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• ΣΕΛΙΔΑ 2

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• ΣΕΛΙΔΑ 2



Συνάντηση Προέδρου Αναστασιάδη με Πάπα Φραγκίσκο

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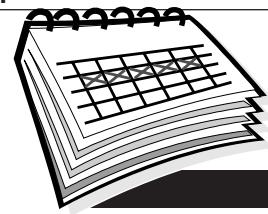
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AFTER OFFICIAL VISIT TO HOLY SEE

President: «Our positions have been met with understanding by the Vatican»

Our positions have been met with understanding with regard to the confidence building measures on the Cyprus problem, as well as with regard to other issues that concern, among others, the protection of religious and cultural heritage, Cyprus President Nicos Anastasiades told the media after his meeting with Pope Francis at the Vatican.

President has concluded his official visit to the Holy See, during which he met with Pope Francis, at the Vatican, said an official press release, on Sunday.

During his visit to the Vatican, where he was accompanied by his spouse Andri Anastasiades, President Anastasiades also held a meeting with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Holy See.

The President was also accompanied by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Energy, the Government Spokesman, the Ambassador of the Republic to the Holy See, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and the Director of his Diplomatic Office.

According to an official press release issued here, President Anastasiades said that his meeting with Pope Francis took place in the context of a campaign aiming to deepen relations but also to expand the possibility of exercising



influence on those that are involved in the Cyprus problem.

I must say that it was an extremely important, productive and fruitful meeting, both with Pope Francis as well as with the Prime Minister of the Vatican, he added.

Anastasiades said he raised issues that concern the latest developments on the Cyprus problem "and the need to support the efforts that are taking place, but also with regard to the misinterpretations that are being made, the issue of the missing persons, the issue of the pillage of civilization, whether it is called religious or cultural."

We are absolutely aligned, he added, with the positions of Pope Francis that an inter-religious

dialogue must respect and protect the civilization of any citizen wherever that person belongs.

He said that he brought up problems "faced by our Maronite, Armenian and Latin fellow citizens, and above all the problems that concern the 200 thousand refugees".

Anastasiades stressed that in his meetings, both with the Pope and the Prime Minister of the Vatican, he found complete understanding.

"Considering that on 27 March Mr. Obama, the President of the United States of America, will be at the Vatican, but also the influence that the Vatican, in general, exercises on many governments that have a say and have a role to play, you realize that the meetings were useful in an important way at this particular

time," he went on to say.

The President of the Republic pointed out that "our positions are met with understanding (by the Vatican) both with regard of what I have mentioned before but also about the confidence building measures."

Pope Francis gave the President a large bronze medal depicting the Angel of Peace, which, as the Pontiff said "destroys in us the demon of war."

The President noted that "this is what we need right now in Cyprus".

Later on Anastasiades met the Secretary of State Pietro Parolin and the Secretary for the Holy See's Relations with States Dominique Mamberti.

ANTONIS SAMARAS:

Primary surplus exceeds 1.5 billion euro

The primary surplus exceeds 1.5 billion euros said Prime Minister Antonis Samaras adding that "the official, huge and early primary surplus, its return to society, the acceleration of the reforms, the economic recovery, the debt reduction and the return to the markets will be achieved within 2014, in an interview to the Sunday edition of VIMA newspaper.

Samaras noted that the primary surplus is triple than initially predicted and reiterated that a large amount of it will be allocated to the society, to the low pensioners and to the armed forces. He also noted that in January the primary surplus was double that it was last year and that this tension continued in the first ten days of February "We left from the vicious circles and we are entering into a virtuous circle" he said.

The premier underlined that after the tackling of the unemployment rate, our next major priority is the tax reduction, however, we must be careful not to return to the deficits.

He referred to a reduction in VAT and in the



tax rates as well as in the profits taxation adding that "this will be carried out gradually and only if we succeed to have surpluses and in the next years.

Samaras said the growth comes earlier than expected and noted that "until the end of 2014

the improvement will start to be felt in the majority of society".

