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# The New Citizen

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The Voice of the LINC

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## From the Editor

**Kamal Rahim from Iraq**

Almost certainly, many will ask how we can issue this newspaper with our limited abilities in English. It is not our mother tongue and we are at the first steps of the English language. In fact, we asked the same question to ourselves, but after holding a few meetings and discussing the matter, plus much useful assistance from our teachers, we decided to go on and fear nothing.

There are many reasons to bear this heavy responsibility; one of them is to show how our familiarity with English language, and our desire to take part with other citizens and tie stronger relationships so that we may recover from feeling as a stranger and missing our motherland.

So, even though this journal is not perfect grammatically and poor in journalism styles, it will still make our voice be heard through it. We can use it as a bridge to meet different cultures and offer a chance for the newcomers to learn the English language.



**LINC students** are excited about first issue of their own school paper called *The New Citizen*. Students have worked together in small groups and organized meetings to aid in creating this newspaper. All articles were composed, typed and edited by the LINC team. Congratulations on your first paper! Keep up the good work!

## Newcomer's 1.5 Generation

**By Jun Ha Lee from Korea**

This report is the story on newcomer's children who live in PEI. I researched their country, their problems at school and their life on PEI. The first sequence is newcomers from Afghanistan.

Afghanistan is a land of great mountains, scorching deserts, rolling plains and fertile valleys. A landlocked country in Asia, it is bordered by Pakistan in the east and south, the former Soviet Union in the north and west, and China in the northeast.

### Fact Sheet

Official Name: The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Area: 647,497 sq. km

Population: 16, 600, 000 (1997 estimate)

Languages: Dari, Pashtu

Religions: Sunni Muslim, Shi'a Muslim

Chief Products: cement, coal, rugs, textiles, barley, corn, cotton, fruits, natural gas, beets, rice, nuts

Afghans to Canada – For 10 years, ending in 1989, Afghanistan was occupied by the Soviet Union. Since then, it has been torn apart by civil wars based on religious and ethnic divisions. Since 1980, small numbers of Afghans have been admitted to Canada as refugees or as immigrants. Most of them have settled in the Toronto region. For all Afghans settlement and initial adaptation will be affected by the experiences many of them suffered before coming to Canada. They had experienced war personally and had been separated from family members during the war. Many were confined to refugee camps for several years. Some people returned to their country after the withdrawal of the Soviet forces. Perhaps they were refugees for a second time as a result of the civil war. Now there are about 25 Afghani people in PEI. Most of them are learning English at the LINC and their children are studying at public schools. (Continued on Page 3)

## The Palestinian Legend Dies

**By Victor Munoz from Colombia**

The paradox of life, "I fight for my own territory and die far from my land."

Yassir Arafat, President of the OLO and the alliance for liberation of Palestine died in France at 3:30 am French time. The Arab nations are having 40 days of mourning and the flags are flying at half mast.

Arafat could have been born in Gaza, Jerusalem and even in Cairo in August of 1929 but his birthplace remains a mystery. He was the son of a retailer of Gaza. He began studying in Egypt where he began his militant life during his life as a student. Abut Amat was the military name of this man of the two Arab-Israeli wars at the end of the 40's where he was a student leader – to the 50's as a guerrilla – to the 60's as a terrorist and to the 70's as a political leader of the Liberation of Palestine. (Continued on Page 3)



Editor  
Interviews  
LINC  
Coordinator

**As the coordinator of the school, what is your overall look of teaching in the school?**

The teachers in our school are excellent! They work very hard as a team to make sure that all the students' needs are taken care of. They are quite creative in their approach to teaching English which makes learning fun for the students.

**You have five levels in the school and there are only four teachers. How do you manage to cope with this problem?**

I agree with you that this could be a problem, however, our teacher manage our multi-level classes with ease. We wish that our funding allowed us to hire more teachers but at the present time we have to work within our budget. This fact calls upon our teachers to be flexible in their approach to the class structure.

