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TAKING OUR WELLBEING FOR GRANTED



by Clancy Philippe

We all have a tendency to take things for granted. We enjoy the company and support of our loved ones. We enjoy the material pleasures of life. It is only when something is missing that you miss it. Some more than others.

Let's see what I consider to be the most important. Well most important when it's missing. It's your health. We tend to take it for granted

and even abuse our bodies in various ways. We eat and drink the wrong things, smoke the wrong things, do other wrong but pleasurable things. Some of which can be very detrimental to our health. At times, even doing the right things is not always a guarantee that you will enjoy good health for ever.

Many would not even consider seeing the doctor for a health check, until it is almost too late to retrieve the situation. In many cases, it may be too late or it can be more difficult to overcome some of the little health problems that we may all encounter.

Whilst we can choose to give top priority to some of the pleasurable things that we all enjoy in life, it is a minimal sacrifice to undergo regular health checks. These regular health checks can mean the difference between your living

to enjoy the company of your grandchildren or dying prematurely. Medical advances and technology can now conquer or at least control the progression of previously lethal diseases such as breast or prostate cancer.

One of my doctors asked me when I first saw him: "What did your parents and grandparents die of?" I asked why and he simply said: "It's important to know your genetic predispositions." And I can tell you that this is very true from personal experience. It is even said that your body shape follows your genetic predispositions.

Well, do take the time to look after yourselves. The car or deluxe mobile phone, you can buy a replacement. Your body parts: Well you cannot buy new ones. The message is: "Take the time to look after your health. It is the single, most important thing in your life."

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Proclamation du Board de Curepipe en 1890

1890-1940

Le Gouverneur Sir Charles Lees, par la Proclamation No. 9 en date du 28 mars 1890, nomme Sir Virgile Naz, K. C. M. G., Président, et MM. le Dr. W. A. Edwards, C. M. G., Théodore Sauzier, Louis de Rochecouste, le Dr Ferdinand Antelme, et M. Victor Lamarque, membres du Board de Curepipe.

Voilà donc le Board constitué. Il s'agit de lui procurer un local pour ses bureaux et un endroit pour ses réunions. M. Avice, magistrat de Curepipe, met à la disposition du Board la salle d'audience de la magistrature, et la première séance a lieu le 31 mars 1890. A cette époque, les bureaux de la Cour de District, ainsi que la Station Centrale de Police de Curepipe, étaient établis dans l'immeuble Salaffa, sis à l'angle des rues Royale et Chasteauneuf. C'était là que tout récemment encore se trouvait l'Hôtel Salaffa, dont la cuisine était si réputée. A cette première réunion du Board, et lors des suivantes qui eurent lieu à peu d'intervalles, c'est M. Théodore Sauzier qui tiendra la plume comme secrétaire. Il fut question, pendant un temps, de demander à M. Madelon, clerc de District, d'assumer les fonctions de Secrétaire. Ce cumul fut considéré peu pratique et, le 5 mai 1890, le Board choisit, comme Secrétaire, M. Henri Robert, Le premier inspecteur des travaux fut M. Charles Chéron, nommé à la séance du 6 avril 1890.

Le Board loue à bail, le 12 mai 1890, pour la somme de quatre-vingts roupies par mois, l'immeuble de M. James de Chasteauneuf, demeure actuelle du Dr. Henri Le Vieux. Les bureaux du Board y sont installés et un appartement réservé au Secrétaire.

La tâche que le Board eut alors à entreprendre était de nature à décourager les plus intrépides; les rares routes qui existaient à Curepipe étaient boueuses et crevassées; partout, d'ailleurs, les habitants communiquaient entre eux, au moyen de sentiers - véritables chemins d'habitation - couverts d'herbe, à part un double sillon, dénué de végétation, qui indiquait la place où avaient passé les

93 roues des cabriolets ou des carrioles alors en usage. Partout des marécages, dont quelques-uns de grande étendue. Un des plus vastes se trouvait à la rue du Jardin, de chaque côté de la chaussée, peu après l'endroit où est situé, actuellement, le poste de police. Aucun drain pour assécher ces marécages ou pour empêcher les propriétés d'être inondées en temps de pluie. Aucun trottoir le long des routes, même à la rue Royale. Ajoutez à cela un service de nettoyage défectueux ou inexistant. Pour comble, le soir, aucune lumière dans les rues.

