace Building and Fellowship event.

On the 25th February Rotarians throughout Cyprus, north and south, will be gathering to plant trees for peace at the same time in many locations which can seen on the Google map that has been created.



CyprusScene : Trivia and Sudoku

Nationalities

- 1) What is the nationality of Gabriel Byrne?
- 2) What nationality are the Tamil Tigers?

Films

- 1) Who starred in “Sink the Bismarck”?
- 2) Who starred in the 1940 film “The Sea Hawk”?

Rivers

- 1) Which Australian river forms most of the border between New South Wales and Victoria?
- 2) On which river do the cities of Florence and Pisa stand?

The Beatles

- 1) What was the title of John Lennon’s second book?
- 2) Where did the Beatles appear on 30th January 1969?

Film Songs

- 1) Who sang the main theme song in “What’s New Pussycat”?
- 2) Who won a Grammy for Best Original Film Song Score in 1970?

World War II

- 1) Who succeeded Hitler as German leader?
- 2) Where did the British surrender to the Japanese in February 1942?

Venues

- 1) Where did Roger Bannister break the 4-minute mile?
- 2) Who famously revealed all at Twickenham?

Friends

- 1) What type of animal was Marcel?
- 2) At which famous department store did Rachel get a job?

Number 3

- 1) Which Philadelphia vocal group were favourites of Prince Charles?
- 2) Which Composer’s third symphony is known as the Eroica?

Food

- 1) From where does Spaghetti Bolognese originate?
- 2) After whom is Caesar salad named?

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Answers on page 25
No cheating !

23rd February - 1st March 2018

North Cyprus Events Calendar

23rd February to 2nd March 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 on cyprusscene.com website every week on Thursday so please try to submit information you would like to be included by Wednesday each week.

23rd February - Friday -

Black Olive Fun Quiz starting at 7pm. To book your teams call Vicki on 0533 835 5133.

The Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak will be featuring the Arda Baykurt Latin Project (Latin) at 10pm.

Blakes Lounge Bar and Bistro, Alsancak, for the first time, will be presenting Andy Reay to entertain with his vast repertoire of favourites. 7.30pm. To book call 0548 839 4007.

24th February - Saturday - Football:

Çanakkale v Mormeneşke (L1) at Çanakkale Muharem Doveç Stadı, Famagusta. Kick off 3pm
Dumlupinar v Bostancı Bağcil (L1) at Gazımağusa Dr Fazıl Küçük Stadium. Kick off 3-00pm
Maraş v Değirmenlik (L1) at Maraş Stadı Famagusta. Kick off 3-00pm

25th February - Sunday - Football:

Düzakaya v Ortaköy (BTM W) at Nihat Bağcier Stadı (Behind Tempo), Catalkoy. Kick off 11.30am
Mağusa Türk Gücü v L. Gençler Birliği (SL) at Gazımağusa Canbulat Stadı. Kick off 3-00pm
Gönyeli v Esentepe (L1) at Güzelyurt Üner Berkalp Stadı. Kick off 3-00pm
Türk Ocağı v Baf Ülkü Yurdu (SL) at Girne 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır Stadı. Kick off 3-00pm

25th February - Sunday - The Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak will be featuring the Classic Quartet. Admission at 7pm and concert at 7.30pm. 25TL – Tickets from The Soulist or reserve by telephone 0533 830 9996. Note: there is a change to the artists performing.

26th February - Monday -

Back to School with KAR at Club Tropicana, Ozankoy. Assembly 7.30pm. School uniform compulsory. School dinner – 40TL (10TL donated to KAR). To book call 0542 851 1924.

112 Quiz at Acmenya Restaurant in Alsancak with more of Richard's quirky questions and a delicious chicken or vegetarian supper for 25TL per person. Places need to be reserved by calling 0533 840 7834

Charity Quiz Night with Jono (on behalf of the Rotary Club of Kyrenia) at Montenegro Restaurant, Karsiyaka. Teams of up to 6 persons. Starts at 7.30pm. Special limited menu available 20TL. Raffle. Table bookings advisable (at the bar) Or Booking İrmi : 0533 872 7571 / Coşkun : 0533 841 2595.

