















# Ο Συντονιστής του ΣΑΕ Καναδά, Κώστας Μενεγάκης εκλέχθηκε βουλευτής στο Οντάριο

Ο Κώστας Μενεγάκης, πρόεδρος του ΣΑΕ Καναδά κέρδισε γιά πρώτη φορά την έδρα για τους Συντηρητικούς στην περιοχή Richmond Hill του Οντάριο. Ο κυπριακής καταγωγής Τόνος Κλέμεντ, υπουργός της κυβέρνησης του Συντηρητικού Κόμματος, επανεκλέχθηκε θριαμβευτικά στο Parry Sound-Muskoka. Η ελληνικής καταγωγής Νίκη Αστον εξάλλου επανεκλέχθηκε στη Μανιτόμπα με το Νεοδημοκρατικό Κόμμα.

Του ανταποκριτή μας στην Αθήνα,  
ΦΩΤΗ ΧΑΡΑΛΑΜΠΙΔΗ

Ο Κώστας Μενεγάκης γεννήθηκε στο Μόντρεαλ, είναι παντρεμένος και έχει δύο παιδιά. Είναι

απόφοιτος της Εμπορικής Σχολής του Πανεπιστημίου Concordia και ομιλεί τρεις γλώσσες (Αγγλικά, Γαλλικά και Ελληνικά).

Το 1988 ίδρυσε την Tilwood Group Inc, μια εταιρεία Υπηρεσιών Μάρκετινγκ που διατηρεί γραφεία στο Richmond Hill και το Brampton και απασχολεί 200 εργαζομένους.

Υπό την ηγεσία του, η Ελληνική Κοινότητα εγκαίνιασε πολλά προγράμματα τα οποία προσφέρουν μια πληθώρα υπηρεσιών σε πάνω από 120.000 Καναδούς Ελληνικής καταγωγής στην Ευρύτερη Περιοχή του Τορόντο.

Ο Κ. Μενεγάκης υπήρξε η αιχμή του δόροτος στην προσπάθεια της Κοινότητας να ξαναχτιστεί



**Η Νίκη Αστον**



**Ο Κώστας Μενεγάκης**

Ο Κ. Μενεγάκης μεσολάβησε για την εξασφάλιση επιχορηγήσεων από τις Κυβερνήσεις του Οντάριο και του Καναδά, συνολικού ύψους 3 εκατομμυρίων δολαρίων καθώς και 1 εκατομμυρίου δολαρίων από το Ίδρυμα Ελληνικής Κληρονομιάς για την ενίσχυση του ανωτέρω σχεδίου.

Ο Κ. Μενεγάκης έχει διατελέσει ενεργό μέλος της Ελληνοκαναδικής Ομοσπονδίας του Οντάριο και του Εθνικού Ελληνοκαναδικού Κογκρέσου από το 1995 μέχρι σήμερα.

Είναι μέλος του Κοινοτικού Γνωμοδοτικού Συμβουλίου του Αρχηγού της Αστυνομίας του Μητροπολιτικού Δήμου του Τορόντο από το 1996.

Το Δεκέμβριο του 2002 ο Κ. Μενεγάκης τιμήθηκε με το Ιωβηλαίο Βραβείο της Αυτής Μεγαλειότητας Βασίλισσας Ελισάβετ, το οποίο απονέμεται σε Καναδούς για το κοινωφελές τους έργο και την εθελοντική τους προσφορά.

## Πάσχα στο Ελληνικό Κέντρο



Λάβαμε την ακόλουθη πληροφόρηση: Την Τρίτη 3 Μαΐου έγινε στο Ελληνικό Κέντρο ο καθιερωμένος εορτασμός του Πάσχα. Τα μέλη, οι φίλοι και οι μαθητές του Κέντρου συγκεντρώθηκαν στο μπαρ, τσούγκρισαν αυγά και διασκέδασαν. Ήταν μια επιπυχημένη βραδιά με ζωντανή ελληνική μουσική, πολύ κέφι και χορό.

## † 1 ο ΕΤΗΣΙΟ ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΟ †



## Λήδας Παττίχη

Τελούμε την προσεχή Κυριακή, 15 Μαΐου 2011, στην εκκλησία του Αποστόλου Ανδρέα στο Kentish Town Road, London NW1 9QR, το 1ο ετήσιο μνημόσυνο της πολυαγαπημένης και αξέχαστης συζύγου, μητέρας, γιαγιάς και αδελφής, ΛΗΔΑΣ ΠΑΤΤΙΧΗ από το Λευκόνοικο, και καλούμε όλους τους συγγενείς και φίλους όπως παρευρεθούν και τιμήσουν με την παρουσία τους τη μνήμη της και συμπροσευχηθούν μαζί μας υπέρ αναπαύσεως της ψυχής της.

Ο σύζυγος, Μελής Παττίχης

Τα παιδιά, Κυριάκος, Λουής, Οδυσσέας, Μιράντα

Τα εγγόνια, Βασίλης και Μενέλαος

Ο γαμπρός Σάββας και η νύφη Ρένα

Τα αδέλφια, Γιώργος, Μιχάλης, Οδυσσέας και Νίκη



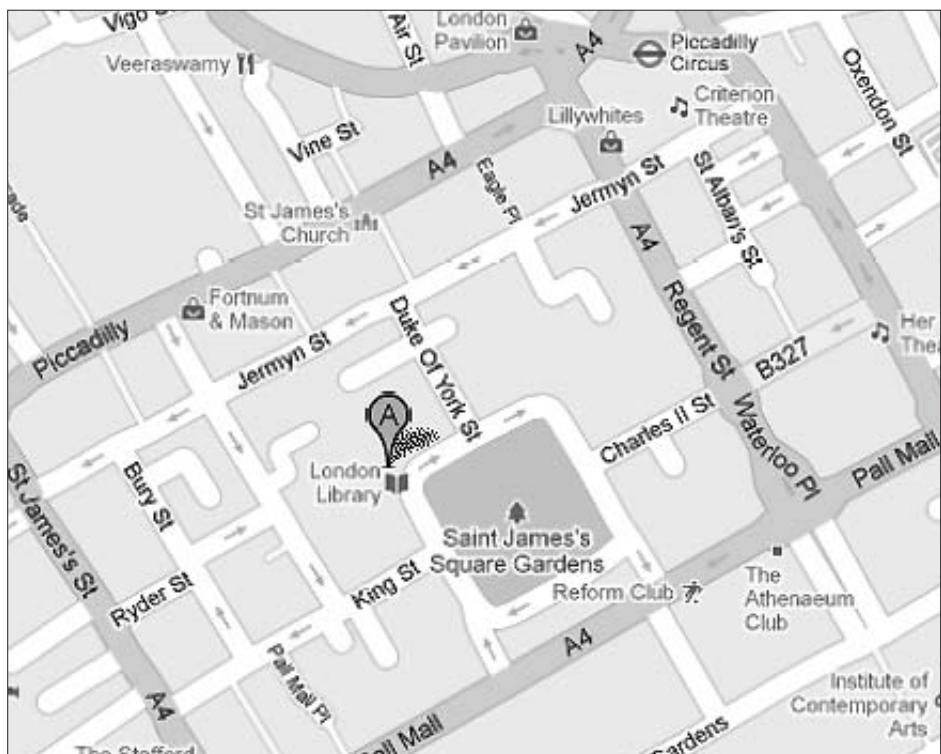
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Οι ψηφοφόροι για να ψηφίσουν θα πρέπει να έχουν μαζί τους ή το Εκλογικό Βιβλιάριο ή την Κυπριακή Ταυτότητα (ΟΧΙ το διαβατήριο).

Δικαιώμα ψήφου έχουν μόνο όσοι είναι εγγεγραμμένοι στους Ειδικούς Εκλογικούς Καταλόγους Εξωτερικού, που είχαν δηλωθεί μέχρι τις 2 Απριλίου 2011.

1. Υπάτη Αρμοστεία Λονδίνο Κέντρο Λ' Οι εκλογείς της εκλογικής περιφέρειας Λευκωσίας με αριθμό δελτίου ταυτότητας μέχρι 998000, οι οποίοι έχουν δηλώσει να ψηφίσουν στο Λονδίνο.
2. Υπάτη Αρμοστεία Λονδίνο Κέντρο Μ' Οι εκλογείς της εκλογικής περιφέρειας Λευκωσίας με αριθμό δελτίου ταυτότητας 998001 και άνω και όλοι οι εκλογείς της εκλογικής περιφέρειας Λάρνακας, οι οποίοι έχουν δηλώσει να ψηφίσουν στο Λονδίνο.
3. Υπάτη Αρμοστεία Λονδίνο Κέντρο Ν' Όλοι οι εκλογείς των εκλογικών περιφερειών Αμμοχώστου και Πάφου, οι οποίοι έχουν δηλώσει να ψηφίσουν στο Λονδίνο.
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Η παρούσα γνωστοποίηση εκδίδεται και δημοσιεύεται για ενημέρωση κάθε ενδιαφερομένου προσώπου.

(Μάριος Παναγίδης)  
Έφορος Εξωτερικού Εκλογής  
Μελών της Βουλής των Αντιπροσώπων

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ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 22 ΜΑΪΟΥ 2011

8.00 π.μ. - 12.00 μ. και 12.30 - 16.30 μ.μ.



# Έρευνες και εξόρυξη πετρελαίου χωρίς δαπάνες του κράτους

Ο υφυπουργός Ενέργειας Πάννης Μανιάτης, επέστρεψε από τη Νορβηγία με μια σημαντική για το μέλλον της Ελλάδος είδηση. Ότι μία από τις μεγαλύτερες πετρελαιοπαραγωγές χώρες του κόσμου, με μεγάλες επιχειρησιακές ικανότητες και τεχνογνωσία, είναι πρόθυμη να επενδύσει στο ελληνικό υπέδαφος.

Είναι γνωστό, ότι υπάρχουν για την Ελλάδα συμπερόσματα ερευνών, που δείχνουν ότι υπάρχουν πετρέλαιο και φυσικό αέριο στη λεκάνη του Ιονίου Πλεύσιους και Νότιας της Κρήτης. Επίσης, είναι γνωστό, ότι την προσεχή Δευτέρα (16/5) θα ξεκινήσει η διαδικασία διερεύνησης της ύπαρξης πετρελαίου και φυσικού αερίου, με τη δημοσίευση διεθνούς πρόσκλησης ενδιαφέροντος για εταιρίες που ενδιαφέρονται να κάνουν σεισιμικές έρευνες στις συγκεκριμένες περιοχές, με τη μέθοδο των «μη αποκλειστικών δεδομένων».

