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Costa Navarino – the prime destination in the Mediterranean

Costa Navarino, the prime, sustainable destination in the Mediterranean, is located in the Greek region of Messinia in the southwest Peloponnese. One of the most unspoiled and breathtaking seaside landscapes in the Mediterranean, this area has been shaped by 4,500 years of history. The Costa Navarino philosophy is driven by a genuine desire to promote Messinia, while

Navarino Dunes

Extending over 130 hectares of gently sloping hillside, Navarino Dunes is a stunningly beautiful west-facing location. Richly endowed by nature, the site overlooks a magnificent sandy beach that stretches for over 1 km, washed by the warm clear blue waters

Navarino

Set amid lush olive groves and overlooking the storied waters of the Ionian Sea, 321 beautifully appointed rooms and

The Westin Resort, Costa

Navarino

The ultimate family experience. Set in a verdant hillside landscape, 445



Nina Argyropoulou, Public Relations Manager, was our gracious Host, when we visited Costa Navarino this summer.

protecting and preserving its natural beauty and heritage, which is why the building footprint at Costa Navarino will be less than 10% of the total land area.

of the Ionian Sea.

Navarino Dunes is the setting for The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort and The Westin Resort, Costa



Costa Navarino comprises a number of distinct sites featuring 5-star deluxe hotels, luxury residences, conference facilities, spa and thalassotherapy centers, signature golf courses, as well as a wide range of year-round activities for adults and children which are unique in the Mediterranean.

Navarino. Inspired by old Messinian mansions and traditional rural houses, clusters of low-rise villas have been built using native stone and local design elements, which blend harmoniously into the natural landscape.

The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort, Costa



suites ranging from 43m² to 192m² with private infinity pools in almost all ground-floor units, as well as the magnificent 660m² Royal Villa Koroni, create a distinctive and inspiring environment of genuine luxury and heartfelt hospitality.

Royal Villa Koroni has been awarded the prize "Best Suite, Interior Design of the Year" at the European Hotel Design Awards 2010.

beautifully appointed deluxe rooms, family rooms and suites, ranging from 40m² to 80m², as well as the grand 625m² Royal Villa Methoni, offer a mix of golf, sea and pool views and spacious terraces or balconies with lounge areas, while most ground-floor units have private infinity pools. The magnificent Royal Villa Methoni features butler service, a spa treatment suite with steam room, a media room, a private gym and



The selection of culinary venues includes Pero restaurant offering all-day dining and Eleon restaurant presenting the Greek cuisine. There are self-cook family barbecue areas, extensive lounge areas and chill-out bars such as Anax Lounge, private marquees, outdoor pools with the Romanos swim-up bar, atmospheric outdoor seating areas around fire pits, plus a vast array of world-class amenities and an unmatched choice of indoor and outdoor activities.

a dedicated outdoor dining area with barbecue.

Three distinct restaurants, serving ethnic, international and local cuisine, as well as the Lagoon pool-side bar and grill and The Diner for an original American diner experience, offer guests a wide and varied choice of culinary delights. Our beach-entry and common swimming pools with swim-up bars, along with various lounge and chill-out bars, a library, a rustic lounge

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HELLENIC FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING



As part of its fundraising efforts, this year Hellenic Foundation is participating in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on October 9, 2011.

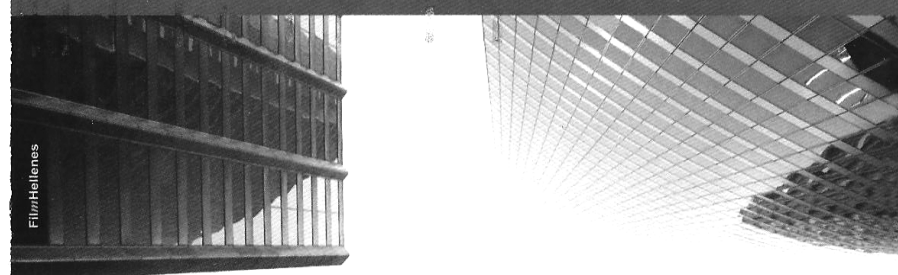
With 22 runners on their team, 15 of which will be traveling 5,500 miles from Marathonas, Greece, Hellenic Foundation is raising money for the Psychotherapy & Counseling Charitable Fund, which allows individuals and families who are in need of assistance yet lack the financial resources, to engage and participate in the therapeutic process.

