

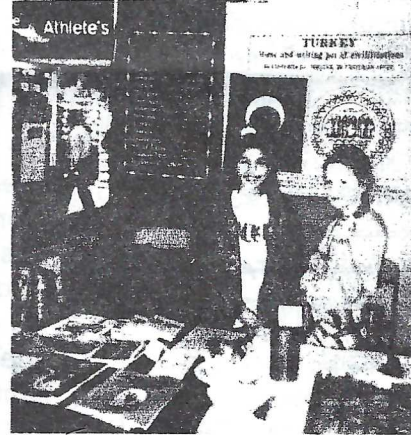


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Message from the Board

Our population in greater Seattle area has been increasing due to new arrivals, marriages and expansion of families. This is good news.

Since the election the board has met ten times. As your board our first task was to strengthen the ties between our members. We had the New Year party and Ramazan Bayrami party. Presently, we are planning for a picnic in June. Attendance at both of the parties was very good and we are looking forward to another successful gathering. In addition, TACA HOUSE committee was established and has since met three times.

The board realizes that the number of paid members needs to be increased. Currently, we have a total of 326 members of TACA, only 49 of whom are paid members. As a community, TACA has a lot of goals and plans. In order for us to achieve these goals and plans, we need your involvement. The following are some suggestions as how you can help us reach our goals:

- ⇒ Become a paid member of TACA
- ⇒ Attend TACA board meetings
- ⇒ Join TACA committees to strengthen them
- ⇒ Provide feedback or information to the Board

We would like to proudly announce that SESİMİZ has been published three times this year. In addition, we attended and had a booth in the World Festival at the Northgate Mall. We started Children's Turkish lessons and have been progressing successfully with raising TACA's funds.

These achievements are a great encouragement to TACA and our community. Once again, the TACA board would like to invite you to also become involved in our community by becoming a paid member. We appreciate your support and welcome any suggestions you may have for TACA.

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TACA EVENTS

ŞEKER BAYRAMI PARTY

TACA had a Şeker Bayrami party on February 25, 1996 Sunday at Schinitzelbank restaurant. There were about 130 people in attendance. The purpose of the party was to gather the membership together and celebrate the Seker bayrami.

TACA would like to thank everybody who contributed to this event's success and especially we would like to thank TURKISH DELIGHT for donating all the food which was served in this event.

WORLD FESTIVAL

TACA had a booth at the Northgate mall on April 19,20 and 21 to celebrate the world festival with other ethnic groups. This event also gives us a chance to introduce the Turkish community, our culture and country to other interested people.

The volunteers had a fun time in TACA's booth answering questions, meeting new people and selling baklava, borek and Turkish coffee which was supplied by Turkish Delight. We would like to thank the following members for manning TACA's booth during the festival:

Altan Turel, Ramazan Senturk, Turabi Topal, Sancar Ibrahimoglu, Guner Firuz, Melissa Firuz, Zeynep Hyslop, Tulin Idemen, Deniz Gokcora, Yasemin San, Rana San, Maureen Jackson, Isik Doluca, Ziyet Giray, Polin Basoglu, Sevim Basoglu, Tulay ve Gulay, Sakir Kaymaz, Huseyin Akkoyun, Fatih Dogan, Sevil Hill.

KIDS TURKISH CLASSES IN PROGRESS

Turkish classes for the children have been started and are continuing. We are fortunate to have a wonderful teacher, Deniz Gökçora who is willing to teach the classes. There are eight children attending the classes which are held at U of W on Sundays.

TEŞEKKÜRLER

Demet Sarikaya'ya Türkçe Çocuk Sinifinin gerçekleşmesinde ve devam etmesinde gösterdiği yardımlar için çok teşekkür ederim.

Deniz Gökçora 729-0411

Kütüphane Haberleri

Seattle Halk kütüphanesinde yaklaşık olarak 250 Türk kitabı var. Bu kitapların çoğu merkezi kütüphanede birinci kattadır. Kitapları ödünç almak için sadece Seattle kütüphanesi karti lazim. Lütfen kitapları kullanalımki daha yenileri gelsin. Bu kitaplar yerel kütüphanelerden'de interlibrary loan sistemiyle de istenilebilir.

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19 Mayıs Gençlik ve Spor Bayramınız Kutlu Olsun...

TURKISH -AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER (TACC)

We would like to inform friends that we are in the process of developing ideas for the establishment of Turkish-American Cultural Center (TACC). The purpose of such a center would be to coordinate activities on Turkish-American cultural relations, happenings in the community, and a place to get together. The center would allow meetings for exchange of ideas and thoughts, special gatherings and dinners, school for children and adults with a library... simply a focal point for Turkish-American identity. An informal committee has had several meetings to develop strategies to initiate deliberations. We will certainly have further meetings and involve others to build up a unified effort. Suggestions are welcome and people who are interested, please call me or any other board member.