Αυτό που ελάχιστοι γνωρίζουν, είναι ότι πρόκειται για μία διαδικασία παντελώς άγνωστη για την Ελλάδα, που όμως είναι ευρέως διαδεδομένη στο εξωτερικό και κατά κόρον χρησιμοποιείται ως το πρώτο βήμα για τον έλεγχο των υπεδάφους, πριν αρχίσουν να δουλεύουν οι αντλίες.

Με βάση αυτή την πρωτόγνωρη για την Ελλάδα διαδικασία, οι εταιρίες που δραστηριοποιούνται στο πεδίο των ερευνών για την ύπαρξη υδρογονανθράκων, αναλαμβάνουν την πραγματοποίηση των ερευνών, χωρίς να επωμίζεται το Ελληνικό Δημόσιο ούτε το ελάχιστο κόστος. Στη συνέχεια, οι ίδιες εταιρίες πωλούν τα απο-

τελέσματα των ερευνών που έχουν πραγματοποιήσει, σε εταιρίες οι οποίες ενδιαφέρονται για την έξόρυξη και εκμετάλλευση των κοιτασμάτων και δραστηριοποιούνται σε αυτόν τον τομέα.

## Συμμετοχή στα κέρδη

Τόσο για την πώληση των δεδομένων που προκύπτουν από τις έρευνες, όσο και για την εκμετάλλευση των κοιτασμάτων, το Ελληνικό Δημόσιο συμμετέχει στα κέρδη των εταιριών. Και χωρίς να έχει δαπανήσει ούτε ένα ευρώ.

Με αυτή τη διαδικασία θα προχωρήσουν οι εργασίες στο Ιόνιο και την Κρήτη, με την ελπίδα (από ελληνικής πλευράς) να υπάρχουν κοιτάσματα ικανά να προσελκύσουν το ενδιαφέρον επενδυτών, όχι μόνο στην άντληση πετρελαίου και φυσικού αερίου, αλλά και σε ελληνικά ομόλογα. Και αυτό γιατί η Ελλάδα θα δείξει ότι διαθέτει εθνικό πλούτο, τον οποίο θέλει να εκμεταλλευτεί, άρα θα έχει δυνητικά έσοδα και όσοι αγοράσουν ελληνικά ομόλογα δεν θα χάσουν.

Ο δρόμος για να προχωρήσουν όλα αυτά, άνοιξε με την επίσκεψη του υφυπουργού Ενέργειας Πάννη Μανιάτη στη Νορβηγία, όπου είχε επαφές με τον ομόλογό του υφυπουργό Πετρελαίου Per Rune Henriksen και Ενέργειας της χώρας, καθώς και με στελέχη του κρατικού μηχανισμού και παγκοσμίως ισχυρών εταιριών του κλάδου (Statoil, TGS και PGS).

Ο εκπρόσωπος της ελληνικής κυβέρνησης ενημερώθηκε για το καθεστώς έρευ-

νας και εκμετάλλευσης υδρογονανθράκων στη Νορβηγία και παράλληλα συζήτησε το ενδεχόμενο να ακολουθηθεί το ίδιο μοντέλο στην Ελλάδα.

Κι ενώ τις επόμενες ημέρες μπούνει μπροστά η διαδικασία για έρευνες περιοχών προς εντοπισμό κοιτασμάτων υδρογονανθράκων, ενδιαφέρον επιδεικνύει και το Ισραήλ. Στην Ελλάδα αναμένεται η άφιξη εκπροσώπων ισραηλινών εταιριών, γιατί ενδιαφέρονται για τα κοιτάσματα που υπάρχουν στην Ελλάδα.

## Στο παιχνίδι και ο Ισραηλινός

Οι Ισραηλινοί, εκτός από το Ιόνιο Πέλαγος, θέλουν να συζητήσουν το ενδεχόμενο να επενδύσουν και στον Πατραϊκό Κόπλο. Στο υπουργείο Ενέργειας υπάρχουν ενδείξεις ότι στο ελληνικό υπέδαφος βρίσκονται «τρεις Πρίνοι» όπως χαρακτηρίστηκά έχει πει ο Γ. Μανιάτης, από τους οποίους η Ελλάδα μπορεί να προσδοκά σε έσοδα της τάξης των 10 έως και 15 δισεκατομμυρίων δολαρίων σε βάθος χρόνου.

Αν και υπάρχει σπουδή για την εκμετάλλευση των πιθανών κοιτασμάτων, η ελληνική κυβέρνηση θα ακολουθήσει και πάλι την πρακτική της δημόσιας διαβούλευσης και στη συνέχεια θα απευθύνει διεθνή πρόσκληση για να εκδηλωθεί και επίσημα το ενδιαφέρον που έχει εκφραστεί από μεγάλες εταιρίες του κλάδου.

# Αναβάλλεται ο καθορισμός της AOZ ελέω Τουρκίας...

Στις ελληνικές καλένδες παραπέμπει η ελληνική κυβέρνηση το θέμα της ανακήρυξης Ανεξάρτητης Οικονομικής Ζώνης (AOZ) στο Αιγαίο, με το απαράδεκτο εθνικά και πρωτοφανές ιστορικά επιχείρημα ότι δεν θέλει να... επιβαρύνει τις διερευνητικές επαφές που έχει με την Τουρκία. Και ότι το να βάλεις ένα επιπλέον ζήτημα στο τραπέζι του διαλόγου δεν προσφέρει τίποτα...

Η σχετική δήλωση του υπουργού Εξωτερικών Δημήτρη Δρούτσα προκαλεί έντονες αντιδράσεις, καθώς σηματοδοτεί εθνική υποχώρηση σε ένα κρίσιμο ζήτημα κι εγκυμονεί κινδύνους για τα κυριαρχικά συμφέροντα της Ελλάδος. Η Ελλάδα στέλνει λάθος μήνυμα και στην πραγματικότητα αποδύναμωνει τη θέση της έναντι της Τουρκίας και των διαβουλεύσεων που βρίσκονται σε εξέλιξη. Και εμφανίζεται η Ελλάδα για άλλη μια φορά να λειτουργεί κάτω από φοβικό σύνδρομο.

Υπενθυμίζεται ότι σε συνάντηση που είχε στην Αθήνα εκείνες τις ημέρες (6/2) ο Πρόργος Ποπανδρέου με τον Πρόεδρο της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας Δημήτρη Χριστόφια, του είχε ομολογήσει ότι δεν μπορούσε να προχωρήσει στην οριοθέτηση της AOZ μεταξύ Καστελλόριζου και Κύπρου, διότι αντιδρούσε η Τουρκία. Αποκάλυψη που δεν είχε τότε διαψευσθεί από καμιά πλευρά.

Μιλώντας σε εκδήλωση αποστράτων, ο αρχηγός της αξιωματικής αντιπολίτευσης Αντώνης Σαμαράς, κατηγόρησε τον υπουργό Εξωτερικών Δημήτρη Δρούτσα, του είχε ομολογήσει ότι δεν μπορούσε να προχωρήσει στην οριοθέτηση της AOZ μεταξύ Καστελλόριζου και Κύπρου, διότι αντιδρούσε η Τουρκία. Αποκάλυψη που δεν είχε τότε διαψευσθεί από καμιά μοιραστά στη μέση».

Οι τελευταίες δηλώσεις του υπουργού Εξωτερικών δημιουργούν πάντως μέγα θέμα. Πρώτον, για την παραπομπή στις ελληνικές καλένδες του θέματος της AOZ, που είναι θέμα τεράστιας γεωπολιτικής σημασίας για την Ελλάδα και προνοείται σαφέστατα από το Διεθνές Δίκαιο. Δεν διαφεύγει άλλωστε της προσοχής κανενός σοβαρού αναλυτή, ότι η επ' αόριστον αναβολή της ασκήσεως ενός δικαιώματος ισοδυναμεί συχνά με εύσχημη απεμπόλησή του.



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UN SG MET WITH CYPRUS FM IN CONSTANTINOPLE

### Ban Ki Moon gives final deadline the end of December

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and Cyprus Minister of Foreign Affairs Markos Kyprianou discussed in Constantinople on Monday the need for accelerated progress in the negotiations.

Their meeting took place in the fringes of the Fourth United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries.

According to a UN SG spokesman Ban Ki-moon said "both communities would need to work in a spirit of compromise and with a longer-term vision to reach a mutually acceptable comprehensive solution".

The two men also discussed developments in Syria, Libya and Egypt.

Ban Ki-moon also met with Turkish President Abdullah Gul and exchanged views with him on developments in the Middle East and North Africa, particularly the situation in Libya. The two men also discussed the Cyprus question and the Western Balkans.

Ban Ki-moon thanked Gul for Turkey's active foreign policy initiatives in a broad range of areas, from helping the world's poorest countries to mediating in conflicts and fostering inter-cultural dialogue through the newly created Alliance of Civilizations Institute in Istanbul as well as for hosting the LDC Conference.

In the meantime Turkish news channel NTV said Monday night that talks to reunify Cyprus must end by early next year, or the UN will pull the plug saying the two communities cannot



reach agreement.

According to the report, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon will call the two Cypriot leaders President Demetris Christofias and Dervish Eroglu to New York soon after the May 22 Greek Cypriot parliamentary elections and tell them he wants reunification negotiations to end by December this year. At a stretch he will allow them to continue until early 2012, but not beyond then.

Official UN sources would not confirm the report last.

The report by the respected NTV news network however said the UN Secretary General would also call on the leaders to begin a process of "horse-trading", which would start in July with discussions on territorial issues and then proceed through the other chapters of the negotiations. This process should last 12 weeks,

the report claimed.

At the end of horse-trading, the Secretary General would then call the Cypriot leaders to another meeting at which he would propose a five-way conference involving the participation of the two Cypriot sides, along with the guarantor nations Greece, Turkey and Britain, NTV said. This meeting would focus on issues of security and guarantees.

The report added that in the case of anticipated opposition from the Greek Cypriot side to staging a five-way conference, the UN would offer EU participation in the talks in a "technical capacity". If opposition was still not overcome, the UN would then end reunification talks – either by Ban Ki-moon himself declaring them "a failure", or by the Secretary General's special advisor Alexander Downer declaring that further discussions would be pointless.