Psychotherapy & Counseling is one of Hellenic Foundation's programs which assists people who have difficulty navigating their course in life. This includes depression, anxiety, addiction, disabilities or any of life's challenging situations. Hellenic Foundation provides educational programs, psychotherapy and counseling to support our clients in the steps needed to lead a healthy, productive life. The money raised by the runners will directly assist families (families, individuals, couples, adolescents, children) to receive free counseling which they otherwise could not afford.

With the initiative of the Greek Telmissos team, the Marathon Flame is coming to Chicago in support and appreciation of Hellenic Foundation's cause via the Hellenic Athletics Federation (SEGAS) and the Town of Marathonas. The Marathon Flame will be proudly displayed in Greektown, which is a part of Bank of America Chicago Marathon's course, on the days before the race commences

Support Hellenic Foundation's cause and the marathon runners from Marathonas, Greece. Get a free ticket to the Standing Ovation Celebration Gala dinner at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Greektown on the evening of race day when you sponsor our team at the \$150, \$250, or at the \$350 VIP level, which includes a free ticket to the VIP/Welcome Reception of the Marathon Flame. The Gala dinner will be hosted to honor the coming of the Marathon Flame to Chicago as well as the runners, their sponsors and dignitaries. Go to www.hellenicfoundation.org or call 773.631.5222, ext 108.

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- * Supporting the universal values of freedom of expression and thought that are fundamental to good cinema.

IT IS A DYNAMIC PERIOD FOR GREEK FILMS

Thanks to rising Greek talents getting recognition at international festivals with films like DOGTUOTH (*Prix Un Certain Regard*, Cannes Film Festival), which was also nominated for a foreign language Academy Award, the Greek film landscape is rapidly re-defining itself. A new wave of films (both art-house and mainstream) are emerging in spite of the country's challenges.

FilmHellenes

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and extensive outdoor seating areas offer great opportunities to relax or enjoy fantastic views.

An equally limitless range of indoor and outdoor pursuits awaits guests, along with numerous leisure activities and fascinating excursion opportunities. Kids can choose amongst a great variety of fun, supervised activities, designed specifically for them, while par-

youth hub offering exciting recreational/educational activities, or enjoy the aqua park and other outstanding children's facilities unique to the Mediterranean. At the Navarino Natura Hall opening in 2011, children will learn all about the area's unique environment and habitats in a way that is both entertaining and educational.



ents will have plenty of time to indulge in their own favorite sports or simply unwind.

Anazoe Spa

The 4,000m spa offers a full range of specialist treatments based on ancient Greek practices, as well as kinesiotherapy and floating pools, an extensive variety of light therapies, ice-grotto rooms, mist showers, thalassotherapy and herbal saunas. The spa's unique oleotherapy® treatments were uncov-



ered at Nestor's Palace and date back to Homeric times.

House of Events

Offering the latest in communication and meeting facilities, a multi-functional and highly versatile conference center, the House of Events, extending over a total area of more than 5,000 m² and accommodating up to 1,700 guests, includes a grand ballroom (1,400 m²) and 11 meeting rooms (ranging from 50 m² to 200 m²), large exhibition area, as well as an extensive atrium that offers adjacent outdoor space.

Cocoon care centre and SandCastle youth hub

While parents are otherwise engaged, infants may attend the Cocoon care center and young guests can enjoy the Sand-Castle, a specially designed

Activities

The Agora, which follows the style of an authentic village center, features entertainment and exclusive shopping venues, including an open-air cinema, a traditional Greek amphitheater. Kafenio, a revival of the traditional Greek coffee house, Souvlakerie, an authentic souvlaki corner, the Italian taste of Da Luigi and the 3 Admirals bar, bring together a variety of cafes, bars and restaurants.

For those actively inclined, the opportunities are virtually endless and unmatched across the Mediterranean. In a majestic environment of both verdant land and pristine sea, the signature outdoor options include mountaineering, bike trekking, hiking as well as many recreational activities. Indoor options offered by a cutting-edge sports center include badminton, bowling, squash and basketball, as well as extensive areas for meditation and workout classes.

For a truly authentic experience, guests are encouraged to discover the beauty and culture of Messinia, engage in traditional activities ranging from fishing to olive-oil and wine-making and mingle with the local community, becoming part of an age-long heritage that spans the millennia.

Sustainable development

Costa Navarino adheres to strict environmental protection guidelines and management principles, recognizing the significant contribution of a pristine natural environment to the development



of a sustainable tourism product. The environmental management system of Costa Navarino covers all aspects of environmental protection by applying sustainable water and energy management practices, integrated solid & liquid waste management with an extensive recycling program and a number of environmental programs for the preservation of biodiversity and the protection of ecologically important habitats in the vicinity of Costa Navarino.