**After finishing level five, where do the students go from there?**

We are lucky this year as we just received funding for a new program which will be offered to students after they complete level five. The new program "EEELS" begins in April of this year. It will include English instruction up to level eight, essential skills, life skills and employability skills. There will also be a job placement component in this program. It is our hope that this new program will assist our students in obtaining meaningful employment.

**What do you think about the New Citizen so far?**

To start a newspaper called the New Citizen is a great idea. It is really nice to see the students from 14 countries working together as a team to produce this paper. They have divided themselves in groups to deal with a variety of issues that they want to print. As a result of this newspaper, they are learning English, computer skills, and a lot about each other. All of the students appear to be sharing ideas and are really enthusiastic about the New Citizen. Thank you Kamal for introducing the idea of a newspaper to the rest of the students.

## LINC Potluck!

By Grace Lee from Korea

On December 17<sup>th</sup> we are going to have a potluck party at school. Do you know what potluck is? Potluck is a meal where each guest brings some food, which is then shared by the guests. Each guest can bring one's cultural foods. Sometimes too many of same dishes arrive. To avoid this, we should discuss what dish each guest will bring. We can taste many delicious cultural foods all together at wonderful party.



## Students Play Joke on Joy MacDonald

By Ibrahim Kargbo from Sierra Leone

When we went to school on Monday, we were told we had a new boss – Sue. The government sent her to us. Sue could not speak to us or help us if we had any complaints about how to get a government loan. If we needed parking tickets or anything she could not help us. So all of students decided to get together to have a talk about the funny old gray haired boss that wore black glasses and could not speak. She just sat there and smiled. We really wanted our old boss Joy back. So we went to the head office to ask for Joy. We were all glad to see her so we could tell her about our funny looking boss that we had for a while. Now she was gone. Joy asked us how the new boss worked out. She asked us if she left again, would we want the other one. We said we just wanted her back and we are happy to have you back Joy.

## Miscommunication in English

By Feng Liu from China

Last Thursday morning, my friend Henry phoned me. He invited me to have lunch together. He told me we would be eating famous chicken and he told me the restaurant name was East Side Mario's at 12 o'clock. I only heard, "... side restaurant" but the last time I ate the famous chicken it was at Swiss Chalet. I think Charlottetown is not a big city, so maybe Swiss Chalet is the restaurant he means. I didn't ask him to say the name again. At 11:50, I called a taxi to take me to Swiss Chalet restaurant but I didn't find him. At about 12:15 I had all ready drunk two glasses of water and looked at the menu several times. I thought if he does come, we would have to order quickly because I was in a hurry. But at 12:20, he still hadn't arrived. I phoned Henry, "Where are you?" he said. "I am very cold waiting outside. Are you lost?" I asked to say the restaurant name again. "I am at East Side Mario's!" I was at the wrong restaurant!

**Braids & Hair Advertisement** - Masseray Hassan of Sierra Leone has had 10 years experience of hair dressing. She owned her own salon in Africa and had seven apprentices under her supervision. If you would like to get your hair styled, contact Masseray in the LINC program to set up an appointment.

## MAPLE-GLAZED TURKEY

By Yolanda Rebolledo from Colombia

4 Tbsp. butter at room temperature  
1 Turkey, 12-14 lbs., thawed if frozen.  
¾ tsp. salt  
1/8 tsp. pepper.  
1 recipe wild rice fruit stuffing  
2 shallots minced  
2/3 cup maple syrup  
¼ cup white wine or chicken broth  
1 tsp. dried thyme  
Preheat oven to 450 F

