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E D I T O R I A L


Dear fellow members,

We are slowly but steadily heading towards the summer weather. The spring was a kind of wet but hot! Hope the summer won't be bad!!

Before you all plan your vacation, please keep July 28th open. That day will be the much awaited Annual Picnic. With the lack of Indoor meetings, this Picnic will be our only annual gettogether. In fact, lot's of out of staters (outside NY,NJ,CT,PA,DE) are planning to attend.

The Picnic will be held at the usual location- Lewis Morris Park, Morristown, NJ. The dues will be \$2.00 per adult, \$1.00 for kids and senior citizens FREE. As we did last year, each family will cook any item, not only for them but also, for other two persons. Kids will have Hot dogs, Hamburgers, and other favorites. Soda will be by the SABHA. There will be lots of games and prizes for all age groups. If you think we had a good time last year, believe me, this time it will be great.

More details about the picnic and directions to get there will be mailed to you all. So, please keep July 28th for the Picnic- our only thing going for us.



Vasanth Bhat
Editor

- LETTERS to the EDITOR



Dear Editor,

Enclosed is a check for \$20.00, out of which \$10.00 is towards the subscription for Khabbar and the rest towards the matrimonial "Klassified". Thank you very much for your help. We are looking forward to the upcoming events of Konkani Sabha.

Laxman Kamath, Turnersville, NJ

Dear Editor,

Please "khabbarize" Hoon Khabbar to the following five addresses.
Narasimha Shenai, Breezewood, DE

Dear Editor,

Thankyou for your donation, letter and publicity to "Sevakhestra". I am glad to inform you that the response has been good. You are doing a good service to the Konkani community in North America by publishing the address list. Here are some corrections.

Padmanabh Kamath, Rochester, NY

Dear Editor,

We have moved from College Station, TX to Daytona Beach, FL. Please make a note of this change in the directory. Also include my brother and sister's address. Please add them to your list. Many thanks.

Pandurang Shanbhag, Daytona Beach, FL

Dear Editor,

Next time the Khabbar is printed could you please include our phone number (412-831-0799). Enclosed is the \$5.00 subscription fee.

Mrs. Carol Pai, Upper St. Clair, PA

Dear Editor,

We appreciate the Khabbar very much. You are doing a very good job and I think your mailing list was exactly what we needed. We had no idea how many of our people were here. Thank you again for the Khabbar.

Mrs. Padmini Pai, Casper, WY

Dear Editor,

Would you please change the address for the mailing list to 2249 Folwell St. Thanks

Anantha Shenoi, St. Paul, MN

Dear Editor,

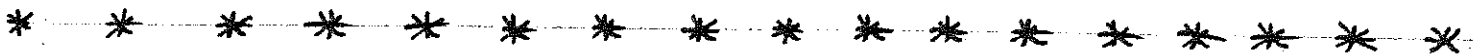
Thank you for all the good work you have been doing for the Khabbar.

Prabhaker Nayak, Wanaque, NJ

Dear Editor,

Please include the attached ad in "Klassified". Enclosed \$25.00 for my ad and membership dues. Thanks.

Vasudeva Prabhu, Mission Viejo, CA



ARE YOU INCLUDED?

This is a story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody blamed Somebody, when actually Nobody asked Anybody!

Hoov Khabbar

● CONGRATULATIONS:

● Mrs. POORNIMA BHAT recently gave a presentation on India to her son, Vinodh's class (third grade) of Flocktown Road School of Long Valley, NJ. The one hour presentation on Indian culture, food, language, jewelry, etc was well received by the students. The third grade teacher was Mrs. Bhat's model for wearing the sari.

● Dr. VASUDEVA PRABHU started "Compuland of CALIFORNIA ", Home and Business Computer sales and Software consultation in Mission Viejo, CA. Khabbar readers will always get the best deal with Dr. Prabhu. Please see the ad in the "Klassified" section and patronize Dr. Prabhu.

