

Ομογένεια

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Μη μου πείτε ότι δεν είναι καλό το Υπουργικό Συμβούλιο του Γιώργου Παπανδρέου!

ΔΕΝ ΕΙΝΑΙ απλώς όμορφες. Έχουν και λαμπρές σπουδές και πλούσια πολιτική και πολιτιστική δράση. Έδωσαν ένα νέο αέρα στην πολιτική ζωή της Ελλάδας και εδώ αξίζουν συγχαρητήρια στον Γιώργο. Οι πλέον εντυπωσιακές είναι:

Κατερίνα Μπατζελή:

Υπουργός Αγροτικής Ανάπτυξης. Είναι 51 ετών, σπουδάσεις Νομικά στην Αθήνα και στις Βρυξέλλες. Μιλάει Αγγλικά, Γαλλικά και Ισπανικά.

**Άντζελα Γκερέκου:**

Υφυπουργός Πολιτισμού και Τουρισμού. 50 ετών, σύζυγος του Τόλη Βοσκόπουλου.

Είναι αρχιτέκτονας (σπουδάσεις στη Ρώμη) και ηθοποιός (φοίτης στην Ακαδημία Θεατρικών Σπουδών του Λονδίνου). Πρωταγωνίστης στην ελληνοβρετανική παραγωγή «Το κορίτσι της Μάνης», που παρουσιάστηκε στο Φεστιβάλ Καννών. Μιλάει Ιταλικά, Αγγλικά και Γαλλικά.

Θεοδώρα Τζάκρη:

Υφυπουργός Εσωτερικών (έδρα Θεσσαλονίκη). Απόφοιτος της Νομικής Σχολής του Πανεπιστημίου Θεσσαλονίκης. Εργάστηκε ως δικηγόρος στα Γιαννιτσά και είναι βουλευτήνα Πέλλας από το 2004. Μιλάει Γερμανικά και Αγγλικά.

**Τίνα Μπιρμπίλη:**

Υπουργός Περιβάλλοντος. Είναι 39 χρόνων, Φυσικός, με μάστερ και διδακτορικό για το Περιβάλλον από το Imperial College του Λονδίνου.

**Άννα Διαμαντοπούλου**

Υπουργός Παιδείας. Είναι 50 ετών, Πολιτικός Μηχανικός. Βουλευτής Επικρατείας του ΠΑΣΟΚ από το 2004. Βουλευτής Κοζάνης από το 1994. Διετέλεσε και Επίτροπος της Ελλάδος στην Ε.Ε.

**Τι γυρεύει στην Κύπρο ο Άντριου Ντίσμορ με τη... φιλότουρκη Μαίρη Σάουθγκοτ;**

ΔΙΑΒΑΣΑΜΕ στις κυπριακές εφημερίδες και είδαμε ένα σωρό Διφωτογραφίες για την επίσκεψη στην Κύπρο, κατ' αυτάς, του βουλευτή Άντριου Ντίσμορ και της φιλότουρκης (με περγαμηνές) Γραμματέως της οργάνωσης «Friends of Cyprus», Μαίρης Σάουθγκοτ. Είδαν τον Πρόεδρο Χριστόφια, τον Μάριο Καρογιάν, τον Μάρκο Κυπριανού, τον Στέφανο Στεφάνου και τον... Αλεξάντερ Ντάουνερ. Είμαστε σίγουροι ότι δεν θα παραλείψουν να υποβάλουν τα... σέβη τους και στον... «ήρωα» τους, Μεχμέτ Αλί Ταλάτ.

Ο ρόλος της Σάουθγκοτ είναι γνωστός. Εργάζεται με συνέπεια για μια ερμαφρόδιτη «λύση» στο Κυπριακό, που να εξυπηρετεί τα συμφέροντα της Τουρκίας και να αναβαθμίζει το παράνομο καθεστώς Ταλάτ. Οι ύπουλες ενέργειες της και η συμπεριφορά της ευτυχώς έχουν γίνει πλήρως αντιληπτές από την ηγεσία της Παροικίας, η οποία την αποστρέφεται. Ιδίως μετά που κάλεσε πριν δύο χρόνια στη Βουλή των Κοινοπόλεμων φιλότουρκους Βρετανούς κοινοβουλευτικούς, καθώς και Τουρκούπριους για να σαμποτάρουν εκδήλωση της Εθνικής Ομοσπονδίας.

Το ερώτημα τώρα είναι ο ρόλος του Άντριου Ντίσμορ. Οι

απόψεις του, των «ίσων αποστάσεων» μεταξύ θύματος και θύτη, ήταν σε πολλούς γνωστές. Κατόρθωνε, βέβαια, να ξεγελά τους ανυποψίαστους (και αφελείς) επειδή... μιλούσε ελληνικά! Όμως, μετά την κατάπτυση πρόταση ψηφίσματος που υπέβαλε στη Βουλή τον περασμένο Ιούλιο, με την οποία αιθώνε την Τουρκία για το διαρκές έγκλημά της στην Κύπρο και επέρριπτε τις ευθύνες για τη δημιουργία του προβλήματος στην Ε/κ πλευρά, ο ρόλος του κατέστη πασιφανής.

Τώρα, το... αχτύπητο δίδυμο επισκέπτεται την Κύπρο για να πείσει και να πείσει για την ανάγκη εξέύρεσης γρήγορης «λύσης», ώστε να διευκολυνθεί η Τουρκία στην ενταξιακή της πορεία και ο Ταλάτ στις λεγόμενες «προεδρικές εκλογές». Επειγόνται για επισημοποίηση της διχοτόμησης και αποδοχή των συνεπειών της κατοχής.

Ελπίζουμε ότι οι συνομιλητές του «διδύμου» στην Ε/κ πλευρά θα κατάλαβαν τον ύπουλο ρόλο τους και δεν θα τους έλαβαν υπόψη.

«Ε»

Π Α Ρ Α Σ Ι Τ Α

▲ Πρωθυπουργός, λοιπόν, ο Γιώργος Παπανδρέου. Ελπίδα κάθε Έλληνα είναι να πετύχει στο έργο του για το καλό της πατρίδας.

Επιφυλάξεις υπάρχουν, λόγω της σάστης του στο σχέδιο Ανάν και των απόψεών του για «οδικό χάρτη» στην Τουρκία το Δεκέμβριο αντί απαίτησης για συμμόρφωση στα υπεσχόμενα.

Ίδομεν. Εδώ θα είμαστε και θα κρίνουμε κατάλληλα.

■ Ακούστε τώρα λογική κάποιων «στρατευμένων» δημοσιογράφων της Κύπρου. Επειδή, γράφουν, ο Γιώργος Παπανδρέου υποστήριξε το σχέδιο Ανάν και επειδή ο ελληνικός λαός τον ψήφισε, αφού ηγέρθη το θέμα κατά την προεκλογική εκστρατεία, άρα, γράφουν, ο ελληνικός λαός ενέκρινε το σχέδιο Ανάν!!!

Αθεράπευτοι Νενέκοι...

▲ Αντιλαμβανόμενος, προφανώς, ο Νίκος Αναστασιάδης ότι η ευθεία επίκριση του κατά του ομοιοδέπτη του, Κώστα Καρα-

μανλή, μία μόλις εβδομάδα πριν τις εκλογές, όχι μόνο ύπουλη και αντιδεοντολογική ήταν, αλλά και ανίερη παρέμβαση στα εσωτερικά της Ελλάδας, ήλθε εκ των υστέρων να ισχυριστεί ότι η επίκρισή του αυτή έγινε και προ τριμήνου, πριν ακόμα προκηρυχθούν οι εκλογές.

Και έστι να έχουν τα πράγματα, ποιον εξυπηρετούσε η παρέμβασή του εναντίον του Καραμανλή, επάρημέρες πριν τις εκλογές; Γιατί δεν περίμενε να μιλήσει μετά την ψηφοφορία;

Φυσικά, ο ισχυρισμός Αναστασιάδη περί «προ τριμήνου» είναι ψευδέστατος. Ας επισυνάψει τι είπε τότε. Απλώς, για να θυμίσουμε και στον ίδιο, αλλά και στους μωρόπιστους, ο Ν. Αναστασιάδης σ' εκείνη τη δήθεν επίκρισή του είχε στρέψει τα πυρά του κατά του Χριστόφια, ότι επιδιώκει απογαλάκτηση από την Ελλάδα. Ο Καραμανλής ούτε καν αναφέρθηκε.

Άρα, ο πρόεδρος του ΔΗΣΥ εκείνο που στόχευε πριν 7ημέρου ήταν να βοηθήσει

(στο βαθμό που μπορούσε) τον Γιώργο Παπανδρέου λόγω σχεδίου Ανάν και να βλάψει τον Καραμανλή, που στάθηκε με αξιοπρέπεια και, προ του δημοψηφίσματος δήλωσε ευθαρσώς ότι η απόφαση ανήκει στο κυπριακό λαό και δεν προστάθησε να... παροτρύνει (δηλαδή, να πέσει φορτικά όπως έκανε το ΠΑΣΟΚ με τις επισκέψεις ανωτάτων στελεχών του στην Κύπρο) για αποδοχή του σχεδίου Ανάν.

Επιτέλους, κάποιοι ας πάσουν να συμπειφέρονται ωσάν οι πολίτες να είναι ανόητοι.

■ Νόμιζα, μου είπε ένας φίλος, ότι το συγκεκριμένο πρόγραμμα του ΡΙΚ κατευθύνεται από κύκλους Τουράζου Τσελεπή. Έκανα λάθος, παραδέχτηκε. Η κατεύθυνση δίνεται απ' ευθείας από κύκλους του Ταλάτ.

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Ο Ανδρέας Χαραλάμπους υποψήφιος βουλευτής των Συντηρητικών στο Έντμοντον

Οπως είχαμε ανακοινώσει στην περοσμένη έκδοση της «Ε», ο Ελληνοκύπριος συμπατριώτης μας, Ανδρέας Χαραλάμπους, 38 ετών, έχει επιλεγεί από το τοπικό Συντηρητικό Κόμμα του Έντμοντον, ως υποψήφιος βουλευτής για την περιοχή, όταν θα διεξαχθούν γενικές εκλογές στη Βρετανία (το αργότερο μέχρι τον Ιούνιο 2010).

Η επιλογή έγινε τη Δευτέρα, 28 Σεπτεμβρίου, ανάμεσα σε δεκάδες υποψηφίους.

Ο Ανδρέας Χαραλάμπους είναι πολύ γνωστός στην παροικία μας, αφού σε ηλικία μόλις 21 ετών είχε διεκδικήσει ξανά (το 1992) βουλευτική έδρα με τους Συντηρητικούς, στη γειτονική περιοχή του Χάρινγκεϋ στο βόρειο Λονδίνο, ως αντίπαλος τότε του Εργατικού βουλευτή Μπέρνι Γκρούντ.

Σήμερα ο Ανδρέας έχει πολλές πιθανότητες να καταστεί ο πρώτος ομογενής βουλευτής στη Βουλή των Κοινοτήτων.

Γεννήθηκε στο Λονδίνο και μιλά πολύ καλά ελληνικά. Οι γονείς του κατάγονται από την Πάφο. Η μητέρα του, Φαίδρα, είναι από τη Χούλου και ο πα-



Ο Άντυ Χαραλάμπους (αριστερά) με τον Συντηρητικό δήμαρχο Λονδίνου, Μπρίος Τζόνσον

τέρας του, Λάμπρος, από την Επισκοπή.

Σπούδασε Νομικά στο Πανεπιστήμιο του Λονδίνου και έκανε διδακτορικό στο Πανεπιστήμιο της Βιρτζίνια των ΗΠΑ στον τομέα των Health Economics. Είναι Επισκέπτης Καθηγητής Πειραιώς και Σπουδών στο Πανεπιστήμιο St. Cyrilus σε Ιταλία και Μάλτα.

Ο Ανδρέας ασχολείται με επιχειρήσεις στον τομέα των ακινήτων και είναι πολύ γνωστός για τις περιβαλλοντικές του ευαισθησίες.