- Grease 1.5 gl baking dish. Rub 3 Tbs. butter over turkey; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Fill turkey body and neck cavities with some of stuffing. Transfer remaining stuffing to baking dish. Cover with foil. Refrigerate. Place turkey on rack in roasting pan; roast 20 minutes.
- Reduce over temperature to 375 F. Roast turkey, basting every 30 minutes with pan juices, until meat thermometer inserted into thickest part of thigh registers 180 F for 2 hours.
- In pot over medium heat melt remaining butter. Add shallots, cook for 2 –3 minutes. Add syrup, wine and thyme. Bring to boil. Cook until slightly thickened.
- Baste turkey with glaze several times during last 30 minutes.
- Place covered dish with stuffing in oven 35 minutes before turkey is done. Remove foil after 15 minutes.
- Ready to serve in about 4 hours

## COLOMBIAN COOKING

By Elsa Sanchez from Colombia

### Plantains Are Nutritious

The plantain grows in warm weather in the Equatorial zone. This vegetable is very nutritious because it contains iron. The color is green and then it turns yellow. The green plantain is used to make soups and creams specially for the babies, older people and students. This is very nutritious and delicious.

The yellow plantain is also used to make cake.

### Plantain Cream Recipe (6 servings)

Ingredients:

4 cups water (1litre)  
4 cups milk (1litre)  
1 cup sugar (250 ml)  
1 big green plantain (or two small)  
Cinnamon (Add just a few)

Preparation

Put water in a pot until it boils.

Then put this mixture into the boiling water and stir it with a spoon. Add sugar cinnamon and milk.

Keep it boiling for about 20 minutes don't forget to stir continuously.

**CANADIAN LAW SAYS:** Many different people live in Canada. People have different religions. People speak many different languages. We are different but we are equal. We are different but we are equal when we go to the bank, go to work, go to the post office, or go on a trip. In Canada, it is wrong for a person to fire you or not give you a job because of your religion, of your age, or of your race, or because: you are having a baby, you are disabled, or you have a learning disability.

## Palestine Legend Cont.

This protagonism begins in 1959 with the creation of the Alfata guerillas, which means conquest. In 1968 the OLO and Arafat took control and organized a Palestinian town to recover occupied states. Yassir continued to organize the resistance against Israel, Lebanon, Egypt, Kuwait and Tumez. These areas were their main focus of operation. From Jordan, it was expelled by the troops of King Hussein in which became known as black September in the 1970's. From Lebanon, it was also expelled by the Israeli army that invaded the region in 1982.

The 27 years of exile of Arafat culminates in 1997 when the provisional government of the territories of Gaza returns to Gaza to maximize the Palestine Authority. But to govern is not easy and in 8 years, the wearing down of its government, the economic crises and corruption of several of their collaborators caused regression in any possible peace accord. The leader did not have the capacity to restrain extremist groups and this was often interpreted as a lack of will toward peace. As a result, the international community ignored Arafat in a great part.

The life of Arafat begins to diminish when he is removed from his military quarters by international human rights. He was quickly transferred to France for Medical treatment in early November. This was one war that Arafat could not win. His death was announced on Thursday, November 11 at 3:30 French time.

He died under military siege with the uncertainty of what would happen to his town, always hoping for a free, independent Palestine State. He died, a man adored like a God, hated like a terrorist and loved like a man toward a child.

## Newcomer's 1.5 Generation Cont.

I visited Colonel Gray High School for the interviews. The people who I interviewed were in the E.S.L. class. I met them in their class. Most of them told me their main problem was English and that they missed their country. But the rest were all good. They have a dream for their future. They are going to try to succeed and believe that they will succeed if you give them a hand.

All of the newcomer's children love their motherland. They dream about their hometown, their friends and their childhood every night. They awake from their dreams and know that they have English problems. If we love them, we must have much more concern. We have to love each other, understand each other and help each other. That is the best because we are the only ones in Prince Edward Island.

### Survey Results

All of the students missed their own country. The students ranged in age from 16 – 19 and all live with their families in Charlottetown. Their dreams for the future include becoming a nurse, a pilot and going to university. Their desires included visiting other Canadian cities, playing soccer and making good friends.

