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ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑ – Ανταπόκριση
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Mήνυμα ενότητας και υπευθυνότητας για αντιμετώπιση των προβλημάτων από τις συνέπειες της οικονομικής κρίσης και των εγκληματικών λαθών των τραπεζιτών, έστειλε ο Πρόεδρος της Δημοκρατίας Δημήτρης Χριστόφιας σε Διάγγελμά του την περασμένη Τρίτη το βράδυ. Το ΑΚΕΛ και ο ανεξάρτητος υπουργός Σταύρος Μαλάς υπερθεμάτισαν στις επισημάνσεις του Προέδρου, ενώ αντίθετα, η αντιπολίτευση, δεν έδειξε καμιά διάθεση για εγκατάλειψη της άγονης και στείρας αντιμετώπισης της κάθε ενέργειας της κυβέρνησης.

Στο Διάγγελμά του ο Πρόεδρος της Δημοκρατίας αξιολόγησε ιεραρχικά τα αίτια που οδήγησαν στην απόφαση για προσφυγή στο Μηχανισμό Στήριξης της Κυπριακής Κοινωνίας, από την Κεντρική Τράπεζα και τον

προηγούμενο Διοικητή;

Ο Πρόεδρος της Δημοκρατίας αναφέρθηκε στη διεκδίκηση που ακολουθήθηκε κατά τη διάρκεια της



τετράμηνης διαπραγμάτευσης με την Τρόικα, κάνοντας εκτενή αναφορά σε όλα εκείνα που κατέστη δυνατό να διαφυλαχθούν και να προστα-

τευθίουν κι έκανε ξεκάθαρο πως αν δεν υπήρχε το πρόβλημα με τις τράπεζες, η Κύπρος δεν θα χρειαζόταν να ενταχθεί σε κανένα μηχανι-

πραγματοποιήσουμε ένα ακόμα οικονομικό θαύμα.

«Να αποδοθούν οι ευθύνες και να τιμωρηθούν οι ένοχοι για την κατάσταση στις τράπεζες»

Στο Διάγγελμα του ο Πρόεδρος υπογράμμισε ότι οι έρευνες που διεξάγονται για το τραπεζικό σύστημα θα πρέπει αποφασιστικά να συνεχιστούν μέχρι τέλους και στη βάση των αποτελεσμάτων να αποδοθούν οι ευθύνες και οι ένοχοι να τιμωρηθούν, διαβεβαιώνοντας πως η Κυβέρνηση και ο ίδιος πρωταρχικά, θα κάνουν ό,τι περνά από το χέρι τους για να λάμψει η αλήθεια και να αποδοθεί δικαιοσύνη.

Ο Πρόεδρος Χριστόφιας, αφού επεσήμανε πως στο μημόνιο υπάρχουν πολλά μέτρα που όντως είναι επωδύνα, ανέφερε πως «αν δεν υπήρχε το πρόβλημα με τις τράπεζες, η Κύπρος δεν θα

χρειαζόταν να ενταχθεί σε κανένα μηχανισμό, ανεξαρτήτως των όποιων δημοσιονομικών και διαρθρωτικών προβλημάτων υπάρχουν».

Υπογράμμισε παράλληλα πως «ανεξαρτήτως των ευθύνων των τραπεζών για την κατάσταση στην οποία βρεθήκαμε, δεν μπορούσαμε να τις αφήσουμε να καταρρεύσουν. Αυτό θα ήταν ανεύθυνο και εγκληματικό για τον τόπο και το λαό. Η κατάρρευση του τραπεζικού συστήματος θα συμπαρέσυρε στην καταστροφή ολόκληρη την οικονομία και θα έφερνε απερίγραπτη δυστυχία σε χιλιάδες οικογένειες απλών ανθρώπων», επεσήμανε ο Πρόεδρος Χριστόφιας.

Ο Πρόεδρος Χριστόφιας τόνισε πως «εμείς, ποτέ δεν διεκδικήσαμε το αλάθητο. Δεν μπορεί, όμως, αυτό να αποτελεί πρόσχημα για να φορτώνονται τα πάντα στον Πρόεδρο Χριστόφιας

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«Δεν μπορούν να υπάρξουν άλλες χαμένες ευκαιρίες στο Κυπριακό»

Oικονομικές εξελίξεις και Κυπριακό βρέθηκαν στο επίκεντρο των συνομιλιών του υποψήφιου για την Προεδρία, Σταύρου Μαλά και του Έλληνα Πρωθυπουργού, Αντώνη Σαμαρά, χθες Τετάρτη στην Αθήνα. Εξερχόμενος του Μεγάρου Μαξίμου, ο κ. Μαλάς είπε ότι ανέπτυξε στον Έλληνα Πρωθυπουργό, τη δική του πρόταση όσον αφορά τη διαχείριση του Κυπριακού και τη θέση του ότι πρέπει να επιχειρηθεί μία διασύνδεση της αξιοποίησης του φυσικού αερίου και των στρατηγικών συνεργασιών που θα προκύψουν από αυτή, σε σχέση με τη μορφή λύσης του Κυπριακού, για «ένα μοντέλο ισχυρής ομοιοπονδίας που θα μας εξασφαλίσει μία βιώσιμη λύση

στη βάση αρχών και μία βιώσιμη διαχείριση του φυσικού αερίου», όπως είπε.

Σύμφωνα με τον κ. Μαλά εί-



ναι η ώρα για την Κύπρο για την επόμενη κυβέρνηση να πολιτεύεται «με αποφασιστική τητα σε σχέση με το Κυπρια-

κό», καθώς, όπως είπε, «χαμένες ευκαιρίες δεν μπορούν να υπάρξουν άλλες και αν αφήσουμε τα πράγματα να

για να πλήξει και τα στρατηγικά συμφέροντα της χώρας μας τα οποία προφανώς θα αναβαθμιστούν». Ερωτηθείς για την προσφυγή της Κύπρου στον Ευρωπαϊκό Μηχανισμό Στήριξης, ο κ. Μαλάς ανέφερε ότι «κάθε μημόνιο το οποίο προέρχεται από την Τρόικα, μέσα από τις συνθήκες τις οποίες γνωρίζετε είναι επώδυνο, όμως εμείς θεωρούμε ότι το μημόνιο δεν μπορεί να είναι άλλοθι για να επιβληθούν και ακόμα χειρότερα μέτρα στον Κυπριακό λαό από την επόμενη κυβέρνηση», προσθέτοντας ότι «για αυτό το προσεγγίζουμε από τη μια με προσοχή, αλλά από την άλλη με αποφασιστικότητα, να διαχειριστούμε

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Tον Τάσον Ζαχαριάδην

Hυπατική Υπάτη Αρμοστεία στο Λονδίνο παρέθεσε την προηγούμενη εβδομάδα γεύμα πρός τιμή του δημοσιογράφου Κυριάκου Τσιούπρα και της συζύγου του Πόλας με την ευκαιρία της αφιπηρέτησής του.

Στο γεύμα παρευρέθηκαν εκπρόσωποι των παροικιακών μέσων ενημέρωσης και ανταποκριτές Κυπριακών και Ελληνικών Μέσων Ενημέρωσης καθώς και η Ακόλουθος Τύπος της Αρμοστείας Μαρία Φάντη.

Ο Ύπατος Αρμοστής Αλέξανδρος Ζήνων στο χαιρετισμό του αναφέρθηκε στη πλούσια δημοσιογραφική σταδιοδρομία του Κυριάκου Τσιούπρα τόσο στον παροικιακό Τύπο όσο και ως ανταποκριτής του ΚΥΠΕ και του ΡΙΚ.

Ο κ. Ζήνων ευχαρίστησε τον κ. Τσιούπρα και για τη γενικότερη προσφορά του στην παροικία της Βρετανίας.

Ο κ. Τσιούπρας, αφού ευχαρίστησε τον Ύπατο Αρμοστή και τους συναδέλφους



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Συναυλία για τη λήξη της Προεδρίας της Κύπρου στην Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση

Το Πολιτιστικό Τμήμα της Κυπριακής Υπάτης Αρμοστείας στο Λονδίνο, υπό τον Μορφωτικό Σύμβουλο κ. Κύπρο Χαραλάμπους, διοργανώνει εκδήλωση στο Barbican, στο κέντρο του Λονδίνου, το Σάββατο 8 Δεκεμβρίου, στις 7.30 μ.μ.

Η κορυφαία αυτή συναυλία γίνεται στο Barbican Concert Hall, έδρα των μεγάλων ορχηστρών του Λονδίνου. Η παγκοσμίου φήμης ορχήστρα «Ακαδημία του Αγίου Μαρτίνου των Αγρών» (Academy of St Martin in the Fields) συνεργάζεται με δύο διάσημους καλλιτέχνες, τον Έλληνα μαέστρο Νίκο Χριστοδούλου και τον Κύπριο πιανίστα Μαρτίνο Τιρίμο, για



να τιμήσουν το κλείσιμο της Κυπριακής Προεδρίας στην Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση.

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President: Blame should be apportioned and culprits punished with regard to the bank crisis in Cyprus

Investigations conducted regarding the banking system should be vigorously pursued to the end and based on their results, blame should be apportioned and the culprits punished, President Demetris Christofias stressed on Tuesday, pledging that the Government and he personally will do everything in their power to see that truth and justice will prevail.

In his message to the people of Cyprus on the agreement reached between the government and the representatives of the Troika, on the loan Memorandum, Christofias acknowledged that there are many measures in the Memorandum which are truly painful, adding that "if there was no problem with the banks, Cyprus would not need to turn to any mechanism, regardless of any existing financial and structural problems."

Furthermore, he noted that "regardless of the responsibilities of the banks for the situation in which we have found ourselves, we could not let them collapse. That would be irresponsible and criminal for the country and the people. The collapse of the banking system would have dragged into destruction the entire economy and brought untold misery to thousands of families of ordinary people."

President Christofias continued, "It is my position that the investigations conducted regarding the banking system should be vigorously pursued to the end and based on their results, blame should be apportioned and the culprits punished. The Government and I personally will do everything in our power to see that truth and justice will prevail."

