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Medi Foundation & BRS met Anti-Drug Commission

It was good to see that the British Residents' Society was taking interest in the efforts being taken to combat all forms of addiction and upon invitation recently attended a meeting at the offices of the Prime Ministry's Anti Drugs Commission.

Attending the meeting was Medi Foundation Chairman Ismet Medi and fellow director Mustafa Emin, BRS Chairman Peter Wilkins, together with Health & Welfare Secretary, Julian Mawdesley and Mike Diplock, Government Liaison, and the President of the Prime Ministry's Anti Drugs Commission, Mr Hasan Karaokcu.

They had a very productive meeting and exchanged ideas and information about the problems of addiction and mental health issues in society in Northern Cyprus including legal requirements.

They spoke about the need for greater awareness of these problems which need to be combated through education of the dangers of addiction to all groups in society irrespective of religion, language, race, and whether they be citizens, residents, foreign workers, or students, They also spoke about the possibilities of working together on joint projects within the communities.

Hasan Karaokçu the Head of the Prime Minister's Anti-Drug Commission was proud to see the British Residents' Society was wanting to assist the Commission and said that British citizens living in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus are very active in helping in many community areas through their activities





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Presidency: "Turkish Cypriot people have been ignored once again"

The TRNC Presidency evaluated the decision taken by the European Parliament regarding Maraş and the resumption of negotiations.

"Once again the Turkish Cypriot people have been ignored and Turkey continues to be included in the blame game".

In the statement on the issue, it was emphasised that Maraş is the territory of the TRNC and the Greek Cypriot Administration has no authority in this region.

The statement is as follows:

"The decisions and the steps taken regarding Maraş belong only to the TRNC. Yet, unfortunately, we are faced with the EU, which is a ready-made tool for the games of the Greek Cypriot Administration, which tries to manipulate this situation in line with its political ambitions and within the framework of the so-called 'occupation' literature.

The EU needs to see that the only occupation in Cyprus is the unilateral and illegal occupation of the 1960 partnership Republic of Cyprus by the Greek Cypriot Administration and this is the source of the Cyprus problem.

We would like to remind the European Parliament that it is foreseen that Maraş will be returned to its former owners in the UN Security Council resolutions.

The European Parliament's reference to "concern about the change of property ownership status" in its decision is nothing more than a distortion of the facts.

The decision taken by the TRNC is to open the closed city Maraş and return it to its legal owners. We are pleased to see that Greek Cypriot rights holders of Maraş are very willing to take advantage of this decision. Attempts by the Greek Cypriot leadership to prevent the use of the property rights of its own people in order not to lose its political propaganda material based on lies is thought-provoking.

It was also stated “If the European Union really wants to settle the disputes on the island and the region through dialogue, diplomacy, and negotiation, as mentioned in its decision, the EU should say to its member – the Greek Cypriot Administration - that the interlocutor of the Greek Cypriot side on the island is the Turkish Cypriot side, not Turkey.

In our opinion, the EU should first of all respect the Turkish Cypriot side, which has equal status with the Greek Cypriot side on the island and in the region, and encourage the Greek Cypriot Administration in this direction.”

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Turkish Foreign Minister Çavuşoğlu - EU must rectify its mistake

Speaking at a budget planning meeting in the Turkish parliament, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu said that developments in the Eastern Mediterranean were straining relations with the European Union.

The Turkish Foreign Minister stressed that Greece and the Greek Cypriot side were dragging their problems with Turkey into the EU which in turn was affecting Turkey's relations with the bloc.

"The Greek-Greek Cypriot duo is not alone. Some member countries are carrying the problem between our respective countries to the EU. What's more they are doing this in the name of solidarity among member states. The EU must rectify this mistake. If they succeed the whole of Europe will benefit from our cooperation," Çavuşoğlu said.

He added that Turkey believed that a more productive relationship can be established with the EU.

"We desire a constructive dialogue during our contacts with the EU," Çavuşoğlu said.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



Legitimate rights of Turkish Cypriots continue to be defended

The Cyprus issue has been mentioned in an announcement following the meeting of the National Security Council (NSC) under the Presidency of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan at the Presidential Complex.



In the declaration, it was emphasised that "the insistence on denying the existence of the two communities and the two states on the island by ignoring the Turkish Cypriot presence in Cyprus, and the impositions of the parties that form the basis of the deadlock will never be accepted and the legitimate rights of the Turkish Cypriot people will continue to be defended".

It was also pointed out that Turkey will make no compromises in respect of its will for resolving the problems in the Eastern Mediterranean on the basis of international law and equity, stressing that the cause of the tension was the rejection of dialogue and cooperation.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

12 EMU academic staff among World's Most Influential Scientists

12 academic staff members of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) showed remarkable success by being listed among the world's most cited 100 thousand and 160 thousand scientists in the "World's Most Influential Scientists" list compiled by a team of scientists from the USA and Netherlands during 2019 and 2020 under the coordination of Stanford University in the USA.

The comprehensive research conducted by Stanford University of USA in 2020 included 6 scientists from EMU who have been listed within the top 2% of their categories.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

Tatar to receive Lute on 1st December



UN Secretary General's Special Advisor on Cyprus Jane Holl Lute will arrive in Cyprus on 30th November 2020.

President Ersin Tatar will receive Lute on Tuesday 1st December.

Lute is expected to meet with the Greek Cypriot Leader Nikos Anastasiades on the same day, and is expected to leave Cyprus on 2nd December 2020.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

TRNC Ministry statement regarding Yeşilırmak crossing point



TRNC Ministry of Health decided to apply new measures in connection with the decisions taken by the Infectious Diseases Supreme Committee for the Yeşilırmak crossing point.

Negative PCR test results will not be required from ambulance drivers, healthcare personnel and the patients in the ambulances who will cross to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus from the Greek Cypriot Administration by using the Yeşilırmak crossing point.

Infectious Diseases Supreme Committee also decided to require negative PCR test results made in the last 72 hours from those who will cross to Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus from the Greek Cypriot Administration by using the Yeşilırmak crossing point.

The decision will be valid as of tonight, 24th November 2020, at 23.59.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

Özersay meets Spehar

UN Secretary General's Special Representative for Cyprus and Chief of Mission of Peace Force Elizabeth Spehar visited Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Kudret Özersay.

At the meeting, the upcoming visit of Jane Holl Lute, the Temporary Special Advisor of the UN Secretary General, to the island and the possible 5 unofficial meetings were discussed.

In addition, the issue of direct and coordinated sharing of the measures taken by the two parties regarding the pandemic was also discussed, especially in the light of the Covid-19 cases, which have increased significantly in Southern Cyprus in recent weeks. During the meeting, Özersay also brought up the issue of opening the Lokmacı crossing gate, which was closed by the Greek Cypriot Administration in February, as soon as possible.

Spehar exchanged ideas with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay on other issues that fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry and the UN.

