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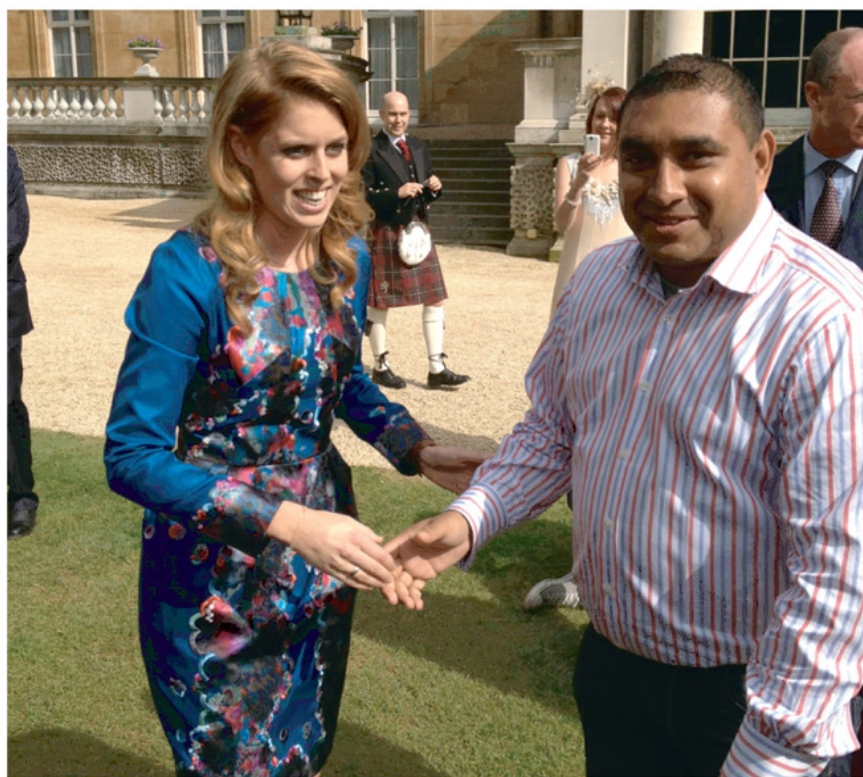
**Nadina Knight**

**British-born Mauritian  
in Miss England 2012**

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## Princess Beatrice meets Mauritian accountant

Mr Deevish Toolseeram was a royal guest to the Garden Picnic organised for the Queen's Jubilee Celebration at Buckingham Palace Garden. A once in a lifetime opportunity. The moment was "magical." On arrival, every guest was given a hamper basket containing some nice food prepared by the famous Chef Heston Blumenthal. Then all the guests were told to proceed at the back garden where the picnic was taking place. There he met many famous guests and members of the Royal Family such as Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie, daughters of Prince Edward. "Princess Beatrice was very nice, we shook hands and fortunately my friend took a picture on time. A magical moment!" said the Mauritian accountant. After the garden picnic all the guests enjoyed the Royal Concert performed by artists like Cliff Richard, Paul McCartney, Elton John, and others. "One day I will tell my grandchildren about this magical experience", Mr Toolseeram told us.



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Mrs Rana (Vina) Soobrayen, Senior Officer Tax Specialist, Large Business Service (Oil and Gas), London, HM Revenue and Customs is on the list of those who will receive the MBE honours. She is the wife of Viswa Soobrayen, former employee of Air Mauritius in London

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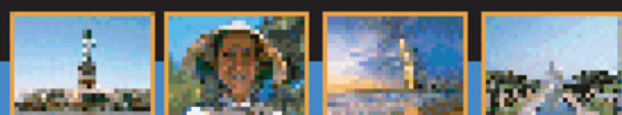


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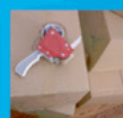
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Community bridge!

by VIJAY RAM



We came to Britain in different waves of immigration. Some of us, just before the country gained independence. The bulk, during the extensive recruitment of the early seventies into nursing jobs. More recently, many came to do their studies and elected to stay. We have family, occupation and business here. We all must have at some point believed we were here as transient immigrants. A few still harbour this wish of retiring back home. We have this romantic nostalgia of the good old days. Why not! But we are still here. We like the sense of opportunities available.

We make good use of the access to jobs, leisure and education. Some of us have been lucky to invest and own businesses. For our ladies, the manifest gender equality has tilted the balance more towards staying than going back. Our community today span across generations. The younger generation is British born. They have had their schooling here. Their friends are local. Their language is English. Their mindset may not be similar to ours. They are of a different culture. They should be permitted to think differently. Any temptation to deny this reality may risk total alienation. There is a need to include everybody and recognise our ideals and aspirations. Our mission as first generation immigrants would be incomplete if we do not succeed in bringing everybody on board. The focus of Mauritius News is to implement this mission and... bridge the community!

London-Brighton Cycle Rally



Shan Rogbeer Ashok Lalji, Raj Ramshye and Jai Khelawon Sunday 17th of June was the 27th edition of the London-Brighton Rally. Lalji and Ramsahye came all the way from Switzerland to join up with Shan Rogbeer and Jay Khelawon to cycle the 54 miles. "This is an event we try not to miss. I still remember the first rally back in 1985 like it was yesterday", Mr Khelawon told us. This charitable event is held to raise money for the British Heart Foundation.



British-born Mauritian aiming to be Miss England 2012

Nadina Azara Knight, Queen of heart

by JULIEN TUYAU

**What are the basic criteria of these beauty contests? Are they based solely on the physical attributes?**  
Beauty contests have changed so much, the typical stereotype of a pageant is no longer valid. There are so many different criteria on which we are assessed among which physical attributes play a much a smaller part.

**What about education, personality and principles... Are they taken into consideration?**  
We are interviewed, assessed on how charitable we are, the way we carry ourselves and our ability to communicate well in public, all this is taken into consideration along with so much more. They really are looking for the whole package!

**What did Miss Northampton 2012 add to Nadina?**  
Becoming Miss Northampton gave me a platform from which I could extend my charity work throughout the county! Having the title has so far seen me attend various charity functions, organising my own charity events and even working with my sponsor TK&S Optometrists to recycle eyewear for those less privileged!

**Is that true that you have entered the Miss Northampton Beauty contest on several occasions?**  
Yes this was my 4th attempt at the Miss Northampton title. I had also competed within various Miss England photographic rounds.

**Why did you take part in the 2012 edition after having lost the previous ones?**  
I believe it is important to be able to experience a loss without taking a hit to your confidence, and come back fighting, it shows tenacity and determination.

**What message are you willing to convey through this title?**  
I am hoping to show that determination is a key element for success as well as driving support from the public for the charities which I support whilst communicating their key messages.

**How do you intend to fulfill your engagement as Miss Northampton 2012; it is through your fashion style, your eloquent speeches or philanthropic endeavours?**  
I have already kept to my word on all that I said I would do in the lead up to the Miss Northampton competition and in my bid for the title and I have only had the title 3 months, I really hope to continue to push local talent and support charities whilst making myself available to help local businesses and charity events, if I'm lucky maybe even on a national level.

