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ΑΠΟΨΗ

«Προεκλογικές» συνομιλίες και διεθνής εκστρατεία Ταλάτ

Ο Κυβερνητικός Εκπρόσωπος, Στέφανος Στεφάνου, σε συνέντευξή του στο LGR και σε ερώ�η αν εκπιμά όπι τώρα είναι ο καλύτερος δυνατός χρόνος για τον Μεχμέτ Αλή Ταλάτ να προχωρήσει αποφασιστικά, λόγω των λεγομένων εκλογών στα κατεχόμενα, απάντησε: «Είναι ο καλύτερος δυνατός χρόνος, διότι, άλλωστε, είναι με δική του θέληση που αποφασίστηκε η συνέχιση των διαπραγματεύσεων.

Ο κ. ΣΤΕΦΑΝΟΥ συνήθως δεν εκφράζει τέτοιες ακραίες τοποθετήσεις. Δεν κάνει τόσο οφθαλμοφανώς λανθασμένες εκπιμήσεις. Ακόμα και ένας άσχετος μπορεί να διαπιστώσει ότι οι ανακοινωθείσες τέσσερις συναντήσεις με τον Ταλάτ, γίνονται μόνο και μόνο για να βοηθηθεί η υποψηφιότητά του και όχι για να παραχθεί οποιοδήποτε αποτέλεσμα. Ενδεικτική είναι και η αναφορά του Προέδρου Χριστόφια στην απαντητική του επιστολή προς τον Νίκο Αναστασίδη, στην οποία έλεγε ότι ο Ταλάτ, ενώ στην αρχή παρακάλεσε να διακόψουν τον διάλογο, μετά την επίσκεψη Μπαν Γκι Μουν, ύστερα «έκρινε ωφέλιμο για τον ίδιο να συνεχιστούν». Συνεπώς, ο ίδιος ο Πρόεδρος Χριστόφιας ορολογεί γραπτώς ότι οι συνομιλίες θα συνεχιστούν, για να τις χρησιμοποιήσει ο κατοχικός ηγέτης ως «προεκλογικό» του από.

ΑΡΑ, ΔΕΝ ΜΠΟΡΕΙ ο κ. Στεφάνου να μην αντιλαμβάνεται αυτά τα πράγματα. Γνωρίζει την αλήθεια και ως Κυβερνητικός Εκπρόσωπος δεν δικαιούται να παραπλανά, λέγοντας ότι «είναι ο καλύτερος δυνατός χρόνος». Μπορεί να μιλούσε στο LGR, αλλά αυτό δεν το δικαίωμα να υποτίμησε από την Παροκία των άκουσαν.

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Δέσμευση από τον Πρόεδρο ζητά το ΔΗΚΟ



ΠΡΑΓΜΑΤΟΠΟΙΗΘΗΚΕ χθες νωρίς το βράδυ συνάντηση του Πρέδερου της Δημοκρατίας Δημήτρη Χριστόφια με τον Πρόεδρο της Βουλής και πρόεδρο του Δημοκρατικού Κόμματος, Μάριο Καρογιάνη, με στόχο το ξεκαθάρισμα των σχέσεων στη συγκυβέρνηση.

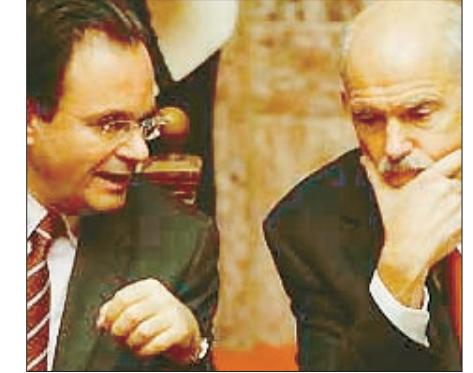
Βασικός στόχος του κ. Καρογιάνη είναι η συζήτηση για την πορεία του εθνικού θέματος, με κύριο σίτημα τον απεγκλωβισμό της Ε/Κ πλευράς από απαράδεκτες υποχωρήσεις, την ενίσχυση της διαπραγματευτικής ομάδας με άτομα της εμπιστοσύνης του ΔΗΚΟ, την προσυνεννόηση όσουν αφορά την κατάθεση προτάσεων στο Κυπριακό και την εσωτερική διακυβέρνηση.

Σε δηλώσεις του μετά από διώρη συνεδρία της Γραμματείας του ΔΗΚΟ, ο κ. Καρογιάνη είπε ότι στο κόμμα δεν υπάρχουν διαφορετικές εκτιμήσεις.

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ΔΙΕΘΝΕΣ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΙΚΟ ΤΑΜΕΙΟ, ΚΟΜΙΣΙΟΝ ΚΑΙ ΕΥΡΩΠΑΪΚΗ ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ... ΒΟΗΘΟΥΝ ΤΗΝ ΕΛΛΑΔΑ ΝΑ ΓΥΡΙΣΕΙ ΑΡΚΕΤΑ ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΠΙΣΩ

Η ΕΛΛΑΣ Ο ΥΠΟΓΙΡΗΣΗ



Η Ε.Ε. ΑΠΑΙΤΕΙ ΜΕΙΩΣΗ ΜΙΣΘΩΝ, ΑΥΞΗΣΗ ΦΠΑ, ΑΠΟΛΥΣΕΙΣ ΥΠΑΛΛΗΛΩΝ, ΚΑΤΑΡΓΗΣΗ ΑΚΟΜΗ ΚΑΙ ΤΟΥ 14ου ΜΙΣΘΟΥ

Σε πλήρη ανατροπή του ελληνικού χάρτη των κοινωνικών δικαιωμάτων οδηγούν τα νέα μέτρα που πρωθυνται, κατ' αποίτηση των Βρυξελλών και των Διεθνών Νομισματικών Ταμείων (ΔΝΤ). Μισθοί μειώνονται, τα χρόνια για σύνταξη αυξάνονται, εργασιακά κεκτημένα περιορίζονται. Ταυτόχρονα, αποκαλύπτεται το αδιέξοδο του «ελληνικού μοντέλου» της μονήρης οικονομίας και της φοροδιαφυγής.

Του ανταποκριτή μας στην Αθήνα,
ΦΩΤΗ ΧΑΡΑΛΑΜΠΗ

Η Ελλάδα που ζέραμε μέχρι σήμερα σε λίγο δεν θα υπάρχει. Σε ένα εντέλως διαφορετικό τοπίο, με νέους, πιο αυστηρούς και δύσκολους κανόνες για όλους των Έλληνες, οδηγούν οι αλλαγές που δρομολογούνται από

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H... ΑΚΡΙΒΗ ΒΟΥΛΕΥΤΙΝΑ JOAN RYAN

Χρέωσε το Δημόσιο για αγορά ψαλιδιών, μαχαιριών κρέατος και για πρίζα στον κήπο!!!



Οι αγγλικές εφημερίδες είναι γεμάτες από δημοσιεύματα για τα υπέρογκα έξοδα των Βρετανών βουλευτών, οι οποίοι, μετά από έλεγχο, υποχρεώνονται τώρα να επιστρέψουν στο Δημόσιο πέραν των ενός εκατομμυρίων λιρών. Ανάμεσα σ' αυτούς και η βουλευτίνα Joan Ryan, που καλείται να επιστρέψει ποσόν £4,799.

ΓΡΑΦΕΙ Η ΦΑΝΟΥΛΑ ΑΡΓΥΡΟΥ

H Joan Ryan στοίχισε στον Βρετανό φορολογούμενο μεταξύ 2006 - 2007

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Αντί λοιπόν να εκμεταλλευτούν τις ευκαιρίες που δόθηκαν στην χώρα για ανάπτυξη και προκοπή, κατάφεραν μέσα σε λίγα χρόνια να καταστρέψουν όσα ο Ελληνικός λαός προσπάθησε να κτίσει με σκληρές θυσίες και κόπους όλα αυτά τα χρόνια μετά την μεταπολίτευση.

Τώρα γίναμε το περίγελο όλων. Εφημερίδες, ραδιόφωνα, τηλεοράσεις, μιλούν για την Ελλάδα, τις πιο πολλές φορές με τον πιο απαξιωτικό τρόπο. Το ρεζίλεμα και το κατάντημα του ελληνικού κράτους είναι απεριγραπτό. Θα χρειασθούν πολλά χρόνια και πολύ σκληρά μέτρα και αιματηρές οικονομίες για για να τα καταφέρει η χώρα να βγει από το παρόν αδιέξοδο και να επανακτήσει την αξιοπιστία της.

Εν τω μεταξύ, η Τουρκία καιροφυλακτεί. Με μια Ελλάδα γονατισμένη κάτω από το αβάστακτο δημόσιο χρέος που υπερβαίνει το 13% του εθνικού εισοδήματος, η προάσπιση των εθνικών συμφερόντων και αυτής ακόμα της εγγύησης της εθνικής κυριαρχίας του τόπου, γίνεται πλέον ένα πολύ δύσκολο εγχείρημα. Αναγκαστικά τα κονδύλια για την άμυνα θα περικοπούν. Νέοι εξοπλισμοί θα αναβληθούν. Γενικά η χώρα θα διοισθήσει αιμυντικά σε μια υποτελή δεύτερη θέση εν σχέσει με την Τουρκία. Αυτό βέβαια θα επηρεάσει αρνητικά όλα τα εθνικά μας θέματα.

Οσο για το Κυπριακό, δεν χρειάζεται κανείς να περιμένει πολύ για να δει τις επιπτώσεις μιας αδύνατης και εσωστρεφούς Ελλάδας. Η μητέρα Πατρίδα, το μοναδικό μας στήριγμα, μάς έχει ουσιαστικά παρατήσει στην τύχη μας! Παρά τις εκάστοτε διακρηύζεις επ' ευκαιρία επισήμων επισκέψεων, η συμπαράσταση της Αθήνας εξαντλείται πλέον αναγκαστικά σε κενού περιεχομένου λόγια.

Τρανή απόδειξη το κοινό αιμυντικό δόγμα. Καμιά κοινή άσκηση και κανένα ελληνικό μαχητικό αεροπλάνο δεν έχει πετάξει για χρόνια τώρα πάνω από τους κυπριακούς ουρανούς. Όσο για την συμβολή της Ελλάδας στις προσπάθειες του Προέδρου για επίτευξη λύσης, αυτή περιορίζεται μόνο σε ευχολόγια και τίποτε άλλο.

Η Ελλάδα των ονείρων μας, η Ελλάδα της περηφάνια μας, στέκεται σήμερα κατακουρελιασμένη και προδομένη από τους όχρηστους και μπαγαμπόντες πολιτικούς της.

Ο Θεός να βάλει το χέρι του για να σωθεί!

Ομογένεια

Συνεστίαση ΔΗΣΥ Η.Β. με Γιαννάκη Κασουλίδη



Λάβαμε την ακόλουθη ανακοίνωση:

Στο Λονδίνο βρέθηκε την περασμένη εβδομάδα ο ευρωβουλευτής του ΔΗΣΥ, Γιαννάκης Κασουλίδης, και με αυτή την ευκαιρία τα μέλη του ΔΗΣΥ Η.Β. παρέθεσαν προς τιμήν του δείπνο στο νέο

εστιατόριο «Clissold Arms».

Ο πρόεδρος και τα μέλη του ΔΗΣΥ Η.Β. καλωσόρισαν τον κ. Κασουλίδη και αντάλλαξαν μαζί του απόψεις.

ΦΩΤΟ ΟΡΕΠΟΡΤΑΖ: ΠΕΤΡΟΣ ΠΕΝΤΑΓΙΩΤΗΣ

Σεμινάρια κυπριακών χορών



Η αείμνηστη
Πόλη Σωφρονίου

Λάβαμε την ακόλουθη ανακοίνωση:

Οι «Ελληνικοί Ρυθμοί» και ο Σύλλογος Ελλήνων Γονέων σε συνεργασία με το Λαογραφικό Όμιλο Λεμεσού και τη στήριξη του Υπουργείου Παιδείας και Πολιτισμού της Κύπρου διοργανώνουν σεμινάριο και σειρά εργαστηρίων για την επιμόρφωση χοροδιδασκάλων στους Κυπριακούς Χορούς.