Football : Yeniciami v Gaü Çetinkaya (SL) at Lefkoşa Atatürk Stadium. Kick off 6.15pm (floodlight)

27th February - Tuesday - Blakes Lounge Bar and Bistro, Alsancak will be having a Winter and Summer

Clothes Party, hosted by Denise Frazer – all items direct from the UK. Lunch available, together with tea/coffee and home-made cakes or a glass of Prosecco! For more information call 0548 839 4007.

28th February - Wednesday -

The Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak will be featuring Alper Cengiz and Friends (Blues) at 10pm.

RBL luncheon and talk at the Al Shaheen Restaurant in Karakum. Keith Lloyd will be giving a talk entitled 'The Knights Templar in Cyprus'. Lunch at 1pm - 40TL (includes a donation to RBL 2018 Poppy Appeal) (Chicken Curry or Fish and Chips) followed by the talk at 1.45pm. To book call İmtiaz on 0392 815 7390.

2nd March Friday - The Olive Press Bowls Club, Lapta will be holding a quiz night in aid of KTW (Karsiyaka Turtle Watch) starting at 5pm. 5tl per person for the quiz and also there is a Brainbuster Question that rolls over each month until someone gets the correct answer, that is an optional buy at 5tl as well. To book your team call 0533 880 1196. This will be a monthly event.



The Olive Press
FLAT GREEN BOWLING
Bar & Restaurant

The Soulist - Classical Music evening - change of programme

By Margaret Sheard ..

We have been advised that it has been necessary to make a change to the previously advertised event of the Cyprus String Quartet which was to perform at The Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak on Sunday, 25th February.

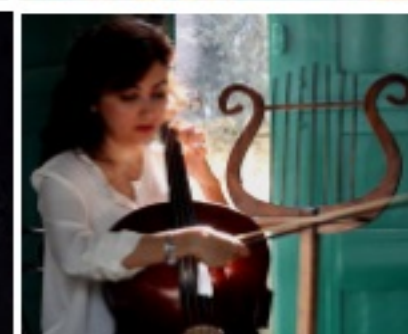
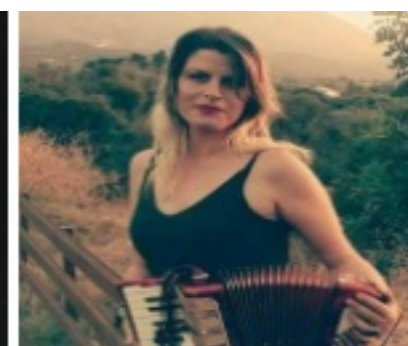
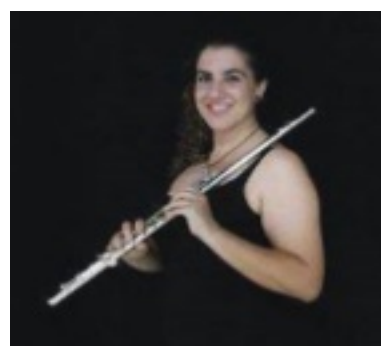
All details remain the same except that the performance will now be 4 ladies playing classical music for our enjoyment.

Roland and Alper apologise for

any inconvenience caused by this change of performance which was due to circumstances beyond their control.

Heran Mirillo - Flute
Selen İşmen - Accordion
Alev Muezzinoglu – Violin
Basak Gorgoretti - Cello

This is the 2nd classical event organised by DJ Roland and Alper Cengiz and is going to be an equally enjoyable evening of classical music from the Classic Quartet.



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Here are the answers to Sudoku on page 23

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4	3	7	8	2	6	5	1	9
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Here are the answers to the Trivia Quiz on page 23

Nationalities

- 1) Irish
- 2) Sri Lankan

Films

- 1) Kenneth More
- 2) Errol Flynn

Rivers

- 1) The Murray
- 2) The Arno

The Beatles

- 1) A Spaniard in the Works
- 2) The roof of the Apple Offices, Savile Row, London

Film Songs

- 1) Tom Jones
- 2) The Beatles for "Let It Be"

World War II

- 1) Admiral Donitz
- 2) Singapore

Venues

- 1) White City
- 2) Erica Roe

Friends

- 1) A monkey
- 2) Bloomingdales

Number 3

- 1) The Three Degrees
- 2) Beethoven

Food

- 1) Bologna
- 2) Caesar Cardini who assembled it for his guests in Tijuana, Mexico in the 1920s



How did you do?