NTV's report said also that the UN Secretary General would overcome possible objections to his attempt to expedite talks from Greek Cypriot allies and UN Security Council permanent members China, Russia and France by taking "an approach that was not bound by the Security Council".

A source on the Turkish Cypriot side said last night it believed the views expressed in the article to be "fairly consistent" with those expressed by the UN, and that it was possible the views had been leaked by the UN in order to gauge reaction from both sides.

### Vote 2011: Clegg fights back with NHS

Nick Clegg has promised "a louder Lib Dem voice" in government and says he will show the party is "a moderating influence on the Conservatives".

He said he was expecting "significant changes" to the planned NHS overhaul and would block the legislation unless he was personally happy with it.

But he told the BBC there would be no redrawing of the coalition agreement.

The Lib Dems suffered huge losses in Scottish and English elections and were defeated in the AV referendum.

Thursday's referendum on changing the way the UK elects MPs was a key concession secured by the Liberal Democrats as the price of forming a coalition government with the Conservatives almost exactly a year ago.

But the rejection of the proposal by 13,013,123 votes to 6,152,607, in only the second ever UK-wide referendum, potentially marks a new phase in the relationship between the two parties.

The Lib Dems also lost around 700 councillors in the English local elections - more than a third of the seats they were defending - and 12 of its 17 MSPs at Holyrood, where the SNP scored an historic victory.

Critics have suggested the Lib



Dems could be wiped out at the next general election unless they do more to re-establish their party identity within the coalition.

#### Lib Dems 'facing identity crisis'

Mr Clegg told the BBC's Andrew Marr programme that his ministers were a strong voice inside government, but needed to be better heard outside.

"Where we achieve Liberal Democrat policies in government, we've got to tell people about it," he said.

"There's no point delivering fairer taxes, better pensions, more apprenticeships, new entitlement for two-year-olds for free pre-school support, a better cash settlement for schools... all of those things wouldn't have happened without Liberal Democrats [and] we've got to tell people."

"We've got to show people where we are a moderating voice on the Conservatives. We need to stand

up for our values and say that loud and clear. That is the lesson I learn."

At present, the controversial NHS reform bill would give GPs control of much of the NHS budget and hand them the responsibility for commissioning patient services.

The bill is currently on a "pause" in its progression through Parliament - a period in which the government has promised to listen to concerns. Mr Clegg said it was "absolutely not just a pause for the sake of it" and getting the bill right was "now my number one priority". "This is not a cosmetic exercise," he said. "There will be substantial and significant changes to the legislation. As far as government legislation is concerned, no bill is better than a bad one and I want to get that right."

He said Lib Dem ministers and peers would not allow the bill to be passed "unless I personally am satisfied that what these changes

do is an evolutionary change, not a disruptive revolution".

#### Haringey voters say 'yes' to Alternative Vote

Voters in the borough of Haringey have backed a change to the electoral system, bucking the nationwide trend.

But despite receiving Haringey's backing, the second referendum in UK history ended in a decisive 'no' vote, with the public overwhelmingly rejecting the AV system.

In Haringey, 30,310 people voted 'yes' (56.62 per cent), with 23,223 voting 'no' (43.38 per cent). 53,533 people took to the polls in the borough, which was a higher than expected turnout of 35.7 per cent. With 439 out of 440 areas declared in the UK as a whole, 68.31 per cent of the country voted 'no' to the change, with 31.69 per cent backing it.

The result deals a bitter blow to Nick Clegg, the Liberal Democrat leader, after heavy poll losses in local elections across the country. The referendum was a key plank of the Liberal Democrat manifesto and was part of the coalition agreement after last year's General Election. The borough joined neighbours Islington, Camden, and Hackney as part of only 10 boroughs in the UK that said 'yes'.

### Andros Kyprianou met with British MPs

The unity of Cyprus is above party divides in the UK said by both ruling party Conservative and Labour MPs in London on Wednesday during meetings they had with AKEL Secretary General Andros Kyprianou. Kyprianou, who gave a 4-day visit in UK, met with Conservative MPs David Barrowes and Michael Freer, former Minister for Europe and Labour MP Chris Bryant and General Secretary of the Trade Union Congress Brendan Barber.

"The support for the unity of Cyprus is above party divides and this country must act according to its historical responsibilities", said Barrowes during the meeting.



During his meeting with Kyprianou former Minister for Europe and Labour MP Chris Bryant said that "we want Turkey to go by its commitments which it made openly in the past in the Ankara Protocol". It is a disgrace for Europe to have a capital city divided", Bryant said, adding that "Britain, whether is conservative or labour government, must play its role so that people in Cyprus will have peace and security".

On his part Brendan Barber noted that "we watch with interest the approach to try and resolve the Cyprus problem", adding that "Trade Unionists always have a strong interest in trying to find peaceful ways forward". Certainly, he said, "if progress could be made to resolve the Cyprus problem that would have a beneficial effect on the economy too", noting that "we watch with great interest the effort that colleagues are making to resolve that issue".

### Spiros Vassiliou elected as Councillor in Southampton

Following the local elections across the UK which have just taken place in May 5th 2011, the Cypriot community in UK has now another Councillor elected in Southampton. At the age of 23, Spiros Vassiliou who was born in Southampton but whose roots are from the village Koma tou Yialou, was successful in his election in Swaythling Ward of Southampton City Council. This is a great achievement for a young Greek-Cypriot to be elected and even more significant that he was elected to a city other than London, where the majority of Cypriots in the UK live. This means that Southampton now has two Greek-Cypriot Councillors, being Cllr John Hannides and Cllr Spiros Vassiliou, both Conservatives and from Koma tou Yialou.

Spiros studied at Kingston University, London, where he obtained a degree in International Studies and is currently at Southampton University studying for a master's degree in Global Politics. In 2009 he voluntarily served in the Airforce of the Cyprus National Guard for six months in order to fulfil his commitments and serve Cyprus.

Spiros Vassiliou is already well known to our community as he is currently an executive member of the DHKO UK committee (Democratic Party of Cypriots). Spiros also served as the Secretary of Komotou Yialou Association UK, bringing many young people to the organisation. Since a very young age he took an active interest in his village and Cyprus and has always been dynamic and passionate when fighting against the illegal occupation of Cyprus.

### Greece at the Eurovision final with "Watch my Dance"

The first semi-final was completed with success for Greece! After a great performance on Wednesday night at the stage of Dusseldorf Arena, Lucas Yiokas and Stereo Mike passed the first semi-final of the 56th Eurovision music contest. The Europeans got excited with the song «Watch my Dance» and were thrilled with the choreography of it (by Konstantinos Riyas). Tonight, at 20:00 on BBC3 is the second semi-final where Cyprus is contesting. We wish all the best for Cyprus and hope that is also going to pass to the finals on Saturday!!

Saturday at 20:00 on BBC1 do not miss the final!

EVERYBODY VOTES FOR GREECE and LUCAS YIOKAS with STEREO MIKE! LETS ALL WATCH THEIR DANCE AND VOTE THEM!

We are unable to vote for Cyprus but we wish all the best to the Cyprus' participation as well.



**CYPRUS****Moped pair released from prison**

TWO British men jailed for their part in a fatal collision which left a local teenager dead have been released from prison after serving half of their term.

Michael Binnington and Luke Atkinson were sentenced to three years for culpable manslaughter and one year for grievous bodily harm in a case which shocked the nation when a young teenager was killed after being rammed off his moped in 2006.

The pair had originally been cleared of blame over the death of 17-year-old Christos Papiris until the Supreme Court in Nicosia overturned the decision in 2008 and sentenced them in their absence.

Their uncle, Julian Harrington, was jailed for 15-years after admitting manslaughter following the horrific incident in 2006.

Papiris was killed and his passenger Marios Demetriou was seriously injured when the car driven by Harrington and carrying Binnington and Atkinson smashed into their moped in Protaras.

The Home Office confirmed that the pair was released on license on April 28th, having served half of their term.

Binnington and Atkinson were transferred to the so-called 'soft prison' at Hollesley Bay, near Woodbridge in Suffolk in February.

**Domestic violence stats non-existent**

NATIONAL DATA on the prevalence of domestic violence in Cyprus is non-existent, making it near impossible to get a true picture of the situation, said a new report conducted by the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS).

The report notes that domestic violence is one of the least reported crimes in Cyprus and has one of the lowest conviction rates in Europe, despite reported cases of domestic violence doubling in the last decade.

As part of an EU-funded project to build a support system for victims of domestic violence, MIGS carried out a study on implementation of the relevant legislation and policies on domestic violence.

According to the report, available in Greek and English online, the only data available on domestic violence is that collected by the police and the Association for the Prevention of Violence in the Family.

**State fair opens**

THE inauguration of the 36th Cyprus International State Fair took place last Friday, attended by President Demetris Christofias, politicians and members of the business community. Companies from all over the world including the US, Greece, Syria and Spain will be displaying their products and services to the public. It will remain open until 15/5/2011.

**GREECE****Prosecution launched in Renti case**

A prosecutor launched legal proceedings against the 11 people arrested, including a woman, in the case of the robbery in Menidi which, following a chase, had resulted in a bloody confrontation that cost the lives of two policemen of the Dias group in the district of Renti. According to the prosecution launched, two of those arrested are charged with willful homicide and multiple attempts, concerning the fatal wounding of the two policemen. The file of proceedings mentions that fingerprints of the two were found in the magazine of the Kalashnikov weapon fired at the policemen.

Another two of the perpetrators are wanted on the same charges.

The prosecutor also launched legal proceedings against two of those arrested for the procurement and possession of drug substances for their own use.

**Pasok maintained a 3.8% lead over ND**

Ruling Pasok maintained a 3.8 percent lead over main opposition New Democracy (ND), according to the results of a MARC opinion poll appearing in the weekend edition of "Ethnos" newspaper.

According to the poll results, Pasok was preferred by 24 percent of the respondents, against 20.2 percent for ND, and followed by 7.8 percent for the Communist Party of Greece (KKE), 6.8 percent for the Popular Orthodox Rally party (Laos), 3.3 percent for the Coalition of the Radical Left (Syriza parliamentary alliance), 2.9 percent for the Democratic Alliance party, 2.6 percent for the Democratic Left party, 2.4 percent for the Ecologists-Greens, 5.17 percent for other parties, while 7.95 percent were undecided and 16.4 percent opted for blank votes or abstention.