Source: TRNC Deputy Prime Ministry and Ministry of Foreign Affairs



TRNC new measures for crossings from Greek Cypriot side

TRNC Ministry of Health has decided to apply new measures in connection with the decisions taken by the Infectious Diseases Supreme Committee on the short visits to Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus from the Greek Cypriot Administration.

According to the decision of the Ministry of Health, negative PCR test results made in last 24 hours will be required from those who enter from the Greek Cypriot Administration and will remain in the TRNC for less than 24 hours. The decision will be valid as of today (23.11.2020).

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



Aksoy: Greece should respond positively to our calls about Navtex



Regarding the statement of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs in respect of Turkey's seismic survey activities in the Eastern Mediterranean, Turkish Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hami Aksoy stated that Greece should respond positively to our calls instead of making a statement for each of our Navtex announcements.

Spokesperson Aksoy added that the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs made a statement and reiterated the known claims and objections regarding the seismic research activity carried out by Oruç Reis on the Turkish continental shelf.

Noting that these claims and objections were replied to with 6 statements from the Turkish Foreign Ministry since last July, Aksoy stated that Turkey will continue to protect its own and Turkish Cypriots rights in the Eastern Mediterranean with determination.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Erdoğan: "We will continue our efforts for the Turkish Cypriots"

In his video message to the 12th Annual event of the Halifax International Security Forum (HISF), Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan especially wanted to emphasise the fact that when dealing with the surrounding problems, Turkey will never be irredentist and have an interventionist approach.

Stressing that Turkey does not have its eye on any country's territory, the sovereignty, and domestic affairs, Erdoğan said, "We primarily try to ensure our own national security, life and property safety of our own citizens and evaluate these at strong points to contribute to our stability, tranquillity, and inner peace of our regions."

Stating that the accusations of the European Union regarding the exploration and drilling activities carried out with determination to protect both the rights of the Turkish people and the interests of the Turkish Cypriots in the Eastern Mediterranean under the name of "intra-union solidarity" are incompatible with history, law and facts.

Erdoğan added "We will continue our efforts to end the isolation against the Turkish Cypriots and for fair sharing of the hydrocarbon resources in the Eastern Mediterranean with the same determination. On the other hand, we have never closed our door to dialogue and diplomacy. Our proposal to organise an Eastern Mediterranean conference with the participation of the Turkish Cypriots is the manifestation of our will to solve the problem through dialogue. Turkey has always demonstrated a constructive attitude to overcome the existing problems in the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean."

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



The tornado which swept through parts of Ozankoy

Readers mail …..
Richard Chamberlain …..

Hello Chris and Margaret,

A powerful tornado swept through parts of Ozankoy and some other areas at about 1pm on Friday 20th November causing quite a lot of damage to some properties, cars and trees.

A large tree was snapped off in the centre of Ozankoy, causing damage and blocking the road for hours until the municipality workers were able to saw it up and remove it.

The electricity Teknecik power plant in Catalkoy was badly damaged by the powerful winds

Thousands of homes along the North Coast of the TRNC were left without power for hours. Luckily, it appears there was not many injuries.

In my area in Ozankoy we had our share of damage with an Audi convertible parked in the street being swamped by a tree which fell on it and nearby another neighbour was devastated to find his aluminium carport had collapsed on his Mercedes motor car.

My daughter Lynne had considerable damage in her garden with a large trampoline being severely twisted and mangled and garden furniture damaged..

A number of large rubbish bins had been blown around 100 meters down our road with one of them damaging another parked car.

Now seeing more pictures and videos on social media pages of the damage caused by the tornado that hit the north coast of Cyprus we should be thankful that reported injuries are small in number.









Photos courtesy of Richard Chamberlain







27th November to 3rd December 2020

KAR - News Update

Although we are not having our Xmas Bazaar (as it would be difficult for everyone to comply with social distancing requirements) we are still having our fantastic **Xmas Raffle**. Tickets are now on sale (5tl each) and are available from our Karakum office/Rescue Center/Girne Shops/Lambousa and from many of our volunteers who will have tickets for sale.

There are some fantastic prizes 500TL voucher for Ozankoy Butchers - a luxury hamper - meal vouchers - wines - spirits and so much more.

The draw will take place on Saturday Dec 12th at the KAR office (when we will also be having another of our Mini Bazaar tables with bric a brac etc for sale - and mulled wine n mince pies !!!) - so get your tickets as you need to be in it - to win it !



THANK YOU LEMAR SUPERMARKET FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

For those of you who didn't know there is a loyalty scheme run in conjunction with Lemar Supermarkets. When KAR supporters use their LEMAR loyalty card at their supermarkets they get 3% discount on their shopping. Also, and this is the the even better bit, Kyrenia Animal Rescue get 2% of the total bill too. This is another way that you can help KAR raise funds and it's at no cost to you. Please, please, please if you have a loyalty card continue to use it as every Lira counts. If you are interested in getting a Lemar loyalty card please ask at your nearest Lemar supermarket. Thank you.



We all know how important our volunteers are - we cannot thank them ALL enough for everything that they do for us.

Our supporters are also so crucial to our being able to continue to help the animals here in the TRNC and those (nearly 300 in total) currently in our care. This has been so much more difficult this year with the pandemic, lockdown and restrictions.

Many of our regular supporters have not been able to visit TRNC, our tourists are not here and so are not able to visit the Centre, lots of venues have not been able to host fund raising events - all of which is impacting on our finances.

But throughout this year 2 of our supporters have been out and about singing their hearts out - all to help KAR.

Bob and John have been playing in various venues (Cenvil Garden Cafe - The Roadhouse - Hoots bar - New Alvador - Red Lion) and recently they came in with the donations that were given during their gigs. A **FANTASTIC 2,368 TL**

THANK YOU Bob and John – THANK YOU to the venues and THANK YOU to the people who donated money.



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KAR - News Update



WARNING WARNING WARNING - following reports from members of the public we need to point out that some raffle tickets are being sold under the guise of being **KAR raffle tickets**. THEY ARE NOT.

KAR raffle tickets are fully registered/licenced (with the correct permissions granted as per TRNC law) with the authorities and are not of the "cloakroom" type ticket.They include our Charity registration - price (5TL only) - draw date - some prize information etc.

KAR do not sell the raffle tickets at supermarkets or outside shops. ONLY KAR volunteers will sell KAR raffle tickets (as per the picture) and will produce their ID badges if needed.