Το σεμινάριο και τα εργαστήρια θα γίνονται στο κέντρο του Συλλόγου Ελλήνων Γονέων και θα φέρουν την ονομασία «ΠΟΛΥ ΣΩΦΡΟΝΙΟΥ» εις μνήμη της αείμνηστης Πόλης Σωφρονίου, χοροδιδασκάλου του Λαογραφικού Ομίλου Λεμεσού, που μαζί με τον σύζυγο της Μάριο Σωφρονίου έδωσαν κίνητρα στους χοροδιδασκάλους της παροικίας, ώστε να εκτιμήσουν και αγαπήσουν τον Κυπριακό Χορό κατά την παρουσία τους στο Λονδίνο το 2001.

Δικαίωμα συμμετοχής έχουν όλοι οι χοροδιδασκάλοι που εργάζονται στα Ελληνικά Παροικιακά σχολεία ή άλλα άτομα που θέλουν να αναβαθμίσουν τις γνώσεις τους στους Κυπριακούς χορούς, για να μπορέσουν να τους διδάξουν.

Η συμμετοχή είναι εντελώς δωρεάν για όλους τους εκπαιδευτικούς. Τα σεμινάρια επιχορηγούνται από το υπουργείο Παιδείας Κύπρου.

Οι συμμετέχοντες θα πρέπει να παρακολουθήσουν όλα τα μαθήματα.

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Ο κόσμος απήλαυσε νόστιμους μεζέδες, όπως θαλασσινά, χαλβά, ταραμοσαλάτα, ντολμαδάκια, σαλάτες, αλλά και γλυκά, μέσα σε μια εορταστική ατμόσφαιρα όπου όλοι αντάλλαξαν ευχές για καλή Σαρακοστή.



Ομογένεια

Το ρεσιτάλ από τον πιανίστα Κώστα Φωτόπουλο στο Ελληνικό Κέντρο

Λάβαμε την ακόλουθη ανακοίνωση:

Μαεστρία, δυναμικότητα, πάθος και ένταση ήταν οι λέξεις που κυριάρχησαν στις συζητήσεις μετά το απολαυστικό Ρεσιτάλ Πιάνου που έδωσε ο διεθνούς αναγνώρισης πιανίστας και συνθέτης Κώστας Φωτόπουλος, την Κυριακή 14 Φεβρουαρίου στο Hellenic Centre.

Μέσα στην κατάμεστη αίθουσα του Great Hall, ο καλλιτέχνης παρουσίασε, τεχνικά, ένα εξαιρετικά αποτητικό μουσικό πρόγραμμα, όπως το *Gaspard de la Nuit* του Ραβέλ και το *Variations on a Theme of Corelli*, Op. 42 του Ραχμάνινοφ, καθώς και μια δική του σύνθεση, την *Toccata*, αποσπώντας θερμό χειροκρότημα και επευφημίες.



Ο πιανίστας Κ. Φωτόπουλος με τη Διευθύντρια του Ελληνικού Κέντρου Αγάθη Καλησπέρα και τον πρόεδρο του Hellenic Trust K. Κλεάνθους

Ο πιανίστας ερμήνευσε επίσης έργα όπως η *Sonata No. 30 σε Emajor, Op. 109* του Μπετόβεν, *Impromptu No. 3 σε B flat major, D935* του Σούμπερτ και *Two Ghost Rags* του Μπόλκομ.

Ο Κώστας Φωτόπουλος είναι Συνεργάτης της Βασιλικής Μου-

σικής Ακαδημίας του Λονδίνου, όπου και μαθήτευσε υπό τον Hamish Milne.

Η πρώτη του δισκογραφική δουλειά κυκλοφόρησε από τη JCL Records τον Φεβρουάριο του 2009.

Η χοροεσπερίδα της κοινότητας Αγίων Αναργύρων

Λάβαμε την ακόλουθη ανακοίνωση:

Η χοροεσπερίδα της Ελληνορθόδοξης Κοινότητας Αγίων Αναργύρων Λονδίνου πραγματοποιήθηκε το απόγευμα του Σαββάτου, 6 Φεβρουαρίου 2010, στην κοινοτική αίθουσα εκδηλώσεων με μεγάλη επιτυχία.

Η κοινότητα ευχαριστεί θερμά όλους τους παρευρέθεντες, ως επίσης τους διοργανωτές, τους χορηγούς, τους δωρητές δώρων για την κλήρωση του λαχούν και όσους συνέβαλαν με τον δικό τους τρόπο στην επιτυχία της εκδήλωσης.

Εθνικό Μνημόσυνο Γρηγόρη Αυξεντίου από Έφεδρους Καταδρομείς



Λάβαμε την ακόλουθη ανακοίνωση:

Ο Ελληνοκυπριακός Σύνδεσμος Εφέδρων Καταδρομέων Αγγλίας τελεί και φέτος το Ετήσιο Μνημόσυνο του Σταυραετού του Μαχαιρά Γρηγόρη Αυξεντίου και καλεί όλους, όσους τιμούν τη μνήμη του, να παραστούν.

Το μνημόσυνο θα τελεσθεί την Κυριακή, 28 Φεβρουαρίου 2010, περί την 11:00 π.μ. (στο τέλος της Θείας Λειτουργίας) στον Ιερό Ναό των Δώδεκα Αποστόλων, Kentish Lane, Brookmans Park, Hatfield, Herts, AL9 6NG (τηλ. 017 07 65 01 47).

Κύριος ομιλητής θα είναι ο Γεν. Πρόξενος της Κύπρου κ. Ευάγγελος Σάββα. Παρακαλούνται οι εκπρόσωποι των πολιτικών κομμάτων, σωματείων και οργανώσεων της ομογένειας, που θα ήθελαν να καταθέσουν στεφάνι, να επικοινωνήσουν το αργότερο μέχρι την 25η Φεβρουαρίου 2010, με τον Πρόεδρο του Συνδέσμου κ. Σάββα Παυλίδη (τηλ. 077 67 85 50 65) ή τον Γραμματέα κ. Σάρτο Πολιτάκη (τηλ. 077 23 06 98 79). Ιδιαίτερες προσκλήσεις δεν θα σταλούν.

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ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΕΙΟΝ

Ο έπαρχος Τροιζήνος Παναγιώτης Πούλος

Ένα σημαίνον πρόσωπο κατά τον Ιερόν Αγώνα, ολλά και μετά την αποκατάσταση του ελεύθερου Βασιλείου. Γραμματεύς της περιφημης «Φιλομούσου Επαρείας», το 1824, και επιμελητής υπό τον Φαβιέρο, ήταν ο Παναγιώτης Πούλος. Π' αυτό επιμήθη με το λίαν τιμητικό – και περισπούδαστο τους χρόνους εκείνους – αξίωμα του «νοταρίου της πόλεως των Αθηνών». Ο ίδιος, μαζί με τα άλλα τέσσερα αδέλφια του, μετέιχαν το 1826 στην άμυνα της πόλεως, από την δεινή πολιορκία του Κιουταχή. Υπό τον Θωμά Γκόρντον, δε, μετέιχε στην ιστορική εκστρατεία του Πειραιώς.

Ο Παναγιώτης Πούλος διετέλεσε εκ των πλέον εμπίστων και περισπούδαστων φίλων του εξόχου φιλέλληνα στρατηγού βαρώνου Αιδεκ, ο οποίος συνέχισε και μετά την αναχώρησή του από την Ελλάδα να επικοινωνεί μαζί του, διά εμπιστευτικότατης αλληλογραφίας, σχετικά με ελληνικά ζητήματα^[1]...

Ήταν νεώτερος όταν χρημάτισε δημογέρων των Αθηνών, το 1831. Μετά δε την αποκατάσταση του νέου ελεύθερου κράτους της Ελλάδος, έγινε έπαρχος Τροιζήνος και ακολούθως διευθυντής (σαν να λέμε σήμερα νομάρχης) Μεσσηνίας και διευθυντής Λακωνίας.^[2] Έτσι, καθώς φαίνεται, παρέιχε καθ' όλον τον βίο του μεγάλες και πολύτιμες εκδουλεύσεις στην κοινωνία και το έθνος και μάλιστα σε μια δύσκολη εποχή.

Ο Παναγιώτης Πούλος χαρακτηρίζοταν για την ευρυμάθειά του, την οξύτατη αντίληψη, τον αδαμάντινο χαρακτήρα και τα αγαθώτατα αισθήματα.

Οι Πουλαίσι ήταν μια εξέχουσα οικογένεια Αθηναίων ευπατρίδων: Γνωστά στην ιστορία τα όλα τρία αδέλφια του:

—Ο Αντώνιος (Αθηναίος αγωνιστής πολεμήσας εν Αθήναις),

—Ο Σταύρος (αγωνιστής πολεμήσας στις μάχες Αθηνών, Πειραιώς, Χαϊδαρίου και Θηβών, αποθανών το 1887 με τον βαθμό του αντιστούρχου) και

—Ο Μιχαήλ (επίσης νοτάριος των Αθηνών, όπως και Παναγιώτης)^[3].

Υιός του Παναγιώτη, ήταν ο Ιωάννης Πούλος (-1908), ποτισθείς νηπιάθιμος με σωστή διαιταδογήγηση και φιλομάθεια, έγινε διδάκτωρ Νομικής, συμπληρώσας τις σπουδές του στην Δύση.

ΠΗΓΕΣ:

—Ημερολόγιο Σκόκου, 1908.

—Λεκάκης Γ. «Σύγχρονης Αργολίδος περιήγησης», υπό έκδοσην.

—Λεκάκης Γ. «Ποιοι υπέγραψαν τον Νόμο της Επιδαύρου», άρθρο στην εφημ. «Παραπρητής» Αργολίδος, 14.10.09.



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[1] βλ. σχ. περ/κό «Αρμονία»: «Αϊδεκ, τα των Βαυαρών φιλελλήνων εν Ελλάδι. Εκ των Απομνημονευμάτων του Βαυαρού αντιστρατήγου Καρόλου Βαρώνου Αϊδεκ», Απρίλιος 1900, τ.4.

[2] Κάποιος Π. Πούλος αναφέρεται, μάλιστα, μεταξύ άλλων εκπροσώπων της «Ανατ. Ελλάδος», να συνυπογράφει στην Β' Εθνοσυνέλευση το προσωρινό πολίτευμα της Ελλάδος, γνωστό υπό το όνομα «Νόμος της Επιδαύρου», αλλά δεν είναι βέβαιον ότι είναι ο εν λόγω Παναγιώτης Πούλος, καθ' όσον το επίθετο αυτό ήταν κοινότατο – βλ. σχ. αρ. κεφ. των Πρακτικών της Εθν. Συνέλευσης και τ.3 σελ. 98 των Αρχ. Ελλ. Παλιγγενεσίας.

[3] Τα «Απομνημονεύματά» (1826-1827) του εξέδωσε ο Ι. Βλαχογιάννης στο «Αθηναϊκό Αρχείο» (1901).

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Λάβομε την ακόλουθη ανακοίνωση:

Μέλη της Επιτροπής του ΔΗΣΥ Η.Β. είχαν την Τρίτη 2 Φεβρουαρίου συνάντηση στο εστιατόριο «Genzo» με τον βουλευτή του Δημοκρατικού Συναγερμού, Ανδρέα Ζ. Κυπριανού, ο οποίος ευρίσκεται με τη σύζυγό του στο Λονδίνο. (Ο κ. Κυπριανού πήρε τη βουλευτική έδρα στη Λεμεσό μετά που η Ελένη Θεοχάρους εξελέγη ευρωβουλευτής).

ΦΩΤΟ ΟΡΕΠΟΡΤΑΖ:
Πέτρος Πενταγιώτης

Ο πρόεδρος του ΔΗΣΥ Ανδρέας Παπαευ-
ριπίδης αφού καλωσόρισε τους καλεσμένους,
ανέφερε στον κ. Ανδρέα Κυπριανού τα διάφο-
ρα προβλήματα που αντιμετωπίζουν οι επα-
ναπατρισθέντες στην Κύπρο και διάφορα άλ-



λα θέματα.

Ο κ.Κυπριανού ευχαρίστησε για τη φιλο-

ξενία και είπε ότι επιστρέφοντας στην Κύπρο

θα προωθήσει τα προβλήματα στο κόμμα.