The premier sternly attacked main opposition SYRIZA's proposal that it will tear the memorandums and will challenge the debt noting that this "is the announcement of a voluntarily bankruptcy...at the time we reached the river's bank they want to send us back in the river to drown...that's what they say. It is not only 'wrong' it is absurd".

On the euroelections result, he said that it will not be negative for the government and he will not be tempted to declare early elections adding that "we are exiting from the crisis, why should we go to early elections now given that tomorrow things will be better and the day after tomorrow even better?"

On the local government elections that will be held in May, he said that his party (New Democracy) does not officially support any candidate "we want to show from the beginning our respect to the will of the local communities".

Greek FM: Solution in Cyprus must protect international legal personality of the Republic

The solution of the Cyprus problem must protect the international legal personality of the Republic of Cyprus, Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs Evangelos Venizelos has stressed.

Speaking on Friday after the conclusion of a meeting of the National Council for Foreign Policy, which convened to discuss the latest developments in the Cyprus problem, Venizelos said that the solution of the Cyprus problem must be based on a bizonal, bicommunal federation which will be a member state of the UN and the EU, a federal state with one and only international legal personality, sovereignty and citizenship.

He said that the Cyprus issue constitutes a problem due to the violation of international law by a foreign country (Turkey), the Turkish invasion in 1974 and the continuous Turkish occupation of 37% of Cyprus' territory. Greece's aim, he said, is to outline the responsibilities but also to open prospects for a solution in line with international law, UN Security Council resolutions, the high level agreements of 1977 and 1979, and the EU acquis communautaire.

During the meeting, Venizelos informed the representatives of the political parties and other members of the National Council for Foreign Policy about his recent meeting with President of the Republic of Cyprus Nicos Anastasiades, as well as the next steps.

"We are still at the beginning, more work is needed, more effort, but the initiative on the next steps belongs to President Anastasiades, belongs to the leaderships of the two communities", he said, stressing that neither Greece nor the Republic of Cyprus will ever recognise the Turkish Cypriot pseudostate.

He also called for unity, adding that "the Cypriot people hold their fate in their hands because the decision will be made by the Cypriot citizens themselves through the referendum, so it is the Cypriot citizen who will determine the future".

Cyprus and Holy See's FM discuss of mutual issues

The Cyprus problem and the need to preserve monuments, Churches and Mosques in Cyprus were among the issues which Foreign Minister Ioannis Kasoulides discussed with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Holy See, Archbishop Dominique Mamberti, during a meeting they had at the Vatican.

According to an official press release issued here, in statements to the press after the meeting, Kasoulides said that they also discussed the role Cyprus is playing in combating terrorism, the trafficking of materials for weapons of mass destruction, human trafficking, an issue of particular interest to Pope Francis, as well as the way that Cyprus' foreign policy is oriented toward transforming the hydrocarbon reserves into an instrument of peace, as coal and steel were in Europe."

He noted that they discussed the Cyprus problem, Cypriot cultural heritage, as well as the need to preserve the monuments, the Churches and the Mosques in Cyprus.

"We also exchanged views with regard to the various ways to act for the protection of the rights of minorities, and about religious freedom and coexistence in the region of our neighbourhood, the Middle East," he concluded.

Importing used UK vehicles to Cyprus scam

Transport ministry officials are investigating potential fraud involving used cars being sold as new by falsifying their documents, Minister Tasos Mitsopoulos said on Friday.

The case concerns one dealership, which officials suspect was importing used vehicles from the UK and selling them in Cyprus as new.

"We are at a very early stage," Mitsopoulos said, but it appeared that there had been extensive falsification of data.

The Cyprus Mail has learned that so far the ministry's internal audit department had found between 100 and 150 suspicious cases of dual-cab pickups.

There is also a separate aspect that the audit department was investigating: whether all legal procedures were followed in a large number of cases of re-exported vehicles.

Inspections and registrations are the job of the road transport department.

Mitsopoulos said authorities acted as soon as they received a complaint from someone who also provided evidence, which appeared to back the claims.

Some cases go back a couple of years, the minister said.