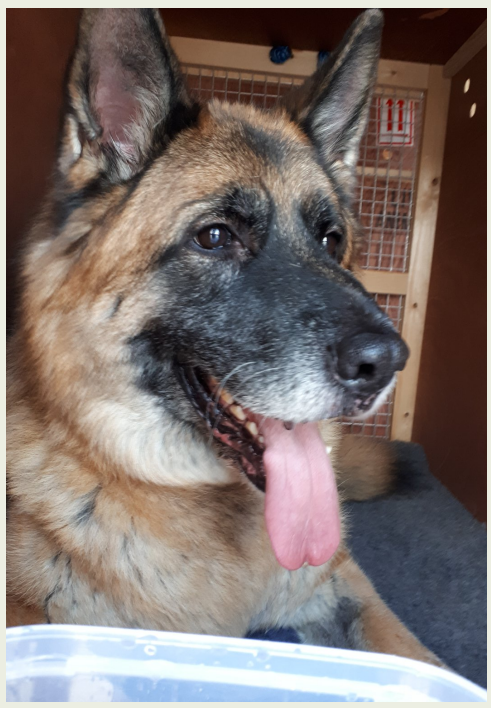
Xmas is in part about giving - please make sure that you are "giving" to who/where you want your money to go to - there are, sadly, some unscrupulous people out there!

Continuing with the theme of November being **Senior Dogs month** we have some beautiful senior dogs in our shelter up in the Fivefinger Mountains. Please come and visit us. We are the No1 tourist attraction in Kyrenia on Trip Advisor and you would be made so very welcome by all our animals (and volunteers too). We are open 7 days a week from 9am to 1pm. Look forward to seeing you soon.



Hello Handsome Harley

Harley arrived into the TRNC with KAR Pet Travel after a long journey into Cyprus which also involved an overnight boarding stay near Larnaca before continuing up to the TRNC. Stephen and Jayne had planned well. Stephen had travelled to the TRNC earlier to complete his own State Quarantine before Harley arrived. Jayne had stayed behind in the UK to see Harley off and now is undergoing her own TRNC Quarantine. **Happy TRNC Days for Harley, Jayne and Stephen.**



The videos of our dogs are very popular so now it is the turn of our **cats**! We have lots of beautiful kitties, some have been at the centre for far too long. As you will see, they love to climb and chill out or just snuggle up in a comfy spot. If you are interested in any of these lovelies, please come to the centre to meet them, we are open every day between 9am and 1pm. Or you can sponsor one of them for just £10 a month. Thank you in anticipation from the cats at the centre!





Girne Municipality celebrate 24th November Teachers' Day

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü has released a message on the occasion of 24th November Teachers' Day.

Stating that the teaching profession fulfills the most sacred duty of educating people in the most ideal way and building the future, Güngördü gave the following statements in his message:

"Teacher; It is a person who takes people's education and training as a profession, guides them from the beginning to the end, guides them by teaching the truths and prepares them for life.

I congratulate our teachers with my heartfelt feelings, they are the greatest assurance in reaching the goal of a developed and prosperous country and who play an important role in preparing our young people for the future.

The teaching profession is not only about transferring the knowledge gained in the education and training process to students, but also preparing our children and youth for the future with determination and experience, and raising them with the philosophy of love, tolerance and peace.

Our future is entrusted to our children, and our children to our teachers. A teacher who inspires a student has the opportunity to indirectly influence their family, the environment and their generations with that student."

Expressing that they once again understood how important education and training is during the Covid-19 pandemic, Güngördü said "I commemorate our head teacher the Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Ataturk and congratulate all of our teachers and teacher candidates on Teachers' Day with our gratitude to teachers who raise the exemplary individuals of our future."

Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality



Güngördü celebrated World Children's Day



Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü said that in order to ensure that children have a say and take an active role in urban life, they started their work to establish a Children's Council consisting of children aged 9-15, as in modern cities, and that they are aiming to work with the principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. He said that the Parliament entered service with a democratic election and started its work in this direction in January 2020.

Making a statement on the occasion of 20 November World Children's Rights Day, Güngördü pointed out that children's rights should be known and everyone should respect children's rights, and drew attention to the right of all children to live in an environment of love, happiness, peace, and security. Güngördü said, “Our children have valuable opinions on every subject. It is our duty to increase their self-confidence, to listen to their opinions and to create environments where they can express their opinions. The Children's Assembly is of great importance in our city. "We are working for a child-friendly city, for a happy city, for a city environment where our children can have their rights." Güngördü underlined the importance of protecting children from abuse, violence, evil and addiction, pointing out that it is everyone's duty to embrace all children in the world and to create an environment of love and trust for them.

Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality

The Myrrha Trio at the Soulist in Alsancak



By Heidi Trautmann ....
www.heiditrautmann.com

It was a feeling like coming home on Sunday evening, 22nd November 2020, 19:00 hrs, the first concert of this year for me and my friends at the SOULIST Coffee & Music House with a classical programme. How much I have missed music. Anticipation filled the place, a very intimate atmosphere, Roland Eyerich and Alper Cengiz welcomed the many guests who felt just at home as I did.

The Myrrha Trio was founded in 2019 by violinist Miray Çakır, violist Sinem Sadrazam, and violoncellist Püren Eda Gözer, all of whom are musicians in the TRNC Presidential Symphony Orchestra. They had selected for us an exciting programme:

- Johann Sebastian Bach: Goldberg Variations for String Trio BWV 988

- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Divertimento No. 1 for String Trio

- Jean Sibelius: String Trio in G Minor

- Astor Piazzolla: Oblivion

Libertango, arr. by Ali Hoca

The closeness to the musicians had the effect on me that I heard the 'stories' of the three instruments separately and I had to close my eyes to hear the composition in its wholeness; I had not realised before so clearly that the eyes also have listening properties. Makes me smile.

The three young and beautiful women – I believe that making music beautifies people – gave us great pleasure with their music and we could feel their deep involvement. The applause would not stop so we were given Piazzolla's Libertango again as an encore.

What a lovely evening, thank you.









Right :
Roland Eyerich and Alper Cengiz with The Myrrha Trio

Poets Corner



Poem by Nick Vye - Sanctuary

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How many wishes in the well,
How many stories could it tell,
All those wishes under a spell,
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How many dreams did come true,
How many answers out of the blue,
All those secrets and not a clue,
All those memories that have now flew,

How many hopes did it accept,
How many anxious words were fret,
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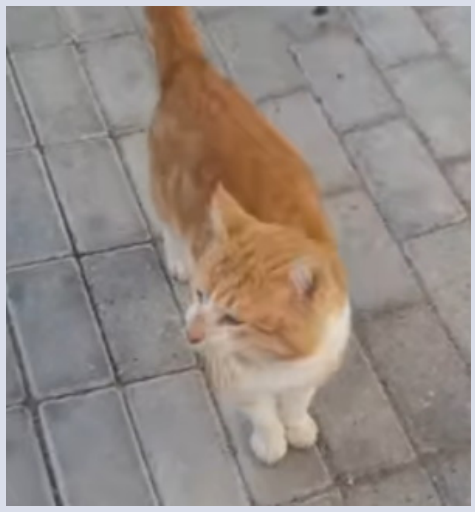
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Hope 4 Pets - News Update

Sandy Askun 1st November

Just wanted to say a big THANK YOU to Stephanie Harrison-Croft for covering the medical bills and neutering of a stray I found wounded in Ozankoy.