**Given your status, many young girls are going to perceive you as a role model. What advice will you give to all of them?**  
As cliché as it sounds, to never give up on something you believe is your calling. Determination and a good attitude are a sure way to achieve your goals.

**You were born to a French Mauritian mother and an English Father. What do you know about your Mauritian roots?**  
My mother speaks a lot of the heritage of Mauritius, it's colonisation and the different ethnicities that have resided there, I find the history of this beautiful island so fascinating!

**Are you proud of them?**  
Of course, it is a part of who I am!

**As you might know the Miss England 2012 is being sponsored by the Mauritian Tourism Authority. Do you consider it as an advantage or a handicap?**  
I am very excited that Mauritius is sponsoring the competition but I do not feel it will have any affect positive or negative on my progress within the competition.

**It seems that British-born Mauritians are among the most beautiful girls in the United Kingdom...**  
What a lovely thing to say, thank you very much.

**If there were a recipe for success what would it contain?**  
Confidence, determination, etiquette, honesty and generosity.

PROFILE Dr Bhageerutty, 30 years at the service of the community

Dr Yajnik Bhageerutty, Dental Surgeon has been at the service of the Mauritian community for the past 30 years from his Streatham Vale surgery. Dr Bhageerutty graduated from Newcastle University and has been offering clinical teaching to medical students at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital until late last year. His practice has been of considerable help to our kids looking for work experience during their High School years. Yaj who is from Vacoas belongs to a family of medical tradition. He is also an active member of the Streatham Rotary Club.



Dr Yajnik Bhageerutty, dental surgeon



Bodies of Mauritian couple found in the rear of their car near March,Cambridgeshire

Family think there must be some foul play involved

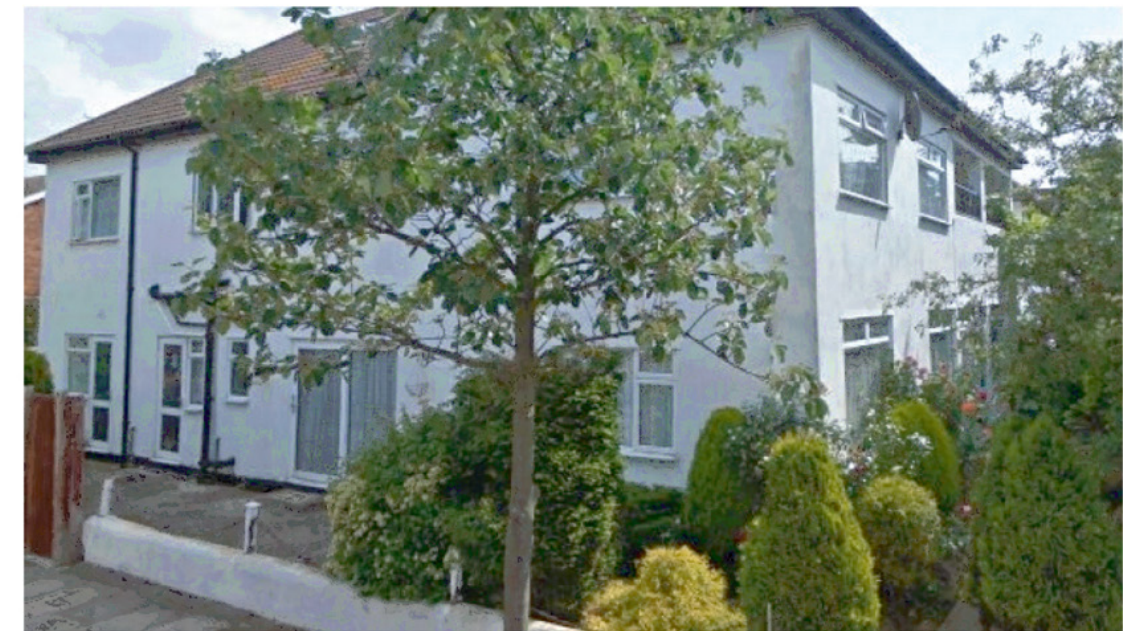


The victims during a trip to Mauritius, undated picture

by JULIEN TUYAU

The bodies of Jaswant Beeharry, 48, and his wife Isabel Ibanez-Mahiques, 54, were found in the rear of a car near March,Cambridgeshire, on June 9. A police inquest was opened on June 15 and adjourned on the same day. According to police there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death of the Mauritian couple who ran care homes in Norfolk and Lincolnshire. However, the family of the victims has spoken of their disbeliefs over the loss and refused to accept the police’s view stating that they did not found suspicious elements to carry out further inquests. The couple who lived in Friday Bridge was found by a farmer at about 11 am at the rear of a fire-damaged BMW X5 on Ferry Road near March. All the doors were locked and the policemen stated fire damage noted on the inside of the car. According to an official spokesman, the couple was pronounced dead at the scene at 12.41pm. But the family members of the couple do not believe the possibility that they have committed suicide. In their views the circumstances surrounding the death of Jaswant and Isabel Beeharry are strange. The felder brother of Jaswant, Chanan Beeharry who is in Mauritius said to the local media that: “The circumstances of the death seem to be very suspicious.” According to the latter his brother and sister-in-law cannot have been sitting at the rear of the car with all doors locked and in the presence of a small fire in the car without naturally reacting to potential death. A cousin of Mr. Beeharry also said that she thinks “there must have been some foul play involved.” The family does not believe in the possibility of a suicide. They argue that the couple were successful in their business and were happy in their marital life. But the coroner’s office stated that: “Attending police officers made enquiries and confirmed that there was no third party involvement or suspicions circumstances in connection with these deaths.” The mystery around the death of the Mauritian couple is still unresolved.

Mauritian care home manager spared jail over £40,000 stolen from elderly residents



The care home where the accused was working (credit Picture:http://www.approvedcarehomes.co.uk/

A Mauritian care home manager who stole almost £40,000 from vulnerable OAPs walked free from court on June 19. According to the ruling she was not in a high position of trust and was thus spared jail. Mrs Abdoolraheem, 49, pleaded guilty on May 11 to nine counts of theft from elderly persons residing at Maplin Care Home, Shoebury, where she was employed as care manager. Among the victims, there were some with Alzheimer and learning difficulties. The thefts totalled £ 39,370 and Mrs Abdoolraheem used this money to buy jewellery and perfumes. The accused has been in charge of the care home-owned by her uncle-, since 2005. During the trial the Crown Prosecutor David Holborn explained that Mrs Abdoolraheem was in control of the residents' bank accounts which placed her in a high position of trust. But this argument was rebutted by the defence barrister who said that his client could

not been in such high position of trust as she should have be monitored by the owner and the external auditors and that the fraud was not serious as it would have been discovered sooner or later. Those who are accused of fraud while in a high trust position may be sentenced to two to six years in prison as a first offender. This is why the defence lawyer tried tooth and nail to fight the argument of the prosecutor. In first instance Judge Owen Davies supported the argument of the prosecution but he later changed his mind and sentenced the accused as a category two offender. In his summing up, Mrs Abdoolraheem has been "catapulted to this position of trust" and that she did not have the adequate qualifications to handle such burden. Mrs Abdoolraheem was handed a 12 month suspended sentence and has to pay £25,490 back to the surviving victims and an additional £11,880 under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

