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A year pregnant with expectations

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2012 is a year when the eyes of the world will turn to Britain for the Olympic Games. The games are by themselves an event of the highest importance in the world sporting calendar, but for Britain—2012 will be remembered for years to come as the Year of The Olympics—just as 1966 is still remembered as The Year that Britain hosted the Football World Cup (and winning it too).

How will British athletes fare on home ground, is on many peoples' mind. Is it an occasion for these athletes to scoop

more medals than usual!

Another memorable British event to attract world attention will inevitably be The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations culminating on June 5. In three years' time she will equal Queen Victoria as the longest reigning monarch in British history, and Head of the Commonwealth of Nations. There will be days of rejoicing at home during the Jubilee celebrations.

Politically, further north of the border, Scotland will soon be starting its cam-

paign for independence by a referendum. It will be the start of an event that could see the beginning of the Dis-United Kingdom. Scotland has been granted Devolution. Devolution, a form of self-government, can only mean one thing in respect of the next political development: the road to independence. (Mauritius will have to face a similar situation in due course with the Devolution of Rodrigues Island. Don't laugh it off. Mauritius, with a monocrop economy in the 1960s, an exploding

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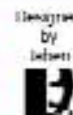
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In retrospect

A year in UK politics

We are happy to welcome UK journalist Paul Prentice who will now contribute to this column every month. Paul Prentice is specialist in British politics with a special interest in EU affairs as well.

We take this opportunity to thank British journalist Andrew Tarrant, who until last month was the Regular con-

A year ago, we could have described what had been a "challenging" twelve months in UK politics. And, if 2010 were challenging, then 2011 has been extraordinary. Harold Macmillan's "events, dear boy, events" has never been a truer adage of the way politics can take unexpected turns.



By Paul Prentice

British Prime Minister David Cameron could surely not have expected an easy ride upon taking office as the Prime Minister of the first coalition government in over seventy years in May 2010. Convincing the electorate of the Conservatives' deficit reduction strategy – and the consistent trashing of Labour's record as big-spending, big-government and economically reckless - was the easy part. A generally acquiescent media helped Cameron and his party along the way, while the Liberal Democrats, as coalition partners, raised no significant objections to this line. But with no firm plan for growing the economy - austerity being the only dish on the menu – Cameron's party has found that governing as if it were a single-party government with little opposition is not an option. Conflict would have to be engineered, distractions capitalised upon and personalities exploited if his party were to convince the electorate that despite being in coalition, it was still business as usual for the Tories.

Murdoch

As distractions go, no-one predicted quite how the Tories' biggest friends in the media – Rupert Murdoch's newspapers – would face such a spectacular crisis in the way that they did in July 2011 when news emerged that the mobile phone messages of Milly Dowler, a young girl who had been horrifically murdered in 2002, had been hacked into by News of the World journalists shortly after she disappeared. Within a week of these revelations – and many more - the paper was closed. Only a month or so before, the political establishment, including the Labour leader Ed Miliband, had cavorted quite happily in the company of Murdoch himself at News International's summer party. All of a sudden, the political class was in crisis yet again, achieving a hat trick of scandal after cash for peerages and the MPs' misuse of their expenses. Huge questions remain over Cameron's personal judgement, both as Prime Minister and while in opposition over his hiring of former News of the World editor Andy Coulson as Communications Director, and it remains to be seen whether the resultant Leveson Inquiry into the ethics and practices of the media will draw out any hard lessons for politicians.

Despite the embarrassment of his murky media connections, Cameron, like Tony Blair, has demonstrated his

own Teflon-like quality. Nothing sticks. What's more, he has found it convenient to direct flak in the direction of the Liberal Democrats. As leader of that party and Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg has never redeemed himself from the consequences of his party's sudden u-turn in government in introducing fees of up to £9,000 for some university courses.

A referendum on moving to the 'Alternative Vote' system for General Elections did not result in a Great Liberal Moment – with an overwhelming 67% of the voting electorate saying that actually, they didn't agree with Nick. Any surge in enthusiasm for the Lib Dems during the 2010 election campaign had vanished without a trace by mid-2011 as the party struggled to make the transition from party of protest to party of government - still very much the third party, stubbornly languishing at around 10% in the opinion polls despite the trappings of office.

International

Meanwhile, there were plenty of distractions on the international stage. With the disaster of Iraq was still deep in the political consciousness, a decision to take military action in Libya eventually paid off with the eventual demise of Colonel Gaddafi. Rather, it was Europe that once again presented itself as a pressure point for the Tories, exacerbated by crisis in the Eurozone and Tory backbenchers' desire to score one over their coalition partners. The supposed 'veto' wielded by Cameron against a treaty designed to save the Euro (supposedly threatening the City's financial interests) left the UK more politically isolated than it has been for years. And although large numbers of British people remain of the view that

things like immigration, justice, defence and employment rights should be decided by Britain alone, it remains to be seen however whether there is any appetite for the EU having a less of a role in areas such as the environment, foreign policy and trade rules.

Asked about the UK's continued membership of the EU in a referendum, one poll suggested that only 41% of voters wanted to stay in, with 41% wanting to leave – a sharp shift from recent polls indicating that up to 50% wanted to leave. Other countries went ahead with negotiations anyway, with a cost in personal and diplomatic relations, most graphically illustrated by President Sarkozy's refusal to shake Cameron's hand during a televised clip of the summit. There is no love lost between the two men.

Whatever happens in UK politics in 2012, it is less predictable than ever. While the coalition has remained stable, the condition of the UK economy does not show any great signs of improvement. Predicted growth has not materialised, youth unemployment is unacceptably high and the promise of many more vacancies in the private sector to replace those lost in the public sector failed to materialise. The next year will mark the halfway point of this notional five-year parliament – a point at which the Chancellor, George Osborne, may well have to adopt 'Plan B' for reviving the economy and creating jobs. Cynically, the government may choose to play the anti-EU card rather than admit defeat on the economy. But with the aftermath of the English riots still raw in voters' minds, there

**A Centernarian among UK Mauritians
Mrs Marie Ilda Suzanne**



Mrs Marie Ilda Suzanne (born Mélanie) will be 100 years old on February 25, 2012. Mrs Suzanne was born on February 25, 1912 at St Pierre, Mauritius.

Her late husband Joseph was a well-known tailor at Quatre Bornes. They emigrated to the UK in 1973 with one daughter Mary and husband Fabien.

Mrs Suzanne has now 16 grandchildren and over 25 great-grandchildren in Mauritius and in the UK. Too many to count, says someone in the family. She still has a very good memory and can lucidly remember events that took

place ages ago in her life. Until three years ago she could still take to the floor to dance.

The centenary lady enjoys the company of other compatriots with whom she likes talking about the good old days in Mauritius and here in London.

In their younger days, both Joseph and Marie Ilda were active members of the Père Laval Benevolent Society (PLBS) in London. Now in her 100th year, Mrs Suzanne, in her religious fervour, firmly believes that Père Laval will be with her all the time.

Mrs Suzanne usually resides with Mary and Fabien, both members of the Père Laval Association UK, at 38 Harpenden Road, West Norwood, London SE27 0AE where Her Majesty will send her a congratulatory message on her 100th birthday.

With every good wish from Henry Rex L'Espoir de Costa of East Dulwich.



