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Why do we bother to celebrate birthdays?



By Peri Sualp

Have you ever thought about why we even bother to celebrate birthdays?

When you think about it, they're really just an opportunity for your friends and family to come together and congratulate you for another year. But for some reason it's become far more than that. A birthday is the anniversary of the birth of a person and it is celebrated in numerous cultures, often with birthday gifts, birthday cards, a birthday party, a birthday cake, a birthday song or a rite of passage.

Have you ever thought about how this tradition started? Well I did! Here is some information I've gathered together which I think you might find interesting.

First of all Egyptians started celebrating the coronation date of pharaohs around 3,000 B.C.E. since they believed it was the "birth" of

Pharaoh as a God.

Getting the idea from the Egyptians, the Greeks started to offer moon-shaped cakes to Artemis - the lunar Goddess, as a form of tribute to her. In order to recreate the radiance of the moon and her perceived beauty, Greeks lit candles and put them on cakes for extra glowing effect.

The Ancient Romans were the first civilizations to celebrate birthdays for non-religious figures. Romans would celebrate birthdays for friends and families. They even created public holidays for their more important citizens. But only for men!! Female birthdays still weren't celebrated until around the 12th century! (Can you believe that!)

For a few hundred years, Christians considered birthday celebrations as a pagan ritual and rejected the idea but later around the 4th century they changed their minds and they started celebrating birthdays starting with the birth date of Jesus as the holiday

of Christmas.

Although the general idea of celebrating birthdays had already started taking off around the world — like in China, where a child's first birthday was specifically honoured — "Kinderfeste" came out of Germany during the late 18th century. That is the closest prerequisite to the contemporary birthday parties that we know. This celebration was held for German children, or "kinder" and involved both birthday cake and candles. Kids got one candle for each year they'd been alive, plus another to symbolize the hope of living for at least one more year. Blowing out the candles and making a wish was also a part of these celebrations. German bakers invented the birthday cake. (Yay!)

For quite some time, birthday celebrations involving sugary cakes were only available to the very wealthy, as the necessary ingredients were considered a luxury. But during 19th century the industrial revolution allowed mass production and the necessary ingredients became lower in price therefore delicious birthday cakes started to be more affordable by everyone.

And finally the famous birthday song comes to the scene! It's the most recognisable song in the English language, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, and it started

as a song for school kids. In 1893, Patty Hill and Mildred J. Hill wrote a song called, "Good Morning To All" which was intended to be sung by students before classes began. The song eventually caught on across America, giving rise to a number of variations. Robert Coleman eventually published a songbook in 1924, adding a few extra lyrics that would quickly come to overshadow the original lines. The new rendition became the version we all know, "Happy Birthday To You."

Here we are in the year 2018. Considering that birthday celebrations started around 3,000 B.C.E. and still continue up to this day, who am I to have the power to change this ritual! I guess I have to celebrate my own birthday this weekend with a big party (including a delicious cake with candles that goes along with the happy birthday song).



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10 day weather forecast for Kyrenia (as at 2/3/2018)

TODAY MAR 2  20°/10°C Becoming cloudy	SAT MAR 3  21°/11° Sun through high clouds	SUN MAR 4  22°/12° Sun through high clouds	MON MAR 5  23°/12° Partly sunny and pleasant	TUE MAR 6  22°/13° Mostly sunny and pleasant
WED MAR 7  23°/11°C Pleasantly warm with some sun	THU MAR 8  24°/12° Clouds breaking for sun; warm	FRI MAR 9  23°/15° Cloudy	SAT MAR 10  24°/14° Sunshine and warm	SUN MAR 11  23°/13° Warm with plenty of sun

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Kudret Özersay met with Elizabeth Spehar

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay met with the United Nations Secretary General's Special Representative to Cyprus and Chief of Mission Elizabeth Spehar.

Officials from the Foreign Ministry and the UN were also present at the meeting, which was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The latest developments in Cyprus were discussed at the meeting.



TRNC press statement regarding comments by Donald Tusk

Deputy Prime Ministry and Ministry of Foreign Affairs has made a press statement regarding comments by Tusk which merely serves to support South Cyprus's unilateral activities.

The statement is as follows:

We resent the remarks by Donald Tusk, the President of the European Council, following the informal meeting of the 27 heads of state or government on 23 February 2018, which merely serves to support the Greek Cypriot administration's unilateral activities and unjust claims in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Donald Tusk's interpretation of

Turkey's presence and activities in the Eastern Mediterranean, which continue with the consent of the Turkish Cypriot side, as "illegal violations" and his call for the termination of these activities complies neither with the realities prevailing in the region nor with international law.

This approach attempts to disregard arbitrarily the rights of Turkey, the country with the longest coast-line in the Eastern Mediterranean, and is totally unacceptable.

Another matter of high concern, as serious as the aforementioned, is the European Union's (EU) attempt to disregard and ignore the

legitimate rights of the Turkish Cypriots. This stance of the EU, namely: ignoring the will of the Turkish Cypriots; disregarding the Turkish Cypriot authorities despite the acknowledgment by all that these resources also belong to the Turkish Cypriots; omitting to mention the rights of the Turkish Cypriot people; and not even uttering their name, constitutes nothing but the continuation of EU's ever-recurring, inaccurate approach and is a repetition of the same old mistake.

We have all witnessed that bestowing privileges on the Greek Cypriot administration does not support, but rather hinders the efforts either to solve the hydrocarbons issue or to end the isolation directed against the Turkish Cypriots.

The unilateral accession of the Greek Cypriot administration to the EU in 2004, without the consent of the Turkish Cypriots, has led the Greek Cypriot administration to become even more intransigent.

We are swiftly approaching a similar outcome due to this recent stance of the EU regarding the natural resources. We expect the EU to grasp this reality and – if it truly desires a mutually acceptable

and just structure to be established in Cyprus – to abandon this unfair stance.

Even if the EU continues its unjust approach which has tarnished its reputation in the eyes of the Turkish Cypriots, the Turkish Cypriot people will not, under any circumstance, give up their rights. In short, it is unacceptable for Tusk to make a statement which has not even acknowledged the existence of the Turkish Cypriots and have only mentioned the rights of the Greek Cypriot side over the natural resources.

Moreover, the blind and unquestioned support given to the Greek Cypriot side by the EU under the premise of "solidarity" and in utter disregard of the Turkish Cypriot side and Turkey has further diminished the reputation of the EU in the eyes of the Turkish Cypriot people.

The injustice created by the refusal of the EU authorities to include the Turkish Cypriots in their notion of "solidarity" should come to an end at once.

Source:

TRNC Public Information Office



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President Akinci: New understanding



President Mustafa Akinci has stated that the Turkish Cypriot side will continue to have a constructive attitude on building a future based on equality, where all sides will benefit.

Akinci stressed that the Greek Cypriot side was causing tension in the region by continuing unilateral hydrocarbon activities in the Eastern Mediterranean, and called for a “new understanding” on the Greek Cypriot side with regards to sharing power, authority and wealth with the Turkish Cypriots.

Meeting with the officials of the Cyprus Turkish Businessmen Association, Istanbul Industrialists and Businessmen’s Association and Turkey-China Group, Akinci stressed that the Cyprus negotiations have failed largely due to the uncompromising attitude of the Greek Cypriot side, in contrast to the efforts made by the Turkish Cypriot side in pushing the process towards the five-party summit stage last year.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Both sides share ownership in Eastern Mediterranean

Turkey’s Minister for European Union Affairs and Chief Negotiator, Ömer Çelik, has stated that there must be a mutual consent of the Turkish Cypriot side and the Greek Cypriot side regarding hydrocarbon explorations, as both sides share ownership in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Speaking to the press, Çelik reiterated that the Greek Cypriot’s EU enforcement initiative is “in question” after the tensions arose due to their unilateral exploration activities in the

Eastern Mediterranean.

Çelik added: “We are discussing these issues, but the stance of the Greek Cypriots is wrong, as is the biased stance of the EU.”

Çelik reiterated that the European Union made a “mistake” by accepting the Greek Cypriot side as a member after they voted down the 2004 Annan Plan to reunify the island, noting that this decision failed to solve the border issue, and the fundamental issues with the Turkish Cypriots.

Çelik underlined that the Greek Cypriot Administration’s activities were a violation of the rights of both Turkish Cypriots and the Republic of Turkey under international law. He called on the EU not to take such a unilateral stance on this issue, and warned that Turkey will take proportionate steps to protect Turkish and Turkish Cypriot interests if this activity continues.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



Bariş Burcu criticises statement of Nikos Hristodulidis



Presidential Spokesman Burcu: “Keeping Turkish Cypriots and Turkey out of the energy policy equation is a flawed approach that does not serve peace”

Presidential Spokesman Bariş Burcu criticised the recent statement by the Greek Cypriot Administration Spokesman Nikos Hristodulidis, who claimed that “the Turkish Cypriot side wants to sacrifice their rights related to the natural gas resources in the Eastern Mediterranean.”