Michaela Harte's accused killers to testify in court



Treebhoooon (front) and Moneea leaving the court room (credit: lexpress.mu)

The prosecution case has closed on the 21st day of the trial. It is now the turn of the defence to present their case. According to the lawyers, the two men accused of the murder of Michaela Harte will give evidence to the trial which will resume on June 25. The trial was expected to take two weeks but is in its fifth week and is not yet finished as the defence lawyers will start presenting their case on June 25. The two accused Avinash Treebhoooon, 30, and Sandip Moneea, 42, will give evidence to the trial when it will resume this week. The two men return on the crime scene June 17 accompanied by members of the jury. They still deny having murdered Michaela Harte, the honeymoon bride murdered in her hotel room. The members of the jury- six men and three women- inspected the room 1025 where the body of the bride was discovered. Furthermore the CCTV footage on which the defence lawyers were planning to question the husband of the victim has not been accepted as evidence by the court. According to the defence lawyers the CCTV footage showed the couple arguing near a pool on the same day the bride was murdered in her hotel room. But police inquests proved that the couple that is being showed in the clip was not Michaela and her husband but in fact a German couple, who acknowledged that it was them in the clip. The court has asked the jury to disregard the CCTV clip. The trial will resume on June 25, with the opening of the defence’s case and the testimony of the two accused.



CHAGOS

COUNTDOWN 2016

# For a broader platform

by VIJAY RAM



There is litigation on the jurisdiction over the waters of the Indian Ocean

Social and economic life in Chagos					
	Population	Production of copra 1955-58	Production of copra 1967-68	Hospital	School
Diego Garcia	In 1964: Total 483, Ilois 172 In 1967: Total 503, Ilois 166 In 1968: Total 380. Ilois 128	586 tons + Pigs for meat production	600 tons + Pigs for meat production	12 bed hospital with labour ward with trained midwife	A small school with 40 children attending, getting free milk
Perhos Banhos	In 1964: Total 291, Ilois 261 In 1967: Total 253, Ilois 181 In 1968: Toatl 244, Ilois 168	461 tons + Pigs for meat production	1967- 380 tons 1968l-320 tons + Pigs for meat production	8 bed hospital with trained midwife	School with 30 children
Salomon	n 1964: Total 205, Ilois 219 In 1967: Total 140, Ilois 168 In 1968: Total 208, Ilois 183	264 tons + Pigs for meat production	1967-202 tons 1968-190 tons + Pigs for meat production	8 bed hospital with trained midwife	School with 29 children



A view of a cemetery in the Chagos Archipelago (Credit photol: <http://www.clauss.dk>)

A 1969 Survey published by Commissioner J.R.Todd shows the active social and economic life on the Chagos Archipelago. People were living, working and studying on these islands. The hospitals, schools and cemeteries are further evidence of active community life. The figures also tell us that the native Illois have always been an overwhelming majority in the composition of the islands' population.

What is also evident is the noticeable decline in the active life of the islanders after the creation of the British Indian Ocean Territory in 1965. The population were to gradually decrease, and with it the islands production, after the campaign to displace the Illois community. It was on the US military resolve that all the islands were to be evacuated. They would not start building the base with ‘a single soul living there.’

It was then left to the Nordvaer to start the evacuation campaign in the latter part of the 1960's and the beginning of the 1970's.

PM Ramgoolam held summit talks with David Cameron this month. The sovereignty of the Chagos was discussed. But the signed agreement dealt with the adjudication and management of Indian Ocean pirates. Would that lead to a change of heart at the FCO? Would Obama's USA recognise Mauritius as an equal partner in the southern hemisphere geopolitics? Is Mauritius in a position to achieve a solution single-handed?

He is a brave man PM Ramgoolam to even think that the USA will recognise the sovereignty of Mauritius on Diego Garcia by ‘coze cozer’and together draw the future roadmap of that part of the world. Sounds more like wishful thinking!

Let's disregard this unwitting rush of naivety and look at the real forces in play.

There is treaty agreement between the UK and US on the latter's 50 year control over the Chagos including Diego Garcia. Talks for a 20 year renewal should start by the end of this year before its initial conclusion in 2016. Despite what we hear of renewed US interests in the Pacific, they still harbour a feared threat from Iran and other parts of the Arab world. The base of Diego Garcia is still well and truly part of the US military strategy now and for years to come.

The British Indian Ocean Territory created in dodgy circumstances in 1965 saw the inhumane displacement of the Chagos population. The UK government has since had ludicrous gymnastics on whether to accept the return of the Chagossians to their native islands in spite of the Law Lords urging them to do so. This attitude is manifestly demonstrated in this week's Cameron blush at the G20 summit in Mexico on the Falklands issue. They are now to be challenged at the European Court of Human Rights. Whatever its outcome, who will implement the decision?

There is litigation on the jurisdiction over the waters of the Indian Ocean. This is to be heard at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Seas (ITLOS). I have my doubts whether this will even pass the preliminary procedural stage. The unresolved sovereignty contention of the two countries over the Chagos will most probably render the action obsolete.

There is an ever increasing awareness in the international public opinion of the political, diplomatic and human rights importance to find a solution to this saga. There is a cry for a concerted action from the government, political parties, community organisations, regional and international lobbies for a diplomatic change of heart of the British government. Get them to consent to the United Nations directing a solution through international court adjudication.

This week political developments where Paul Berenger is asking the opposition parties to join forces with the Government and make a unified claim is most welcome. It is now imperative to construct alliances for a ... broader platform!

## Britain's double Standard

David Cameron refused to see the letter presented to him by Christina Fernandez, president of Argentina during the G20 Mexico Summit this week. The letter was a reminder of the United Nations resolutions asking Britain to start talks over the sovereignty of the Falklands.

“I am not proposing a full discussion now on the Falklands but I hope you have noted that they are holding a referendum and you should respect their views. We should believe in self determination and act as democrats here at the G20.”

This is what Cameron told president Fernandez about the inhabitants of the Falklands.

Let's now look at what Anthony Greenwood told Sir John Rennie, governor of Mauritius in November 1965 about the inhabitants of the Chagos Archipelago.

Because of living evidence of generations of permanent inhabitants on the islands, Britain was facing diplomatic difficulty in defining the political status of the newly created BIOT; the telegrams of the 13th and 14th November 1965 stated:

“We want to avoid the territory being classed as non-self governing ... and also do not wish to give full argument to Argentina over the Falkland Islands and also to some extent to Spain over Gibraltar.”... And the permanent inhabitants of the Oil Islands became ‘contract labourers’. Political foresight or blatant ... double standard!