Αγωνιώδης έκκληση πατέρα για βοήθεια της πάσχουσας κόρης του

Το οικογενειακό δράμα που περνά ο συμπατριώτης μας, Κυριάκος Θεοκλή, από το χωριό Ποταμιά της Λευκωσίας δεν μπορεί να αφήσει κανέναν ασυγκίνητο. Αγωνίζεται να σώσει τη δεύτερη κόρη του (14 ετών), η οποία πάσχει από την καρδιά και τα νεφρά της. Η πρώτη του κόρη (19 ετών) πέθανε στο Λονδίνο πριν 4 χρόνια, υποφέροντας από την ίδια πάθηση.

Οι γιατροί του δίνουν ελπίδες. Η κυπριακή κυβέρνηση βοηθά για την ιατρική περιθώφη της ασθενούσης, όμως η μακροχρόνια παραμονή της οικογενείας στο εξωτερικό τους έχει εξαντλήσει οικονομικά. Γ' αυτό απευθύνεται έκκληση στα φιλάνθρωπα αισθήματα των ομογενών για βοήθεια.

Η πιο κάτω επιστολή του πατέρα, Κυριάκου Θεοκλή, μιλά αφ' εαυτής.

Ονομάζομαι Κυριάκος Θεοκλής, συνταξιούχος αστυνομικός με τον βαθμό του λοχία και διαμένω στην Ποταμιά Λευκωσίας. Αποτίνομαι σε σας προσβλέποντας στη βοήθεια σας.

Η ιστορία μου αρχίζει από τις αρχές του 2005, όταν μετέβην κατ' επανάληψη (δέκα φορές στο σύνολο) στην Αθήνα, με δικά μου έξιδα, στα Ιατρικά Κέντρα «Ωνάσειο» και «Ερίκος Ντυνάν», για αιτοθεραπεία της μεγάλης μου κόρης, 19 χρόνων τότες, η οποία έπασχε από καρδιά, ασθένεια η οποία δυστυχώς χτύπησε και στο συκώτι, με αποτέλεσμα να επηρεαστούν και τα νεφρά της.

Επιστρέφοντας στην Κύπρο, το αρμόδιο Υπουργείο Υγείας μερίμνησε όπως μεταβούμε στο Λονδίνο (King's College Hospital) για μεταμόσχευση συκωτιού. Στο Λονδίνο παραμείναμε για 11 συνεχόμενους μήνες, όπου και έγινε η μεταμόσχευση με αποτυχία, με αποτέλεσμα στις 22/1/2006 η κόρη μου να πεθάνει και να επιστρέψω στην Κύπρο. Ταυτόχρονα, δυστυχώς, αντιμετώπισα παρόμοιο πρόβλημα με τη δεύτερη κόρη μου, η οποία σήμερα είναι 14 ετών. Είχαμε την αυχία με τη γυναίκα μου να βιώσουμε δύο



προβλήματα, σχεδόν τα ίδια, με τις δύο κόρες μας, την ίδια χρονική στιγμή, με αποτέλεσμα να τρέχω να γλυτώσω τη δεύτερη κόρη μου, τη στιγμή που η μεγάλη μου κόρη ήταν στο Νεκροτομείο του πιο πάνω Νοσοκομείου στο Λονδίνο. Αντιλαμβάνεσθε ότι μέχρι εκείνη τη στιγμή και μετά από δέκα ταξιδιά στην Αθήνα και έντεκα συνεχόμενους μήνες στο Λονδίνο, τα έξιδα ήταν υπέρογκα σε σχέση με την οικονομική μου δυνατότητα, με αποτέλεσμα να υποθκεύωντας το σπίτι μου σε τρεις τραπεζικούς οργανισμούς για 80,000 λίρες, όπως επίσης και το εφάπτας μου, το οποίο επίσης ξεδιέύτηκε για τους πάνω λόγους.

Μέχρι σήμερα, ακόμα, το πρόβλημα με τη μικρή μου κόρη παραμένει, με αποτέλεσμα να υποστεί μεταμόσχευση νεφρών στο Παρασκευαδίο Μεταμοσχευτικό Κέντρο τον Μάιο του 2006. Πέραν τούτου, οι γιατροί στο Μακάρειο Νοσοκομείο διέγνωσαν τον περασμένο Μάρτιο πρόβλημα στη μιτροειδή βαλβίδα της καρδιάς, και έπρεπε να μεταβούμε (5/4/08) στο Λονδίνο (Harley Street Clinic) για εγχείρηση καρδιάς. Παραμείναμε στο Λονδίνο για έναν περίπου μήνα, με την προϋπόθεση να επιστρέψουμε πίσω για ιατρικές εξετάσεις σύντομα.

Θα σας ήμουν ευγάνωμων και κάνω έκκληση όπως συμβάλετε δυναμικά και μας ενισχύσετε οικονομικά, καθ' ότι αντιμετωπίζω σοβαρά οικονομικά προβλήματα, τα οποία είναι άγνωστο πού θα με οδηγήσουν, εφόσον οι πιο πάνω περιπτέτεις μού στοχίσαν πέραν των 120 χιλιάδων λιρών. Περιττό να σας αναφέρω ότι δύσκολα πλέοντα βγάζουμε πέρα και ότι οι διάφορες πιέσεις από τραπεζικούς οργανισμούς έχουν αρχίσει ασφυκτικά να μας πιέζουν.

Ευχαριστίες εκ των προτέρων, με την ελπίδα να μη συμβεί σε κανέναν άλλον συνάνθρωπό μου ότι μου συνέβη και εξακολουθεί να μου συμβαίνει.

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Την εκδήλωση τίμησαν με την παρουσία τους η Μορφωτική Σύμβουλος της Κυπριακής Υπάτης Αρμοστείας Δρ Νίκη Κατσαούνη, οι Δημοτικοί Σύμβουλοι του Χάρινγκεϊ Τζίνα Αδάμου και Ισιδώρος Διακίδης, ο π. Ανδρέας Χατζησαββής της ενορίας του Αγίου Ιωάννου του Βαπτιστού, καθώς και η πρώτη πρόεδρος της Οργάνωσης Μ. Μαραθεύτη.



ΠΑΝΩ: Σπιγιότυπο από την καρναβαλίστικη χοροεσπερίδα.
ΑΡΙΣΤΕΡΑ: Η Δρ Κατσαούνη απευθύνει χαιρετισμό.

Δίπλα της η πρόεδρος της Οργάνωσης Μ. Μαραθεύτη.

λεσμα όλα τα τραπέζια να κερδίσουν κάποια δώρα. Ο μοναδικός λοχνός που κληρώθηκε αλλά δεν ζητήθηκε κατά τη διάρκεια της εκδήλωσης είναι ο αριθμός Άσπρο 684. Το δώρο θα κρατηθεί στην οργάνωση μόνο για τις επόμενες δύο εβδομάδες.

Η Μούττη της Σαρακοστής

—Την Καθαρά Δευτέρα 15 Φεβρουαρίου 2010 το μεσημέρι κόπτηκε η «μούττη» της Σαρακοστής στην αίθουσα εκδηλώσεων της Οργάνωσης Ελληνοκυπρίων Γυναικών του Χάρινγκεϊ με με-

και όλοι οι παρευρισκόμενοι διασκέδασαν σε ρυθμούς καρναβαλιού.

Πολλά δώρα είχε η λαχειοφόρος αγορά της οργάνωσης με αποτέ-

γάλη επιτυχία. Και του χρόνου.

«Love Food, Hate Waste»

—Τη Δευτέρα 22 Φεβρουαρίου 2010 στις 1.30 μ.μ. στο χωλ της οργάνωσης θα τραγμοτοιθεί παρουσίαση ενός εθνικού προγράμματος που ονομάζεται «LOVE FOOD, HATE WASTE» και σκοπό έχει να ενθαρρύνει τον κόσμο να γίνονται «Εραστές του φαγητού» και να απολαμβάνουν περισσότερο το φαγητό που αγοράζουν, ενώ παράλληλα μειώνουν τις περίστισες αγορές που πολλές φορές καταλήγουν στα σκουπίδια. Είσοδος ελεύθερη.

Μουσική συντροφιά κράτησαν στους παρευρεθέντες ο Πιώργος Γρηγορίου και ο Νίκος Σοβίδης.

Η βραδιά είχε μεγάλη επιτυχία



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UNION'S FINANCE MINISTERS GIVE ATHENS 30-DAY DEADLINE

Greece resisting EU pressure

European Union finance ministers yesterday gave Greece a month to prove that it is able to get its public finances back on track, as Athens insisted it is up to the job and will not need to take any additional measures.

Following the Ecofin meeting in Brussels, the ministers said in a statement that Greece must show by March 16 it is on its way to cutting its public deficit by 4 percent of gross domestic product this year. Finance Minister Giorgos Papaconstantinou said that progress is already being made. «*It's a matter of credibility for the country,*» he told reporters. «*The execution of the Greek budget for the month of January, based on preliminary figures, is going quite well. We actually have a surplus.*»

Papaconstantinou refused to be drawn on whether any additional measures may



include cutting one of the extra two monthly salaries paid to public servants each year. «*The government will do whatever it can to protect the incomes of Greek workers,*» the minister said in response to questions about this issue.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister George Papandreou was in Moscow for talks with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin,

who offered words of encouragement as Greece attempts to reduce its debt.

«*As we all know, the global economic crisis did not start in Greece or Russia or in Europe,*» he said. «*It came to us from across the ocean,*» Putin added in a clear reference to the United States.

Greek and Russian officials denied that there had been any discussion of Moscow offering Athens financial aid to help it out of the economic crisis. In fact, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, who Papandreou also met, advised the Greek premier to seek assistance from the International Monetary Fund.

The talks between Putin and Papandreou focused mostly on the Burgas-Alexandroupoli pipeline. The two sides agreed to set up a joint panel that would put pressure on Sofia to speed up work on its part of the project.

Turkey rejects EU call for withdrawal from occupied Cyprus

Turkey said Wednesday it would not withdraw troops from the divided island of Cyprus, rejecting a call from the European Parliament (EP), the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

European lawmakers on Wednesday endorsed a resolution that urged Turkey to start prompt withdrawal of troops from Cyprus, a Mediterranean island invaded by Turkey in 1974 and still occupied.

Turkey's Chief Negotiator for European Union (EU) talks Egemen Bagis said Wednesday it was impossible for Turkey to accept the sections regarding Cyprus in the resolution.

«*Turkey does not have a plan or view to withdraw troops from*

the island,» Bagis was quoted as saying before meeting Atlantic Council President Frederick Kempe in Ankara.

«*EU process is important for Turkey, however, it is not as important as to make us sacrifice Cyprus. Cyprus is a national cause for all of us,*» he said.

Ankara retains some 35,000 troops in the occupied area of Cyprus and refuses to recognize the Republic of Cyprus, which has international recognition.

Peace talks between leaders of the Greek and Turkish communities restarted in September 2008, but wide divergences remain on central issues although the two sides agreed on several points.

Greek PM seeks to boost ties with Russia

Visiting Greek Prime Minister **George Papandreou** on Tuesday sought to strengthen ties with Russia as his country has been mired in an unprecedented debt crisis.

Papandreou, who is on his first visit to Russia as the head of government, pledged to expand relations with Russia during respective talks with Russian President **Dmitry Medvedev** and Russian Prime Minister **Vladimir Putin**.

Putin, after talks with Papandreou, said bilateral trade between Russia and Greece dropped by more than 40 percent due to the global economic downturn. He urged the intergovernmental commission to meet over the next few months so as to bring bilateral trade to the pre-crisis level.

«*As regards Greece's current economic difficulties, we know*

about them,» Putin was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying. «*Of course there's nothing good about it but we believe they can be overcome.*»

Both Papandreou and Putin said the debt crisis would not affect Russia's South Stream gas pipeline.

Greece will emerge from the crisis stronger, which will ultimately help build the pipeline, Papandreou said.

Putin said the South Stream pipeline was aimed at facilitating post-crisis growth. «*South Stream is not a project between Russia and Greece, it's a major multinational project being carried out under market principles,*» he said.

The South Stream pipeline was designed to ship Russian gas to Europe through the Balkans, bypassing its former Soviet neighbor Ukraine.

Orphanides: Cyprus in good shape compared to Greece

CENTRAL BANK Governor Athanasios Orphanides has said a comparison between the Cypriot and Greek economies was not warranted days after Finance Minister Charilaos Stavros said Cyprus should take the economic crisis in Greece as a lesson.