In a written statement, Burcu responded that trying to keep the Turkish Cypriots and Turkey out of the energy policy equation is a fundamentally flawed strategy that does not serve peace, and added, “The Greek Cypriot side has consistently ignored this simple reality, despite our repeated warnings.”

Burcu said: “President Akinci discussed the issue of the natural gas exploration activities in the Eastern Mediterranean at his first meeting with the Greek Cypriot Leader Anastasiades on 11 May 2015, and emphasised that these activities should not be the cause of any tension between the two sides. He therefore requested that the unilateral exploration and excavation activities should not continue. He also warned that, in the event that these activities continue, tensions could arise which would adversely impact the settlement negotiations. A consensus was reached on this before the negotiations officially started on 15 May 2015.”

Burcu continued: “The work of our President Mustafa Akinci has always been solution-oriented, focussing on upholding the legitimate rights of both sides. He has always worked to anticipate any possible obstacles that could jeopardise the solution process, and taken the necessary precautions.”

Burcu emphasized that, with regards to energy resources, President Akinci respected the common interest of Cyprus and the region. Burcu stated that this is the most appropriate approach to prevent further escalation and bring stability to the island and the wider region.

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"Common sense" approach needs to be established

President Mustafa Akıncı has readdressed the likelihood of increased tensions due to the Greek Cypriot Administration's unilateral hydrocarbon drilling in the so-called "exclusive economic zone" (EEZ) in South Cyprus, warning that "lessons should be learnt from previous experiences".

Speaking to BRT, Akıncı stated that a "common sense" approach needs to be established on the natural gas issue, and that it should be accepted that both communities have equal rights to the natural resources and energy reserves surrounding the island of Cyprus.

Akıncı also added that this issue should be approached as an area of

cooperation between Turkey and Greece, as well as the two communities on the Island.

Akıncı re-emphasized the necessity of transforming these issues from an area of tension to an area of mutual cooperation in the negotiation process, reiterating his proposal that a common committee should be formed to ensure both sides benefit from the wealth.

"However, the Greek Cypriot side still has the wrong attitude in this regard," said Akıncı. "The Greek Cypriots have to change their mentality, and a just and permanent settlement should be established, which has not yet been achieved. Even if the Greek Cypriot side does

not want to do this, intermediate agreements can be produced in the field of natural resources, in order to create opportunities for commercial partnerships."

Asked if there was any progress towards the resumption of negotiations, Akıncı said that there

were "no such development for the moment", but that initiatives have been carried out towards resolving these international challenges which have been led by the UN.

Source: TRNC **Public Information Office**



PM Tufan Erhürman press conference

Prime Minister Tufan Erhürman has held his first official press conference on the hydrocarbons issue.

He responded to a number of questions on the current state of tensions prompted by the Greek Cypriot Administration's actions, and outlined the TRNC's intentions going forward.

Addressing the Greek Cypriot

leader Nicos Anastasiades' recent statement on natural gas exploration, Prime Minister Erhürman pointed out that the Greek Cypriot side has wholly failed to "reflect the will of the Turkish Cypriots in their current activities."

The Greek Cypriots have given two reasons for this: one related to the agreement made in the Talat-Christofias period, which stated

that the authority of gas exploration would be a federal matter after a settlement has been reached; the second relates to a statement by the Greek Cypriot Administration's Council of Ministers that a fund would be set up for all Cypriot people to benefit from any hydrocarbon wealth. Erhürman made clear that neither of these reasons can possibly justify the wholesale exclusion of the Turkish Cypriot people in the

current situation.

Erhürman emphasised that the right approach is to form a committee on this issue, as the Turkish Cypriot side has repeatedly stated in the negotiations. This joint committee should carry out drilling and exploration activities in a manner that is mutually agreed and reflects the will of both sides, as the two essential partners in this process. He also stated that the Turkish Cypriots will continue to be unable to exercise their rights under international law as long as this mutual agreement or process is absent.

Erhürman stated that Foreign Minister Kudret Özersay has been tasked with overseeing future developments in this area, and that the TRNC will continue to be actively involved in the process going forward.

Source: TRNC **Public Information Office**



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Minister Albayrak: We will not allow unilateral drilling

Speaking at the opening of the 1st Energy and Mining Forum of Turkey, Turkish Energy and Natural Resources Minister Berat Albayrak emphasized that the wealth of Cyprus belongs to Cypriots.

“Turkey has made its stance clear. So long as there is no concrete and rational solution, Turkey has to be effective. We will not allow unilateral drilling,” said Minister Albayrak.

Albayrak stated that the Greek Cypriot side is carrying out unilateral diplomacy in the region. He emphasised that Turkey has made its stance on the issue clear, namely that it would not allow unilateral drilling in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



Özersay : Cool the waters, not heat them up

Speaking on a TV program on BRTK TV, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay discussed the latest developments regarding natural gas exploration in the Eastern Mediterranean and the initiatives the Turkish Cypriot side has taken.

Özersay stated that the government's foreign policy objective was to enhance the visibility of the TRNC, as well as to defend and promote the Turkish Cypriot people's rights and interests on different platforms, adding that these efforts included "being in

contact with new international players".

Özersay said that oil and gas companies have played a key role in recent developments, and that transnational companies are key actors in modern international relations.

He added that the Turkish Cypriot side is adopting a diplomatic approach, and is using deterrence to resolve the hydrocarbons crisis.

“Everyone should know and understand that the government will use positive diplomacy as much as it can. We launched a diplomatic

initiative in order to cool the waters, not to heat them up. There is nothing to gain here from raising tensions,” said Özersay.

The Minister further stated that the Turkish Cypriot side had taken a determined stance in light of the latest developments, in order to avoid escalating tensions.

On the Cyprus issue, Özersay said, “Continuing the negotiations in the same way would mean allowing the Greek Cypriots to keep claiming to be the sole owners of the island, and further strengthening the status quo.”

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



Çeler held meetings in Jeddah

Speaking at the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Minister of Labour and Social Security Zeki Çeler spoke about the TRNC's labour market.

Within the framework of the conference, Çeler held bilateral meetings with the Labour Ministers of the Islamic countries. He stressed that cooperation in the labour market will not only offer new opportunities, but is also very important in terms of

preventing human trafficking. Çeler added that the TRNC government is ready to act together with the member countries to solve such problems.

Çeler also met with the Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, Dr. Yousef bin Ahmad Al-Othaimeen, and officials from the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Solidarity Fund.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



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The Ticking Clock in the Newsroom



By Ahmet Abdulaziz

I remember, when I was in middle school, once my father explained to me how a newspaper gets published.

In brackets I must say that I am referring to late 1960s period. So what I still remember is that he told me that when the Editor of a newspaper starts a new day, he finds the whole 32 or more pages of the newspaper, in front of him, like hungry children, asking him to fill their stomachs. This is the challenge that every newspaper editor faces every day. He does have to meet the time schedule, to fill the whole of the newspaper. Indeed this is not something easy. Rather it is a very difficult job, done under stress.

Later on as years passed by, I happened to be attached to a couple of newspapers as a freelance journalist, for over ten years, and evidenced all that my father had told me years earlier. Whenever, I visited a newspaper office at midday, I always found the staff in a relaxed mood. But as the time passed by, their speed and stress used to increase.

There were no computers in those days, and everything had to be done manually. So they all had had to run fast to meet the deadline. The deadline for the newspaper reports used to be 8pm in those days. I remember there had been a long

table in middle of the office, with a big clock on the wall, showing the time in reverse, so every reporter would know exactly how much time there was left to meet the deadline, before which he had been supposed to submit his story.

Not just only the reporters, the proof-readers, hurriedly completing their repeated revisions of the news drafts, the photographs, rushing to develop the films and to print out the photos, the press staff, running around to make molds of the photos and news, placing the alphabets in reverse and reading and correcting them again and again, etc etc. The newsroom used to exhibit a scene of a unique state of both order and disorder.

The editor of the newspaper on the other hand, used to be rushing through the headlines. Drafting, discarding and redrafting the headlines, repeatedly used to keep the editor busy in the last hour.



And then all of a sudden, the whole environment of the room used to calm down, a little later when the clock on the wall showing minus 10 or 15. The last moment adjustments used to continue for a few more minutes, and then the curtain used to be drawn.



The editor used to close his eyes and must have said to himself, "job well done, one more time".

I am narrating all this, just because due to some personal reasons I could not submit MY WINDOW in time to Chris. He did point out that to me, but I had told him not to worry. But indeed, I would well understand, what he would have been feeling inside himself, as the clock on the newspaper wall would go on ticking, second by second, increasing tension. But I was confident that I would be able to meet the deadline.

The clock on the wall just started showing time in minus, and I just received the call from Chris, asking for the article for the last time. I understand that it would be the last call for me, but I am happy that I am used to working under pressure. Rather at times, I come out with my best, when under pressure, chasing the time schedule.

Maybe this is what I am used to. In the field of journalism I run fast, because this is what I must do, but in real life I am a slow runner.



Clark Kent aka Superman



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KAR Education Team visit ESK to meet the St. Hilarion Interacts

By Kim Betts ...