23rd February - 1st March 2018

All the fun of the Fair at Erdener - Ozanköy

By Margaret Sheard ...

We have noted a forthcoming event for children, which is a Fun Fair to be held at Erdener Supermarket in Ozanköy 12 noon to 4pm on Saturday 3rd March.

There will be clowns, face painting, lots of goodies to enjoy, including cotton candy, and much more.

This should be a nice event to attend, maybe Dad will look after the children at the Fair, while Mum does the shopping!.

With the nice cafeteria at the supermarket, the afternoon could also be finished off with tea/coffee, soft drinks and cakes.



Hati's Cafe, 14th Birthday



By Margaret Sheard ...

Hati's Cafe in Esentepe will be celebrating its 14th birthday on Sunday 1st April, and Hati Gurbuz will be pleased to welcome you to share this very special celebration with her.

The event will start at 2pm and there will be a traditional buffet, and vegetarian and vegan food will be available, 60TL per person, and there is live music

with Brian Delaney, so look forward to music, games and fun.

This sounds like a really nice afternoon and we hope to see you there.

We will be taking some nice pictures for the Leisure Line section in our CyprusScene.com FREE online Enewspaper.

To book call 0533 863 3862.

Cyprus Veterans Reunion (UK)

By Margaret Sheard

The Cyprus Veterans of the Suffolk Regiment who were posted to Cyprus for their National Service in the late 1950's will be having their Spring Reunion from around 12 noon on Sunday 29th April at The Rushbrooke Arms in Sicklesmere, Bury St Edmunds, UK.

The event is being organised by Derek Chilvers and he will be pleased to see as many of his old comrades who can make it to the Reunion.

This is always an event where the men who served together when they were very young can recall their memories and catch up with their buddies from those far off days.

Sadly the numbers are diminishing, most recently with the death of Pat Arbon and Derek will be asking for glasses to be raised in memory of Pat and the others who have passed on in recent years :

Chris Veness, Pat Arbon, Bobby Vine, Keith Barron, Derek Tye, all sadly missed.

The Reunions are both sad and happy times for the Cyprus veterans but they enjoy spending a few hours together, having a nice meal and talking about their memories of a time when they were far from home.

It is so nice that some 60 years later there is still the same camaraderie of yesteryear.



**Cyprus
1957 - 1959**

Sports Quiz : 5 questions and this weeks "Stinker"



By Richard Beale.

Here are the 5 Sports Questions and this week's "Stinker Question".

The answers for the 5 Sports Questions appear on page 28 in this Enewspaper and the answer to the "Stinker" question will appear in next week's Enewspaper.

Good luck and no cheating!

Question 1. Who won GB first medal at the Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Olympics?

Question 2. Who scored Wigan's goal that knocked Manchester City out of the FA Cup this week ?

Question 3. Which number lies between 5 and 9 on a British Dartboard ?

Question 4. Who was the last County to be admitted into the English County Cricket Championship ?

Question 5. Who were the Captains of the USA and European 2016 Ryder Cup Golf teams ?



Cyprus Scene Sports Quiz

This weeks **STINKER**:

The answer will be in next weeks Enewspaper

Question: Striker Harry Kane made his League Debut for whom and where in season 2010-11?

Last weeks **STINKER**:

The question was who is the only Club in the Football and Scottish Leagues who have not any letters from the word FOOTBALL?

Answer: DUNDEE.

Fixtures for this Weekend February 24/25/26

By Richard Beale...

The following are "selected fixtures" for the coming weekend. Venues are chosen as near as possible to Expat locations.