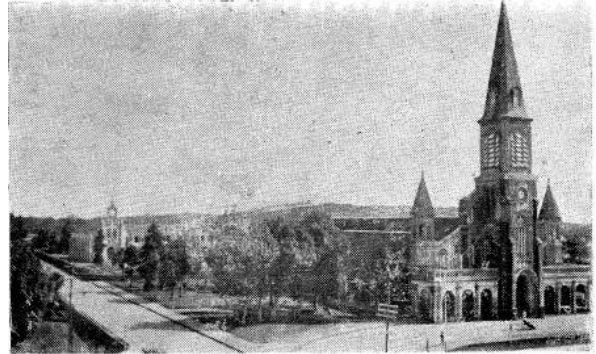
Pour ressources, le Board n'avait que Rs. 30000 que lui versa le Gouvernement, comme contribution, pendant plusieurs années, et Rs. 17,800 de taxe immobilière. Le cadastre de Curepipe en 1891 était de RS.3500000 et la taxe perçue sur les immeubles n'était alors que de 1/2 pour cent.

Afin d'être aidé dans la tâche de faire sortir une ville de ce chaos, le Board fit choix de M. Edgar Hugues, ingénieur de l'Ecole Centrale, un homme remarquable sous tous les rapports. Instruit, énergique et dévoué, il possédait, de plus, le levier essentiel: l'enthousiasme. Il fut nommé architecte du Board le 27 octobre 1890. Son premier souci fut de préparer un plan d'urbanisme. Il y travailla conjointement avec M. Paul Le Juge de Segrays, ingénieur des Travaux Publics.

Ce travail fut terminé en 1894.

Extrait de "L'Histoire de la Ville de Curepipe" Charles Giblot Ducray-1957

Note: Clancy Philippe fût Ingénieur de la Ville de Curepipe de 1972 à 1982.



EGLISE STE THÉRÈSE. 1941.

A gauche, la rue Commerford. A l'arrière-plan, au milieu, le Collège St. Joseph.

Congratulations to a new lawyer within the Mauritian Community in Melbourne, Australia.

Sophie Mariole, daughter of Lysianne & Herve Mariole has been admitted by the Supreme Court in Australia to practice as a lawyer.

Congratulations to Sophie and the proud parents from Mauritius Australia Connection. Well done.



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French TV programs - Easy to reach in Australia



Interview with Charles Boulo, LBF Australia National Sales Manager.



Keeping contact with French speaking cultures has never been easy, especially when living in Australia with such long distances. Thanks to LBF Australia, it is possible.

Charles Boulo National Sales Manager of LBF Australia explains:

Mauritius Australia Connection (CJP): What is LBF Australia?

Charles Boulo (CB): Le Bouquet Français (LBF), subsidiary of CANAL CALEDONIE, has been launched in February 2001. It is a dynamic small business that allows French speakers in Australia to keep in touch with French speaking cultures thanks to a selection of over 35 TV channels, radios and services all in French.

CJP: Do you service all Australia?

CB: Our dedicated team of 5 is based at the main office in Sydney. We have a network of authorised LBF installers that cover Australia's main cities and surroundings: Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra, Adelaide, Perth, a total of 16 installers located in different states.

CJP: What does LBF Australia offer?

CB: LBF Australia offers a broad selection of programs with over 35 TV channels, radios and services for all taste and all ages. Everybody in the family will find a program that suits their expectations with kids programs, cinema, sport, documentaries, series, entertaining shows and live news 24/7. (Programs consultation can be done through the TV guide section on WWW.LBF.COM.AU)

CJP: How is it possible to receive French TV in Australia?

CB: We say Australia is the lucky country, lucky enough to have the French TV thanks to its proximity with New Caledonia as the satellite signal footprint is coming over Australia. For the signal path long story short, the signal coming from Paris is transmitted via London, USA, New Caledonia to finally arrive in Australia through INTELSAT 701.

CJP: Do we need special equipment to receive LBF services at home?