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Titbits from Mauritius

By Ahmad Macky

CARCASSONNE REPORT ON ELECTORAL REFORM

Professor Guy Carcassonne and his two assessors submitted their recommendation on the Electoral Reform to the Prime Minister in November.

So far the Prime Minister has not expressed his opinions on the report but has simply put it in a drawer for future discussions. On the other hand, the Leader of the Opposition, Paul Bérenger seems to be quite happy with most of the recommendations made on the Electoral Reform by Professor Carcassonne.

The only point Bérenger does not agree on the recommendations is the phasing out of the Best Loser System which Bérenger wants to maintain for the time being. Berenger has been the most proactive political leader once the Carcassonne report was released.

In fact, Bérenger officially went to meet President Sir Anerood Jugnauth to discuss the Carcassonne report once it was published. According to the recommendations, the country will be divided into 12 constituencies and in each constituency there will be between 4 to 7 candidates depending on its size and area. The Prime Minister may nominate Ministers from among outsiders just like today he nominates the Attorney-General.

These are one or two recommendations on the report of Professor Guy Carcassonne.

DEMOCRACY INDEX

Mauritius ranks 24th in the fourth edition of the Economist Intelligence Unit's Democracy index.

The index provides a snapshot of the state of democracy worldwide as of the beginning of December 2011 for 165 independent states and two territories. The first 25 countries are classified as full democracies. Mauritius is in the top 25. Our country comes just before Spain, which is at the 25th. Norway ranks 1st., Iceland is 2nd, Denmark 3rd, Sweden 4th and New Zealand 5th. UK is at the 18th place and the USA at 19th.

E-JUDICIARY SYSTEM IN 2012

The E-Judiciary system which will connect more than 700 legal professionals will be officially launched this year.

This project is set to revolutionise judicial administration in Mauritius, benefiting judges, magistrates, solicitors, barristers, court officers and other administrative ranks. It will reduce physical movement to and from courts.

A Singaporean firm namely **Crimson Logic** has been commissioned by the government to install this online system

in Mauritius. In that context, legal professionals participated in a workshop conducted by Crimson Logic at the Bar Council on Tuesday 20th December, 2011.

The new system will help speed up court proceedings.

IN A BID TO FIGHT DIABETES

The Association for the Promotion of Health is organizing a fund-raising at national level up to 24 January 2012.

The fund collected will be used to finance programmes fighting Type 2 diabetes, a non-communicable disease which affects 125,000 Mauritians. "If nothing is done, diabetes will become one of the biggest health catastrophes in the country in a few years' time. Around 125,000 people are affected by diabetes, that is, one out of four Mauritians.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION MEETS THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AGAIN

A new meeting between the President of the Republic, Sie Anerood Jugnauth (SAJ) and the Leader of the Opposition, Paul Bérenger took place in le Reduit on Thursday the 22nd December 2011.

The meeting lasted for half an hour and according to Bérenger, they discussed Professor Guy Carcassonne's report.

Since September 20, SAJ and Bérenger have had several meetings to discuss on different issues. On the other hand during a press conference held by the Labour Party and the PMSD, Patrick Assirvaden, President of the Labour Party, stated that Bérenger's preference for a 2000 MMM-MSM remake instead of a 2005 remake is an insult to the actual MSM leader, Pravin Jugnauth. The 2000 platform involved Jugnauth senior with Bérenger whereas the 2005 platform involved Jugnauth, The Younger, with Bérenger.

MSM APPROVES A 2000 REMAKE WITH SAJ

The politburo of the MSM has studied all the aspects of a 2000 remake and says it is in favour of having a coalition with MMM to save the country. This was confirmed by Pravind Jugnauth (The Younger), Leader of the MSM, who pointed that this remake will not jeopardize his leadership and that he remains the leader of the MSM.

VEHICLES' SMOKE TEST

Police in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment have launched a project on Monday the 19th De-

cember, 2011 to use new smoke meters to assess the density of fumes that comes from vehicles exhaust pipes.

The devices are intended to better control the fumes emitted by vehicles and action will be taken against polluting vehicles. Vehicles emitting more smoke than the prescribed amount will be fined. These smoke meters arrived in Mauritius over a month ago. However, these devices have not been used until recently due to lack of police training. To this effect several officers were sent abroad to obtain appropriate training. These officers, in turn, trained other police officers on the use of these devices.

POLICE PROMOTION

The Mauritius Police appointed at the end of December 13 new Assistant Commissioners of Police (ACP) and 38 Superintendents of Police (SP).

December, 2011 in the presence of the Commissioner of Police (CP). Various senior members of the police, including Deputy Commissioner of Police, the Director General of the National Security Service, Dev Jokhoo and the Chief Police Medical Officer, Dr Sudesh Kumar Gungadin attended the ceremony. On this occasion, Dr Prem Shaman was confirmed as a Police Medical Officer.

NEW OMBUDSPERSON NOMINATED

The contract of Shirin Aumeeruddy-Cziffra, Ombudsperson for Children, expired in December. From December 9, 2011, former woman judge Mrs Vidya Narainen was appointed as the new Ombudsperson for Children.

Mrs Cziffra, the first person to occupy this position since the creation of this office, completed two terms. According to law, the same person cannot do a third term.

TOURIST ATTACKED

A 35-yr-old British tourist was recently attacked with an iron pipe by a "skipper" at Flic-en-Flac.

He received a blow on the head and a fractured tibia. The victim was on a trip to the islet of ile-aux-Bénitiers together with three friends. The victim was rescued by a friend and taken to a clinic. Police arrested the skipper who was charged with grievous bodily harm. He was released on bail

RODRIGUES CELEBRATES CIVIL AVIATION DAY

The International Civil Aviation Day 2011 was globally celebrated on Wednesday 7th December, 2011 at Ro-

drigues. This year's theme was "Assistance and Cooperation for a Sustainable Air Transport." The day is observed to mark the creation of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). This year, the department of Civil Aviation celebrated the event in Rodrigues in the presence of Fisheries Minister Louis Joseph Von-Mally and the Chief Commissioner of Rodrigues, Mr Gaetan Ja-beemisar

RESCUER ASSAULTED

Joomuck Yadav, an 18 years old man residing at Roches Noires was arrested by police in December.

The young man is suspected of assaulting and robbing another person on the public beach at Roches Noires last month.

On that day, Yadav was on the beach together with some friends and a girl whom he was pulling by the arm. An elderly man, who was watching them, thought that they were misbehaving with the girl and wanted to drag her somewhere against her will.

As a good Samaritan, he asked the boys to leave the girl. Yadav Joomuck and his group started to hit him. They took advantage of the brawl and stole his mobile phone and a sum of Rs 450. found on him. The man later reported this matter to the police.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX RISES

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) stood at 130.4 points in November 2011. It was 128.4 points last October.

Welcoming 2012 (From Page One)



On the UK economic front, as well, there will be quite a bit of expectations: The Eurozone is in disarray and practically crumbling, how will Britain fare? How will the British David stand up to the EU Goliath, having said NIET to the Europeans in the style of a De Gaulle and The Iron Lady?

Here in London, we will witness the return match between Ken Livingstone and Boris Johnson for the office of Chief Executive of London as the Mayor to occupy City Hall. Will Ken unseat Boris? It's a contest that will engender lots of excitement and passion.

On the International front, the world may see a new President of the US. A believer of the Charismatic faith told me recently that, according to biblical predictions, the next US President would be a woman. Something worth waiting for!