Μεταξύ άλλων, έχει ιδρύσει το Club4Climate, ένα κλαμπ-μπυραρία, το οποίο εξόπλισε εξ ολοκλήρου με ανακυκλώσιμα υλικά και εναλλακτικές μορφές ενέργειας.

Διαγωνισμός πιλόττας για τον Ραδιομαραθώνιο στις 18 Οκτωβρίου

Διοργανώνεται την Κυριακή 18 Οκτωβρίου 2009, ο καθιερωμένος ετήσιος διαγωνισμός πιλόττας, τα έσοδα του οποίου θα διατεθούν υπέρ του Συνδέσμου Ατόμων με Ειδικές Ανάγκες στα πλαίσια του Ραδιομαραθωνίου 2009.

Ο διαγωνισμός διοργανώνεται από τη Λαϊκή Τράπεζα και το δικαίωμα συμμετοχής είναι £25 λίρες (περιλαμβανομένου και φαγητού).

Για δηλώσεις συμμετοχής οι ενδιαφερόμενοι μπορούν να απευθύνονται στα τηλέφωνα 020 8920 1005 (Ντίνος Αγαθοκλέους) και 07764 962 102 (Νίκος Ιωάννου).

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ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΕΙΟΝ

ΑΗ ΣΤΡΑΤΗΣ: Το πράσινο νησί

Το νησί Σάμος της Δανίας είναι γνωστό παγκοσμίως ως «το πράσινο νησί!» Κι αυτό γιατί καλύπτει το 100% των αναγκών του σε ηλεκτρισμό και το 75% σε θερμότητα από ανανεώσιμες πηγές ενέργειας.

Το νησί έχει έκταση 114 τ.χλμ. και πληθυσμό 4.100 κατ. (Ίδια σχεδόν έκταση - 150 τ.χλμ. - και ίδιο σχεδόν αριθμό κατοίκων - 4.700 - έχει και η Μήλος των Κυκλαδών).

Μια χώρα που θα μπορούσε να πρωτοστατήσει στην «πράσινη ενέργεια» είναι η Ελλάς, η κατ' εξοχήν έδρα ανέμων, κυμάτων και ηλίου! Μπορεί να έχει πολλά νησιά «τύπου Σάμου».

Π' αυτό ξεκίνησε το Πρόγραμμα «ΑΗ Στράτης Πράσινο νησί». Πα να αλλάξει την μοίρα του νησιού και να δημιουργήσει τις προϋποθέσεις για ένα καλύτερο μέλλον για το ιστορικό ακριτικό νησί του ΑΗ Στράτη.

Ο ΑΗ Στράτης «Πράσινο Νησί» ακούγεται πράγματι οξύμωρο, αφού η σύνδεση του ΑΗ Στράτη με την πρόσφατη ιστορία της Ελλάδας, φέρνει στον νου του καθ' ενός, έναν χώρο ξερό, άνυδρο, άγονο, έρημο. Όμως δεν είναι έτσι. Η επιλογή του ΑΗ Στράτη ως τόπου εξορίας, έγινε λόγω της γεωγραφικής του θέσεως, της απομακρυσμένης στο κέντρο του Αιγαίου, και όχι λόγα του αγόνου, έρημου τοπίου του!..

Ο ΑΗ Στράτης - η αρχαία Αλλόνησος - ήταν την κλασική περίοδο ένα νησί, με σημαντική γεωργο-κτηνοτροφική παραγωγή. Με ονομαστά προϊόντα, όπως τα όσπρια (ιδίως κουκιά), το κρασί, το βελανίδι, το τυρί και το μαλλί των προβάτων του, για το οποίο μάλιστα βραβεύθηκε στην Διεθνή Έκθεση Θεσσαλονίκης το



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Είχε όμως την αυτοχία να χτυπηθεί το 1968 από τον Εγκέλαδο με έναν ισχυρότατο και καταστροφικό σεισμό (7,1 R). Τα μέτρα αποκαταστάσεως που επακολούθησαν ήταν αικόνη καταστροφικότερα: Καταστράφηκε όλος ο παραδοσιακός οικισμός! Κατεδαφίσθηκαν εκκλησίες, μνημεία, κτήρια, κλπ.

«Όλα έγιναν μπάζα», μας λεν οι κάτοικοί του. Καταστράφηκαν τα περιβόλια, που έγιναν οικόπεδα και η πανέμορφη παραλία του (η «Σαχάρα των εξόριστων») έγινε αμμοχάλικο, για το μπετόν του νέου, υπό μορφή γκέτου, οικισμού...

Έτσι οι περισσότεροι κάτοικοι του αναγκάσθηκαν να ξενητευθούν, αναζητώντας δουλειά και στέγη, στα αστικά κέντρα, στην πόλη των Αθηνών, τον Πειραιά, την Θεσσαλονίκη...

Παρ' όλ' αυτά ο ΑΗ Στράτης παραμένει και σήμερα ένα πανέμορφο νησί. Ένας σπάνιος οικολογικός βιότοπος, ενταγμένος στο δίκτυο προστατευόμενων περιοχών «Natura 2000», τόσο για το χερσαίο, όσο και για το θαλάσσιο περιβάλλον του.

Και οι, λιγοστοί πλέον, κάτοικοι του ασχολούνται και σήμερα με την παραδοσιακή κτηνοτροφία και την παράκτια αλιεία.

Υπάρχουν νέες υποδομές στην επικοινωνία, την συγκοινωνία, την υγεία, την παιδεία, την ενέργεια.

ΣΥΝΕΧΙΖΕΤΑΙ



Δίνουμε τις καλύτερες τιμές
από οποιονδήποτε άλλο
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Αποκαλυπτήρια αναμνηστικής πλακέτας προς τιμήν του Ναυάρχου Codrington στο Brighton από τον πρέσβη της Ελλάδος

Mε έμφαση στη συμβολή του Ναυάρχου Sir Edward Codrington στον Ελληνικό Αγώνα για την ανεξαρτησία, πραγματοποιήθηκαν την περασμένη Πέμπτη, 29 Σεπτεμβρίου, στο Brighton τα αποκαλυπτήρια αναμνηστικής πλακέτας, στο σπίτι όπου ο Βρετανός Ναύαρχος έζησε τα χρόνια που ακολούθησαν τη Ναυμαχία του Ναυαρίνου.

Την πρωτοβουλία για την τοποθέτηση της πλακέτας, έλαβε ο Δήμος του Brighton & Hove στα πλαίσια του προγράμματος Blue Plaque, που σκοπό έχει τη διαφύλαξη και προσγωγή της πολιτιστικής κληρονομιάς και ιστορίας της περιοχής.

Τα αποκαλυπτήρια της πλακέτας έκανε ο Πρέσβης της Ελλάδας στη Μεγάλη Βρετανία Βασίλειος Πισπινής, ο οποίος και απήγυγμε το βασικό χαιρετισμό.

Στην ομιλία του ο Έλληνας Πρέσβης

έξηρε το ρόλο του Ναυάρχου Codrington στη Ναυμαχία του Ναυαρίνου (20/10/1827), η οποία τόνισε «άλλαξε τον ρου του Αγώνα». Αναφέρθηκε γενικότερα στη σημασία του Ελληνικού Αγώνα για την Ανεξαρτησία, τονίζοντας τη βοήθεια που πρόσφεραν Φιλέλληνες και διάφορα φιλελεύθερα πνεύματα από την Ευρώπη και ειδικότερα από τη Μεγάλη Βρετανία όπως ο Λόρδος Byron, ο θάνατος του οποίου στο Μεσολόγγι – τόνισε – συγκέντρωσε το παγκόσμιο ενδιαφέρον στις εξελίξεις στην Ελλάδα.

Ο κ. Πισπινής αναφέρθηκε αναλυτικά στα γεγονότα που οδήγησαν στη Ναυμαχία του Ναυαρίνου, εξαίροντας την αποφασιστικότητα του Ναυάρχου Codrington, αλλά και το ρόλο του στις διαπραγματεύσεις που ακολούθησαν στην Αλεξάνδρεια, ιστορικά γεγονότα που οδήγησαν στην απόσυρση των οθωμανικών και αιγυπτιακών δυνάμεων από την Πελοπόννησο και στην ανε-

ξαρτησία του Ελληνικού Έθνους.

«Στην Ελλάδα», υπογράμμισε ο Έλληνας Πρέσβης, «ο Ναύαρχος Codrington θεωρείται και τιμάται ως ένας άνθρωπος του οποίου η πρωτοβουλία και αποφασιστικότητα κυριολεκτικά άλλαξαν την πορεία του Ελληνικού Αγώνα για την ανεξαρτησία. Κεντρικός δρόμος στην Αθήνα φέρει το όνομά του».

Και πρόσθετε: «Τιμούμε σήμερα έναν άντρα ο οποίος δεν έκανε απλώς το χρέος του απέναντι στην πατρίδα του, αλλά που θεωρείται επιπλέον ήρωας σε μία χώρα, στην ελευθερία της οποίας συνέβαλε και η οποία έχει παραμείνει έκτοτε φίλος και σύμμαχος της Βρετανίας».

Τα αποκαλυπτήρια ακολούθησε δεξιώση στην οποία παρέστησαν επιπλέον εκπρόσωποι της Ελληνικής και Ελληνοκυπριακής κοινότητας του Brighton & Hove, ενώ την δήλησε εκδήλωση κάλυψαν τα τοπικά ΜΜΕ.



Ο πρέσβης Βασίλειος Πισπινής αποκαλύπτει την πλακέτα (πάνω) και μίλησε (κάτω) για το ρόλο του Λόρδου Ναυάρχου Κοδριγκτώνος στον Ελληνικό Αγώνα της Ανεξαρτησίας



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Το σεμινάριο είναι εντελώς δωρεάν, θα προσφερθούν εδέσματα και αναγνωριστικά και θα γίνει σήμερα, Πέμπτη 8 Οκτωβρίου 2009, στις 6.30 μ.μ. στο Enfield, Civic Centre, Silver Street, EN1.

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Την περασμένη εβδομάδα, ο Σύνδεσμος Πενταγιωτών Αγγλίας δεξιώθηκε στην Ταβέρνα του Αδάμου, στο Palmers Green, το ζεύγος Φοίβου και Αντρούλας Σατανά, μέλη του

Συνδέσμου «Ελεύθερη Πεντάγινα» της Κύπρου, με την ευκαιρία ιδιωτικής τους επίσκεψης στο Λονδίνο.

ΚΕΙΜΕΝΟ - ΦΩΤΟΓΡΑΦΙΑ: ΠΕΤΡΟΣ ΠΕΝΤΑΓΙΩΤΗΣ

Η συνάντηση ήταν εγκαρδία και τα μέλη του ομογενειακού σωματείου διά στόματος των προέδρου

Χάρη Χρήστου, ευχαρίστησαν το ζεύγος Σατανά για τη συνεργασία που έχουν οι δύο Σύνδεσμοι Πεντάγινας.

Στη συνάντηση όλοι είχαν την ευκαιρία να θυμηθούν το κατεχόμενο χωριό τους.

Δεξίωση Συνδέσμου Πεντάγινας



ΟΡΓΑΝΩΤΗΣ Η ΜΑΡΦΙΝ ΛΑΪΚΗ, ΠΑΡΟΥΣΑΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΣΗΣ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΦΙΑΣ

Η Χοροεσπερίδα για τον Ραδιομαραθώνιο στο Λονδίνο

Σε χαιρετισμό της στη μεγάλη χοροεσπερίδα των Ραδιομαραθωνίου της κυπριακής παροικίας στη Βρετανία, που πραγματοποιήθηκε το βράδυ του Σαββάτου στο ξενοδοχείο Grosvenor, η πρώτη κυρία της Κύπρου, Έλση Χριστόφια, χαρακτήρισε το γεγονός «γιορτή ανθρωπίας, εθελοντικής προσφοράς, αγάπης, γενναιοδωρίας και σεβασμού προς τον συνάθρωπο μας» και διερμήνευσε θερμές ευχαριστίες στους κύριους συντελεστές του έργου που επιτελεί ο Ραδιομαραθώνιος της παροικίας, τη Marfin Laiki και τον Ελληνικό Ραδιοσταθμό Λονδίνου [LGR], όπως και όλους όσοι συνέβαλαν στην επιτυχία της εκδήλωσης.