# Anjalay: The movie to launch the Mauritian Film Industry

by JULIEN TUYAU



Nalini Aubeeluck as Anjalay Coopen



Marcel Lindsay Noë & Tim Purcell, co-founding directors of Tropikana Studios



For some it has always been a dream to see the launching of the Mauritian Film Industry. Indeed many Bollywood films have been shot in Mauritius, but we have never seen a proper high budget Mauritian movie shot in the island. This dream will become a reality in a near future with "Anjalay the Movie", the first full length Mauritian movie in its native tongue of Creole, with some French and English, the producers anticipate getting much international media coverage and exposure, especially as the plan is to have the premiere at the Cannes Film Festival in 2013, as part of the major promotion to launch Tropikana Studios and the Mauritius film industry.

After much lobbying from industry professionals both inside and outside the country the Mauritian government have introduced an incentive scheme to attract film producers to Mauritius. The core of the incentive is a minimum 25% cash rebate on qualifying Mauritian spend, (that could rise to 30%). The comprehensive regulations will be published shortly. On the strength of this Marcel Lindsay Noë and Tim Purcell, an English writer and producer, are now developing Tropikana Studios to provide international quality, fully equipped sound-stages with full production and post production facilities, which is expected to be branded Pinewood Mauritius.

The story of Anjalay is quite an interesting one. It recounts the story of the workers in the late 1930's and 1940's who undertook a strike to obtain better work conditions. In the meantime the Labour Movement was struggling to gain a foothold in colonial Mauritius. All these events culminated with a massive strike at the Belle-Vue Harel Estate in 1943 which saw the authorities

ordering the shooting of workers who were only exercising their civil rights. Anjalay Coopen, woman of strong convictions and courage was in the frontline of this great struggle. Nowadays, she is remembered as one of the leaders of the fight against discrimination and to obtain better work conditions for the population. A Stadium has been named after her in the North of the country, was not enough for what she had done for her country, and the shooting of a movie about her life is an excellent way to pay tribute to this great lady. She can be described as the Mauritian Rosa Parks.

The film, with a budget in the region of \$US2.5 to \$3 million, depending on final cast, will feature international stars from India, France and the UK. Mauritian actress, Nalini Aubeeluck, who originated the projected, will take the star role. Nalini also wrote the screenplay in collaboration with producer, Tim Purcell, Amarnath Hosnany and Jon Rabaud, who will also Direct. Jon learnt his craft in Montreal, Canada but is determined to forge his career in the emerging Mauritian film industry. Negotiations are underway for the film to be co-produced with a well established top UK production company with an output deal with major distributors assuring a wide cinema release.

There is an opportunity for individuals to invest in the production.

Details can be found on the website: [www.anjalaythemovie.com](http://www.anjalaythemovie.com)

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## SYNOPSIS

### Anjalay: "All the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today"

1938: Britain is on the brink of war, and facing unrest in the Colonies. As early as 1803 Prime Minister William Pitt had voiced in Parliament how strategically important Mauritius was to the Empire. It was the Key to the Indian Ocean. Its sugar industry was to become a major cog in the energy room of their global economy. Yet, for the labourers in the field little had changed in the century and more since slavery had finally been abolished. Wages are low, conditions desperate, abuse rife. It is in this ground that the seeds of the Labour Movement are sown.

ANJALAY COOPEN is a young field worker, her only education found in life experiences. With her parents dying young she was obligated to become the surrogate mother to her much younger brother, Babou. But unlike many of her peers she had married VADIVEL by choice, not arrangement. This was the first assertion of her independence and equality.

Her introduction to the labour movement comes in the wake of a dockers strike that had turned violent, leading to many injuries and mass arrests. The Colonial Governor, Sir Bede Clifford, declares a State of Emergency. The leaders of the Labour Movement are either imprisoned or deported. Witnessing such injustices spurs ANJALAY to take a more proactive role alongside activist, KISTNASAMY, in the fight for improved wages and conditions. A stance that is to bring her to defy her husband.

As the World War evolves, the threat of a Japanese invasion of Mauritius becomes evident. Trade is brought to a halt. Even as the island suffers from the inability to import essential goods, and export the sugar which their economy relies on, young Mauritian men are conscripted in to the British Army and sent abroad. Tension in the country is palpable.

The situation compounded by the arrival of Peter Twining, a former Intelligence officer now appointed Director of the Department of Labour, with the added responsibility for censorship. Recruiting members of the Labour Movement as double agents is destined to lead to violent confrontation.

Whilst further strengthening of the restrictions imposed under a State of Emergency sees many of the members retreat from the Labour Movement, ANJALAY becomes the stalwart supporter. Standing shoulder-to-shoulder with KISTNASAMY in open defiance of authority.

What begins as a legitimate strike in September 1943 takes an ugly turn when a police officer is murdered by a labourer. Armed forces are sent in to impose order. Vastly outnumbered by stick wielding workers, they panic and open fire. Many are wounded, 3 are killed; including ANJALAY. As she passes away it is revealed to her husband that she is pregnant. One seed that will not flower. But the Labour Movement blossoms into a party and results in full independence for Mauritius in 1968.



# Getting older, getting bigger

by MYLENE, LONDON

Gone are the days when Brits used to chastise the Americans for being overweight. A recent EU report shows that Britain has the highest level of obesity in Europe. On top of that a remarkable milestone was passed some two years ago when for the first time in the UK there were more pensioners

than children. So, it's official, we in Britain are getting older and getting bigger. But, it's not all doom and gloom. Here I take a look at an event that celebrates life after 50, information on Heroes Return 2 Programme and China's secret to weight loss (see page 8).



## The 50-Plus Show: Life is for living

Positivity, Activity and Creativity! We are living longer, healthier lives and this 3-day event is all about how to make the most out of our new leisure time. Teach-in sessions, fun-filled activities, games, competitions and more. The line-up on offer is diverse. Watch live cookery demonstrations; take a spin on the dancefloor; enjoy a fashion show; be creative at the Craft Zone; take part in the gardening Questions and Answers session; participate in seminars on various subjects; get checked out with free health advice and stretch and relax in the exercise classes and scale the climbing wall if you dare (see picture on the right). As in everything in life, maintaining a balance is important which is why The 50+ show won't be just fun and games. Some serious advice will be on offer concerning pensions, investments, travel and health. And that's not all folks! There will be an exciting line-up of performers to provide

entertainment on the main stage and the Rock Choir will perform on Saturday, 14th July. The organiser recommends that those who attend wear comfortable shoes, bring a friend and wear trousers if you wish to climb the wall! I believe every 'grey cloud' on the horizon has a silver lining and I leave you with the positive words of Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the UN for ten years. "Trees grow stronger over the years, rivers wider. Likewise, with age, human beings gain immeasurable depth and breadth of experience and wisdom, that is why older people should be not only respected and revered; they should be utilised as the rich resource to society that they are."