Next to door to Britain, France is only 4 months away from its Presidential election. As with Obama, the natives have become disillusioned with Sarko. Socialist Party candidate François Holland is a serious contender.

For those using the Western World calendar, an extra day will they have this leap year. And according to the Chinese New Year that starts on January 23, 2012 will be The Year of The Dragon. The Dragon is symbol of power and strength. So it should be a good year, all in all.

Making voting more friendly for differently-able

Ramps will be set up in a special room on the ground floor of each polling station and booths provided to the height of wheel-chairs to facilitate access for voting in elections.

It is expected that in the forthcoming elections in Mauritius, differently-able people will be able to vote in better conditions and without undue haste. The new measures were tested in Rodrigues recently during the last bye-elections of the Regional Assembly and

Rs 4 billion RES project targets Asian customers

A new residential project, Alamanda Garden, will bring major developments in the north of the island, particularly at Pointe-aux-Piments, and generate some 1,000 jobs in the area.

The stakeholders of this Rs 4 billion project will target new customers in China, India and Russia. The construction work is expected to be completed in two years time. Covering an area of 48 arpents, the project will consist of 171 villas, 179 apartments and duplexes as well as sport and leisure facilities.

The villas, of different styles, will be eco-friendly, being given the introduction of low-energy use building concept with stronger roofs, solar panels and rainwater harvesting systems. The project is

More development for Shell in

After the transfer of 75 per cent of its shares to Vivo Energy Mauritius, its new corporate brand, Shell is on the path for further development involving, among others, the signing on agreement with one big customer in the marine sector, upgrading of pipelines on the quays and extension where necessary.

The company also plans to improve storage capacity on Marine Gas Oil. Specifically to the aviation sector, Shell will use the Vitol Aviation strength to gain new customers, with provision for six big tenders this year. It is to be noted that the new barge Shell has acquired for ferrying petrol, Tri Star Glory will take over services of

VIP Express completely opera-

VIP Express supermarket, officially opened in December at VIP Commercial Village in Goodlands amid dragon dancing and firecrackers, is in its second phase of development.

The complex houses many shops and consists of 140 business outlets, providing facilities to SMEs to expose their products. The second phase of the commercial complex will be completed by next

Elections in Rodrigues latest by

With the Rodrigues Regional Assembly dissolved on December 16 last, elections in the island will take place latest by March 14.

The caretaker government which is now running the affairs of the regional government, is not allowed to stay in power beyond March 16. The caretaker government will look at the day to day activities, but is not allowed to undertake major projects or key decisions that

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International culinary contest beginning of March

'Mets Plaisir' magazine with several other partners is organizing a culinary contest on March 1 and 2 for students of culinary schools in the Indian Ocean.

This premiere will welcome contestants from Indian Ocean countries, namely Mauritius, Seychelles, Madagascar, Mayotte, South Africa and Réunion island. The winning team will receive the 'Meilleurs jeunes talents de l'Océan Indien' trophy and a training for two persons in a prestigious hotel of Mauritius or Réunion island.

The first and second runner ups will receive the 'Prix excellence jeunes espoirs de l'Océan Indien' and the 'Honneur jeunes espoirs de l'Océan Indien' trophies respectively. Aside from this they will

BUAV campaigns against cruel

The British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection (BUAV) has launched an advertising campaign for Mauritius calling on residents and holiday-makers to help save monkeys from a cruel fate.

It is notable that Mauritius is the second world's largest supplier of primates for research. The island exports up to 10,000 animals each year.

The BUAV is urging citizens and holidaymakers to contact the Prime Minister of Mauritius, the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority and Mauritian Embassy in their own country to call for an end to this cruel trade. The display of the adverts in Mauritius has

Promoting local medical devices industry

The government has made plans in the budget 2012 to promote the manufacture of medical device.

The medical device industry has been identified as the fastest growing industry with a global market estimated at over USD 220 billion and has also been classified as one of the promising sector where success is ensured.

It is estimated that if the sector is further exploited with the appropriate supportive measures, it would open new opportunities

Extension classes from Janu-

Extension classes in Practical Biology, Chemistry and Physics in state secondary schools will be run from this month up to May.

They are open to GCE A level students who have passed the Cambridge School Certificate or its equivalent in the appropriate science subject and who are not attending a secondary school. The ministry also considers application from students who are still attending a secondary school but who wish to sit for GCE A level in an additional science subject, which they are currently not studying.

Second phase of crime tracking

The second phase of the crime occurrence tracking system at the Mauritius Police Force is on and will be operational in February.

This phase allows for the integration of stakeholders such as the National Transport Authority, the director of public prosecutions and the Forensic Science Laboratory.

Phase I of the project which aims to monitor crime occurrences in the country, started on November 30 at Pointe aux Sables and Coromandel police stations.

10th edition of PBD held in Jaipur (7-9 January)

The 10th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) in honour of Indian diapora will be held this month, from 7 to 9, in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The Chief Guest of PBD 2012 will be the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Kamla Persad Bissessar. The theme chosen for this edition is "Global Indian – Inclusive Growth".

The Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh will inaugurate this annual flagship event on January 8, and the President Pratibha Devisingh Patil will deliver the valedictory address on January 9 and confer the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards. More than 1500 delegates (among which some one hundred Mauritians) are expected to attend the event.

The event would be webcast online and summary of proceedings put out each day. The interactive website would provide an opportunity for the Diaspora to participate in the conference from any corner of the world. The PBD website is www.pbdindia.org

Indian operator Bharat Telecom Ltd offers FTTH service

The Optic Fibre to The Home project, also known as the FTTH, will get an effective start on January 27 with the arrival of a new internet service provider, Bharat Telecom Ltd.

The FTTH project will generate several advantages such enhancing of connectivity on the island, making ICT one of the most important pillars of the economy, further reduction of Internet tariffs. As a matter of fact, Bharat Telecom will offer various packages starting from some Rs 300 monthly at very high speed. The Indian con-

International conference on Indian Ocean ports and cities

Mauritius will host an international conference for cities and ports of the Indian Ocean on April 12 and 13.

Several countries including Réunion Island, Seychelles, Madagascar, Comoro and others that are part of the Indian Ocean will participate in the conference. The conference will discuss issues related to climate change, international trade and shipping routes.

A study on the environmental practices of ports and cities will be discussed. A consultative meeting with representatives of the Municipal Council of Port Louis, Mauritius Ports Authority and Observatoire Villes et Ports Océan Indien was held in December last in

New pre-voc educational pro-

A new pre-vocational educational programme will be implemented in the country as from this month. It goes in line with the Education and Human Resources Strategy Plan 2008-2020. The programme aims to tackle the systemic and process-related weakness, which has been recorded in prevocational training. Earlier in the budget speech 2012, it was announced that a fourth year of schooling will be added to the pre-vocational education sector in order to achieve better results.

Through the new strategy emphasis would be laid on soft and social skills and work-based experience and new Bridging-the-Gap programme based on practical activities would also be introduced. It will be based on practical activities aimed to help children regain their self-esteem and develop self-confidence. A certificate will be delivered to those students who have successfully completed the

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La langue des îles françaises à l'honneur

Journée Internationale des Créoles

La Journée Internationale des créoles est célébrée depuis 1983 dans de nombreux pays de la Caraïbe, de l'Océan Indien et dans les lieux d'émigration des peuples créolophones.