Having finished his antibiotics, the kitty currently has temporary shelter with me, after which I'm hoping he'll stick around to be fed with the rest of the kitties outside. Thank you x

Stephanie Harrison-Croft

It's a wet soggy day but something bright to warm the cockles of your heart.

Yesterday I again met with the lovely **Linda Lamb, Chris and Lea** who have been fostering **Scooby,** to get him checked over at the vets and everything looking good other than possible ear mites. His eyes are gradually losing the fear and he is now weighing in at 20.8 kilo. His op still has to be postponed a while longer. The dedication, love, respect and patience that Linda, Chris and Lea have given Scooby is remarkable.



If you have seen the previous posts you will have read that he was dumped at the vets by people who instructed them to destroy him. We are now getting to the sunshine part of this story. Scooby has found his forever home and will be staying with his amazing foster family forever. Thank you, thank you, lovely people xxx



Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 21st November

Update there are 4 kittens. All beautiful.

New pics added and actively seeking homes please x

Anyone out there wanting to home this beautiful little kitten please contact me immediately xxx





Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 21st November

On my travels again today this absolutely GORGEOUS and HUGE boy in the Ozankoy area crossed my path. He has apparently been in the area for a short period.

He is a GENTLE GIANT young boy and I witnessed that he was great with children and other dogs and his pics show how beautiful he is but look closely at his eyes ... he is feeling lost and alone.

Please please share for the lad or even better will you give him a home. He really is a special find for anyone xxx





Hope 4 Pets - News Update

Hope4Pets have the pleasure of having another joint event with **Altın Patiler** for our **Christmas fundraiser** in aid of the many animals in need here in the TRNC.
It will be a fun filled evening with Bingo, Live Music, Raffle and a Christmas Market..
Covid 19 rules will be adhered to and it will be an outdoor event, so bring something warm to wear just in case. It will be held at the lovely friendly setting of Cafe Grumpy in Ozankoy and we look forward to seeing you all there.
Free entry
Date 13 December 2020
Time 17.00-22.30
Place : Cafe Grumpy Ozanköy



Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 21st November

We are in need of Cakes, Buns, Pies, Baking of any description from our members please for our Christmas Market Bakery Stall on Sunday 13th December.

You can contact myself or our lovely Barbara Ball and Catherine Hayes will again be womanning our stall.



Karakum Special Needs Children's School

By Margaret Sheard ....

The Anglo Turkish Association (ATA) kindly invited me to attend the handover ceremony on Thursday 26th November in respect of the work carried out by the association to provide a new activity/play room for the children of Karakum Special Needs Children's School.

I was told that the room which has been refurbished to provide a wonderful activity/play area was an original building and included in the project was the installation of a toilet/washroom facility to avoid the necessity of the children having to return via the outside steps to the main building for this purpose.

The activity/play area is very well laid out with many items to stimulate the children with movement and coordination, in fact while I was there some of the activity items were being put to good use by a few of the children in attendance.

There were quite a lot of speeches, which included Gülter Kuran - ATA Chairman, Erbil Arkin – ATA Honorary President, Philip Lloyd - ATA Vice Chairman, a representative from the Ministry of Education, and the Girne Mayor, Nidai Gűngördű who had also given his valuable time to be there for this special occasion.



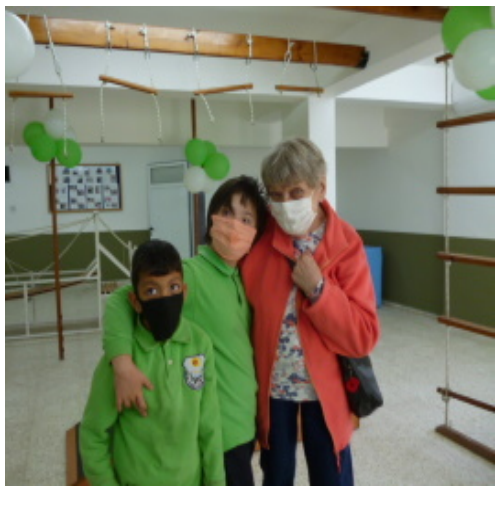












Most of the speeches were in Turkish, in which I am sorry to say I am very lacking, so I am giving below some quotes from the speech by Philip Lloyd :

"Back at the start of the year when the association was asked if it could decorate the activity room, I am sure no-one envisaged that what was then a simple request would turn out to be the major refurbishment project it ended up as being. A project that ended up well over 120,000TL.

The association has fundraised like never before, which is why we are all here today, at this moment I would like to express the association's gratitude to the four special donors who assisted the association with their generosity and who are amongst us here today.

Special Donors are :

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But today's ceremony is not about all of us here today basking in self glory, it is about the children who will use the refurbished facilities, today, tomorrow and in the future because, as adults, if in today's world we can't help our children when they are in need of help, then we all fail our responsibilities to our future generations.

To everyone who has contributed to today's success, on behalf of the Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus, but more importantly the school's children, I say thank you to all of you."

Some of the children presented a gift to the people who had given a speech which was a lovely gesture and they looked so proud and pleased to be doing this.

The traditional cutting of the ribbon took place and so the new facility was officially handed over to the school.

The Anglo Turkish Association has undertaken many projects over the years and this is another example of their success in bringing together Expats and Turkish Cypriots to help the local community.





















Mayor Güngördü speaks out against Violence Against Women

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü issued a message for the International Day of Struggle Against Violence Against Women on 25th November.

Güngördü said, “The problem of violence against women throughout history is unfortunately one of the most painful problems of humanity today. The fight against this problem is possible with the gender equality policy of the state, institutions and individuals. Any form of violence is unacceptable. "Women are symbols of life and peace, not violence and savagery."

Mayor Nidai Güngördü said that Girne Municipality, which attaches importance to gender equality and women and children being strong, free and happy individuals, put the Consultancy and Support Center into service on 9th March 2018, where more than 100 people have received consultancy services. He stated that the goal is to support women, children and families to deal with problems.

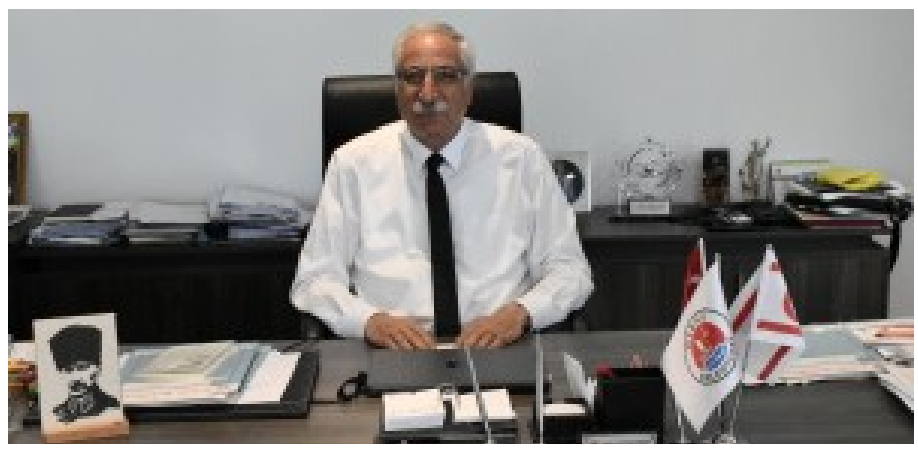
Güngördü said that the Consultancy and Support Center, affiliated to the Girne Municipality Social Affairs Branch, reached out to women who were subjected to violence, and that they supported the programs prepared for this purpose by carrying out activities to raise awareness about domestic violence and violence against women.