## Perfect Eyeliner Tip

By Yolanda Rebolledo from Colombia

If your eyeliner pencil needs sharpening, place it in the freezer for a few minutes first. It keeps the point from breaking off!

# Articles from the LINC Students

By Irena Bakhshi from Russia

In Charlottetown life is interesting. I have lived in Charlottetown for almost a month. The first days when I came to Charlottetown, I understood that it was not big, but that is a cultural city. I walked along the streets of the city and saw many cultural objects: theatres, museums, art studios, fashion houses, cinema/movie theatres, magical attractions, historic buildings and monuments. I saw historical burial places and wonderful ancient churches. It is an astonishing contrast for such a small city! I also like the culture of the people of Charlottetown.

I think that Charlottetown is a very musical city. In the stores there are many musical instruments. I'm not professional but I like to sing and to play the piano and the guitar. I hope to buy a piano and maybe a synthesizer or maybe a Yamaha and will compose my music for Charlottetown. In my homeland I took part in cultural programs for my city.

In Charlottetown, there are also many cultural programs. It is marvelous and necessary as without them, life would be boring.

By Dadullah Bakhshi from Kyrgyzstan

Charlottetown is a city in Canada. This city is small. In Charlottetown, there are people from many countries. Charlottetown people speak English and French. There are two official languages. The Charlottetown people do not discriminate against most of newcomers. Newcomers help me. The Charlottetown people are working and learning everyday. Our teachers are good and very nice. Everyday, I go to school. I am happy to see the nice people. All the people study and work very hard. The Charlottetown people are very good.

## Garlic Helps the Heart

By Yolanda Rebolledo of Colombia

Our year long study found that daily doses of garlic – in the form of aged garlic extract – helped patients with heart disease and those at risk for heart attacks by reducing the formation of plate in arteries and lowering levels of an amino acid thought to irritate blood vessels and lead to blockages. The extract is sold in health-food stores under the name cyclic. Suggested dose: 1.200 mg daily.



LINC students enjoy visiting the Christmas Craft show at the Confederation Centre

By Feng Liu and Jin Yan Qi of China

I was born in Dalian. I worked in Shanghai. Dalian is in the north east of China. Shanghai is in the southeast of China. From Dalian to Shanghai it is 1,000 km or 1 hour and half by airplane. In Dalian they speak the same language as in Shanghai, but pronunciation is different. Dalian is a smaller city than Shanghai. It has a population one million and half. Shanghai is 13 million people downtown. The north people are friendly and very kind. In the big city like Shanghai people are always in a hurry so not as friendly. People in the city very busy. But people in the country are more laid back.

By Tideg Weldu of Ethiopia

If newcomers come to Canada, how can we help them? We can help them, as friends, to show them shopping, or how to open an account in a bank. Also, we can show them many places on the map. They would like to know which shopping store is the cheapest and of good quality. Also, we could advise them not to speak their own language because if they speak their own language they will never speak the English language very well.

By Aritho Amfoubalela from Congo/Russia

For newcomers in Charlottetown we have many problems with transportation since there are no buses and we have no money to buy a car. Every day, I go to school and to the supermarket by foot. I have a son Philippe. He always walks to school. We need public transportation in Charlottetown because taxis are very expensive. The PEI government is aware of the problem but says they have no extra money for public buses.

It is nice to meet people in Charlottetown and my family. I am angry at Charlottetown for your temperature. We do not go walking outside or to the supermarket because here is very windy and snowy. I like Prince Edward Island people. My teachers are nice.



## Interview with LINC 1 Instructor Mary Jaeger

By Kamal Rahim from Iraq

**How do you feel about teaching older people, and how do you deal with them?**

I like teaching older people. Because they don't take things so seriously. They have a sense of humor and usually they can laugh at themselves.

**What are the difficult of teaching students that can not speak English?**

The difficulties of teaching students that can not speak Eng. Are that we can not communicate feelings and opinions on many subjects.