The Navarino Environmental Observatory (N.E.O.)

Costa Navarino boasts several other pioneering developments, including the Navarino Environmental Observatory, which will be dedicated to the study of climate change and its impacts on the natural environment and human activities in the Mediterranean region. The

center has been developed in conjunction with TEMES, the University of Stockholm and the Academy of Athens.

Navarino Bay, Navarino Hills and Navarino Blue

The second phase, Navarino Bay, will open in the near future and will showcase Banyan Tree all-pool-villa resort, the first of its kind in Europe, an 18-hole signature golf course, as well as another five star hotel, which will be announced shortly. Two further phases, Navarino Hills and Navarino Blue, will open at a later date.

Getting there

In addition to seasonal direct flights to Kalamata International Airport from select destinations abroad, year-round daily flights from Athens to Kalamata, offer convenient connections to guests arriving from major European hubs. Domestic flights to Kalamata are also available from Thessaloniki and Iraklion.

The driving distance from Kalamata International Airport to Costa Navarino is just 45 km. Costa Navarino is also easily accessible by road from Athens, with a driving distance of 270 km to Navarino Dunes.

For guests driving from Europe there are frequent daily ferry connections from Italy to the port of Patras.

Largely undiscovered, Messinia harbors a long and important history

with palaces and vaulted tombs from the Mycenaean era, Classical temples, Byzantine churches and medieval castles, all set in a breathtaking sun-drenched, lush landscape, that enjoys a temperate climate, making it an ideal year-round destination. World Heritage List sites, including famous Olympia, Mystras and the Temple of Apollo Epicurius, as well as Ancient Messini, the Palace of Nestor and the marvelously preserved medieval town of Monemvasia, are all within driving distance.

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Golf by Troon

The Dunes Course, designed by former US Masters Champion and Ryder Cup Captain Bernhard Langer in association with European Golf Design and managed by world-renowned Troon Golf, is set in a diverse landscape with amazing sea and river views. Greece's first signature golf course, an 18-hole, par 72 course measuring almost 6,200 meters from

the back tees ad a little more than 5,000 meters from the front tees, features a full-size driving range and a short-game practice area, an impressive clubhouse including Flame restaurant, a designated members' lounge and an exclusive pro shop.

The Bay Course

Designed by the legendary Robert Trent Jones II and also managed by Troon Golf, will open in 2011 at the nearby Nava-rino Bay site. Providing a challenging yet fair test to golfers of all levels, The Bay Course meanders through rolling hills and lush olive groves, offering sublime sea views, with two holes played adjacent to the historic bay of Navarino.

Entertainment &

ORPHEUS HELLENIC FOLKLORE SOCIETY: GREECE 2011

The Chicago-based Orpheus Hellenic Folklore Society recently made its fourth trip to Greece since its inception in 1989. This summer, almost one hundred and fifty Orpheus members and their families visited Athens and the island of Chios. Highlights included five successful dance and choral performances, meetings and workshops with local officials and dance groups, as well as excursions in Athens and around Chios.



Members of the Orpheus Hellenic Folklore Society prior of their presentation at the American College of Greece – Deree in suburban Athens, Greece. This performance kicked-off a summer tour that included Athens and the island of Chios.

The troupe's first performance was in Athens at the prestigious American College of Greece, Deree. The hour and a half long performance featured the Orpheus youth and adult groups performing a variety of dances from mainland Greece and the islands. Orpheus member, Nicole Mitroussias, accompanied by Nikos Papathanasiou on the piano, performed song selections from celebrated Greek composer, Manos Xatzidakis, and several Orpheus members addressed the audience, reflecting on what Greece means to them and what it feels like to have the rare opportunity to perform in the motherland. Many of the dancers, particularly the younger ones, commented that this trip was exceptionally meaningful to them. Not only were they first-time visitors to a country with such a remarkable history, magnificent scenery and centuries old traditions and culture, but more importantly it was an opportunity to proudly give a dynamic, traditional performance in the birthplace of their grandparents and parents.