On Wednesday February 14th the Education team, Maggie Smith, Carole Widdison, Carol Easton and of course Annie, Maggie's Cyprus Terrier, visited the English school of Kyrenia at Bellapais to speak to the after school club Kyrenia St. Hilarion Interacts.

It is run by Naran Gemicioğlu of the Kyrenia St. Hilarion Rotary club and senior student Tanel who had already organised a visit by the club to KAR rescue centre in 2017. Tanel had previously done some volunteer work at the centre.

Maggie started by telling them Annie's story, an example of a poor dog found on the streets who now has a very happy and loving home.

Carol explained to the students

about the Five Freedoms, which are essential for the well-being of all animals, but especially for cats and dogs. Freedom from:

Hunger and thirst, discomfort, pain, injury and disease, fear and distress and freedom to play and to enjoy companionship.

Carole asked the students why there are so many cats and dogs on the streets. The following discussion also included what could be done to reduce the number particularly the need for animals to be neutered. The students were



told about cat catching by KAR, the new centre built by Girne Belediyesi and their neutering and tagging with blue tags. The students were also amazed at the numbers of cats that could result (in theory) from two original unneutered cats – 420 000 after 7 years!

Maggie concluded the talk by introducing the 'Let them live book' and explaining briefly the philosophy behind it.

Each student was given one so that they could read it and make up their own mind what is best for the dogs.

The students were very interested and had some very useful discussions which hopefully will spur them on to do their part by ensuring that, whenever possible, all animals experience the benefit from the concept of the Five Freedoms.



Near East University win 2018 Women's Basketball Turkey Cup

By Ahmet Abdulaziz

The Near East University women's basketball team added yet another feather in their cap, by winning the 2018 Women's Basketball Turkey Cup, by defeating the Hatay BSB club, 86 - 79.

Near East University (NEU) had also won this cup in 2017. The tournament was organised at the New Ataturk Sports Centre in Mardin, Turkey, from 21st to 25th February.

After winning the Euro Cup, Turkey League championship and the 25th President Cup, the latest

win also brought to light yet another unique record of the team. So far they have won all the tournaments that they contested in the recent past.

On their way to the final, the NEU team had defeated Abdullah Gül University team 88-53 in the quarter final and Botaş Spor 79-63 in the semi final.

The Cup was handed over to the winners by Hidayet Turkoglu, the president of the Basketball Federation of Turkey. Courtney Vandersloot of NEU was declared the best player due to her outstanding performance, throughout the tournament.



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Public Cycling to celebrate Green Crescent Week

By Ahmet Abdulaziz

The TRNC Cycling Association, is organising a public bicycling event on 4th March 2018 at 9.30am at Kyrenia Gate in Nicosia (Lefkosa).

The event is being organised in cooperation with the Turkish Cycling Association, as part of the 'Green Crescent' week. People of all ages are expected to show up to make the event a big success.

A MOSSO MTB mountain bike
will be awarded to one lucky

participant, drawn from a lucky draw.

The Green Crescent is a non-profit organisation that fights smoking, alcohol, and other addictions such as drug use, and provides services and protection methods to all citizens, especially the young, affected by harmful habits.

The Green Crescent is an annual event, celebrated in the first week of March every year.



Folk Dancing Camp in Lapta



By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

Lapta hosted a three day camp, organised by the Near East College, for students interested in Folk dancing.

Twenty two young aspiring dancers from the college went through disciplined training of the popular folk dances under the supervision of Gamze Bensel and Uney Bensel. The students not only learned the dances but also found an opportunity to develop better understanding with each other, that would help in

developing a well adjusted team of dancers.

Gamze Benseel, one of the organisers of the camp, emphasised that folk dancing helps in improving self-confidence and discipline among the students, which ultimately makes them more responsible in every field.

The theatre team of the school also participated in the camp as part of their practice of drama. They are scheduled to start their performance of drama in March.

Road Safety - Take care when driving!

Readers mail

Gary Abbot Taff

Chris, some images from Gecitkoy this morning, on the twisty road section. It's a Cement Mixer, don't know where the cab is and I just hope the driver is OK!



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KAR - "Back to School" success

By Tracy Sedgwick ...

On the 26th February the Tropicana bar in Ozankoy hosted a 'Back to School' event. The event was to raise money for Kyrenia Animal Rescue and was organised by Jackie Kester a volunteer at KAR's Rescue Centre.

Tropicana High School received a mini make-over and 'school rules' were displayed along with a huge geography map and white board. Students attending school (the seniors) made a fantastic effort with their school uniforms and generally got into the spirit of the evening. It was also Harvest Festival and each student brought a Harvest Festival food donation for the centre dogs and cats.

The 'Head Mistress' Ms Ballbraker (Tracy Sedgwick) also a volunteer for K.A.R. started the evening by ringing the bell for Assembly. Everyone sang the all time classic All Things Bright and Beautiful and were awarded 'House Points' for their music grades.

It was then Exam time, and all teams (house names were given to the teams) sat their exams (again)! The exam was based on real GCSE questions and each House was graded and given house points according to their grade, sad to say there were only 2 houses that received an 'A'. Ms Ballbraker was not pleased!!!

After playtime there was a 'parenting class' and students made bids to take care of baby Matilda. The winning bid was made by Ergin Mehmet (Tropicana owner and head boy) but the baby went to Phil Wain who had to sit nursing Matilda for the rest of the evening. Phil did a great job and was very

reluctant to give Matilda back at the end of the evening! Phil received 10 house points for his effort.

Then Ms Ballbraker asked the house teams a question "What was man's best invention?". The house team had 5 minutes to answer. Each team was asked in turn to give their answer and all the other teams voted for the best answer by applauding. Their applause was measured by a 'clapometer' and points were awarded to teams according to their 'clapometer' reading.

During the course of the evening one very rude student received the cane and thoroughly enjoyed it!

At the end of the evening prizes were given by a 'real teacher' from GAU for :

Most improved pupil- Carol Lloyd (Old Bailey House)

Best singer - David (Holloway House)

Parenting - Phil Wain (Approved House)

Smartest Uniform - Margaret (Remand House)

Most House points - Approved House

and there was a special prize for Chef Erol for his brilliant Cottage Pie and sponge and custard.

At the end of the evening the total amount raised was **1,432.85TL**.

Thanks were given to Jackie Kester, the Tropicana Team and Ms Ballbraker for a fabulous evening.



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Cypriot Turkish State Theatre – 2018 Season at AKM Nicosia

By Heidi Trautmann ...

Istibdat Kumpanyasi - A play by the young writer Ugur Saatci at the AKM Nicosia.

A friend and I recently spent an enjoyable evening at one of the regular Friday performances the State Theatre brings at the Atatürk Cultural Centre in Nicosia (AKM). For this season they have decided on a play by a young Turkish playwright, a play I have seen before on the occasion of the 9th North Cyprus Theatre Festivals.

I went to see the Trabzon Theatre with a satirical comedy Istibdat Kumpanyasi by Uğur Saatçi, a young playwright who had won a first prize in a writing competition. The writers guild in Turkey, I read,

is complaining that there are not enough good young writers; the young generation is more interested in other things than writing. I heard the same complaints repeated in Cyprus.

It is about censorship executed by a government, here by Sultan Mehmed II. Abdul Hamid (1842-1918), when in 1876 media and theatre had to conform with the dictation of the sultan and fear and frustration reigned in the country. Theatre was to show the well-doings of the governing Sultan, but there was one company, the Istibdat Kumpanyasi (The Absolutism Company), which ridiculed the play they were supposed to bring, a French play with the long-nosed Cyrano de Bergerac.

Funnily enough, I find, not much has changed in some political leaders' minds. Freedom of speech, a right we should defend. The Cypriot Turkish State Theatre, having lost their theatre building through fire years ago, shows their plays on the stage of the Atatürk Cultural Centre, since a proper theatre, a public venue for art and culture, cannot be found and established. Several attempts have been made but in vain. When will people learn that art and culture are the basic columns society rests on.

Please read the names of the cast on the programme shown below.

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Rotary International - Tree Planting for the environment

By Chris Elliott...

Last week I reported on the meeting of Rotary Clubs of North Cyprus and South Cyprus together with Rotary International President Ian Riseley at the Buyuk Han before they all walked to the Ledra Palace crossing and then into the buffer zone where they planted the first tree as part of President Ian's "Tree Planting Challenge."

Continuing with this initiative, the individual clubs across the island of Cyprus continued with the planting of trees on Sunday 25th February and this is what Rotarian Deren Firat had to say about the tree planting in the Alsancak Municipality National Park.

"I would like to thank our Club President Gul for giving me the opportunity to speak and give you the background story about this environmental project. Most importantly today's event is a Cyprus-wide simultaneous project with the participation of all 20 Rotary Clubs that are active in Cyprus.

This is also a very important project for our Club. It all started after a huge Forest fire in the Camlibel area 2 years ago. We started this project as a small re-planting awareness project. We sold raffle tickets for just 5TL each during our bi-weekly meetings to our members and guests and explained our aim of attracting more people and of raising awareness.