Sincerely,
Mehmet Sarikaya - TACA Vice President
543-0724

GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION

Omer Faruk Mosque would like to express its gratitude and appreciation to **Turkish Delight** for hosting "Iftar" for past two years during Ramadan. All of us at the Omer Faruk Mosque would like to extend our invitation to all Turkish brothers in Seattle area.

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İyi Bayramlar...

The Turkish and Turkish-American communities are celebrating National Sovereignty and Children's Day, Kurban Bayram and Youth and Sports Day, all in less than a month. On the occasion of these festivities, I am most pleased to have this opportunity not only to convey my best and warmest wishes but also to share my reflections on the deep and powerful significance of these days.

Taken collectively, these festive days are indicative of the pride we have in our Turkish traditions, nation and people. They are an affirmation of the strides Turkey has made in forging an identity in our modern times built on peace and good-will:

- April 23rd marked National Sovereignty and Children's Day. On this very day, the Turkish Grand National Assembly met for the first time in 1920, a clear expression of national sovereignty and parliamentary representation. The foundation for a modern nation was literally being laid, and it seems only appropriate that our great leader Atatürk, who bequeathed the Republic to the future generations of Turkey, should also designate this day as Children's Day. Indeed, children from around the world travel to Turkey to participate in April 23rd parades and ceremonies.

- The celebration of Kurban Bayram clearly manifested the continuity of our traditions as well. Though we are separated by distance or time from our native land, I was most impressed by the preparation of the Turkish and Turkish-American communities and households to remember Bayram. By keeping such cultural and religious traditions alive, a new generation can surely learn about their relevance.

- May 19th—Youth and Sports Day—not only extols the vigor, courage and promise of our youth in Turkey, it also commemorates the day Atatürk landed in Samsun and started our Independence War. 73 years later the Republic stands as a bastion of stability, democracy, liberalism, secularism and freedom. The next generations, inheriting the Republic, must sustain and strengthen these attributes.

Clearly, in every instance these festivities celebrate where Turkey has been and where it is heading. They mark the evolution of our Republic and of the essential duty given to the next generation to preserve and defend it. They, likewise, present us—as Turks, Turkish-Americans and friends of Turkey—with the challenge of keeping our traditions alive, of speaking the truth about Turkey, always and emphatically. I firmly believe that this is the best defense against the unfounded, unsubstantiated, anti-Turkish rhetoric that plagues the minds of certain circles.

Together we must stand and speak the truth about Turkey. Through our positive and constructive actions and attitude during this month of festivities, we did just that. Let us let the spirit of these special holidays guide, motivate and inspire us throughout the entire year.

With fondest and sincerest wishes for health and happiness during this time and always!

Nüzhət Kandemir
Ambassador of Republic of Turkey

24 Nisan 1996

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We would like to increase our membership in 1996. Please fill out the following form and send it to us with your dues. If you know a friend who is not receiving Sesimiz or other flyers please make a copy and give it to them. We value your membership. The more members we have the stronger we will be.

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***** PLEASE *****
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****TO THE LEFT****
****SEND IT IN****

Cemiyetimizden Haberler

- Levent ve Julie Vural'ın yeni bebekleri 23 Nisan'da dünyaya geldi. Bebegin adını Zeki Turan koyan aile bu mutluluklarını evlerinin dışına astıkları "Turan is here , we have no fear " balonlarıyla gösteriyorlar. Kendilerini tebrik ederiz.
- Latife Saribaş bir otomobil kazası atlattı. Kendisinin şimdi sıhhati iyi. Geçmiş olsun.
- Arkadaşımız Tibet Giray babasını kaybetti. Giray ailesine baş sağlığı dileriz.
- Schnitzelbank Restaurant 27 Nisan'da Kurban bayramı partisi yaptı. 100 kişiyi asan partide katılanlar Türk müziğiyle eğlendiler.
- Seattle'a kanser tedavisi için, yeni üç kişi aileleriyle beraber geldiler. Bu aileler: Ermet ve Arzu Gencer, Fatma Ulutan, Dogan Ulutan, Ayhan Ulutan ve Erol Ulutan, Feyza Selcuk, Adnan Selcuk ve Aysen Selcuk. TACA yönetim kurulu eski ve yeni gelen beş aileyle Mehmet Sarıkaya'nın evinde toplanıp, tanıştı. Arkadaşlarımıza çok sıhhat ve şifalar diliyoruz. İlgilenenler , arkadaşlarımızın telefon numaralarını Zeynep Hyslop'tan (292-9083) alabilirler.
- Arkadaşımız Alp Altiner TACA board toplantısına gelerek, gönüllü olarak immigration ve avukatlara ihtiyacı olan üyelerimize yardım edeceğini belirledi. Bu konularda yardıma ihtiyacı olanlar , Alp'i , 281-0958 numarasında arayın. Kendisini takdir ederiz. Alp arkadaşımızın önümüzdeki sayılarda Sesimiz'e katkılarından da göreceksiniz.
- Yasemin San got her real-estate license and she is working at Home Realty at Northgate office . We wish her success in her new endeavors. If you need advise on real estate call her at 365-4700.
- Yasemin Tareen , Ingraham Lisesinde değişik kültürleri tanıtmaya festivalinde (5/22 ve 5/23) , TACA nin yardımıyla Türkiye'yi tanıttı. Kendisini tebrik ederiz.