In an interview with the Bloomberg news agency, released yesterday, Orphanides said: «*A comparison with the Greek economy is not warranted. Our budget finances are in better shape and our debt to GDP ratio is considerably smaller.*»

He conceded that the deterioration of the fiscal finances Cyprus has experienced recently was «*very unpleasant.*»

«*The government should take the appropriate steps to tackle it as quickly as possible, precisely to avoid a further deterioration that would have adverse longer-term consequences for our economy,*» he said.

«*That*» said, «*I should point out that the budget deficit estimate for 2009 puts Cyprus in the middle of the range for the euro area as a whole.*



The situation is clearly not as dire as

in some other euro area countries. To some degree this is because the recession we experienced in 2009 was not as deep as in other regions of the euro area.»

Orphanides said the growth of government expenditure that has been experienced over the last number of years could not continue and «*must be curtailed.*»

«*Control of government expenditure should be an important component of the fiscal consolidation process,*» he said.

ANDREAS' CHARALAMBOUS DISCUSSES



IT'S A GREEK WORLD

Bertrand Russell Britain's greatest philosopher said " We are all Greeks now".

By this he meant that the entirety of our contemporary civilization is founded on Hellenic principles and ingenuity. The truth is even deeper. America was founded by Christopher Columbus. Who by all accounts was a Byzantine Greek Prince, descended from the Imperial family of Palaeologus. This was persistently confessed by Ferdinand, his son. In fact, Columbus's ship was inscribed in Greek lettering «XIOS». Columbus himself wrote and spoke Greek fluently. Moreover, there is substantial evidence that the Ptolemaic Greeks of Hellenic Egypt had settled in America long before any other European culture. This is confirmed by the presence of Hellenic architecture, pottery and coins found across a North, Central and South America which predates the discovery of the New world in the 16th century.

Similarly, The great Emperor Napoleon, was from a Laconian Greek military clan. After the fall of Constantinople in 1453, the majority of Greek men, who left the great city, were hired as mercenaries in the British, French, Russian and German armies. Giving rise to the legend of the 'stradioti' as the most skilled and eminent soldier of Europe.

Work of archaeologist, Theresa Mitsopoulou, unravels the extent of Greek influence on Chinese culture and language. For example; the word «hygeia» must be related to the Chinese Word «yu» which means health. Equally, the Chinese word «Qi pai» means wonderful. A person who feels proud and who behaves foolishly and in a snobbish manner can be described in Greek as «xipasmenos».

Further still, the Mongolian yurt or round hut dwellings appear to be based on the more ancient Greek dwellings founded in Choirokoitia in Cyprus. This traditional type dwelling is still found near Drama in Macedonia among the Greek nomad clan, the Sarakatsanai.

There is no doubt that Greek Aryans exerted fundamental influence on the African continent. Apart from Egypt, it appears the Zulus of southern Africa were impacted by Hellenic culture, especially by Mycenaean design concepts. Greek musical instruments have pervaded literally every part of our planet. To the extent that the natives of the Solomon Islands, in the Pacific, use the identical flute of Pan as the main source of their music.

Furthermore, Mycenaean pyramids were part of the landscape of ancient Britain. Proving that Greeks were one of the earliest races to settle in the British Isles. Even, the blond and blue eyed indigenous people of Japan, still numbering about fifty thousand, primarily in the island of Hokkaido are said to be part of the wider Hellenic family.

Mahayana Buddhism originated from the Greeks of Alexander as a blend between Hellenistic thinking and Buddhism. Until the middle ages, Greek was widely spoken in Western India and many Greek words entered Sanskrit.

Whereas, the Greek Janissary of the Ottoman Empire were the prime force behind the Sufi sect of Islam, in the city of Konya or Iconium in central Asia Minor.

At a time when our planet is facing ecological and economic challenges on an unprecedented scale we should perhaps look to the Greeks for inspiration.

Maybe its time to renew the idea of a united humanity moving forward together under one world governance based on the Hellenic vision that that which unites us is greater than that which divides us.

Andrew Charalambous
Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences
at The Universitas Sancti Cyrilli
CONSERVATIVE PARTY PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE FOR EDMONTON

«*It is crystal clear that there is a need for corrective fiscal consolidation in order to avoid further deterioration, especially since the growth prospects for the Cypriot economy in 2010 are somewhat lower than the growth prospects for the euro area as a whole.*»

Orphanides said what was seen in Cyprus was some delay in experiencing the consequences of the crisis relative to the euro area. «*It seems likely there will be some delay in returning to growth in the economy as well,*» he said.

CONSERVATIVES FOR CYPRUS

A Question and Answer evening with Shadow Foreign Minister

William Hague MP

Tony Yerolemou, Chairman, Conservatives For Cyprus, in association with Theresa Villiers MP, invite you to a Question and Answer evening with The Rt. Hon William Hague MP, Shadow Foreign Secretary at The Greek Cypriot Brotherhood Centre, Britannia

Road, North Finchley N12 9RU on Monday 8th March at 8pm.

The event is supported by David Burrowes MP, Cllr Mike Freer, Cllr Matthew offord, Nick de Bois Conservative prospective candidate for Enfield North, and Andreas Charalambous, Conservative prospective candidate for Edmonton.



CYPRUS

Cyprus EU presidency facilities

Cyprus Government has signed a contract with a private company for the construction of the building facilities for the Cyprus EU Presidency that will take place in the second half of 2012.

The building facilities at the Nicosia Conference Centres will be ready in January 2012, approximately six months before the initiation of the Cyprus Presidency of the European Union.

The contract for the project, construction and maintenance of the Conference Centre and Philoxenia Hotel for the needs of the Cyprus EU Presidency, signed on Tuesday at the presence of Nicos Nicolaides, Cyprus Minister of Communications and Works, Andreas Moleskis, Head of the Cyprus EU Presidency Office 2012, and a delegation from the Cyprus Foreign Ministry.

The contract, of 20.472.000 euro plus VAT, signed on behalf of the government by Alekos Michaelides, Director of the Department of Public Works, and by Miltiades Neophytou, on behalf of Miltiades Neophytou Civil Engineering Contractors and Developers Ltd.

The project includes the construction of a conference rooms, a room for the working lunches of the Ministers, rooms for the delegations and a Press room, rooms for exhibitions, restaurants, coffee shops and many other places, Minister Nicolaides said.

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Turkey's cultural destruction in Cyprus

There is irony in the fact that while Istanbul basks in the limelight as Europe's City of Culture for 2010, Turkey, an aspiring EU member, continues to vandalise and destroy Europe's cultural and Christian heritage in Cyprus.

It is well known that in 1974 Turkey carried out an illegal invasion of Cyprus, as a result of which virtually all Greek Cypriots in the north of the island were ethnically cleansed and driven out of their homes.

But what is less well known is the appalling destruction and vandalism begun in 1974 but continuing to this day to the churches, monasteries and cemeteries of Cyprus, many of which date back to the early days of the Apostles.

This has been done for cynical political purposes – to create the impression that the northern part of Cyprus somehow is and always was Turkish. Over 650 monasteries and churches in the occupied area have been destroyed, turned into stables or toilets. Irreplaceable icons and other works of art have been defaced or looted and are often sold at auction houses around the world.

All Greek place names have been changed to Turkish. In short, every attempt has been made to obliterate the rich Greek and Christian heritage of the northern areas of Cyprus. Even today, archeological sites are being



The ethnic cleansing of Greek Cypriots in occupied Cyprus was followed by cultural destruction. Above, one of the many desecrated graveyards.

bulldozed to make way for militaristic statues and monuments to bolster the existence of the illegal regime in the occupied area.

Turkey has brought in over 180,000 illegal immigrants from Turkey to re-populate Greek Cypriot lands to engineer a change in the demographic composition of the occupied area. Before the invasion, land owned by Greek Cypriots amounted to about 82 percent of the occupied area.

Turkey's pseudo state issued illegal title-deeds and gave Greek Cypriot properties to colonists from Turkey or sold the properties to developers using bogus title-deeds. Greek Cypriot homes and lands have been concreted over to try to create a new political reality on the ground.

No Greeks Cypriots are permitted by the occupation regime to return to their property or live in their ancestral lands.

These actions represent disregard for the basic EU principles of freedom of movement by Turkey, a country that aspires to EU membership. Recent court decisions such as that in the UK of Apostolides v Orams emphasise the dangers in buying stolen Greek Cypriot land. In that case an English couple have been ordered to demolish a villa they built on stolen land. They risk losing their property in the UK to pay for damages and court fees.

We all owe the preservation of Cyprus' cultural heritage to the people of Europe, who deserve to share in the culture and history of Cyprus. 35 years of vandalism must not be permitted to triumph over 3,000 years of European culture.

For further information: www.lobbyforcyprus.org
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Gunning for safer roads

New speed guns will be used by police to clamp down on speeding motorists and prevent accidents, making Haringey's roads safer.

The speed guns, which are paid for by the council, will be used borough wide by the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams (SNT), targeting areas where speeding is a problem.

Haringey Cabinet Member for Housing, Environment and Conservation, Cllr John Bevan, said:

"I want these speed guns to send a message to motorists that when they travel in Haringey they should stick to the speed limit or risk prosecution. Too often we see people endangering lives--even near schools--

through thoughtless and dangerous driving. I hope these speed guns will make people think twice before speeding in Haringey."

Inspector John Forde of the SNT said: «Hopefully these guns will remind drivers to keep to the speed limit and where they don't we will take action. Besides curbing speeding, these

speedguns will help us pick up people who are committing other crimes, such as driving without a licence or when disqualified, or driving without tax.»

Drivers caught speeding can expect a £60 fine and 3 penalty points or be summonsed before the courts.

Learning and teaching Cypriot dances

DANCE INSTRUCTORS LEADING WORK

GREEK RHYTHMS in association with the GREEK PARENTS ASSOCIATION, the contribution of the LIMASSOL FOLKLORE ASSOCIATION, and sponsored by the MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE, are organising the dance program "Poly Sofroniou" 2010 LEARNING AND TEACHING CYPRIO DANCES.

Description and Dates of the Program
The Cypriot Dance program "Poly Sofroniou" 2010, will develop and extend the knowledge, understanding and confidence of teachers in the delivery of Cypriot dance in schools (the Greek Supplementary Schools in the UK).

The program is free of charge and open to all Greek School dance teachers (already in teaching or wanting to take up the teaching of dance in Greek Schools).

Attending all the program activities is essential.

- To promote Cypriot dancing in Greek Supplementary schools
- To upgrade the teaching of dance in Greek Supplementary Schools
- Participants completing this program, through the dance seminar and the Dance Teachers' Course, should gain experience/learn to:
 - Cypriot dances
 - Dance curriculum
 - Scheme/unit of work/ lessons
 - Analyse dance- movement vocabular
 - Organise dance- framework
 - Organising and delivering dance lessons including
 - Warming up activities

- Teaching strategies
- Lesson evaluation
- Dance for nursery children
- Recourses for dance and
- Dance expectations
- STAGE DANCES**
- Presenting/staging dance
- Costume
- Music
- Stage presentation

The Approach is by way of practical work, dance seminar/sessions, (physical activity) and theoretical approach (classroom work).
The seminar will be given at The Greek Parents Association Centre, 39 Winkfield Road, Wood Green, London N22 5RP at the following times:

1. Dance Teachers Course Module 1

Saturday 27th February 2.30pm - 6.00pm

Sunday 28th February 11.00am - 6.00pm

2. Dance Seminar

Saturday 17th April 10.30am - 6.00pm

Sunday 18th April 11.00am - 6.00pm

3. Dance Teachers Course Module 2

Saturday 24th April 2.30pm - 6.00pm

Sunday 25th April 11.00am - 6.00pm



4. Dance Teachers Course Module 3

Saturday 8th May 2.30pm - 6.00pm

Sunday 9th May 11.00am - 6.00pm

More information contact Greek Rhythms info@greekrhythms.co.uk or +44 (0)7816294266

Dance Instructors leading work:

Marios Sofroniou (program supervisor): Physical Educator and Director of Dance, Founder of «Limassol Folklore Association»

Michalis Lanitis: Physical Educator and Director of Dance, «Limassol, Cultural Dancing Association»

Georgina Kyrris, PGCE Dance in Education, «Greek Rhythms Dance Company»

Konstandinos Protopapas, Director of «Limassol Folklore Association»

Maria Shiakali, Physical Educator, Dance teacher of «Limassol Folklore Association»

Cyprus Tourist Organizations awarded for its services

Cyprus Tourist Organizations office in Amsterdam was awarded for the second consecutive year the first place for its services in the field of Marketing and Public Relations. A CTO press release said this was an important and particularly honourable distinction. The evaluation was conducted by an independent institute of researches in The Netherlands after a research in all tourist agencies of the country. The award-giving ceremony for tourist businesses/organizations took place in January in Utrecht. This is a distinction which honours not only the CTO but Cyprus in general, since it contributes to the promotion the high level services provided by the island as a tourist destination, CTO added.