Also, 68.8 percent of the respondents were against early general elections, while 50.3 percent believe that the current Pasok government will not complete its entire four-year term in office. Further, 67.7 percent of the respondents said the government should continue with its planned reforms, 59.7 percent were in favour of abolishing tenure in the civil service, and 63.7 percent agreed with privatisations and exploitation of the state property. Regarding the composition of the government, 77.3 percent of the respondents said they would prefer the participation of technocrats, while 64.8 percent desired a smaller government scheme and 17.8 percent agree with the current number of ministers.

**Slovak FM reaffirms strong support for Cyprus issue**

The Slovak Minister of Foreign Affairs Mikulas Dzurinda, who was on a two-day official visit to Cyprus, reaffirmed his country's active engagement in the process of finding a peaceful and just solution to the Cyprus issue, which will preserve the territorial integrity of the island.

Speaking after talks with the Cypriot FM Marcos Kyprianou on Friday, the Slovak FM spoke of "the long standing and unselfish engagement of the Slovak diplomacy in facilitating the bicultural dialogue between the leaders of both sides, the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities, which has resulted in friendly relations between our two countries".

"Our aim is to further support the solution of the issue by the bicultural dialogue and by the presence of the Slovak contingent in UNFICYP," he noted.

Replying to a question about the Slovak contingent, Dzurinda said that it will stay in Cyprus and attributed any statements to the contrary to "misunderstanding in communication".

Slovak FM said that he assured his Cypriot counterpart of his country's readiness to cooperate with Cyprus in the con-



text of the forthcoming presidency of Cyprus.

Dzurinda also referred to the potential of further developing bilateral relations in the fields of education, economy and tourism. He said that Marcos Kyprianou is "a friend of Slovakia and a highly respected politician in the EU".

Kyprianou said that he briefed his counterpart on the Cyprus problem and that they discussed the enlargement of the EU and Turkey's candidacy, noting that "Cyprus would like to see Turkey beginning to fulfill some of the obligations towards the EU and Cyprus".

He expressed the gratitude of Cyprus to Slovakia for the principled support of the efforts of finding a solution to the Cyprus prob-

lem based on UN Security Council resolutions and the principles on which the EU is founded.

He also expressed Cyprus' gratitude for the 10-year presence of the Slovak contingent in UNFICYP, saying that "it is a very crucial and substantial contribution which helps not only to maintain stability and peace but also contributes to the efforts of finding a solution to the Cyprus problem".

Kyprianou and Dzurinda discussed the current developments in North Africa and the Middle East, as well as economic aspects and areas in which the economic cooperation between the two countries can be further expanded.

**THE EUROPEAN SOCIALIST LEADER MARTIN SCHULZ VISITED CYPRUS****"I must respect the legal opinion on the direct trade"**

On the issue of the direct trade, the advice of the Legal Service of the EU is well-known; they share the legal advice of the Legal Service of the European Parliament, they share the view of the Government of your country - and not the legal basis chosen by the Commission - which is Protocol 10, President of the European Socialist Group in the European Parliament Mr Martin Schulz said today, after being received by the President of the Republic Mr Demetris Christofias.

In his statements to the Press after the meeting, Mr Schulz said that «this was my second meeting this year with President Christofias. Cyprus will assume the rotating Presidency in the second half of next year. The EU has a lot of problems to solve, we discussed a lot of European questions today. I am here to listen and to learn more about the situation in the country. I want to understand better what is going on after the negotiations of the last weeks and days. I asked the President to inform me about the content. I admit it is not an easy development in the country. Cyprus, as a member state of the EU, is confronted with all the problems we have all over in the EU and it is the specific situation of the country that I will try to understand better and the Cypriot problems, and in case of my election as President of the European Parliament, I will try to help to come to better solutions.»

Replying to a question he said that «I am not a Cypriot and to understand the situation of a country like Cyprus, somebody who is not dealing everyday with the problems, must listen before giving comments and advice. I prefer not to give comments to one

side or to the other side, I want first of all to listen, to learn and to understand better. Demetris Christofias is not only the President of the Republic. He is a friend. He is, I think, a man who deserves trust and support and I am very satisfied after this meeting because I understand some things now better than before.»

He added that he met with Turkish Cypriot leader Mr Dervis Eroglu, pointing out that «I think Mr Eroglu has the problem all leaders of the Turkish Cypriot community have. He is on the one hand the leader of a community, on the other hand he has to deal with the government in Ankara and I think the relations between the Turkish government and them are not in the best shape. So I listened carefully and also I learnt a lot from them.»

Replying to another question Mr Schulz said that «to be very honest I don't feel that is up to me to give comments and advise. I want to continue to learn and to understand better and to be able at a given moment to contribute to solutions.»

Asked whether he discussed the direct trade regulation with President Christofias, Mr Schulz said «we discussed the direct trade regulation. I must admit it is the only item I discussed from early morning to the late evening, also in Brussels. I have to deal with the item.»

I think the legal basis is highly controversial. I asked the Legal Service of the European Parliament to give us as parliamentarians an advice.

The advice of the legal service of the EU is well-known, they share

the legal advice of the European Parliament, they share the view of the Government of your country - and not the legal basis chosen by the Commission which is Protocol 10.

So the debate about this legal framework is going on and also in this case I learnt the intentions of Mr Eroglu, I learnt the political and legal position of the President of the Republic of Cyprus and for the time being it is a pending situation in Brussels.

I will get back now with Commissioner Fule with whom I spoke before I came here and I think, sooner or later, we must come to a conclusion, a legal conclusion. I was deeply impressed when the Legal Service of my Parliament told me that Protocol 10 is the basis but I have to respect also the legal opinion of my advisers.»

**CHARILAOS STAVRAKIS:****No public sector pay rises next year**

THERE will be no pay rises for the public sector in 2012 as there are not enough funds, Finance Minister Charilaos Stavros said on Saturday. The minister said it would be ridiculous to even discuss any further pay rises, when public servants would already be receiving their cost of living allowance (CoLA) and the annual wage increases of around 4.0 per cent, which are included in their contracts.

Speaking to the CyBC, Stavros said the state's finances couldn't handle any further increases. "All of us – the President, myself and all of us – have made a commitment that immediately after the elections, we will start discussions with (public servants' umbrella union) PASYDY to implement the effort to try and save 35 million euro from the state payroll, this year and next year," said Stavros. "So it would be ridiculous to speak of additional pay rises," he added. Later in the day, the minister said the goal of achieving a public deficit of or below 4.5 per cent was a one-way street, after Cyprus' first-quarter deficit was announced showing it had widened almost sevenfold compared to the same period last year.

The minister rushed to defend the government's handling of the financial crisis, saying the negative results were "to a great degree down to non-repetitive factors". According to the official figures, the deficit for the first quarter of this year is 1.7 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) compared to last year, when it was 0.3 per cent. Stavros said the main factors for this were, among others, a massive reduction in contributions from the Central Bank to the government, which was reduced from 92 million euro in 2010 to 15 million this year, as well as the 20 million euro boost the government was forced to give state carrier Cyprus Airways, due to the damages suffered from the Turkish embargo on its airspace.

But the minister called on the public not to worry, as the government was intent on achieving its EU-imposed goal to maintain the deficit at or below 4.5 per cent this year. "For the government, achieving the goal of having a 4.5 per cent deficit or lower in 2011 is a one-way street," said Stavros. "Whether we will achieve this goal or not is not up for discussion; we are determined to achieve it, one way or another."

## PRESIDENT CHRISTOFIAS MET WITH THE PMs OF POLAND AND DENMARK IN WARSAW “Cyprus ready for the EU Presidency”

Cyprus' preparations for assuming the European Union Presidency are intensifying daily, since this is a challenge we take very seriously, President of the Republic, Mr Demetris Christofias, said on Monday, speaking after the meeting of the Trio of the EU Presidency - Poland, Denmark and Cyprus - that took place earlier this Monday in Warsaw.

In his remarks to the Press, during the joint Press Conference by President Christofias, the Prime Minister of Poland, Mr Donald Tusk, and the Prime Minister of Denmark, Mr Lars Rasmussen, the President of the Republic said: «We are grateful for Prime Minister Tusk's initiative to organise this meeting of the next rotating EU Presidency Trio and his generous hospitality today on this special double anniversary». On 9 May 1945, Europe was freed and peace arrived after the brutal and catastrophic World War II. Five years later, Robert Schumann called for a new integrated Europe, free from the scourge of war. This incremental process of European integration has made it possible for Poland, Denmark and Cyprus to jointly form the next Trio Presidency of the Council of the European Union, a challenge we are eager and ready to face.

This meeting offered a great opportunity to establish the next steps of cooperation and coordination between our countries in order to achieve successful Presidencies.

Cyprus will assume the Presidency of the Council in just over a year. Our preparations are intensifying daily, since this is a challenge that, as a relatively new member state and as one of the smallest member states, we take very seriously.

We are pleased with the draft of the 18-



month Programme and we endorse its underlying principles. Beyond this though, Cyprus is particularly interested in promoting a Europe that will cater to its citizens; a Europe that will face and counter the societal challenges that have resulted from the worldwide financial crisis; a Europe which will counter poverty and unemployment and where it is not the citizen who has to bear the burden of the crisis, for which he wasn't responsible. The current developments in the Middle East and North Africa are challenges that we will also have to face together and effectively. Our ultimate goal should be to ensure that there will be substantial improvement in the socio-economic situation of the peoples of the region as well as social justice.

On his part Prime Minister Tusk said that the three countries are well prepared to assume the EU Presidency both substantially and procedurally. He added that Denmark and Cyprus will continue the negotiations on the Multiannual Economic Framework

which the Polish Presidency will begin, and noted that each country will help the other two to create a good cooperation with the EU institutions.

He also said that the «Trio» discussed the EU enlargement and that they all share the same view on the issue. He added that they also discussed the Eastern Partnership and invited President Christofias and Prime Minister Rasmussen to attend the EU Summit on the Eastern Partnership in Warsaw.

Finally, Prime Minister Tusk expressed the solidarity between the «Trio» and their readiness to assist one another. On his part Mr Rasmussen said that the «Trio» together can produce significant and fruitful results. He added that his country will deliver the EU Presidency safely in the hands of Cyprus. Concluding, he said that among the three countries there is common ground on all areas and reaffirmed the «excellent cooperation between them».