Top "selected" fixtures are both in Lefkoşa, on Sunday at Güzelyurt in a change of venue the League 1 top two Gönyeli and Esentepe clash in the Match of the Day. On Monday under floodlights at the Atatürk Stadium, Supa League Top Two Yenicami and GAÜ Çetinkaya meet again after playing each other in the Cup last Thursday.

ABBREVIATIONS : SL (Super League), L 1 (League 1), BTM W (BTM League White Group), BTM R (BTM Red Group).



**ALSANCAK
BEYLERBEYİ
CATALKÖY**

Sun Feb 25
BTM R

**DİPKARPAZ
ESENTEPE
FAMAGUSTA**

Sat Feb 24
L1

Sun Feb 25
SL

Sat Feb 24
L1

Sat Feb 24
L1

GÜZELYURT

Sun Feb 25
L1

GİRNE

Sun Feb 25
SL

**ISKELE
KARAOĞLANOĞLU
KARŞIYAKA**

**LAPTA
LEFKOŞA**

Mon Feb 26
SL

OZANKÖY

Alsancak Mustafa Hidayet Çağlar Stadı - **No Match**

Dr. Ali Özsöy Stadı - **No Match**

DÜZKAYA v ORTAKÖY

Nihat Bağcier Stadı (Behind Tempo) ko 11-30am

Dipkarpaz Stadı - **No Match**

Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium - **No Match**

ÇANAKKALE v MORMENEŞKE – ko 3-00pm

Çanakkale Muharem Doveç Stadı

Mağusa Türk Gücü v Gençlik Gücü ko 3-00pm

MAĞUSA TÜRK GÜCÜ v L. GENÇLER BİRLİĞİ

Gazımağusa Canbulat Stadı- 3.00pm

DUMLUPINAR v BOSTANCI BAĞCİL – ko 3-00p

Gazımağusa Dr Fazıl Küçük Stadium

MARAŞ v DEĞİRMENLİK -ko 3-00pm

Maraş Stadı

GÖNYELİ v ESENTEPE – ko 3-00pm

Güzelyurt Üner Berkalp Stadı

TÜRK OCAĞI v BAF ÜLKÜ YURDU – ko 3-00pm

Girne 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır Stadı

Iskele Cumhuriyet Stadı - **No Match**

Karaoğlanoğlu Orhan Dural Stadı - **No Match**

Ergin Dural Stadı - **No Match**

Lapta Şht Şevket Kadır Stadı – **No Match**

YENİCAMİ v GAÜ ÇETİNKAYA - 6-15pm

Lefkoşa Atatürk Stadium

Ozanköy Mustafa Özkayım Stadı – **No Match**

Sports Quiz Answers

Questions on Page 27

Answer **1**: Dom Parsons won a Bronze in the Mens Skeleton.

Answer **2**: Will Grigg.

Answer **3**: 12

Answer **4**: Durham were admitted in 1992.

Answer **5**: Darren Clarke for the European team and Davis Love 111 for the USA.



Drift and Carting Champions received their awards

By Ahmet Adulaziz...

On 15th February 2018, the winners of the 2017 TRNC RAPA Drift Championship and 2017 TRNC Carting were awarded with prizes in a ceremony held at Bedestan in Lefkoşa near the Selimiye Mosque.

The prize giving ceremony was attended by the TRNC Prime Minister, Tufan Erhurman, who was the chief guest, and was also well attended by the Presidents of various motor sports clubs and sports lovers and the Lefkosa Municipality Music Orchestra added greatly to the occasion.

Based on the 5 competition races for the RAPA Drift Championship, the first prize went to Celal Bozbeli. The second prize went to Enver Haskasap, and Akay Akbil collected the third prize. In the general category, prizes were awarded to the first six winners in the group of over 35 masters and young competitors under 25 years of age. Prizes were also given to female

competitors.

In the Carting section, where the championship was comprised of 5 competition races, the prizes were grouped in Mini, Junior, Senior,

Masters and Shifters. In the Mini group Altay Akan, Demir Emre in the Juniors, Tolga Güryel in the Seniors, Umut Araz in the Masters, and Coskun Gurel in the Shift group were awarded cups.

The TRNC Prime Minister congratulated the winners and expressed his satisfaction over the efforts being made for bringing a good name to the country, through sports activities.