The matter was made public by the ministry itself, which announced the launch of the investigation.

The association of car importers (SEMO) called for a swift and thorough investigation whose results will be made public to prevent confusion in the crisis-hit sector.

House President discusses Cyprus issue with President of the French National Assembly

The Cyprus issue, the economic crisis and developments in Cyprus' exclusive economic zone were on the agenda of a meeting House President Yiannakos Omirou had Friday with President of the French National Assembly Claude Bartolone in Paris.

According to an official press release, Omirou said that the President of the National Assembly expressed his support as regard the solution of the Cyprus problem based on a single sovereignty, international personality and nationality, termination of the Turkish occupation and protection of the fundamental human rights.



Referring to the developments in Cyprus' exclusive economic zone, House President said that they discussed the cooperation between France and Cyprus, given that the French company TOTAL is involved in drilling and exploitation of natural gas in the

islands' EEZ.

Moreover, the House President briefed his interlocutor on the recent incident when a Turkish military vessel harassed the Norwegian seismic ship Princess, which was conducting seismic survey in the Cypriot EEZ for TOTAL.

Omirou said that the President of the French National Assembly underlined in the meeting that if Turkey aspires to join the EU, must shift its position as regards the Cyprus solution.

SYRIZA's first priority as government will be the cancellation of the memorandum

All productive forces should be committed to the common struggle for development and reconstruction, main opposition SYRIZA party leader Alexis Tsipras said on Thursday at an event of tvxs website on "Productive reconstruction, the challenge for the next day."

"The memorandum proved that the comprehensive revamp of the labour market did not improve either the quality or the quantity of production, or even the profitability of productive units and therefore it is a survival option for the productive world of the country to discuss with those who supported as of the beginning of the crisis that the neoliberal austerity and deregulation is not the solution - it is the crisis itself," Tsipras noted.

SYRIZA leader underlined that Samaras and Venizelos' plan for Greece is to sign successive memoranda or whatever they will

call them in the future, adding that their first priority as a government will be the cancellation of the memorandum and the exit from austerity.

"It is not enough to stop the destruction, but to design the future," Tsipras said. "Our goal is to develop a new growth model that will satisfy the domestic demand, creating innovation and high added value, with decently paid and stable jobs," he added.

Tsipras reiterated the party's commitment to the national plan for economic, social and environmental reconstruction of Greece for an immediate end to austerity and stimulation of domestic demand.

Regarding the surplus, SYRIZA leader noted that "our primary surplus will be based on higher public revenues - not public spending cuts and social disaster."

Tsipras stressed that "SYRIZA is not a power



of division but unity," adding that "it is not a threat, as some claim, but the last hope for Greece and its citizens."

CETRAL BANK GOVERNOR:

Lebanese banks "could help" Cyprus economic recovery

Central Bank of Cyprus Governor Panicos Demetriades has said that Lebanese banks could help the island's economic recovery.

Demetriades was speaking during a joint press conference with the Governor of the Central Bank of Lebanon Riad Salameh following the first meeting of the Cypriot-Lebanese banking authorities and associations held in Limassol.

The purpose of the meeting was to start a dialogue between the two banking systems with the aim of strengthening relations.

The two central bankers also discussed regulatory issues relating to cooperation between the two bodies, measures to strengthen anti-money laundering, and the restrictive measures imposed by the Cypriot authorities.

Responding to questions, Riad Salameh expressed the belief that



"there is room for expansion for Lebanese banks in Cyprus and we do encourage that".

He said that "the Lebanese banks enjoy today high and free liquidity and they have good capital adequacy so there is possibility to expand outside Lebanon".

As he said, "Lebanon today is a country that has developed a strong banking sector that enjoys

deposits that represent more than 3 times the GDP of Lebanon".

"We believe that as Cyprus is getting back progressively to normality the rating issues could be handled in a way that they do not obstruct the banking relations between the two countries", he added.

On his part, Panicos Demetriades expressed the belief that that "the current crisis offers new opportunities for strengthening and furthering the links between the two banking systems".