## George Papandreu denies country will leave euro

Ministers from the eurozone's biggest economies met in Luxembourg to discuss Greece's debt crisis on Friday but Athens and senior EU officials denied a report by Germany's Spiegel Online that the Greek government had raised the prospect of leaving the 17-member eurozone.

"These scenarios are borderline criminal," Papandreu told a conference on the Ionian island of Meganisi. "No such scenario has been discussed even in our unofficial contacts...I call upon everyone in Greece and abroad, and especially in the EU, to leave Greece alone to do its job in peace."

European Central bank Governing Council member Erkki Liikanen on Saturday shot down re-

ports of Greece exiting the euro and said restructuring its 327 billion euro debt would offer no permanent solution to its problems.

"No eurozone country wants to leave the euro," Liikanen, who also heads the Bank of Finland, said in an interview at Finnish national broadcaster Yle.

Jean-Claude Juncker, head of the group of eurozone finance ministers who called the late Friday meeting, said there was a broad discussion of Greece and other international economic issues but said the idea of exiting the euro was stupid.

"We have not been discussing the exit of Greece from the euro area. This is a stupid idea. It is in no way - it is an avenue we would

never take," he told reporters after the meeting attended by ministers from Germany, France, Italy and Spain.

"We don't want to have the euro area exploding without reason. We were excluding the restructuring option, which is discussed heavily in certain quarters of the financial markets," he added.

But he said a meeting of all eurozone finance ministers on May 16 would discuss whether Greece needed a further economic plan. The EU is currently negotiating a bailout with Portugal, the third state it is rescuing after Greece and Ireland.

Despite a 110 billion euro international bailout, Greece, a eurozone member since 2001, has

not cut its budget deficit as fast as it promised its lenders amid a deep recession. Gains from spending cuts and tax hikes have been partly erased by low revenues due to tax evasion and a deep recession.

Financial markets have been sceptical for months that Athens could manage its huge debt without eventually restructuring. As austerity bites, even some ruling socialist party politicians have been suggesting a "soft" restructuring which might involve lengthening maturities on the country's bonds.

On Friday, the euro fell nearly 1.0 percent against the dollar and the cost of insuring Greek debt against default was quoted at a record high in response to the Spiegel report.

Finance Minister Yiorgos Papakonstantinou attended the Luxembourg talks, his finance ministry said. It added that Greece remained committed to repairing its finances and returning to economic growth.

Asked by Italy's La Stampa newspaper if it would be easier to leave the euro, the minister said on Saturday: "No, it's impossible. Above all, because the mechanism does not exist to leave the euro."

The Luxembourg talks were also attended by European Central Bank President Jean-Claude Trichet and Olli Rehn, the European commissioner for economic and monetary affairs.

## UK "won't block Scots referendum"

Secretary of State for Scotland Michael Moore has said the UK Government will not obstruct or pre-empt a referendum on Scottish independence. The Liberal Democrat MP also said his party "would have to be tone deaf" to miss the point that the Westminster coalition had a bearing on their heavy defeat in Scotland.

Lib Dem disaffection was a strong factor in the SNP's landslide victory which has cleared the way for an independence referendum in the latter part of the new Scottish Parliament. Mr Moore said: "As a UK Government we will not be putting obstacles in the way of any referendum." When we get to the point of a referendum actually taking place, as a Liberal Democrat I will obviously campaign against it."

Scottish Conservative deputy leader Murdo Fraser said the UK government should give "very serious consideration" to launching its own referendum on the future of the UK constitution to prevent a "damaging" long-running debate.

However, Mr Moore said: "We will not be bringing forward a referendum ourselves, it's entirely a matter for the Scottish Government." He added: "We're not going to be raising any constitutional questions about the rights or wrongs of holding a referendum on this particular issue." How it's actually structured will need to comply with the law to avoid challenge. Turning to his own party, Mr Moore said the Scottish Lib Dems should not allow disquiet over the coalition, election defeats in Holyrood and English local authorities, the failure of their AV referendum, and the resignation of Scottish leader Tavish Scott to create a rift with the UK party.

## Female self-made billionaire joins Rich-List

Britain's super-rich have increased their collective wealth by 18% in the past year and now count the country's first ever female self-made billionaire among their number.

The 1,000 richest people in Britain have continued to recover from the economic crisis, which wiped £155 billion from their wealth in 2009, and are now worth £395.8 billion, according to the 2011 Sunday Times Rich List. The number of billionaires in the UK now stands at 73 - up from 53 last year and almost matching the record of 75 set in the pre-crisis List of 2008, when the collective wealth of the top 1,000 was £413 billion.

Among the new billionaire entries are Douglas, 68, and Dame Mary Perkins, 67, the founders of Specsavers, and their family, who are worth £1,150m.

The 42% increase in their wealth from last year, when the couple's fortune stood at £810m, makes Dame Mary Britain's first self-made woman billionaire, the list suggests.

There are now 108 women among the 1,000 richest - the first time the proportion has surpassed 10%. The highest new entry among the women is Xiuli Hawken, 48, worth £1,066m, who is married to a London teacher. She made her property fortune converting air raid shelters in China into underground shopping malls. Tory peer Lord Kirkham, 66, is another new billionaire, with his family, after selling sofa business DFS to private equity group Advent International. Their wealth stands at £1,000m, up from £430m last year.

The list, compiled by Philip Beresford, is based on identifiable wealth (land, property, other assets such as art and racehorses, or significant shares in publicly quoted companies), and excludes bank accounts.

## EVENTS

### NEPOMAK annual Spring boat party

NEPOMAK UK presents its annual Spring boat party on the 14th of May 2011, at "The Dutch Master" with two full dancefloors, each with Greek/English DJ! Featuring DJ Andreas Nicolaou and DJ Andreas Ash. Boarding 7:45 @ St Katherine's Pier (Tower Bridge). Disembarking: Midnight. Dress: to Impress! Tickets: £15

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# Coffee Corner

## Gigantes plaki

**Ingredients:**

- 400g dried butter beans
- 3 tbsp Greek extra virgin olive oil , plus more to serve
- 1 Spanish onion , finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves , finely chopped
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- 800g ripe tomatoes , skins removed, roughly chopped
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp dried oregano



- pinch ground cinnamon
- 2 tbsp chopped flat-leaf parsley , plus extra to serve

**Method:**

Soak the beans overnight in plenty of water. Drain, rinse, then place in a pan covered with water. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat, then simmer for approx 50 mins until slightly tender but not soft. Drain, then set aside.

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Heat the olive oil in a large frying pan, tip in the onion and garlic, then cook over a medium heat for 10 mins until softened but not browned. Add the tomato purée, cook for a further min, add remaining ingredients, then simmer for 2-3 mins. Season generously, then stir in the beans. Tip into a large ovenproof dish, then bake for approximately 1 hr, uncovered and without stirring, until the beans are tender. The beans will absorb all the fabulous flavours and the sauce will thicken. Allow to cool, then scatter with parsley and drizzle with a little more olive oil to serve.

**Make it quicker:**

If you like, use 3 x 400g cans butter beans. Make the sauce as recipe, tip in the drained and rinsed beans, then continue as before.

**Per serving:**

431 kcalories, protein 22g, carbohydrate 66g, fat 11 g, saturated fat 1g, fibre 19g, sugar 15g, salt 0.2g



### Sudoku Challenge

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### Famous Quotes

A woman whose smile is open and whose expression is glad has a kind of beauty no matter what she wears.

Anne Roiphe

Every creature is better alive than dead, men and moose and pine trees, and he who understands it aright will rather preserve its life than destroy it.

Henry David Thoreau

Friendship is held to be the severest test of character. It is easy, we think, to be loyal to a family and clan, whose blood is in your own veins.

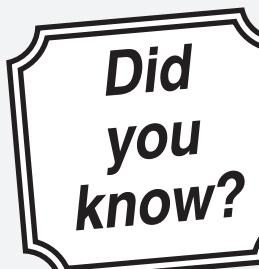
Charles Alexander Eastman

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history. Spades: King David, Hearts: Charlemagne, Clubs: Alexander the Great, Diamonds: Julius Caesar

The greatest recorded number of children that have been born by one mother is 69! The poor lass gave birth to 16 pairs of twins, seven sets of triplets and a measly 4 sets of quadruplets. Even in the days before IVF!

The sentence "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English language.

The expression "to get fired" comes from long, long ago. When clans wanted to get rid of their unwanted people without killing them used to burn their houses down.



Studies show that if a cat falls off the seventh floor of a building it has about thirty percent less chance of surviving than a cat that falls off the twentieth floor. It supposedly takes about eight floors for the cat to realise what is occurring, relax and correct itself. At about that height it hits maximum speed and when it hits the ground its rib cage absorbs most of the impact.

Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people.

A rat can last longer without water than a camel.

The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.

### Just for laughs!

Heel Heel!

An Iranian walks into a bank in New York City and asks for the loan officer.

He says he's going to Europe on business

for two weeks and needs to borrow \$5,000. The bank officer says the bank will need some kind of security for the loan, so the Iranian hands over the keys to a new Rolls Royce. The car is parked on the street in front of the bank,

he has the title and everything checks out. The bank agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan. The bank's president and its officers all enjoy a good laugh at the Iranian for using a \$250,000 Rolls as collateral against a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then proceeds to drive the Rolls into the bank's underground garage and parks it there.

Two weeks later, the Iranian returns, repays the \$5,000 and the interest, which comes to \$15.41. The loan officer says, "Sir, we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multimillionaire. Why would you bother to borrow \$5,000?"

The Iranian replies, "Where else in New York City can I park my car for two weeks for only \$15.41 and expect it to be there when I return?!"

Ha! Ha!

### Strange but True

A man has been arrested for allegedly punching a goalkeeper in the middle of a match after a crowd invaded the pitch.

Bury's keeper Cameron Belford was photographed being punched in the head while Chesterfield fans were taunting him after he had conceded a goal.

The altercation came as a group of fans, some of whom were young children, ran onto the pitch at Chesterfield. They taunted Belford, 22, making obscene gestures before one individual lashed out and hit him in the face. The goalie managed to keep calm and Bury eventually pulled ahead with just three minutes to go to win 3-2.

The victory means they have secured promotion to League One and still have a chance of taking the League Two trophy. Belford later made an official complaint about the incident.

A 38-year-old man is being held in custody and is due to be questioned later.

Inspector Russell Dakin from Derbyshire Police said: "It appears that a fan has encroached on the pitch and assaulted the goalkeeper."