"We have never claimed infallibility...this however cannot be an excuse for blaming everything on the President and the Government. Especially on the issue of the banks, according to the EU Directive, the sole responsibility for the supervision and regulation of the banking system rests with central banks and not with governments," he noted.

"We must through the reform of our banking system prevent a recurrence of situations such as the one we are now experiencing. We must rapidly restore the banks to a position that will allow them to finance development and support the economy," Christofias said.

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President Christofias said that beyond the effects of the global crisis and the crisis in the Eurozone, the situation in our country deteriorated mainly due to the action of internal factors." He noted that "understandably every soundly thinking citizen wonders why we have reached the dire situation we are in today, why we have had to resort to the Stability Mechanism, why we have had to negotiate with the Troika and come to an agreement in principle which is admittedly painful...it was certainly not our choice to have recourse to the European Stability Mechanism."

"Given the negative and painful experiences of countries that appealed to the Mechanism and knowing the policies of the Troika, we tried our utmost to avoid that course of action...we have sought other sources of funding despite the criticism we were subjected to domestically for avoiding the European institutions, as some claimed."

"Unfortunately, it has not been possible to secure the necessary funding. From the moment that one of the big Cypriot banks has not managed to get recapitalized within the time limits set by the European Union and faced by the danger of collapse that would have swept the country's economy into bankruptcy, we were forced to resort to the Mechanism."

"Many citizens are asking themselves: why should we pay for the criminal mistakes, oversights, perhaps even the abuses of some high level administrators of the banks or why do we have to pay for poor control of the banking system by the Central Bank and the former governor...it is true that the decisions by the Administration of the banks and the poor control of the Central Bank of Cyprus have cost Cyprus many billions of euros which in order to find we have had to apply to the ESM. Specifically about four billion euro are losses which the Cypriot banks have incurred due to their exposure to Greek bonds. An equal amount roughly is the damage to our economy from the transformation of Marfin Egnatia from a subsidiary in Greece into a Cypriot bank, which is something that the former governor of the Central Bank had approved," Christofias said.

"We had to deal with speculation whether or not the President would sign and the constant reference to the risk of default and the collapse of our banking system. I do not want to judge such ways of action at this time, which requires the absolute unity of our people. But I have to emphasize that all these things created an atmosphere that deflects attention from the essence and weakened our negotiating position vis a vis the Troika."



"there are also losses from bad loans that banks gave in the Greek market" and that all this great cost has to be unfortunately met by the Republic of Cyprus.

"From the loan which the Republic of Cyprus will get from the Stability Mechanism, up to ten billion will be allocated to support banks and only 1.5 billion to cover the deficits of the State for the next four years," he said adding that these numbers show that the crisis has been caused by the banking system.

"The crisis has exacerbated structural weaknesses and distortions that had accumulated for decades in the economy, thereby turning them into even larger and more pressing problems...from the moment that we have had to resort to the Stability Mechanism we knew that the margins for changes in the requirements and conditions of the troika would be limited. This is why we set priorities in our goals and followed an assertive policy in our efforts to achieve them...the negotiations with the Troika lasted four whole months. This fact makes it evident how hard we negotiated in admittedly difficult circumstances and under very pressing dilemmas."

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"We have come to the point of hearing from the lips of the most senior people in the European Union that it was rumoured that cabinet ministers were asking for the Memorandum to be signed and the President was refusing to sign. From whichever quarter this gossip had emanated, you understand that it was a terribly damaging slander which undermined our negotiating position."

Christofias stressed that "we exhausted all negotiation possibilities in an effort to achieve what we had set as core objectives...we aimed to maintain national control over the exploitation of hydrocarbon deposits. We managed that. The Troika memorandum included provisions for co-decisions in planning and priority use of revenues from the exploitation of reserves for debt repayment. Based on what has been agreed we ourselves will decide on our plans."

He noted that naturally, a portion of the proceeds will be used to repay the debt. "The exploitation of natural gas is a great prospect for our country and our people."

"We aimed to avoid the privatization of profitable semi-governmental organizations. In the original memorandum, there was reference by name to semi-governmental organizations that had to be privatized. This was deleted and the potential for avoiding privatization was created. This arrangement does not satisfy us completely. But it is a springboard from which to continue negotiation in order to avoid privatization of specific semi-governmental organizations," Christofias said.

He also said that "we aimed at preventing the abolition of the achievements of workers

and the people. We did not accept the elimination of COLA and 13th salary, because conquests that are abolished are rarely restored. We aimed for the staggering of the contribution of salaried employees so that the cost from the imposition of the Memorandum would be linked to income level. We convinced the troika that had a different opinion to accept this approach. We aimed to save the Cooperative Movement which is a conquest and support for the people and finally we succeeded."

"The responsibilities of the banks for the bad situation in which we find ourselves, has been universally acknowledged. Namely by the Troika, the European Union and the rating agencies as well...if there was no problem with the banks, Cyprus would not need to turn to any mechanism, regardless of any existing financial and structural problems."

Noting that he is the last person who would beautify the Memorandum and attempt to whitewash things, the president said there are measures in the Memorandum "which under different circumstances I would not accept even to discuss. However, I have always concerned myself with what the next day would bring. What would happen if the banking system collapsed and the economy of the country was destroyed? I fully understand that the implementation of the Memorandum will cause many difficulties to the citizens of the country. I fully understand the difficulties that exist for everyone in the years to come," he said, adding that he shares the concern, uncertainty and insecurity felt by ordinary people, especially the unemployed, the vulnerable sections of society

and the people on low salaries and small pensions.

"All this time we have waged hard battles so as to be able to get out of the crisis as soon as possible and put our country back on the path of development and progress.

"We gave this battle with a high level of responsibility towards the country and the people. These moments are not suitable for populism and words without any cost. This, though, is no time for scaremongering and negativity either. Populism and alarmism damage the country. Panic and acts of desperation lead to the disorganization of the economy and disruption of the social fabric," he warned.

Christofias pointed out "these moments demand maximum unity. We should not forget that nothing is finished as yet. There remains the major issue of determining the amount necessary for the recapitalization of banks. There are still procedures to be followed in the European Union and its Member States as regards the Memorandum of Cyprus. And the difficulties in these areas should not be underestimated...it is for this reason that we must all act responsibly and seriously. This is why we should all raise ourselves to the challenge - so as not to cause more difficulties or give the chance to those who want to harm our country to succeed."

"I just want to repeat what all the ordinary people of our country are saying: this time we cannot afford to take into account personal interests even to the slightest degree. We cannot afford to take into account petty political and electoral considerations. At this time it is important to defend Cyprus, our survival and the future of the people."

President Christofias expressed confidence that "together we can unite again to overcome the difficulties, as we did after 1974, when our country was almost completely destroyed by the Turkish invasion and occupation. Then in only a few years, we rebuilt our country and restored our economy. Through the hard work and sacrifices of us all."

"We can behave equally responsibly now. We can soon bring into effect another economic miracle. So let's join hands. Together, united we can overcome the difficulties!" he concluded.

Prince William and Kate expecting royal baby

Prince William and his wife Catherine are expecting a baby, destined to be the country's future monarch, although the mother-to-be is in hospital with a type of very acute morning sickness that sometimes indicates twins.

"Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge are very pleased to announce that The Duchess of Cambridge is expecting a baby," the prince's office said in a statement on Monday, adding that "The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh, The Prince of Wales, The Duchess of Cornwall and Prince Harry and members of both families are delighted with the news."

The couple, officially known as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, married in April last year, amid global media frenzy, and there has been much speculation about a possible pregnancy.

A spokeswoman for the couple said 30-year-old Catherine, widely known as Kate, was in the King Edward VII Hospital in central London suffering from Hyperemesis Gravidarum, an acute morning sickness which causes severe nausea and vomiting and requires supplementary hydration and nutrients.

Professor Tim Draycott, a



consultant obstetrician at the University of Bristol, said the condition was common in the early weeks of pregnancy but did not put the baby at any increased risk, although in extreme cases it can lead to the baby being born with a slightly low birth weight.

He added that it may also indicate more than one royal baby may be in the offing.

"Hyperemesis is slightly more common with twins," said Draycott, explaining that the condition affected around one in 100 to 200 pregnant women.

William, a Royal Air Force helicopter pilot, was at her side and she is likely to remain in hospital for several days. There was no detail about when the baby was due, although the prince's spokesman said she was less than 12 weeks pregnant.

"I'm delighted by the news that the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge are expecting a baby," Prime Minister David Cameron said on his Twitter website. "They will make wonderful parents."

Baby will be King, or Queen

William, the Queen's 30-year-old grandson, is second in line to the British throne, and their first child will become the third in succession when he or she is born.

Last year Britain and other Commonwealth countries which have the queen as their monarch agreed to change the rules of royal succession so that males would no longer have precedence as heir, regardless of age.

The agreement also means an end to a ban on a future monarch marrying a Catholic,

a stipulation dating back some 300 years.

Britain's royal family are currently riding the crest of popularity on the back of William and Kate's wedding and the queen's diamond jubilee this year which has witnessed nationwide celebrations.

The young royal couple have become global stars after some two billion people tuned in to watch their glittering marriage ceremony and the sumptuous display of pageantry that accompanied it, and barely a day goes by without a picture of Catherine appearing in the pages of Britain's royalty-obsessed newspapers.

The duchess, the first "commoner" to marry a prince in close proximity to the throne in more than 350 years, is now a fashion icon, with her attire scrutinised every time she steps out in public and followed by legions of women around the world.

U.S. President Barack Obama and his wife Michelle were one of the first to send congratulations, an indication of the young royals' popularity across the Atlantic.

"I know they both feel that having a child is one of the most wonderful parts of their lives. So I'm sure that will be the same for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge," said White House spokesman Jay Carney.

Daddy's Little Co-Pilot

Kate made her last public appearance on Friday when she returned to her old school - a minor event that nonetheless generated live television coverage on news channels - when she looked healthy and joined in a game of hockey with pupils.

Earlier in the week William had hinted at a pregnancy during a visit to Cambridge in central England when they were given a home-made baby suit emblazoned with the words "Daddy's little co-pilot", a reference to William's job.