Girne Municipality Social Affairs Branch Manager Misli Kadıoğlu pointed out the importance of being in solidarity for women's rights and equality and pointed out that femicide, hate speech against women, oppression and violence against women at home, work and social life can be prevented by gender equality policies. Stating that besides the culture of inequality and violence created by the patriarchal system, economic problems, unemployment and poverty also create a situation that feeds violence, Kadıoğlu said that the Girne Municipality Social Life Center, which will open in December, will organise courses and training for women in the region, empowering women in all ways, and active in the workforce. She expressed her belief that she will be supportive in order to participate and have a say in production.

Kadıoğlu stated that besides culture and art courses, training such as handicrafts, basic sculpting courses, literacy courses, language courses, computer and technology courses will be given in the center, and that the Consultancy and Support Center aims to work in cooperation with the participating women in combating violence.

Kadıoğlu said, “We women have to claim our rights. For this reason, we have to improve and strengthen ourselves in every way”. Reminding that the Consultancy and Support Center is for women with all kinds of problems, Kadıoğlu said that the center can be reached on 0392 815 61 04 and 0533 879 95 95.

Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality



First Prize award was given to Mustafa Tozakı

The winner of the First Prize in the 9th International Cartoon Competition, was Mustafa Tozakı who was presented with a Money Prize at the ceremony held in Girne Municipality.

The cartoonists who won the first three awards in the 9th International Cartoon Competition, which was traditionally organised within the framework of the 19th Olive Festival and within the scope of the International Olive Humour Festival by the Girne Municipality and the Cyprus Turkish Cartoonists Association, were given monetary awards as the award ceremony was not held this year as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Mustafa Tozakı, one of our country's illustrators, who won the First Prize (Golden Olive) in the free-themed section of the 9th International Cartoon Contest, was presented with the monetary award by the Mayor of Girne, Nidai Güngördü, at a special ceremony which was held on 26th November 2020.

In addition to the Girne Municipality officials, the Cyprus Turkish Cartoonists Association was present at the award ceremony. Providing enlightening information on the subject before the award ceremony, Cyprus Turkish Cartoonists Association General Secretary Hüseyin Çakmak said, “We had a limited digital event this year due to the pandemic and quarantine process. We could not hold the International Cartoon Ceremony within the framework of the Olive Festival, which was planned to be held in Zeytinlik Village in October. We postponed this ceremony to 2021. The award ceremony may be delayed, but we wanted to give the monetary reward. Mustafa Tozakı, who won the grand prize for the first time in our country, is with us today. The contestants who won other awards will also be given their awards in the future”.

Nidai Güngördü, Mayor of Girne, who presented Mustafa Tozakı with his monetary award, said, "Despite the limited efforts of postal services in the world, 289 cartoonists from 62 countries participated in the contest with 887 works. This is very important for us, for Northern Cyprus and the Municipality. It is another pleasure for me that an artist from our country won the first prize in the free category for the first time this year. I congratulate our friend Mustafa Tozakı for this success. I would like to thank everyone who participated, and I would like to thank our teammates and Cyprus Turkish Cartoonists Association.

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Me and My Diet

Readers mail....
From Arthur Wisley...

Dear Kyreniacommentator,

The following may amuse your readers. **ME AND MY DIET**

After the feasting of Christmas 2019 I found that my belt would no longer fit round my waist. I decided that it was time to get a longer belt. Not long afterwards though I discovered that I had a heart condition and, almost simultaneously, I seriously injured my knee.

Reports also started seeping out that old, fat people with health problems, like me, were hundreds or even thousands of times more likely than a teenager to suffer very serious complications from the rampaging Covid-19 virus. Out went the idea of buying a longer belt. Instead I decided that I needed to go on a diet to try to protect my heart and my over- burdened joints as well as trying to minimise the risks from C19.

To help me to stick to my diet I thought it wise to have a specific weight loss target, one which was appropriate for me. The Body Mass Index is regarded as a useful guide to a healthy weight. The index is calculated by dividing your weight, in kilograms, by the square of your height in metres. A healthy weight is in the range of 18 to 25 on the index. This spread allows for differences in body type, age and fitness.



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As I am a pretty average bloke I decided to go for an average BMI of 21.5 rounded down to 21 as, due to my age, I had a lower proportion of muscle in the make up of my body than younger fit men.

This target BMI indicated that I should aim to lose at least 25 kg! That is the same as a really big sack of dog food! Despite the evidence of my belt I was surprised to learn that I had become such a porker!

Another measure frequently used by doctors to assess a healthy weight is the waist to height ratio. Particularly in men, fat accumulates around the internal organs where it can cause all sorts of problems, like death. The weight to height ratio is a very simple formula namely that your waist should be less than half your height.

I measured my waist. As expected it was substantially more than half my height. Realising that it would not be possible for me to grow taller I had no alternative but to try to reduce my circumference. Shockingly, in order to get myself into good shape, I needed to lose around 25 cm from my girth. “Cripes that’s impossible” I protested to my wife. Shortly after she brandished at me a long forgotten pair of trousers hidden at the back of my wardrobe which was labelled with that 25 cm smaller waist. That told me that it was possible.

I found it very satisfying that there was a numerical symmetry between weight loss in kg and waist loss in cm. I had found my magic targets.

The process of weight loss is incredibly simple in theory. Burn off more energy than you consume and your body will dig into the energy saved up in your rolls of fat and, Hey Presto, you lose weight. An appropriate mixture of more exercise and less food is what is required.

Unfortunately for me, my leg injury and the need to take care of my heart meant that hours of vigorous exercise were not possible. Anyway, the Cyprus summer is far too hot to do much more than lie in a hammock. This dictated that I would have to concentrate on reducing my calorie input, at least for the time being.

There are 1001 different diets each of which is fêted as being so much better than all the others. The one I chose to follow could hardly be easier. Eat normally whilst avoiding all those things which are famously fattening, like chip butties and 500g bars of chocolate. But don’t eat every day.



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Eat normally on day one. Eat nothing at all on day two. If your last meal is at 6 PM on day one your next meal is breakfast on day three.

