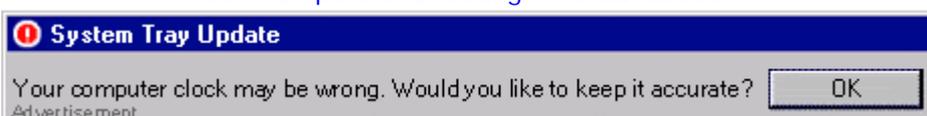


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NEWS - Do You Know Any? - Email Us

LUCKNOW: Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's grand nephew was killed af being thrown out of a running train near Kosikalan in Uttar Pradesh's Mathura district, a police spokesman said here on Monday.

SHOP DIRECT (formerly Kays), which employs 1,200 people in Marshall Stre Leeds, opened the centre in Bangalore in March 2002, transferring 250 jobs fr Britain.

But its service has been attacked as being poor and the experiment will end when the office is closed next month. Jobs will be moved back to six call cen in the North and Wales - Newtown, Widnes, Preston, Burnley, Bolton and Worcester.

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION has said it has decided to suspend the import all poultry meat and poultry products from Thailand with immediate effect, aft the Southeast-Asian country confirmed outbreaks of bird flu.

EU Health and Consumer Protection Commissioner David Byrne, who is currently on an official visit to the country, said that all measures must be tak to protect the EU from the virus.

Avian influenza is a highly contagious poultry disease that can cause severe economic damage to the poultry industry and can be transmitted to humans. EU does not import live poultry and hatching eggs from Thailand and although the risk of importing the virus in meat or meat products is probably very low t Commission said it wanted to make sure that any possible transmission is avoided.

PROPRIETOR of the Trade Mark 'CURRYOKE', Mohammed Boota, has recentl issued a warning to people who are infringing on his ownership of this Trade Mark!

Mohammed says: In 1998, I was proprietor of a restaurant in Heywood, Lancashire, where I created the 'CURRYOKE'(tm) (a Curry and Karaoke), on seeing this as something that would be copied and imitated, I took out a Trad Mark to protect it.

However the press that followed in 1999 (The Daily Telegraph, The Sun, Virgir Radio, Local and Asian papers in the North) brought attention to this concept a wider audience and obviously also to some unscrupulous entrepreneurs, wh have decided to profit from the CURRYOKE (tm) concept without obtaining a license from me for the use of, or even consulting with me.

Clearly these people are infringing upon my ownership of the Trade Mark and would bring this fact to these people's attention and ask them to desist from using the CURRYOKE (tm) name in any shape or form on any of their literatur The practice I believe to be so wide spread that I have an uphill task to bring awareness to these people of the Law that they are breaking by infringing on TM.

I am litigating against some of the 'big players' at the moment so that I can hopefully get a succesful lawsuit against them which could get me National publicity and prevent further infringement issues.

AN ENTREPRENEUR is hoping his novel idea of converting a jumbo jet into a Indian restaurant will take off. Salik Miah, 32, is transforming a decommissioned British Airways Boeing 747 into a luxury venue, which is set to provide top notch silver service Bangladeshi cuisine. Salik, who owns and runs 40 Rajmoni eateries across the country with his three brothers, is expected to spend almost £500,000 on the venture.

The aircraft, which last flew in 1983, is based at RAF Manston, Kent, where it will be transformed by a designer.

A TEACHER recently told a court she had warned her son against marrying "poison curry" wife Dena Thompson. Rosemary Webb, from Hayling, told the Bailey, she had been concerned about the whirlwind romance and the fact that Thompson was still married to someone else. Thompson, 43, of Cullompton, Devon, denies murdering Julian Webb on his 31st birthday at their home in W Sussex, in June 1994 by tricking him into taking fatal overdoses of Aspirin and a bitter-tasting anti-depressant, possibly in hot curry. Thompson said he had committed suicide. She was charged with murder after the body was exhumed in 2001.

Mrs Webb told the court that after her son's death she found that Thompson's divorce had not gone through and the marriage to Julian was bigamous. She instructed solicitors and was declared beneficiary of her son's estate, including a £36,000 company death benefit. The trial continues.

WHAT TO DRINK with Indian meals is the question and too frequently lager is the answer, which is understandable when you read the lacklustre wine lists featuring once fashionable names like 'Piersporter' and 'Liebfraumilch' presented by many curry establishments. It's difficult for restaurants as their operators rarely have any background in wine and are often forbidden by their religion to taste them. Help is on the way from a couple of sources. Cobra Beer already served in many Indian restaurants, is now distributing a number of wines selected to match the cuisine. **Wine for Spice has gone one stage further. They have worked with a winery, crafting wines especially to match hot and spicy foods, and aimed them at beer drinkers.**

SEX SECRETS known only to Asian monks have been revealed by dietician A Bow, who has travelled around the world investigating the sex properties of various foods. (some people get all the best jobs !) And curry comes out as top number one love food. Said Alex, "Asian mythology refers to "the carnal spices which are present in most forms of curry". So girls, if you want a hot date give him the full bhoota !

ALL-CURRY DIET is launched. A fitness instructor has launched the world's first all-curry slimming plan.

Tiny Deol lost pounds on her all-curry diet and now wants to encourage others to try it out. The 35-year-old from Leicester insists an all-curry diet will give slimmers tasty food yet help them shed pounds. Tiny claims curry is the finest health food for both vegetarians and meat eaters as it keeps the heart and digestive system healthy. Her husband Ray said: "This is great news for all curry lovers. It means they can indulge as much as they like without putting on weight while remaining healthy." There is more information on the diet on Tiny's website. www.currydiet.com.

COBRA BEER, the Indian premium lager that boasts to be less gaseous has unveiled a new look bottle. The new look bottle is not simply a rehash of the label stuck on to the existing bottle, far from it. The bottle has been crafted to tell the full story of Cobra from its initial stages to the present day. Commenting on the new look, Karan stated; "Our aim was to develop a contemporary, distinctive