"There are opportunities relating to the strength of the Lebanese banking system which could benefit Cypriot banks in the form of helping to support trade finance that has been a problem in recent months for Cypriot companies", he added.

He noted that "the Lebanese banks could help to reactivate the Cypriot economy and economic

recovery of Cyprus".

Demetriades said, "there is a willingness of behalf of Lebanon to help Cyprus at this difficult juncture as there has been in the past willingness of Cyprus to help Lebanon when Lebanon was in difficulty."

Speaking at the press conference, the Chairman of the Association of Banks in Lebanon Dr. Bassil said that "we owe too much to Cyprus as Lebanese, we have an obligation to Cyprus to help them in financing and bringing investment opportunities and our customers who want to make investments".

"We are ready to support case by case our friends bankers and collaborate with them for their need for letter of credit and letter of guarantees" he said, adding that Lebanese banks have 9 branches in Cyprus and 4 affiliated banks

CYPRUS

Cyprus - Switzerland agreement on repatriation of antiquities enters into force

An agreement signed between Cyprus and Switzerland on the import and repatriation of cultural property between the two countries enters into force and covers Cypriot and Swiss antiquities dating from prehistoric times to 1500 AD comes into effect from 15 February 2014.

An official statement on Friday said the agreement, signed on 11 January 2013, provides for the prohibition of the import of cultural property to the two states in cases where the regulations of the country of origin were not satisfied. At the same time, it lays down the framework of cooperation on the repatriation of illegally exported cultural objects and it promotes scientific cooperation and archeological exchanges between Cyprus and Switzerland.

The signing of the agreement, in conjunction with the Memoranda of Understanding concluded by the Republic of Cyprus with other countries on the imposition of restrictions on the import of Cypriot antiquities to the said countries, constitutes an important step at large towards the protection of Cyprus's cultural heritage, as well as towards the prevention of illicit trafficking of cultural treasures in particular, which are the object of systematic pillage of our cultural heritage in the occupied areas, the statement concluded.

Central Government Debt increases by e3.10 billion in 2013

Outstanding Central Government Debt increased by e3.10 billion in 2013, reaching e18.15 billion at the end of 2013 from e15.04 billion at the end of 2012, according to provisional figures included in the quarterly bulletin of the Public Debt Management Office of the Ministry of Finance.

According to data released on Friday and not including intra liabilities of the central government, the public debt rose in the fourth quarter of 2013 by e70 million compared with the third quarter of the year, when the debt stood at e18.08 billion.

Moreover, according to the data on the evolution of public debt, from 2000 to 2013, the Central Government debt increased by about e12 billion.

According to the Ministry, the third disbursement from the European Stability Mechanism was completed at end December for e100 million. This tranche will be repaid in 2029.

The International Monetary Fund also executed its third tranche under the Extended Fund Facility for Cyprus with about e83 million disbursement in December.

During the same month loan disbursements for infrastructure projects from the European Investment Bank and the Council of Europe Development Bank were completed amounting to e26 million.

The issuances and rollovers of short term securities continued throughout the quarter.

GREECE

SYRIZA leads for Eurolections, says opinion poll

Main opposition SYRIZA leads 1.4% over New Democracy (ND) in euroelections, according to an opinion poll conducted by Alco for private TV Action24.

According to the poll results, SYRIZA leads with 21.4%, followed by ND with 20%, ultra-right Golden Dawn (Chryssi Avgi) with 7.4%, the Communist Party of Greece (KKE) with 5.4%, Independent Greeks with 4.9%, PASOK with 4%, and Democratic Left (DIMAR) with 3%. 6.6% of the respondents expressed preference to other parties and 9.1% said that it would not vote. The unidentified vote reached 13.7%.

The geographic coverage of the opinion poll was nationwide and was conducted between 5 and 11 February.

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Event to raise funds for Helen's appeal to help her overcome brain cancer

Brotherhood Football Club and Nick 'Tank' Orphanides will be hosting a FIFA tournament next Thursday 20 February at the Brotherhood Centre in Finchley to help raise money for Helen. For the non-FIFA players, beauty treatments including manicures and facials. All welcome, KOPA and the community united for a good cause.