Once in Chios, the performances continued. The troupe enjoyed performing in various picturesque locations on the island. The first performance in Chios was in the village of Parparia at the St. Paraskevi panegyri. Next was the dance festival in the beautifully preserved medieval village of Mesta, where Orpheus performed with several local Greek folk dance groups. Another performance was given at the town square in Chios Town, as Orpheus performed, once again, with several other local dance groups. At the Chios Town event, Dr. Mantikas, head of cultural affairs in Chios, welcomed Orpheus and commended the troupe on its continued efforts to preserve the Greek traditions and culture abroad. The last performance in Chios took place at the Golden Sand hotel in the town of Karfas, during the annual Chios omogenia dinner. At the dinner, Ms. Isabella Bournias, President of the Enosis Omogenon Chios Society, presented all the performers with parting gifts consisting of mementos from Chios. Ms. Bournias expressed similar sentiments as Dr. Mantikas and thanked Orpheus for choosing Chios as the latest Greece trip destination.



Members of the Orpheus Hellenic Folklore Society and their families in front of the Agia Markella Church in the island of Chios. Pictured also is Father and Presbyter Kaloudis, natives of the island who conducted a tour of the church ground and the shrine of Agia Markella, the patron saint of Chios. The Orpheus Dance Troupe conducted a weekly tour of the island that included four performances, dance workshops and sightseeing.

Orpheus members had the chance to learn several local dances, courtesy of dance instructors, Yannis Gribabis and Symos Karaoulanis. The instructors demonstrated Chios favorites such as "Ena Karavi Apo tin Chio", "Arap Sousta", "Agia Markella" and "Pyrgousikos". The dances learned in the workshops were immediately put to the test at the performance in Chios Town a couple of days later. Mr. Gribabis and Mr. Karaoulanis commented on Orpheus' strong and extensive dance skills and how organized and disciplined the group was, especially with so many younger members.

In addition to swimming in the warm waters of the stunning beaches of Mavra Volia and Komi, Orpheus members had the opportunity to visit various archeological, his-



1547: Members of the Orpheus Hellenic Folklore Society prior of their presentation at the central square at the town of Chios. The Orpheus Dance Troupe performed in the town of Chios along with 12 other dance groups as part of a local festival. The performance was part of a 10-day tour of Greece that included destinations in the city of Athens and the island of Chios

torical and religious sites around the island. The itinerary included excursions to the shrine of Agia Markella, patron saint of Chios, where we were accompanied by Father Kaloudis from Holy Trinity church in Chicago, and a native of Chios; the remarkable monastery at Nea Moni; a tour of the masticha groves, and a lesson in masticha cultivation, Chios' main export; tours of ancient, historically rich villages, including Mesta, Pyrgi and Anavatos and a day trip exploring the impressive ruins in Ephesus, Turkey. While in Athens, Orpheus members also paid a visit to the magnificent national landmark, the Acropolis, and marveled at the extraordinary artifacts on display at the Acropolis Museum. For photos and video clips from the trip please visit our website, www.ohfs.org or find us on Facebook.

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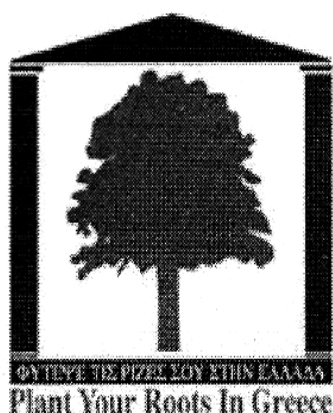
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Pictured above, Giorgos Apostolou, one of the marathon runners who will travel from Greece to participate in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on October 9th and help raise money for Hellenic Foundation's cause.





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Someday our descendants will see the rich, lush mountains of Greece, and that will be our living legacy to them. Make the dream a reality... "Plant Your Roots in Greece"

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Today the enemy of Greece's forests is not warfare but forest fires which, with subsequent erosion, create a vicious cycle of forest and loss soil. Where mountains were once lush, they are now barren, the rich soil washed away, the once plentiful flora and fauna gone. The Greek government has recognized the critical problems and is committing major resources to this reforestation effort.

The Plant Your Roots in Greece Foundation

The program will be a magnitude unmatched since the Greek American community came to Greece's assistance after the devastation of World War II and the subsequent Civil War. The program centers around the ability of anyone, of Greek descent or not, or anyone who is concerned and wishes to restore Greece's natural splendor, to plant a tree in Greece in their name or in the name of a loved one or friend.

Be a Part of History

At a minimum donation of \$20 for two trees, including an inscribed certificate, the program is affordable to all. It is expected that millions of trees can be planted through this program and there will be vast forests in the name of individuals, associations and corporations as a manifestation of their love for Greece.

In addition to tree planting, an aggressive program of fire-fighting has been instituted and in 1999, for the first time in millennia, reforestation exceeded destruction from fires.