We were planning to use this money for the re-plantation of the Camlibel area. We visited the Department of Forests and shared our project with the head of the department. During our visits we found out that all the destroyed areas had already been re-planted in January 2017.

After this good news, we continued raising money during our weekly meetings. In October 2017, DDG Elena, AG Caterina and AG Tastan joined one of our weekly meetings and DDG Elena shared some amazing news with us. She introduced a Cyprus-wide plantation project and asked if we are willing to join this project.

That day, we decided to divert our club project into this Cyprus-wide project. It is also Rotary International President Ian Riseley's wish that each Rotarian should plant a tree and all 20 Cyprus Rotary Clubs have accepted President Ian's Tree Planting Challenge.

Our President Gul made visits to Alsancak Municipality and shared our project with the Mayor, Firat Ataser. It turned out there was already a Recreation Centre

project which includes cycling and walking paths, a cafeteria, a playground for children and many other activity areas in the Alsancak Municipality National Park. Even though this area is a forest area, some of the trees were affected by disease and also there had been an excavation by the Committee of Missing Persons so that some of the trees were cut down for this purpose.

I would like to thank Mayor, Firat Ataser on behalf of our Club for allocating this incredible six acre area and trusting us totally with our project.

I should also like to thank the Nature Gardens and their landscaping architect Turgay Duman for the landscaping of this area and their generous discount on the total amount of the purchase of the trees and plants (400 in total).

Finally, I would like to thank all our club members for being a committed and huge part of this project and as Rotary International President Ian Riseley says: "Plant a tree; make a difference."

Before finishing, I would like to announce that we will continue our ongoing project with the plantation of the area behind Alsancak Primary School. This area has also been provided to us by the Alsancak Municipality.

Thank you for your attention.

Rtn Deren Firat
Planting Project Manager
RC Kyrenia Cosmopolitan
Executive Secretary 2017-2018"



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Love for Ataturk ends in tragedy

Part 3 of Ataturk's romantic life. By Ismail Veli

Like Mustafa Kemal, Fikriye was born in Salonika in 1887, but was 6 years younger. Her uncle Galip Bey was Mustafa's stepfather. Mustafa and Fikriye's relationship eventually took on an intimate nature, but only after she was married off to an Egyptian bey.

Unable to accept the virtual harem like marriage she broke it up and went on to live with Mustafa's mother Zubeyde Hanim, who was very disapproving of the intimacy of Fikriye and Mustafa. Mustafa was not one to follow the protocols or set in stone cultural attitudes of the Ottoman traditions which to him was outdated and stuck in medieval dogmatism.

After her divorce from her Egyptian husband which was arranged for her, and the end of WW1, Mustafa and Fikriye began to enjoy each other's company. Having now settled in Istanbul she visited him often. Far from the eyes of their relatives she began to make it clear that her affections for Mustafa were more than just friendship. She began to worship his growing hero status and she made it clear to Mustafa that she



was falling in love. Without the watchful eye of Mustafa's mother Zubeyde hanim and his sister Makbule, she threw caution to the wind. Mustafa reciprocated and their turbulent relationship began to grow. Though Mustafa Kemal had a great deal of affection for Fikriye he was unable to return the obsessive love Fikriye had for him. He enjoyed her company, friendship and relationship immensely. She was a talented woman who could speak Turkish, Greek, and French. and played the



Fikriye and Mustafa exchanging poems

piano and oud.

In the aftermath of the war of Independence, Mustafa was suffering from fatigue. Having now moved to Chankaya in Ankara his workload was immense. Fikriye decided to move from Istanbul and the female company she offered was a welcome respite from the turmoil of military and political life all around him. She was careful not to interfere in his political circle however, she was a modern woman in many ways, she enjoyed riding, shooting, but deep inside the realization that Mustafa was not forthcoming with any proposal of marriage began to disturb her deeply. She simply went along with the flow. However, her concern began to take its toll. In the

immediate aftermath of the recapture of Izmir from the Greeks, Mustafa declared to his victorious generals that though victorious in battle their work of modernising Turkey would be the hardest part of their job. This in effect distracted him from Fikriye's constant attention which though pleasing became intolerable to him, and when she began to show extreme signs of a mental breakdown, he was advised to seek medical help for her and he sent her to Munich for treatment in the hope that she would recover from her depression,

meantime Ataturk met and married Latife.

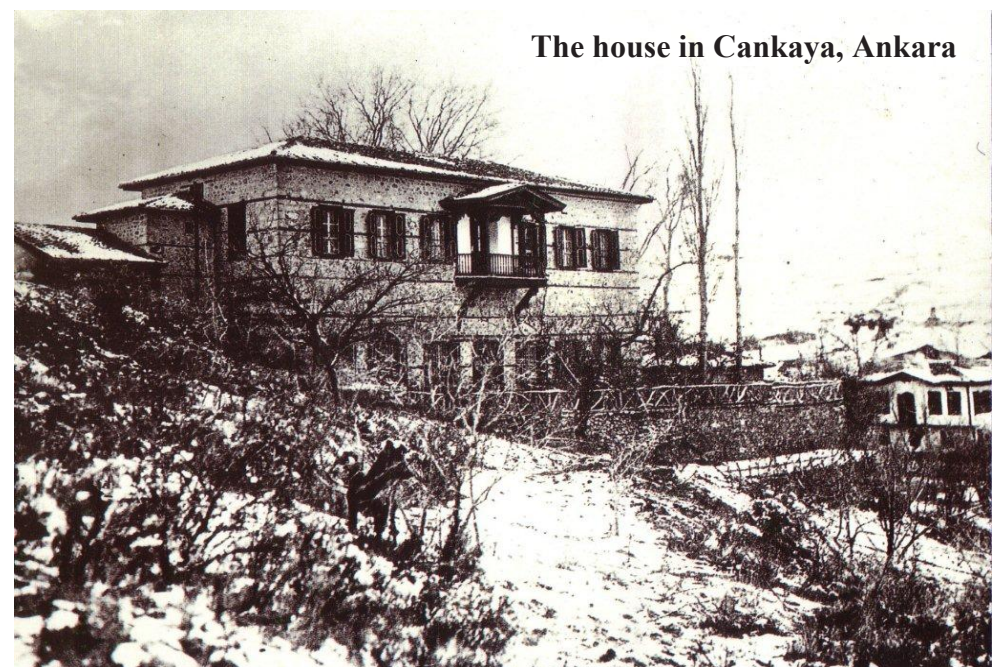
On learning that Mustafa Kemal was marrying, Fikriye became extremely distraught. Bemoaning her fate and uncontrollable jealousy that she had lost Ataturk to another woman she decided to travel back to Istanbul. From there she wrote to him on numerous occasions that she wanted to see him.

Having no luck after 14 months she finally decided to make her way to Ankara. Ataturk had hoped that he could reconcile her to the new reality by meeting Latife.

Fikriye had no thoughts of waiting any longer however.

The following account by Lord Patrick Kinross on pages 391 in his book "Ataturk, The Rebirth Of a Nation", published in 1964 captures her desperate last attempt to push her luck with Ataturk. (the date was 31 May 1924)

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The house in Cankaya, Ankara

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"She came to Ankara and appeared at Chankaya one day without warning, here she was told that the Gazi was still asleep. She said she would wait, and retired to the lavatory.

She stayed there so long that the two aides who had received her grew worried. For they had noticed her distraught appearance. One of them tried the door and receiving no response, broke it open. He saw Fikriye putting a revolver into her bag. He pretended not to notice, but for Kemal's safety explained to her that the Gazi could not see her just now, and asked her to leave. He escorted her to the gates, where she got into her carriage. She drove to a neighbouring house, where a cousin was staying. But he was not at home. She then took the revolver from her bag and shot herself dead, there in the carriage. In her desperation she had perhaps come to shoot Kemal, Latife or both of them, or to shoot herself before him, as a reproach for his treatment of her. More probably she had no clear idea of what she meant to do".

Andrew Mango in his book "Ataturk" published in 1999 gives a different version to Fikriye's last moments.

"She took the carriage to Cankaya (Chankaya in English) and asked to see the president and his wife. Told that this was impossible, she returned to the carriage. On her way back, she took out a handgun from her bag and shot herself. Informed Mustafa Kemal ordered his personal doctor Refik (Saydam) to do his best to save the young woman. The surgeon of the Ankara hospital was told that Fikriye should not be allowed any

visitors, and that if the treatment was successful, arrangements would be made for her recovery, in Switzerland if necessary. But the treatment was not successful. Within a week of admission, Fikriye developed pneumonia. Two days later she was dead".(58)

Another twist to this tragedy is given in footnote (58) on page 606 by Andrew Mango. It's worth sharing as the story would not be complete without it.