For more details telephone 07720291782

Brain Cancer

The average life expectancy is poor, fewer than 1 in 100 people diagnosed live for 5 years. The cancer is common in people over 50 (approx. 5,000 diagnosed annually in the UK) but very rare in Helen's age group, there are less than 50 cases reported every year in the UK and there is no known cause.



However a clinic in America has a pioneering treatment that has been proven to very effective against this type of cancer without harming the body. The clinic has been running for over 30 years and has been able to not only stabilise, but potentially cure this awful disease in some cases.

Unfortunately this treatment is not available via the NHS so we have to pay for this ourselves. The cost (including travel and associated UK costs for private care) is approximately £135,000 per year and most patients will require anything from 12 to 18 months treatment. Although this is a large amount of money, I believe you cannot put a price on saving a life, especially that of a young mum.

I hope and pray that through fundraising and generosity we will be able to achieve our dream to raise enough money to give Helen this lifesaving treatment and beat this awful condition, giving her the chance to see our son Johnathan grow up.

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Professor Costas Kounnas awarded the Humboldt Award in Germany

Physicist Costas Kounnas was recently awarded one of the coveted Humboldt Research Awards conferred by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. He has now arrived at LMU to begin a collaborative research project with string theorist Professor Dieter Lest of LMU's Physics Faculty, who will be his host during his stay in Munich.

Professor Costas Kounnas is one of the leading theoretical physicists in Europe, having made outstanding contributions to a wide range of fields, including theoretical particle physics, quantum field theory, supergravitation and superstring theory, and cosmology. In particular, he has played a major role in the development of theories of supergravitation, not only clarifying its fundamental nature and properties, but also its relationship to string theory. His current research focuses on the theory of superstrings



and on aspects of string cosmology.

Costas Kounnas studied Physics and Mathematics, and obtained his doctorate in 1981 at the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris.

Following stints at CERN in Geneva and at the University of California at Berkeley (USA), he returned to France to take up the post of Research Director of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) at the Ecole Normale Supérieure, where he still works. From 1992 until 1999 Kounnas was also a staff member at CERN in Geneva.

The Humboldt Foundation's programs serve to promote cooperation between excellent German researchers and leading scholars from abroad. Winners of the Humboldt Research Award and holders of Humboldt Research Fellowships are free to choose the German counterparts with whom they wish to collaborate. Hence the number of Humboldt Laureates hosted an institution is an important measure of the range of its international contacts and its worldwide reputation.

Private landlords in Enfield could soon have to pay £575 for a licence

Council chiefs are consulting on a scheme which could see all private landlords in the borough having to apply for a licence to rent out their properties.

Under the scheme, known as additional and selective licensing, landlords would have to obtain a £575 five-year licence from Enfield Council to cover every property they own.

In order to secure a licence, landlords would have to provide references from tenants and have in place sufficient health and safety measures, as well as procedures to deal with antisocial behaviour and environmental crime.

The council believes ineffective management of privately rented homes has resulted in heightened levels of antisocial behaviour in the borough.

Council's cabinet member for housing, said: "The scheme is designed to tackle antisocial

behaviour among tenants, as well as landlords.

"At the moment we don't have enough powers to force landlords to act, for example when tenants keep putting their rubbish out at the wrong time. By registering landlords we will be able to better enforce standards, for example around gas connections, health and safety and overcrowding."

Enfield follows Newham Council, in east London, which became the first authority in the country to introduce a compulsory licensing scheme for private landlords last year – an initiative backed by housing charity Shelter.

But the plan has been met with opposition and a petition against it on the council website has been signed by 33 people.

Mel Woodbridge, 55, of Lytton Avenue, Enfield Lock, a landlord with four properties in the borough, said: "Antisocial behaviour usually



happens outside the home so I fail to understand how licensing landlords will make a difference.

"There are lots of powers the council already has to tackle it and there is a much bigger problem with this on council estates."