This results in a significant period of fasting of about 36 hours. This length of fasting gives your body time to burn up all the glucose in your system after which it tucks in to your stores of fat. Some of my friends commented that they would not be able to follow an alternate day eating pattern but having resolved to do it I have found fasting to be easy. It may sound tough until you actually try it, then it is a doddle.

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continued .... Me and My Diet

On the non-eating days I drank plenty of fluids, cups of tea, and diet soft drinks which helped my stomach to forget that there was no food going in. By eating on alternate days my calorie input should have been halved. In fact, the reduction was slightly more than half because I also abandoned my tummy expanding habit of snacking on biscuits, bars of chocolate, crisps and delicious Magnum bars. Avoiding these treats was no problem. Having really set my mind to succeed in the diet, and that is the key to success, these sweet temptations transform themselves into poisonous potions.

Apart from losing weight and becoming active and attractive, another huge benefit of the alternate day diet is that instead of spending time preparing food, eating it and washing up afterwards you free up a couple of hours to do other things. You will have regular, whole uninterrupted days to pursue a project or hobby.

I kept a chart of my weight loss as there is nothing better than to see how well you are succeeding. If you start to relax or cheat a bit on the diet this will show up on the chart quite quickly and acts as a reminder to stay on course to reach your weight target.

You cannot achieve a substantial weight loss quickly. In the first few weeks you can lose a surprisingly large amount of accumulated rubbish and fat but after that the rate of loss slows down. Apparently this is due to the body becoming more efficient. In my case I have been using the alternate day diet for six months and I have almost, but not quite, achieved my target. Nevertheless, I have rewarded myself by buying a new shorter belt as my old one is now ludicrously long.

Even when I get to my target that will not be an end of my efforts to maintain a healthy weight. Two things will remain to be done. One will be to tone my, now slim, body so that it is composed of the right proportions of muscle and fat. For me that means doing some weight training to increase the amount of muscle at the expense of fat. It is said that more muscle results in a higher rate of metabolism which in turn helps to burn off extra calories. A helpful virtuous circle.

The second task will be to permanently adjust my eating habits so that after the alternate day diet I do not return to gorging myself every day and adding back all those kilos. After all, now that I am slim, sexy and, I hope healthy I would not like to go back to be looking like the Michelin Man. Besides, my new wardrobe of clothes would not fit.

Best wishes
A A Wisley



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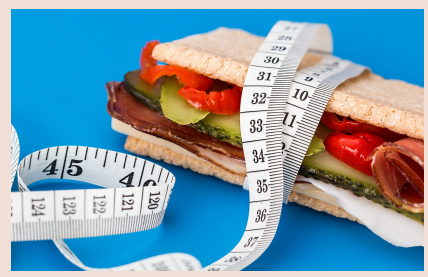
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RUSUK asks : Is Industrial Regression going to happen?



Industrial Regression

When I was a child in the Soviet Union, I knew that the core of the state was its industrial power. We've been told from childhood that the plants and oilfields in Siberia, our military might, the aircraft, etc. was the core of what must be.

Equally, the things like 'Made in USA', 'Made in Japan' were of great importance to everybody in the Soviet Union: it was the sign of a nation's state-of the-art technology, industrial might and fine creativity. The essence of people's mind and capability. The source of respect. Even if the USSR was an enemy to the West, we really respected its technologic genius.

And envied it.



'Made in' back then was equal to 'developed by'.

Then, in the epoch of globalization, the industries, the essence of a nation's might, have been steadily moving to China (and some other countries).

All of a sudden, the pride of the developed world has been re-located to some big but still third-world country. I personally know people here in Russia who truly believe that 'Made in China' now suddenly is the same as the centuries of the Western intellectual and economic progress. Just like that, in ten or so years China has become the centre of everything, the mightiest country of the world just because 'assembled in' for some reason was called 'made in' with people blindly believing it.

Probably the smartest Chinese decision in its long history.

They only assemble it. No technologies, no creativity, no money, after all, behind it. Nothing, just cheap labour. Plus the Big Business greediness that takes the jobs away in its homeland. The West's 'Fifth column'.

I understand why so many people voted for Donald Trump, a smart guy, but a big populist. Still, he's pinned it: it is very strange that a country being only a segment of the big process, and not the major one of it, claims to be the core of everything now. With the source country suffering its own short-sighted policies. Plus, people just keep losing their jobs. The Rusty belt, etc…

I understand the West is not happy having now fed from its own hands its true enemy because of its own greed and so-called 'business efficiency'. Yep, let's buy a pair of Nike sneakers for $90, not $105.

So, to make a long story short: yes, the West's industrial regression is strategically a very dangerous thing.

Trump was the first to try to directly tackle it. I'm sure he's not the only one. He is a gamechanger. This thing is much more than Trump, I don't care whether you like him or not. He pointed out a very important issue that lies behind the West's might and its future itself. It is not only e-commerce or cloud technologies that still matter.

It is still down-to-earth good ol' industry with people behind it. Don't give it up. Otherwise, you'll face overseas demons knockin' on your door. Keep those demons locked where they belong. Let'em live according to their own 'must-be-respected' outdated cultures and traditions.

Or slowly degrade holding your fine Starbucks coffee. This is a new great world, after all.

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We'll meet again tomorrow.

It's a pattern that has been repeated several times throughout history: the new jobs are created in cities so folks migrate from the farms. Because the process has happened several times, the agriculture sector only employs a very small percentage of the total population. It's an efficient system.

But things have changed: In my country, Fox News sings the praises of the job creators. And it's true, they do create jobs; in Mexico, China, or maybe Brazil. They fire Americans from good jobs that pay well and replace them with poor people from Vietnam.

As you know, the unemployment rate in the US has hit twenty-million and I read that four-million of those jobs will never come back. World-wide, the one-percent continue to ship jobs to third-world countries to increase profits. More jobs that will never come back.

It gets worse: computers and automation will now eliminate many of the crappy jobs that are left. Entire job titles no longer exists: Para-Legal being an example. The Attorney can read all about prior cases without the need for someone to research relevant case histories: just type in the keyword.

The most common job title in the US is Driver. Trains, long-distance trucks, delivery drivers, Taxis, Ferry pilots, and others… all will be gone in a few years. Millions of jobs will simply disappear. Uber has already deployed driverless cars in pilot cities.



continued .... Is Industrial Regression going to happen?

You don't need a Pulitzer winning Economist to tell you that we are nearing the end of what we can expect the former middle-class to absorb. I contend that economic pressures will now push people to try something new. I predict many may strike out for the countryside.

But this isn't a return to your Grandpa's old place. I think many of these new farmers will not consider themselves farmers at all. They will make gourmet, craft products for dinner tables in regional cities.

How about this: after work this evening, you login to a website and order the items you would like to have for dinner tomorrow night. Craft cheese, large organic mushrooms, fresh herbs, and perhaps a kit with fruits & veggies for gourmet salad.

