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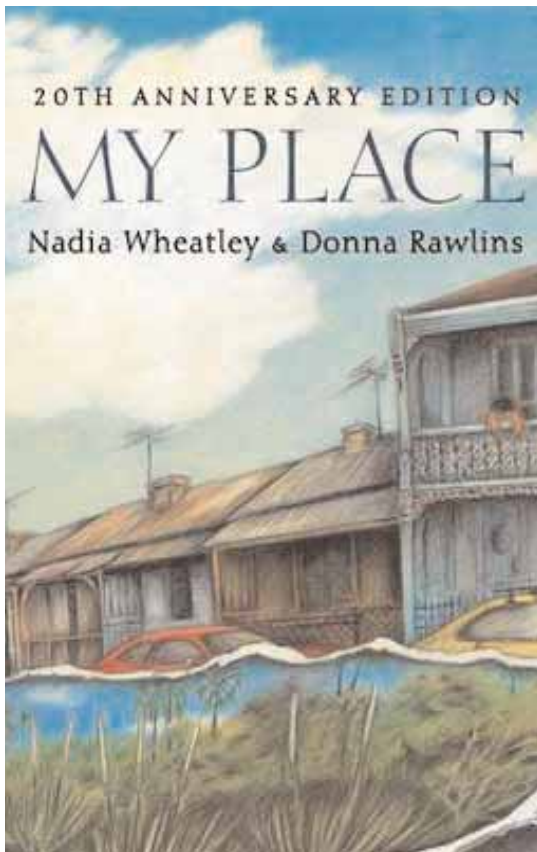
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## Greece taking preventive measures to protect itself from the swine flu

Greece, as well as several other European countries; has announced a series of measures aimed at protecting its citizens from the outbreak of the swine flu which has killed 149 people in Mexico, and infected several others in many other countries. The EU has said that

travel to the US and Mexico should be avoided if not absolutely necessary. Greece has banned the import of live pork from affected areas; (even though thus far officials believe the flu is not passed thru eating pork), they have prepared hospitals for any onslaught of sick people (al-

though there have yet to be any confirmed cases in Greece), and have set up check points at airports to screen any travelers coming from affected areas. There has been one confirmed case of swine flu in continental Europe, but is in far away Spain.



## My Life in Ruins screening at Fox Studios July 16th

Fox Studios Australia has announced July 16th as the official Australian release date of "My Life in Ruins," rated PG, starring the Hollywood award-winners Nia Vardalos ("My Big Fat Greek Wedding") and Richard Dreyfuss, alongside the Greek heart-throb, Alexis Georgoulis. "My Life in Ruins" is a romantic comedy about Georgia (Nia Vardalos) a tour guide who has lost her "kefi" (Greek for "mojo") and she endeavours to find it while leading a group of tourists around the sites of classical Greece. Set amongst the ancient ruins of Athens, Delphi and Olympia, this film will feature some famous Greek landmarks as well as highlight the zany idiosyncrasies of Greek culture. <http://www.foxsearchlight.com/mylifeinruins/>. The Greek National Tourism Organisation along with Fox Studios Australia are collaborating in promoting "My Life in Ruins" in Australia, as well as showcasing the Greek destinations featured in the film.



## Casting for ABC TV Series

A television series based on the Nadia Wheatley/Donna Rawlins book *My Place* will be filmed in Sydney in 2009

The producers are holding casting workshops in Sydney this Saturday (May 2nd 2009)

**Times: 12 noon to 5pm**

They are looking anyone (and everyone!) From the Greek Community (Greek-speaking is an advantage, but it is not absolutely essential)

We specifically need:

- Boys and Girls aged 9 – 14
- YaYas: any age. The older the better
- Adults, any age.

Location: 49 Charles Street, Petersham (Stanmore side of Parramatta Road)

The series will be broadcast on ABC in 2010.

It is supported by Screen Australia, the Australian Children's Television Foundation, NSW Film and Television Office, Screen Tasmania and

The City of Sydney.

Further Info Call Greg on 0419 354 426



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## Greeks discover a Kenyan hero

When he stepped into the presidential palace in Athens, Greece, Tobias Olang'o Nyabola thought he was dreaming. He did not understand how the president of a European country could have time to see a villager like him, a retired teacher from Bondo in Nyanza.

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## JEWELS IN THE CROWN

Aegina, an island full of natural beauties and great history, lies in the Saronic Gulf, in close proximity to the port of Piraeus. Having served as the first capital of Greece (1827-1829), it houses several landmark buildings, such as the Government House. The ancient temple of Aphaea (pictured), built in the northern part of the island in an area covered with pine trees, overlooking the sea. Under the proper weather conditions, the visitor has visual access to both Poseidon's temple in Sounio and the Acropolis, the 3 temples forming an equilateral triangle. Furthermore, a visit to the Monastery of St Nektarios is highly recommended.