"I understand there are unscrupulous landlords out there, but why should decent landlords

pay for the bad apples?" Mr Woodbridge said he was also intending to start a petition against the proposals.

The council estimates that there are 27,500 private rented properties across the borough, making up around 20 per cent of all homes – more than double the size of the sector compared to a decade ago.

Like talking to a brick wall

The one about the Wailing Wall has been around for a while but it still made me laugh when I received it again the other day. For those who do not know or cannot remember it, it is about a CNN journalist interviewing an old Jewish man at the Wailing Wall because she heard that he had been going there to pray, twice a day, every day for over 60 years.

"And what do you pray about?" she asked.

"I pray for peace between the Christians, Jews and the Muslims; I pray for all the wars and all the hatred to stop; I pray for all our children to grow up safely as responsible adults, and to love their fellow man."

"And how do you feel sir, after doing this for over 60 years?" she asked.

"It's like talking to a ***** brick wall," the old man said.

Of course we all nod in agreement. The world is in constant turmoil. We go round recording history, we compare the free world against the savages that are still resolving their disputes with the force of arms and we measure our environmental footprint but nobody seems to have come up with a measurement for our existential footprint.

How do we affect the rest of the world when we buy our children a pair of designer trainers? Are we giving income to a poor family in Asia or are we encouraging child labour? I suppose these questions have been well aired in recent years and as a free-thinking world we know that there are moral dilemmas and that there are no easy answers. We also know that it is a matter of time before a lot of these injustices do sort themselves out as the free world no longer has the stomach for shameless capitalism, arms dealers or corrupt dictators. Globalisation and twenty-four-hour news have made this a better world and on a collective level, although there is still a lot of exploitation, the world is getting better. In this respect, therefore, the old man's prayers must have had some impact.

On an individual level, however, we are becoming as self-centred as ever. We have not been able to shake from our psyche the original sin and although most people today consider the story of Adam and Eve as myth, few would deny its message: the world was once God-centric viewing everything through the eyes of God. Then temptation got the better of us and our "eyes were opened" and we "became like God, knowing good and evil". The point we all miss, of course, is that our angle of vision is not at the centre of the Universe (although we think it is) and what we think is good may be evil and what we consider evil may be very good indeed.

It is this question of knowledge that the story emphasizes. True knowledge can only be known with our heart, not with our eyes. It is the heart that loved God and trusted God and it is the heart that was poisoned not to trust God and not to rely on God. As a result we lost our position at the centre of the universe viewing the world with our heart through the eyes of God and are now relying instead on our own vision from a remote corner of the Universe. We swapped the Hubble telescope for a pair of broken specs.

When we are measuring, therefore, our existential impact, let us analyse everything we do. Is it done with the pure heart out of love for mankind or to show our superiority, to impose our will, to grab before someone else does? And when we encounter the shameless capitalist or the ruthless criminal are we sure that it is not selfish actions by others that have shaped his or her life? And what exactly do we teach our children? To look after number one or to care even if he or she is considered a push-over? Perhaps you think, the time to care is when everyone else does it first. Which would explain why the old man is still talking to a ***** brick wall.

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Leeds celebrate Three Hierarchs

The community of Leeds and Surrounding Districts celebrated the Feast of the Three Hierarchs on Sunday 2 February 2014 and were honoured with the presence of the recently appointed High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus Mr Evripidis Evriviades.

The service was conducted by His Eminence Archbishop Gregorios and guests included Hon Member of Parliament Mr Fabian Hamilton MP, his wife, Cannon Bundock as well as resident Hon Consuls for Greece Mr Antonis Naslas and Mrs Rania Gkortzi-Giannoudi.

The congregation and special guests were welcomed by



Community President Dr Christos Hadjicharitou and were then presented with a brief summary of the profile and

history of the community, which covers the Yorkshire area, by the Hon Consul for the Republic of Cyprus Mr Kikis Kyriacou.

After the church service, the community laid on a free lunch for all to celebrate the event in the community hall.

Cypriot director in London to help produce UK play

Cypriot director Paris Eerotkritou is now in London working with British director Declan Donnellan and his theatre company Cheek By Jowl that will be staging the play "Tis Pity She's A Whore" by John Ford.

