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STRUCTURED CHAOS ?

The current political situation in Australia is a perfect example of structured chaos. Nobody knows what's going on. The ship is cruising along but no one is in control nor is there someone who is watching for the rocky outcrops ahead. I suppose that the politicians will just jump ship with whatever spoils they can grab when the proverbial hits the fan. Democracy never meant ruling by a minority government.

Life's getting a bit like that too. Job security does not exist anymore. So grab what you can get and when it gets too much, abandon ship and move to another job. CEO's who fail to perform get \$ millions as a parting gift for messing up things.

Planning for the future is lacking, its absence in the immediate past has led to today's knee jerk reactions. The lack of long term planning today will lead to short term fixes. The guys in control need to get their short term contracts renewed and the politicians want to secure their re-election in the short term. Immediate gratification becomes the rule. We need genuine people who truly believes in creating a better future and are prepared to take the tough decisions. The public will support them.

What's the solution to all this ? People power is the answer. Alone we are helpless, but collectively we can force changes. Your contribution is one building block in the overall scheme of things. So please do your bit and hopefully we'll build a better future. Start with your loved ones and assist them in securing a better future, not only for themselves but also for their kids, your grandchildren.

Editorial by Clancy Philippe



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Gateau Arouille

Recipes by Madeleine Philippe



Ingredients:

(Makes 16)

1. 500 grams (taro) yam (peeled and grated)
2. 2 tablespoons bread crumbs
3. 1/2 teaspoon sugar
4. 1 teaspoon freshly crushed ginger
5. 3-4 tablespoons corn flour
6. salt to taste
7. vegetable oil for frying
8. Optional:
30 grams bacon finely chopped and / or
2 spring onions finely chopped



Method:

1. Combine grated yam (taro) and all the other ingredients, except the bacon, in a mixing bowl.
2. Optional: Fry the chopped bacon in 2 tablespoons of oil until crisp. Remove from pan and add (minus the oil) to the combined ingredients. If you like it, add in the finely chopped spring onions. Mix well together with the other ingredients.
3. Heat oil in deep frying pan over medium high heat. Put in enough oil to immerse completely the frying gateau arouille balls.
4. Take one tablespoonful of the mixture at a time, mould into a round shape. If necessary, dust with or add some more corn flour to get mixture to bind together. Drop one by one into the oil and fry until golden brown.
5. Drain on kitchen paper towels and serve immediately. A little bit of chilli sauce on top will make it even more enjoyable.

Mauritius "Post Office" stamps

The Mauritius "Post Office" stamps were issued by the British Colony Mauritius in September 1847, in two denominations: an orange-red one penny (1d) and a deep blue two pence (2d). Their name comes from the wording on the stamps reading "Post Office", which was soon changed in the next issue to "Post Paid." They are among the rarest postage stamps in the world, and are of legendary status in the world of philately.

They were engraved by Joseph Osmond Barnard, born in England in 1816, who stowed away on a ship to Mauritius in 1838. The designs were based on the then current issue of Great Britain stamps (first released in 1841), bearing the profile head of Queen Victoria and issued in two denominations in similar colours: one penny red brown and two pence blue. Although these locally-produced stamps have a distinct primitive character, they made Barnard's "name immortal in the postal history of Mauritius".

Five hundred of each value were printed from a single plate bearing both values and issued on September 21, 1847, many of which were used on invitations sent out by the wife of the Governor of Mauritius for a ball she was holding that weekend. The stamps were printed using the intaglio method (recessed printing), and bear the engraver's initials "JB" at the lower right margin of the bust. The words "Post Office" appear in the left panel, but on the following issue in 1848, these words were replaced by "Post Paid." A legend arose later that the words "Post Office" had been an error.