The first forest was planted in Sounion in 1999 with the help of the Federation of ENOSIS and was named the "Forest of Illinois." Since then, several plantings have taken place in the area of Sounion. Trees have also been planted on the island of Samos, Samothrace, at Ancient Olympia, Vouliagmeni, Kalavryta, Arcadia, Delphi, Maniaki, Thraki, Crete, Messinia, Serres, Arta, Dion Pierias, Penteli and Patras.

Matching Funds from the European Community

It is the single largest environmental program in the European Union for Greece and will be one of the most massive efforts in history involving the planting and cultivation of seedlings.

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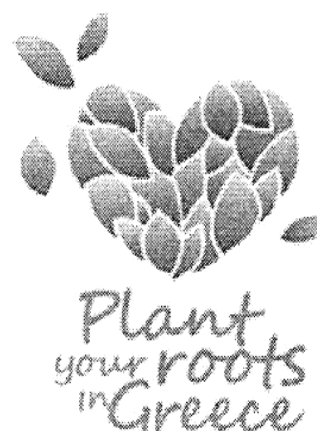
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NEWS FROM GREECE

“The citizens will judge us in 2013”

Greek prime minister George Papandreou said that his ruling PASOK party will bring Greece out of supervision and dependence and have it stand on its own two feet once again, addressing a PASOK national conference on Saturday, and effectively ruled out early general elections, saying that “the citizens will judge us in 2013” (when the current government’s term in office ends).

By then, he added, “not only will we have succeeded in Greece emerging from the crisis but we will also have completed the many and important changes that will lay the foundations for a different course for Greece in the future”.

Papandreou’s address marked the opening of the two-day national conference, taking place amid stringent security at the Olympic Tae Kwon Do indoor complex in Neo Faliro, near Piraeus, which will set out the party’s directions and priorities for the coming period. The conference is attended by PASOK members and friends, representatives of institutional social agencies and citizens’ action groups.

According to an introductory note of the national conference, “at the present political, social and economic conjuncture, through mass and democratic procedures, PASOK is attempting to make deep changes that will re-determine the country’s developmental priorities, strengthen the social cohesion and reinforce social solidarity and justice”.

In a series of pre-conference meetings, discussions were held on six themes: Public Administration and Local Government, Development and change of production model, the Social State, National Security policy, Hellenism of the Diaspora, and PASOK and the socialist potential today.

The conference marks the 37th anniversary of the founding of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement on September 3, 1974, by the late former prime minister Andreas Papandreou, father of current prime minister and PASOK leader George Papandreou.

“Early elections are inevitable”

Main opposition New Democracy (ND) leader Antonis Samaras said that early elections are inevitable for the government, in an interview with the Sunday edition of Eleftheros Typos newspaper, adding that “all control has been lost of the deficits and the debt”.

Samaras said that the government’s dead-ends were growing daily, since it “b “policy has failed”.

He reiterated that the government’s programme is wrong, noting: “Of course there are many and large mistakes and delays in the implementation of the (economic) programme, but the programme itself creates a much deeper recession than originally predicted. That is why it is not meeting its targets.

Restructuring of the Libyan economy is necessary

Greek foreign minister Stavros Lambrinidis pledged the ministry’s firm support for Greek businesses active in Libya, during a meeting with representatives of the businesses on Wednesday.

Greeting representatives of businesses active in Libya, chiefly in the energy and construction sectors, Lambrinidis said that “the foreign ministry will seek to support your presence in Libya”.

Lambrinidis noted that the restructuring of the Libyan economy is necessary both for the growth and democratisation of that country and for stability in the wider region, and made it clear that Greece must and will have a dynamic presence in the formulation of the so-called “day after”.

He also noted that Greece is one of the first countries to have established diplomatic contact with Benghazi, with the presence over the past months of Greek diplomats who are in contact with the National Transitional Council.

Greece, the foreign minister stressed, is ready to reopen its embassy in Tripoli when the conditions allow.

Model proposed for 500,000 new jobs by 2021

Study says Greece needs to be more productive and extrovert

A study made for the Federation of Hellenic

Enterprises recommends the adoption of a new National Growth Model that can create half a million new jobs in the next decade.

Conducted by McKinsey and Co counsellors and entitled “Greece 10 years ahead,” the study suggests that the emphasis should be placed on four pillars: Competitiveness, productivity, the extrovert character and bolstering of investment.

It goes on to identify the five main sectors of the economy, tourism, retailing, energy, industry and agriculture, that can offer a fresh impetus on the economy and give it an average annual growth rate of 3 percent for the next 10 years.