Η κα Χριστόφια, που είναι και πρόεδρος του Ιδρύματος Ραδιομαραθωνίου της Κύπρου τοποθέτησε τις επιτυχίες του Ραδιομαραθωνίου της παροικίας στα γενικότερα πλαίσια της συγκινητικής προσφοράς της κυπριακής κοινωνίας που, όπως είπε, άρχισε πριν 20 χρόνια με πρώτο στόχο την ανατροπή της προκατάληψης και την ευαισθητοποίηση της γύρω από τα προβλήματα των ανθρώπων με ειδικές ανάγκες.

Μια αυθόρμητη πρωτοβουλία δυο δημοσιο-



Το τραπέζι των επισήμων προσκεκλημένων στο Γκαλά. Διακρίνονται η κ. Έλση Χριστόφια, ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Γρηγόριος, ο Πρόεδρος της Λαϊκής Κύπρου Θεοκλής Λυσάνδρου, ο Ύπατος Αρμοστής Αλέξανδρος Ζήνων, ο Αντώνης Γερολέμου και άλλοι.



Ο Αντώνης Γερολέμου



Ο Θεοκλής Λυσάνδρου

γράφων – των Ανδρέα Παράσχου και Αριστείδη Βικέτου – εξέλιχθη, είπε, σε ένα μαζικό κοινωνικό θεσμό που οδήγησε στην επίτευξη ευγενικών στόχων στη συμπειρφορά της κοινωνίας, αλλά και απέφερε ποσδ 30 εκατομμυρίων ευρώ που χορηγήθηκαν σε άτομα και ιδρύματα.

Προβάλλει τώρα η δυνατότητα ψηλοτέρων στόχων με γενική επιδίωξη την ένταξη των ανθρώπων με ειδικές ανάγκες στο κοινωνικό σύνολο, είπε η πρώτη κυρία της Κύπρου που έκαμε ειδική αναφορά στη δικαιονοτική εκδήλωση Κύκλος Αγάπης, αποτέλεσμα συνεργασίας του Ραδιομαραθωνίου με τουρκοκυπριακό οργανισμό με τη συμμετοχή μαθητών, δασκάλων και καθηγητών για να προσθέσει πως «όσο μεγαλώνει αυτός ο κύκλος τόσο μικράνει ο κύκλος του φόβου, της καχυποψίας και της προκατάληψης».

Ανοίγοντας το πρόγραμμα της βραδιάς, ο πρόεδρος της Διοχετευτικής Επιτροπής του Ραδιομαραθωνίου της παροικίας, Αντώνης Γερολέμου, έδωσε ένα περίγραμμα του έργου που επιτελείται στο Κέντρο του και ευχαρίστησε όλους όσοι συμβόλλουν σ' αυτό με πρώτη στη σειρά τη Γενική Διευθύντρια του, Jane Jones, η οποία πρόκειται να αναλάβει εργασία σε όλο παρόμοιο οργανισμό. Ο κ. Γερολέμουν, ευχαρίστησε, εκ μέ-

ντας ότι επιδεικνύεται τώρα ο ίδιος ενθουσιασμός που χαρακτήριζε τις εκστρατείας των πρώτων χρόνων και συσχέτισε το εξαίρετο έργο του Ραδιομαραθωνίου της παροικίας με την προσήλωση των αποδήμων στις παραδόσεις και τις ξεχωριστές αξίες του κυπριακού λαού.

Χαιρετισμό απηγόρων και ο πρόεδρος του Διοκητικού Συμβουλίου του PIK, Μόρκης Συμεού, τονίζοντας το δεσμό του ιδρύματος με τον θεσμό του Ραδιομαραθωνίου και την πρόθεση του ν' αναπτυχθεί ακόμη περισσότερο αυτός ο συσχετισμός. Αξιοποιώντας την ευκαιρία της επαφής του με την παροικία, ο νέος πρόεδρος του PIK διεκήρυξε την αποφασιστικότητα του ιδρύματος να βελτιώσει περαιτέρω ποσοτικά και ποιοτικά την προσφορά του για τον κόσμο των αποδήμων.

Ακολούθησε προβολή ταινίας-ντοκυμενταίρ – επιμελημένη εργασία του Δώρου Παρτσάδη – με στιγμιότυπα από την καθημερινή ζωή του Κέντρου του Ραδιομαραθωνίου, που έδωσε μια συγκινητική εικόνα των υπηρεσιών που προσφέρει.

Ο καθιερωμένος, από μερικά χρόνια τώρα, πλειστηριασμός έργων τέχνης και όλων αντικειμένων όπως και το λαζεά της βραδιάς, είνισχυσαν σε σημαντικό βαθμό το οικονομικό προϊόν της εκδήλωσης.

Ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Θυατείρων και Μ.Βρετανίας, Γρηγόριος, ο Ύπατος Αρμοστής Αλέξανδρος Ζή-

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νων, ανώτερα στελέχη της Κυπριακής Υπάτης Αρμοστείας και της Ελληνικής Πρεσβείας, ο Συντρητικός βουλευτής David Barrowes, η δήμαρχος Ealing Βαρβάρα Γερολέμου και ο Δήμαρχος του Ενφίλετ, Λευτέρης Σάββα, ήταν ανάμεσα στους επισήμους προσκεκλημένους.

Τελετάρχης της βραδιάς ήταν η κοινωνιολόγος - συγγραφέας, γνωστή από τις συγχέειμες της στην αγγλική τηλεόραση Λίντα Παπαδοπούλου.

Το καλλιτεχνικό πρόγραμμα με τη Νατάσα Θεοδωρίδην, κατενθουσίασε το κοινό.

Εξάλλου, την Κυριακή το πρωί, προτού αναχωρήσει επιστρέφοντας στην Κύπρο η κ. Χριστόφια πραγματοποίησε σύντομη επίσκεψη στο Κέντρο του Ραδιομαραθωνίου και περιήλθε διάφορα τμήματα του ιδρύματος συνοδευόμενη από τον πρόεδρο του οργανισμού, Αντώνη Γερολέμου, τον διευθυντή της Λαϊκής Η.Β. Σοφοκλή Αργυρού, μέλη της Διαχειριστικής Επιτροπής, τη Γενική Διευθύντρια, Τζένη Τζόνης, τον Γραμματέα του Παραρτήματος ΑΚΕΛ, Χριστόδουλο Στυλιανού, στελέχη του οργανισμού και παράγοντες της παροικίας. Σε ειδική τελετή η πρώτη κυρία της Κύπρου επέδωσε στον κ. Γερολέμου επιταγή £500 σαν μια συμβολική χειρονομία υποστήριξης προς το έργο που το Κέντρο επιτελεί.

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PASOK, Greece's new Government

PAPANDREOU SWORN IN AS KARAMANLIS ANNOUNCES HE'S STEPPING DOWN

The Cabinet of newly-elected Prime Minister George Papandreou's PASOK government was sworn in on Wednesday morning by Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens and All Greece, in the presence of President of the Republic Karolos Papoulias. Here Papandreou vowed to abide by the Constitution and serve to the best interest of the Greek people announcing,

'Today we change page and embark on a new course for a just society, for a Greece that will make us proud, and to put the country back on a developmental track..All together, united, we Greeks will write the next pages of our history.'

Mr Papandreou announced his goals of transparency across the board, systematic modernisation and upgrading of the state and the democratic institutions, a professional approach to resolving problems, and protection of the individual rights but also the collective public interest.

PASOK won the election last week with a result of 43,92% from 99,89% of the ballots counted, which provided Papandreou with a solid majority of 160 MPs in the 300-seated Parliament.

Following being sworn in as President Papandreou immediately headed to the Maximos Mansion (government headquarters) for the first Cabinet meeting, after which the ministers and deputies headed to their respective ministries for the hand over ceremonies from their predecessor New Democracy (ND) ministers.

Papandreou was sworn in as Prime Minister on Tuesday morning, and in the afternoon he announced the composition of the new 36-member streamlined government comprising 14 ministries.

The new streamlined government comprises 14 ministries with an equal number of



ministers and 22 deputy ministers, and introduces the new posts of Government Vice-President (deputy prime minister), assigned to veteran politician Theodoros Pangalos, and Minister of State, assigned to newcomer Haris Pampoukis, while the prime minister has retained the Foreign Ministry portfolio himself.

Of the total 36-member Cabinet, 24 are first-time government members while 12 have served in previous governments. The Cabinet also includes nine women, of which five are ministers and four are deputy ministers, while another five are non-parliamentarians.

Two deputy ministries will be headquartered in Thessaloniki: the interior deputy ministry and the economy and competitiveness deputy ministry.

Seasoned PASOK former minister Filippos Petsalnikos will be nominated for parliament president, while former minister ex-MEP Christos Papoutsis will take over as secretary of the ruling party's parliamentary group. Papoutsis, together with another former minister, Petros Eftymiou, will also be PASOK's parliamentary spokesman, while Sotiris Lytras will take up the post of Cabinet secretary.

The first session of the new Council of Min-

isters has been scheduled for 14th October while the Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons of the Parliament will be appointed the following day. The 16th October will see Prime Minister Papandreou present the Government's program in Parliament, this will be discussed the following day and will finish on the 18th October with open voting, in which the Parliament is to vote confidence to the Government.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis on Sunday evening announced that he will step down from the helm of his New Democracy party, in the wake of a same-day crushing electoral defeat and main opposition's PASOK landslide victory. Mr Karamanlis spoke during a nationally televised address at the Zappeion Hall in Athens, after first conceding defeat.

He said a party congress will be convened in a month's time, where he will not stand for re-election as party leader.

Karamanlis, 53, served as premier since March 2004, winning general elections twice (2004 and 2007), losing once by a slim margin in April 2000 before Sunday's convincing loss.

Cyprus faculty of medicine established

The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Cyprus is expected to accept its first students in 2013, UCY Rector, professor Stavros Zenios has said.

Zenios and Antis Adam, President of the Advisory Committee for the establishment of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Cyprus, held a meeting on Tuesday with Cyprus President Demetris Christofias.

Speaking after the meeting, Zenios said that the government's decision to approve the university's proposal for the establishment of a Faculty of Medicine at the University of Cyprus was very important, adding that an international preparatory committee comprising academics, under the presidency of Adam, has already been established.

Zenios said that during the meeting they briefed President Christofias on what has been done so far, adding that it is a feasible goal for the Faculty of Medicine to accept its first students in the year 2013.

Foreign workers cause worry for most Cypriots

A new survey shows that Cypriots are pointing the finger of blame for their woes directly at foreign workers on the island.

It would seem that locals are exceptionally concerned about the situation, with European Commission's figures from the latest Euro-barometer, showing the vast majority of the 550 respondents believe that the presence of foreigners is the reason for the insecurity (82%) and the unemployment (90%).

Surprisingly, most surveyed also believe that immigration is useful for economy (57%).

The main concerns for the presence of foreigners exceed that of the other Europeans and are the strongest in EU27.

Overall, 41% of the respondents believe that crimes are the biggest problem against only 16% of the total Europeans.

The Cypriots are worried about prices, with 34% concerned about the increased cost of living against 21% in the rest of Europe.

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"Statements by the Turkish side should annoy the EU"

Cyprus Spokesman speaks out at Brussels conference

Last week the Cyprus Government Spokesman Mr Stefanos Stefanou addressed the Cyprus problem in conjunction with Turkey's admittance into the EU, adequately commenting,

'The statements by the Turkish side about two states should annoy the EU since Turkey appear to ignore and to disregard the commitments and obligations it has undertaken towards the EU through decisions of the EU itself.'

Stefanou added that what Cyprus asks for is for the EU to continue to demand from Turkey to implement its obligations, so that it can continue its accession course unhindered, without any further problems.