A l'occasion de cette nouvelle édition 2011 (les 28, 29 et 30 Octobre 2011) et de la célébration des Outre-Mer, le Collectif pour le Créole au bac dans l'Hexagone (CCBH) et la Mairie du 11ème arrondissement à Paris, ont proposé un panorama de la diversité des langues et cultures créoles de Guadeloupe, Guyane, Martinique, Réunion et Haïti. **(N de la R: pas de Mauricie ??)**

On rappellera qu'en 2011, grâce à l'action du CCBH, pour la première fois dans l'Hexagone près de 500 lycéens des Académies de Créteil, Paris, Versailles, ont pu présenter les épreuves facultatives des créoles guadeloupéen et martiniquais au baccalauréat.

JOUNE KREYOL INTERNASYONNAL

Cet événement, qui s'étalait en fait sur trois jours du Vendredi 28 au Dimanche 30 Octobre, a débuté par le vernissage de l'exposition à la MJC Mercoeur (Maison des Jeunes et de la Culture) à Paris 11ème.

L'exposition abordait, en particulier une évolution des écrits en créole, des graphies dès le 18ème siècle, montrant en fait les

lettres les plus utilisées de l'alphabet antillais. Tony Mango, enseignant au Lycée Léon Blum : «il faut sortir des discours stéréotypés que les créoles sont des langues orales et non écrites. Pour cela nous avons mis en place une exposition sur l'évolution des écrits et des graphies créoles dans le but de dire que les créoles s'écrivent depuis très longtemps (1750, milieu du 18ème siècle). Les premières traces étaient des écrits d'abord religieux, «La Passion selon St Jean» et donc les missionnaires utilisaient la langue créole pour évangéliser, transmettre la foi. Ensuite il existe des traces en politique, Napoléon a signé des textes en créole. Car la langue est un outil de communication. Elle était le lien entre les maîtres et les esclaves.

Il existait des textes d'écrivains, poètes, par exemple la chanson «Lisette quittait la plaine», et des écrits par des Blancs créoles.

Des romans (Guyane) également au 19ème siècle et la fable aussi ont été adaptés. La difficulté c'est en première partie, la graphie propre, individuelle, sans règle collective. Certains mots sont proches du français, d'autres plus du créole. Le créole en Haïti a servi de base à d'autres graphies. Dès 1975 le Gerec (Groupe d'étude et de recherche en Espace Créolophone) a fait adopter une graphie approuvée à l'unanimité en 2001 (Gerec-F pour Francophone).

A l'île de La Réunion, il existe 4 graphies, c'est un peu compliqué. L'idée est de basculer dans une graphie différente de l'étymologie des mots en français, alors que la graphie du Gerec est basée sur la phonologie, on écrit des sons.

A l'exposition les créolistes aussi étaient présentés en tableau: Jean Bernabé, Hector Poullot, Dany Bébél-Gisler, Daniel Boukman, André Pierre-Louis, Sonny Rupaire, Thérèse Léotin, Sylviane Telchid, auteurs, écrivains et des écrits choisis traitant des revendications jusqu'à l'enseignement du créole à l'école et la création du Gerec en 1975.

Dans cette exposition on a pu voir aussi des ouvrages, grammaires comparées, dictionnaires. Une « graphie créole, Guide du Capes créole », des guides de conversation. « Le genèse des créoles de l'Océan Indien » par Robert Chaudenson.

Dans la Salle Olympe de Gouge, le public était varié, famille, enfants, amis, plus d'une centaine de personnes. Après les allocutions de bienvenue du Président Jean-Pierre Chaville, du professeur Tony Mango et de Sonia Adele, membre du « Collectif pour le Créole au Bac dans l'Hexagone » (CCBH), le débat était lancé :

Les langues et cultures créoles sont-elles menacées dans l'Hexagone? On devisait autour de l'évolution du créole surtout en France métropolitaine et en Outre-Mer. Xavier North délégué

général à la langue française et aux langues de France a fait un développement sur les langues en général en France hexagonale.

Un Réunionnais a parlé de «préjugés, de patois, de langue cafre à La Réunion, le nègre esclave et son mauvais parler».

Quelle situation après les trois premières années d'enseignement au lycée? Le CCBH a fait le point. Il existe deux écoles : les Lycées Léon Blum à Créteil et Paul Eluard à Saint-Denis qui font la formation pour le créole. Le créole a été accepté en option facultative pour l'instant seulement pour le créole martiniquais et guadeloupéen. La demande devient assez forte. Il y a un certain engouement des jeunes pour apprendre cette langue.

Le public a fait des commentaires et proposé des sujets de réflexion sur les lieux de vie, espaces et outils de promotion des créoles.

Environ la moitié des personnes assistant au débat étaient restées pour la dictée en créole afin de découvrir la graphie et la sonorité des créoles guadeloupéen, guyanais, martiniquais, et réunionnais. Car on a dicté dans tous les créoles, l'un après l'autre. Les « élèves » choisissant d'écrire tous ou leur propre créole sous la direction du professeur Tony Mango qui donnait la correction au tableau, chacun vérifiant ses fautes.

Une troisième partie, artistique avec les invités d'honneur, finissait la soirée. Franck Compper plongeait la salle dans l'univers des plus beaux contes guyanais. Le Réunionnais David Sicard donnait un récital de ses principaux succès et enflammait le

vous convient à la Journée Internationale des Créoles

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public au son du maloya, l'âme de la musique réunionnaise.

La journée se prolongea avec un week-end d'ateliers divers, le lendemain Samedi, l'atelier d'alphabétisation, invitait à l'écriture du créole et à la lecture, étape importante qui permet de mieux pénétrer les richesses des langues créoles. Il était dirigé par Tony Mango: «l'atelier d'aujourd'hui vise un objectif, celui de démarrer un processus d'alphabétisation de masse des communautés en hexagone (Paris) sur 5 ans.

Les groupes sont venus ici pour une mise en bouche, pour donner envie: maîtriser la graphie pour une meilleure lecture, acheter ensuite des livres, et enfin parler la langue. Car par le biais de la famille, la transmission est verticale et l'apprentissage associatif c'est une autre forme, discuter sur ce qui nous lie. Une graphie commune avec différentes prononciations pour la Martinique et la Guadeloupe et plus tard la Guyane et La Réunion.

Cet atelier, c'est une façon très conviviale de fouiller notre langue, une fierté, un plaisir dit le professeur.

L'atelier de conversation animé par Souria Adele (notre cliché) avait pour but d'aider aussi les adultes qui comprennent mais ne parlent pas, à les mettre en confiance et libérer la parole. Une invitation à échanger en créole sans modération.

L'atelier des contes avait lieu en compagnie des truculents conteurs comme le Martiniquais Igo Drane, le Guyanais Franck Compper ou le Réunionnais Patrice Guezello, et on s'est laissé guider par les yékrik, aboubou, misyérik, kriké, kraké et on a même réussi à construire ensemble un nouveau conte créole.

On a pu assister dans l'atelier de danses, à l'initiation des différents Bèlè de la Martinique, Gwoka de la Guadeloupe, Kaséko de la Guyane. Les jeunes et moins jeunes choisissaient leur danse, ici la Djoumpa haïtienne (notre cliché).

La scène ouverte était le moment de déclamation de chants, textes, contes et poésies en créole. Si bien qu'à la fin de la journée on était imprégné de créole au point de la parler librement.

Au cours de cette Journée Kreyol

Editor's Note:

The information about the Creole Day event in France was sent to us by the French organisers which we in turn sent to our correspondents there.