"When I gave it to him he said 'I'll keep that', and handed it to his aide," said Samantha Hill.

Joseph, author of "Kate: The Making of a Princess", said she believed the couple, who currently live in north Wales where the prince is based as a search and rescue pilot, had been waiting for the right moment to have a baby.

"My feeling has always been that they were not going to take the spotlight away from the queen in her Jubilee. But now 2013 is going to be William and Kate's year," she said, adding the couple would make wonderful parents.

"We have seen her with children and she is lovely with them, she's got the natural touch," Joseph said. "(William) he has always talked about wanting children, so I am sure he is delighted."

Source: Reuters

Disabled entrepreneur's talent wins Stelios award



Disabled businessman David Hawkins has won a prestigious award from easyJet founder Sir Stelios Haji-Ioannou at the Stelios Award for Disabled Entrepreneurs 2012.

David, from Hull, has overcome many challenges to set up his thriving firm, Cyclone Technologies. Now, he is enjoying his moment in the sun after Sir Stelios identified his business as simply the best.

David, 56, who is paraplegic, has seen off tough competition to win the award, a competition run by the Stelios Philanthropic Foundation and the charity Leonard Cheshire Disability. Now in its sixth year, the award recognises the unique achievements of disabled entrepreneurs and offers a £50,000 cash prize to the winner - the largest cash sum of its kind.

Cyclone Technologies supplies wheelchairs and fitness equipment to disabled people in the UK and Ireland, importing products from the USA, Europe and Israel. David owns 50% of the business, which he set up with colleague Stuart Dunne, who also uses a wheelchair, in 2009. Their products include bespoke, lightweight wheelchairs, accessible gym equipment, Functional Electrical Stimulation equipment and ReWalk, mobility devices for people with severe walking impairments.

This year David and his team supported Claire Lomas, who was paralysed in a horse riding accident five years ago, to do the London Marathon in a ReWalk suit. The suit helped her move her knees and hips to let her walk at the flick of a button through a computer-based control system and motion sensors. They helped her train and also gave her support throughout her challenge.

In their head office in rural East Yorkshire, an area of high unemployment, David and Stuart employ only local workers. Their sales team is made up solely of wheelchair users covering the whole of the UK and Ireland.

David says: "I am thrilled to have won this award. It means so much to me and will make the world of difference in my plans to grow my business."

David was announced winner of the 2012 Stelios Award for Disabled Entrepreneurs in the UK at a special awards ceremony held in London on 3 December 2012, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Sir Stelios says: "I have been really impressed by David's business, his drive and enthusiasm. I am passionate about encouraging entrepreneurship, and the previous winners of this award offer proof that there are many highly talented disabled entrepreneurs out there."

Busy agenda for last month of Cyprus' EU Presidency

The Cyprus EU Presidency has entered the last month of its six monthly rotating Presidency of the Council of the EU.

December is expected to be a busy month with many important Councils of Ministers, two Eurogroup meetings, and a European Council Summit.

In December, additional ten Councils will take place in Brussels (Energy, Finance (ECOFIN), Justice, Employment, Foreign Affairs, Competition, General Affairs, Agriculture and Fisheries, Environment and Transport).



Furthermore, a second Eurogroup meeting is expected to be announced for the 13th of December.

The heads of state and government will meet on the 13th and 14th of December for their last scheduled Summit under the Cyprus EU Presidency.

The Cyprus Presidency will pass the torch to Ireland.



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Andrea would also like to remind readers that the North London Wedding & Christening Show is taking place on

Wednesday 24th March 2013 at the Regency Banqueting Suite from 11am - 4pm, with The Boutique fashion shows on at 12.30noon and 2.30pm.



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Two successful lectures on Cyprus to mark the island's Presidency of the Council of the European Union

To mark the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Cultural Department of Cyprus High Commission in London, by Cultural Counsellor Mr. Kypros Charalambous, in collaboration with European Commission and Imperial College of London, organised a lecture entitled 'Speaking Cypriot In Cyprus and Beyond' on 21st November 2012 at Europe House.

A welcoming address was given by Language Officer of the European Commission Dr. Angeliki Petritis. Keynote speaker was Professor Anne Pauwels from the University of London's Languages and Cultures School of Oriental and African Studies.

Other participants in the lecture were Professor Alexandra Georgakopoulou-Nunes from the Centre for Hellenic Studies, King's College London, Professor Marilena Karyolaimou from the Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, University of Cyprus, and Dr Marilena Paraskeva of the Department

of Applied Linguistics and Communication Birkbeck, University of London.

The Cypriot dialect of Modern Greek, known as Kypriaka or Cypriot Greek, is spoken by 750,000 people in Cyprus and by the Greek Cypriot dias-

pora. It is classified as a distinct dialect of Standard Greek, closer to Classical Greek in terms of vocabulary and grammar than the language spoken in Greece.

Both Cypriot Greek and Standard Greek are used in Cyprus. There are specific settings where speaking Standard Greek is demanded or considered 'appropriate' or 'polite', such as in school classes, in parliament, in the media, and in the presence of non-Cypriot Greeks. Cypriot Greek is common in everyday conversations between Cypriot Greeks, on the internet, in emails and in text messages.

The panel discussed the status of diglossia (the co-

by Cultural Counsellor in collaboration with the Centre for Hellenic Studies, took place on Friday 23 November 2012 at King's College, entitled 'Displaying Cyprus'.

The Cyprus evening featured presentations by two eminent French scholars; Professor Antoine Hermary, director of the Amathus excavations and the Centre d'Etudes Chypriotes of the University of Nanterre, spoke about the monarch as religious leader in the ancient kingdoms of Cyprus; Mr Jannic Durand of the Department of Fine Arts, Louvre Museum, presented the Louvre exhibition Cyprus between Byzantium and the West, 4th-16th century.

The evening was introduced by Dr Thomas Kiely, curator of the Cyprus digitization project and the Cyprus galleries at the British Museum.

The purpose of the lecture was to highlight the role of Cyprus in Europe and generally the Presidency of Cyprus to the EU.

The lecture was followed by a reception.



existence of two linguistic varieties) in the Republic of Cyprus today and examined the cases in which code-switching between Cypriot Greek and Standard Greek occurs. They also looked at how diglossia is observed in diasporic contexts and how it is perceived by the Cypriot community in the UK.

The lecture was followed by questions and discussions.

A similar lecture, organised

Cypriot leukaemia sufferer supported by Peter Andre and Tulisa in transplant appeal

Celebrities Peter Andre and Tulisa have pledged support to 34-year-old Bengu Shail who urgently seeks a bone marrow donor who could save her life.

Bengu was diagnosed in 2009 with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia, a cancer of the blood, and went through two years of intensive treatment to beat the disease, giving up her job as a TV producer to work for the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. But in October this year, she received the devastating news that her illness had returned and spread to her whole body.

Now her only hope of survival is a bone marrow transplant, from a Cypriot donor - someone with a similar genetic background to her. But, because of the lack of Turkish or Greek Cypriots on the worldwide donor register, no suitable candidate has been found.

She said: "All of us want a cure for cancer. In my case the cure is not in the hands of scientists, it's in the hands of my community - selfless people who are willing to spare a few hours of their time to give someone like me a chance to live."

The Leukaemia Cancer Society is appealing to people aged 16-30* from the Turkish, Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities, to spare 20 minutes to register as a donor at one of the following events:



Saturday 8 December
11am-5pm

Dr Fazil Kucuk Turkish School
Conisborough College
Bellington Road
Catford SE6 2PS

Sunday 9 December
2-6pm

Cypriot Community Centre
Earlham Grove
Wood Green N22 5HJ

Bengu, who was born in northern Cyprus, said: "I really hope we can increase the numbers of Cypriot people on the register and make sure other families never experience the heartache and fear my family is going through right now. Obviously I'm desperate to save my own life, but I also want to get as many people donating as possible."

For more information, please contact Androulla Stylianou, Co-ordinator of the Leukaemia Cancer Society, on 07872 633 508 or email androulla@leukaemiacancer society.org



21 November 2012

Mr. Cameron
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Dear Prime Minister,
We, the Cypriot community of Brent, anxiously follow the events in the Middle East.

We are very worried that the Israel bombardment of the Gaza Strip could escalate into a full scale war involving Syria and other countries. The President of the U.S. declared that he supports Israel in this conflict.

Mr Prime Minister, we are asking you to exercise your influence upon Mr. Obama to avoid supporting Israel aggression. We are also asking you not to allow the British military bases in Cyprus to be used against the Palestinians.

We support a settlement between the Israel and Palestinian people recognizing the existence of both countries living peacefully side by side. To achieve this, it is important the Western powers put a stop

on Israel expanding on Palestinian territory.

We also noted with dismay the spiralling rise of gas and electricity. This will find the pensioners in dire fuel poverty this winter and many of them will die from hypothermia.

When I asked my 92-year-old neighbour how he is coping having to keep the heating on, he replied that he switches it off because it is very expensive. Like him, there are thousands who could be freezing to death.

That is not right, is it Prime Minister?

Yours Sincerely,
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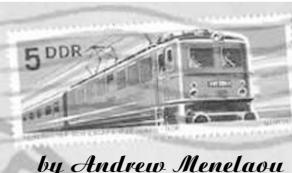
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JERSEY (CHANNEL ISLANDS)**Coastal Towers II**

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Visitors to Jersey will undoubtedly notice a number of towers at various sites on the island's coastline. Some are painted to assist with navigation for local shipping, some have been integrated into private houses and others were built upon by the Germans during the Occupation of Jersey. All, however, were built between 1779 and 1837 to protect the island – which remained loyal to the English crown – from French invasion. The north coast cliffs of Jersey provided a natural protection but the bays to the east, south and west were vulnerable and in need of coastal defence.

A plan was devised by General Conway, Jersey's Governor at the time, to construct thirty towers around Jersey's coastline. Conway died in 1795 by which time twenty-two of them had been built. They were distinctive from French coastal towers as, although they were similar in design, Conway included 'mâchicoulis' on the tops of the towers, allowing the base to be protected from within. Eight 'Martello' towers were completed in the nineteenth century which were further fortified with a battery on the top. Today, there remain three towers which were built offshore and twenty-one on the coastline.