When asked if there was anything new in relation to the EU on Cyprus, the Government Spokesman said that the European factor is very important in the efforts to solve the Cyprus issue and that it is for this reason that the Governments' strategy for the solution of the Cyprus problem is based on the fact that Turkey has European aspirations and is in a negotiating process for accession to the EU,

'Through this process and in view of the obligations that Turkey has undertaken, there are levers of exercising pressure and influence on Turkey, which we are trying to utilize within the EU and with the help of the EU.'

Cyprus Foreign Minister addresses Turkey's EU accession course

The implementation phase of the strategy that was carved out by the National Council regarding Turkey's EU accession course began this week. The Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Markos Kyrianiou took questions from the press on Tuesday commenting on the matter,

'The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Cyprus Government have already begun to follow the strategy and implement policy on the basis of the direction given by the National Council, and all scenarios remain open just like Cyprus' position remains open that if Turkey does not comply with its obligations, as these are outlined in the statement of September 2005, then there will be repercussions,' adding that the content of the repercussions would depend on the circumstances that would be prevailing at that time.

The Foreign Minister further noted that the Government's objective was to achieve a joint European decision, since the issue was about obligations towards the EU, Mr Kyrianiou said accession matters were being examined at an intergovernmental level. He then clarified 'each member state can take decisions either on its own or with others, and the same applies for Cyprus too, and it can hinder the prospective smooth development of Turkey's accession negotiations.'

Cyprus Education Minister participates in UNESCO General Conference

Cypriot Minister of Education and Culture Andreas Demetriou departed on Wednesday for Paris to participate in the 35th session of UNESCO's General Conference.

The General Conference began in Paris on Tuesday and is expected to last 17 days, during which the delegates will draft policies and aims, and will discuss the issue of UNESCO's budget.

Demetriou will be returning to Cyprus on Sunday.

President Christofias meets Talat for settlement talks



President Demetris Christofias and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat have held their third meeting in the framework of the second round of UN-led direct negotiations.

Christofias and Talat decided during their previous meeting in September 2009 to accelerate the pace of their meetings.

They have already scheduled their next three meetings to be held October 8th, 14th and 15th.

In statements after their previous meeting, Christofias said that the Turkish side had shifted its stance on the issue of executive powers, in the context of negotiations to solve the Cyprus problem, adding that the new revised proposals on governance would be sent to experts for further consideration.

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Retire early and take home six-figure sum

14 EMPLOYEES RECEIVED 1.52 MILLION EUROS

Despite repeated admonishments by the auditor-general, the telecommunications authority (CyTA) continues to give generous bonuses to employees who choose to retire early, lawmakers heard last Tuesday.

The rules, passed in 1982 and still in effect today, allow compensation for early retirement that includes the total of wages the employee would have received until retirement – in cash and duty free – on top of their pension. "One would be crazy not to take all wages until retirement and not work," Chrystalla Yorkadji told the House Oversight Committee.

Such a compensation, would only be justified if the employee who retired under these conditions not only has no positive contribution but their presence also causes financial damage to the organisation, the auditor-general said in her report.

In 2002 CyTA's board put a cap on maximum compensation – 85 per cent of the difference between the salary the employee would have received upon retirement and the pension they will get until then.

This practice has been followed by the semi-governmental organi-



sation since 2002 but the 1982 rule is still in effect and "its use cannot be ruled out as it happened in 2007 in the case of the former senior executive director," Yorkadji's report said.

"I have been saying it for ten years in my reports but it seems there is consent in order to increase pension benefits," Yorkadji said.

Another big semi-governmental organisation, the Electricity Authority of Cyprus, has placed a 50,000 euros cap on compensation for early re-

irement. The retirement compensation paid by CyTA in 2008 ranged from 19,530 euros to 173,469 euros with an average of 108,714 euros per employee. That means 14 employees received 1.52 million euros. Seven hundred employees have retired early since 1982, taking home some 35 million euros.

The 1982 rules were passed with the aim of providing a 'motive' for employees who wanted to get out. In her report, Yorkadji stressed that since there is an alternative retirement scheme in the pipeline the 1982 plan was not justified "at least under its current shape, without criteria."

The Cyprus Mail

Revamped Olympic returns to the skies

Greece's privatised carrier was relaunched as Olympic Air, with a new short-haul fleet and a reduced network of European routes.

Marfin Investment Group, the Dubai-based Greek investment holding company that paid 177.2m (\$257m) for the assets of the state-controlled Olympic Airlines and took over management in March, aims to make the "new" Olympic a competitive full-service carrier in southern Europe and the east Mediterranean.

Andreas Vgenopoulos, MIG's founder, said it would compete "aggressively" with Aegean Airlines, a profitable private Greek operator and member of the Star airline alliance. From next month, Olympic will operate a fleet of 16 Airbus A319s and A320s, together with 15 Bombardier Q400s and Dash aircraft to be used on domestic and island routes.

Olympic axed six domestic and 12 international flights, in line with an accord between Athens and the European Commission to reduce the carrier's network by 35 per cent to increase competition.

Brussels cleared the way for MIG to buy



Olympic Airlines by agreeing to write off 2.6bn in accumulated debt and suspending court action over the repayment of another 850m state aid.

Mr Vgenopoulos said all flights to Germany had been cut, but that code-sharing agreements with Delta Air Lines and Etihad Airways would give Olympic passengers access to US and Gulf destinations.

Athens-based analysts predicted a price war on domestic routes, where Aegean has an average market share of about 55 per cent, as well as major European destinations.

Lists with names of illegal private teachers to be sent to authorities

Licensed private-lessons teachers are taking matters into their own hands in a bid to stop the operation of unlicensed institutes, and the illegal practice of state teachers giving private afternoon lessons.

Marios Charalambous, President of the Association of Private Institutes (API) said two separate lists of names were being prepared. The list of unlicensed private teachers will be submitted to the Ministry, while the list of names of state teachers giving afternoon lessons will be submitted to the police.

"This lists are not compiled irresponsibly. The API double-checks all reports and only after we are certain we include names on the lists," Charalambous said.

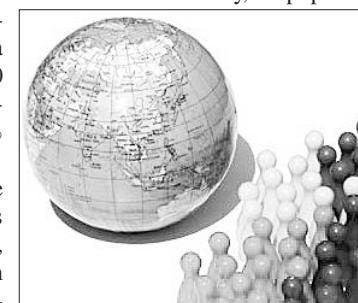
Meanwhile, the secondary-school teachers' union, OELMEK, declined to take part in an operation that some claim is developing into a Soviet-style program.

"We are not an organisation that can take the role of a detective. This matter does not concern our organisation, but is a matter for the relevant bodies to undertake relevant procedures. We are not covering up for any illegality from wherever it may come, but it is others who bear the responsibility and they should take it," said Eleni Semelidou, President of OELMEK.

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Cyprus population rise

According to CYSTAT data released on Tuesday, the population of Cyprus in the Government controlled area was estimated at 796,900 at the end of 2008, recording an increase of 1.0% from the previous year.



"The population in the district of Nicosia was 313,400 at the end of 2008, in Famagusta 44,300, in Larnaca 133,300, in Limassol 228,900 and in Paphos 77,000. A proportion of 70% resided in the urban areas of Cyprus, whereas a proportion of 30% resided in rural areas, the Statistics Service said.

Police officer killed in bike smash

A Cyprus police officer was killed yesterday after losing control of his high-speed motorcycle. Nicos Orthodoxou, 31, from Nicosia crashed the bike on the Tseri - Analionda road, just outside the city. Mr Orthodoxou served in the Crime Prevention Unit. The accident occurred while he was on his way to a shooting range near Analionda for a police exercise.

Nicosia Traffic Police Chief Alkis Kyriacou said the bike spun out of control and skidded for around 50 metres before it came to a halt in a nearby field.

Orthodoxou was rushed to Nicosia General Hospital where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival.

20,000 euros taken in safe raid

Robbers broke into automobile parts warehouse on Makarios Avenue last Monday night and made off with a half tonne safe containing around 20,000 euros.

According to Limassol CID Chief Yiannakis Georgiou, the robbers had targeted the same warehouse the previous night but only made away with 70. Investigators believe the robbers transported the safe in a pick-up truck and suspect they are also responsible for a string of other robberies in the Limassol area recently.

GREECE

Souflis and Alogoskoufis retire from politics

Outgoing environment, town planning and public works minister George Souflis on Monday announced that he would not assume the state deputy's seat he is entitled to, as the head of New Democracy's relevant state deputies list. "Let me also clarify that I am not interested in any political position, either within ND or beyond. What I am interested in is to breathe beyond (the sphere of) politics," he stressed, while referring to his 35-year-old course in politics.

Former economy and finance minister George Alogoskoufis last Monday also announced his retirement from politics and a return to a career as a university professor.

Alogoskoufis, who failed to gain enough votes in Sunday's election to be elected to Parliament from Athens' first election district on New Democracy's ballot, thanked his constituents and emphasised that Sunday's election outcome is a cause for concern for the party.

Green report: Act now, or else...

The incoming Greek government must take radical and immediate action on the environment if it hopes to be able to cope in the coming years with the expected effects of global climate change, two of the country's leading environmental groups said.

The call was made in a hard-hitting report released, co-authored by WWF Greece and the Institute of Environmental Research and Sustainable Development, part of the National Observatory of Athens.

The first such study of its kind to be conducted in this country: "The Future of Greece: Impacts of Climate Change in the Near Future anticipates the effects of climate change between 2021 and 2050".

Bulgarians Caught Selling Baby in Greece



The Greek police have busted a criminal group of three Bulgarians who tried to sell a two-month-old baby. One man and two women, among which the mother of the new-born, were caught by the police in Katerini, Central Greece, Darik Radio reported.

The criminals tried to sell the child for 13,000 euros, but the buyers were police officers under cover.

The baby was born in August in a hospital in Crete. The three Bulgarians will be interrogated by the Greek prosecution office.

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Community and Current News

An exhibition by Menelaou (father & son) of 19th c. prints

How the wars between Turkey-Servia (1876) and Russia-Turkey (1877) led to the British occupation of Cyprus



Mr Andreas Menelaou and his son Mr Melis Menelaou cordially invite you to an exhibition of original 19th century engravings (prints), on the Servia-Turkey War of 1876, and the Russia-Turkey War of 1877-1878, which led to the British occupation of Cyprus in 1878, changing the history of the island.

The selection of exhibits comprises approx.



300 engravings, plus other documents, ephemera, books and printed matter, from the rich, personal Collection of Mr Andreas Menelaou.

The Exhibition will be opened by Dr Niki Katsaouni, Cultural Counsellor of the Cyprus High Commission, at 1.00 pm, on Monday, 26th October 2009. Visiting hours from 12.00 noon - 8.00 pm, for one day only.

Location: The Hall of the Greek Orthodox Church of St. John the Baptist, 270 Wightman Road, London N8 0LY.

Supported by the Cultural Department of the High Commission of the Republic of Cyprus in the UK. Sponsored by Haringey Council, from the 'Making the Difference Grant'.

Refreshments will be served.

Free entrance but RSVP would be appreciated, on 020 8340 2322 or a.menelaou@btinternet.com or worldprints@btinternet.com



Britain, was Queen Victoria, and the British Prime Minister was Benjamin Disraeli (later Lord Beaconsfield). The British Rule of Cyprus lasted 82 years from 1878 to 1960.

By: Andreas Menelaou

The history of the wars

In June 1878, the Turkish Sultan Abdul Hamid II, agreed to assign the island of Cyprus, to be occupied and administrated by Great Britain, thus ending the 307 years of Ottoman rule of the island.

In order to fully understand the events and circumstances which led to this historical decision, which changed the future of Cyprus in 1878, we exhibit a collection of approx. 300 original 19th century engravings, of the 1876, Serbia-Turkey War, the 1877-1878 Russia-Turkey War, and the British Occupation of Cyprus which took place on the 12th July 1878.

On July 2, 1876, Serbia declared war against Turkey, but the war was short, and the Turkish Forces managed to make considerable advances into Serbia.