The authorities in the UK had the information about the Creole Day celebration in London but they kept it to themselves and their own friends. Yet they are supposed to promote the Mauritian folk culture in this country.

We gave the event a good cover



Mauritian national Ivan Antilika with the Martinique ladies at the last month Creole Day in London

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Behind the Purple Curtain – A Political Autobiography

by Dr Jayen Cuttaree

As an autobiography, the recently launched Behind the Purple Curtain of Dr Jayen Cuttaree, one of the country's most illustrious political leaders, revisits his rise from an unpretentious background to a brilliant academic and political career. Nothing is forgotten, the poverty and strong family values that forged his character; the academic successes that opened doors to an unexpected future and the many upheavals in his life

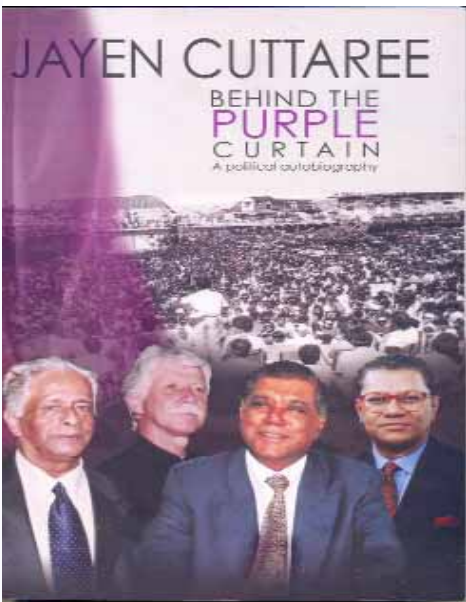
As a political autobiography, Dr Jayen Cuttaree, through vivid anecdotes told in his own personal voice,

Dr. Cuttaree lifts the veil on intimate details never revealed before about historical figures with whom he has interacted closely: Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, Sir Anerood Jugnauth, Paul Bérenger, Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam, and other well-known protagonists whom we encounter from behind the scenes.

As the author records some of the most decisive moments in the history of Mauritius, we live anew the unprecedented victory of the MMM in 1982, the agonizing break-up in 1983, the orchestration of political attacks and the crafting of coalitions, all pitted against a political backdrop of scheming politics, personality conflicts and betrayals.

In 2003, the long-awaited accession of historical leader Paul Bérenger to the post of Prime Minister coincides with the apex of Jayen Cuttaree's stellar career, culminating in a high-profile international role that followed his appointment as Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

Behind the Purple Curtain takes the reader through, nearly 400 pages of writings and photos, a journey covering the last forty years of the political history of Mauritius.
 About the author
 Dr. Jayen Cuttaree holds a BSc in Forestry from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, an MSc



Book Cover picture: From left to right: Sir Anerood Jugnauth, Paul Bérenger, Jayen Cuttaree and Navin Ramgoolam

and a PhD in Plant Ecology from the University of Edinburgh.
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Ravenel Intendant de Suffren aux Indes de Daniel Lesguillier

Bientôt disponible le livre "Ravenel Intendant de Suffren aux Indes", signé Daniel Lesguillier, ce dernier ressuscite une figure glorieuse mais méconnue de l'histoire de la Marine française de l'ère coloniale. Il s'agit de Gaud Louis de Ravenel qui après les campagnes des Indes auprès de Suffren, est revenu à l'Isle de France (aujourd'hui Maurice) comme capitaine du port. Il y restera 38 ans. En 1997, la Marine française et les autorités mauriciennes lui ont rendu les honneurs au lieu de sa sépulture au cimetière de Saint Julien à Flacq. Sa tombe est devenue monument historique.

Le livre, riche de 180 pages nourries de reproductions en couleur des tableaux, cartes et pièces d'archives, présente, avec une rigueur historique, la vie passionnante d'une famille de marins granvillais. En effet, l'ouvrage de Daniel Lesguillier remonte l'ascendance de Gaud Louis de Ravenel (1747-1824) et consacre une bonne trentaine de pages au père, Siméon Ravenel (1724-1771), à qui le premier nommé doit son surnom de "L'incorruptible" dans la Marine. Cette note dans l'introduction historique du livre résume bien ce que Gaud Louis doit à son père: "A partir de 1764, Siméon formera son fils aîné Gaud Louis sur ses navires morutiers en le mettant à l'épreuve des éléments de l'océan Atlantique. Mais surtout il lui forgera une éthique de prob-

ité et d'honneur que son fils conservera tout au long de sa vie."
 De l'océan Atlantique Gaud Louis de Ravenel écumera ensuite, à la faveur de la campagne de Suffren aux Indes, l'Océan Indien. De ce fait, ce livre, où la vie et l'œuvre de ce marin granvillais se taillent la part du lion, traite forcément de l'histoire sur un siècle, de l'Atlantique et de l'Océan Indien.

La carrière glorieuse de Gaud Louis de Ravenel

Si le père, Siméon Ravenel, capitaine et armateur à la pêche morutière, corsaire, devient dans la Marine, capitaine de brûlot, le plus haut grade des officiers roturiers plus connus comme les officiers bleus, le fils, Gaud Louis de Ravenel y connaîtra une carrière remarquable en tant qu'officier chargé de l'intendance où il s'illustre plus particulièrement sous les ordres de Suffren dans la glorieuse campagne des Indes de 1781 à 1783 en tant que négociateur avisé. Blessé sur le Héros, navire amiral de Suffren lors des combats où il commande la seconde batterie, il recevra la Croix de Saint Louis et Suffren dira de lui: "Si j'ai des succès dans l'Inde, c'est grâce à Ravenel".

A Versailles, après présentation du bilan de l'escadre, tache qui lui prendra 3 années, Ravenel sera reçu par Louis XVI qui l'anoblira. Nommé capitaine de vaisseau, il retourne à l'Île de France et s'installe au Port-



Siméon Ravenel
 Louis, base navale et "nid de corsaires" en pleine guerre avec l'Angleterre. Il participe à la vie militaire, puis politique et économique de l'île jusqu'en 1810. Après la capitulation, il réside sur l'île où il est inhumé en 1824 au cimetière Saint Julien, quartier de Flacq.

Entretemps sa fille Sophie a épousé en 1805 le général de division Lubin Vandermaesen. Ce dernier dirigera, aux côtés du Gouverneur Général Decaen, les dernières vaines tentatives de repousser les Anglais en décembre 1810. Vandermaesen sera tué trois ans après au combat en Espagne. Son nom figure, avec les 659 "braves" sur l'Arc de Triomphe de l'Etoile à Paris.