Flicquet Tower Flicquet is situated on the north-east of



Jersey with France clearly in sight. For this reason, it was one of the earliest towers to be constructed and was built before 1787. Now painted with white navigations marks, the tower has been altered over time with the mâchicoulis being removed.

Portelet Tower This Martello tower was completed in 1808 and is situated on an islet known as Ile au Guerdain in Portelet Bay. It is of a granite, circular plan with tapering walls. After completion, it was occupied by a sergeant and twelve men on the instruction of Jersey's then Lieutenant Governor, General Don.

Ouaisné Tower A round construction of squared granite, this tower was built before 1794 and stands on what is now Ouaisné Common, one of Jersey's most diverse nature reserves. It is painted with red and white navigation marks and has four mâchicoulis.

Lewis Tower named in honour of Colonel GG Lewis, the commanding officer of the Royal Engineers in Jersey at

the time, this circular Martello tower was built in 1835 on the coast of St Ouen's Bay towards the north. It has a German searchlight housing and entrance at the base which was added c.1942.

Noirmont Tower also known as Tour de Vinde, this Martello style tower was completed by 1814, circular with tapering walls and squared granite blocks. It is situated on a rocky outcrop at the foot of the cliff at Noirmont Point and is painted with black and white navigation marks.

St. Catherine's Tower Three towers were built along this easterly stretch of Jersey's coastline as it was always considered susceptible to attack from the French. St Catherine's Tower, built in the 1780s, is situated between Flicquet and Archirondel Towers and is currently painted with white navigation marks.

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COCONUT SHY

If you're planning on relaxing under the trees in Sri Lanka, it's worth checking your spot very carefully, as one traveller found after being concussed with a falling coconut. The injury knocked her out, which may sound unlikely until you consider that this average fresh coconut weighs 2 kilograms, and the trees grow up to 30 metres high. The coconut travelling at 53 miles per hour is no laugh, and it's unsurprising that the traveller was reimbursed the actual 400 medical bills.

COCONUTS LOST

However, others apparently cannot function without their own coconuts: a couple returned from Mauritius to discover their own local produce missing. Claiming for two lost coconuts might seem like a reasonable idea on paper, using each one costing less than a pound to change, and an initial excess on any claim made from 50, it's no wonder the travel insurance companies turned this one down.

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Young People's Corner

Christmas Isn't The Same Without... (Part 1)

So Christmas means eating endlessly, watching television for hours on end and wearing your comfiest tracksuit bottoms...also known as my ideal Saturday night. But there are some things that Christmas just cannot do without. So pause yourself from singing 'Xristougenna Xristougenna Eftixismena', put your feet up, grab a mince pie and read on...

ONESIES – I'm wearing one of these babygro badboys as I type. With a hood and built in slippers, I'm annoyed at the fact that there aren't onesie school uniforms...would definitely save me some time in the morning, that's for sure!

KOURABIETHES - The white powdered dessert is made in abundance in my house by Mum who would give a professional chef a run for their money. They're a bit like Christmas trees at Christmas...If they aren't there, something's gone wrong.

MINCE PIES – I don't actually like them myself, let's face it, who REALLY likes raisins? But I never learn my lesson. Year after year, I will sit there aimlessly clearing out the insides, just so I can eat the pastry. Waste not, want not, hey? But still, every family goes to town with the amount of Mince Pies bought at Christmas. Cheers, Mr Kipling.

CHEESY CHRISTMAS SONGS – You Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday, do you? Well just make your wish because 'Santa Clause Is Coming To Town'. And if all else fails, just be glad that this year is better than 'Last Christmas' when you gave him your heart and he gave it away. – Sorry for that paragraph. It just had to be done.

CHOCOLATE - In actual fact, life wouldn't be the same without chocolate. So having a truck load of chocolate in the house when it's Christmas and you have two weeks off, is a must. But remember, advent calendars are separate – who can actually stick to having a 2 centimetre bit of chocolate a day? Triple it by 3 centimetres and we're talking.

HOME ALONE 1 & 2 – Each year, this is the only film that you can bet I'm watching. There's not one Christmas film that comes close to this one. I will forever be quoting Home Alone – "Fuller! Go easy on the Pepsi!"

Eyes Down For A Night of Bingo

On Wednesday 28th November 2012, The Fox Pub in Palmers Green hosted a truly memorable night of bingo to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, organised by Come Together. The evening was held in memory of Kay Kyriacou, who was aged 44 when she lost her long battle against cancer on 2nd September this year. Many of her friends, family and supporters made up the 120 people who attended the evening which had Vera,

Many thanks again go to everyone who attended and especially to all the people who donated generously to the successful raffle draw. By the end of the evening, £2500 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Anna Nicola, a close friend of Kay's and organiser of the evening said 'Tonight was a fitting tribute to Kay. She loved going to Gala Bingo whenever she could. Even in the last months of her life, she would attend whenever she was well enough to. She enjoyed it very much. Tonight we brought bingo to The Fox for Kay!'

My thoughts go out to Kay's family and friends.. A special mention goes out to the amazing Maria Pomi, Mary, Liz, Donna and Anna Nicola who made it happen.



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VIEWS FROM OLYMPIA @ GREEK CITY

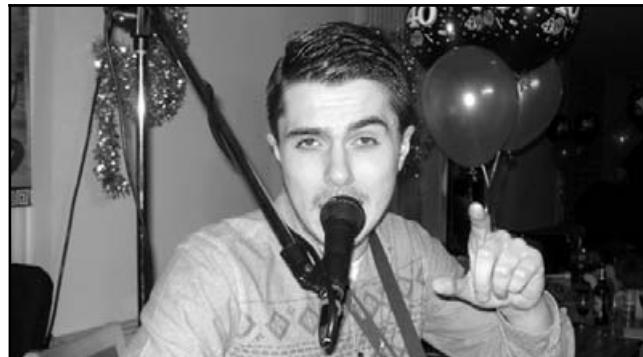
Child Monks

Last Tuesday a 16-year-old Monk died in Cyprus after the tractor he was driving overturned and killed him. All of us feel for a child this age to die so young in a tragic accident, but what got me more was the fact that he was a monk. I'm going to be really controversial, which is not unusual for me but you know I like to warn people who want to go straight to the 'Forthcoming Events'.

How does anyone become a monk at 16? What does a 16-year-old know what they want at that young age? I'm going to get a visit from my local priest after this so he can explain to me how it is that we have a system in place that allows children to enter into the church at such a young age, and then I'm not going to understand even if he explains until he is blue in the face - which is the usual thing isn't it Papa Andrea?

What kind of parent would encourage a 16-year-old to enter into a monastery, none I'm sure, so why accept him so young? Unless I've got it totally wrong and the Cypriot newspaper that wrote about his death got it wrong? I cannot accept that any parent of a 16-year-old brought up his child to go straight into a monastery; university, college yes, monastery, no.

Now I know what you are thinking, I'm not that naïve, I understand that they take them in young before they, well before they experience life, but and it's a parent's 'but', why would you want to take in a 15/16 year old before they experience life? I have never understood Monks or Nuns to tell you the truth. I think I'm the only person in the world that took a dislike to Mother Teresa when she told all the women in India to go forth and have their children as 'God will look after them', not really thinking it over before she said such a thing if the women died during her 14th birth or that the child died of malnutrition; she really annoyed me at this point. OK, she did some fantastic work, but she would have got a place in my honours list if she spoke of restraint and had compassion not only for the Catholic ideal



of having as many babies as possible, but compassion for the women who had to bear the burden of having them. If Mother Teresa had to have 10 children in those conditions, I wonder if she would have been preaching the same thing. At least Mother Teresa did not live in a nunnery so she scored points there, but she actually worked in the community dedicating her life to what she thought best, but I did not think she knew best because she was focused on her way of thinking and nothing else, endangering the lives of so many women and children in the process, so perhaps it would have been better if she stayed in a nunnery.

Who is looking after all those women and children now she is gone? Perhaps the women of India would have been safer if Mother Teresa was not around, perhaps they would not have looked upon her as their saviour and had loads of children, and many of them would have survived. Being that much of a 'saint' has a dangerous power if what you are preaching is not always a good idea. Just a few years back proves what nuns knew or should I say what they did not know about treating women who had babies 'out of wedlock' and how badly most of these poor women were treated by these so called 'saints'.

Yes I know I'm terrible, but I don't get who it helps if you lock yourself up and never speak to your fellow human beings, how is that helpful? I'm not saying all nuns or monks are bad people, I just think that they should do something useful with their lives and not inflict their views on people but use their abilities in a humanitarian way, rather than a rigorous religious way.

It's coming up to Christmas so I suppose I will have to be less controversial and more pleasant to everyone, even if I don't believe in these people or any other people hiding away and doing nothing towards helping your planet, your world or your fellow human being in any way, shape or form, but just make wine or marmalade or something as useless as that in your monastery instead of volunteering at your local hospital or looking after someone who cannot look after themselves. What a total waste of life.

Told you, I just don't get monks or nuns, not the ones that lock themselves up anyway and don't get me started on nuns as teachers!

Entertainment

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Amy Winehouse Tribute

Finalised details for a lasting tribute to honour the late British singing star Amy Winehouse have been confirmed this week.

The father of the talented singer, Mitch Winehouse, publicly disclosed plans that a sculpture of Amy is set to be erected in Camden, where she lived prior to her death. The memorial will be unveiled at an all-star fundraising event at the Roundhouse venue in 2014.

Mitch Winehouse announced the plans to press: "(On the) 14 September, 2014 at the Roundhouse in Camden Town, we'll be unveiling Amy's statue... (It) will be accompanied by a concert. So far, the support from stars has been incredible. We want to make it like a Live Aid-type concert where we get maybe

four, five, six hours worth. People doing a couple of songs each. Obviously that

Forthcoming Events:

LGR DINNER & DANCE on Saturday 8th December 2012 at the Decorium featuring Katerina Kouka and Valentino & The Grecian Kings.