● Master DEEPAK SHENDY (13) received State Award for being among the highest scoring participant in the State for Mathematics and Verbal Talent Search conducted by the Center for the Advancement of Academically Talented Youth of The Johns Hopkins University. He was also placed with Distinction in Mathematics and TSWE. He had recieved Distinguished Honor Roll in recognition of his performance in the 7th grade at John Adams Junior High School, Edison, NJ. Deepak lives in Edison with his parents, Prabhaker and Meera, and brother, Dinesh.

● Master NEERAJ PAI was one of the three recognized by the Lehigh County Authority for his outstanding 200-word essay on water conservation during water conservation week. Sixty entries were received and the theme was "Water: Why Is It Important to Me?". Besides winning a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond from Lehigh County Authority, Neeraj also won a side bet of \$50.00 cash from his father. Neeraj lives in Macungie, PA with parents, Dayya and Vidya, and sister, Reina.

● Miss SANGEETA KAMATH has become a member of the Douglass Scholars Program at Rutgers State University of New Jersey. Under this program, she is entitled to a four year tution scholarship. She lives in Red Bank, NJ with parents Venkatesh and Ajitha.

● Mr. VISHWANATH KAMAT recently graduated with honors from Tennessee Technical University at Cookeville, TN. He completed his Masters in Electronics. His graduation ceremony was attended by his wife, Asha, and parents, Sitaram and Prabha, who specially came from Bombay for the occasion. Mr. Kamat will be leaving for India shortly to pursue his career interests there.

● Master SURESH PAI received Certificate of Achievement for Outstanding Science Project Exhibit from the U.S. Army. Suresh lives in Charlotte, NC with parents, Subraya and Meera, and brother, Dinesh. Suresh also received the Certificate of National Honor Society of Secondary Schools. In fact, his brother Dinesh initiated him for this gracious occassion at Providence Day School of Charlotte, NC.

● Master DINESH PAI of Charlotte, NC has been admitted to Emory University in Atlanta, GA for premedical education.

● Mrs. RAMANI DHRUVKUMAR received her M.S. in Computer Science from North Eastern University, Boston in Sept. '83. Mrs. Dhruvkumar was in the first batch of "Women in Engineering" program sponsored by HiTech industries, State Government and the University.

Khabbar (cont.)

● Mr. RAVINDRA NAYAK recently got promoted to Manager, Accounts Payable, Bamberger's in Newark NJ. Mr. Nayak is the Sabha President and resides in Flanders, NJ with wife, Vidya and kids, Reena and Nikhil.

● NEW ARRIVALS

● ASHWIN, boy to the Shenais, Vasanthi and Narasimha of Breezewood, DE on May 5 1984.

● RELOCATION

● The KAMATHS, KESHAV and VIMALA, have recently moved to their newly acquired home 7750 Torridge Dr. WESTCHESTER, OH 45069 (Tel:513-561-2818)

● The SHANBHAGS (PANDURANG and RUKMA with VINAYAK and PREETI) recently relocated to 139 S. Halifax Ave., #2, DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32018 (Tel:904-252-0016)

● REZIPPED:

● The U.S. Post Office changed the zip code in Charlotte, NC where the Pais (P.S. and Meera) live. Their new zip code is 28226.

● UPANAYANAM

● The Shenoy, Ravindra and Sharda, of Towaco, NJ celebrated the sacred thread ceremony of their son, SWAPNEAL, in Kinnigoli (Dakshina Kannada) Karnataka, India on May 16th 1984. It is reported that the vatu is very busy in doing the Sandhyavandanam.

● WEDDING BELLS

● Chi. RAMNATH SHENOY, son of late & Smt. Venkatraya Shenoy of Kinnigoli married Sow. VEENA, daughter of late & Smt. Venkatesh Kamath of Maharaja Soda of Mangalore on May 18th 1984. The wedding took place at C.V.Nayak Hall, Mangalore.