Customer Seal of Approval for Homes for Haringey

Homes for Haringey has been awarded the Government's Customer Service

Customer insight and customer journey mapping, which he identified as "compliance

agement levels through to operation and front line staff. Homes for Haringey is re-



Excellence Standard following a three day on-site inspection in December.

The Standard, which replaces the former Chartermark, reflects Homes for Haringey's demonstrable commitment to customer involvement, communicating with residents and excellence in staff interaction with customers.

The assessor was impressed with the commitment to customer involvement and empowerment across the business, with our communications to residents, and with the way our staff handle interactions with customers. He also commended our work on cus-

plus".

He also found a 'deep understanding and commit-

sponsible for providing services to about 21,000 homes in the borough. It now joins



ment to Customer Service Excellence' from Senior Man-

a small group of mainly three star housing organisations who also have the standard.

Paul Bridge, Homes for Haringey's Chief Executive, said: "CSE sets a very high standard and our customer care has been assessed against challenging criteria. This award, judged independently, demonstrates that we put a lot of effort into providing great services. Homes for Haringey is fully committed to retaining and providing high quality services to local residents, this award coupled with our recent Wow award, showcase this."

The organisation will hold the award for three years with an annual review to ensure standards are still being met.

The Cabinet Office maintains the Customer Service Excellence standard which is designed to operate on three distinct levels: As a driver of continuous improvement; as a skills development tool and as an independent validation of achievement.



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ARCHBISHOP'S ENCYCLICAL ON THE OCCASION OF OUR ENTRY INTO HOLY AND GREAT LENT, 2010

"A time for spiritual exercise and asceticism for our body..."

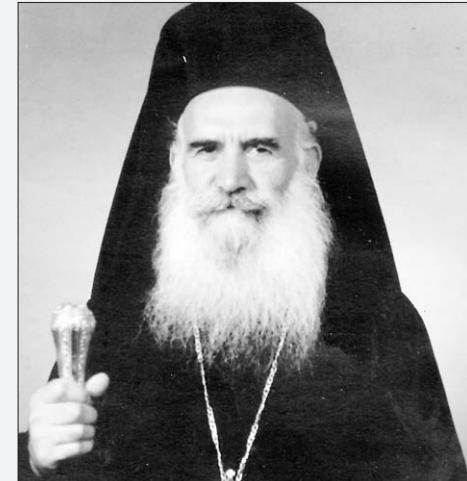
Brethren, let us not pray like the Pharisee, for he who exalts himself shall be humbled; let us humble ourselves in front of God, and like the Publican let us proclaim through our fast: 'God, have mercy on us the sinners' (Triodion hymn).

With the help of the glorified Holy Trinity we have already entered into the Triodion Period, which begins with the reading in our Churches of the Parable of the Publican and the Pharisee. Following this introductory period of four weeks, we enter Great and Holy Lent on Monday, 15th February. During this period, we prepare ourselves both spiritually and physically, with our mind and with our heart, to celebrate the Holy Passion and Resurrection of Christ the Saviour. These six weeks, which precede Holy Week and Christ's Resurrection from the dead, are a time for spiritual exercise and asceticism for our body and our entire existence. Only this way will we become dwelling places of the Divine Grace and thus become sharers in that special joy which is felt by all those who struggle to become participants and heirs of the Kingdom of God.

All the events which we commemorate during this period of Holy and Great Lent – the Sacred Readings, the Triodion hymns and the Divine Services – refer to the Event of the forgiveness of our sins, the salvation of man, disobedience, repentance, pardon, humility, love and brotherhood. This is why repentance is shown as the pinnacle of virtues. When man repents of his sins; when from the depths of his heart he becomes acutely aware of his faults and mistakes; when he sheds bitter tears for his transgressions against his brother and against God's will; when he lives continually under the cover of Divine Grace and Love; and when he humbles himself in front of his fellow man, then Divine Grace will cover him and free him from the weight of guilt and sins which burden him. Thus, as we enter the period of the Holy Triodion, the first thing that we hear about is the repentance of the Publican, who went home justified after repenting sincerely. The Evangelist writes concerning this: 'Verily I say to you that it was this one (the Publican) who went home justified, rather than the other one (the Pharisee)' (Luke, 18.14).

Unlike the Publican, the Pharisee, instead of humbling himself and asking forgiveness from God, remained just as he was. He did not change and did not repent because he was full of egoism, pride and arrogance. This is why, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we should listen to God's voice and fight egoism and pride, which poison our soul and destroy what little virtues and goodness we have in our life. Holy Scripture is full of examples of people who won the battle for their soul, like the Prophet King David, who would often say: 'Merciful God, have mercy on me according to your great mercy and according to the multitude of your tender compassions, wipe out my transgression.'

In contrast, many have lost their reward from God because they were conquered by egoism and pride. This is what happened to the second son in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. When he learned that his younger brother had returned to the home of his loving Father with repentance, a broken heart and humility for his wayward life, he refused to go in and meet him. He felt no joy for his brother's return and would not consent to celebrate with all the others who had come to share in the great joy of their Father. The history of the human race is full of examples of repentance and pride.



Ever since the beginning of the world, the human race has been conducting a relentless war both against itself, against God, and against the Devil and all the powers of darkness. As Saint Paul so characteristically reminds us: 'For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places' (Ephesians 6.12). In this spiritual struggle, which is continuous and never-ending, we have Christ himself as our helper. He suffered and was crucified for our sins, which is why he can and wants to help us his undeserving and unworthy servants, who are daily pierced by the arrows of both the evil one and of harmful and envious people. The God-man Christ 'wishes for all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of truth.' Let us listen to the voice of the Lord, which is poignantly and vividly expressed by the hymnographer of our Church: 'The King of all, in His desire that His own disciples be humble in mind, taught them to emulate the groaning of the Publican together with his humility.'

(Triodion hymn). There are many spiritual medicines, with which we can obtain our salvation and become participants and sharers of the Divine Grace. Above all, these medicines enable us to feel the joy of Divine Love, which is openly proclaimed and spoken of by the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and his Resurrection from the dead.

This is why all of us, both men and women, should fight the good fight of virtue, prayer, fasting, repentance, humility, goodness, brotherhood and mercy. We should also partake frequently of Holy Communion, attend Church regularly, and on a daily basis offer up and call upon the Holy name of Christ: 'Lord Jesus Christ, Son and Word of God, have mercy on me the sinner.'

I would like to finish this encyclical to the Flock of this Biblical Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain, by reminding you of the Divine Services of these days. They are beneficial to our souls, and are full of light, joy and peace for all of us. These services – namely Great Compline, the Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts and the Salutations to the Theotokos – are celebrated during this period for the spiritual strength, joy and edification of the faithful, and so the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ can become a living experience.

I pray that you all go through this period of Holy and Great Lent with health of soul and body. May we reach and celebrate the Holy Passion and Resurrection of our Lord with a clean soul and with lips which are spotless and clean. I remain with fervent prayers and love in our Lord.

London, Holy and Great Lent 2010
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AMAZONS, THE MYTHICAL WARRIOR

THE NATION OF FEMALE WARRIORS IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY



ANTONIA PATSIDOU

"AMA-ZONES: mythical nation of hunters and warriors that descended from the god of war Ares and the nymph Harmony or other version of the goddess Athena. Their name comes from a version of the alpha privative and the word mazos means chest because maim or crushed right breast of girls in order to facilitate the handling of the arc. But not so sure because the explanation is found in late antiquity. Homer in the Iliad places in Phrygia and Lycia. However, home of the Amazons was Themiscyra the Black Sea, located near the river Thermodonta. The Amazons have participated in many myths. The creation of such myths has led researchers to question. Nowadays, it is considered that the Amazons were a mythical people just a figment of imagination of the Greeks, but a historical people".

Hercules and Amazons

In one of his labors, Hercules undertook to steal the girdle of their queen, Hippolyte. During this campaign, Theseus, who came with Hercules, stole an Amazon, Antiope. To avenge the Amazons occupied Attica and attacked Athens but failed to conquer. However, many of them fell in battle and buried in the surrounding areas.

One of the myths about the Amazons.

Themiscyra the Black Sea region-home of the Amazons.

Homer in the Iliad places in Phrygia and Lycia. However, home of the Amazons was Themiscyra the Black Sea, located near the river Thermodonta. The Amazons made several incursions into neighboring countries and beyond, building new cities simultaneously. However, in later years Greeks went to look in the kingdom, not found in this region. Herodotus states that fled to northern areas (northern Caucasus) in a region bordering Scythia in Sarmatia (modern territory of Ukraine). After their defeat by Hercules, who in a feat had to take the area of Queen Hippolyta of the Amazons. Generally speaking, the Amazons were considered kingdoms that existed in many areas even farther south, such in Libya.

Queens of Amazons.

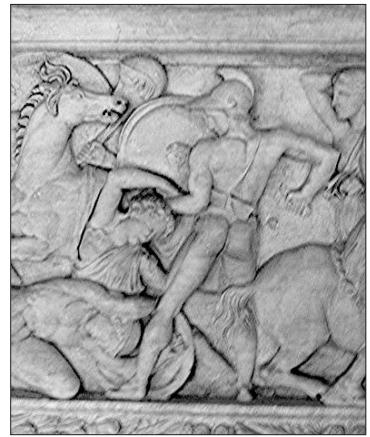
Notable queens of the Amazons are Penthesilea, who participated in the Trojan War, and her sister Hippolyta, whose magical girdle was the object of one of

the labours of Hercules. Amazonian raiders were often depicted in battle with Greek warriors in amazonomachies (battles with amazons) in classical art.

The Amazons become associated with various historical peoples throughout the Roman Empire period and Late Antiquity. In Roman historiography, there are various accounts of Amazon raids in Asia Minor. From the Early Modern period, their name has become a term for woman warriors in general.

History

Amazons were said to have lived in Pontus, which is part of modern day Turkey near the shore of the Euxine Sea (the Black Sea). There they formed an independent kingdom under the gov-



ernment of a queen named Hippolyta or Hippolyte ("loose, unbridled mare"). The Amazons were supposed to have founded many towns, amongst them Smyrna, Ephesus, Sinope, and Paphos. According to the dramatist Aeschylus, in the distant past they had lived in Scythia (modern Crimea), at the Palus Maeotis ("Lake Maeotis", the Sea of Azov), but later moved to Themiscyra on the River Thermodon (the Terme river in northern Turkey). Herodotus called them Androktones ("killers of men"), and he stated that in the Scythian language they were called Oiorpata, which he asserted had this meaning.

In some versions of the myth, no men were permitted to have sexual encounters or reside in Amazon country; but once a year, in order to prevent their race from dying out, they visited the Gargareans, a neighbouring tribe. The male children who were the result of these visits were either killed, or sent back to their fathers or exposed in the wilderness to fend for themselves; the females were kept and brought up by their mothers, and trained in agricultural pursuits, hunting, and the art of war. In other versions

when the Amazons went to war they would not kill all the men. Some they would take as slaves, and once or twice a year they would have sex with their slaves.

In the Iliad, the Amazons were referred to as Antianeira ("those who fight like men").

The Amazons appear in Greek art of the Archaic period and in connection with several Greek legends. They invaded Lycia, but were defeated by Bellerophon, who was sent against them by lobates, the king of that country, in the hope that he might meet his death at their hands (Iliad, vi. 186). The tomb of Myrine is mentioned in the Iliad; later interpretation made of her an Amazon: according to Diodorus, Queen Myrine led her Amazons to victory against Libya and much of Gorgon.