"We are scanning the CCTV system and liaising with the club and members of the media and collating as much evidence as possible."

Chesterfield FC have appealed to fans to name and shame all the supporters involved in the clash. CFC stadium manager Colin Nellist said: "The very minimum that will happen to this person is that they will get a ban from the club and whatever happens thereafter will depend on the courts. We take this very seriously indeed."

"He added: "It is very disappointing that the good name of the club has been brought into disrepute by the stupidity of a mindless few who we are keen to identify." Bury FC said: "As far as we are concerned, there is no further comment and if Chesterfield want to take action that is a matter entirely for them."

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**Ο Άλεξ Σάλμον υποσχέθηκε δημοψήφισμα για την ανεξαρτησία της Σκωτίας**

για τα μέτρα λιτότητας της κυβέρνησης συνεργασίας.

Η κατάρρευση των Φιλελεύθερων είχε σαν αποτέλεσμα την απάλεια Δημοτικών Συμβουλίων στην Αγγλία, μείωση των εδρών στην Ουαλία και ολοκληρωτική συντριβή στη Σκωτία, δίνοντας έτσι ώθηση στο εθνικιστικό Σκωτικό Εθνικό Κόμμα SNP, που κατέκτησε πρωτοφανή και ιστορική πλειοψηφία 69 εδρών στο τοπικό Σκωτικό Κοινοβούλιο.

Ο αριθμός των εδρών επιτρέπει στο κυβερνών κόμμα να διοργανώσει το σχετικό δημοψήφισμα.

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Ο θριαμβευτής των τοπικών εκλογών και ηγέτης του κόμματος Άλεξ Σάλμον, προχωρεί τώρα σε σχηματισμό αυτοδύναμης κυβέρνησης.

Ο ίδιος δεσμεύθηκε ότι προς το τέλος της θητείας του (το 2015) θα διοργανώσει δημοψήφισμα για την ανεξαρτησία ή μη της Σκωτίας.

Το Εθνικό Κόμμα πέτυχε ιστορική νίκη στις εκλογές της Πέμπτης, εξασφαλίζοντας την απόλυτη πλειοψηφία στην τοπική Βουλή (Χόλιρουντ).

Επί συνόλου 129 εδρών, το SNP κέρδισε 69 εδρές, οι Εργατικοί 37, οι Συντηρητικοί 15, οι Φιλελεύθεροι Δημοκράτες 5 και τα υπόλοιπα κόμματα 3 εδρές.

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**Ο Νίκ Κλεγκ χρεώθηκε σχεδόν εξ ολοκλήρου την κατάρρευση του κόμματός του σε όλη τη Βρετανία**

Σκωτσέζων: «Θα κυβερνήσω για λογαριασμό όλων όσοι ονειρεύονται ότι μπορούμε να ζήσουμε σε μια καλύτερη Σκωτία».

Υπενθυμίζεται ότι ο Σάλμον κυβερνούσε ήδη τη Σκωτία σε συνεργασία με τους Εργατικούς. Αυτή τη φορά όμως κατάφερε να αποσπάσει αρκετές από τις έδρες τους, ενώ εκμεταλλεύθηκε με τον καλύτερο δυνατό τρόπο και τη γενικότερη δυσαρέσκεια του εκλογικού σώματος έναντι της κυβέρνησης συνασπισμού Συντηρητικών και Φιλελεύθερων υπό τον Ντέιβιντ Κάμερον.

## † ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΗΡΙΟ †

### Κίκα Νίκου



**Μη ανακύψαντες ακόμη από το βαρύ πλήγμα του θανάτου της πολυαγαπημένης μας συζύγου, μητέρας, θυγατέρας και αδελφής,**

#### **Κίκας Νίκου**

**Θέλουμε να ευχαριστήσουμε θερμά όσους παρευρέθησαν στην κηδεία, όσους έκαναν εισφορές στη μνήμη της και όσους μας συμπαραστάθηκαν στη δύσκολη αυτή δοκιμασία τής ζωής μας.**

**Παράλληλα, πληροφορούμε όλους τους φίλους ότι το ποσόν που συγκεντρώθηκε από τις εισφορές εις μνήμην της αξιολάτρευτής μας Κίκας, ανήλθε στις £2,500, το οποίο εδόθη ήδη στο North London Hospice.**

**Οι τεθλιμμένοι,**

**Σύζυγος, Ντίνος**

**Τα παιδιά, Νίκος, Βάσος, Μάριος**

**Οι γονείς Βάσος και Αντρούλα**

**Τα αδέλφια Μάριος και Χριστίνα**

ΤΕΛΙΚΟ ΠΟΡΙΣΜΑ ΓΙΑ ΤΟ ΤΡΟΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΚΟ  
ΧΤΥΠΗΜΑ ΣΤΟ ΛΟΝΔΙΝΟ

## Θύματα της Αλ Κάιντα οι 52 νεκροί στην επίθεση του Ιουλίου 2005

Οι επιθέσεις της Αλ Κάιντα ήταν ο αποκλειστικός υπεύθυνος του θανάτου των 52 πολιτών, στη διάρκεια των τρομοκρατικών χτυπημάτων του Ιουλίου του 2005 στο Λονδίνο, σύμφωνα με το τελικό πόρισμα της Δικαιοσύνης.

Η δικαστής Χέρερ απήλαυξε οποιαδήποτε κρατική υπηρεσία ή οργανισμό από οποιαδήποτε ευθύνη.

«Οι 52 έχασαν άδικα τη ζωή τους», αναφέρει η δικαστικός, ενώ παράλληλα εξήρε την αξιοπρέπεια με την οποία αντιμετώπισαν οι συγγενείς το χαμό των δικών τους προσώπων.



«Ουδεμία αστοχία από πλευράς οργανισμών, υπηρεσιών ή απόμαν δεν προκάλεσε θάνατο εκείνη την ημέρα», συμπλήρωσε η ίδια.

Οι επιθέσεις στο Λονδίνο πραγματοποιήθηκαν στις 7 Ιουλίου 2005 και προκάλεσαν (εκτός από τους 52 νεκρούς) και πάνω από 700 τραυματίες.

## Τελικά... έφυγαν για το ταξίδι του μέλιτος Γουίλιαμ και Κάθριν

Ο πρίγκιπας Γουίλιαμ και η δούκισσα Κάθριν βρίσκονται ήδη στο εξωτερικό στο ταξίδι του μέλιτος, ανακοίνωσε εκπρόσωπος του Παλατιού του Σεντ Τζέιμς. Αν και δεν διευκρινίστηκε το πού έχουν μεταβεί και το πόσο θα παραμείνουν εκεί, βρετανικά μέσα ανημέρωσης μετέδωσαν πληροφορίες ότι βρίσκονται στις Σεϋχέλλες.

«Έφυγαν για το ταξίδι του μέλιτος, νωρίτερα αυτήν την εβδομάδα», ανακοίνωσε ο εκπρόσωπος του πρίγκιπα Γουίλιαμ.

Το ζεύγος δεν έφυγε αμέσως μετά το γάμο στις 29 Απριλίου, όπως είχε προγραμματισθεί αρχικά, καθώς ο πρίγκιπας Γουίλιαμ έπρεπε να επιστρέψει στα καθήκοντά του ως πιλότος στρατιωτικού ελικοπτέρου.

Συμφωνα με την ανακοίνωση του Παλατιού του Σεντ Τζέιμς, ο πρίγκιπας Γουίλιαμ έχει άδεια δύο εβδομάδων.

## Αληθινή «Farmville» σε πειραματική κολλεκτίβα

Το πετυχημένο παιχνίδι του Facebook που επιτρέπει στους χρήστες να γίνονται εικονικοί αγρότες αποτέλεσε την έμπνευση για ένα πρωτότυπο πέιραμα στη Βρετανία. Μια φάρμα 4.800 στρεμμάτων, γεμάτη καλλιέργειες και εκτροφεία, θα λειτουργήσει φέτος σύμφωνα με τις αποφάσεις 10.000 online αγροτών.

«Θέλω τα παιδιά μου να μεγαλώσουν γνωρίζοντας πάς παράγοντας τα τρόφιμα», δήλωσε στο BBC μια Βρετανίδα που συμμετέχει στο πέιραμα, και επισκέφθηκε με την οικογένειά της το αγρόκτημα στο Κέμπριτζσαρ.

Η εξοικείωση του κοινού με την πρωτογενή παραγωγή είναι εξάλλου ο στόχος του οργανικού National Trust, ενός μη κερδοσκοπικού ιδρύματος για τη διαφύλαξη της πολιτιστικής κληρονομίας.

«Είναι πραγματικότητα, δεν το κάνουμε για αστείο», διαβεβαιώνει ο Ρίτσαρτ Μόρις, διαχειριστής της φάρμας για λογαρισμό του ιδρύματος.

Όπως εξήγησε, με την πληρωμή μιας επήσιας συνδρομής των 30 λιρών, οι εικονικοί αγρότες θα μπορούν να ψηφίσουν τι είδους καλλιέργεια θα επιλέξουν για τη χρονιά, και θα αποφασίσουν με την ίδια διαδικασία πώς τα ζώα της φάρμας θα καταλήξουν στη διατροφική αλυσίδα..



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## Πολιτιστικές εκδηλώσεις της Κύπρου από την ΟΥΝΕΣΚΟ

Η Μόνιμη Αντιπροσωπεία της Κύπρου στο Παρίσι, με τη χορηγία του Ιδρύματος Λεβέντη και των Πολιτιστικών Υπηρεσιών του Υπουργείου Παιδείας και Πολιτισμού, οργάνωσε στην έδρα της ΟΥΝΕΣΚΟ στο Παρίσι ένα κονσέρτο με τη γνωστή και ταλαντούχα Κύπρια τραγουδίστρια Αλέξια Βασιλείου.

Την Αλέξια συνόδεψαν επί σκηνής, ο Έλληνας κιθαρίστας Σπύρος Εξάρας, ο οποίος ζει και εργάζεται στη Νέα Υόρκη και ο Moussa Hema από την Μπουρκίνα Φάσο με το balafon του (αφρικανικό ξυλόφωνο), ο οποίος ζει και εργάζεται στη Γαλλία.