● Chi. NAREN, son of Keshava and Vimala Kamath of Westchester, OH married Sow. NITA, daughter of Smt. and Sri Gopinath Prabhu of Tellicherry, on Dec. 28th 1983 at Sanghaniketan in Mangalore.

● CAROLINA KONKANIS GETTOGETHER

o 12 Konkani families celebrated the New Year Day (1984) in Bishopville, SC with typical Konkani flavor and cooking. This is the first time ever so many Konkans got together in the South and the credit for organizing this goes to everyone, and especially to Jayaram and Surekha Kamath.

~~HOON~~ Khabbar (cont.)

● "EAST and WEST, THAT'S THE BEST"

● Dr. Keshava Kamath of Westchester, OH has offered to present an award to any member of the Konkani Sabha for an article of one page on the subject of: EAST and WEST, THAT'S THE BEST. The writers should be below 18 years of age and the best article will get a grand prize money of \$25.00. All articles will be published in the Khabbar. Send your entries to:

Dr. Keshava Kamath
7750 Torridge Drive
Westchester, OH 45069

● OBITUARY

● HUNDI KRISHNA KAMATH (73) passed away in Mangalore on June 10th 1984. Mr. Kamath was a well known community figure in Mangalore. The Khabbar conveys heartfelt condolences to his sons and their families - Mohan Kamath and family of Cerritos, CA, Venkatesh Kamath and family of Fairport, NY and Pandurang Kamath and family of Los Altos, CA.

● Sri. B.H. RAMACHANDRA RAO of Bangalore recently died of heart failure in Bombay, India. He was 72. Khabbar expresses sympathies to his son, Dhruvkumar and family of Hanover, MA

● REMINDER

● Please remit your membership dues of \$5.00 for this year either to the Treasurer or to the Editor.

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● WANTED

● Articles of interest are always in need to be published in the Khabbar. Let Sabha members share your knowledge and experience. Please send your articles to:

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WHY SMALL REFRIGERATORS CAN PRESERVE THE HUMAN RACE

a "sukke phardi"

QUARTERLY
FEATURE ARTICLE

Once, long ago, people had special little boxes called refrigerators in which milk, meat, and eggs could be kept cool. The grandchildren of these simple large devices are large enough to store whole cows, and they reach temperatures comparable to those at the South Pole. Their operating costs increase each year, and they are so complicated that few home handyman attempt to repair them on their own.

Why this change in size and complexity occurred in America? It has not taken place in many areas of the technologically advanced world (the average German refrigerator is about a yard high and less than a yard wide, yet refrigeration technology in Germany is quite advanced). Do we really need (or even want) all that space and cold?

The benefits of a large refrigerator are apparent: a saving of time (one grocery-shopping trip a week instead of several), a saving of money (the ability to buy expensive, perishable items in larger, cheaper quantities), a feeling of security (if the car breaks down or if famine strikes, the refrigerator is well stocked). The costs are there, too, but they are not so obvious.

Cost number one is psychological. Ever since the refrigerator began to grow, food has increasingly become something we buy to store rather than to eat.

Another cost is aesthetic. In most of Europe, where grocery marketing is still a part of the daily rhythm, one can buy tomatoes, lettuce, and the like picked on the day of purchase. Many European families have modest refrigerators and concept of buying food to store in refrigerator is not widely accepted. Since fresh food is easily available most people buy it daily.

Which brings to mind another price the refrigerator has cost us: the friendly neighborhood market. In America, time is money. A large refrigerator means fewer time consuming trips to grocery store. Since shopping trips are infrequent, most people have been willing to forego the amenities of the little store around the corner in favor of the lower prices found in the supermarket.

If refrigerators were'nt so large- that is, if grocery marketing were a daily affair- the "entertainment surcharge" of buying farm-fresh food in a smaller, more intimate setting might carry some weight. But as it is, there is not really that much difference between eggs bought from Farmer Brown's wife and eggs bought from the supermarket which in turn bought them from Eggs Incorporated, a firm operated out of Los Angeles that produces 200,000 eggs a day from chickens that are kept in gigantic warehouses lighted artificially on an eighteen-hour light and dark cycle and produce one-and-a-half times as many eggs-a special breed of chickens who die young and insane. Not much difference if you don't mind eating eggs from crazy chickens.