The play will go on a UK tour starting on February 19 and on an international tour in spring.

It is a vivid and violent Jacobean tragedy which shows a brother and sister's passionate descent into hell.

The play is produced by Cheek by Jowl in a co-production with the Barbican, London, Les Meaux/Sceaux/Sainte Nationale and Sydney Festival.

Donellan has worked as Associate Director of the Royal National Theatre and has received several awards in Moscow, Paris, New York and London including the Olivier for Outstanding Achievement.

Paris Eerotkritou has been a fan of Donnellan for years, since he first read his book "The actor and the target" while studying to become an actor at the Athens Drama school.



A few years later, during his studies to become a director at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, he had to pick a mentor and this was the first time he approached Donnellan.

"I was nervous the first time I met him not

just because I would meet someone who did great things in theatre, and not just in one country but in three (UK, Russia and France) but also because I really wanted him to match the image I had of him," Paris told online magazine lifo.gr.

Their collaboration kicked off a few months later when Donnellan was looking for an Assistant Director to put up the popular show "Tis Pity She's A Whore".

Paris was born in Nicosia, 1979. His first degree was at King's College London (LLB Law). He has worked as an actor and director in Greece, Cyprus and the UK.

In 2010, together with Yiannis Gavrielides, he founded Fresh Target Theatre Ensemble. Previous credits include The Lover (H. Pinter), New World Order 1&2 (H. Pinter), Employment Contract (M. Bartlett), Adolf/Churchill (P. Utton), Yerma (F.G. Lorca, assistant director), Love and Money (D. Kelly). He also directed his first full-length play "A Slight Risk" which was selected for the Kypria International Festival 2012.

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M.YANNAKOUDAKIS: “I supported the interests of Cyprus and Greece in the European Parliament”

Dear Friends,

As the elections for the European Parliament approach, I take the liberty of writing to you a few words to let you know about the upcoming elections in May 2014.

Firstly, as a member of the British delegation in the European Parliament, I am also the only Greek Cypriot who ever represented the United Kingdom in the European Parliament.

Despite this, and as the saying goes blood is thicker than water, whenever possible during the present parliament, I sought every opportunity and supported the interests of Greece and Cyprus.

In summary, I quote some of my achievements in this area:

—More than 50 % of MEPs have signed for a written declaration I submitted, supporting the work of the Committee of Missing Persons.

—I mobilised Europe to the missing persons issue in Cyprus.

—I am a member of the Committee for the communication relations with the Turkish Cypriot side.

—I am a member of the Parliamentary

Committee on FYROM and argue that the best way to resolve the problem is that the two countries concerned should find a solution between them.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the way the European Parliament elections are held in Britain. Each party has a list of candidates in order of preference. The voters do not vote for individuals but for parties. Each party receives allocated seats which arise from the election results, in order of priority, according to the priority list of every party. In the coming elections, my name is third on the priority list of the Conservatives, which means that to be re-elected, the Conservatives must win at least three seats in the London area.

I would also like to emphasize that the representation in the European Parliament is not as partisan motivated as national parliaments, so that decisions can be taken more by conscience rather than by party line.

Taking into account the above, and if you think it would be useful that my voice continues to be heard in the European Parliament so that the interests of the

London Greek and Cypriot communities may be supported, please vote for the Conservative party in the coming elections, regardless of your personal political beliefs.

Please ensure that you are registered to vote; if not, you should contact your local Council electronically or by phone and register before the end of March 2014. In case you'll be away on the 22 of May, you can ask your Council for a proxy vote or a postal vote. Thank you.

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RIFAT IS TRIPIMENI'S CUP HERO

Triplimeni had to use all their experience to overcome the well organised Livadia in the Challenge Cup. This was a repeat of last year's final and Steve Cinotti's team had Ahmet Rifat to thank after his four timer. Anorthosis also went through comfortably defeating Pendayia 4-0.

In the Second Division Cup in memory of Michael Tzouvanni, Arachne beat Pantel 4-0 to reach the semi final.