The Czar of Russia Alexander II, was annoyed with the Turkish advances, that endangered his own Military plans, so he threatened to declare war on Turkey unless Turkey returns to her own original

frontiers. As expected, the Russian message was rejected by Turkey, and war broke out on April 11, 1877, between Russia and Turkey.

Two months later, on June 20, 1877, the Russian Troops reached the Balkan Countries, and soon after they entered Philippopolis and Andrianopolis of Bulgaria. The Russian Forces continued their advance deep into the heart of the Ottoman Empire, and they did not stop, until they reached San Stefano, located only seven and a half miles away from the Sultan's Palace in Constantinople.

In order to avoid the complete downfall of the Ottoman Empire, on March 3, 1878, the Treaty of San Stefano was signed by Turkey and Russia, and Turkey accepted the terms put forward by Russia.

On June 4, 1878, the meeting of the Treaty of Berlin took place at Berlin, and the Great Powers of Europe were present (Great Britain, Russia, Germany, Austria, France, Italy and Turkey). The Treaty of

Berlin was officially signed by the Great Powers on July 13, 1878, followed by a period of Peace for Europe and Asia.

A few days before the Treaty of Berlin was signed, the 9th July 1878, The British Representative, announced to the other Representatives of European Countries, that Britain had secretly signed a conditional agreement with Turkey, on the 4th June 1878, by which, the Sultan assigned the island of Cyprus to be occupied and administrated by England, after a Military agreement between the two Countries.

In return England, agreed to safeguard for the future the Territories of the Ottoman Empire.

On July 12, 1878, the British Troops arrived at Larnaka, without any obstacle from the Cypriot-Turkish authorities, and that was the beginning of the British Rule of Cyprus.

The first British High Commissioner of Cyprus (who was acting as the Governor of Cyprus), was Sir Garnet Wolsley. Queen of Great

We're not superstars, we're just Lagi and Demetri, and what better to do a Greek book launch in a Chinese restaurant."

Manager of Chopstix, Phong Than, said the family had always been "good customers."

"They are always customers we like to serve and they are exactly the same as what you see on TV," she said. "I had no idea they were going to be on Britain's Got Talent, but when I saw them I laughed so much." "They are wonderful, and since they have been on TV they haven't changed at all."

In his ever humble and gracious manner, Demetrios admitted the attention surrounding the shirtless Irish dance routine may not last forever, but added: "Whatever happens tomorrow is going to happen anyway, but we've had the best time of our lives. I don't know where this is going to take us, but whenever it does it is a brilliant place".

"Everyone has been so nice, no one has said anything bad about us and they have taken it in the way it was meant."



they are just good fun. "It was something that was just natural. The one thing we know is how to have a good time and so that's what we want to show in the book."

Chopstix Chinese buffet, in High Road, yesterday played host to the book launch night, and the dance duo were joined by family, friends and former contestants.

The guest list included rapper DJ Talent, singer Shaun Smith and

saxophonist Julian Smith along with members of dance troops Flawless and eventual winners Diversity.

Demetrios, who owns electrical firm LAGI Contractors, in East Barnet, and Visibility Lighting and Sound, in Cockfosters, said: "We were going to do a little BBQ at home for the launch but my Missus said we should go a bit all out and go to a restaurant. "We said we wanted to do it locally and we love this place.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Everything you need to know

On the Journey to Ithaka

Until Thursday 28 October, The Hellenic Centre

International artist Sally Hampson, brings C P Cavafy's poem Ithaka into view, navigating us through the poem with an eclectic collection of paintings, sailing charts, hand-made books, prints and textiles. Private view Tuesday 29 September, 6-9pm.

Please contact 020 7487 5060 for opening hours.
Venue: Friends Room, Hellenic Centre

NEPOMAK.uk Dinner Party

Saturday 10 October, 7:00pm - 11:55pm, Lemonia

Following the AGM and the election of a new committee to take NEPOMAK.uk forward, the committee and friends are heading to one of the best Greek restaurants in London where the private room was hired to eat, drink and be merry!

NOTE: There is limited space at the restaurant so please confirm your attendance ASAP at nepomak.uk@gmail.com

Awaken your senses!

Saturday 15 October, 18:30pm , Roof Gardens

The Cyprus Tourist organisation invites you for an exclusive Cypriot gastronomy experience on the evening of Thursday, 15th October. Agia Napa-Protaras, Limassol, Pafos and Troodos will also join! The Cyprus Agrotourism Company, the Cyprus Association for culture and special interest, and Cyprus Incentives and Meeting Associates will also be present.

Enjoy Cypriot cuisine, bouzouki music and performance by 'Britain's got talent stars' Stavros Flatley.

Amongst the highlights there will be a cookery demonstration by a renowned Cypriot chef and wine-testing by a Cypriot sommelier, whereas a herbalist from Cyprus will be preparing unique Cypriot teas while you can relax with massage treatments.

NOTE: Many prizes to be won.

NEWS FROM LONDON

Police bust drug networks across N. London

HUNDREDS of police officers launched dawn raids on 15 homes across north London in a bid to bust several drug dealing networks.

The raids were launched after undercover officers posing as drug dealers seized 1.1kgs of crack cocaine in Brent last Tuesday night. Three men were arrested as they handed over a carrier bag filled with wraps of the drugs with a total street value of between £80,000 and £100,000. The bust was the opening salvo of a series of raids in Harrow, Brent, Haringey, Hounslow, Edmonton, Barnet, and Southwark targeting wholesale dealers in cocaine and heroin.



The move, codenamed Operation Soto, was the culmination of 18 months of work gathering information about several criminal networks. Police search teams seized quantities of cash, drugs and stolen property as they conducted searches at the addresses.

Elderly good Samaritan from Potters Bar spends £4,000 feeding masses

AN 80-YEAR-OLD good Samaritan has spent her savings feeding the masses at a charitable event in Potters Bar. Several volunteers helped out by arriving at the centre at 6am last Monday to cook the meals for those taking part, while others helped serve the food.

Jesodaben Shah, who lives in south west London, spent £4,000 on meals for around 4,000 people at a week-long Gujarati festival at the Oshwal Centre, in Coopers Lane Road.

The grandmother-of-15 and great-grandmother-of-two gave away shawls to everyone who took part in the Ambilmaah event, between September 26 and October 5. They were only allowed one meal a day consisting of simple food including lentils and chapatis. Mrs Shah, who has fasted every year since 1954, said: "I wanted to give back to the community and this seemed an ideal way to do this. "I invited all Oshwal Jains to take part and I was pleased by the turnout."

LGR TOP-10

- 1 Giannis Ploutarhos – To Fonazo <>
- 2 Peggy Zina feat. Master Tempo – Anatheorisa <>
- 3 NEW Natasha Theodoridou – Oneiro
- 4 Nikos Vertis – Stin Kardia Mou Milas (16)
- 5 Christos Cholidis – Nai Nai Nai (12)
- 6 Rallia Hristidou – Exo Vges (5)
- 7 Maro Lytra feat. TNS – Kaneis Lathos (6)
- 8 Giorgos Sampanis feat. Stereo Mike – Ti Nas Mas Kanei i Nyxta (13)
- 9 Despina Vandi – Iparhi Zoi (7)
- 10 Stavento feat. Natasha Theodoridou – Einai Kati Stigmes (11)



Ancient Greece: A History in Eleven Cities

BOOK PRESENTATION BY PROF. PAUL CARTLEDGE AT THE HELLENIC CENTRE

The eminent historian Paul Cartledge presents in English his recent book "Ancient Greece, a History of Eleven Cities", published by the Oxford University Press, on Wednesday 14 October, at 7.15pm at the Hellenic Centre. The writer takes us on a guided tour of this extraordinary civilization by visiting 11 cities that shaped the Western world; our concepts of politics, philosophy, art, and literature are all deeply rooted in the culture of Ancient Greece. His stopping points are not the people, but the places: for the city-state (*polis*) was the defining focus of Greek life, thought, and society. Through the stories of the cities, we encounter the breathtaking innovations that transformed society, freedom, economics, and politics for all time.

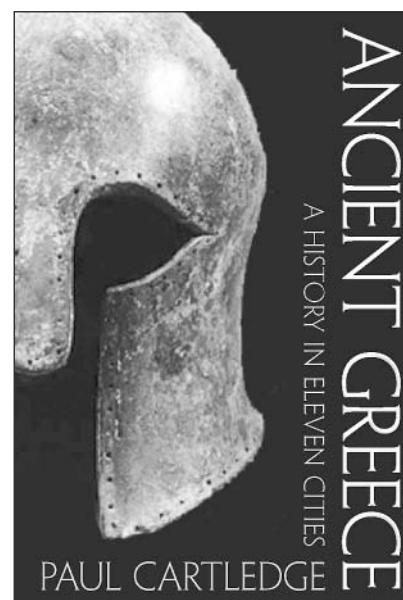
The journey begins in Cnossos, around 1400 BC, as the Greek language takes form; it criss-crosses the Mediterranean via Mycenae, Argos, Miletus (home of the West's first intellectual, Thales), Massalia (today's Marseille), where the Greeks introduced the wine grape to the French), Sparta, Athens, Syracuse, Thebes, Alexandria, and finally Byzantium,

tium, where after 1700 years the Hellenistic world finally gives way to Rome.

In this concise book of 160 pages, the writer also pays attention, "to how the history of ancient Greece is constructed: that is, to what the nature of the available evidence...; and how professional scholars and other writers have used, or could or should best use, that evidence". In parallel, this well-structured book helps readers to understand the gist of Greek civilization, in a comprehensive way, through the inclusive maps, plans and figures, plates, glossary, timeline and who's who analysis.

Paul Cartledge is a A.G. Leventis Professor of Greek Culture in the University of Cambridge, and a fellow of Clare College. He has written and edited numerous books on the Ancient Greek world, and served as chief historical consultant for the BBC television series *The Greeks*, and Channel Four's *The Spartans*.

The event is organized by the Hellenic Centre and the Oxford University Press. Free entry but please confirm attendance on 020



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The Great Hall, Hellenic Centre, 16-18 Paddington Street, Marylebone, W1U 5AS - www.helleniccentre.org.

Excavations at Kissonerga raise more research questions

The Ministry of Communications and Works, Department of Antiquities, announces the completion of the third season of excavations at the Early-Middle Bronze Age settlement of Kissonerga-Skalia. The excavations were carried out by a team from the University of Manchester, under the directorship of Dr Lindy Crewe

The area around the village of Kissonerga near Paphos is rich in prehistoric remains. The area was occupied from the earliest Neolithic of Cyprus and also housed an important Chalcolithic settlement. We can now extend the prehistoric occupation of Kissonerga into the Bronze Age (c. 2400–1650 BC), with evidence in the locality now spanning over 6,000 years.

The team's goals this season were to further expose the Bronze Age architecture revealed in the first two years. A large, free-standing, furnace-like structure around 2 x 2.5m in diameter was fully uncovered. The structure had a wide

opening and either raised mud plaster walls or a domed roof, perhaps similar in appearance to a traditional village oven (Fig. 1). In the ash deposits of the base a partially collapsed large storage jar was found embedded upright in a pit with a cooking pot at the bottom. Further excavation is required to establish the nature of the construction and possible function of the structure as it is the only example of its kind from this period..

In the adjacent trench, floor deposits were excavated in a typical Bronze Age-style rectilinear building (Fig. 2). The lower floor deposit was found overlain with animal bones, edible sea shells, a copper fish hook, storage jars and cooking pots and seems to have had a

domestic function. The unusually wide (1.2m) rubble wall that was partially uncovered in the north of the site in 2007–8 was further excavated and a wall measuring around 17m in length was exposed. On the interior of the wall a floor

surface was uncovered with plastered pits, spreads of pot sherds and ground stone tools. On the exterior a paved surface embedded with pebbles and pottery and an additional enigmatic stone built feature was found. This represents the latest preserved occupation in this area of the settlement and is dated by the pottery to the very beginning of the Late Bronze Age, when the site seems to have been abandoned. No subdivisions have as yet been revealed on its interior and the wall's function remains uncertain.