Chalk up Farmer and Mrs. Brown as cost number four of the big refrigerator. The small farmer can't make it in a society dominated by supermarkets and big refrigerators; make way for superfarmers, super yields, and pesticides(cost number five).

Cost number six of the big refrigerator has been the diminution of regional food differences. Of course the homogenization of American fare cannot be blamed solely on the availability of frozen food. Nonetheless, were it not for the trend toward turning regional specialties into frozen dinners, it might still be possible to experience novelty closer to home.

So much for the disadvantages of the big refrigerator. What about the advantages of the small one? First of all, it would help us to "think small". Any tool we use (the automobile, standardized public education, public-health care, the refrigerator) influences the individual, his society, and the relationship between the two. A person's automobile is a part of his identity. The average Volkswagen owner has a variety of characteristics (income, age, occupation) significantly different from those of the average Cadillac owner. American society, with more parking lots than parks, and with gridded streets rather than winding lanes, would be vastly different without the private automobile. Similar conclusions can be drawn about any of the tools we use.

The telephone, a "convivial tool," has remained under control; it has not impinged itself on society or on the individual. Each year it has become more efficient, and it has not prevented other forms of communication (letter writing, visits.)

So what about the refrigerator? Or back to the basic problem to which the refrigerator was a partial answer: what about our supply of food? When did we decide to convert the emotion-laden threat of starvation from a shared community problem (of societal structure: farm-market-home) to a personal one (of storage)?

The decision for larger refrigerators has been consistent with a change in food-supply routes from highly diversified "trails" (from small farms to neighborhood markets) to uniform, standardized highways (from large farms to centrally located supermarkets). Desirable meals are quick and easy rather than rich and leisurely. Culinary artistry has given way to efficiency, the efficiency of the big refrigerator.

People have a natural propensity for running good things into the ground. Mass production has been a boon to mankind, but its reliance on homogeneity precludes its being a paradigm for all areas of human life. Should houses be mass produced? Should education? Should food? Which brings us to refrigerators. How does one decide how large a refrigerator to buy, considering one's life, one's society and the world, and not simply the question of food storage?

As cost begins to be measured not only in dollars spent and minutes saved, but in total richness acquired, perhaps smaller refrigerators will again make good sense. A small step backward along some of the roads of "technological progress" might be a large step forward for mankind, and one our age is uniquely qualified to make.

ZOO WORD FIND

by

Miss Aarti Mallya and Miss Shuba Kamath

Aarti is 9 years old and is in 3rd grade at Wanaque Elementary School, Wanaque, NJ. Shuba is 10 years old and is in 4th grade at James Madison Intermediate School, Edison, NJ.

Are you ready to go to the zoo this summer? Why take the hassel of being there when you can find out how many animals are there in this Word Find.

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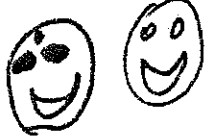
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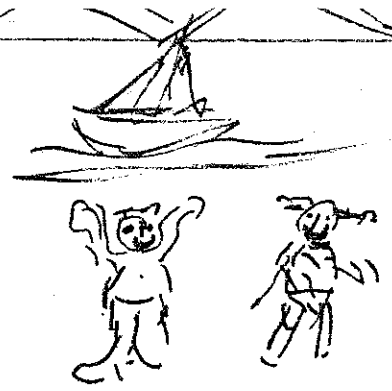
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 Time: 10:00 a.m. thru
 Place: Lewis Morris Park, Morris county, NJ
 Cost: \$2.00 per adult; \$1.00 per kid; senior citizens FREE
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Note: This is the only notice you'll get. Please arrange to have your friends and families come for the PICNIC. Together we all can have fun.