The businesspeople, says the study that will be officially presented on Monday in Athens, will need to seek the creation of major enterprises through mergers and acquisitions, and the adoption of more efficient production methods.

The promotion of Greek brands in goods and services in foreign markets must be done in a systematic and timely fashion, the report argues, adding that Greece will need to dramatically increase the inflow of foreign capital, and take it above the European average. The privatization program can help in this direction, it concludes.

First loss for Greece in the Eurobasket

FYROM beats the national team by 14 points

Greece suffered a 14-point defeat in the hands of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on September 3, the national team’s first loss in this European Championship.FYROM won 72-58 to rise to the top of the group’s table, along with Greece, having beaten both of the pool’s favorites, Greece and Croatia.

The Greeks seemed somewhat distracted from the propaganda war of their opponents (Skai radio reported that their government paid for fans to travel to Lithuania and sport flags and scarves with the name Macedonia and the star of Vergina on them) and were unexpectedly negative in attack.

FYROM had Bob McCalebb in a great day, scoring 27 points, as the Greek defence – Nick Calathes and Nikos Zisis in particular – could not contain him.What is more, the insistence on three-point shots despite a terrible scoring rate proved disastrous, as the Greek attack could not translate its dominance in rebounds into more points.

This first ever loss to FYROM may have no more consequences than the Greek prestige hurt, but is showing that the team of coach Ilias Zouros still has long way to go before it resembles the side that six years ago won the Eurobasket and reached the World Championship final by beating the US in 2006.

Captain Antonis Fotsis was Greece’s top scorer with 16 points, while Yiannis Bourousis had 10 points and 10 rebounds.



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OIL - you better sit down.

About 6 months ago, the writer was watching a news program on oil and one of the Forbes Bros. was the guest. The host said to Forbes, "I am going to ask you a direct question and I would like a direct answer; how much oil does the U.S. have in the ground?" Forbes did not miss a beat, he said, "more than all the Middle East put together." Please read below.

The U. S. Geological Service issued a report in April 2008 that only scientists and oil men knew was coming, but man was it big. It was a revised report (hadn't been updated since 1995) on how much oil was in this area of the western 2/3 of North Dakota, western South Dakota, and extreme eastern Montana.

The Bakken is the largest domestic oil discovery since Alaska's Prudhoe Bay, and has the potential to eliminate all American dependence on foreign oil. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates it at 503 billion barrels. Even if just 10% of the oil is recoverable... at \$107 a barrel, we're looking at a resource base worth more than \$5.3 trillion.

"When I first briefed legislators on this, you could practically see their jaws hit the floor. They had no idea.." says Terry Johnson, the Montana Legislature's financial analyst.

"This sizable find is now the highest-producing onshore oil field found in the past 56 years," reports The Pittsburgh Post Gazette. It's a formation known as the Williston Basin, but is more commonly referred to as the 'Bakken.' It stretches from Northern Montana, through North Dakota and into Canada.. For years, U. S. oil exploration has been considered a dead end. Even the 'Big Oil' companies gave up searching for major oil wells decades ago. However, a recent technological breakthrough has opened up the Bakken's massive reserves.... and we now have access of up to 500 billion barrels. And because this is light, sweet oil, those billions of barrels will cost Americans just \$16 PER BARREL!

That's enough crude to fully fuel the American economy for 2041 years straight. And if THAT didn't throw you on the floor, then this next one should - because it's from 2006!

U. S. Oil Discovery- Largest Reserve in the World

Stansberry Report Online - 4/20/2006

Hidden 1,000 feet beneath the surface of the Rocky Mountains lies the largest untapped oil reserve in the world. It is more than 2 TRILLION barrels. On August 8, 2005 President Bush mandated its extraction. In three and a half years of high oil prices none has been extracted. With this motherload of oil why are we still fighting over off-shore drilling?

They reported this stunning news: We have more oil inside our borders, than all the other proven reserves on earth. Here are the official estimates:

- 8-times as much oil as Saudi Arabia
- 18-times as much oil as Iraq
- 21-times as much oil as Kuwait
- 22-times as much oil as Iran
- 500-times as much oil as Yemen

- and it's all right here in the Western United States. HOW can this BE? HOW can we NOT BE extracting this? Because the environmentalists and others have blocked all efforts to help America become independent of foreign oil! Again, we are letting a small group of

people dictate our lives and our economy.....WHY?

James Bartis, lead researcher with the study says we've got more oil in this very compact area than the entire Middle East - more than 2 TRILLION barrels untapped. That's more than all the proven oil reserves of crude oil in the world today, reports The Denver Post.