The three seasons of excavation undertaken so far have revealed both similarities and differences with other sites of the period elsewhere on the island. Further work is required to fully expose the architectural remains and to explore the nature of occupation at the site. In addition to the preserved archi-

ecture, other finds include copper objects, textile production (attested by spindle whorls), and numbers of ground stone objects, including agricultural tools and weights.

A piece of copper slag found in 2009 reveals that copper working was carried out and White Painted pottery from the northwest that they had contacts with other parts of Cyprus. Why the occupants of Kissonerga-Skalia chose to live on the coast, in contrast to the usual pattern of inland settlements of the Early–Middle Cypriot Bronze Age, remains unclear.

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"The Secret Lives of Buildings" from the Parthenon to the Vegas Strip in 13 Stories

The buildings whose "secret lives" Edward Hollis recounts in this, his first book, include the Parthenon, St Mark's in Venice, Hagia Sophia, the Holy House of Loreto, Gloucester Cathedral, the Alhambra, the "Famous Temple of Rimini", Sans Souci, Notre Dame, Manchester's Hulme Crescents, a hotel complex in Las Vegas and two walls (in Berlin and Jerusalem).

This seems at first glance a disparate collection, but they are chosen to illustrate the author's thesis. They are all, in effect, palimpsests, examples of history being told and retold through architecture. As well as having a chapter – or, rather, a story, for that is what each chapter comprises – to itself, the Parthenon recurs throughout as a symbol (misleadingly, according to Hollis) of

immutability and perfection. The building will only achieve genuine perfection, he argues, when it has ceased to exist in material terms and is composed entirely of fragments displayed in museums around the world.

Another false image is supposedly represented by The Architect's Dream, painted by Thomas Cole. This depicted "an assemblage of structures... such as might present itself to the imagination of one who had fallen asleep after reading a work on the different styles of architecture". It is Hollis's contention that such a view of architecture – in which "great buildings" represent "a litany of masterpieces, unchanging and unchanged" – is misguided.

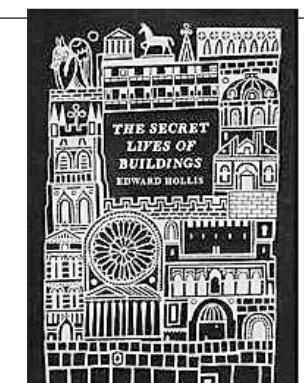
While one cannot disagree with much of what Hollis has to say, the

way in which he says it can be irritating. One cannot always be sure in his whimsical narratives where history ends and fantasy begins. He deliberately sets out to make his style mirror his subject: his section on the Holy House of Loreto, for instance, becomes a story within a story, reflecting the idea of a shrine within a house within a church. For it really to work, however, the Annunciation needs to be at the very centre, and it isn't quite. He makes use of a biblical turn of expression (drawing on the Magnificat and other devotional texts) in this piece, as he does in his section on Gloucester Cathedral where his tale of abbot succeeding abbot is reminiscent of biblical genealogy of the "a begat b who begat c" variety.

At the other end of the scale is the street demotic he adopts (cars being "totalled" and so on) when discussing Manchester's Hulme Crescents. The trouble with such writing is that it raises the question as to whether a really competent architectural historian would need to adopt it. The other danger is that argument becomes subservient to style.

Hollis's sources are all secondary, and much use has been made of the internet. This is not necessarily bad – it is his way of looking that is more important to him than the discovery of new facts – but he does need to be careful with general history. He's rather adrift with his partitions of Poland (referring to the "Tsar of Russia" at a time when the "Tsar" was most definitely a Tsarina), and hopelessly astray over his French kings, claiming that Louis XVIII was deposed in 1829 (by which time he'd been dead five years – and it was his younger brother Charles who was overturned in 1830).

Hollis does reach an effective conclusion – that ultimate significance cannot be contained in transient buildings, not even in those which claim to house "the Holy of Holies" – but in the final chapter he makes too sweeping a generalisation about "the cities of Western Europe". They have not all been turned "into a realisation of the architect's dream", however such an assertion may fit in with his theories, and it is not fair to say "the buildings of their past have become static exhibits in a monumental museum". Even



Venice is more alive than Hollis makes out, and he ought to try walking around the City of London if he wants to see how history and modernity are in constant synergy.

"History has not come to an end," writes Hollis, implying that this is so only "outside the confines of the West". Well, it hasn't come to an end here either.

Telegraph, 26 Sep 2009

Jazz, tango and fados with Vakia Stavrou at the Hellenic Centre

Passionate melodies and songs from Argentina, Brazil, Italy, Cyprus, Greece, Spain and Portugal will fill the Great Hall at the Hellenic Centre on Saturday, October the 10th from 19.30 to 20.30. The Hellenic Centre organizes a Voyage into the Sounds of Songs with the singer and songwriter Vakia Stavrou, accompanied by pianist Marios Takoushis, who are going to perform a repertoire of songs from Carlos Gardel, Manos Hatzidakis, Antonio Carlos Jobim, Nino Rota and Vasilis Tsitsanis. The audience will have the chance to listen to songs from Vakia's new work 'The after party songs' that is being released on December 2009.

Vakia Stavrou began her studies at the Jazz Studio in Belgium.

Furthermore, she studied Voice on Jazz and contemporary repertoires at the Conservatoire of Prague in Czech Republic, while continuing her studies on Classical Guitar. She made her debut, in 2002, with a contract offered by SONY BMG Records in Athens by performing two songs on the album "Helidonia tis Vrohis" (Sparrows of the Rain) of the composer Giorgos Andreou and the poet Dionisis Karatzas. Vakia was the new voice in the album and she appeared alongside singers such as Marios Frangoulis, Tania Tsanaklidou, Eleni Tsalgopoulou and Dimitris Mbassis. In 2003, her first personal EP, "O.H.E.", included the hit "Sozinha", written by Vakia herself in Portuguese. In that period, she also performed as a soloist in various concerts in Greece, Cyprus and France, collaborating with artists such as Fivos Deliviaris, Marios Frangoulis and Deborah Myers, Vasilis Lekkas and Francis Lalanne. Vakia Stavrou recently presented an international repertoire in a number of warmly received concerts at the Theatre de l'Isle St Louis and the Theatre de La Vieille Grille in Paris. She will be also performing solo concerts in Paris and Lisbon by December 2009.

Marios Takoushis is a music composer and pianist. After studying composition and film scoring at the Berklee College of Music and the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Lyon, he moved to London, where he currently resides, and began working as a film composer and session musician. He has collaborated with film composers such as Srdjan Kurpeli (Time of the Gypsies, Underground) and Charlie Mole (Othello, Importance of being Earnest) on feature films such as 'Dorian Gray', while his most recent film scores include the highly acclaimed film 'A Boy Called Dad' and Rupert Murray's well received documentary 'The End Of The Line'.

Other credits include music for CNN, MTV's EXIT campaign, as well as for numerous commercials, contemporary dance performances and for theatre. As a pianist and arranger, he has released a solo jazz piano album, he is featured on a number of CD's and he has performed with a wide range of ensembles in New York, Paris, Sydney and London. His latest Jazz CD, 'Sympnoia,' will be released in late fall '09.



For further information and bookings, please call 02074875060.

Tickets: £7, £5 concessions (price includes a glass of wine).

The Great Hall, Hellenic Centre, 16-18 Paddington Street, Marylebone, W1U 5AS - www.helleniccentre.org

Coffee Corner

Mythia Saganaki (Sauteed Mussels with Cheese)

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Yield: serves 6 as an appetizer

Ingredients:

1 pound of shelled mussels (about 35 medium)

10-15 fresh mussels in the shell

1/2 cup of olive oil

5 cloves of garlic, thinly sliced

2 tablespoons of prepared mustard

1/2 cup of dry white wine or dry vermouth

1/4 cup of finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

1/4 cup of finely chopped fresh dill

1/4 teaspoon of freshly ground black pepper

1/4 cup finely sliced hot red pepper (optional)

1 cup of heavy cream

2/3 pound of feta cheese, cut into chunks

Preparation:

Prepare mussels: Clean well to remove all traces of sand. Dump into a pot of boiling water for a few minutes until shells open. Drain,



This recipe is great with cream and cheese - that's hard to get a photo to do it justice! But it's delicious with a fabulous combination of spices and herbs.

For this recipe, it's better to leave off any additional salt and let diners add their own. Mussels and feta cheese usually contain enough salt for most tastes.

rinse, and either remove mussels (for the shelled), or leave in shell for the 10-15 pieces.

In a deep nonstick skillet or frying pan, bring olive oil to medium-high heat (below the smoke point) and saute the garlic quickly to soften. Stir in mustard and cook for 30 seconds. Add all the mussels (shelled and unshelled) and continue to sauté for a couple of minutes. When steam is rising, stir in the wine, parsley, pepper, and chile pepper (if using). When it starts to steam again, stir in the cream, and continue to stir until the mixture thickens - a few minutes. Add the feta cheese and cook for 2 minutes longer, until feta softens nicely. Serve hot.

The \$1 million robot for urological surgery is already proving a success for patients!

The Trust's nationally renowned urology service - which is based at the Lister hospital in Stevenage - now has a state-of-the-art surgical robot. This leading-edge technology allows its consultant urological surgeons to perform far more accurate and safer operations than is possible with conventional surgery, with patients making a faster recovery - often within 24 hours - and having fewer side effects that can affect their quality of life subsequently.

Known as the da Vinci® robotic system, its installation and use within the Trust's newly named Hertfordshire Robotics Centre has been made possible through donations made by two Hertfordshire businessmen, Stef and Stelio Stefanou. Since the robot began to be used, 30 men have benefited from this approach to the key hole removal of their prostate gland for cancer.



Consultant Urological Surgeon, Mr Jim Adshead, said: "We were delighted when Stef and Stelio Stefanou offered last year to part fund the purchase of a da Vinci® robot for the Trust. It has helped us ensure that our urology team, which provides a high quality specialist regional service that enjoys a national and international reputation, maintains its position at the forefront of technology advances in this important field of medicine."

Bringing the da Vinci® robot to the Lister represents a major step forward in the treatment options we can provide to patients with a range of urological problems requiring surgery, including prostate, bladder and kidney cancer".

The official opening of the Hertfordshire Robotics Centre and the Katina Urological Robot, which has been named after Stef and Stelio Stefanou's mother, was held at the Lister on Wednesday, 8 July.

Just for laughs!

A teenage boy was upstairs playing on his computer when his grandad came in the room and sat down on the bed.

"What are you doing?" asked the grandad.

"You are 18 years old and wasting your life! When I was 18, I went to Paris, I went to the Moulin Rouge, drank all night, had my way with the dancers, pissed on the barman and left without paying! Now that is how to have a good time!"

A week later, the grandfather comes to visit again. He finds the boy still in his room, but with a broken arm in plaster, two black eyes and missing all his front teeth.

"What happened?" he asked.

"Oh Grandfather!" replied the boy. "I did what you did! I went to Paris, went to the Moulin Rouge, drank all night, had my way with the dancers, pissed all over the barman, and they beat the crap out of me!"

"Oh dear!" replied Grandpa. "Who did you go with?"

"Just some friends. Why? Who did you go with?" "Oh!" replied Grandpa. "The troops!"



Strange but True

Worst wedding pictures ever?

A wedding photographer has been ordered to reimburse a couple after a judge described photos of their big day as "woefully inadequate".

Marc and Sylvia Day paid Gareth Bowers, from Fresh Images, £1,450 for these pictures.

Do you think they are worth the money?