They attacked the Phrygians, who were assisted by Priam, then a young man (Iliad, iii. 189). Although in his later years, towards the end of the Trojan War, his old opponents took his side again against the Greeks under their queen Penthesilea "of Thracian birth" (Quintus Smyrnaeus), who was slain by Achilles, in the Aethiopis that continued the Iliad.

Hercules and the girdle of the Amazonian queen Hippolyta.

One of the tasks imposed upon Hercules by Eurystheus was to obtain possession of the girdle of the Amazonian queen Hippolyta (Apollodorus ii. 5). He was accompanied by his friend Theseus, who carried off the princess Antiope, sister of Hippolyte, an incident which led to a retaliatory invasion of Attica, in which Antiope perished fighting by the side of Theseus. In some versions, however, Theseus marries Hippolyta and in others, he marries Antiope and she does not die. The battle between the Athenians and Amazons is often commemorated in an entire genre of art, amazonomachy, in marble bas-reliefs such as from the Parthenon or the sculptures of the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus.

Thalestris, Queen of the Amazons visits Alexander.

The Amazons are also said to have undertaken an expedition against the island of Leuke, at the mouth of the Danube, where the ashes of Achilles had been deposited by Thetis. The ghost of the dead hero appeared and so terrified the horses, that they threw and trampled upon the invaders, who were forced to retire. Pompey is said to have found them in the army of Mithridates.

They are heard of in the time of Great Alexander, when some of the great king's

biographers make mention of Amazon Queen Thalestris visiting him and becoming a mother by him. However, several other biographers of Alexander dispute the claim, including the highly regarded secondary source, Plutarch. In his writing he makes mention of a moment when Alexander's secondary naval commander, Onesicritus, was reading the Amazon passage of his Alexander history to King Lysimachus of Thrace who was on the original expedition: the king smiled at him and said "And where was I, then?"

The Roman writer Virgil's characterization of the Volscian warrior maiden Camilla in the Aeneid borrows heavily from the myth of the Amazons.

Hero cults

According to ancient sources, (Plutarch Theseus, Pausanias), Amazon tombs could be found frequently throughout what was once known as the ancient Greek world. Some are found in Megara, Athens, Chaeronea, Chalcis, Thessaly at Scotussa, in Cynoscephalae and statues of Amazons are all over Greece. At both Chalcis and Athens Plutarch tells us that there was an Amazoneum or shrine of Amazons that implied the presence of both tombs and cult. On the day before the Thesea at Athens there were annual sacrifices to the Amazons. In historical times Greek maidens of Ephesus performed an annual circular dance with weapons and shields that had been established by Hippolyta and her Amazons. They had initially set up wooden statues of Artemis, a bretas, (Pausanias, (fl.c.160): Description of Greece, Book I: Attica).

In art

In works of art, battles between Amazons and Greeks are placed on the same level as and often associated with bat-



les of Greeks and centaurs. The belief in their existence, however, having been once accepted and introduced into the national poetry and art, it became necessary to surround them as far as possible with the appearance of not unnatural beings. Their occupation was hunting and war; their arms the bow, spear, axe, a half shield, nearly in the shape of a crescent, called pelta, and in early art a helmet, the model before the Greek mind having apparently been the goddess Athena. In later art they approach the model of Artemis, wearing a thin dress, girt high for speed; while on the later painted vases their dress is often peculiarly Persian – that is, close-fitting trousers and a high cap called the kidaris. They were usually on horseback but sometimes on foot. They can also be identified in vase paintings by the fact that they are wearing one earring. The battle between Theseus and the Amazons (Amazonomachy) is a favourite subject on the friezes of temples (e.g. the reliefs from the frieze of the temple of Apollo at Bassae, now in the British Museum), vases and sarcophagus reliefs; at Athens it was represented on the shield of the statue of Athena Parthenos, on wall-paintings in the Theseum and in the Stoa Poikile. There were also three standard Amazon statue types.



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black-eyed
peas (or 7
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drained
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peas)

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dried peas)

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onions, finely
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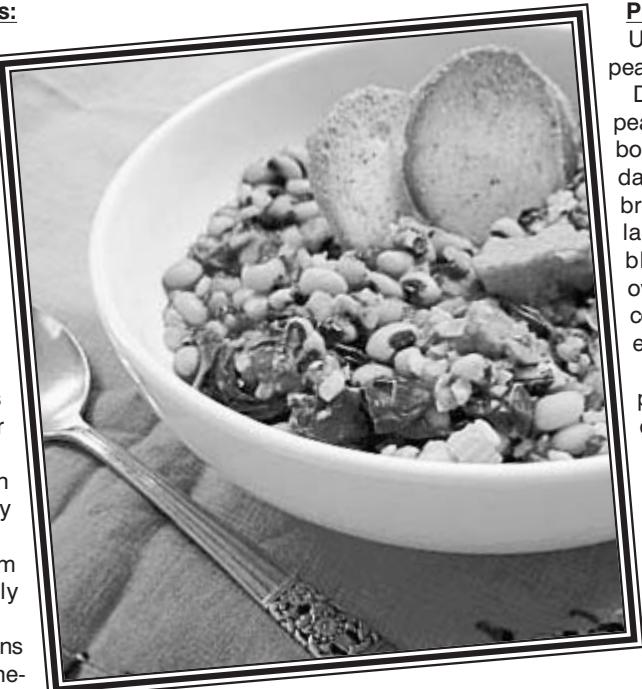
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onion, finely
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2 tablespoons
of fresh dill, finely
chopped (2 tea-
spoons of dried)

2 1/2 tablespoons of capers
(packed in vinegar)

1 1/2 tablespoons of red wine
vinegar

3-4 tablespoons of extra virgin
olive oil


Preparation:

Using dried black-eyed
peas

Day One: Pour the
peas into a colander or
bowl and check for any
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and discard. In a large pot,
soak the black-eyed peas
overnight in plenty of
cold water to cover generously.

Day Two: Bring the
peas to a boil and
cook for 5 minutes.
Drain and rinse. Wipe
any foam residue
from the pot and fill
with 10-12 cups of
fresh cold water. Add
sea salt to the water
and bring to a full
boil. Add peas and
when boil resumes,
cover, reduce heat to low,
and simmer for 40 minutes.
Drain peas and transfer to a serving
bowl. Toss with remaining
ingredients and garnish with olives.

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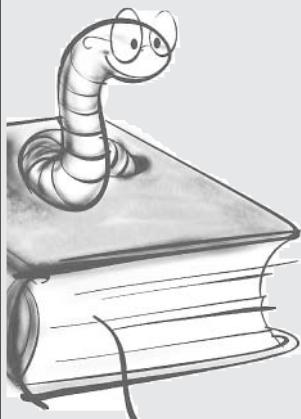
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Sudoku Challenge

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Word Origins: Music

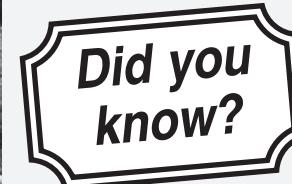


Etymologically, music comes from the 'muses', Greek goddesses who inspires poets, painters, musicians, etc.

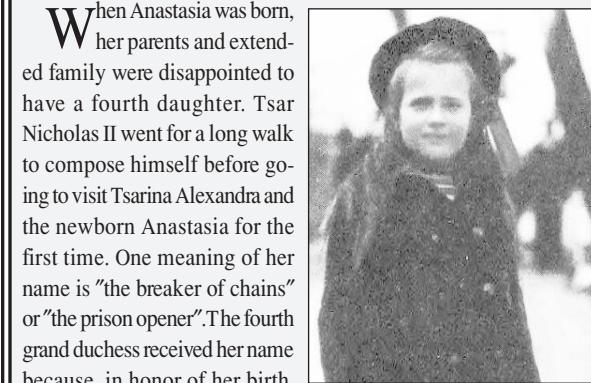
The word traces its history back via Old French *musique* and Latin *musica* to Greek *mousike*, a noun use of *mousikos* 'of the muses', an adjective derived from *mousa* 'muse'.

The specialization of the word's meaning began in Greek-first to 'poetry sung to music', and subsequently to 'music' alone.

Coffee Corner



her father pardoned and reinstated students who had been imprisoned for participating in riots in St. Petersburg and Moscow the previous winter. Anastasia's title is most precisely translated as "Grand Princess," meaning that Anastasia, as an "Imperial Highness" was higher in rank than other Princesses in Europe who were "Royal Highnesses." "Grand Duchess" became the most widely used translation of the title into English from Russian.



While often described as gifted and bright, she was never interested in the restrictions of the school room, her tutors described Anastasia as lively, mischievous, and a gifted actress. Her sharp, witty remarks sometimes hit sensitive spots.

Hallie Erminie Rives, a best-selling American author, described how 10-year-old Anastasia ate chocolates without bothering to remove her long, white opera gloves at the St. Petersburg opera house.

Just for laughs!

Hee!
Hee!

There was a perfect man and a perfect woman. They met each other at a perfect party. They dated for two perfect years. They had the perfect wedding and the perfect honeymoon. They had two perfect children.

One day the perfect man and the perfect woman were driving in their perfect car, they saw Santa Claus at the side of the road, and being the perfect people they were, they picked him up, because they didn't want to make their perfect children (who were at home with their perfect babysitter) mad because it was close to Christmas.

Well as the perfect man and the perfect woman were driving with Santa Claus, somehow they got into an accident. Two people died and 1 lived.

Who died and who lived?

The perfect woman of course, because the perfect man and Santa Claus aren't real.

Strange but True

A five-year-old girl who was rescued from a car which plunged into a river has died in hospital.

West Midlands Ambulance Service said Grady and his son were already out of the submerged car when paramedics arrived. Gabby had been trapped for almost two hours before she was pulled free by police divers. The two youngsters were airlifted to Birmingham Children's Hospital. Both were critically ill when first admitted, but Ryan's condition has been improving.

A West Mercia Police spokesman said: "Gabrielle passed away peacefully at around 1.30pm today, surrounded by her family." Detective Superintendent Steve Cullen, who is leading the investigation, said: "We are very sad to hear this terrible news. "All our thoughts are with Gabby's family at this difficult time." On Saturday, Grady was remanded in custody at Worcester Magistrates' Court. He is due to appear at Worcester Crown Court on Thursday. Gabrielle Grady, known as Gabby, had been in a critical condition after the incident in the River Avon last week.

Her brother, six-year-old Ryan, was also in the vehicle which was being driven by their father, Christopher Grady, at the time. Grady, 41, was charged with attempted murder in connection with the incident in Evesham, Worcestershire. Police said Gabrielle's death meant it was now being treated as a murder investigation.

The vehicle, a silver Vauxhall Vectra estate, went into the water from a field at Boat Lane at around 9.20am on Thursday.