Τη βραδιά άνοιξαν με τις χορευτιστήριες ομάδες τους, ο Πρέσβης Μόνιμος Αντιπρόσωπος της Κύπρου στην ΟΥΝΕΣΚΟ, Κορηνλίος Κορηνλίου, και ο Διευθυντής του τμήματος Κουλτούρας και Αυλής Πολιτιστικής Κληρονομιάς της ΟΥΝΕΣΚΟ, Alain Godonou.

Η Αλέξια ερμήνευσε με την αγγελική φωνή της γνωστά αγγλικά, γαλλικά, και ισπανικά τραγούδια από το διεθνές ρεπερτόριο, καθώς επίσης και ελληνικά τραγούδια του Μάνου Χατζιδάκι, του Μίκη Θεοδοράκη κ.ά., αλλά και δικές της δημιουργίες από τον τελευταίο τριπλό δίσκο της «Re-beE», χαρίζοντάς ερμηνείες άκρως σαγηνευτικές. Η Αλέξια με τη μογεντική φωνή της κατενθουσίασε το κοινό και απέσπασε πολύ θετικά σχόλια από όλους τους παρευρισκομένους.

Την εκδήλωση τίμησαν με την παρουσία τους, ο Πρέσβης της Ελλάδας στο Παρίσι, Κωνσταντίνος Χαλαστάνης, ο Πρέσβης Μόνιμος Αντιπρόσωπος της Ελλάδας στην ΟΥΝΕΣΚΟ, Θεόδωρος Πασσάνης, ο Μόνιμος Αντιπρόσωπος της Ελλάδας στον ΟΟΣΑ, Ν. Τάτσος, ο πρόεδρος της Γενικής Διάσκεψης της ΟΥΝΕΣΚΟ Hepburn Davidson, πολλοί Πρέσβεις, Μόνιμοι Αντιπρόσωποι της ΟΥΝΕΣΚΟ από διάφορες χώρες, Έλληνες και Κύπριοι μόνιμοι κάτοικοι Γαλλίας καθώς και άλλοι ξένοι θεατές.



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## eDITORIAL

After all but securing a record 19th title by beating Chelsea last Sunday, Manchester United's focus will now turn to the Champions League Final and the unenviable task of trying to beat a Barcelona team which in some circles is being acknowledged as one of the best ever sides.

Both teams have won the European Cup three times and relative to the history of the competition, both Barcelona and Manchester United lag behind other European giants.

Sir Alex Ferguson has admitted he still gets envious when he compares Manchester United's European record to that of the continent's other heavyweights.

United head to Wembley aiming to add to their three successes in the competition and after comprehensively beating Schalke in what was their 12th semi-final appearance, a return of three titles is often cited as a modest return.

That record leaves United in tenth spot on final appearances alone, and joint-seventh in terms of tournament wins. Ferguson is at pains to point out that United's record should be better. "This is where we should be," he said. "The expectation has always been high with regard to the European scene and you do get envious of other clubs' great record in Europe. We are trying to gain parity with that. You look at Real Madrid (nine wins-three runners-up), AC Milan (7-4), Bayern Munich (4-4), Ajax (4-2) and Liverpool (5-2)."

"We really need to progress quickly to get to that level and the present group have enough experience in Europe now."

But how does Ferguson's record stand up to scrutiny? He is a man with the highest of expectations of himself and his player. The argument is that as manager of Manchester United, in charge for 25 years, a return of 2 European Cups is a paltry return. But is his record really that bad?

Since Ferguson's first Champions League season in 1993/94, he's got to the semi-finals six times in 16 seasons. But, in that time, he's also won it as many times as any other manager and more than any club except Milan, Real Madrid and Barcelona. In the Champions League era no club has retained the trophy and as Ferguson readies his side for their third final in four seasons, there is also an argument to suggest that his record in Europe is actually an outstanding one.

For those that claim that Ferguson should have won more trophies and gone a lot further more frequently due to the vast resources he has enjoyed forget his record when in charge at Aberdeen.

While every other European rival who has won in the European Cup in the Champions League era have changed manager, Ferguson's longevity is in itself a supreme example of success.

There is no other manager who has won the tournament more than him with Ottmar Hitzfeld, Vicente Del Bosque, Carlo Ancelotti, and Jose Mourinho all winning it twice.

Only Bob Paisley at Liverpool has won the trophy three times as manager and this in an era where it can be argued it was not as daunting and demanding to win Europe's top trophy. Indeed in 1978 Liverpool only played four ties and overcame Bruges in the final while their 1977 triumph is acknowledged as one of the easiest routes to the final. This is not to denigrate their success. On the flip side Liverpool had probably one of the most arduous routes to lifting the trophy in 2005 but context is important. As is Real Madrid's record trophy haul during the competition's infancy. That they had an outstanding team is not in question but where was the opposition?

Compare this to the current era. In the Champions League you cannot avoid playing the top teams. There are three or four teams from Europe's top leagues who enter the competition and with the group and knock-out format both United and Barcelona have had to play twelve matches to get to Wembley. There is no hiding place.

Should United win at Wembley then there will be few who could deny his place among the greats of the game. Even he tastes defeat; his record is still one to be envied and will still rank among the best.



## STOP PRESS...

••• GREECE APPROVES PLAN FOR F1 RACING TRACK: Greece has approved plans to build a Formula 1 racing track, south of Patras in the Peloponnese, after years of debating where to set up the circuit ••• KENTERIS AND THANOU FOUND GUILTY OF 'STAGING' ACCIDENT: Sprinters Costas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou as well as their coach, Christos Tzokos were on Tuesday found guilty of faking an accident in order to avoid the athletes' doping test in August 2004 and received suspended jail terms. All three have lodged appeals ••• ENGLAND TO BREAK AWAY FROM FIFA?: UK Sports Minister Hugh Robertson has suggested England could break away from FA, if it does not address allegations of corruption within the organisation.

EUROLEAGUE FINAL:  
PANATHINAIKOS 78 - 70 MACCABI ELECTRA TEL AVIV

# Panathinaikos are crowned European champions

Panathinaikos are the champions of Europe again after they defeated Maccabi Electra Tel Aviv 78-70 in the Euroleague final last week. This was the sixth European title and third in five years for the Greek club. Italy's Montepaschi Siena beat Real Madrid 80-62 in the third place play-off.

Dimitris Diamantidis starred for the newly crowned champions with 16 points and 9 assists becoming only the third person in history to win Final Four MVP honours twice. Mike Batiste added 18 points, Drew Nicholas scored 14 and Romain Sato 13 to lead a well-balanced team effort. The win also adds a title for Panathinaikos' coach Zeljko Obradovic, who was already the most decorated head coach in Euroleague history and now owns eight rings – the last five all with the Greens.

Maccabi were within three points at half-time, but their outside shooting faltered in the second half when it made just 1 of 9 from beyond the arc. Panathinaikos used a strong third quarter to build a double-digit lead, then withstood a late run from Maccabi.

"I think we played well and all that matters is that we managed to win it in the end," Diamantidis said. "This is why you practice hard and why you play basketball."

Lior Eliyahu pulled Maccabi within five points with just over a minute to play before



Panathinaikos celebrate their Euroleague triumph

Diamantidis found Batiste for a layup. The Greeks then sealed the outcome from the foul line as thousands of green-clad Panathinaikos fans began to celebrate.

Diamantidis, the regular-season MVP, was also the MVP of the Final Four. The only others to win Final Four MVP awards more than once are Toni Kukoc (four) and Dejan Bodiroga (two). Diamantidis won the championship for the third time with the Greens.

"Every trophy you win is great," he said.

Panathinaikos joins CSKA Moscow with six titles, two behind leaders Real Madrid.

After the match Panathinaikos coach Zeljko Obradovic was ecstatic with the win.

"I just want to thank all of our fans, and the fans of Maccabi who gave us this great atmosphere," he said.

"I want to thank my players who gave a tremendous effort. There was nothing special that we did. We just try to work hard every day and do our jobs."

## PAO's Diamantidis and Batiste make All-Euroleague First Team

The best players of the 2010-11 Euroleague season were honoured on Saturday night at the annual Euroleague Awards Ceremony, held this year at the Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya (MNAC) in Barcelona. Less than twenty-four hours before a new Euroleague champions were crowned, a who's who of Europe's basketball elite came together to celebrate another exciting season in a one-of-a-kind setting, the MNAC, that hosted this event back in 2003.

Panathinaikos point guard Dimitris Diamantidis was voted the 2010-11 Euroleague MVP after an outstanding season for the Greens

and became the first player ever to win three end-of-season awards, MVP, Best Defender Trophy and All-Euroleague First Team, since the awards structure was established in 2005.

Diamantidis was joined on the 2010-11 All-Euroleague First Team by the MVP of last season, Juan Carlos Navarro of Regal FC Barcelona, Caja Laboral swingman Fernando San Emeterio, his Panathinaikos teammate, forward Mike Batiste, and center Sofoklis Schortsanitis of Maccabi Electra. It is a first honour for San Emeterio, Batiste and Schortsanitis. Navarro was named first team for the fifth time and Diamantidis for the

second time.

The All-Euroleague Second Team featured Jeremy Pargo of Maccabi, Sergio Llull of Real Madrid, Vassilis Spanoulis of Olympiacos, Ksistof Lavrinovic of Montepaschi Siena and Dusko Savanovic of Power Electronics Valencia. Igor Rakocevic, the Alphonso Ford Top Scorer Trophy winner, and Nikola Mirotic of Real Madrid, the Rising Star Trophy winner, also received their respective awards. The EFES Pilsener Euroleague Awards Ceremony was attended by hundreds of VIPs and media on the night before Sunday's title game between Maccabi and Panathinaikos.



PAO's Diamantidis scores another basket during the final

# Apollon and Omonia to contest Cyprus Cup final on

**A**pollon Limassol will meet Omonia Nicosia in the Cypriot Cup final on 18 May following last Wednesday's impressive 2-1 away win against Anorthosis Famagusta.

Held 1-1 in the first leg, Andreas Michaelides's Apollon forced extra time in the return fixture in Larnaca when Mustapha Bangura cancelled out an early goal from Cafu 13 minutes from time. Miljan Mrdakovic then struck in the added time to send his side to a second successive fi-

nal on 18 May. They will meet Omonia, who overcame Ethnikos Achnas 2-1 on aggregate in the other semi-final tie.

"It's a great feeling to know you're in the final," said Michaelides. "We didn't start that well but we never gave up, took risks and it worked out for us in the end."