Don't think 'OPEC' will drop its price - even with this find? Think again! It's all about the competitive marketplace, - it has to. Think OPEC just might be funding the environmentalists?

LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

September is going to see the return of the popular GreekSoccer.com Hellenic Soccer Tournament, the return of the popular Kouzina event at the National Hellenic Museum, the launch of the Greek Film Fest Chicago! as well as many other events.

The 6th Annual Hellenic Tournament organized and presented by the most successful Hellenic sports web site outside of Greece - GREEKSOCER.COM, was held again during Labor Day weekend at the Olympic Park in Schaumburg, IL. This is a one of a kind event that brings together Hellenic Soccer teams from all over the globe in one location. This Hellenic soccer tournament is open to all ages. At the end of the tournament there was only one undisputed Hellenic Soccer tournament champion.

Kouzina Returns on September 21 - 23, Inaugural Ball to Follow November 5th

Greek Film Fest Chicago! Begins on Sept 29th

FilmHellenes, sponsor of Greek Film Fest Chicago! (GFFC), has announced the featured films for its 1st annual festival, to take place September 29 - October 2, 2011 at the Pickwick Theater in Park Ridge, the new National Hellenic Museum (Halsted at Van Buren) and the Portage Theater (Sunday only) in Chicago. The four-day event will include screenings of internationally-acclaimed films, ATTENBERG, PLATO'S ACADEMY, EDUART, and the Academy-Award-nominated, DOGTOOTH, as well as works from up-and-coming filmmakers, including THE GUIDE, 45m2, THE GUARDIAN'S SON, and the opening-night feature, GOLD DUST. In addition to other feature-film selections, Greek Film Fest Chicago! will host a full slate of documentaries, student films and shorts. "As this is our inaugural year, we welcomed films produced within 2006 -2011, in order to give Chicago and the Midwest the opportunity to witness the rising momentum of New Greek talent. We were astounded to receive three times more submissions than anticipated. Filmmakers from Greece, the US, France, Germany, Switzerland, Israel, the UK and Canada answered our call with strong entries", says GFFC Chairman and FilmHellenes co-founder, filmmaker Niko Franghlias.

"Greeks have always been master storytellers. The dynamic state of contemporary Greek film is keeping this tradition alive. We are thrilled to bring to audiences in Chicago some of the most provocative works in modern European cinema," states Peter Kanelos, Professor of Theater at Loyola University and GFFC Board Member.

Opening night festivities will showcase Margarita Manda's GOLD DUST, an intense family drama about three estranged siblings at odds over what to do with the home of their deceased mother, a story told with great psychological precision and tremendous emotional impact. This screening will be followed by a VIP reception in Park Ridge from 9pm-11:30pm.

For more about the upcoming film festival please click here. The cost to attend the VIP reception is \$100 and will include a ticket to the opening night screening of GOLD DUST. For more information about the VIP reception in Park Ridge please contact Val Gobos at val@greekfilmfestchicago.org.

Special Event Announcements

St. Nectarios Hosts First Taverna Night - September 17th. It's family night at the bouzoukia! Live music, authentic mezethes and, of course, Ouzo on ice. Come early, come late, stay the whole time if you want -Bring the kids, bring Yiayia and Pappou, bring your KEFI. Eat, drink and dance Taverna opens at 6pm. Adults \$40 (\$50 at the door) Kids \$20 (\$25 at the door). RAFFLE PRIZES! Presented by: St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, 133 S. Roselle Road, Palatine, IL. For more information regarding this event please contact Angela DeVito 312-209-0087 or tavernanight2011@gmail.com.

Business Announcements...

New Restaurant Openings:

- Tzatziki Grill - 2485 N. Clark St, Chicago IL
- Elly's - 5050 N. Cumberland Ave, Norridge IL
- The Scout Chicago - 1301 S. Wabash Ave, Chicago IL
- Jasper's Cafe - 1913 Waukegan Road, Glenview, IL

Elea Mediterranean Market opens in Greektown. In time for the Taste of Greece, Greektown welcomed a new business. The Elea Mediterranean Market opened to the public last week and sells a variety of Greek imported products.