"Ibid.,102-3. In his memoirs attacking Ataturk, Riza Nurretails rumours that Fikriye did not commit suicide, but was shot (III,281-2). According to Fikriye's nephew, Abbas Hayri Ozdincer, this was also the conviction of his father (Fikriye's elder brother), Ali Enver, who believed that Fikriye did not

suffer from tuberculosis, but had been sent to Europe simply to remove her from Ataturk's household (interview in Istanbul magazine Aktuel, No.352, 16-22 April 1998. Such rumours were encouraged by the attempts of the police to hush up the incident and remove all personal papers. But the conspiracy theory makes no sense. No one would have dared shoot Fikriye without Mustafa Kemal's authorization. To have given it would have been out of character, but also senseless: Fikriye did not pose a threat to Mustafa Kemal. Similarly, no credence should be attached to stories according to which Fikriye stayed for some time in Ataturk's villa in Cankaya after her return from Europe, until she was forced to leave by Latife. The telegrams exchanged between Adnan (Adivar) and Mustafa Kemal in March 1923 make it clear that Mustafa Kemal had no intention of seeing her again".



Kemal became extremely troubled by Fikriye's suicide. Perhaps Fikriye's constant doting was too much for a man who devoted more of his life to the pursuit of freeing his country from foreign invasions and modernising his country in the hope that Turkey could stand proudly alongside the main powers in the world not as adversaries but as equals. Sadly his immense energy and genius in the reforms that he had in mind left little time for family life. His marriage to Latife sadly contributed to Fikriye's desire to end her life.

The Gazi's one and only marriage however was also doomed to failure. That however is a story for another day.



LA VILLA di Ankara che Atatürk abitava assieme alla moglie e dove riceveva gli amici. Qui sopra: la poltrona preferita di Mustafa Kemal; in basso: la sua scrivania, a fianco della libreria che conserva ancora i suoi libri. Kemal tenne sempre nettamente separata la sua vita privata da quella pubblica.



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Passing On - Village Funerals

Personal notes on Funerals by a foreign wife

By Lois Cemal....

About a month after arriving in Cyprus while I was out visiting a friend, I was drawn to look over the garden wall by a commotion on the road and was surprised to see my husband with our son, just 4 years old, walking with a crowd of people down the street. Four men were carrying a blanket-draped box on their shoulders, while other men stepped forward regularly to relieve each of the bearers in turn. Behind followed women, with one elderly lady in particular visibly distressed and crying, being supported on either side as she walked. It was the funeral of her mother. "I thought I'd take our boy along" my husband answered my querying look. "He can learn about this, too."

In Cyprus, at least in our village, dying is a community affair. The villagers rally around the bereaving family members, helping them perform the rituals demanded by the Islamic faith. Whether assisting in digging the grave or just bringing some flowers and waiting at the house for the funeral to begin, each person contributes to the physical and emotional tasks of the burial and the grieving process, helping the family to cope.

The most dramatic aspect for me of the burial procedure is the speed at which everything happens. When death is of natural causes, such as old age or long illness, the funeral takes place as soon as possible, often on the same day. If death occurs during the night or early in the morning, the body can be in the ground just after the noon prayers. Sometimes burial can be delayed for a day or so to wait for a relative

coming from far away, in which case they would be moved to the city morgue.

Nine years after we came, we were grateful for the community spirit and effort when my father-in-law passed away while eating breakfast. He was 90 something and had just finished some watermelon and asked for a drink of water. My mother-in-law turned to put the beaker back on the table when his arm slid off the bed and he was gone. That was at 6 o'clock on a warm August morning. He was in the ground by 11 am. The unbearable heat that starts as soon as the sun is bright had something to do with it, as none of us had the energy or stamina to hang around for another hour or two.



Moslem funerals differ in other ways too. There are no funeral homes and the ritual washing of the body is done by certain men (or women) who are paid for their services. If one dies in hospital, they are prepared and brought to the graveyard in a public hearse. Every person, rich or poor, young or old, is laid to rest in 7 metres of unbleached cotton calico. There are no individual coffins, just a communal tabut, an open pine box. Many years ago in our village, the story goes, the tabut went missing from the mosque storeroom so an

old door had to be used instead. The coffin was finally found in the yard of the muezzin (who calls the prayers) who was using it for a food trough to feed his sheep.

Enterprising man, but I wonder how he thought he could get away with it.

The cemetery is about half a mile from the mosque and our village is well known for the attendance in the funeral procession. Even walking for a short distance behind the deceased is considered respectful.

On reaching the place of burial, the casket is placed on a stone table near the gate and the men line up facing Mecca to be led in prayer by the cleric. The tabut is then taken to the prepared gravesite and the swaddled body is removed from the box and laid, on its side facing Mecca, directly in the earthen grave.

Traditionally, wooden supports and branches would have been placed over the body before the earth was filled in, but many boughs would take root, filling the grave and

cemetery with unwanted trees.

Nowadays, the council provides slabs of concrete to cover the shrouded body. When there are coffins for burial, as when someone dies overseas and has requested to be interned in the village graveyard, the hole has to be dug bigger to accommodate the box.

Filling in the dirt and piling up the mound is done communally by all the men present, each throwing on a few shovels of dirt then laying the shovel on the ground before another man picks it up. Fragrant myrtle branches are stuck in the mound between a rounded headstone and a pointed marker at the feet. Water that has had prayers said over it by the hoca is poured on the mound, incense lit and cut flowers placed. I have seen other decorations including things like the deceased's walking stick, or, more tongue in cheek, empty bottles of his favourite alcohol placed there by his drinking buddies.

Cypriots can be quite superstitious about death. If one dies on a Friday



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continued Funerals in Cyprus

or in the holy months between the 2 Moslem festivals it's "good", meaning you will go straight to heaven. Babies and pregnant women shouldn't even see a funeral passing by. Some people put a knife or open pair of scissors on the body after it is washed and laid out, symbolic of cutting ties with the earthly existence. When one passes away with one or both eyes open it means they went without seeing someone who was dear to them.

The strangest superstition I've heard of though, told to a friend of mine by her Cypriot mother-in-law, was that women have to wear at least 7 layers of clothing to cover their private parts when they go into a cemetery, so they won't be "seen". By whom, I wonder.

At one funeral I remember the recently completed grave gave a sudden "whoosh" as a section of it collapsed (due to the scrimping of cement in the thin concrete slab covering the body) sending a puff of air out like a breath. The reaction was a collective jump and squeal of about 10 women who were beside it at the time, followed by wild-eyed mutterings of "Bismillah", the Moslem equivalent of crossing oneself. I suppose it is of happenings like that, and other explainable occurrences, that fuel spooky stories to be told by people who've "heard" or "seen" things within the cemetery. Graveyards are avoided when possible and none want the stigma of "being the last house before the mezarlik." There's an aliç tree in our village graveyard that gives a much sought after crabapple type of fruit in summer and you can be sure it doesn't get picked. The same goes for winter mushrooms found within the



Ismail and Lois Cemal

fence. These are considered contaminated.

Turkish Cypriots don't wear black at funerals as a sign of bereavement. Muslim widows do tone down their dress to exclude bright colours and patterns but usually don't go for the head-to-toe black such as is common among Greeks or Italians. Women generally follow behind the men who have the job of shouldering the coffin in a funeral procession and women don't participate in the cleric led prayers at the gate of the cemetery. Neither do they lift a shovel but I have seen women throw a symbolic handful of dirt on the mound. Widows in particular play a vital role in helping the

recently bereaved family members cope with the sudden loss and pain of permanent separation by their physical caring, holding of hands, stroking of faces, and words of support. When a woman screams or rants they admonish her firmly yet caringly by saying things like "Don't make yourself sick. It won't bring them back."

The part that I find most poignant that always brings a lump to my throat involves all those present before the beginning of a funeral when all gather around the draped coffin placed in the yard of the house on two chairs. The hoca, in his long robe and turban, asks all present how they have known the deceased to be. We all respond

with "He was good." and the question is asked a second and a third time.

Then the cleric asks all present to discharge the deceased from any unfulfilled obligation by saying "Helal olsun." This seems to be a good time to reflect on one's own mortality and the pointlessness of petty anger and feuding between neighbours.

It is a time when I remember my own departed mother who died when I was in Cyprus in 1999, and I know the tears I shed are for her and her memory and my own pain at our separation. We will all pass on in our turn and it is comforting in some ways to know that each of us will be mourned by all our friends and co-villagers in such a touching and meaningful manner.

None of us know where we will end up, but I hope I'm buried near that crab apple tree. Then maybe I can look up at those sweet yellowing fruits and perhaps even get a taste of those that fall to the ground. Anything is possible!



Lois Cemal, a Canadian, has been married to her Turkish Cypriot husband for 40 years and they have 3 children.

For 32 years she raised her family in a village in north Cyprus, keeping chickens and goats, making cheese and baking bread and learning much about Cypriot traditions and culture.

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EFRAR Sponsorship forms now available

By Sue Steel – EFRAR 2018 Committee

We are delighted to let you all know that the Sponsorship forms for this year's Esentepe Fun, Run and Ramble 2018 are now available.

The event takes place on Sunday, 15th April at Sea Magic Park, near Esentepe.

If you would like to raise money for Tulips then please contact Keith Rickman, by email at

keithrickman99@gmail.com, to get your form.