Omonia and Cetinkaya put up a thrilling encounter ending 3-3 a result that was only beneficial to Aradippou in the battle to avoid the drop from Division One. It now looks like anyone of those three will join Olympia and Komi Kebir for the drop. In Division Two Achna picked up a 2-0 win over KLN to resurrect an outside chance of promotion. It will depend on what happens to their abandoned match last week.

Results in Detail

DIVISION ONE

OMONIA	3
CETINKAYA	3

This was a crucial match for both teams as they are locked in a relegation battle. Before the start both teams were on 12 points having a game in hand on rivals Aradippou who have 16 points so a win was essential.

Omonia had a new manager in former player Erhan and he got a good start as his team pressed forward creating several opportunities before Yiannis Minetos put them ahead. Cetinkaya went close with Evrem as they chased an equaliser but Omonia held on with colossus Adrian at the heart of defence. However, a good talk by manager Ahmet had instant results as a good move saw Josh Djemal hit a terrific shot from 25 yards to level the scores at 1-1.

There was more misery for the home team as two minutes later the visitors went 2-1 up when Ade Kelani forced the ball home after a defensive mix up.

There was no let up in the tempo as both teams were chasing a win making it very entertaining for the spectators. Omonia hit back quickly to level with Alexandros Constantinou but a «Kolo Toure» own goal by Albert but Centinkaya back in front at 3-2. The three goals became four in eight hectic minutes as Omonia made



Spectators enjoy the 3-3 thriller (three of them more than the others!!!) in the sunshine at Broomfield Park



Referee George Yerasimou with assistants Nicos Spyrou and Nick Andreou who was quick to spot an infringement

it 3-3 when Mete Sam scored and left the two teams picking a point each to the delight of the watching Aradippou supporters!!!

Referee George Yerasimou and assistants Nicos Spyrou and Nick Andreou played their part in keeping the game flowing despite a heavy pitch.

In fact there was an incident worth mentioning where Nick Andreou's experience showed when spotting an infringement that hardly anyone noticed. A corner to the near post resulted in the ball rebounding off the post and back to the corner taker who crossed the ball again almost resulting in a goal. Sharp eyed Mr Andreou immediately put his flag up to the amazement of all the players and spectators. I suspect there could have been some unpleasant words directed to him.

Of course he was 100% correct as he saw that no one had made contact from the corner as the ball hit the post rebounding to the kicker. The Law states you cannot touch the ball twice from a dead ball situation.

DIVISION TWO

ACHNA	2
KLN	1

Achna put aside last week's fiasco when their game was abandoned and concentrated in getting their promotion challenge back on track. They quickly took control to score twice in the first half with Lenos Chrysostomou and Sane Wyllie. KLN tried hard to get back in the game but Achna's well organised defence held on for three valuable points.

CHALLENGE CUP

ANORTHOSIS	4
PENTAYIA	0

Anorthosis are ending the season on a high and everyone is enjoying the attacking football that has generated so many goals. They took a 3-0 first half lead to put the game beyond Pendayia who did have a better second half but could not penetrate the home defence.

Anorthosis goals came from Danny Coolridge 2, Fabian and an own goal.

LIVADIA	2
TRIPIMENI	4 (aet)

The repeat of last season's cup final saw Steve Cinot-

ti's team get revenge thanks to a brilliant individual effort from Ahmet Rifat.

Livadia were equal to the title chasing Tripimini in every aspect with Rifat the big difference. He opened the scoring but Matt Taylor levelled for Livadia. There was no holding back as Rifat made it 2-1 only for Luke Demetriades to make it 2-2 and take the game into extra time.

Both teams had opportunities but of course there was only one Ahmet Rifat and he sent Tripimini through with another two goals for a fantastic four timer.

DIVISION TWO CUP

ARACHNE	4
PANTEL	0

Arachne took time off the promotion chase to reach the semi final of the Divisional Cup.

They beat Pantel comfortably with two good goals from Antony Panayi and one each from Damien Spyrou and John Holmes.



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