Featured Business: Forum Mortgage Bancorp

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COMING EVENTS

- Fundraiser with Basile the Comedian! - Arlington Heights, IL September 23rd
- Taste of Greece Fall Glendi 2011 at St. Demetrios Elmhurst (To benefit Theofanis Yianas) - September 24th and 25th 2011
- Greek Film Fest Chicago! - Chicago, IL - Sept 29th to October 2nd
- Fight For Georgia (Karas) fundraiser at Diplomat West - Elmhurst, IL - October 21

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Barack Obama to send American Jobs Act to Congress

President Barack Obama has announced he will send his \$447bn (£282bn) jobs proposal to the US Congress on Monday. He called on voters to demand Congress pass the bill quickly, as Mr Obama's re-election prospects appear to hinge on his plans to revive the US economy. Republicans have responded cautiously, with House Speaker John Boehner saying only the plan "merits consideration". The American Jobs Act, unveiled in an address to Congress on Thursday, must pass a divided Congress to become law. The jobs package centres on cutting payroll taxes for workers and employers, and new spending on recruiting teachers and infrastructure projects. We assume that your ideas were not offered as an all-or-nothing proposition" Speaking in the Rose Garden at the White House on Monday, the president was surrounded by teachers, firefighters, veterans and small business owners, all of whom stand to benefit from the American Jobs Act, he said. He held a copy of the bill as he urged supporters to lobby Congress for a swift passage.



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REMEMBERING 9/11



George W. Bush visits Ground Zero

Former President George W. Bush has visited the site of the World Trade Center several times since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, to show his support for all those involved in the rescue and recovery operations and to pay tribute to the victims and their families



Confronting Terror: Faces of 9/11

Among the most eloquent and unsettling of the countless photographs from September 11, 2011, are those focusing not on the fall of the towers, or the jagged, smoking hole in the Pentagon, but on faces. Human faces etched with shock, fear, and disbelief at the cataclysm unfolding above them, or staring glassy-eyed into some unseen distance, stunned by the enormity of the barbarous terror unleashed that cloudless, late-summer morning. Here, LIFE.com presents a gallery focusing on witnesses to terror as they confront the unspeakable.



The north tower of New York's World Trade Center collapses after being struck by hijacked American Airlines Flt. 11, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001

4 Things you might not have known about your Cell Phone

For all the folks with cell phones. (This should be printed and kept in your car, purse, and wallet. Good information to have with you.)

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies.

Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival.

Check out the things that you can do with it:

FIRST (Emergency)

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is **112**. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an Emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly, this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

SECOND (Hidden Battery Power)

Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys ***3370#**. Your cell phone will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell phone next time.

THIRD (How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?)

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following Digits on your phone:

***#06#** .

A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.

If your phone is stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

And Finally....

FOURTH (Free Directory Service for Cells)

Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial:

(800) FREE411 or (800) 373-3411

without incurring any charge at all. Program this into your cell phone now.

Exports buck the gloomy trend Outward-oriented firms improve profitability

An outward-looking attitude is proving the most effective medicine for businesses hit by three consecutive years of Greek economic recession, an examination of the 2011 first-half results of 249 listed companies indicates.

hard-biting recession, is growing into a strong regional trading hub. Apart from confirming a trend toward a record-breaking rise in exports (40.4 percent as a whole in the first-half, and 11.6 percent up excluding petroleum products), the



The relevant tables show that the most extroverted companies either boosted their profitability, maintained their profit margins at satisfactory levels, or even returned to profitability. Others entered new markets, expanding their client lists.

The tables show that the listed companies with the best profitability prospects are those oriented abroad (60-70 percent of turnover), or directly linked with the government's privatization program.

A considerable number of listed companies in this period appear to have reduced activities related to the Greek public sector and turned abroad. Others took more drastic steps, opting to do business exclusively abroad.

Hellenic Petroleum stayed for yet one more quarter the most profitable listed Greek enterprise, with after-tax profits of 179.16 million euros, benefiting both from a rise in the price of oil and or the dollar against the euro.

Separately, first-half data supplied by the Panhellenic Association of Exporters (PSE) indicate that Greece, despite its

data also show important changes in the country's exports map.

"The Mediterranean basin is developing into a major market for Greek exports... The large rise in exports to neighboring Turkey, a strong increase in those going to the countries of North Africa and the Middle East... the recovery of exports to the USA, the penetration of new Asian markets and a boost in the exports of industrial products show that despite the fluctuations in the dollar-euro parity, Greek products are regaining the confidence of world markets," said Christina Sakellari, PSE president.

Italy was Greece's biggest customer in the first half, absorbing 1.04 million euros worth of exports, with Turkey in second place, with 866.6 million. Fuel exports rose by a whopping 343 percent, accounting for 27.6 of the total. Total imports fell 16.7 percent in the first quarter, further trimming the trade deficit.

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