Il faut saluer Michèle et Daniel Lesguillier pour les recherches effectuées en France et à l'île Maurice, ce qui leur a permis de mettre en lumière la très riche carrière de Siméon et de Gaud

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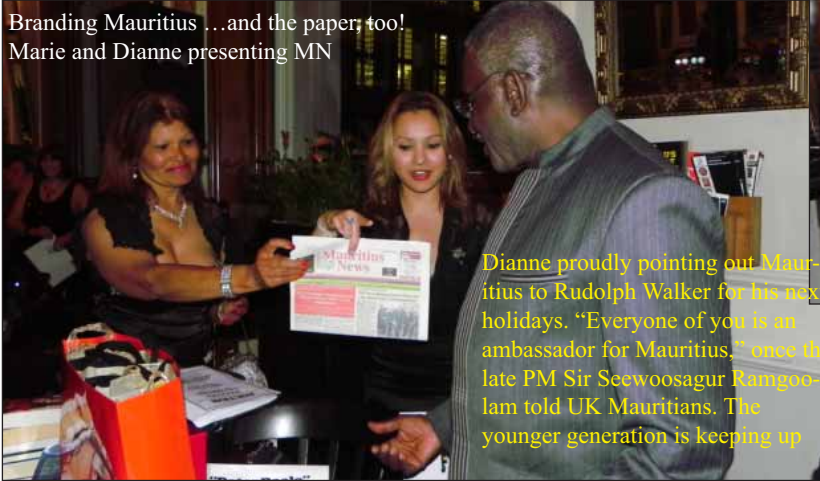
The best way to deal with the paparazzi is to shoot when they shoot, John Altman seems to have found out. Everyone should carry a camera and spoil their shots. Remember where you read this advice first!

On October 17, Mauritius News had the privilege to rub shoulders with some of Britain's top stars of Albert Square (EastEnders) at the Knights Templar in Chancery Lane, London West End. Were there, as pictured above, from Left to Right: Rudolph Walker, John Altman, June Brown, and Derek Martin.

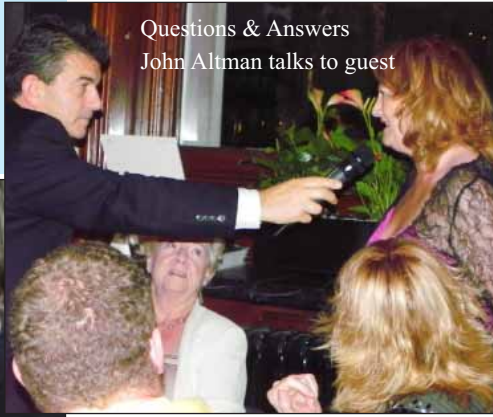
It was an event organised by the Charities Guild to raise funds for Noah's Ark and the Little Haven Children's Hospice. The evening started with a typical English meal characteristic of the London's East End such as Fish and Chips, Bangers and Mash etc. The meal was followed by a Questions and Answers session.

A photo shoot took place afterwards for those who wanted to be in the picture

Branding Mauritius ...and the paper, too!
Marie and Dianne presenting MN



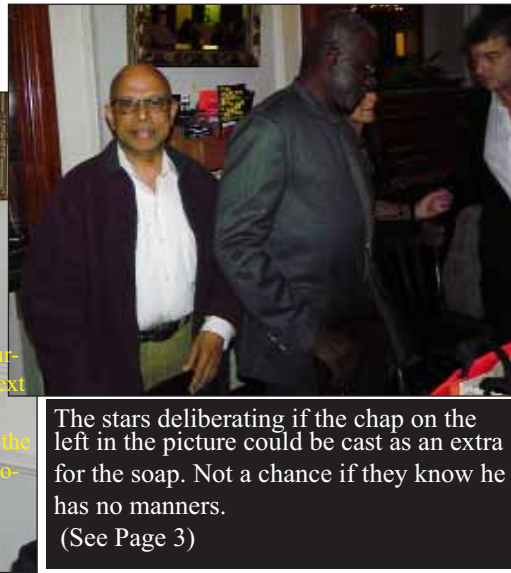
Dianne proudly pointing out Mauritius to Rudolph Walker for his next holidays. "Everyone of you is an ambassador for Mauritius," once the late PM Sir Seewoosagar Ramgoolam told UK Mauritians. The younger generation is keeping up



Questions & Answers
John Altman talks to guest



For her facebook
Dianne with John Altman



The stars deliberating if the chap on the left in the picture could be cast as an extra for the soap. Not a chance if they know he has no manners.
(See Page 3)

The Rum Experience

The UK Rum Festival



Mauritius rums were present at the Rums Festival that took place on October 16 & 17 at Olympia in Kensington, West London.

Rums from various Mauritian distilleries were brought together at the international festival on one stand organised by Yogen Bacha, UK representatives for the Rums of Mauritius.

The festival is now in its third year. UK Rum Ambassador says "It's amazing how the idea to throw a small rum party for a few friends has evolved over three years to become the world's biggest rum festival.

Mauritian Rum Mauritius is one of a few countries that produce both industrial and agricultural rum. Industrial rum is obtained by distilling molasses, a by-product of the production of cane sugar whereas agricultural rum is obtained by fermenting and distilling pure sugarcane juice.

The Rums of Mauritius (ROM) booklet available at Olympia stated that the 18 rums brought for the exhibition were from four distilleries producing a variety of rums to suit all palates. The named distilleries are IDM (International Distillers Mauritius, St Aubin,

Grays and La Bourdonnais. The variety of the rums from Molasses Column distilled to Agricole Rhums, unaged to aged, introducing two 151 Overproof Rums.

Among the rums that could be tasted, and bought, at the show were Green Island Rums (superior light, spiced and overproof), Tilambic 151, Flamboyant (Oak aged), L'Amitié (white rum), St Aubin Agricole (white, vanilla, coffee), New Grove (white, aged and flavoured), Labourdonnais (white and aged).

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A thought for the month–

English Saying

All that glitters is not gold.

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Dicton créole

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Legal Matters

Changes to unfair dismissal and tribunal system

Earlier this month, the Government confirmed their intention, following consultation to bring some important reforms to UK employment law.

From April 2012, the government's plans to increase the qualifying period of continuous employment for unfair dismissal from one year to two and introduce a fee system for employees (the claimants) who decide to bring employment tribunal claims.

The current legislation gives an employee the possibility to issue a claim of unfair dismissal when an employee has been employed for a continuous period of one year.

In addition, Claimants are free to issue such claim before an employment tribunal within 3 months of termination of their employment, or even longer under exceptional circumstances.

Issuing a claim against an employer is currently free of charge. However, the reforms which are to be implemented from 6th April 2012 would significantly affect the benefit



by Ludmilla Iyavoo

enjoyed by employees under the old scheme.

From April 2013, employees would be expected to pay £250 to apply to an employment tribunal to lodge a claim, and must pay a further £1,000 if a hearing is granted. The money will be refunded if claims are successful but forfeited if they lose.

The changes have been introduced in order to reduce the number of 'vexatious' claims against businesses and the government believes that the new changes will result in a reduction of 2,000 tribunal claims per year, businesses are also expected to make

savings of up to £6 million per year.

From the employer's perspective, the changes will bring less job protection and facilitate hiring during period of recoveries and firing during period of recessions, without fear of unfair dismissal claims being made by employees they dismiss or lay off.

Historically, the qualifying period of unfair dismissal has been subject to many changes. In 1975 the qualifying period for bringing such a claim was reduced to 6 months, it went up to 2 years in the 1980s and lowered to 1 year in 1999 as part of a number of reforms to employment legislation.

However, many critics believe that the above change would incite employees to bring more claims based on some forms of discrimination, as under the UK law; there is no qualifying period necessary for discrimination claims.

Readers should note that in any event, the requirement to pay a fee will not apply to Claimants who are unem-

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The political trend of here and there

The debates go on in Mauritius as regards the next coalition of parties for a next election, as to who will ally with whom. According to a recent article in Mauritius Times a paper that traditionally supports Labour in the country, a common platform between the MMM of Paul Bérenger and the MSM of Sir Anerood Jugnauth is almost a thing already done.

