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Turkish businesses are on the rise in the Seattle area. Edvar Basoglu celebrated the opening of his new business, Olympic Jewelry, Ltd., at 4th and Seneca. A good time was had by all later at the Olympic Torch Restaurant. This makes about the ninth Turkish-owned business in Seattle. After Atila Cetincelik's Foreign Electronics came Ahmet & Sinan Karasu's Globe Tronics, Kemal Olmez's Anatolia, Aynur and Ron Johnson's Men's Store in Lynnwood, Mehmet Uysal's European Tailor in Bellevue, Mehmet Ocak's Fruit Stands, and Tugrul Gul's Mediterranean Taxi Company (Tugrul moved to Seattle a few months ago from California).

Real estate investments seem to be going really strong in the Turkish community indeed. In addition to being very successful in his field of radiology, Dr. Rehai (Ray) Islam has multiple investments in land, office buildings, and most recently, a new Sea Galley Restaurant which opened last week in Bremerton. Fikret Yuksel's persistence and efforts have proven in a very short time his success in the real estate field. Long time Seattle resident, Semih Saday, and short time resident, Haydar Bozer, are in the process of completing their second real estate transaction. Talented architect Tulga Alpay and Onol Bilkur are also investing time in real estate opportunities.

Ali San, a well known member of the Turkish community, has just returned from Turkey with his new bride, Yasemin, to settle permanently in Seattle. Also new to the Seattle area, from Medford Oregon are Ozkan and Nur Erden and family. We would like to extend to them a warm welcome.

I have recently returned from a business trip to Istanbul. I spent several evenings there with the group of Turkish airline pilots who visited Seattle. They send regards to all those they met here. I would like to personally thank Ozcan Yuksel for his hospitality while I was there. Istanbul night life is just as fantastik as ever.

Regards until next month
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