Off Road Fixtures Announced for 2018

By Ahmet Adulaziz...

The Kyrenia Offroad Association (KYOFF) and The Northern Cyprus Off Road Association (KKORD) announced the racing calendar for 2018. The joint associations announced the program after discussing the proposed races to be held during 2018. The Kyrenia Off Road Association, as in the past, will be organising the traditional "Cyprus Off Road Attack", "24 Hours Off Road" and "Afrodisia 2018" competitions. As in the past KYOFF will be organising the Attack in March, the 24 hours races in June and Afrodisia 2018



races in October.

The Northern Cyprus Off Road Association (KKORD) announced it will start the season in March by organising a race in Alagadi. The second race will be organised at the ZET racing track. The third race will be organised at the Plumer track in September. The fourth and the last race is planned to be held at the Kombos track in November.



The two clubs mutually decided to organise 3 Rally-Sprint races. They also decided to carry the points of the winners of these races to the Championship races. The full program schedule for the 2018 Off Road season is as follows.

- 1/. 24th February 2018 Rally-Sprint 1 (KKORD-KYOFF)
- 2/. 11th March 2018 Alagadi

- Off Road Race (KKORD)
- 3/. 5th March 2018 Cyprus Off Road Attack (KYOFF)
 - 4/. 20th May 2018 Zet Off Road Race (KKORD)
 - 5/. 23rd-24th June 2018 24 Saat Off Road Race (KYOFF)
 - 6/. 2nd November 2018 Rally-Sprint 2 (KKORD-KYOFF)
 - 7/. 23rd September 2018 Plümer Off Road Race (KKORD)
 - 8/. 26th-28th October 2018 Afrodisia 2018 (KYOFF)
 - 9/. 18th November 2018 Kombos Off Road Race (KKORD)
 - 10/. 15th December 2018 Rally-Sprint 3 (KKORD-KYOFF)

Football Roundup Results for February 16/17/18.

By Richard Beale

K- Pet Super League, League 1 Results, Tables and Leading Goalscorers last weekend.

In last weekends Super League both Yenicami and GAÜ Çetinkaya are joint leaders, this weekend they meet in Lefkoşa

K-PET SUPER LEAGUE GOALSCORERS.

22 UĞUR NACI GÖK (Küçük Kaymaklı) Both players scored to add to their tally.

21 John Ebuka Okoye (Yenicami)
UĞUR NACI GÖK (Küçük Kaymaklı)

In League 1 both leaders Gönyeli and second place Esentepe managed to grind out wins against lowly opposition. Akova had a shock 1-0 away win against 4th place Hamitköy.



K-PET SUPER LEAGUE RESULTS

BAF ÜRDÜ YURDU	1	CİHANGİR	4
DOĞAN TÜRK BİRLİĞİ	6	OZANKÖY	1
GAÜ ÇETİNKAYA	2	YALOVA	1
KÜÇÜK KAYMAKLI	3	YENİ BOĞAZIÇI	1
L. GENÇLER BİRLİĞİ	0	TÜRK OCAĞI	3
LEFKE	1	YENİCAMİ	2
MAĞUSA TÜRK GÜCÜ	4	GENÇLİK GÜCÜ	0
MERİT ALSANCAK YEŞİLOVA	2	BİNATLI	2



Merit Alsancak Yeşilova had to be thankful to their Captain and Ex Colchester and Newcastle player LUA LUA who scored in injury time to salvage a 2-2 draw against Binatlı.

K-PET SUPER LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Yenicami	19	12	4	3	43	23	40
2 GAÜ Çetinkaya	19	13	1	5	40	25	40
3 Dogan Türk Birliği	19	11	4	4	39	26	37
4 Binatlı	19	9	7	3	39	27	36
5 Küçük Kaymaklı	19	10	1	8	36	33	31
6 Merit Alsancak Yeşilova	19	7	8	4	24	21	29
7 Cihangir	19	7	5	7	33	33	26
8 L. Gençler Birliği	19	6	7	6	32	30	25
9 Türk Ocağı	19	8	1	10	29	28	25
10 Baf Utku Yurdu	19	5	8	6	36	28	23
11 Mağusa Türk Gücü	19	6	5	8	31	32	23
12 Lefke	19	6	3	10	30	35	21
13 Yalova	19	5	5	9	34	39	20
14 Gençlik Gücü	19	6	2	11	17	39	20
15 Yeni Boğaziçi	19	3	6	10	13	27	15
16 Ozanköy	19	2	5	12	15	45	11