But the fact is that no general election is in the offing, and Sir Anerood Jugnauth is still President of the country. There is no cause to believe that a snap election is likely to take place in the country. On the contrary municipal elections that were to take place in the various towns last year have been postponed a second time this year giving rise to an outcry from the Opposition of no significance, really.

Here in the UK the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Alliance is losing ground according to the following press release from Angus Reid public Opinion poll:

BRITISH POLITICAL SCENE

Labour Extends Lead in Britain as Liberal Democrat Slide Continues

The approval rating for the three main party

leaders did not go through significant changes this month.

[The opposition Labour Party remains the most popular option for British voters, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found.

The online survey of a representative sample of 2,006 British adults also shows that support for the Liberal Democrats has reached the lowest since the last General Election.

Voting Intention

Across Britain, 42 per cent of decided voters and leaners (+1 since October) say they would support the Labour candidate in their constituency in the next General Election.

The Conservative Party is second with 33 per cent (=), followed by their coalition partners—the Liberal Democrats—with eight per cent (-2).

The United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) is in fourth place with seven per cent, followed by the Scottish National Party (SNP) with four per cent, the Green Party with three per cent, the British National Party (BNP) with two per cent, and Plaid Cymru with one per cent.

Labour maintains sizeable leads over the Tories in the North (54% to 26%) and Midlands and Wales (43% to 35%). Labour is barely ahead of the Conservatives in Lon-

L'ambassade de Maurice à Paris honore des mauriciens en France



De gauche à droite : M. T. Burkard, ancien ambassadeur et président de l'Association France-Maurice, M. Jean-Marie Le Clézio, Prix Nobel de littérature 2008, Mme. Ananda Devi, écrivain,

Un dîner, en l'honneur de Jean-Marie Le Clézio, Prix Nobel de littérature 2008 et septième Grand In-vité du musée du Louvre en 2011, a été offert par l'Ambassade de Maurice à Paris, le lundi 7 novembre, au restaurant "Chamarré Montmartre".

La célèbre écrivain mauricienne, Mme. Ananda Devi, nous a également honoré de sa présence. Des personnalités françaises et mauriciennes ont été conviées à cette occasion. L'ambassadeur de la République de Maurice, M. Jacques Chateau de Balyon, qui était accompagné du ministre-conseiller M. Roy Bissoondoyal, a prononcé une excellente allocution soulignant combien l'Ile Maurice culturelle était fier de ses écrivains de réputation internationale. Ils contribuent à la renommée de l'Ile



De gauche à droite : M. Denis Piat, Melle Alice Le Clézio, Le ministre-conseiller M. Roy Bissoondoyal, M. Jean-Georges Prosper, écrivain et Mme. Céline Gouveia de l'Imprimerie Nationale.

Maurice et des mauriciens à l'étranger.

Parmi les invités l'on pouvait remarquer M. Thierry Burkard, ancien ambassadeur de France et président de l'Association France-Maurice, M. Terrasse, Directeur de l'Auditorium du Louvre, Dr Jean-Georges Prosper, écrivain et conseiller culturel à l'ambassade, M. Gurbhurrun de l'ambassade, M. Denis Piat administrateur de l'Association France-Maurice, M. Philippe Rey, directeur général des "Éditions Philippe Rey", Mme. Gémià Le Clézio épouse du célèbre Prix Nobel et sa fille Alice été

Envoi de Denis Piat (Paris)

Carte de Souhait pour la Nouvelle Année

Au Mauritius News du Dr Jean-Georges Prosper, Conseiller Culturel



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Mauritius is 4th best place to buy property on a list 10

Long a favourite with holidaymakers, this island is now open to foreign buyers for the first time thanks to a new scheme to encourage investment.

Most people would be happy enjoying the watersports, unspoilt beaches and charming villages that dot this Indian Ocean idyll, but now there are financial perks too.

If you pay £310,000 or more

for a villa or apartment in a designated coastal zone, you will also have the right to become a Mauritian resident, and enjoy low levels of personal and business tax.

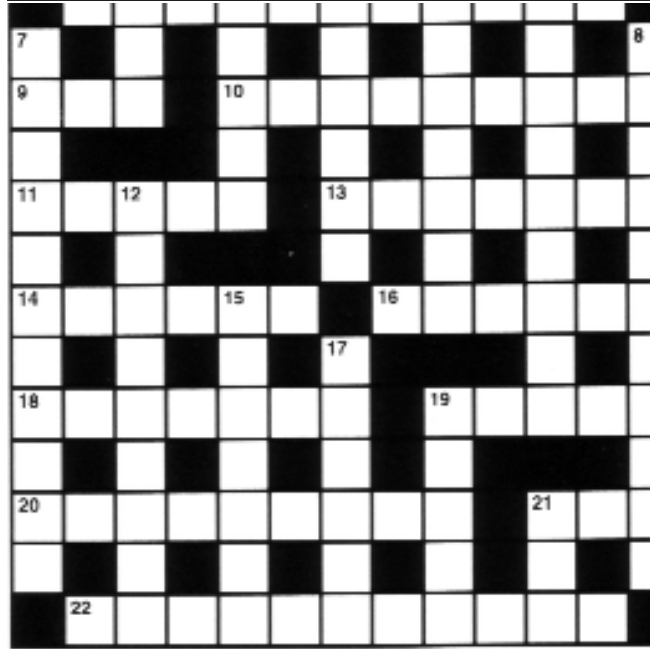
"The political situation is strong," says Maribeth Davies of Hamptons International. "And the economy has grown at an average of 4 per cent a year for the past eight years."

One new designated scheme is

Azuri, a beachfront complex with 169 homes for foreigners and 100 for wealthy locals. Properties come with parking, boat moorings, golf membership and access to swimming pools.

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Clues Across

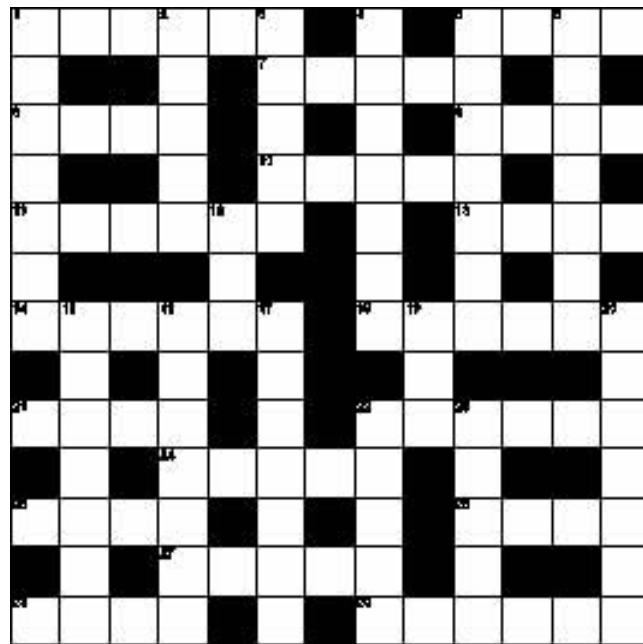
- 1 Do such people never take a quick look? (47)
- 9 It should look well ahead (3)
- 10 Shrimps? She'll try to catch her own (9)
- 11 Places where the collection is brought back (5)
- 13 The chief one in charge is oldfashioned (7)
- 14 They just don't have winning ways (6)
- 16 Struggle to bring the rest round about four (6)
- 18 Hesitate to speak? (7)
- 19 If such a cap fits, the dunce should wear it (5)