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The first Mauritian cat to have emigrated to USA 10 years ago and become an American

# A very strong and special bond



by DEVINIA SOOKIA, USA

As A journalist and author I have been writing on different issues in several magazines and newspapers in both UK and USA. However I have never written about anything personal except for the book "Snatched From My Mother" which is the true lifestory of my cat, Titi.

In this column I am writing about a very special bond that can exist between a person and an animal, about the strong relationship that existed between Titi and myself. I use the word existed as my baby passed away on 23 May 2012 at the age of 10 years and six months from liver cancer and chronic renal failure which can happen for cats over seven years old. The pain that my husband and myself have been through are still going through cannot be described. Titi's story is similar to that of "Tarzan and Cheetah". It's just that I'm in the role of Cheetah .Titi has been my baby since she was three weeks old . I spoon fed her as she was left in a cardboard box as a three weeks old kitten in front of my gates when I stayed in Mauritius for a few years after leaving Uk and before moving to USA. My husband and myself stayed longer in Mauritius to make travel arrangements so that she could travel with us. Air Mauritius, Air France and British Airways refused to allow her with us in the cabin, so we travelled by German Airlines and bought a plane ticket for her. From the time Titi came into my life, she would follow me everywhere. My husband called her my shadow.

In Mauritius she would follow me to the kitchen if i went for a glass of water in the middle of the night. Titi went through thick and thin with us in USA. We could communicate with her easily .She had a different meow for everything. If she wanted water, she would jump on the bathroom sink. If she wanted food she would go near the fridge and do a meow. She would not move from my feet if I was cooking or doing the dishes in the kitchen. She would get wet but would still be near me. She would jump on

the bed and kiss my tears if she saw me lying in bed crying. If I said "birdie" she would jump by the window to watch pigeons. Titi taught me the joy of bird watching. She would accompany us everywhere , on the plane and in the car. People would watch her in amazement as she watched other cars from the car window and would wave at us.

Titi taught us a lot. Just like people come into our life for a purpose, so do pets. People think that they are doing a dog or cat a favour by feeding him or taking care of him or her. In fact we should be grateful and thank God for sending these animals into our life. Pets are entitled to share the same food that God has provided us with. They are doing us a favour by coming into our life. Pets come into our life for a particular purpose at a time and for a period that we need them. It could be to bring us comfort , companionship or to boost our morale and give us the determination to do something.Titi taught us strength of mind and courage. She never showed any sign of pain or weakness during her last moments. She was jumping even one day before she passed away. She was diagnosed with these two illnesses just one month before she died. She did not look old at all. She only lost some weight.

I consider Titi as a child and as a member of my family .I still have not come to terms with the fact that she has crossed over .

Titi is the first Mauritian cat to have emigrated to USA 10 years ago and become an American. Her photo won an award as one of the cutest American cats and was published in a book found at the Library of Congress in Washington DC.Her book " Snatched From My Mother" was received with great joy by ex president George W.Bush Jr who is also a great animal lover. Titi is gone but I hope that I will be able to join her one day on the "Rainbow Bridge". Till then I pray that my baby finds peace and happiness with her friends in Cat Heaven.

ENERGY STONE WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAMME

# China's secret of accelerated fat loss is here

by MYLENE, LONDON

A diet brings to mind salad leaves, slimming shakes and all kinds of odd eating practice. Short term, the pounds drop off, but for many it piles back on again over a period of time. Enter the Slim-well treatments where it is claimed the lost pounds stay off.

'Chinese medical practitioners believe that obesity originates from poor function of the liver, spleen, kidneys and poor circulation of blood. So, it stands to reason if these key points are stimulated, this will reduce the likelihood of excessive weight gain'. explains Massimo Mistretta, a senior consultant.

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It should be mentioned here that

acupoints are the same points used in acupuncture, but in this treatment no needles are used, only the stones.

'After the treatment with the stones, the person is given a naval mask to wear around the naval for six hours. Wearing it does not interfere with normal daily activities. The mask is made up of a mixture of natural herbs and wearing it helps the body to burn off more fat.'

There is also the option of using a fat shattering machine. This machine is geared to break down clumps of fat cells reducing them in size so that it is easier for the body to remove.

Part of the treatment is also down to healthy eating. There is a belief that nutrients, particularly cereal nutrients that is not processed properly by the body results in unwanted fatty deposits under the skin, so excluding carbohydrate during the course of the treatment is recommended. Once the desired weight is reached carbohydrates can be reintroduced back into your diet. The licence for this treatment arrived on these shores earlier this year.

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Mauritius News Gallery

Promotion of Mauritian Folklore

The UK Segga Championships 2012



Folklore promotion in the 1990's: Chagossian sega singer Babale with Mauritian sega dance star Sylvie

by PETER CHELLEN

Mauritius News, from its birth in 1983, has been at the avant-garde in the celebration of the Segga in the UK, and the 2012 Championships held at the Wandsworth Civic Suite on June 2 in the wake of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee will be remembered as the paper's greatest contribution to the promotion of the island national folklore in the UK. Mauritius News wishes to thank everyone who helped to put up the show, top among whom were Dinah, Mylene and Vivienne. Jean-Claude, Jacqueline and Guy were the faithful to meet the guests on arrival, joined by Meela and Paya this time. Promotion-wise hat off to Bernadette Soupe, Michael Marain, and Sydney Castel for their facebook campaigns. Bernadette Soupe proved to be an outstanding presenter, and the first female one as well! The judges' task as on any occasion was not easy, the criteria for the allocation of points were not wide. Thanks to the panel for accepting the burden. While we congratulate the winners, we must say a special thank-you to the other participants who agreed to comply with the rules. Mauritius News is grateful to Margaret and her girls for their generosity, while the performance of Marie and her group's performance added colour to the evening. Windblows did a good job but they needed more time to adjust themselves to the show. Our thanks to DJ Sydney for synchronising so nicely with the participants. What Segga? Segga is actually part of the original folklore of Mauritius born in the island during the slavery era. Though the Segga can be performed as a song and dance routine, it

originated as a song of lamentation by individuals, forcibly brought to Mauritius from the African continent by the colonial powers of the time, would sing at night to lament on their fate and the harsh treatment meted out to them as forced labour on the sugar plantations for long hours during the day. But even at that time, the Segga was also performed as a dance by the male and female plantation workers at weekends around immense fires which they lit on their 'camps' where they were housed by the sugar mill owners. They improvised their own musical instruments from the use of any available utensils, spoons and bottles, and empty cans of any sort. This was how this weekly routine finally became a national ritual to which it is said that even the white masters would participate or it became part of their entertainment. But such an entertainment was not to the taste of every Mauritian. Segga was not meant then to be socially acceptable and was looked down as entertainment for the low class, probably because of the sense erotic amusement that can be expressed between the dancing couples if they can too carried away by their body language with the help of a bit rum. It took a long time for the Segga to be accepted as the folk music (song and dance) of the island that is today enjoyed by the whole nation and performed on every occasion. All the hotels provide the Segga as a main attraction to visitors and have their resident performers for the weekend 'jalsa' when tourists are invited to the floor to participate with the locals.