**Do you like your Job? Why?**

I like my job because its fun. I like the people I work with because they are fun and interesting.



# Humour From Around the Globe



By Jun Ha Lee

**A Korean Joke** In Korea, there is a public bath that states that somebody with small mouth has to wash the back of somebody with big mouth.

One day, a frog accidentally entered the public bathhouse, and he met a hippo. He washed the hippo's back all day. He got very angry. The next day, he entered the bathhouse again. But an alligator was in the bath. So he had to wash alligator's back all day.

He ground his teeth with resentment.

He visited a plastic surgery for face-lifting.

Frog said : Could you please cut my mouth so far as my ears?

Doctor : It's easy but...

If you cut your mouth, you can't live a day any more.

Frog said : Um...O.K! I will do it.

After cutting, he went to the public bath.

And he went faint with watching "closed today".

Because the public bath was closed today.

**Interview with Ruth Mathiang by Kamal Rahim  
Are you a Sudanese citizen?**

Yes

**We know that you are involved in music. When did you start?**

I started singing at a small age in church and school.

**How many time were you involved in festivals and concerts here in Canada and what kind of music do you sing?**

I have been in Canada for three years and sung in many concerts and festivals. I cannot remember how many, but my kind of music is mostly African music, and gospel songs. I also traveled to the States and around Canada. I went to such places as Calgary, Toronto and Halifax to sing in festivals.

**You are a university student and also a musician. What difficulties do you face in that both are in the English language that is your second language?**

I learnt English in Kenya which is in East Africa. So coming to Canada, I already did speak English, so it wasn't that difficult.

**How do you feel being away from you home?  
And how do you like PEI?**

Well, it was very lonely and hard in my first year. But I started having friends, and felt much better. PEI is a great place, the people I find are very friendly and it has a community cultural life.

**I want to thank you for your time, and taking part in this interview. We hope that you continue to support and take part in this newspaper, as it will help all the students learning English as a second language in reading and writing.**

By Kamal Rahim of Iraq

**A Democracy Joke** The minister of Iraq met with Saddam Hussein. They told him you are not a democratic leader because you have been a president for 30 years. I do not think that it is true because of the other leaders die they left their sons take over

I am a democratic leader. I have two sons let the people decide which of them will be president. This is democracy.

By Gloria Bedoya of Colombia

A man goes to the doctor and says, "Doctor, wherever I touch, it hurts." The doctor asks, "What do you mean?" The man says, "When I touch my knee – OUCH! When I touch my forehead, it really hurts. The doctor says, "I know what's wrong with you. You've broken your finger!"

By Parvin Afzali from Afghanistan

Person A: Why are you crying?

Person B: The elephant is dead.

Person A: Was he your pet?

Person B: No, but I'm the one who must dig the grave.

By Parvin Afzali from Afghanistan

A teacher asked a student to write 55. The student asked, "how?" The teacher said write 5 and beside it another 5. The student wrote 5 and stopped. The teacher asked, "What are you waiting for?" The student said, "I don't know on which side to write the other 5."

By Samuel Sanchez of Colombia

Patient: Doctor, I have a pain in my eye whenever I drink tea.

Doctor: Take the spoon out of the mug before you drink!!

By Gloria Bedoya of Colombia

Person A: Just look at that young person with the short hair and blue jeans. Is it a boy or a girl?

Person B: It's a girl. She is my daughter.

Person A: Oh, I'm sorry, sir. I didn't know that you were her father.

Person B: I'm not. I'm her mother.

By Samuel Sanchez of Colombia

Customer: Waiter, waiter! There is a frog in my soup!

Waiter: Sorry, sir. The fly is on vacation.

By Samuel Sanchez of Colombia

Teacher: What are some products of the West Indies?

Student: I don't know.

Teacher: Of course you do. Where do you get sugar?

Student: We borrow it from our neighbor.

Samuel &  
LeeAnn  
Caricature  
By Samuel Sanchez