SÜLEYMAN BAYİR scored a hat trick last weekend



K-PET LEAGUE 1 RESULTS

Bostancı Bağcıl	0	Görneç	1
Değirmenlik	1	Dumlupınar	3
Doğancı	0	Gönyeli	1
Esentepe	2	Çanakkale	0
Girne Halk Evi	1	Maraş	1
Hamitköy	0	Akova Vurdu	1
Kaya Mehmetçik	3	Göçmenköy	1
Mormeneske	3	Lapta	1

K-PET LEAGUE 1 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Gönyeli	19	12	5	2	33	15	41
2 Esentepe	19	11	6	2	34	17	39
3 Maraş	19	10	5	4	37	24	35
4 Hamitköy	19	10	2	7	35	26	32
5 Dumlupınar	19	9	4	6	36	24	31
6 Girne Halk Evi	19	9	4	6	33	29	31
7 Göçmenköy	19	9	4	6	23	20	31
8 Mormeneske	19	9	2	8	33	29	29
9 Bostancı Bağcıl	19	7	4	8	19	19	25
10 Lapta	19	6	6	7	27	29	24
11 Değirmenlik	19	6	4	9	26	33	22
12 Çanakkale	19	5	4	10	17	28	19
13 Akova Vurdu	19	5	4	10	29	45	19
14 Görneç	19	4	6	9	17	34	18
15 Kaya Mehmetçik	19	3	5	11	12	27	14
16 Doğancı	19	3	3	13	18	30	12

Terrible Tatlisu In Tatters

DORTYÖL SK 4 TATLISU SERACILLAR SK 0

By Richard Beale...

Sunday February 18 : BTM League Red Group : Venue : Dortyöl Sahası

Tatlisu awful start to the season continues as they capitulated to 4 second half goals and in the end were a well beaten team.

To cap a bad day they lost Goalkeeper Kurşat initially injured but red carded when being replaced. Tatlisu battled well in the first half but when the floodgates were open, they ended the match under a deluge.

This was my first ever visit to the Dortyöl Sahası and my first impressions of the Stadium were very favourable. I was told that the Stadium was completed around a month ago, and the main stand would not be out of place in a higher division. With good refreshments and toilets it was a pleasure to be here for an 11.30am kick off. (In the bar by 1-30pm for drinks !). The synthetic surface was also very impressive and on a bright sunny day the Stadium was shown at its best. What was not good was the near gale force wind that cut across the pitch, which would prove difficult for both sets of players to comprehend with. The best way to play was to keep the ball on the deck, easier said than done as both teams tried their damndest to come to terms with adverse conditions.

In an uneventful first half Tatlisu showed great spirit to remain on level terms at the break. They restricted Dortyöl to a couple of



Tatlisu in Blue strip under pressure!

long range efforts which were dealt with comfortably by the Tatlisu keeper Kurşat. The nearest Dortyöl came to scoring was a Ömer header that just cleared the bar in the 40th minute from a Ahmet Taser cross. **HALF TIME SCORE : 0-0.**

During the interval the strong wind at last abated a little. Dortyöl did not have to wait long before taking the lead in the 50th minute. A good run on the right from substitute Yunus ended with a near post cross, that TAHSIN managed to prod home before Tatlisu's Barış could get in a challenge.- **1-0**

Tatlisu Goalkeeper Kurşat sustained a groin injury in the first half, was becoming more and more immobile as the game wore on. In the 60th minute Dortyöl scored again, when a long clearance up field should have been dealt with more effectively by Barış. However the tall defender hesitated maybe put off by the breeze allowing TAHSIN

to nip in between him and Kurşat to score his second goal. **2-0.**

Immediately the injured Kurşat signalled that he could not continue and called for a replacement. However on leaving the field probably due entirely to frustration the young keeper let off a torrid of abuse to his teammate Barış. To complete more humiliation on him he was red carded presumably for the use of foul language. With no replacement keeper on the bench bury defender Özal took over goalkeeping duties.