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MAURITIANS AT THE OLYMPICS

The Olympic experience of Farad Peerbaccus



Mr Farad Peerbaccus was the lucky Mauritian to get the opportunity to pass on the Olympic Torch on its way to London for the summer games. The Torch travelled through Gatwick Airport on its way to Italy to be engraved. Farad and his colleague Paul Palmer helped its way to the aircraft. When it is back in July, the Torch will be used to light the main Olympic Fire.

American-born swimmer Heather Arseth to represent Mauritius at London 2012



The University of Iowa student has been chosen to represent Mauritius for the London 2012 Olympics games. Heather has acquired the dual citizenship last year during trip to Mauritius where her mother was born. She will compete in the 50 m and 100 free at the games.

Mauritius Beach Volley Team qualified



Mauritius, the gold medallists of All Africa Games, defeated Kenya on the final day of the African Continental Cup to secure a place at the London 2012 games .

London 2012 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony

Danny Boyle’s Island of Wonder details released



With less than a month to go to the London 2012 Olympic Games, the artistic director of the event has released the details of the Opening Ceremony. Titled 'Isles of Wonder', the show will open with the ringing of the largest harmonically-tuned bell in the world and is predicted to be viewed live by a worldwide TV audience of over a billion people.

Preparations have picked up pace. 10,000 volunteers-cast and crew are rehearsing night and day to make the opening ceremony a success. The opening scene of the ceremony, which is called “Green and Pleasant”, has already been set up and the costume department has worked hard to produce 23,000 costumes for all four ceremonies. The ceremony will include scenes representing a traditional idyllic of the British countryside with hundreds of animals, plants... The team has taken the challenge to create one of the largest sets ever built. It will include meadows, fields and rivers, featuring families taking picnic in parks, sports being played on the village green while farmers are tilling the soil and making the cattle graze. In other words the Olympic Stadium will be transformed in a typical British countryside.



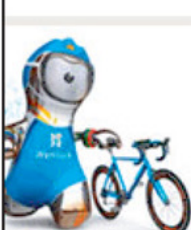



Furthermore, each of the four nations forming the United Kingdom will be represented by their national flower- the rose of England, the daffodil of Wales, the flax of Northern Ireland and thistle from Scotland.

Danny Boyle, London 2012 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony Artistic Director, said to the press: ‘The Ceremony is an attempt to capture a picture of ourselves as a nation, where we have come from and where we want to be. The best part of telling that story has been working with our 10,000 volunteers. ‘I’ve been astounded by the selfless dedication of the volunteers, they are the purest embodiment of the Olympic spirit and represent the best of who we are as a nation.’



Dany Boyle and volunteers (PA)

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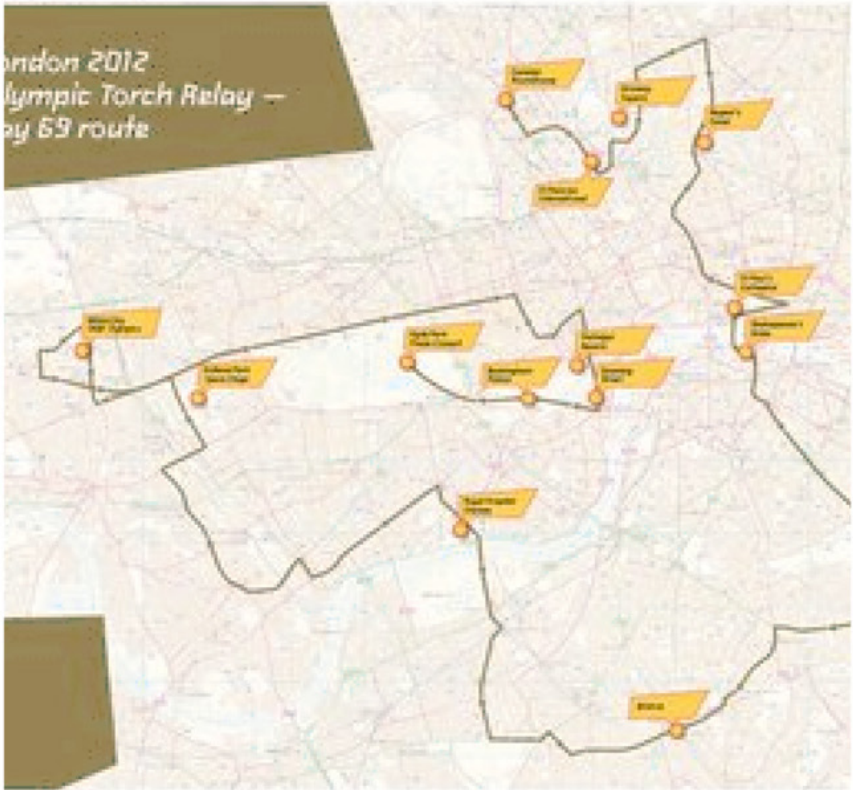
Olympic Flame Torch Relay

# The Flame will visit London’s most iconic landmarks

On Thursday 26th July the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay – presented by Coca-Cola, Lloyds TSB and Samsung– will travel from Camden to Westminster, in the final stages of the Olympic Flame’s journey around every London Borough. The torch will visit London's most iconic landmarks.

It will be a fantastic event, the penultimate day of the relay. Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport, Jeremy Hunt said: “The arrival of the Torch in London will be the most fantastic celebration, and I am sure that Londoners will be out in force to cheer it on. The Torch will visit the London’s most iconic landmarks, showcasing the city to a global audience immediately ahead of the opening ceremony.” The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, is also optimistic about the relay. The final stage before the great opening of the games. Boris Johnson, said: “As the Olympic Flame takes its final strides around some of capital's most historic and famous sights there couldn't be a better opportunity for Londoners to come out and demonstrate their support for the Games and show to the world the best our great capital has to offer. We kicked off this incredible summer like no other with the huge success of the Queen's Jubilee and as the flame makes its way to the magnificent Hyde Park for its final night we can show the world that not only are we ready to host the most exciting Games ever held but that Londoners are already reaping the benefits and will continue to do so for many years to come.”