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Classical Concert at Bellapais



By Margaret Sheard

There will be a classical music concert at Bellapais Abbey on Saturday 17th March with students of Rauf Kazimov.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are 20TL, available from Deniz Plaza, Kybele Restaurant, Bestseller Bookshop and at the entrance on the night.

The performance will be held under the auspices of the First Lady, Meral Akinci and is organized by the Cyprus Piano Culture and Art Association, with

support from the TRNC Directorate of Cultural Affairs.

Rauf Kasimov has accompanied the Kyrenia Chamber Choir for a number of years. He is an outstanding classical pianist whose pupils have won competitions all over the world.

All of the ticket sales will go to EFRAR 2018, supporting Tulips.

This should be a concert worth attending to enjoy hearing the talent of young Turkish Cypriot musicians.

Tulips say thank you in memory of Ruth Smith

Readers mail.....

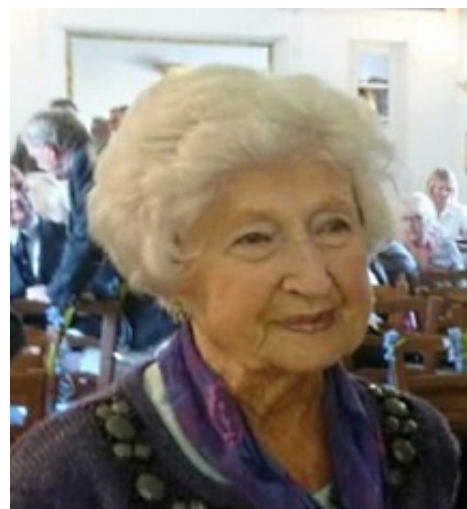
The funeral of Ruth Smith took place on Tuesday 20th February 2018.

We would like to say thank you to Ruth's family who had requested donations to Tulips/Help Those With Cancer Association in lieu of flowers.

Ruth was a wonderful lady and was a great supporter and friend of Tulips, as are her family, and we want to thank everyone who donated for their wonderful generosity.

The total amount donated in Ruth Smith's memory was **4,170TL**.

Many thanks
 Carole and Sue



Ruth Smith

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Oztan Ozatay 10th Photo Competition

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In the Spotlight!

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Mehmet Gökyiğit (Renkli Dalda Öztan Özatay Başarı Ödülü)

By Richard Chamberlain...

Every year there is an International Photo Competition held in Memory of Oztan Ozatay by his daughter, Buket Ozatay and son Ozhan Ozatay. This year was the 10th Anniversary Competition.

In the Spotlight!



Mo Khan’s birthday at his new venture restaurant – Balti House (formerly Fine Dining) in Esentepe



Rotary Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan plant trees in Alsancak

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Happy Birthday Mo at the new Balti House, Esentepe

By Margaret Sheard

We were invited to attend the celebration of Mo Khan's birthday on Saturday 24th February at his new venture restaurant – Balti House (formerly Fine Dining) in Esentepe.

There were many people there when we arrived enjoying the 2-course meal that Mo had laid on for his guests. We ordered our starters of poppadoms and onion bhaji's followed by a chicken curry and vegetable curry – delicious.

There was a disco/karaoke for later in the evening and I found that this was with 3 members of The Abnormals who do so much voluntary work for Tulips – Susie Ford, Martin Ford and Martin Foster. Martin Ford had a few words with Mo to wish him a happy birthday and everyone joined in with their good wishes to the strains of "Happy Birthday to you" and later in the evening the tempo picked up with some of the old favourites.

Then a birthday cake arrived, we were just about to disappear but were persuaded to wait and have a piece of cake, which was very nice and rounded off the evening perfectly.



Many thanks to Mo and his staff who rushed around all evening to make sure everyone was happy.

I asked Mo to give me a bit of information about himself and this is what he told me :

I was born in Pakistan in 21.02.1983. I came to Cyprus for Higher Education and after I finished my university studies I started work at the Ambiance Restaurant in Kyrenia, where I stayed for two years, then moved to Esentepe and started work as Receptionist at the Korineum Golf and Beach Resort for the next 4 years.

Now I am opening my own restaurant, which will be called Balti House, in Esentepe (this was formerly a restaurant called Fine Dining).

We wish Mo every success with his new venture and are sure he will be very successful.



CyprusScene : Trivia and Sudoku

Fictional Characters

- 1) What were the Christian names of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde?
- 2) Who is the narrator of “Moby Dick”?

Comediennes

- 1) Who was Jennifer Aniston’s godfather?
- 2) Who played Mindy in “Mork and Mindy”?

Musicals

- 1) Who wrote the lyrics to the songs in “West Side Story”?
- 2) Where was the setting for “On the Town”?

The Night Sky

- 1) Who made the discovery that the sun spins?
- 2) In which constellation are the stars Castor and Pollux?

Islands

- 1) Between which two islands does the Denmark Strait flow?
- 2) Which island is larger, Trinidad or Tobago?

Psycheldelia

- 1) Who was Pink Floyd’s “Crazy Diamond”?
- 2) In which year was the Summer of Love?

The 1930’s

- 1) What came to an end in the United States in December 1933?
- 2) Which great ocean liner was launched in 1934?

Inventions and Discoveries

- 1) What nationality was inventor of the Rubik’s Cube, Erno Rubik?
- 2) In which decade was the Breathalyzer invented?

Tennis

- 1) What was unusual about the 1986 Australian Open?
- 2) Which Dutch player beat Pete Sampras at Wimbledon in 1996?

Rugby

- 1) Which Harlequins hooker was nicknamed “Pitbull”?
- 2) In 1980 who led England to their first Grand Slam in 23 years?

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The normal rules of Sudoku apply, in addition, the digits within the two main diagonals also contain the numbers 1 - 9



Answers on page 25
No cheating !

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North Cyprus Events Calendar 2nd March to 16th 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.

2nd March – Friday - The Olive Press Bowls Club, Lapta - quiz night in aid of KTW (Karsiyaka Turtle Watch) starting at 5pm. Quiz - 5tl per person also a Brainbuster Question that rolls over until someone gets the correct answer, an optional buy at 5tl. To book your team call 0533 880 1196.

3rd March – Saturday - Erdener Supermarket, Ozankoy will be holding a Fun Fair 12 noon to 4pm. Face painting, clowns, music, children's refreshments, including cotton candy and all the goodies they like.

3rd/4th March – Saturday/Sunday - 8th Hisarkoy Orchid Festival, organised by Lapta Belediyesi

3rd March – Saturday – Football :

Esentepe v Göçmenköy (L1) at Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium. Kick off 3pm.

L. Gençler Birliği v Gençlik Gücü (SL) at Iskele Cumhuriyet Stadı. Kick off 3pm.

Lapta v Çanakkale (L1) at Lapta Şht Şevket Kadir Stadı. Kick off 3pm

4th March – Sunday – Football:

Merit Alsancak Yeşilova v Yenicami (SL) at Alsancak Mustafa Hidayet Çağlar Stadı. Kick off 3pm.

Girne Halk Evi v Akova Vurdu (L1) at Girne 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır Stadı. Kick off 3pm
GAU Çetinkaya v Cihangir (SL) at Lefkoşa Atatürk Stadium. Kick off 3pm.

Ozanköy v Yeni Boğaziçi (SL) at Ozanköy Mustafa Özkayım Stadı. Kick off 3pm.

Tatlisu Seracillar v Gaziköy (BTM R) at Rauf Raif Denктаş Stadı, Tatlisu. Kick off 11.30am.

4th March – Sunday - TRNC Cycling Association will be holding a public cycling day for Green Crescent Week. Starting at 9.30am at Kyrenia Gate, Nicosia.

5th March – Monday – Football :

Doğan Türk Birliği v Binatlı (SL) at Girne 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır Stadı. Kick off 6.15pm (floodlight)

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

7th March – Wednesday - Blakes Lounge Bar and Bistro, Alsancak will be hosting a Royal British Legion, Kyrenia Branch, 1940s themed dinner. 7pm to 11pm. 3-course meal of wartime themed fayre. 50TL. Places are limited. Quiz and raffle. To book call 0548 839 4007.

9th March – Friday - Blakes Lounge Bar and Bistro, Alsancak will be presenting live music with Billy J Redif from 8pm. To book a table call 0548 839 4007

11th March – Sunday - 15th Orchid Walk - 9km route from Kozanköy to Karşıyaka. Tickets for the Orchid Walk are 35TL from all Deniz Plaza branches and Telsim branches in Lefkoşa – at Ortaköy, Girne Gate and Dereboyu, Girne, Gazimağusa Sakarya, Güzelyurt and İskele. There is a post-walk raffle and entrants should send their ticket number to 0548 855 1515.

16th March – Friday - RBL Quiz Night at the Olive Press, Lapta at 7.30pm. Compered by Brian Thomas. 5TL entry and 10TL for a game of Stupid Bingo. To book your team call 0533 880 1196

16th March – Friday - KAR will be having a quiz night at The Blue Song Restaurant, Lapta at 7.30pm. 25TL per person including food. Orders taken when registering teams. Call 0533 847 2819.