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To Clear Things Up

Harry K, our good friend and someone who we look up to, has left The Grecian Kings to start a new career and we wish him all the best. Harry recently had to put out a statement

about rumours of a drift between Peter and himself which were totally untrue. He wrote "it is not true that Peter and myself have fallen out," which is true because we speak almost every day to him.

Harry has retired from live performances although he still writes music and is still very much involved in our every move for The Grecian Kings - we always ask his advice. It is now Valentino & The Grecian Kings so people will know that Harry does not perform live and we are all happy with his decision which we respect.

We wish Harry every best for the future and to Valentino who has taken on the mighty task of replacing one of the most charismatic, most talented musicians the UK has ever known. Valentino is also an equally talented singer and musician and has proved that he can take on the mantle of the great Harry K. We hope that these rumours are now stopped for all our sakes and let us get on with what Greek City is known for and that is to promote new musicians, promote Greek music wherever and to whoever wants it, without interfering with others doing the same. We respect

Twins?

So what is going to happen if Kate has twins? Would the first born, by minutes, succeed to the throne? If they are both girls, would we have two Queens? Baffling times and no one can answer. If it was up to me, I would like to see two Queens definitely - the only problem I can see with that is that we would need larger postage stamps.

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sensation Michalis Hatziyannis is stepping into new music territory with his latest music offering! The songwriter, never a stranger to the charts, is treating fans to a unique collaboration teaming up with hip-hop rapper Midenitis for their new joint single "Se Ena Toiho".

Other music neebies hitting the airwaves this week include the moving ballad "Paramythiazomai" courtesy of **Panteli Pantelides** and **Nikos Apergis'** laiko danceathon "Magniti!" You can catch a listen to all these Xclusives on this week's SCANDALOUS!*

That's all for now - XCLUSIVE returns next week with all the latest entertainment and music news! Until then... x Mwah

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Film of the Week

Seven Psychopaths

This is the stuff that cult movies are made of! Acclaimed stage playwright Martin McDonagh is now a fully fleshed film writer and director and achieves the almost impossible - he follows his brilliantly funny "In Bruges" with another highly original comedy.

Colin Farrell is the perfect alter ego for McDonagh's sharp and unpredictable writing. He plays Marty, an Irish screenwriter in Los Angeles hoping to hit the big time in Hollywood despite the fact that he is suffering from writer's block. He has only written the title "Seven Psychopaths" and hopes to get inspiration from his two dog stealing friends Billy (Sam Rockwell) and Hans (Christopher Walken). But when his two friends dognap a Shih Tzu that belongs to a brutal gangster Marty finds himself in the middle of a violent showdown...

This terrific comedy was one of the highlights at the recent London Film Festival and confirms that McDonagh is one of the most exciting writing/directing talents working in cinema today. His theatre work is equally compelling and now his work for the cinema is of the most cinematic and innovative nature. Farrell is excellent as the confused hero and so is Christopher Walken - also on spectacularly good form. Enjoy!

I, Anna



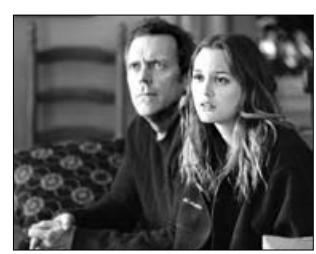
This stylish and deeply atmospheric psychological thriller marks the debut of Barnaby Southcombe whose impressive film and assured direction makes him a talent to watch. It is based on Elsa Lewin's novel which tells the story of Anna Welles (Charlotte Rampling), a lonely woman encouraged by her daughter to attend singles nights for some company and comfort. During one of these nights she meets DCI Bernie Reid (Gabriel Byrne) who soon becomes obsessive and begins to spy on her. But the closer he gets to this enigmatic woman the less he seems to know about her...

It is a very intriguing film with a stunning performance from Rampling whose striking presence is beautifully complimented by that of Byrne. Southcombe's clear vision makes the complex plot fit effortlessly like a glove.



The Oranges

The stellar cast give this amicable comedy class and style.



Dave and Paige Walling (Hugh Laurie & Catherine Keener) live on Orange Drive in New Jersey next door to their best friends Terry and Cathy Ostroff (Oliver Platt & Allison Janney). But their harmonious existence is put on test when the black sheep of the family Nina Ostroff (Leighton Meester) returns home from abroad after a long absence. It is almost inevitable that Nina will start dating their neighbours' son Toby Walling (Adam Brody) but to everybody's surprise and horror she begins dating his dad Dave instead...

The characters are well drawn and all the actors deliver fully fleshed performances but it is Leighton Meester who steals the show as the free spirited and obstinate young woman. She delivers her best performance yet and is destined for greater things.

Rise Of The Guardians 3D



This ambitious animated feature brings together Santa Claus (voiced by Alec Baldwin in a rather bizarre Russian accent), the Easter Bunny (Hugh Jackman in a scene stealing performance), the Tooth Fairy (Isla Fisher), the Sandman and Jack Frost (Chris Pine). They need to join

forces in order to put a stop to the evil plans of bogeyman Pitch (Jude Law) to conquer the world...

The idea has potential but the end result doesn't really work as it lacks focus and a sense of purpose. There is no real danger or any suspense and it takes itself far too seriously apart from the brief sequence when Frost calls the Easter Bunny a kangaroo.

So Undercover



In this likable but not very credible story Miley Cyrus plays Molly, a private investigator hired by the FBI to go undercover in a college sorority. She is assigned to protect a witness who holds key information at a trial against the mob...

Cyrus is watchable but needs a better script while Tom Vaughan's direction by numbers encourages her to act her little socks off without any sense of subtlety or care about character development.

Life Just Is



Alex Barrett's grim film follows the lives of a group of friends. Their university days are over and now it is the time to try to make sense of life and their future while Jay (Jayne Wisener) begins dating an older man called Bobby (Paul Nicholls)...

The actors are admirable for delivering committed performances but the humourless script which tries to imitate

TV's "This Life" is one dimensional and without any sense of irony.

Gremlins



Joe Dante's adorable 1984 family adventure returns to the big screen in a brand new digital version and is very much worth re-discovering. When Billy's (Zack Galligan) eccentric father gives Mogwai to him as a Christmas gift little does he know that this lovable creature would soon be the cause of massive chaos amongst their small community of Kingston Falls...

Chris Columbus' perfectly crafted script allows Dante to invent an immensely entertaining film.

DVD Releases:

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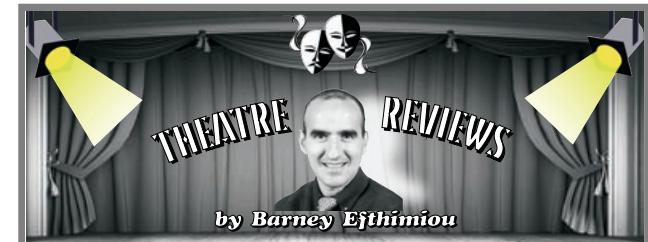
Simon Pummell's extraordinary drama documentary tells the story of Daniel Paul Schreber - a German judge, who in 1903 published his "Memoirs of my Nervous Illness" following his experiences in a mental asylum. Pummell mixes effectively documentary interviews, fictional re-construction and CGI animation.

DIE NIBELUNGEN: Fritz Lang's five hour epic made in 1924 is one of the most spectacular and inventive adventures of all time. It is divided into two parts- Part One tells the story of Siegfried, the legendary hero who slays the dragon and becomes almost invincible after bathing in the creature's blood. In Part Two we follow his wife Kriehild's adventure as she seeks revenge against those close to her that betrayed her trust... It is a brilliant film with amazing set pieces, a thrilling score and perfectly crafted compositions. A must for any serious film lover!

A TRIP TO THE MOON:

Georges Melies's 1902 poetic masterpiece has been lovingly restored by a group of dedicated artists and is an experience to be treasured. The print is beautifully tinted in splashes of colour and tells the story of six scholars from the Astronomer's Club who set off on an expedition to the moon. But their trip is short lived when they are met by the moon's unfriendly inhabitants.

This superb film is accompanied by the documentary "The Extraordinary Voyage" which not only celebrates Melies' groundbreaking and innovative work but also shows how this meticulous restoration was achieved. Essential viewing!



Lascivious lunatics feast while the child in you gently weeps

Thou shalt not deceive, thou shalt not philander and thou shalt not behave as if sectioned and placed in an institution to constrain your lust, longing and murdering madness. These words should act as a preface for Middleton and Rowley's totally twisted **The Changeling**. Revived by the **Young Vic**, following a sell out run in their studio, Joe Hill-Gibbins's production is one that will appal and delight almost simultaneously. Certainly there is no escape from the copious amounts of Kensington Gore and jelly which get splattered here there and everywhere.

Plots, sub plots, parallel plots, deliciously laced with deceit and mayhem, unfold in a citadel and asylum as the supposedly pious and righteous soon succumb to lascivious thoughts and salacious acts. Middleton leaves you in no doubt that we too suffer from such murky thinking. Sat as we are behind a wire gauze the impression is we are the jury passing judgment but in truth we are merely guilty witnesses waiting for our turn to come.

Food and sex connect, just ask Freud, and as if being voyeurs of a soft porn production from the Middle Ages, the pre and post coital action (not for the chaste this one) include lots of edible substances being smeared and smothered on slithering bodies. Those with a predilection for sexual fantasies and experimentation will discover lots of food for thought, bordering on consensual sadomasochism which even includes murder by punchbowl. The willing cast are excellent and appear to relish every machinating moment with Zubin Varla especially good as the amoral De Flores while Sinead Matthews as Beatrice-Joanna initially suppresses her desires and then painfully submits to her uncontrollable urges. Shame about those wasted trifles.

Tis the season to be jolly and also dewy eyed. For most that means yet another viewing of *It's a Wonderful Life* but the heart-warming story that is **Goodnight Mister Tom** (**Phoenix Theatre**) is a very sound alternative. Only the hard-hearted could not be moved by the tale of a scrawny little boy, William, an evacuee during World War II, sent away (fortunately in his case from an abusive mother) to Dorset to temporarily live with grumpy Tom Oakley. Well wouldn't you know it the young lad melts the old man's heart and the curmudgeon is transformed into a gentle and loving adopted grandpa.