Dortyöl increased their lead in the 77 minute when YUNUS broke into the box and his shot took a deflection off a Tatlisu defender and into the net. **3-0.**

Dortyöl final goal came in the 87 minute when Berat cut inside Hakan on the left and crossed to the far post for YUNUS to score easily. **FULL TIME SCORE : 4-0**

SUMMING UP :

For Tatlisu what can you say, there is no lack of effort from the team, but they are not playing as a team, just the odd individual cameos now and again.

Hopefully their luck will change it just needs something to go in their favour and maybe they can turn their season around before it is too late.

NEXT TATLISU MATCH

**Saturday February 24th
Ko 11-30pm
Away match at:**

Serdarli 14 Agustos Stadium.

**SERDARLI SK v
SERACILLAR SK.**

Esentepe Promotion Push Still On!

ESENTEPE KKSK 2 ÇANAKKALE SK 0

By Richard Beale...

Saturday 17 February 2018 : K-Pet League 1 ; Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium

Esentepe were made to work hard by a plucky and determined Çanakkale side, in the end they just about deserved to take the points. With League leaders Gönyeli also winning 1-0 against lowly Doğancı it was imperative that Esentepe won to keep the pressure on.

Next Sunday Gönyeli and Esentepe play each other in an absolute pressure cooker of a match that no team can afford to lose.

A 2nd minute goal and an injury time goal gave Esentepe the spoils of the match, but in between those goals the home side were given a thorough examination by a relegation threatened Çanakkale team. In the end Esentepe's iron clad defence and tremendous team spirit saw them scrape home.

Esentepe's young team played a game before this match on this pitch in a torrential downpour which resulted in the playing surface to be in a very poor condition. Parts of the pitch were waterlogged and cut up and would make any football on it a lottery

A very disappointing crowd on a cloudy and cold afternoon saw Esentepe take the lead in the 2nd minute with their first attack of the match. Ahmet took a long throw in on the right, Esentepe striker Iltay making his first full appearance for Esentepe put pressure on defenders Stelios and Oguzhan. What resulted was everybody missing the ball which fell kindly to ESER KAN to fasten onto the ball and slot it home. **1-0.**



Esentepe midfielder Ismail Aslan shot just wide in the 18th minute after good work by Iltay and Ahmet.

The poor surface resulted in players being unsure of their footing as they missed tackles and slid on the treacherous surface, numerous fouls resulted in a stop/go match.

Çanakkale attackers were mainly kept at bay until the 33rd minute when Ahmet Hellac hit a tremendous powerful drive which could have caused Kemal in the home goal problems before Nersin intervened with a brave clearing header.

The first half was littered with numerous free kicks and was very niggly with tempers becoming frayed. As the half time whistle blew various arguments continued on the field as this bad tempered match came to an end . **HALF TIME SCORE : 1-0.**

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across the entire Esentepe goal area line but still managed to get in his shot, which goalkeeper Kemal saw late and managed to stick out a foot and deflect the ball over the bar.

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Çanakkale continued to press, substitute Gökhan in the 89th minute brought a diving fingertip save from Kemal. Ukvanç tried his luck from range, which was going wide until Yunus managed to get his head to the ball but headed over.

With Esentepe nerves being shredded into pieces they at last managed to make the game safe in injury time. Substitute ŞAHİN SEKER was an unlikely source to score for Esentepe. Çanakkale keeper Umut came out to field a long clearance downfield, slipped in the mud and with Şahin's ample physical bulk bearing down on him fumbled the ball and Şahin simply sidestepped the keeper to slot home a gift of a goal. **FULL TIME SCORE : 2-0**

NEXT ESENTEPE MATCH

**Saturday February 25th
Ko 3-00pm
Away match at:**

**Güzelyurt Üner Berkalp
Stadium.**

Gönyeli SK v Esentepe KKSK