16th March – Friday - Blakes Lounge Bar and Bistro, Alsancak will be celebrating Delia's birthday. 7.30pm onwards, free buffet and music with DJ Dave Mancini.



17th March – Saturday - Classical music concert at Bellapais Abbey at 7.30pm featuring students of Rauf Kazimov. 20TL. The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are 20TL, available from Deniz Plaza, Kybele Restaurant, Bestseller Bookshop and at the entrance on the night. Proceeds from ticket



Orchid Walk 2014



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Here are the answers to Sudoku on page 23

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GRID No. 30

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3	9	2	7	5	6	1	4	8
2	1	9	8	6	3	4	5	7
7	6	8	5	4	2	3	1	9
5	4	3	9	1	7	8	6	2



Here are the answers to the Trivia Quiz on page 23

Fictional Characters

- 1) Henry (Jekyll) and Edward (Hyde)
- 2) Ishmael

Comediennes

- 1) Telly Savalas
- 2) Pam Dawber

Musicals

- 1) Stephen Sondheim
- 2) New York

The Night Sky

- 1) Galileo
- 2) Gemini

Islands

- 1) Greenland and Iceland
- 2) Trinidad

Psychedelia

- 1) Syd Barrett
- 2) 1967

The 1930's

- 1) Prohibition
- 2) The Queen Mary

Inventions and Discoveries

- 1) Hungarian
- 2) 1930's

Tennis

- 1) There wasn't one. The 1985 championship was the last one to be held in December, switching to January in 1987.
- 2) Richard Krajicek

Rugby

- 1) Brian Moore
- 2) Bill Beaumont



How did you do?



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Minister of Education visits Girne Mayor

The National Education and Culture Minister, Cemal Özyiğit, visited the Mayor of Girne, Nidai Gungördü, and discussed the schools which come within the scope of the Girne Municipality.

Cemal Özyiğit, the Chairman of the Social Democratic Party (TDP) and the Minister of National Education and Culture visited the Municipality of Girne with a delegation accompanying him and exchanged views with the Girne Mayor about the current construction of a school building in Karakum as a primary school and a school which is not used in

Bellapais to be converted into a kindergarten.

Güngördü: We have spent 2,175,000TL on schools

Girne Mayor Nidai Gungördü spoke during the visit, pointing out that 15% of the real estate tax collected from Girne should be used for regional schools but that this money has not been spent for schools for many years. Nidai Gungördü pointed out that they had spent about 2,175,000TL on public schools in 36 months and that they will continue to contribute to the public schools within the scope of the possibilities.



Girne Municipality - better quality street cleaning



Road and sidewalk cleaning vehicles were purchased to provide better quality service to the citizens of the city

The Bel-Paz investment company affiliated to the Municipality of Girne has purchased 9 new vehicles and equipment used for cleaning roads and pavements, followed by vehicles that paint road signs and kerbstones.

There are three city vehicles, which allow collection of leaves,

cigarette butts etc, and 4 machines that allow sweeping of pavements. Approximately 214,000TL was spent on vehicles and equipment.

Güngördü: Cleaning work will be more effective

Girne Mayor Nidai Gungördü recalled that 2 garbage trucks, 3 dump trucks, 2 van lift and road sweeping vehicles and 2 hand sweep vehicles were put into service in 2016 to enable the Municipality to carry out cleaning jobs more efficiently.



Nidai Gungördü stated that they have bought 9 new vehicles and equipment to improve the quality of service in cleaning.

Güngördü noted that they do not release carbon monoxide gas to the environment during their work and that they are environmentally friendly since the vehicles and equipment work with electricity.

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Photo Competition held in Memory of Oztan Ozatay

By Richard Chamberlain

Every year there is an International Photo Competition held in Memory of Oztan Ozatay by his daughter, Buket Ozatay and son Ozhan Ozatay.

This year was the 10th Anniversary Competition. There were 3 categories: coloured photos, black and white photos and photos depicting Nature.

There were Nikon and Canon cameras and TL cash prizes donated by several large hotels and businesses.

The judges were: Cihan Karaca, Prof. Dr. Kazim Capaci and Veli Kaymaklı from the TRNC and Turkey.

Here is a small selection of the winners and runners up pictures:



Mehmet Aslan (Renkli Dalda Öztan Özatay Özel Ödülü)



Mehmet Gökyiğit (Renkli Dalda Öztan Özatay Başarı Ödülü)



Tufan Bilir (Renkli Dalda Öztan Özatay Özel Ödülü)



Başar Taşlı (Doğa Dalında Arkin Group Özel Ödülü)



Ertac Cüneyt (Doğa Dalında Öztan Özatay Özel Ödülü)



Kenan Hürdeniz (Renkli Dalda Mc. Vitie's Özel Ödülü)

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Can you help Prince to find a forever home?

Readers Mail....
Carole Lloyd....

A beautiful dog was rescued from the harbour area last August and I am desperately trying to help to find a forever home for him.

If I were younger and more agile I would certainly take him on but with my one own remaining dog now approaching 14 years, I feel it would not be sensible to introduce a young energetic dog to her, plus I would not be able to give Prince the exercise and attention he needs.

Prince has something he would like to say himself :

Hi everyone!!

Remember me, I'm Prince from Girne. Apparently I was dumped by my "owner" at the harbour about 6 months ago. I spent about 2 months relying on kind people around the George bar to feed me. There I played with the other street dogs quite happily until I had an accident. My hip had a slight fracture and I was taken to the lovely vet Niyazi at Petline. He fixed my leg whilst I stayed in his hotel and was looked after by Joanna.

The day I was due to leave there, I had a test for something called Leishmaniasis and sadly "I'd got it". I was told it is 'low level' but because I need a special tablet every day I couldn't go back on the street. I heard people talking about putting me to sleep. Anyway some kind people said no way! I have been funded in the hotel since October and have had my tablets.

Recently I thought I may be going to be adopted, but sadly this fell

through and looks like because of my problem I may be here for a long time. Please can someone find it in their heart to love me as much as I would love you in return. I love cuddles and kisses and people and other dogs. xx

Prince would be a lovely companion and pet for someone, he enjoys cuddles (oh! and

month to keep Prince "behind bars" which is necessary to ensure he receives his tablet every day, but this is no life for such a lovely dog.

If you can help please contact me on 0533 860 0357.

It would make my day if I could see Prince go to a nice home.



puddles!) he is very sociable, likes people and other dogs. He is such a handsome fellow and if someone would like to give him a forever home he will lavish love in return.

All that is necessary is for his medication to be continued to monitor his small problem. Prince is due to be neutered shortly and checks have been made with the UK authorities and it seems that so long as he passes all other requirements of the Pet Passport Scheme, his low level Leishmaniasis diagnosis would not be a problem for him even to go to the UK.

At the moment it is costing £100 per



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 30 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 scored 2 of Scotland's tries last Saturday when they beat England 25-13 in the Calcutta Cup ?.

Question **2.** Which Formula 1 team has produced the most World Racing Champions?

Question **3.** Which Squash Great reportedly went 555 games unbeaten, before losing to Ross Norman in 1986 ?.

Question **4** In Cricket what is the term for a player who is out to the first delivery he receives ?

Question **5.** Which Football Club did Sir Alex Fergusson manage before coming to Manchester United ?.



Cyprus Scene Sports Quiz

This weeks STINKER:

The answer will be in next weeks Enewspaper

Question: Which 2 grounds in England have hosted an England Football International, an FA Cup Final and a Cricket Test Match ?

Last weeks STINKER:

The question was Striker Harry Kane made his League Debut in Season 2010-11 for whom and where ?

Answer: Leyton Orient at Spotland, Rochdale. Kane was on loan from Tottenham Hotspur..

Fixtures for this Weekend March 3/4/5

By Richard Beale...

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

Pick of the "selected" fixtures are in the Supa League, 2nd place Doğan Türk Birliği play 4th place Binatlı in Lefkoşa on Sunday. In Ozanköy also on Sunday the bottom 2 teams clash which either side cannot afford to lose.