Turkish News Headlines

- ◇ Mother Path coalition survives despite corruption charges against Ciller. According to the 5/26 NY Times the coalition may not survive.
- ◇ Turkish free zones trading up 48%.
- ◇ A subsidiary of the Turkish Anatolia group will be setting up a Coca_Cola bottling plant in Almati, Kazakhstan.
- ◇ During a keynote address at the American-Turkish Council's 1996 annual banquet, Newt Gingrich, the speaker of the US House of Representatives, affirmed his admiration for Ataturk as a world leader and praised his role in world history.
- ◇ Gecen Pazar günü Cumhurbaskani Demirel'e yapılan suikastcinin fanatic bir dinci eczacı olduğu tesbit edildi.
- ◇ Privatization of Tupras and Petrol Ofisi will be given priority as advised by the IMF and the world bank.
- ◇ Fenerbahçe şampiyon oldu. Sari Kanaryalari tebrik ederiz.
- ◇ Tekel monopoly to end. Prime minister Mesut Yilmaz announced that 65 year old TEKEL monopoly on alcohol , cigarettes and salt would be coming to an end, with the sales of factories to the private sector. This is expected to raise some \$5 billion.
- ◇ Nurol inşaat will construct the first hotel in Bosnia. With a \$40 million investment, the company will reconstruct a dormitory and turn it into a 1600 bed hotel.

SÜNNET TÖRENİ ve EĞLENCE: Smith ailesi , Emirhan Smith için Haziran 15 inde , Cumartesi günü , Schnitzelbank restaurant'da Sünnet eğlencesi düzenliyor. Eğlence akşam 8 de başlayacak. Bütün üyelerimiz eğlenceye davetlidir. More information , call Gül 362-1223. Come and have fun.

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at Magnuson Park, Shelter 1 by the lake.

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◆ TURKISH SOCCER

● Istanbulspor (our new local team) will have its last game 6/2/96 , Sunday at 12 PM at Twin Ponds field, 1st Ave. NE and N 149th St. We wish them success. We encourage our members to support them. The coming Summer , two Turkish teams will be playing. One is in the open , the other one in the over 30 league. Good luck and basarilar to both and they need our members support.

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TACA dedicates the following Turkish National Anthem to our young members.
We thank Ali Bengisoy for bringing this material to our attention.

YOUTHS' CORNER

We are reprinting below music and words of the Turkish National Anthem adopted March 12, 1921 by The Turkish National Assembly.

It is also a fitting tribute in commemorating Mehmet Akif Ersoy at the 50th anniversary of his death. Though, the English versification helps today's reader in understanding the text, it pales in comparison to the rich allegory of the dramatic and heroic original.

Words by
MEHMET AKIF ERSOY(1873-1936)
English versification by
T. M. CARTLEDGE

İstiklâl Marşı
THE MARCH OF INDEPENDENCE

Music by
ZEKİ ÜNGÖR (1880-1958)
Arr. by
T. M. CARTLEDGE

Tempo di Marcia

f
1. *Kork - ma sön - mes bu sa -*
1. Fear not and be not dis -

ff
- fak - lar - da yü - zen - al san - cak Sön - me - den
- mayed, This crim - son flag will nev - er fade. It is the

sf
yur - du - mün üs - tün - de tü - ten en son o - cak. O
last hearth that's burn - ing for my na - tion and we know for

TACA dedicates the following Turkish National Anthem to our young members.

be - nim mil - le - ti - min. Yıl - di - sı -
 sure that it will nev - er fail. It is my

- dir par - la - ya - cak. O be - nim - dir, o be - nim
 na - tion's star that ev - er forth will shine. It is my

rall. 2nd volta *ff* 1 2
 mil - le - ti - min - dir an - cak. 2. Çat -
 na - tion's star and it is mine. 2. Frown - lâl.