The next morning, a hundred miles away, area farmers bring their products to a meeting spot where a large panel van (lorry) waits with racks to hold orders from maybe two-hundred families. The cheese maker brings a dozen orders which are split up and added to the correct boxes and other farmers follow with their orders.

The truck departs and drives the produce into the city where it waits in the Metro Rail parking lot to meet people on their way home from work. Each bag contains food that was on several different farms this morning and will be used for dinner tonight. Fresh foods that never see a processing plant or freezer.

We'll meet again tomorrow.

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Industrial Regression

I remember a decade or so back in time, the global financial crisis caused a massive decline in trade. That world trade never ever returned to its previous growth trajectory.

Similarly now, the global crisis caused by Covid-19 is causing another huge decline in trade, and I fully expect to see a similar long-term down-shift in global trade.

The trade war between the U.S.A. and China will lead companies towards a more domestic approach to production and sourcing, and that will also help to maintain a sustained reduction of trade.

In Britain, we have long since lost our manufacturing industry. No other major economy has been through Britain's scale of de-industrialisation.

What's left will almost certainly be damaged by Brexit. Failure to ensure frictionless trade with Britain's biggest market, Europe, will have disastrous implications for major companies and their supply chains. The pandemic has also seen a drastic increase in unemployment and very few jobs available for those affected. Troubled times indeed.

So it's a case of looking to a future where more British workers will need to be using their brains rather than hands. With most future jobs being lost to robots, we need to ask from where these skills are going to come. At the moment Britain has too many low-skilled lowly paid jobs. When they have vanished to technology, what are these people going to do?

Places like Denmark and Germany have shown the way with building industries around green technology. The world of work in Britain needs to be similarly transformed. And quickly. A jobs crisis is likely but not inevitable, if the government acts accordingly. Britain has a choice – it's either another industrial revolution, and we created the first one, or else it will be the title of this blog.

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Royal British Legion, Kyrenia Branch - Christmas Bazaar

The RBL Christmas Bazaar was held at the Kaya Palazzo Hotel on Wednesday 25th November and was attended by 26 visiting stall holders (all socially distanced). The Branch also held a Raffle, Tombola and 50/50 Square worth 500TL to the lucky winner. Everyone had a great time and spent lots of cash.

Thank you to all who came to the RBL Christmas Bazaar. We, with your support managed to raise an amazing **5300TL.**

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Pink 446 - Chopping Board (Collected)
Pink 436 - Tea Towel hanger (Collected)
Yellow 801 - Cheesecake pan
Blue 526 - Wine
Pink 571 - Wine (Claimed)
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Walking the Dogs - 25th November 2020

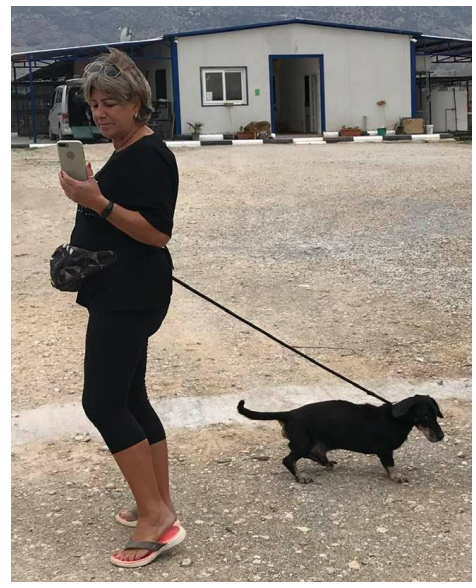
Readers Mail ....
from Carole King ....

Well what a fabulous turnout. Thank you to Valerie Maskell, Kim and Graham McIntyre, Adela Warrington, Heather Gordon, Mike Phillips and Mike Bezzant. Because of all the walkers we were able to get 17 dogs out for lovely long walks. Perfect conditions for walking today and everyone, dogs included, enjoyed the exercise.

Julyet, Roxy, Blue, George, Samba, Karmi, Dylan, Stuart, Cooper, Lofty, Timothy, Leyla, Frank, Tucker, Elmo, Morris and one other all say thank you for walks and treats and hopefully see you next week!

It's wonderfully rewarding to give these dogs the extra attention that may help them when they move on to their own homes.

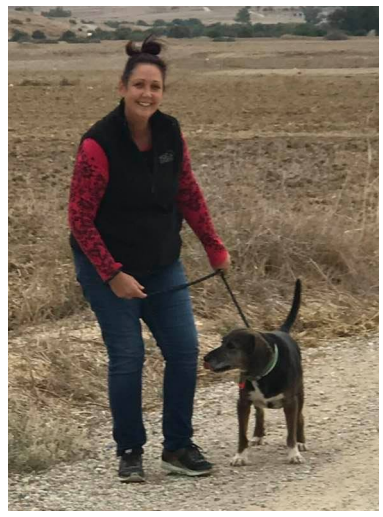




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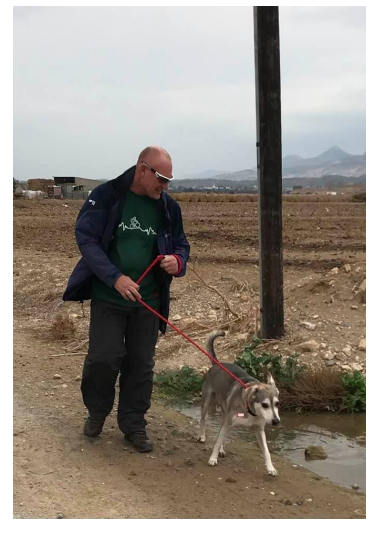




















Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design use historical buses

Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD) have started using the historical 'Bedford' buses that have become the symbol of Cyprus. These historical 'Bedford' buses, which were brought to the island in the 1940s and became the symbol of Cyprus, hit the road again with the initiative of ARUCAD.

ARUCAD has restored the Bedford buses used by Cypriots while travelling, bringing them back into our culture.

Rector Prof. Dr. Asım Vehbi said, "We restored and started to use 'Bedford' buses that have become the symbol of Cyprus in order to revive our cultural values unique to our island. Most of us have memories of the buses that were used to get to the city in the 1940s and 50s. As a university, we are happy that these historical buses, which have a place in the memory of the society, are on the roads again".

Rector Vehbi thanked ARUCAD Founder Erbil Arkin and Sinan Arkın.

Source (Turkish) :
Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD)









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SPORTS QUIZ

By Richard Beale ....

Here are 15 Sports questions on current and past trivia, the answers can be found on page 31 in this week's edition of the E. Newspaper.

Answers are given on page 31 of the ENEWSPAPER.