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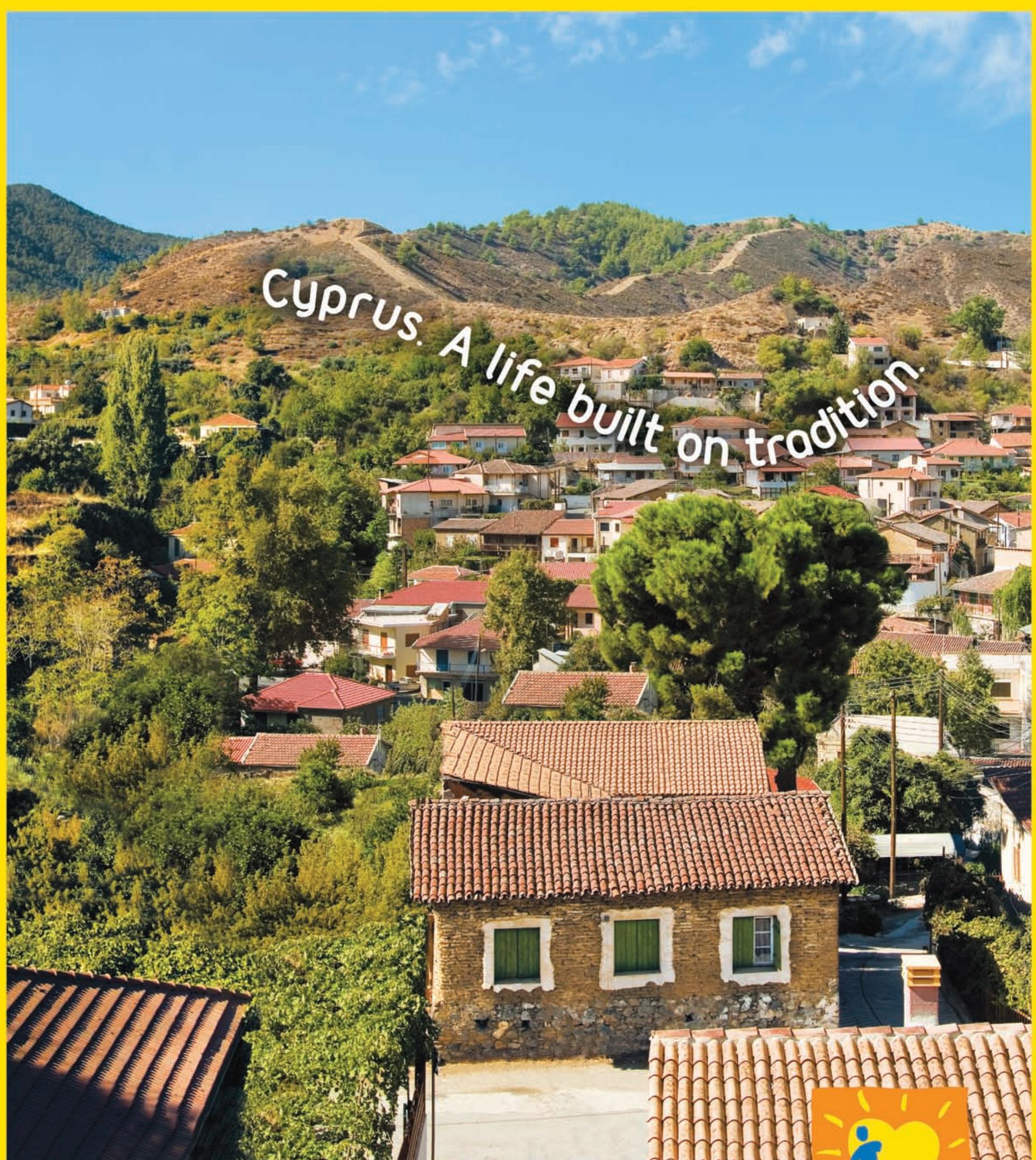
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Having ability and performing at the peak of your powers week in week out is what separates the dedicated footballer from the also ran. Having peerless skills, technique and a capacity to raise your game when your team requires is qualities that are found in only a few footballers. Last season Barcelona's Lionel Messi was head and shoulders above his peers. His outstanding performances led his side to trophy after trophy. The level of his performances were rightly lauded and he took his place among the game's great players. Before him Cristiano Ronaldo showed why he was voted the world's best player only two seasons ago. He too was able to elevate his form and his goalscoring feats were incredible.

Real Madrid's Brazilian star Kaka is the third player in this exulted company who is rightly regarded as one of the best footballers in the world. All three have incredible ability; all have vision and skill and above all a mental toughness that separates them from the rest. All three are rightly acknowledged and their virtues universally extolled.

Could there now be a fourth footballer who joins this illustrious list? After Tuesday night, Wayne Rooney is being talked about as the most in form player in the world right now. Is this a fair judgement or just another example of media hype and English patriotism which would have us believe the likes of Theo Walcott are world class talents.

Whether Rooney's worth is being over exaggerated, what cannot be dismissed is his growing influence on Manchester United this season. On Tuesday, United were torn apart in the first 20 minutes and were it not for some profligate finishing, AC Milan would have comfortably gone in at half time leading. As it turned out Rooney in the second half, as he has done all season, showed his worth. He was the fulcrum of his side's attacking play and scored two goals at a venue where United have never before scored let alone won against AC Milan.

The 24-year-old proved on the biggest stage that he is close to being compared to the best in the world. Rooney was simply unplayable in the second half and almost every time he touched the ball he was a threat. He has matured as a man and as a footballer and the goalscoring burden that has been passed on to him since the departure of Ronaldo has liberated him. Time and again against Milan he found space in the gap between defence and midfield. His two goals were also showed his quality and the brace took him to 25 goals for the season. His 21-goal tally in the league makes him Europe's top goalscorer which is further proof of his growing status.

The Italian press summed up Rooney contribution nicely with one leading newspaper proclaiming "Milan creates, Rooney destroys," while another claimed Milan suffered defeat "because of Rooney, the English phenomenon."

Even his manager, not one to massage the ego of any player, praised his number 10.

"When you look at the way he is performing at the moment he must be regarded amongst those players at the highest level," said Ferguson.

"His second-half performance tonight carried on the form Wayne has been showing recently. He is in absolutely devastating form. They could not handle him. They just could not handle him in the second half. I thought he was marvellous."

For all players that aspire to be regarded as the best on the planet, they have to perform at the highest level on a consistent basis. Big players perform on big stages and on Tuesday night, Rooney inched closer to the likes of Messi and Ronaldo.



STOP PRESS...

••• **PANAGOUlias HAS HIGH HOPES FOR GREECE:** Former Greece national coach believes Greece will spring a surprise in South Africa. "Maybe winning the tournament is not the expectation, but I think Greece can get to the semi-finals if they play responsibly." ••• **SPURS LAUNCH BID TO SIGN CAMEROON STRIKER:** Spurs manager Harry Redknapp has launched a bid for Cameroon striker Steve Leo Beleck according to reports in Greece. Beleck, 17, currently plies his trade in Greece for Panthrakikos Komotini ••• **HIDDINK IS NEW TURKEY COACH:** Guus Hiddink has agreed to a two-year contract as coach of the Turkish national team.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE BACK AFTER WINTER BREAK

Rooney double gives United the edge

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE LAST16

AC Milan - Man. United 2-3
Lyon - Real Madrid 1-0

A Wayne Rooney double gave Manchester United their first ever win against AC Milan in the San Siro as Sir Alex Ferguson's side came from behind to win 3-2 on Tuesday night in the first leg of the European Champions League's round of 16.

Ronaldinho put AC Milan ahead when he saw his volleyed effort deflect off Carrick past goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar in the third minute, but Paul Scholes equalised in the 36th before Wayne Rooney gave the English champions a 3-1 lead with headers that beat Dida in the 66th and 74th minutes.

Second-half sub Clarence Seedorf got Milan's second goal in the 85th minute. Michael Carrick was red carded in injury time, receiving a second yellow card, for time-wasting.

"We played really well in the first half, going a goal up, and we had three really good chances," Beckham said. *"If we had put them away, obviously it would have been a different game. But you have to put those chances away especially against a team like Manchester United and a player like Wazza [Rooney]."*

After the break, Rooney twice found space in the area to head past Dida and his performance drew



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney celebrates with teammates after scoring his second goal against AC Milan

praise from all quarters including his manager.

"I thought he was marvellous tonight," said Ferguson.

Early on United were grateful to poor finishing from Milan and to their goalkeeper who pulled off a number of saves. Slowly United grew into the game and once they went 3-1 up were in control.

The second leg of the tie will be at Old Trafford on March 10 and on the same evening Real Madrid will look to overcome a first leg deficit after they lost 1-0 to Lyon in France.

Jean Makoun was the Lyon hero as his stunning individual effort

gave the French side a crucial lead. The Cameroon midfielder picked up the ball inside the Madrid half, advanced to the edge of Madrid's penalty area and hit a looping shot over the head of goalkeeper Iker Casillas in the 47th minute of the first leg match.

"It's a good result, but we can have a few regrets as we could have scored a second goal," Lyon coach Claude Puel said. *"It was a great performance from us, with a lot of intensity. We were well organised and physical. We had to raise our game collectively and individually and we did that."*

The result was the third successive time at home in the Champi-

ons League that Lyon had beaten Madrid. As satisfying as the winning goal was keeping a clean sheet at the end as the Lyon defence largely kept Cristiano Ronaldo and Kaka quiet.

"The result is not good for us, we've conceded a goal without scoring. We will need a very disciplined performance to turn this around, but I have faith in my players," Madrid coach Manuel Pellegrini said.

In the second leg in three weeks at the Bernabeu Real will be without defender Marcelo and Xabi Alonso who are both suspended after collecting yellow cards.

Awards ceremony remembers five decades of football in Greece

Last week was a night of celebration for the Greek Super League as Greek broadcaster SKAI TV, in cooperation with the Super League, unveiled the 'Golden Elevens' of the past five decades in Greek football at the Megaron Mousikis Hall in Athens.

In attendance was a star-studded crowd on hand who were there to acknowledge the best of Greece's top flight over the last 50 years.

The best players, coaches and teams were honoured as the award show presented the best starting eleven for each decade since football was officially established in Greece.

Voting was conducted on SKY's website as fans of the Greek game were part of the voting

process. In addition to the presentation of the 'Golden Elevens' the evening also saw several individual presentations; Thomas Mavros for his outstanding record of 260 goals, the most goals a Greek player scored in the Greek top flight. Krystof Warzycha, now a coach at Panathinaikos, was given a similar honour as he is the highest foreign and all-time greatest scorer in the Greek top division with 273 tallies.

Mimis Domazos was honoured for his record of 536 all-time appearances with Panathinaikos and AEK Athens.

Dusan Bajevic was awarded many 'Golden Eleven' honours on the night, but he was primarily honoured as the coach with the most

wins in Greek football, a record that includes eight Greek Championships - four each with Olympiacos and AEK.

Meanwhile, the father-son connection in Greek football was also commemorated as Anthimos and Michalis Kapsis and Thanassis and Dimitris Saravacos were honoured as the two lone father-son pairings to feature in competitive football in Greece. Notably, all four also played for the Greek National Team.

Golden Eleven 2000-2009: Nikopolidis, Antzas, Kapsis, Dabizas, Henriksen, Zagorakis, Karagounis, Rivaldo, Djordjevic, Nikolaidis, Giovanni. Captain: Thodoris Zagorakis Coach: Fernando Santos.

Greek father - daughter duo set Winter Olympics record

TSAKIRIS FAMILY BECOME THE FIRST FATHER AND DAUGHTER TO COMPETE AT THE SAME GAMES

Greece has set a Winter Olympic record as father-daughter duo Athanasios and Panagiota Tsakiris compete at the same Winter Olympics, something that has never happened before.

Greece are not expected to win any medals at the Games but the father-daughter duo, part of the seven-strong team, have made history when they competed in their respective Biathlon events.

For Athanasios and Panagiota Tsakiris, their presence at the 21st Winter Olympiad doesn't just represent a remarkable achievement in sporting terms, but it also indicates a special family moment and one which ensures their place in the record books.

It is no surprise therefore that the story has made headlines in Vancouver and in Greece. Vancouver 2010 will be the fifth Winter

Olympics for record man Athanasios, who at 45 has competed over 600 times in international competitions as a member of the Greek ski team.

Back after an eight-year break, the biathlon and cross-country specialist now heads to Canada with his 19-year-old daughter Panagiota, who will be competing in the Biathlon. "It's my second Winter Olympics but this time I'm with my dad and I'm very excited," Panagiota said.

"Even though it doesn't seem strange or unique to me [to be competing next to her father], when I do think about the fact that it's the Olympics it is very special."

Indeed, being a daughter and fellow athlete to her father is nothing new to the ambitious young Physical Education student from Drama, as they are together all day every day.

"To have my father competing next to me

has become kind of a routine to be honest because over the past few years we are together all day, every day, living and training together as well as competing."

"He has more experience than any Greek winter sports athlete and helps me so much as a coach. For me this also plays an important role psychologically because he knows me so well."

"So really I have the ideal co-athlete and coach in one - and when you have chosen such a high target to go for the Olympic dream, you can't have a relaxed coach next to you."

For his part, Athanasios, who admits to having practiced on roller-skates in supermarket car parks, carried the Greek flag at the opening ceremony, before competing in both biathlon and cross-country events. He admitted the lure of competing with his daughter was a key factor in



Athanasios Tsakiris enters proudly holds aloft the Greek flag

him making a comeback.

"The fact I came back was mainly because I love the sport so much and I also wanted the chance to compete with my daughter," he said.

"After Panagiota competed at Torino in 2006 we made the decision together to try and qualify for Vancouver."

"Our presence is the culmination of four years very hard work. I'm the oldest active athlete and I can assure you I have surpassed my own limits to reach this point."

Panagiota's experience as a 16-year-old in

Torino proved a tough introduction to Olympic competition. She came in last place (66th) in the cross country event.