Angus Jackson's production is beautifully genteel and charming and takes place on a simple set which doubles as the verdant and peaceful countryside juxtaposed with the harsh reality of city poverty where the home resembles moiré a workhouse than a place in which a family live. When young William is summoned back home he finds his mother has given birth to a sister (father unknown) and he is left to tend to the child in horrendous circumstances. Fortunately his country yokel, having realised from the bruises on the boy that something was wrong, travels to London and comes to his rescue, sadly not in time to save the baby.

When William tells the old man he loves him and then calls him dad, the lugubrious septuagenarian is almost reduced to tears. The audience were by then sharing communal tissues. Songs from the era create a familiar musical backdrop and what it lacks in polish it makes up for in spirit. Oliver Ford Davies is almost too nice too quickly as Tom but you still warm to him and though Ewan Harris (William) delivers his lines as if computerised he is very cute. The real star turns come from William Price as Zach, William's very smart and jovial friend and puppeteer Elisa de Grey who creates a very loving dog.

Put your cynicism away until the New Year and go have a good cry.

Five year old Milly is out and about again this year with mum Andria (Mordaunt) checking out the best in festive children shows...

How do you follow *The Gruffalo*? Writer Julia Donaldson has come up with the already very popular **Room on the Broom** (**Lyric Theatre**), the story of a harebrained witch who uses hitchhikers as her play things. Yes odd but also very entertaining. Which toddler wouldn't respond to a colourfully clad cast who bring it all to life through a mixture of song and dance and over the top puppetry. Lots of energy, exaggerated facial expressions and interaction with the audience - a lovely festive treat.

Milly was impressed too... "I really liked the witch because she was very silly and the Bird was very funny because when it sang a song it made funny faces. I think my friends would like them too."



GRAPEVINE

with Andrea Constantinou-Georgiou

Celebrity news
...and gossip!

Peter Andre works his magic at London's O2!

Peter Andre's Up Close and Personal Tour came to London's O2 arena on Tuesday night and Parikiaki as

off with tracks from his latest release Angels and Demons.

Following a tricks and illusions theme, including an



always was there to support him!

Backed by an all-male dance troupe, the show kicked



elevating light stick and a disappearing act, 39-year-old Pete proceeded to perform a selection of old, new and covered tracks, delivering energetic dance routines throughout.

There were nods to Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, James Bond, Singin' in the Rain and Mission Impossible with tuxedos, umbrellas, fake guns and fast car simulations.

His set list included XLR8, Fly Away, Perfect Night, Ignition, Defender, plus the Bee Gees hit How Deep Is Your Love which he sang to a lucky female fan from the crowd!

A colourful reggae section



included covers of Oh Baby I Love Your Way and Bob Marley's One Love, Make Her Mine from Pete's new album and led perfectly into his 1995 signature song, Mysterious Girl with Bubbler Ranz joining the singer on stage for the first time in 15 years!

Slowing things down with John Lennon's Imagine

during a walk though the audience, Pete made his way back to the stage backed by a gospel choir. He went on to perform Unconditional, a track originally penned for his stepson Harvey, which he dedicated to the children of Zanzibar (Pete is the ambassador for the Health Improvement Project Zanzibar), before mov-

ing onto Thank You, a ballad composed especially for all his fans, accompanied by brother Chris on guitar.

girls across the country! And that includes me...

Andrea xxx

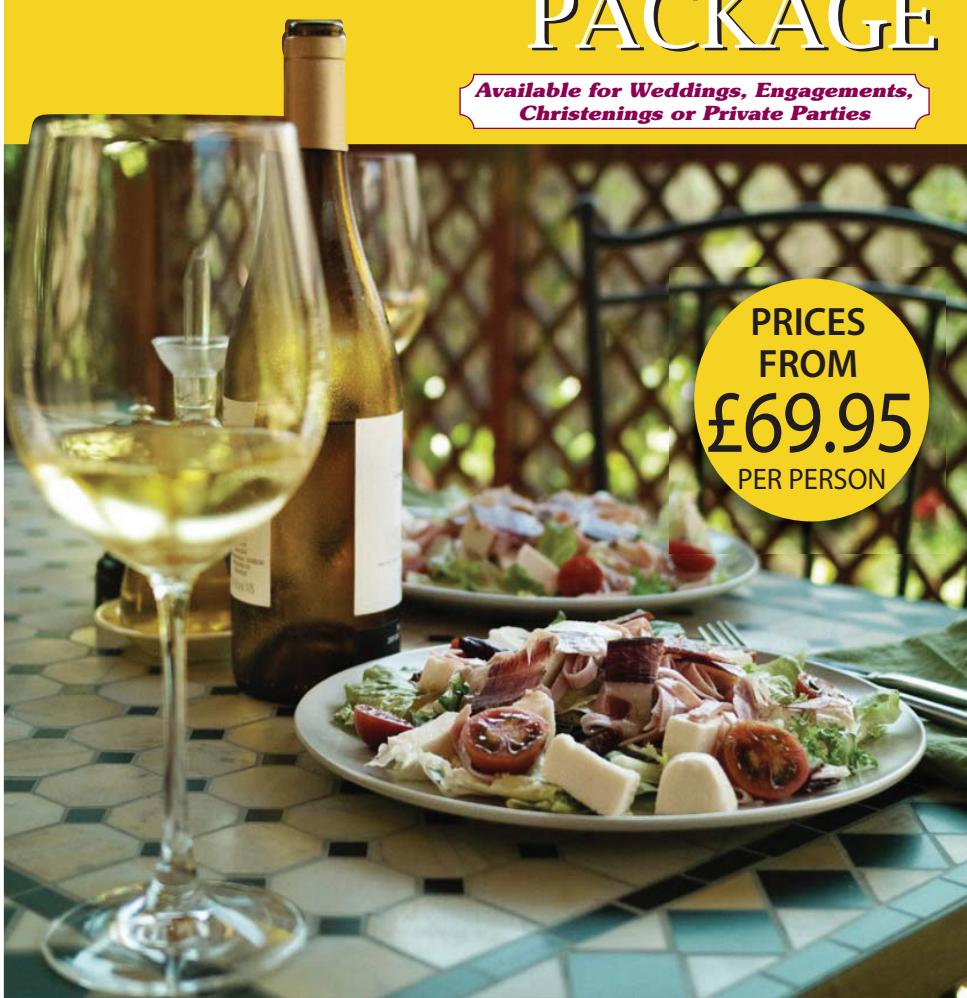


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Χριστουγεννιάτικος χορός

Ομόνοιας Λονδίνου

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ρετισμό από τον Πρόεδρο της ομάδας κ. Σάββα, ο οποίος καλωσόρισε τους παρευρισκό-

στην ηθική όσο και στην οικονομική ενίσχυση της Ομόνοιας Λονδίνου. Καταβάλουμε τερά-

είναι και δύσκολη», τόνισε.

Ο κ. Σάββα στάθηκε ιδιαίτερα στην αναγκαιότητα για

και εκ μέρους του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου σε όσους συνέβαλαν στα δώρα για την κλήρω-

Γκρέκορι Σάββα. Ο κ. Χαραλάμπους συνεχάρηκε τον Γκρέκορι για την προσφορά του στα ποδοσφαιρικά δρώμενα και εξήρε την τεράστια σημασίας συμβολή του στη χρυσή δεκαετία της Ομόνοιας Λευκωσίας.

Όπως είπε χαρακτηριστικά, «ο Γκρέκορι ίσως είναι ο μοναδικός ποδοσφαιριστής στον κόσμο, ο οποίος κατέκτησε 12 πρωταθλήματα στη σειρά - 6 με την Ομόνοια, 3 με τον Ολυμπιακό και 3 ξανά στην Ομόνοια με την επιστροφή



νοτικό Κέντρο στο Wood Green.

Η εκδήλωση ξεκίνησε με χαι-

μένους εκ μέρους του Δ.Σ.

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την έμπρακτη υποστήριξη που επιβάλλεται να δίνουν οι φίλοι της Ομόνοιας στα παιχνίδια που δίνει η ομάδα. Όπως σημείωσε, «η Ομόνοια χρειάζεται κι άλλη βοήθεια από τον κόσμο της. Είναι παράκληση να έρχεστε στους αγώνες που δίνει η ομάδα και να τη στηρίζεται».

Ο Πρόεδρος της ομάδας δεν παρέλειψε να ευχαριστήσει τους προπονητές και τους ποδοσφαιριστές για τις τεράστιες προσπάθειες που καταβάλλουν για να επαναφέρουν την ομάδα στην Α' κατηγορία, όπως δήλωσε.

Ευχαριστίες εκφράστηκαν

στου λαχείου. Ιδιαίτερα, ο κ. Σάββα ευχαρίστησε τις Κυπριακές Αερογραμμές για το αεροπορικό εισιτήριο στην Κύπρο με επιστροφή, που πρόσφεραν.

Το λόγο στη συνέχεια πήρε

ο Επαρχιακός Γραμματέας του Παραρτήματος ΑΚΕΛ Βρετανίας, Διευθυντής της εφημερίδας «Παροικιακή» και πρώην Γραμματέας του Δ.Σ. της Ομόνοιας Λονδίνου Πάμπος Χαραλάμπους, ο οποίος κάλεσε στο βήμα το Γενικό Πρόεδρο της Κυπριακής Ύπατης Αρμοστείας κ. Γιώργο Γεωργίου για να τιμήσει την παλιά δόξα της Ομόνοιας Λευκωσίας,

του».

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Στη συνέχεια της εκδήλωσης ακολούθησε φαγητό και διασκέδαση με ζωντανό μουσικό πρόγραμμα και χορό και στο τέλος της βραδιάς πραγματοποιήθηκε η κλήρωση του λαχούντης Ομόνοιας με πλούσια δώρα.

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Φοφούλλας Δημητριάδη

(Κώμη Κεπίρ)

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Ο σύζυγος Δημήτρης, υιός Ανδρέας, αδέλφια και λοιποί συγγενείς.