- 20 In debt finished, even? (9)
- 21 How to find the person (3)
- 22 This slyness has up to date good looks (11)

Clues Down

- 2 You think it's in but it's not (3)
- 3 They are simply breathtaking (5)
- 4 Might it get ahead of the polar explorer? (6)
- 5 Pluto's pet is a real hag (7)
- 6 No plait, ie the result of a close shave (9)
- 7 Card game the French prevent in small US town (7,4)
- 8 Smart little Kenneth gets the company to work (on egg production?) (7,4)

Quick Crossword



ACROSS

- 1. Weaving fibre
- 5. Groan
- 7. Fleshy
- 8. Car hooter
- 9. Chair
- 10. Permit
- 11. Pink-eyed rabbit
- 13. Balanced
- 14. Spiced sausage
- 18. Most cunning
- 21. Installed (carpet)
- 22. Mocking, ... fun at
- 24. Stomach sore
- 25. Bullets

DOWN

- 26. Carpentry clamp
- 27. Overturn
- 28. Cloth scraps
- 29. Tendons
- 1. Cooks again
- 2. Toadstools
- 3. Mexican friend
- 4. Hunting trips
- 5. Unsolved situation
- 6. Stimulates
- 12. Pen name, ... de plume
- 15. Blood disorder
- 16. Laborious

Tipik Mauricien Recipe

Quick and easy recipes from Tipik Mauricien to savour favourite exotic dishes from Mauritius

Ingredients

- 1 lb prawns (washed and cleaned)
- 1 tin chopped tomatoes
- 1 tbl thymes (fresh or dried)
- 1 tbl parsley (chopped)

- 4 green chillies (cut in half lengthwise)
- 1 tbl ground garlic and ginger
- 1 medium size onion (chopped)
- 2 tbs chopped coriander

Instructions:

heat oil and fry onions for 2 minutes adding garlic and ginger then parsley and thyme adding tomatoes and salt leave to cook until the oil floats then add prawns and chillies(do not cover) stir for 5 -10 minutes

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The undercover dangers of spy-



Key to fraud - when you type in a card number, are your numbers being

ware, also known as malicious software, has the ability to damage your computer. A Trojan horse, like its historical namesake, appears to be useful, but its purpose is to cause damage to your computer or compromise your confidential information.

However, the most dangerous items of spyware are keyboard loggers and internet dialers. Keyboard loggers can record your keystrokes, such as your PIN number, passwords and other confidential information. Internet dialers can use your computer to dial long distance numbers, usually for adult chat line services overseas. These programs can install themselves through a virus, MP3 files or visiting some pornography sites. Victims won't realise until a hefty phone bill arrives, often costing hundreds of pounds.

Pretty scary stuff. Thankfully, there are measures you can take to ensure that you can safely shop online or download. Read the licence agreement before installing free software. If you tick that you've read the terms and conditions when you haven't, you may unintentionally provide authorisation to have your online habits monitored for marketing purposes. This is unlikely to install the most dangerous spyware, but it can slow your computer up with adware.

File sharing is a well-known way of installing spyware, so find out if there's other software packaged with the freeware.

Avoid clicking on any links in

Consumer experts urge online shoppers to protect their personal information and limit the risk of identity fraud and unauthorised transactions by shopping wisely with trustworthy online retailers. Not all online shoppers, however, adequately protect themselves from spyware, which can be installed on your computer without your knowledge and without detection.

Spyware has become a big problem for internet users, especially those who shop online with credit and debit cards. These illegal programs can remotely monitor your online use and hijack your browser, redirecting your internet usage to third parties. At their least damaging, they can slow up your computer, but at their worst they can record your keystrokes, scan your hard drive and change your system's settings, allowing identity thieves to access your personal details, including your card details.

The main problem is that it can be installed entirely without your knowledge, sometimes through free programs downloaded from the internet or through file-sharing websites. So those who use the internet to shop or download leave themselves exposed to the danger of spyware.

Pop-ups are one way to discover whether you have spyware installed on your computer. If you have ever had a pop-up without a browser loaded, you have spyware of some sort.

There are many types of spyware and some more worrying than others. Adware is software that displays pop-up ads and has the capability to track your surfing habits and sell that information to a third party. Mal-

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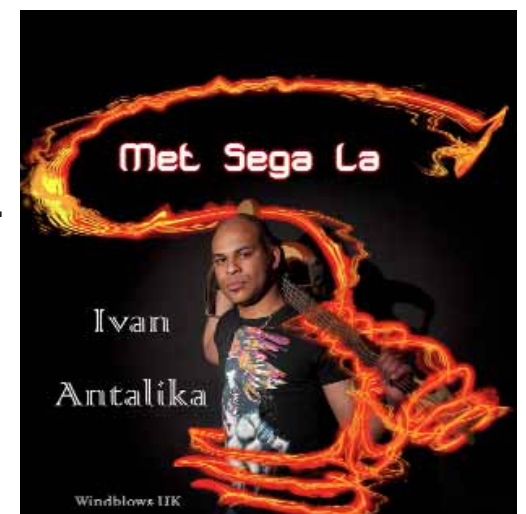
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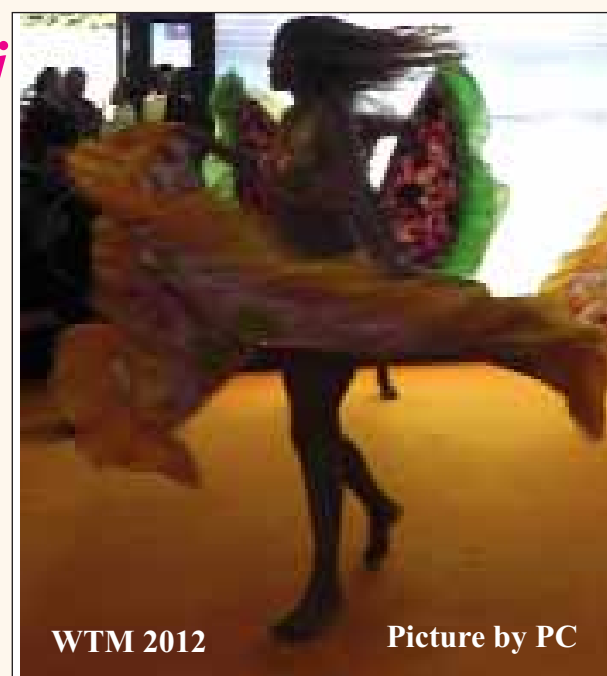
at

Wandsworth Civic Suite

Wandsworth High Street, London SW17,

from 7.00pm

Admission Ticket: £15



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The event will comprise two categories of championships for

**(a) An Individual Couple Champions (partnership of a male and a female dancers),
and**

(b) A Group Dancing Champions (restricted to six dancers - male and female)

Entries for each category should reach Mauritius News by 15 April 2012

***Prescribed applications forms will in due course be made available on www.mauritiusnews.co.uk
or will be obtainable from***

Mauritius News at 583 Wandsworth Road, London SW8 3JD.

Tel: 020 7498 3066

Special Adviser: Richard Marcel, Choreographer and Artistic Director

Application forms should be accompanied by: A postcard size picture

Future events promoted by Mauritius News:

Olympics Mauritian Day Out on Streatham Common on Sunday 22 July 2012

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