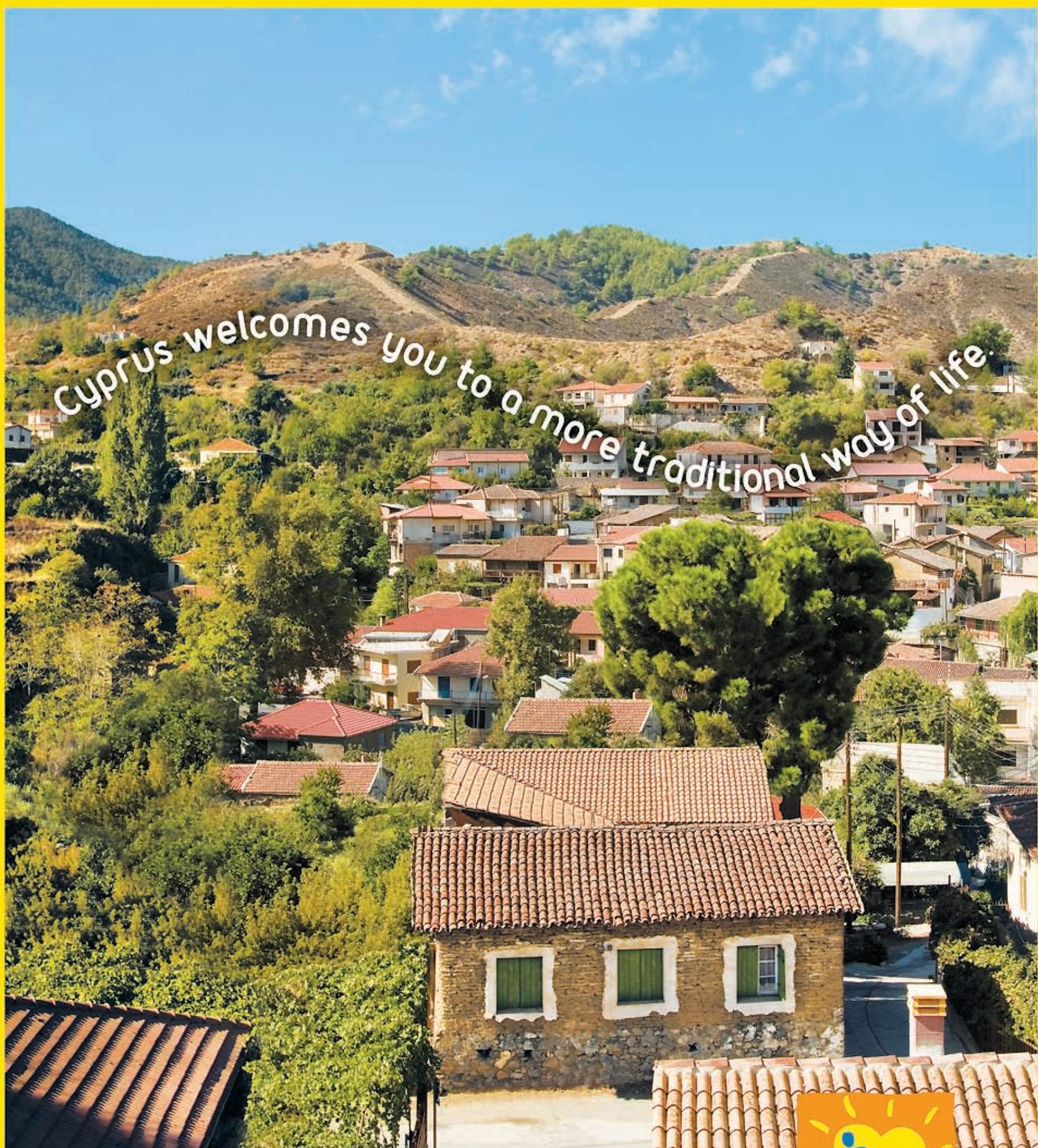
Word Origins



"A catastrophic event as such the end of the world", is a relatively recent development of the meaning of the word.

Originally, "Apocalypse" was an alternative name for the book of the Bible known as the "revelation of St John the Divine", which describes a vision of the future granted to St John at the island of Patmos. And in fact, the underlying etymological meaning of apocalypse is literally "revelation".

"Apocalypse", comes via the old french and ecclesiastical Latin, from Greek "apocalypses", a derivative of the verb "apokaluptein", which means "to cover", "to reveal".



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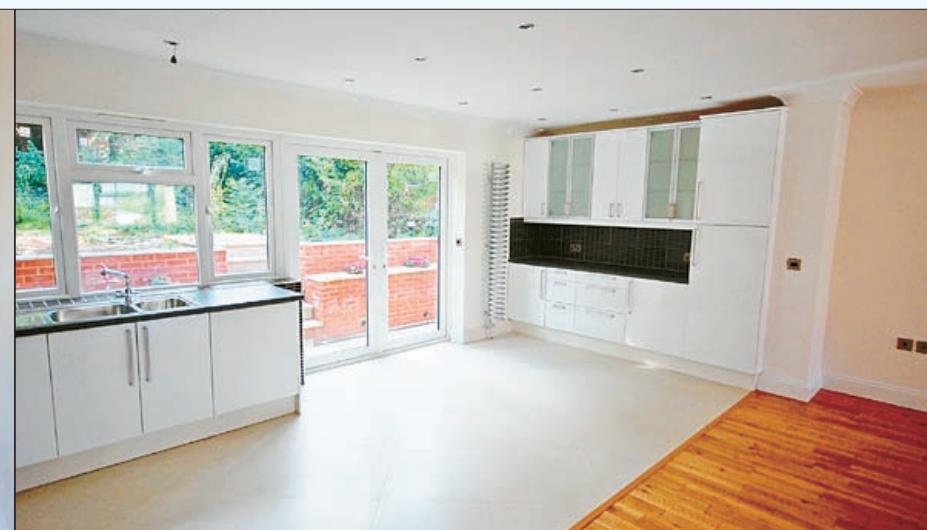


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Not since the 1996-67 season has a team lost as many games this early in the season and went on to win the League title. That was the great Manchester United team that a year later would become the first English side to win the European Cup. Is this a likely scenario for Rafael Benitez's current Liverpool side?

As things stand, Benitez's side have already lost three games and the pressure is mounting in the Spaniard, especially after comments from one of the club's co-owners. George Gillett has reportedly come out with a damning assessment of Rafael Benitez's scouting and recruitment policy, claiming that perhaps the manager has not made best use of the funds available to him and that the present predicament the team find themselves in is down to the manager and not the owners.

So what is going on at Anfield? This is a club that is arguably the biggest in the country but have not won the league title since 1990. Last year they came very close and it was thought that this season was supposed to be their year; but we have heard it before. Too many false dawns and too many empty promises.

Two months into the season and things look far from rosy in the Liverpool garden. The manager's big summer signing, Aquilani, is still injured, the defence is creaking and they are six points off the top having already lost three times. Add to this the precarious position they find themselves in the Champions League and it is no exaggeration to say that next week could be season defining.

A tough trip to the Stadium of Light to play in-form Sunderland is Liverpool's next league game. That fixture is then followed by two huge home fixtures. First, Lyon arrive at Anfield for a Champions League clash, before Sir Alex Ferguson brings his champions.

Defeat against United, especially at Anfield, is unthinkable at the best of times. Here, it would probably sound the end of any lingering hopes of winning the Premier League title. In fact, nothing less than six points from their next two league games, will do and dispel the threat that Liverpool may well be the team that Manchester City usurp in their charge to the top four.

What has gone wrong since last season? Losing Alonso was a blow and the replacing him with an injury-prone player who will not make his debut until November certainly does not help. At the moment Lucas is playing in midfield and he is not good for the top level. Against Chelsea, Aston Villa, and Spurs this season he has looked out of his depth. Lucas appears tactically naive and physically inferior to his opponents but Benitez persists in picking him. Perhaps the biggest problem causing Benitez a headache at the moment is the form of Jamie Carragher. Normally so reliable and so resolute he was outplayed and outfought by Chelsea's Drogba on Sunday and this was not the first time this season he was to blame for defensive uneasiness this season.

Watching the game on Sunday, Benitez reverted to his cautious type. It was clear that he took his side to Stamford to not lose rather than employing players like Benayoun to try and win the game. It was only when Liverpool went a goal down that they started to look like they could create chances but it really was all too little too late.

Should have he gone out and try to win the game? Possibly but it may be a realisation by Benitez that his side cannot compete with the very best now.

Looking at his squad it is arguable that Liverpool do not have a squad that befits a top four club. Tottenham have better attacking options as do Manchester City. Even Aston Villa have striker options Benitez would envy. Who is to blame? It is Benitez. Since the departure of Rick Parry it is Benitez who has taken total control of transfer activity. How then can he think it is right to go into a season with just one recognised, quality striker? What happens if Torres is injured? Ngog, Voronin and Babel are simply not the answer.

Then there is the Glen Johnson has been a revelation going forward, but at 18 million pounds should not be able to defend as well?

There are currently so many problems it is difficult to envisage Liverpool making the top four, let alone challenging the at the top. But this is a team that has for so long been dragged from the brink by the brilliance of Steven Gerrard. If Torres can stay fit, there is always a chance but for how long can Benitez rely on his world class duo?



STOP PRESS...

••• **NO TV FOR ENGLAND:** England's World Cup qualifier in Ukraine on Saturday will be shown exclusively live to subscribers on the internet who will pay at least £4.99. All previously broadcast England matches have been available on TV. ••• **BAGHDATIS LOSES TO NADAL:** Reigning ATP World Tour Champion Rafael Nadal made a winning return from the abdominal strain that has kept him sidelined since the US Open, defeating wild card Marcos Baghdatis 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 in the first round of the China Open Tuesday in Beijing. ••• **GREEK WIN:** Greek National team U-19 started the qualification round for European Championship with a 2-0 win over Faroe Islands. Tonight they face Belarus and on Saturday their hostess, Serbia.

Thursday 8th October 2009

WORLD CUP D-DAY APPROACHES FOR GREECE

Seitaridis handed surprise Greece call-up

Greece coach Otto Rehhagel sprang a surprise last Friday by handing defender Giourkas Seitaridis an international recall for the vital 2010 World Cup qualifiers against Latvia and Luxembourg.

Seitaridis, 28, was without a club for four months after being released by Atletico Madrid in May, a year before the end of his contract.

The Euro 2004 winner re-signed for Panathinaikos last month but has not featured in a competitive match while attempting to build up his fitness levels.

The last of Seitaridis's 66 caps came in Greece's 2-1 home win over Israel in April.

Another surprise inclusion is striker Vangelis Mantzios. The 26-year-old has been brought in to replace Angelos Charisteas, who is nursing a thigh injury.

Mantzios, who has seven caps, the last of which came in a friendly against Italy in November last year, is behind Djibril Cisse, Dimitris Salpigidis and

Antonis Petropoulos in the Panathinaikos pecking order and has not played a competitive match this season.

Alexandros Tziolis is the third of the surprises recalls who like his compatriots has yet to feature this season for his club all three form part of the 10-man-strong Panathinaikos contingent in the national team and it is either a show of faith by Rehhagel or a sign of frustration and even desperation given Greece's recent poor performances and form.

Greece, second in Group Two, are three points behind Switzerland and level on 14 points with Latvia, complete their qualification with home matches against the Latvians and Luxembourg on October 10 and 14 respectively.

Greece squad:

Goalkeepers: Kostas Chalkias (PAOK), Michalis Sifakis (Aris), Alexandros Tzorvas (Panathinaikos)

Defenders: Avraam Papadopoulos (Olympiakos), Sotiris Kyrgiakos (Liverpool), Sotiris Papastathopoulos (Genoa), Vangelis Moras (Bologna), Vasilis Torosidis (Olympiakos), Nikos Spiropoulos (Panathinaikos), Loukas Vintra (Panathinaikos), Giourkas Seitaridis (Panathinaikos)

Midfielders: Sotiris Ninis (Panathinaikos), Alexandros Tziolis (Panathinaikos), Vasilis Platiskis (Schalke), Grigoris Makos (AAE Athens), Giorgos Fotakis (PAOK), Giorgos Karagounis (Panathinaikos), Kostas Katsouranis (Panathinaikos), Christos Patsatzoglou (Omonia)

Strikers: Dimitris Salpigidis (Panathinaikos), Theofanis Gekas (Bayer Leverkusen), Yiannis Amanatidis (Eintracht Frankfurt), Giorgos Samaras (Celtic), Vangelis Mantzios (Panathinaikos).