1	Who is the oldest manager in the history of the Premier League ?
2	Who scored both of England's tries in their 18-7 win over Ireland last weekend ?
3	Who won the recent US Masters golf tournament ?
4	Derby County recently sacked their manager Phillip Cocu, which ex England Captain has taken over as interim manager and which ex England Manager has joined him as Technical Director ?
5	Lewis Hamilton won his 7th World F1 Championship by winning the Turkish F1, who was President of the United States when he won his first F1 World Championship ? - Donald Trump/ Barack Obama/ Bill Clinton or George W Bush.
6	Who has scored the most runs in the history of Test cricket ?
7	Which Englishmen has scored the most runs in Test cricket ?
8	What season were injury substitutes permitted in the English football League ? 1963-64/ 1964-65/ 1965-66 or 1966-67 ?
9	Which season were tactical substitutions permitted ? 1966-67/ 1967-68/ 1968-69 or 1969-70.
10	What is the National sport of the USA ? - Soccer/ American Football/ Basketball or Baseball ?
11	The film "Cool Runnings" was based on which sport ?
12	Who was the highest placed Britain in the recent US Masters ?
13	Last weekend Coventry were hosts to Birmingham in a 0-0 draw played at which Championship Stadium ?
14	Who is the only Australian Aboriginal to win Wimbledon ?
15	The great Nobby Stiles recently died age 78, he and which other two footballers are the only Englishmen to win both the World Cup and European Cup ?

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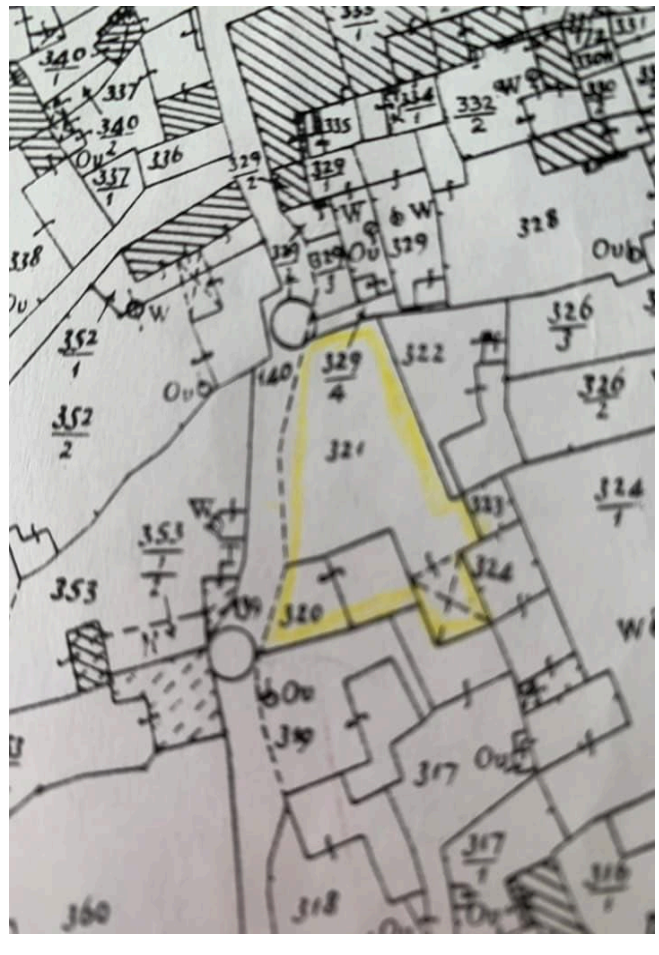
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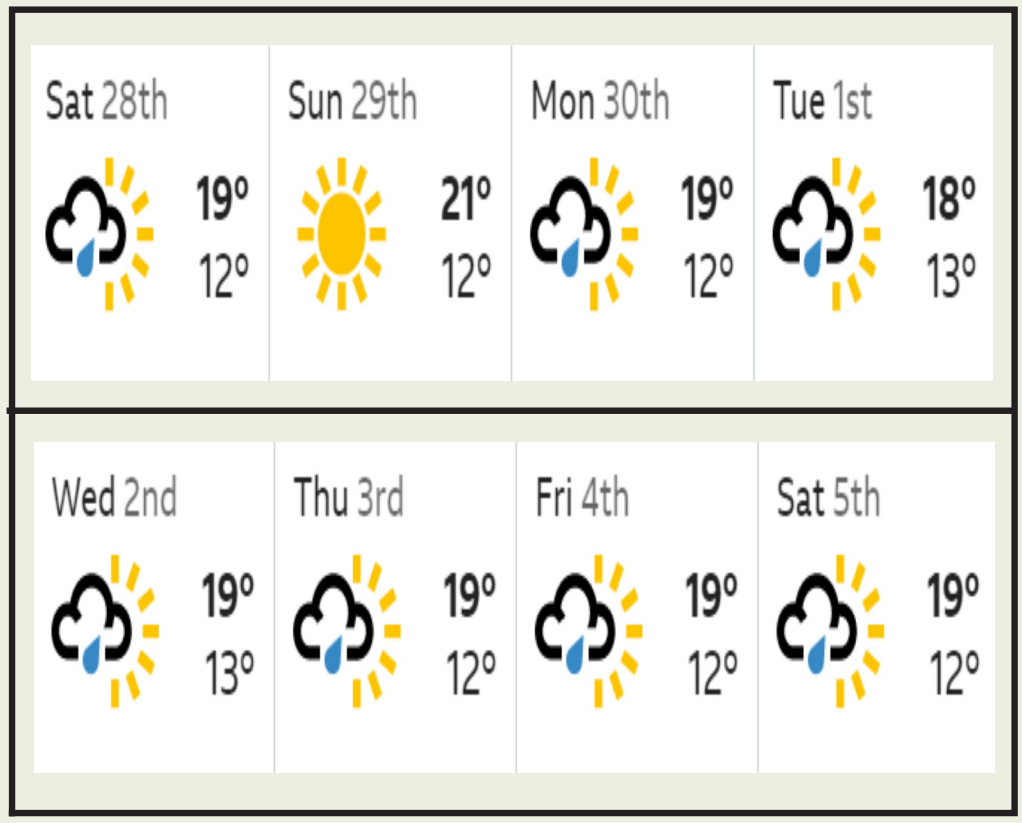
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Kyrenia Weather : 8-day Forecast

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SPORTS QUIZ ANSWERS

Here are the answers to the Sports Quiz on page 27



1	Roy Hodgson (Crystal Palace) 72.
2	Johnny May
3	Dustin Johnson
4	Wayne Rooney, Steve McClaren.
5	George W Bush (2008)
6	Sachin Tendulkar (14,692 runs)
7	Alastair Cook (12,472 runs)
8	1965-66
9	1967-68
10	Baseball
11	Bobsleigh
12	Rory McIlory (5th place)
13	St Andrews Trillion Trophy Stadium (both sides share the ground)
14	Evonne Goolagong (Crawley) 1971.
15	Bobby Charlton and Ian Callaghan (Callaghan did not play in the final, but played in an earlier round to qualify for a winners medal).



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