* lower notes optional for bass or alto voices.

2. Çatma kurban olayım çehreni ey nazlı hilâl
 Kahraman ırkıma bir gül ne bu şiddet bu celâl
 Sana olmaz dökülen kanlarımız sonra helâl
 Hakkıdır hakka tapan milletimin istiklâl.

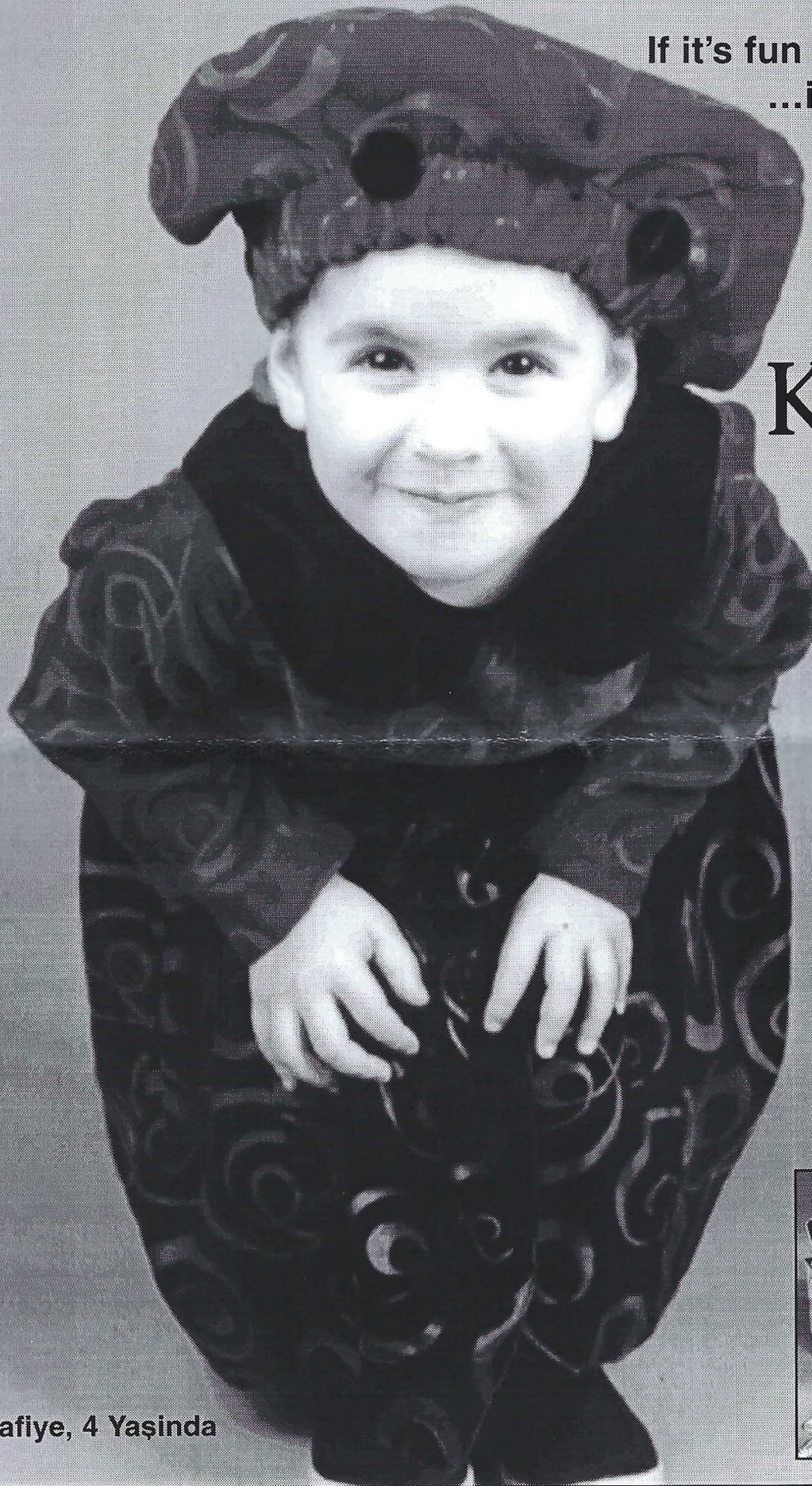
2. Frown not, fair crescent, for I
 Am ready e'en to die for thee.
 Smile now upon my heroic nation, leave this anger,
 lest the blood shed for thee unblest be.
 Freedom's the right of this my nation,
 Yes, freedom for us who worship God and seek what's right.

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