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



ALSANCAK	Sun Mar 4 SL	MERİT ALSANCAK YEŞİLOVA v YENİCAMİ - ko 3-00pm Alsancak Mustafa Hidayet Çağlar Stadı Dr Ali Özsöy Stadı - No information at hand Nihat Bağcier Stadı (Behind Tempo)- No information at hand Dipkarpaz Stadı - No Match
BEYLERBEYİ CATALKÖY DİPKARPAZ ESENTEPE	Sat Mar 3 L1	ESENTEPE v GÖÇMENKÖY - ko 3-00pm Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium Çanakkale Muharem Doveç Stadı - No Match Gazımağusa Canbulat Stadı - No Match Gazımağusa Dr Fazıl Küçük Stadium - No Match Maraş Stadı- No Match
FAMAGUSTA		
GİRNE	Sun Mar 4 Mon Mar 5	GİRNE HALK EVİ v AKOVA VURDU (L1 ko 3-00pm) DOĞAN TÜRK BİRLİĞİ v BİNATLI (SL ko 6-15pm) Girne 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır Stadı L. GENÇLER BİRLİĞİ v GENÇLİK GÜÇÜ (ko 3-00pm)
ISKELE	Sat Maar 3 SL	Iskele Cumhuriyet Stadı No information to hand Karaoğlanoğlu Orhan Dural Stadı No information to hand Ergin Dural Stadı
KARAOĞLANOĞLU		
KARŞIYAKA		
LAPTA	Sat Mar 3 L1	LAPTA v ÇANAKKALE (ko 3-00pm) Lapta Şht Şevket Kadir Stadı
LEFKOŞA	Sun Mar 4 SL	GAU ÇETİNKAYA v CİHANGİR Lefkoşa Atatürk Stadium ko 3-00pm
OZANKÖY	Sun Mar 4 SL	OZANKÖY v YENİ BOĞAZIÇI (ko 3-00pm) Ozanköy Mustafa Özkayım Stadı
TATLISU	Sun Mar 4 BTM R	TATLISU SERACILLAR v GAZİKÖY (ko11-30pm) Rauf Raif Denктаş Stadı
YENİ BOĞAZIÇI		Osman E. Mehmet Stadium - No match

Sports Quiz Answers

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- Answer 1** The player with a Scottish sounding name Huw Jones!.
- Answer 2** Ferrari with 15
- Answer 3** Jahangir Khan.
- Answer 4** Golden duck.
- Answer 5** Aberdeen.

Football Roundup Results for February 24/25/26

By Richard Beale

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

In the clash of the top two, under floodlight on Monday night Yeniciami were easy winners beating GAÜ Çetinkaya 4-0. Struggling Yeni Boğaziçi with new Coach Mehmet Kemancıoğlu in charge for the first time suffered a humiliating 1-7 home defeat to Dogan Turk Birliğı.

K-PET SUPER LEAGUE GOALSCORERS.

24 UĞÜR NACİ GÖK (Küçük Kaymaklı (above, 2 more goals last weekend for the Leagues top goalscorer.)

22 John Ebuka Okoye (Yenicami)



K-PET SUPER LEAGUE RESULTS

Binatlı	1	Küçük Kaymaklı	4
Cihançir	0	Lefke	2
Gençlik Gücü	4	Ozanköy	2
Mağusa Türk Gücü	3	L. Gençler Birliğı	0
Türk Ocağı	0	Baf Ülkü Yurdu	1
Yalova	1	Merit Alsancak Yeşilova	1
Yeni Boğaziçi	1	Dogan Türk Birliğı	7
Yenicami	4	GAÜ Çetinkaya	0



UĞÜR NACİ GÖK.

K-PET SUPER LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 YENİCAMİ	20	13	4	3	47	23	43
2 Doğan Türk Birliğı	20	12	4	4	46	27	40
3 GAÜ Çetinkaya	20	13	1	6	40	29	40
4 Binatlı	20	9	7	4	40	31	34
5 Küçük Kaymaklı	20	11	1	8	40	34	34
6 Merit Alsancak Yeşilova	20	7	9	4	25	22	30
7 Baf Ülkü Yurdu	20	6	8	6	37	28	26
8 Mağusa Türk Gücü	20	7	5	8	34	32	26
9 Cihançir	20	7	5	8	33	35	26
10 Türk Ocağı	20	8	1	11	29	29	25
11 L. Gençler Birliğı	20	6	7	7	32	33	25
12 Lefke	20	7	3	10	32	35	24
13 Gençlik Gücü	20	7	2	11	21	41	23
14 Yalova	20	5	6	9	35	40	21
15 Yeni Boğaziçi	20	3	6	11	14	34	15
16 Ozanköy	20	2	5	13	17	49	11



Top Goal scorer

ÖZGÜR ONGUN



K-PET LEAGUE 1 RESULTS

Akova Vurdu	3	Lapta	1
Çanakkale	P	Mormeneske	P
Dumlupınar	3	Bostancı Bağıcık	0
Göçmenköy	0	Doğancı	0
Gönyeli	1	Esentepe	4
Gömeç	3	Kaya Mehmetçik	0
Hamitköy	4	Girne Halk Evi	1
Maraş	1	Değirmenlik	2

K-PET LEAGUE 1 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 ESENTEPE	20	12	6	2	38	18	42
2 Gönyeli	20	12	5	3	34	19	41
3 Hamitköy	20	11	2	7	39	27	35
4 Maraş	20	10	5	5	38	26	35
5 Dumlupınar	20	10	4	6	39	24	34
6 Göçmenköy	20	9	5	6	23	20	32
7 Girne Halk Evi	20	9	4	7	34	33	31
8 Mormeneske	19	9	2	8	33	29	29
9 Bostancı Bağıcık	20	7	4	9	19	22	25
10 Değirmenlik	20	7	4	9	28	34	25
11 Lapta	20	6	6	8	28	32	24
12 Akova Vurdu	20	6	4	10	32	46	22
13 Gömeç	20	5	6	9	20	34	21
14 Çanakkale	19	5	4	10	17	28	19
15 Kaya Mehmetçik	20	3	5	12	12	30	14
16 Doğancı	20	3	4	13	18	30	13

Esentepe Win The "Big Match"

GÖNYELİ SK 1 ESENTEPE KKSK 4

By Richard Beale...

**Sunday February 25th, 2018 :
K-Pet League 1 : Güzelyurt
Üner Berkalp Stadium**

To dream the Impossible Dream, To fight the unbeatable foe. To run where the brave dare not go.. To reach the unreachable star.

Maybe it is a dream at the moment but I am still on Cloud 9 having witnessed last Sunday a magnificent team performance by Esentepe. Gönyeli League leaders before the game started were systematically destroyed and at the end they were left reeling and punch drunk by a rampant Esentepe team. Gönyeli have some fine players, talented, and were physically stronger than Esentepe, but Davut Kansu has instilled an unbreakable team spirit and belief that they can achieve anything. Gönyeli will be promoted at the end of the season I have no doubt about that. The revamped Üner Berkalp Stadium was looking at its best in the warm spring sunshine, the crowd was a little disappointing for a match of this importance. Gönyeli probably had around 75 fans, including a very enthusiastic school class of children.

Esentepe brought with them around 50 of their "hardcore" supporters whose support became a major factor encouraging their team as the match progressed.

Esentepe started brightly in the opening 20 minutes and had a number of chances, to take the lead. Striker Ilkay maybe should have done better when presented with a couple of those chances.

Gradually Gönyeli with their twin "baldies", Raif and Sabri' gradually started gaining control of the midfield



forcing Esentepe back onto the defensive.

After a dangerous free kick that was charged down by Esentepe defenders it led to a corner which enabled Gönyeli to take the lead in the 27th minute. Raif's corner again led to a scramble in the goalmouth and a shot hit Eser's hand in the melee and a penalty was awarded despite strong protests from Esentepe players. TALAT DAGER duly dispatched the penalty sending Kemal the wrong way. **1-0.**

Esentepe hit back in the 40th minute with a penalty of their own, after a long Muhammed free kick appeared to strike Ibrahim's hand. The referee waved play on and it was only Esentepe players beseeching him to consult his linesman that he changed his mind and awarded Esentepe a penalty. Captain BAŞAK TÜMKAN powerfully struck home the penalty it was no more than Esentepe deserved for a plucky first half showing. **HALF TIME SCORE : 1-1.**

The second half started very quietly but Gönyeli showed why they are League leaders forcing Esentepe back who were defending and tackling like Dervishes.

Esentepe stunned Gönyeli when they took the lead in the 49th minute. From a Mahmut corner on the left Esentepe tall defender Onur caused confusion amongst the Gönyeli defence at the near post giving striker ILKAY the chance to head home for his first goal for Esentepe. **1-2**

Gönyeli were putting increasing pressure on Esentepe now, launching wave after wave of attacks. Esentepe defenders were flinging themselves with their bodies charging down countless shots. Gönyeli substitute Özgür put in a great run past two defenders before crossing the ball finding Tacettin the Ex Esentepe striker who sent in a fierce drive that cannoned off the Esentepe crossbar. In the 68th minute a long ball from Eser caused the Gönyeli

defence to hesitate, in nipped the quicksilver Esentepe winger AHMET KARAL who rounded Kemal in goal to score. **1-3.**

Gönyeli now were becoming increasingly more and more frustrated resulting in missed place passes and they began arguing amongst themselves, which was a sure sign that Esentepe had rattled and unnerved them.

Basak should have made it 4-1 in the 75th minute following another lightning break on the right by Ahmet who set Başak up, but from only a few yards out the Esentepe Captain managed to shoot wide of the goal. Gönyeli now were pouring men forward as they desperately tried to breach Esentepe's formidable defence, this left them wide open to the quick counter attacks led by the speedy Ahmet.

In the 90th minute such an attack, with the Gönyeli defence all at sea enabled ESER the easy chance of scoring after again being set up by Ismail. **FULL TIME SCORE 1-4**

NEXT ESENTEPE MATCH

**Saturday March 3rd
Ko 3-00pm
Home match at:**

**Esentepe Erdal Barut
Stadium.**

Esentepe v Göçmenköy