"This time I'm racing in the biathlon and as it's only my second year I'm still trying to improve my shooting which is not as it should be at the moment," she concedes.

"So I don't have great expectations. I'm simply going to do my best and see where it takes me. For me what is important is that I give 100 per cent and this will represent a success for me."

Disappointment for duo in Vancouver

The Greek father-daughter combination of Athanasios Tsakiris and Panagiota Tsakiris suffered a disappointing start to the Vancouver Olympics when they failed to make an impression in their opening events.

Panagiota Tsakiris finished in 86th position in the women's 7.5 kilometre biathlon sprint.

After the first round of prone shooting Tsakiris was in 80th place, picking up one penalty. She then slipped to 87th after the second standing shooting where she picked up two further penalties.

However, she was able to overhaul Spain's Victoria Padial Hernandez to finish in 86th in a time of 24:28.8 - almost five minutes behind the winner Anastazia Kuzmina of Slovakia.

Magdalena Neuner of Germany was second with France's Marie Dorin taking the bronze.

Her father Athanasios did not fare much better in the men's biathlon 10k sprint as he failed to finish in difficult and testing conditions.

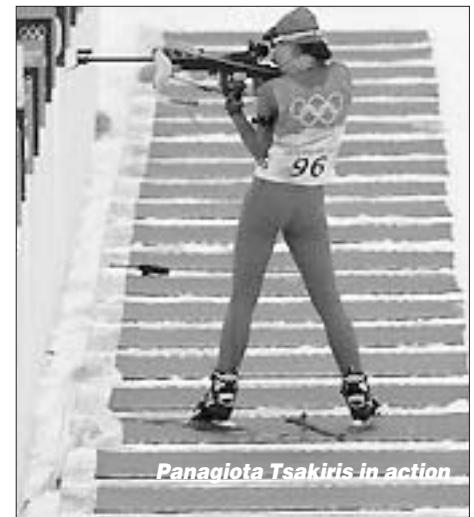
The 45-year-old, who carried the Greek flag at the opening ceremony, struggled from the start and

was already well off the pace after the prone shooting.

The race had started in fine weather but by the time Tsakiris, wearing bib number 52, went out it, conditions had worsened considerably, something that shattered the chances of some of the podium prospects, notably nine-time Olympic medallist Ole Einar Bjoerndalen who could only struggle in 17th.

By the time Tsakiris had completed the standing shooting he was over five minutes back, the snow was falling heavily and he did not finish.

The race was won by Vincent Jay of France in a time of 24:07.8. Norway's Emil Hegle Svendsen took the silver and Jakov Fak of Croatia the bronze.



Panagiota Tsakiris in action

Kyrgiakos in love with English football

Sotirios Kyrgiakos is loving his time at Liverpool and particularly enjoying the rough and tumble of Premier League football.

The Greek international has been an important factor in Liverpool's recent defensive solidity, though is now in the midst of a three-game ban following his red card versus Everton.

Prior to that, Kyrgiakos lost a tooth against Bolton, but the physical nature of English football has been no surprise to him.

"English football is what I imagined it to be, it is tough," the No.16 said. "I didn't have too many problems adapting to football here because I had played in Scotland with Rangers."

"In Germany or Greece I did not have to be as physical

because the football isn't so aggressive.

"Anyway it's not all about aggression, that's not the most important thing. You have to want to go and win the ball. There is no point waiting for it to come to you, you have to go and get it.

"There are a lot of elbows flying in football here and the referee says no foul. That is part of football. It's tough and I like this side of the game."

Kyrgiakos has also spoken of his pride at having his name sung by the famous Kop.

The Greek defender's chant is achieving cult status among Liverpool fans and is sung to the tune of 'Oh Campione'.

It goes: "We thought his days were numbered, now he plays here every week. We can't



pronounce his surname so we call him Nick the Greek. Oooh Kyrgiakos."

Kyrgiakos said: "I am extremely happy when I hear that fans of such a big team are singing my name. It's hard to describe my feelings at that moment. It's very encouraging for any footballer and one of the best things you can experience."

Hellenic Football Federation plan contract extension for Rehhagel

The Hellenic Football Federation (EPO) is planning to offer national team coach Otto Rehhagel a new contract next month that will keep him on the Greece's bench until at least November 2011.

Reports suggest that EPO president Sofoklis Pilavios is preparing a proposal for a contract un-

til November 2011, when the qualifying games for Euro 2012 end, with an automatic extension until the summer of 2012 should Greece qualify to the finals of the European Championship.

There is a strong suggestion that the 71-year-old coach will agree to the EPO's proposal.

According to sources, Pilavios

will meet with Rehhagel in March to discuss the proposal.

In the meantime tickets for Greece's friendly with Senegal on March 3 have gone on sale. The match will take place at the Panthessaliko Stadium of Volos and tickets cost 10, 15 and 20 euros.

Baghdatis starts with easy win in Marseille

Seventh seed Marcos Baghdatis wasted no time making his way into the second round of the Marseille Open with a straight set 6-3 6-2 victory over Daniel Brands of Germany.

Marcos Baghdatis has often played well in Marseille. The Cypriot advanced to the finals back in 2007 and he was a semifinalist in 2008. Germany's Daniel Brands did not offer much resistance to Baghdatis. The German sits at No. 96 in the world and he has had a dismal start to the 2010 season. Coming into Rotterdam, Brands had suffered four straight first-round defeats. Mar-

seille makes five.

Baghdatis was almost flawless behind his own serve, allowing just one break point opportunity to his German opponent in the opening set. Otherwise, the Cypriot was rock-solid on serve putting in a healthy 68% of first serves in, and hitting 4 aces in the match.

Brands was not nearly as effective on serve. He gave Baghdatis seven chances to break serve and the Cypriot converted three of them. Victory for the Cypriot was secured inside 69 minutes.

Baghdatis awaits the winner of



Michael Llodra and Edouard Roger-Vasselin, two Frenchmen, in the second round.

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DIVISION ONE

Anorthosis 1 Omonia 0

Valentines day brought a lot of joy for Maronites as they picked up their first win of the season.

Prior to that George Georgiou's team played ten league games without a win this season. They won 2-1 just like we told you!!

Their patience paid off.

COSMOS are not far behind in chasing a victory but two more defeats in a week from OMONIA 3-0 and RIZOKARPASSO 4-0, leaves them eight points adrift in Division One.

ANORTHOSIS once again had to thank young Kiri Portou for a narrow victory against a battling OMONIA.

KLN and PANTHEA finished all square 2-2 but they are still in danger.

Leading duo T RIPIMENI-ARIS and SALAMINA came through with victories but they had to battle all the way as DYNAMO and VAROSI showed tremendous resilience.

Promotion chasing CETINKAYA failed to close the gap on leaders BROTH-ERHOOD when they were held by third placed AEL.

APOEL have clinched promotion by winning Group 2B after collecting three more points in a comprehensive 5-1 win over ALL SAINTS.

Results in Detail

Olympiacos Youth Under 10s

Olympiacos continued their excellent cup form with another gritty display as they came from behind to beat Northwood FC 2-1 in a thrilling cup tie.

After a tentative start Olympiacos began to impose their excellent passing game on Northwood creating a string of attempts on goal only to find the Northwood keeper in fine form. At the other end DT the Olympiacos keeper made an excellent save to deny Northwood a sure goal.

The second half started with Northwood on the back foot but 12 minutes in they took the lead against the run of play. With five minutes left a long surge into the box by the excellent Anthony led to a clear handball and the ever steady Daniel was on hand to dispatch the penalty with power and precision.

Into extra time and Olympiacos made all the running with Tas and Giorgio winning the ball in midfield and Giorgio surging forward past three players only to leave Steph with too much to do and another chance gone. With three minutes left Giorgio and Erdi combined to set Steph free down the right and after beating two men and cutting in won the tie with an excellent finish into the far corner of the Northwood goal.

Squad: Durotimi Olugbrake, Daniel Cawley, Tas Christofi, Giorgio Koullas, Erdi Paskaj, Aaron Gaughan, Steph Savvas, Hugo Oudet, Anthony Katsapau, Ted McGarvey,

Greens Give Blues the Blues

Everett Rovers Blue 1-3 Omonia Green

After six weeks of weather induced delays youth football is finally back on the agenda. It was only the second game of the year for the Omonia Green U13's, on Sunday 31 January, and the first league game since the beginning of November.

It was a tough one too – away to the high flying Blues of Everett Rovers. Omonia were



quickly out of the blocks thanks to Badmos' early opener. He twisted two defenders inside out before finishing over the keeper from distance. Soon afterwards Georgiou doubled the Greens' advantage with the cheekiest of drives, skimming the ball in at the near post direct from a corner.

Everett responded with a well finished goal of their own but Komodikis made sure of the points when he latched onto a long throw in the second half and beat the keeper to make the score 1-3.

Man of the match Michael Louca came close to adding a fourth and in an end to end finish both teams made and missed further chances.

It was a hard won victory and the Greens will be delighted to have taken all three points.
Squad: Voskou, Matjilla, Chiras, Assim, Petrou (captain), Louca, Constanti, Okafor, Komodikis, Badmos, Georgiou, Mutungi, Robinson A, Robinson J, Charles.

Thursday 18th February 2010

SUNDAY GAMES

DIVISION ONE

Panthea v Cosmos

Three more points for Panthea to put some distance between them and the other relegation candidates. Home win 3-1

Salamina v KLN

The reds can not afford to drop points as they chase leaders Tripimeni-Aris.

Home win 4-0

Dynamo v Varosi Pendaya

A score draw should keep them both in mid table.2-2

DIVISION 2B

Spartans v All Saints

The Saints to inflict another heavy defeat for pointless Spartans. away win 5-1

Olympia v Komi Kebir

This is a tough one as one of them still has a chance for the play off. draw 2-2.

CHALLENGE CUP

APOEL v Omonia

A replay needed after a 2-2 draw.

AEP Tsada v AEL

Away win 3-1

SPRING CUP

Maronites v Cetinkaya

Maronites may have more confidence after their first win but it is Cetinkaya to go through with a 4-1 win.

Thursday 25th Feb

DIVISION ONE

Varosi Pendaya v Cosmos

Another defeat for poor Cosmos and it now looks very bleak. Home win 4-2

AEK TEAM NEWS

AEK F.C 7 - 1 London Colney Colts (U13s League Cup)

AEK FC U13s kept up their 100% win rate in 2010 with a comfortable victory Cup victory against London Colney Colts who are a couple of divisions below AEK. As underdogs always seem to do, London Colney started the game as if it were a cup final and took a shock early lead. This woke up the AEK boys who had started slowly, probably because the coaches played musical chairs with 5 players in different positions, which took some getting used to! To their credit all the boys applied themselves really well in their unfamiliar roles.

In response to the early setback, in a devastating 10 minute first half spell, AEK scored four quality goals, from Luke Prokopio, Sekai x2 and Luke Symeou. The game therefore was effectively over at half time with Sekai and Alex taking hold of the midfield, and wide players Luke S and Ravi causing lots of problems on the flanks.

In the second half, Chris Mardapittas marshalled the defence as sweeper meaning London Colney rarely threatened. The goals came again in a 15min second half spell where AEK scored three more times. Louis finished expertly in the bottom corner from Nicos long goal kick and Luke p completed his hat trick with two goals, the pick of them where he danced through the defence finishing with class and composure which drew applause from the opposition too!! After a shaky first half of the season, AEK are now up to 5th in the league and through to the next round of the Cup. Well done boys!

MOM; Luke Symeou - Luke Symeou - Polished performance from Luke. Neat & tidy, had the beating of the full back everytime and created lots of chances for his team mates and got on the scoresheet too.

AEK Gold U9 1 v 0 Croxley Kestrels U9

AEK Gold U9 continued their fantastic form of only one defeat in five games after securing a comfortable 1-0 win over Croxley Guild Kestrels to go fourth in the table.

The Golds' persistence paid off in second half with Michael being put through by Malachi after some determined defending by Michael Nicola on the left of midfield turning defence into counter attack. The resulting 3 on 2 ended with Michael K smashing the ball into the back of the net.

Well done to all the boys for working so hard in training and taking on board the advice and more importantly putting it into practice to become a well organised and very united team that has a very bright future.

Keep up the good work!