At the end of the day there will be an Olympic Torch Relay Finale concert in Hyde Park. The event, which is presented by Coca-Cola, will be headlined by award-winning rapper Dizze Rascal and will also feature performances from The Wanted, a special performance by Mark Ronson & Katy B, Eliza Doolittle, You Me At Six, Rizzle Kicks, Wretch 32, Morning Parade, Loick Essien and Little Comets. For further information and to buy tickets, priced at £15 plus booking fee, please visit [www.ticketmaster.co.uk/coca-colacelebrations](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/coca-colacelebrations). In addition, the Lloyds TSB Flame Followers will take to the stage to perform their Flame Followers spectacular using a unique fusion of street performance, theatre and sport to inspire and excite crowds through performances that celebrate the endeavour, athleticism, agility and skills of our national Olympic sporting heroes, Team GB. Samsung will be staging a performance from British dance troupe, Diversity. Towards the end of the eight-hour show, the last Torchbearer of the day will light a celebration cauldron on stage at the event which will enable the Olympic Flame to be seen by the audience. James Williams, Director, Olympic Torch Relay, Coca-Cola said: “We're delighted to be helping to bring the Olympic Flame home to London and it will



be great to see it passing some of the most iconic landmarks in the city. We'll be shining a light on more of our amazing Future Flames as they run on the penultimate day of the Relay, and we'll be hosting an incredible day and night of live music in Hyde Park, getting everyone to Move to Beat of London 2012 and celebrating the magic of the Olympic Flame. It's going to be a massive finale to mark the end of an incredible journey to every corner of the UK! As a result, at certain times and in certain places, London's roads and public transport networks are expected to be much busier than usual. London 2012 and TfL advised Londoners that, if possible, it would be best to try and view the Flame when it passes through the area most local to your home or place of work. On 26 July in particular, roads in central London will be exceptionally busy and there will be a large number of road closures necessary along the route. TfL has already issued advice to motorists that, from mid-July, they should avoid driving in central London, around the Olympic Route Network and Games venues.

## Highlights for the day include:



The first Torchbearer of the day will begin with the Flame outside the Roundhouse in Camden which will be followed by a journey along the Regents Canal on a barge and then a visit to a community event at Granary Square. The Flame will visit the giant Olympic rings in the Eurostar terminal at St Pancras International. The Flame will visit a community event at Islington Town Hall which will feature music from the London Symphony Orchestra. In the City of London the Flame will visit St Paul's Cathedral, the Museum of London and the Guildhall. The Flame will be carried across the Millennium Bridge into Southwark where it will visit Shakespeare's Globe. In Lambeth the Flame will pass Clapham Common. In Wandsworth the Flame will pass Battersea Dogs Home. The Flame will pass the Royal Hospital Chelsea, home of the Chelsea Pensioners and will be greeted by a choral fanfare at the Opera Holland Park. The Flame will be carried to the site of the 1908 Olympic Stadium in White City. In Westminster the Flame will be carried through Trafalgar Square and visit Downing Street. Before arriving in Hyde Park, the Flame will visit Buckingham Palace.

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## NEWS DIGEST

### 18th Commonwealth Education Ministers Conference in Mauritius



The 18th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (CCEM) will be held at the Swami Vivekananda International Convention Centre in Pailles, from August 28 to 31. The keynote address will be delivered by Dr Kenny Davis Anthony, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia. The main theme of the conference will be "Education in the Commonwealth: Bridging the Gap as we accelerate towards achieving Internationally Agreed Goals." During the 18 CCEM, an exhibition will be organized with a view to allowing Governments, NGO's, agencies, universities and the private sector to showcase their work.



## Titbits from MAURITIUS

by AHMAD MACKY

### Ramgoolam wants back sovereignty over Chagos



After meeting with British Prime Minister David Cameron at 10 Downing street on Friday 8th June 2012, Ramgoolam is more than adamant to get back Diego Garcia's sovereignty. By replying to a PNQ (Private Notice Question) of the Leader Of the Opposition, Paul Bérenger on Tuesday the 12th June 2012 at the Mauritius National Assembly, Ramgoolam has shown his full determination to get back such sovereignty. The Mauritian Prime Minister described Friday's meeting with British Prime Minister David

Cameron as "very cordial and encouraging". Ramgoolam has even said that he would soon travel to Washington where he would reassure the US that its base could remain on Diego Garcia under Mauritian Sovereignty. This is what he stated in London at the head to head talks with the British Prime Minister. He even confirmed that statement he made in London to the Mauritian National Assembly on the 12th June in answering to a supplementary question of the Leader of the Opposition

#### FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT AT Rs 1.6 Billion IN FIRST QUARTER

Latest data released by the Bank of Mauritius indicate a total of Rs 1,598 million received as Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) during the period January to March 2012. The construction and real estate sectors account for more than 75% of the total FDI. Of this, investment in the IRS/RES sector only was Rs 714 million. This follows previous trends, whilst the manufacturing sector and the hospitality sector attracted Rs 42 million and Rs 104 million respectively. Total FDI received in 2011 amounted to Rs 9.4 billion.

#### ABORTION DEBATE IS OVER :MAJORITY MP's VOTED FOR THE BILL

The debates on the Criminal Code (Amendment) Bill presented on Tuesday 22 May, 2012 in the National Assembly by the Attorney General, Yatin Varma to legalise abortion in four specific cases has ended. The majority of MPs, voted for this Amendment Bill which is going to make it lawful in the future. Only 14 MP's in the National Assembly did not vote for that bill on religious ground. It is the first time that an archaic law of abortion dated since 1838 has been amended in these specific cases. It also shows that most of the MP's are in favour of such a bill.

#### Maurice Ile Durable action plan ready by next month

The Maurice Ile Durable (MID) action plan will be ready by next month. The preparation of the plan has been confided to Mott MacDonald Ltd, along with Luxconsult (Mauritius). The selection of the two firms marks the final stage of the implementation of the MID project. This project aims at transforming the nation's social, economic and environmental landscape.

#### International Cooperative Day on 7th July

International Cooperative Day will be celebrated on the 7th July and several activities have been organized for the occasion including an essay competition on the theme entrepreneurship for form 4 to form 6 students at secondary level. A few weeks back, the National Institute for Cooperative Entrepreneurship (NICE) organized a workshop on the theme 'Cooperative Enterprises build a better world' for the students of the University of Mauritius at Reduit.

#### SEM Young Investor Award report by July 13

200 teams from 105 colleges are participating in the SEM (Stock Exchange of Mauritius) Young Investor Award this year. This is the 20th edition of the competition which was launched for the first time in 1993. Each team comprises five students of Lower Six who will have to choose five companies. Each team will have to submit a report by 13 of this month. The competition aims at promoting an investment culture among students of Lower Six.

#### Miss Mauritius World 2011 in Mongolia

Miss Mauritius World 2011 Shalini Panchoo will leave for Mongolia on July 19 where the Miss World competition is being held on August 18. At Miss World 2012 Shalini Panchoo will present her project on 'Street Children'. The project aims to help kids who do not have the means to education, no shelter and do not possess a caring family environment. Shalini Panchoo will be back on August 20.

#### First phase of Royal Park Estate ready by August

The Royal Park residential project in Balaclava covering an area of 203 acres, will be the first to have a private 800-metre long park covering 22 acres. The first phase of the project, which comprises the layout of the park and the sale of plots of land, is expected to be completed in August. The construction of houses and apartments is most likely to begin in January 2013. The cost of the whole project is estimated at Rs 5 billion. According of chairman of Royal Park, Sydney Bathfield, project will generate 800 direct and indirect jobs.