The stamps, as well as the subsequent issues, are highly prized by collectors because of their rarity, their early dates and their primitive character as local products. Surviving stamps are mainly in the hands of private collectors but some are on public display in the British Library in London, including the envelope of an original invitation to the Governor's ball complete with stamp. Another place where they can be seen is at the Blue Penny Museum in Mauritius. The two stamps also can be seen at the Museum for Communication in Berlin and in the Postal Museum of Sweden in Stockholm. The Mauritius "Post Office" stamps were unknown to the philatelic world until 1864 when Mme. Borchart, the wife of a Bordeaux merchant, found copies of the one and two pence stamps in her husband's correspondence. She traded them to another collector. Through a series of sales, the stamps ultimately were acquired by the famous collector Ferrary, and were sold at auction in 1921.

Over the years, the stamps became legendary in the philatelic world and sold for increasing and ultimately astronomical prices. Mauritius "Post Office" stamps and covers have been prize items in collections of famous stamp collectors, including Sir Ernest de Silva, Arthur Hind, Alfred F. Lichtenstein, and Alfred H. Caspary, among other philatelic luminaries. King George V paid £1,450 for an unused Two Pence "Post Office" at an auction in 1904, which was a world record price at the time. Reportedly one of his secretaries commented that "some damned fool" had paid a huge amount of money for one postage stamp and His Royal Highness replied "I am that damned fool". The greatest of all Mauritius collections, that of Hiroyuki Kanai, included unused copies of both the One Penny and Two Pence "Post Office" stamps, the "Bordeaux" cover with both the one penny and two pence stamps which has been called "la pièce de résistance de toute la philatélie" or "the greatest item in all philately", and numerous reconstructed sheets of the subsequent issues. Kanai's collection was sold by the auctioneer David Feldman in 1993, the Bordeaux cover going for the equivalent of about \$4 million.



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Perth - Reunion	AUD 1,750 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Perth - Milan	AUD 1,980 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Perth - Paris	AUD 2,010 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Perth - Geneva	AUD 2,000 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Perth - London	AUD 2,100 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Perth - Frankfurt	AUD 2,085 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Perth - Munich	AUD 2,075 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Perth - Johannesburg / Durban	AUD 1,615 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Perth - Cape Town	AUD 1,740 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Perth - Antananarivo	AUD 1,665 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
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Melbourne - Paris / Geneva	AUD 2,275 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Melbourne - Milan	AUD 2,245 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Melbourne - London	AUD 2,365 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
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Melbourne - Johannesburg / Durban	AUD 1,880 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Melbourne - Cape Town	AUD 2,005 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
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Sydney - Paris	AUD 2,210 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Sydney - Milan	AUD 2,180 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Sydney - Geneva	AUD 2,200 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Sydney - London	AUD 2,300 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Sydney - Frankfurt	AUD 2,285 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Sydney - Munich	AUD 2,275 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Sydney - Johannesburg / Durban	AUD 1,680 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Sydney - Cape Town	AUD 1,805 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Sydney - Antananarivo	AUD 1,785 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11
Sydney - Nairobi	AUD 1,775 *	Economy	31.03.12	01.02.11-15.11.11

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Left to right:

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Sitting: Solange Lajoie (Secretary), Yvan Lisis (Vice president), Louis Vissenjoux (President), Anne Marie Wilson (Treasurer)

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Other objectives of the club are to inform its members on all aspects of healthy ageing, social welfare, Centrelink benefits, taxation, educational and social interactive programs through talks given by representatives of various organisations and through its quarterly newsletter "Le Petit Journal".

Members of the mauritian Silver Edge Club Inc meet every Tuesday at the John Pandazopoulos Hall in Doveton from 11.00 am.

Club activities comprise petanque, bingo, scrabble, dominoes and other social games. Fundraising functions such as dinners, dances, trivia nights, a yearly concert are held in the main hall. Every year the club organises petanque tournaments, a Games Day, a Christmas Party and an End of Year Ball. The club also organises a yearly luncheon for homebound elderlies and various outings within Victoria and interstate trips for its members and their friends.

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