CB: Yes, in order to receive LBF services you will require a satellite dish, a decoder and a smartcard. All this material is provided by LBF Australia to its subscribers.

CJP: Which special event will you recommend for viewing in the coming months ?

CB: Roland Garros starting the 23rd of May!

CJP: What role does LBF play within French speaking communities?

CB: LBF is very active in promoting French speaking culture and language in Australia and contributes in its development by being involved with French speaking associations / organisations such as Mauritius Australia Connection. www.cjp.net

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Mauritian Communities Overseas-Palermo & Catania (Sicily) in Italy

Groupe Kulturel Multietnik (GKM) was founded in April 2007 with a group of Mauritian families who settled in Palermo, Italy from 1989. GKM works in collaboration with all other Italian and Non-Hindu Mauritian Associations in Palermo to organise activities such as social get togethers, seminars on immigration, sports activities such as soccer tournaments, athletic activities, donation of blood and other health care services and talk on the prevention of cancer. In 2009, with the cooperation of the Groupe Chorale Mauricien and Mauritius Club (football team), GKM celebrated the 30th anniversary of the beatification of Père Laval and had the honour of welcoming Father Bernard Hym, the parish priest of St Croix Church in Mauritius. The association also organises film and talk shows on Mauritius to promote tourism in Mauritius, activities for the children and female members, indoor games such as domino, carom and musical chairs. As Mauritian dishes are very appreciated in Europe, they also organise multicultural food exhibitions.



MAURIZIANI LA FESTA DELLA COMUNITÀ
 Cantò e ballò della tradizione mauriziana. In occasione del centesimo anniversario della dichiarazione d'indipendenza la comunità si è ritrovata al Palasport per festeggiarla compatta. Le ragazze hanno indossato vestiti della religione indùista, con significati devozionali differenti. Nella foto: Rameshwar Theobald, Jean Claude Augustin, Reynald Milinte Akom, Shirley Joseph, Denise George O.S.C., consule mauriziana, Selyani Moodelychetty, Premchand Ramparsad, Dnyanesh Gobardhyan. (19/09/09)

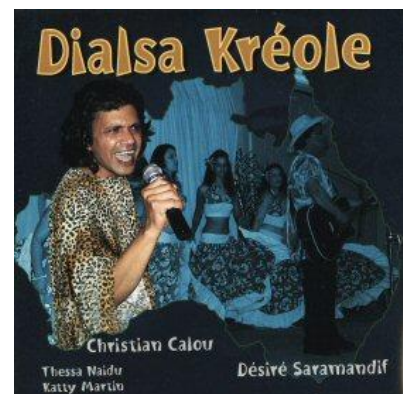
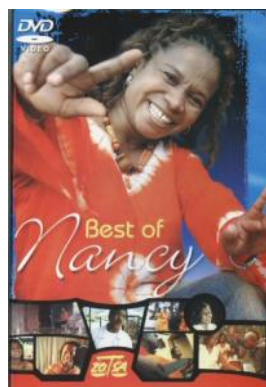
In May 2009, GKM with the collaboration of the Mauritius Society of Catania, based in Sicily the association organised a cultural show, mini fair with Mauritian foods and lottery, the funds collected was donated to Father Antonio Garau to repair the roof of the Christian Church of Palermo. The GKM of Palermo and the Mauritian Society of Catania have signed a partnership agreement to work together for the welfare of the Mauritian communities in Catania and Palermo. The agreement was signed by the presidents of both associations and witnessed by Mr Cristian Parish, Priest Father Antonio Garau, Hindu Priest Pandit Ravindranath Reetoo and a representative of the Mauritian Muslim Community Mr Kauroo B. Awaseem. <http://www.spalermogkm.com/>

Another Italo-Mauritian association is the Mauritian Society of Catania in Sicily. The main aim of this association has been to promote the Mauritian community in Catania and the Mauritian culture. It also provides community support to the Mauritian community living in Catania, organises social and sporting activities and gives advice on immigration laws in Italy to assist in applications for resident visas, passport renewals and other issues. One interesting development has been the acceptance of the Catania Municipal Council to have one elected (non voting) councillor to represent immigrant communities in Catania. <http://www.mauritiansocietycatania.com/>

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