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Κατίνα Μιχαήλ

(από την Παλλουριώτισσα)

Απεβίωσε την Παρασκευή 30.11.2012
η Κατίνα Μιχαήλ σε ηλικία 76 ετών.

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Η κηδεία της θα γίνει την **Τετάρτη 12.12.2012 και ώρα 12.00 το μεσημέρι** από την Εκκλησία της Παναγίας, Trinity Road, Wood Green, London N22 8LB και η ταφή στο Chingford Mount Cemetery, 121 Old Church Road, Chingford, E4 6ST. Η παρογοριά θα δοθεί στο Royal Forest Hotel, 4 Rangers Road, Chingford, E4 7QE.

Θα υπάρχει κουτί για εισφορές που θα δοθούν στο Alzheimer's Society και στο Cancer Research UK.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες: Melville and Daughters Funeral Directors +44 208 888 7262.



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Katina Michael

(from Pallouriotissa)

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Katina leaves 3 children: Michael, Maria and Erini, 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and many relatives and friends.

The funeral service will take place on Wednesday 12.12.2012 at 12:00pm at the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Mary's, Trinity Road, Wood Green, London N22 8LB and laid to rest at Chingford Mount Cemetery, 121 Old Church Road, Chingford, E4 6ST.

The wake will take place at The Royal Forest, 4 Rangers Road, Chingford, London, E4 7QH.

Floral tributes are welcomed by the family as mum loved her flowers. If preferred, there will be a donation box available on the day. Donations will be shared between Alzheimer's Society and Cancer Research UK. Enquiries to Melville and Daughters Funeral Directors +44 208 888 7262.

Message from grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Our Yiayia, who sung her way through life, was one in a million. She was our rock who always stood up for us no matter what, we could do no wrong. A beautiful, amazing, funny, cheeky, loving and caring Yiayia. Our Yiayia will be sadly missed but never ever forgotten. Lots of love and kisses always, your admiring grandchildren xxxxxxxx

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Αντρέας Κυριάκου Παυλουρή

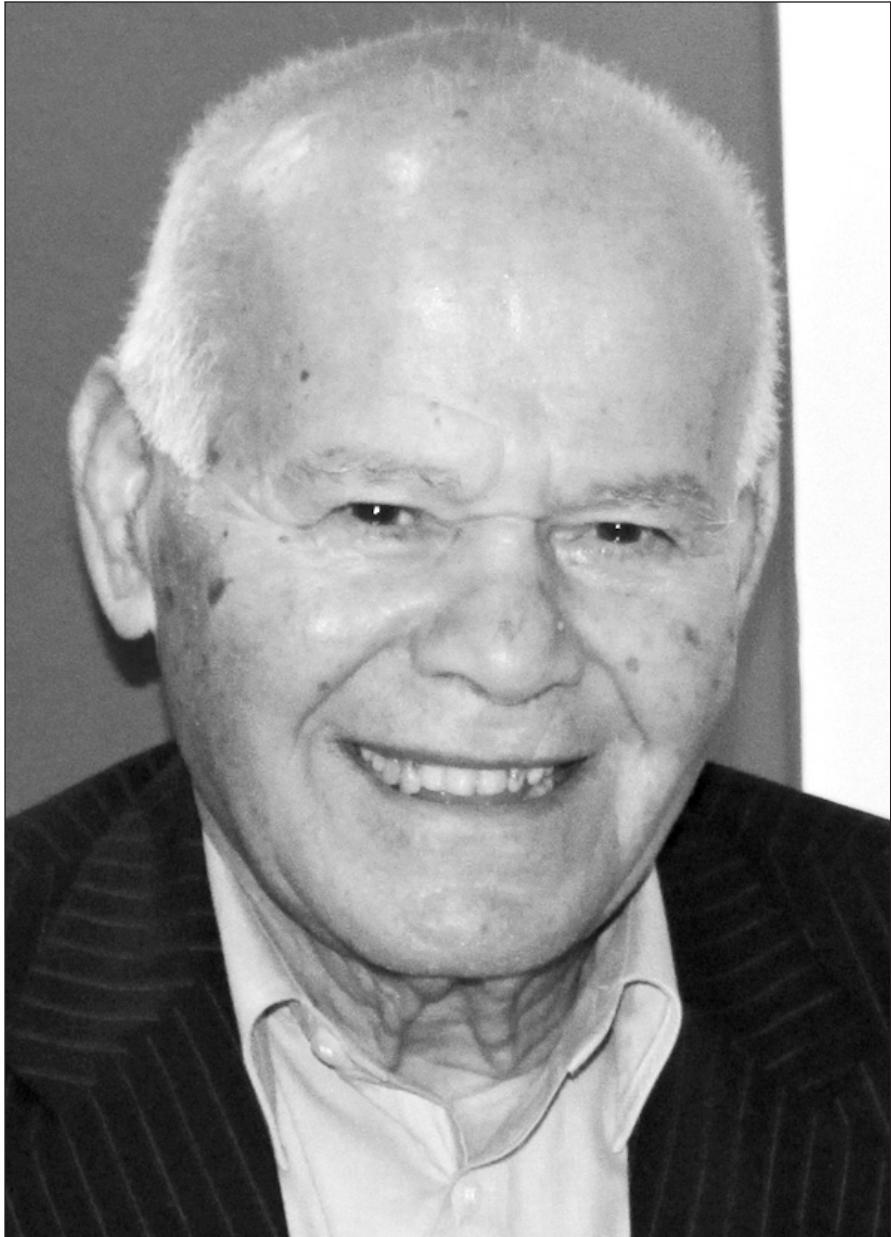
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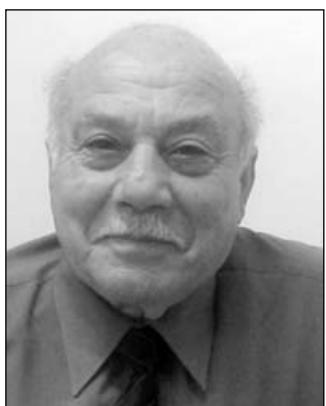
Ο σύζυγος Πολυβής, παιδιά: Ελευθερία, Γιώργος και Σάββας, εγγόνια, γαμπρός, νύφες και αδέλφια.

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Τάκης Χρίστου

(Από τη Χάρτζια - Κερύνεια)

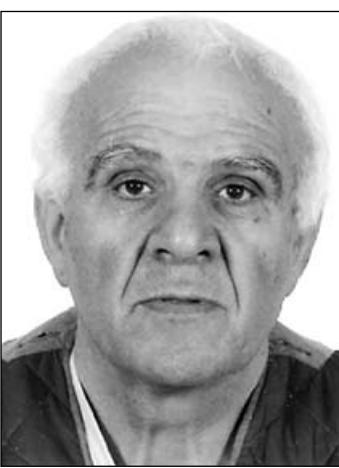
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Χρίστου Κικκίδη

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Οι γονείς του Νίκος και Μάρω Κικκίδη και η αδελφή του Έλενα.

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Χαράλαμπου Χριστοδούλου (Chris)

(Κανναβιού - Πάφο)

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CYPRIAN FOOTBALL

APOEL trimmed the gap on league leaders Anorthosis Famagusta to one point on Sunday after labouring to a 2-0 victory away to AEP.

The previous day, Anorthosis were held to a 1-1 draw by title holders AEL at the Antonis Papadopoulos to set up a thrilling clash against APOEL this coming weekend in Nicosia.

Gustavo Manduca had fired APOEL in front on 38 minutes after Adorno went tumbling under the challenge of AEP's Portuguese defender Cris. The Brazilian beat Spanish keeper Manolo Reina from the penalty mark having also scored from a penalty in their previous 3-1 win away to AEL.

APOEL struggled to keep possession against relegation battlers AEP and also saw key players Karpidis and Adorno exit the game through injuries.

The visitors made sure of the three points in stoppage time as Selim Benachour finished off a sweeping move involving Constantinos Charalambides and Manduca. Anorthosis and AEL battled out a 1-1 draw in a game which saw both sides reduced to ten men. Jan Rezek had given Anorthosis a halftime lead after beating Matias Degra with a clever free-kick but AEL hit back midway through the second half through Dede. Barely a minute earlier, Anorthosis defender Valentinos Sielis



Action from Anorthosis versus AEL

had been sent off while Jorge Costa's side were also a man down in the closing stages of the game when Dede was also given his marching orders for a second bookable offence.

The game was also marred by the horror collision of AEL striker Michalis Constantinou with Anorthosis's French keeper Matthieu Valverde.

Both players were subsequently substituted with Constantinou having undergone surgery on Sunday and expected to be out injured for some time.

In other games, Apollon cruised to a 3-1 win over Nea Salamina to close in on fourth place while AEK Larnaca beat Enosis Neon Paralimni 2-1 away to stay third.

Ayia Napa defeated Alki 2-0 away in a game that saw coach Costas Kaifas step down and Neophylos Larkou stepping in

to take his place while Doxa and Ethnikos played out a 1-1 draw.

Omonia beat Olympiakos 2-0 at Nicosia's GSP Stadium on Monday night with the two goals scored by Freddy. Omonia still have goal keeper problems with their Israeli keeper Livanti again clumsily dropping the ball in the path of opposition and luckily this time an Omonia defender was able to clear the danger.

Omonia now face New Salamis in their next game.

Referee's car set alight

The Referee's Association has strongly condemned the burning of a car belonging to one of their members. Costas Kapitanis' car was set alight outside his house in the early hours of Saturday. The association said that it not only football that was affected but that it brought society back to the stone age. They expressed concern about the ease with which officials were being subjected to violence.

Andreas the Ace to Box at London Olympia this Saturday

Andreas "The Ace" Evangelou who will be boxing in his first six round bout at the London Olympia this Saturday 8th December as he develops and prepares to challenge for a domestic title in 2013. His opponent who is ranked higher than the Ace will give him the opportunity to showcase his tremendous potential and he has been preparing with some very challenging sparring against top ten ranked boxers.

Chris "The Flash" Evangelou's scheduled rematch against Danny Connor for the Southern Area Light Welterweight Title has been postponed until early in 2013 due to Connor sustaining an eye injury.