#### 18th CCEM in Mauritius from August 28 to 31

The forthcoming 18th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (CCEM) will be held in Mauritius from August 28 to 31. The CCEM is a triennial event where the education ministers of all the Commonwealth countries meet to discuss issues of mutual concern and interest.

#### Enterprise Mauritius at Texworld this month

Enterprise Mauritius is participating in Texworld New York, USA from 24 to 26 July at the Javita Convention Centre. This will be followed by a Contact Promotion Programme (CPP) in Los Angeles from 30 July to 1 August. Texworld New York is the largest sourcing event in North America for apparel fabric buyers.

#### PRB report to be published this October

The next PRB report for civil servants and employees of para-statal bodies will be published in October and become effective in January 2013. The director of the Pay Research Bureau has had consultations with some 250 stakeholders, including union federations, management in Mauritius, Rodrigues and Agalega.

#### Pre-primary schooling compulsory from January 2013

From January 2013, all children in the three to five years age group must be provided with pre-primary education. It is known that the early years of life are critical to the development of the child and these foundation years will have an impact on the life choices available to the child as an adult.



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Pomme de terre: Le retour de l'autonomie



Certes les surfaces cultivées sont moindres, mais les récoltes de pomme de terre sont abondantes ; grâce notamment à l'introduction de nouvelles variétés et l'apport des sociétés agricoles. Dans les assiettes comme dans les champs, l'île Maurice renoue avec la pomme de terre. Les Mauriciens en consomment environ 25 000 tonnes. La production locale représente 90% de la consommation totale et, sur cette lancée, on peut raisonnablement prédire l'autonomie prochaine pour cette denrée. Il ne s'agit point pourtant d'une nouveauté car, le pays avait déjà atteint ce niveau d'autonomie dans les années 90 ; ce qui vient prouver, d'une part, les compétences des agriculteurs autant que celles des techniciens du public et du privé et, d'autre part, remet en cause la politique agricole des gouvernements qui se sont succédé depuis. L'Agricultural Research and Extension Unit (AREU) est déterminé à réussir le pari de l'autosuffisance en pomme de terre. Cette agence gouvernementale propose, en effet, plusieurs mesures afin de maximiser la

production de celle-ci. Au nombre de ces mesures : des programmes d'épierrage, l'installation de systèmes d'irrigation et l'achat d'équipements. L'apport technique en agronomie et le contrôle des insectes nuisibles et des maladies seront disponibles à travers l'AREU. L'aide technique vient aussi du Mauritius Sugar Industry Research Institute (MSIRI) et de l'Agricultural Chemistry Division du ministère de l'agro-industrie. Un doute plane toutefois dans le secteur de la recherche car, avec la réorganisation de l'industrie sucrière, le sort du MSIRI est des plus incertains. Les opportunités dans cette filière sont multiples : il y a, bien sûr, la production qui s'écoule dans les foires maraîchères, mais il y a aussi le marché de la transformation et celui de la production de graines. La filière apporte aussi du souffle au secteur parallèle car, l'épierrage, les équipements et la chimie agricole bénéficient du regain d'intérêt. La transformation de la pomme de terre est une option à ne pas écarter car, à ce niveau de production, la filière peut assurer

l'approvisionnement constant nécessaire à une démarche industrielle. L'assistance de la Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority (SMEDA) est prévue afin que les planteurs puissent mettre en place des petites entreprises de transformation. Mais c'est peut-être là que le bât blesse : l'agriculteur doit-il maîtriser l'ensemble de la filière ? Est-il apte à maîtriser autant la démarche agricole que le raisonnement industriel ? C'est là que l'on se rend compte que l'agence que dirige Mme. Seebun se retrouve souvent avec la tâche ingrate de convertir la vision tronquée des politiques qui veut que tout le monde ait la fibre entrepreneuriale, et surtout dans des secteurs qui ne leur sont pas familiers. Qu'à cela ne tienne, la filière de la pomme de terre pourra bénéficier d'une panoplie de mesures d'accompagnement. Ainsi, outre les facilités de prêts, le Small Planters Welfare Fund offre une assurance aux producteurs de pomme de terre ; l'Agricultural Marketing Board (AMB) offre une structure de vente et de marketing, de même que la régulation des

prix et la distribution de graines. Elle pourra aussi bénéficier du soutien de l'Agricultural Technology Diffusion Scheme (ATDS), qui est une initiative du ministère de l'agro-industrie pour soutenir l'adoption de nouvelles technologies dans le secteur agricole. Avec ces mesures d'accompagnement, la pomme de terre est une filière qui démontre la nécessité d'un meilleur investissement institutionnel dans l'agriculture dans son ensemble. Les résultats valorisent, puisqu'il en était besoin, le savoir-faire technique au sein des agences du gouvernement et révèlent que les agriculteurs ne sont pas avares d'efforts. Les attentes du secteur agricole sont rarement déraisonnables. Dans ce monde, la logique est généralement très terre à terre : les agriculteurs s'attendent à une vision politique permettant d'élaborer une stratégie d'ensemble pour l'agriculture locale. Ce qui équivaut à un peu de bonne volonté de la part... des patates qui les gouvernent.

L'industrie Agro-alimentaire à Maurice



par ROBERT FABRE

L'élevage des canards de Barbarie

La gastronomie mauricienne bénéficie depuis quelques années déjà de produits frais afin de satisfaire la demande toujours grandissante de l'industrie hôtelière et de la grande restauration. Après l'autosuffisance en poulet de table, certaines firmes et des particuliers se sont lancés, depuis dans l'élevage de canards de barbarie. Les canards de barbarie sont soumis à un régime alimentaire spécial, que les français appellent le gavage. Il s'agit de faire le canard ingurgiter directement une bonne quantité de nourriture dans son estomac afin de l'engraisser et de faire grossir son foie. Le foie gras est un délice culinaire dont la popularité ne cesse de grandir. Sa dégustation se fait, tout comme le caviar, dans les grandes occasions et non réservée exclusivement pour les fêtes de fin d'année. Après les français, les chinois en sont des grands consommateurs.

Le magret (poitrine) de canard est une autre partie de ce volatile qui est très recherchée par les gourmets pour son goût particulier. Il en existe plusieurs recettes. Les plus faciles ont : la grillade, accompagnée de sauce et les confits. La cuisine chinoise propose aussi bon nombre de plats, allant du canard à l'orange au canard laqué, entre autres. A Maurice, cela va faire dix ans, qu'Aldo et Beatrice Lambert nous proposent des produits de leur ferme, alliant traditions et technologie, sous le label < Maison du Canard >. D'autres animaux aussi sont élevés, en plein air, sur leur ferme à Belle Etoile, Sébastopol. Leur compagnie, AlbeaTraditions, possède un laboratoire de traitement, répondant aux normes internationales. Depuis d'autres élevages de canards se sont implantés dans l'île, à Mt. Blanc, près de Surinam.

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