Seitaridis is back in favour with Greece coach Otto Rehhagel

Charisteas to miss crucial qualifiers



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This means the Nuremberg striker will miss his country's decisive matches for the 2010 World Cup qualifying group against Latvia and Luxembourg on October 10 and

14 respectively.

Given the recently-announced end of Nikos Liberopoulos's international career and the problems to Amanatidis's fitness, Greece's attack may have to rely on Fanis Gekas, Dimitris Salpigidis, Giorgos Samaras and surprise call-up Manzios for the two matches at the Olympic Stadium in Athens.

Amanatidis: “We can’t fail”

ball wouldn't be where it is today on the international scene.”

But expectations are high, maybe unfairly so, given past success

“The expectations are naturally much greater. Obviously, it was a huge surprise when we won EURO 2004, but it didn't stop the fans in Greece setting their sights higher than before. We ceased being underdogs, and started being dark horses. The heightened expectations are understandable, but they're totally wide of the mark. The EURO, the World Cup - you have to fight your way to major finals every single time, because at this level, there are hardly any easy opponents any more. At the end of the day, the smallest details make the difference between going to a major tournament or missing out.”

“We have to win both games. It's got to be possible, because we have home advantage. If we fail, and miss out on South Africa as a result, we won't have deserved a place at the finals.”

After failing to qualify for the 2006 World Cup and a weak exit at the first hurdle at EURO 2008, the 2004 European champions want a chance to prove their worth on the international stage. However, the team have made it diffi-

cult for themselves and must now beat Latvia and Luxembourg at home to ensure a place in the play-offs at a minimum.

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Missing out on the World Cup finals for the second time in a row would be disastrous for a squad of players who have been together for years and feel they have what it takes to be at the top of the sport. Moreover, for the fantastical fans it would be catastrophic.

“The fans would be just as disappointed as the players, but I'm just not thinking about anything like that,” he declared before praising his coach.

“Rehhagel is exceptionally experienced, and refuses to be distracted by swings in attitudes towards the team. He's his own man, he's straight as a die and honest. Without him, Greek foot-

ON THE TEE with Peter Santamas

CGS win 'Ryder Cup'



The annual 'Ryder Cup' type match between the Cypriot Golf Society (CGS) and the Midlands Greek Cypriot and Friends Golf Society (MGCGS) was eagerly awaited by all the members that qualified to play. Both sets of members from each Society strive to qualify to get the chance to play in this challenge match.

The CGS captain, Savvas Savva, announced the team during the presentation of the trophies of the Masters Cup at Mentmore Golf Club on 17th September. The top 8 players of the CGS Order of Merit automatically qualify plus the winner of the Singles KO competition and the captain's three wild cards.

The Challenge Ryder Cup match took place on Wednesday 23 September at Collingtree Park Golf Club, Northampton. Twelve members from each Society played the matches.

The format of play was fourball betterball match play in the morning followed by the singles matches in the afternoon. The event was sponsored by Akis Toumazos and Genzos Restaurant at 212 - 216 High Road East Finchley, London N2 9AY and Trios Banqueting Rooms at 248 Green Lanes, Palmers Greens, London N13 5TU.



Three World Cup medals for Greek gymnasts

Greek gymnastics proved it is ready for the World Championship in London later this month, as it earned three medals at the latest World Cup event that took place in Doha on September 28-30. The Doha World Cup was the final major international competition before the

2009 World Championships, Oct. 13-18 in London.

Eleftherios Kosmidis, Greece's rising star in the sport, won himself a silver medal in the floor exercise on Tuesday. Croatian Tomislav Markovic with a total of 15.275 points finished ahead of the Greek with 15.125 points and bronze medallist

Thomas Bouhail of France.

Lefteris Petrounias landed a bronze in the rings on Tuesday, before Vassiliki Miloussi also ended up third in the balance beam on Wednesday.

Vlassis Maras could not add to Greece's medal tally as he finished fourth in the horizontal bar.

Daniilidou wins double title at Athens Open

Australian tennis star Jelena Dokic swept Greek Lena Daniilidou in straight sets at the Vogue Athens Open final on Sunday in the afternoon, but the home favourite bounced back to win the doubles' trophy along with Germany's Jasmin Wöhr in the evening. Dokic won the singles event of the \$125,000 tournament by beating

AFTERNOON SINGLES
Savvas Savva, **lost 4&3**
against Mario Efthathiades

Andrew Savva, **won 4&2**
against Michael Christou

Marios Savva, **won by 2**
against Chris Lipery

George Varv Georgiou, **lost 3&2**
against Tony Papadopoulos

Peter Sandamas, **halved**
with Stasis Kayiatou

Michael Tsangarides, **halved**
with Andy Liperis

Pakos Karantoni, **won 3&1** against
Andreas Ktori

Akis Toumazos, **won 3&2** against
Chris Procopiou

Chris Kalli, **lost by 1** against
Andy Porphiriou

Abe Basri, **lost 2&1** against
Chris Vasiliou

Tasos Pericles, **lost 3&2** against
Mario Kyriacou

Panayiotis Poyiadzis, **won 3&1** against
Tim Kefalios

the CGS won a hatrick of Ryder Cup matches. He thanked his team and the MGCGS team and their captain for an excellent day all round. He also presented Chris Lipery with the CGS tie and Year Book.

Congratulations to Savvas Savva and the CGS team for an excellent win.

The last event of the season, the Liveras Yachts Trophy will take place next Thursday 15th October at Hendon Golf Club.

In the evening the comedian, George Saunders will be providing the entertainment followed by the presentation, the player of the year award result and the draw for the singles KO competition.



Poland's Timea Bacsinszky and Italy's Tatiana Garbin in the final and won their first trophy as a pair this year.

A visibly moved Daniilidou thanked the public for their support for 'being on my side throughout the week', adding that 'this gives me the strength and the courage to continue my career.' The Greek tennis player also collected a 15,000-euro bonus from the tournament organizers that had been promised to any Greek that would reach the singles' final.

KOPA Sports Round-up

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- RIZOKARPASO GATECRASHERS
- SAINTS SIX AT THE TOP
- WARRELL POINTS WAY FOR OMONIA

BY MIKKOS CHRYSOSTOMOU

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SALAMINA TICKLED PINK!

The big derby on Sunday was a bit of an anti-climax as leaders SALAMINA comfortably saw off ANORTHOSIS/FAMAGUSTA's challenge. Apart from the first 20minutes, George Georgiou's team were in complete control as they thrilled their supporters to win 3-0.

At last a win for OMONIA and what a way to do it!!! They came from behind to win a thriller 5-3 against fellow strugglers COSMOS.

RIZOKARPASO are now mixing it with the big boys and loving it. Having beaten KLN on Sunday they are now well placed in second spot.

VAROSI PENDAYA are also having a good run this time holding in form DY-NAMO 1-1.

TRIPIMENI ARIS bounced back after last week's defeat by Anorthosis to beat the disappointing PANTHEA 3-1 and moved in third spot.

In Division 2A BROTHERHOOD stay top after a solid display against ARACHNE, while CETINKAYA stay close on their heels after their thrilling encounter with AEL at Tottenham.

AEP PAPHOS beat the unlucky MARONITES 1-0 and in Group 2B the mighty SAINTS hit SPARTANS for six..

PANTEL came out of their shell to hammer OLYMPIA into submission and defeat for the first time.

Results in Detail:

DIVISION ONE

Salamina 3 Anorthosis Famagusta 0

The big match did not live up to its top billing as leaders Salamina comfortably brushed aside Anorthosis' challenge. They led 2-0 at half time with goals from Justin Zacharia but in reality Anorthosis hit the woodwork in the first half, but really lacked power up front. Playing with just one up front did not trouble the reds rearguard at



SALAMINA ON TOP

all. In fact the Salamina defenders all good on the ball were able to build from the back hence over running Anorthosis midfield.

Mario Kourea strengthened the midfield in the second half but they never looked like scoring. In contrast Salamina's movement and interchange up front could have brought them five goals but for the brilliance of George Kyriakou in goal for Anorthosis. He was finally beaten by a George Gregorius in the last minute.

At the other end Salamina dress their 'keeper Michael Kalli in girly ALL PINK and that apparently stops opposing forwards from scoring!!!

We will keep an eye and see which forward becomes the first to penetrate Salamina's Pink rearguard.

Rizokarpaso 4 KLN 2

Promoted Rizo are really enjoying life in the top flight as they picked up another scalp on Sunday.

KLN were once again without 'keeper Vas Hava but you cannot take away the sharpness of Rizo up front. Mike Synesi, Gary Simmonds and Dean Barker gave them a comfortable 3-0 half time lead. Ja-

son Mason and Vas Chrisiskos gave KLN hope but a fourth goal from Synesi sealed the points for Rizokarpaso.

Omonia 5 Cosmos 3

At last a win for Mike Pieri's team to lift the gloom at Broomfield Park where supporters were getting very worried of their long standing First Division status.

COSMOS started the game well and quickly went into a 2-0 lead with goals from Leon Charles and Erhan Oselik but Omonia hit back to level with a Richard Warrell brace.

Charles put the visitors ahead again only for Omonia to make it 3-3 with Makis Otoman. With the tailenders looking to take a point a piece Richard Warrell burst through to score two late goals for a four-timer and bring a sigh of relief for the tormented Omonia supporters.

Varosi Pendaya 1 Dynamo 1

These two teams have been performing well recently and it was not surprising that they cancelled each other out.

After a goalless first half Dynamo took the lead with Vincent Respoli but the re-

silient Varosi Pendaya hit pack with Mario Georgiou to pick a point.

Tripimeni Aris 3 Panthea 1

Steve Sinoti has made sure his players put aside last week's setback to take all three points against Panthea. Lawrence Constanti gave the home side the lead but Phil Theocharis levelled for Panthea. Tripimeni gradually got on top to score with Bambos Hadjimeletiou and Rob Collins and take all three points.

DIVISION 2A

AEL 2 Cetinkaya 3

Cetinkaya bounced back from last week's defeat to beat AEL in a thrilling game at Tottenham. AEL took the lead with Jail Gaa-wo but the visitors took the lead with goals from Murat Karagul and Aaron Cox. Demi Florenzou levelled for AEL but Cox gave Cetinkaya all three points with the winner.

Brotherhood 4 Arachne 0

BROTHERHOOD stayed top of the group with another solid display. They beat Arachne thanks to two goals from Aaron Kennedy and one each from Omer Omer and Foti Beleshi.

AEP Tsada 1 Maronites 0

Maronites went down to a disputed goal a defeat that leaves them rooted at the bottom of the group. AEP's goal came from Gregg Blackett in the second half.

DIVISION 2B

All Saints 6 Spartans 3

The Saints moved to the top of their group after another sixer this time beating Spartans 6-3 at New River. Their goals came from Ryan Baily 4, Hasan Pilot and Kenan Campoz, while Jason Nicholas 2, and Neophitos Christo-doulides replied for Spartans.

Pantel 6 Olympia 0

A storming display by Pantel gave them their first win of the season. They beat previously unbeaten Olympia 6-0 with goals from Shaun Chesterman 2, Andrew Stylianou 2, Steve Demitriou and Ian Rueben.

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SUNDAY GAMES

DIVISION ONE

Dynamo v Cosmos

Home win 2-1

Rizokarpaso

v Tripimeni/Aris

Away win 3-2

OMONIA v Varosi Pendaya

Home win 3-1

DIVISION 2A

Brotherhood v AEL

Draw 1-1

DIVISION 2B

Pantel v All Saints

Away win 4-2

CHALLENGE CUP

Anorthosis Famagusta v

Cetinkaya

Home win 3-1

KLN v Komi Kebir

Home win 5-1

Arachne v Spartans

Draw 2-2

LFA CUP

Flames Utd v AEPT SADA

SALAMINA v Wood pecker

Millwall Elite v PANTHEA



The "Pink Pant-hers" of Salamina