Tickets for this wonderful night of boxing are now available through the Ticket Line Tel:



Andreas Evangelou

07956 468841 or via the official website, www.team-evangelou.com

Cypriot Toumpas is a top AFL prospect

Jimmy Toumpas' dreams came true when the Cypriot and Australian Football League rising star heard his name called out with selection number four at the national draft held on the Gold Coast last Thursday night.

The eighteen-year-old played in the 2011 SANFL grand final with the Eagles. His talent and maturity shone through and the tough midfielder became a much wanted draft prospect in the AFL. At Thursday night's draft, Toumpas was rated as high as the second best player available by some recruiters.

Jimmy will head back to South Australia in order to pack up his belongings, say his goodbyes and move to Melbourne.

"It was humbling to know I was taken by Melbourne, I'm so grateful for the opportunity and I can't wait to repay them back".

The young Greek Cypriot is



now the second player of Greek background to play in AFL along with Bombers player David Zaharakis.

won a silver medal in the sailing laser category in the London Olympics.

That evening, the red brick area of Highfield Campus was turned into a Winter Wonderland with a Ferris Wheel, Christmas market and musical entertainment. As guests entered the Winter Wonderland, where they



Our own Michael Yiakoumi (right) with Olympic star Pavlos Kontides

NEWS FROM GREECE



One week before the classic Greek derby between Panathinaikos and Olympiakos, both soccer giants scored 2-1 wins against the strong opposition of Panionios and Platanias respectively, in two games that mirrored one another.

On Saturday leader Olympiakos took an early lead at home through Djamel Abdoun and Vassilis Torosidis, with Platanias pulling one back later via Chigozie Udoji. In the second half Olympiakos dropped a gear or two ahead of the Champions League game with Arsenal on Tuesday in Piraeus.

The Reds have now opened a 10-point gap at the top and have mathematically secured the unofficial title of the "winter champion," which means they will finish the first half of the Super League on top.

In a very similar game at Nea Smyrni on Sunday, Panathinaikos scored twice within four minutes in the first half through Antonis Petropoulos and Loukas Vyntra, and then sat back in the second half, allowing host Panionios to reduce the arrears courtesy of Markos Dounis.

Second-placed PAOK shared a goalless draw with Veria away, finishing one more game with 10 men. Veria missed a first-half penalty.

Asteras Tripolis snatched a 1-1 draw at Xanthi to stay third, just like fourth-placed Atromitos, who had to wait till the last minute to score the equalizer (1-1) at Aris, although the Thessaloniki club protests about



Olympiakos 10 points clear versus Platanias

a suspected handball by scorer Yiannis Skondras.

Levadiakos continued its streak of solid showings at home, downing Kerkyra 2-0, while OFI Crete escaped defeat at home right at the end by leveling the score against Panthrakikos at 1-1.

AEK scored a desperately needed 2-1 win over PAS Giannina on Monday to crawl out of the relegation zone for the first time since the start of the Super League season.

Panathinaikos struggling to pay electricity bills

Panathinaikos, one of the oldest and most successful Greek soccer clubs, has fallen behind on payments for their electricity

bills at the Olympic Stadium which the club rents from the state.

In an open letter to the Greek Super League, Hellenic Football Federation and television broadcaster Nova, the stadium's management team head Peter Galaktopoulos said the club had not met the minimum financial obligations.

Galaktopoulos suggested the club play during daylight hours so that it would not be charged the cost of electricity for lighting.

Panathinaikos continues to struggle financially despite entering into a new era of fan ownership in the close season and the board has requested a capital injection of 15 million euros from shareholders and investors.

London Cypriot to sit on UEFA Strategy Council

Arsenal's chief executive Ivan Gazidis whose maternal grandmother is Cypriot has joined the European Club Association (ECA) and will represent the body on UEFA's Professional Strategy Council, the Premier League club said on Wednesday.

Gazidis, 48, replaces Manchester United CEO David Gill who has stepped aside from his position on the ECA Executive Board.

The ECA represents 207 European clubs including 10 English Premier League sides including Arsenal, Chelsea, Liverpool, Manchester United and Manchester City.

UEFA's Professional Strategy Council is responsible for directing and creating policy for



European football's governing body.

"I am delighted to be joining these important groups which are hugely influential in the future direction of the game in Europe. I am looking forward to representing the top European clubs in many important debates as we move ahead," Gazidis told the club's website (www.Arsenal.com).

Youth Results

U18
Panathinaikos W 1 Finchley Rev 2

U16
Omonia W 0 London M 6

U15
Whetstone W 4 Highgate 3

U14
Enfield R Omonia W 10
Oakhill 0 Whetstone W 10

U13
Whetstone W 2 St Albans 3
AC Finchley 4 Olympiacos 6

Omonia W 3 Bellstone 3

U12

London Maccabi 4 AEK 1
Edmonton R 6 Olympiacos 1

U11

Brady M 1 Whetstone W 2
Olympiacos R 1 Muswell H 10
Panathinaikos 6 Bushey 2

U10

Edmonton R 4 Omonia W 3
Whetstone W 0 Harvesters 4
Panathinaikos 2 Harvesters 9

KOPA Condolences

KOPA would like to offer their condolences to the Economou family for the loss of their wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother Stavroulla Economou from Aradippou who died recently in Cyprus.

Stavroulla's husband Stavros was a founder member of the KOPA League and Chairman of AEKON FC who did the double in the first year of the KOPA Football League 1975/76. Her Son-in-Law is Michalakis Michael the Vice Chairman of KOPA.





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KOPA teams get frostbite

First Division

Anorthosis 1 Pendayia 0

The only game in the KOPA League due to the frost ended up being a very tight game Anorthosis had taken the lead within minutes with a goal from Chris Themistocli and had chances to increase their lead. The second half Pendayia who were very well organised pressured the Anorthosis rear guard but their finishing was poor.

This was Anorthosis second win of the season and things are looking up for them. For Pendayia their chance of getting into the top three this week was thwarted.



Anorthosis celebrate their second win of the season



Goal mouth action from Anorthosis v Pendayia



From L/R Anorthosis Chairman Kypros Costi, Manager Mario Koureas and secretary Kokos Georgiou

Rizokarpasso 0 Baldon Sports 2

In this LFA Challenge Cup game Rizokarpasso were defeated by Baldon one of London's top teams 2-0.

LFA Challenge Cup - 3rd Round

Omonia 3 London Bari 4

There was a ding dong battle at Broomfield Park between Omonia and London Bari.

Omonia played really well and were losing 2-0 half time one a penalty and Omonia came back to lead 3-2 with goals

from Adrian Gordon, Alex Spyropoulos and Alexander Birri but in the dying minutes they allowed London Bari to

score two goals to win the game.

Komi Kebir v Burnt Oak

This Komi Kebir game was abandoned at 0-0 after half an hour due to the icy pitch conditions.

Veteran stars of Omonia



L/R Kypros Kyprianou and Gregory Savva



Action Omonia v London Bari



Father Hadjisavvi with L/R his son Stavros and son-in-law Tony Kromidias who both play for Omonia

Two former Omonia London stars met up at the Omonia dinner and dance that was held at the Cypriot Community Centre in Wood Green last Saturday. Gregory Savva who went onto play for the Omonia team in Cyprus, Olympiakos in Greece and of course the Cyprus National team. Then you have Kypros Kyprianou who went onto play for the KOPA representative team and now is the Group Chief Executive of Rymans who own 237 stores employing around 2,200 people in England, Scotland and Wales.

Olympia Dinner and dance

Olympia had their Xmas dinner and dance at the Dover Street Wine Bar in the West End on Sunday and what a good event it was, even Father Christmas was there to give presents to the children who attended. The Chairman of the football Club George Stavrinos and the Chair of the Lympia Association Pola Tsioptra welcomed the guests and spoke about the progress of the Club and the Association and this was followed by a three course Christmas dinner and a raffle with a return air ticket for Cyprus donated by Cyprus Airways and other rich prizes. The music was provided by DJ Peter Lewis.



George Stavrinos chairman of Olympia

KOPA League sponsors



LEAGUE TABLES

Division 1

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	P
APOEL	8	6	1	10	19	
Tripimini	8	5	1	2	9	16
Olympia	7	5	0	2	8	15
New Salamis	6	4	1	5	13	
Cetinkaya C.	7	4	0	3	3	12
Rizokarpasso	8	3	2	3	3	11
AEL	8	3	1	4	1	10
Brotherhood	7	1	0	6	-6	3
Dynamo	7	1	0	6	-22	3
Maronites	4	0	0	4	-10	0

Division 2

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	GD	P
Cyprus Youth	8	6	1	1	11	19
Arachne	8	5	1	2	5	16
Livadia	7	4	1	2	8	13
Pendayia	8	3	2	3	0	11
Asha	8	3	2	3	-4	11
Omonia	7	3	1	3	-1	10
Komi Kebir	7	3	0	4	-1	9
Pantel	6	2	1	3	-3	7
Anorthosis	7	2	0	5	-6	6
Achna	6	0	1	5	-7	1

FIXTURES

Sunday December 9th 2012

First Division

Maronites v N. Salamis
10:00am, Aylands Open Space, Bullsmoor Lane, Enfield, EN3 6TW

Olympia v Brotherhood
12:00pm, Wadham Lodge Sports Ground, Kitchener Rd, London E17 4JP

Cetinkaya Cinar v Rizokarpasso
10:00am, Wadham Lodge Sports Ground, Kitchener Rd, London E17 4JP

Second Division

Livadia v Anorthosis
10:00am, Donkey Lane, Enfield Playing Fields, Enfield, EN1 3PL

Komi Kebir v Cyprus Youth
9:30am, New River Sports Centre, White Hart Lane, N22 5QW

Achna v Pendayia

11:00am, Peter May Sports Centre, 135 Wadham Rd, E17 4HR

LFA Challenge Cup 3rd round

Phoenix v Tripimini
10:30am, Hackney South Marshes, Homerton Road, London E9 5PF

APOEL v Dees FC

12:00pm, Aylands Open Space, Bullsmoor Lane, Enfield, EN3 6TW