Omonia's caretaker coach Neophytos Larkou, their third man in charge this season, said: "We have made it to the final and we'll do whatever we can to win the trophy. We'd like to thank



(Left) Omonia's Leandro runs away in delight after scoring the extra-time winner against Ethnikos Achnas. The Nicosia giants will now face Apollon Limassol who had Bangura (Right) to thanks for their passage to the final as his goal was enough to see off Anorthosis in the other semi-final second leg.

the fans, who were again by our side and were patient."

Omonia came through their tie thanks to a 112th minute Leandro goal in extra-time after Achnas had won 1-0 in 90 minutes to send the tie into the extra period.

Omonia's Stathis Aloneftis was delighted at

the final whistle and said: "We expected that it would be difficult game. What is important is that we are in the final. I hope the final is a celebration and we win the cup. The team showed passion tonight. We want to thank our fans for their support and the way to repay them is with winning the cup."

## Unbeaten Moufflons top the table

CYPRUS NATIONAL RUGBY TEAM BEAT LUXEMBOURG 50-0

**T**he Cyprus International Rugby team comprehensively beat Luxembourg 50-0 in their last match of the season to top the table unbeaten and see the Moufflons emerge as the dominant team in their European division.

The hosts only won one of their matches this year, beating Finland 18-10 having lost to Greece and Bulgaria and now Cyprus by a resounding margin.

In all their four matches Cyprus have run out easy winners having defeated Greece 33-13, Bulgaria 55-8 and Finland 70-10.

Johnny Stavrinou, Cyprus Rugby Federation president said: "The progress made by our men in such a short period is truly remarkable. The level of skill, fitness and

sportsmanship displayed in our international games should make every Cypriot

very proud".

Cyprus won promotion from the bottom di-



## Greek government gives football 'one last chance' as it postpones taking strict measures over hooligan behaviour

**T**he Greek government announced no new or immediate measures to help ease the hooligan problem that is plaguing Greek sport. A meeting on the 5th May was supposed to conclude and lead to new ways to tackle the hooligan issue in Greece and even though threats were aimed at the football authorities and football clubs in Greece, no new measures were announced.

There was an expected strong reaction to recent incidents of violence in sports, particularly related to football after the Greek Cup Final was violently disrupted before, during and after the match. Instead the government did no more than ask the football federation (EPO) to enforce the legislation concerning the penalising of clubs found guilty of fan violence.

"We are giving football one last chance,"

said Culture Minister Pavlos Geroulanos after the meeting, which came as an anticlimax considering the severe stance that both fans and the media had been calling for.

Original reports had suggested the government was considering immediate measures such as suspending the Super League playoffs, but the first round went ahead as planned on May 8.

The police have, however, voiced objection to the dates for Round 2 on May 11 (a national strike has been called for the same day) and Round 3 on May 15 (also the date of the basketball cup final between archrivals Panathinaikos and Olympiakos).

After the meeting, government spokesman Giorgos Petalotis threatened that the state would suspend football if it didn't put its house in order, suggesting that the state would cease to



**Culture Minister Pavlos Geroulanos**  
support the sport, public stadiums will not be permitted to be used and that state television will stop televising matches.

Geroulanos added that he would wait for the general EPO meeting on June 3 before taking stricter measures.

## Belleveue Mortlakes charity 7-a-side football tournament

Following the success of 1st year's event, Belleveue Mortlakes Chartered Surveyors are proud to announce another charity 7-a-side football tournament to be held on the 23rd June 2011 at the Walker Ground, Waterfall Road, Southgate N14 7JZ.

This year the charity the event will be supporting is Chance UK, a charity that gives children a chance in life.

The day will see 36 teams drawn from corporate organisations including: Barclays, Lloyds TSB, Natwest RBS, HSBC, Santander, Nationwide, Bank of Cyprus, Investec, Laiki Bank, Bank of Cyprus and many others (predominantly banking). There will also be over 300 spectators made up of individuals from a wide range of business backgrounds.

Famous ex-Arsenal and Spurs players will also be participating this year. A team of MPs will be participating and their captain is local MP for Enfield Southgate, David Burrowes. His team may include the Minister for Sport as well as other well-known MPs. David is also England's Parliamentary Sports Representative and is playing an extremely active and supportive role in the organisation of the event, whilst also working on some excellent ideas for the day. The event will be covered by local media from all ethnic backgrounds, as well as the National Press.

The opening speeches will start at midday, with the football kicking off at 1pm with the 'All Star' ex-Spurs versus ex-Arsenal match taking place at approx. 4:30pm

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# KOPA Sports Round-up

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- AEL FACE OMONIA
- MARCUS TREBLE NOT ENOUGH
- PANTHEA OUST ANORTHOSIS

BY MIKKOS CHRYSOSTOMOU

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## TRIPIMENI-ARIS CHASE CUP DOUBLE

**T**ripimeni-Aris have booked their place in the Challenge cup final after a remarkable display to come from 3-0 down at half time and a man sent off to win 5-3. They are also in the final of the Division One cup so Steve Sinotti Es outfit have a chance for a cup double

Spare a thought for Cetinkaya who did so well in their first season in the top flight. They were involved in a seven goal thriller in the Quarter final and this time went out in an eight goal thriller. They certainly played their part.

In the other semi final Anorthosis failed to convert their chances to finally go down 1-0 to a late goal that sent Panthea to the Final.

The final of the Division Two Cup will be between the top two teams after AEL brushed aside the challenge of KLN to win 3-1.

### CHALLENGE CUP SEMI FINALS

#### Tripimeni-Aris 5 Cetinkaya 3

Cetinkaya wasted no time in making their mark

in this semi final when they took an early lead with Marcus Samuels. Before Tripimeni could regroup Marcus hit two more to complete his hat-trick. As if this 3-0 scoreline was not enough Tripimeni also had a player sent off. To say they had an uphill struggle in the second half is an understatement. However, they rolled their sleeves up and went after Cetinkaya reducing the arrears with a goal from Karim and one from Rifat to rock the opposition who also had a player sent off. The game was now swinging towards Tripimeni and two more goals from Karim completing his hat-trick and putting his team ahead for the first time.

Cetinkaya had a chance to take the game into extra time but missed a penalty and to rub salt to the wound Sam Kyprianou made it 5-3 to send his team to the final

#### Anorthosis 0 Panthea 1

A solitary goal by Kiri Kyprianou late in the game sent Panthea to the Challenge cup final where they

will meet rivals Tripimeni-Aris. Anorthosis had one or two chances in the first half but failed to convert. The second half was a cat and mouse affair with both teams keeping defence tight and rarely venturing forward in numbers. The game looked to be heading into extra time until the Kiri "the destroyer" Kyprianou settled it.

### DIVISION TWO CUP SEMI FINAL

#### KLN 1 AEL 3

AEL continued their good run with another win this time against KLN in the semi final of the Divisional Cup. They now have a chance for a promotion double as have their rivals champions Omonia. They always had the upper hand against KLN and opened the scoring as early as the 5th minute with a goal from Aresti. They went 2-0 in the 33rd minute when Rakin scored and although Alex Kyriakides pulled one back before half time, AEL were not to be denied of a place in the Division Two show piece. They will now face Omonia in the final.

## KOPA League Team through to the LFA Inter League Cup Final

The KOPA League team will be playing the Turkish Federation League in the LFA Interleague Cup Final at Brimsdown Stadium . Sunday May the 22nd at 11am.



Manager Emiliros Eleftheriou. Asst Manager Alex Skamiotis. Squad: Domantas Malkaoskas, Marcus Stewart, Chris Michael, Velin Kalenderski, Neal Patel, Tashan Chai, Shanchez Gibbons, Jamie Pallis, Josh Adeyileka, Jason Juami, Hadi El-Mokdad, Nicholas Mavroudis, Andrew Stamatou, Asa Robinson, Zacharias Koullas, Archie Mademidis, Inan Orman, Stef Charalambous.

## Olympiacos U14's incredible run see's them promoted as Champions!

### Hadley Rangers 2 vs Olympiacos Youth 3

Olympiacos U14's came into today's match knowing that only a win would guarantee them being promoted as champions after an incredible run of only 1 league defeat in 15 matches. The early signs were good as the team came out to a flying start, with good interplay and plenty of goal scoring chances created within the first 10 mins. It wasn't until the 14th min that the deadlock was broken by a great goal by Sanchez and this seemed to settle any early nerves.

During the rest of the half Olympiacos dominated possession and created chances at will and went into the break with a well deserved 0-3 lead. Their second goal came courtesy of a great through ball by Jason and a classy finish by Hadi (his 27th of the season) and this was followed by Josh's wonderful individual effort to make it 3.

Signs were looking good for the second half but Olympiacos had a difficult 10 mins with Marcus going off injured and Hadley getting a goal back which seemed to spur them on, and for a while Hadley dominated possession. After a second goal by Hadley a few mins later this seemed to put the reds on the back foot and the pressure began to show. At this point coaches Emiliros and Alex took the decision to make a couple of changes to try to steady the ship and Olympiacos battled their way to the end. The final whistle brought huge relief and scenes of elation as Olympiacos' months of hard work helped them achieve their dream of winning the league.

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## KOPA NEWS

KOPA in conjunction with KOA the Cypriot Sports Organisation in Cyprus are forming UK Cypriot Representative Team's for Under 18's and Under 16's to represent the UK Cypriot Community in friendly matches in the UK and Cyprus in high profile games versus clubs that have teams of the same age groups.

KOA took this Initiative with KOPA so that the two communities can work closer and with the promise to develop players to further their football talents.

There will be an open day on Sunday 29th of May 2011 11 am at New River Sports Centre Astro, White Hart Lane, N22 5QW.

Players who are able to play within these age groups are invited to attend for trials.

For more information: Michael 07958 207412

### Manager Required for UK Cypriot Representative Team Under 18's and Under 16's

All Applicants to apply by Wednesday 25th

May 2011 CV required.

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## SUNDAY GAMES

### DIVISION ONE CUP FINAL

#### Tripimeni-Aris v Rizokarpaso

If there is one team that can stop in form Tripimeni-Aris is Rizokarpaso especially as their striker Ben Andreas is in such good form. Rizo to take game into extra time at 2-2 then Tripimeni to win 5-4 on penalties.

### DIVISION TWO CUP FINAL

#### Omonia v AEL

The top two meet in the cup final and the question is will Omonia remain unbeaten?

The answer is yes but AEL will make them battle all the way before they complete the double with a 4-2 win.



