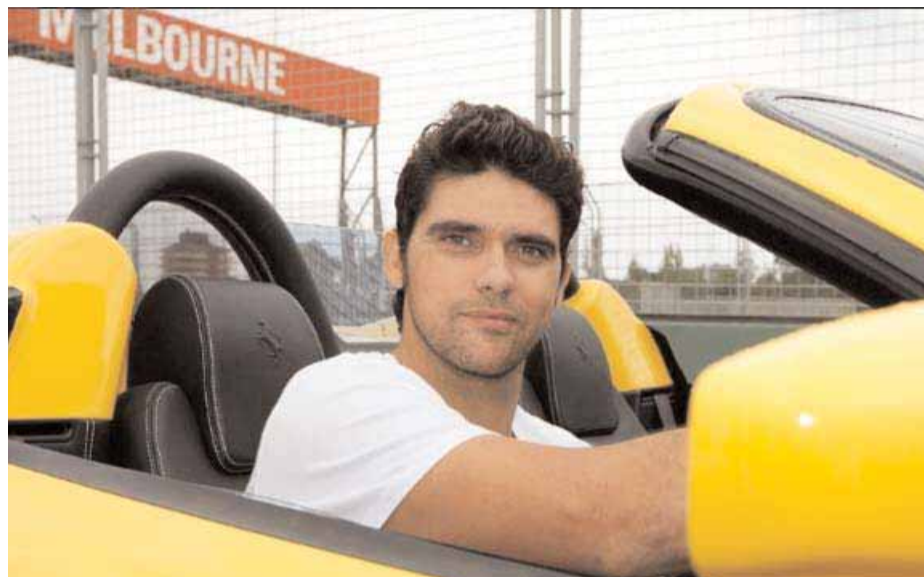


Uncle Sam serves up tax bill on Philippoussis

Melbourne: Tennis ace Mark Philippoussis is being chased by the US taxman and has sold his Williamstown family home to avoid having it repossessed. It has now emerged that the US Internal Revenue Service has pursued the Scud for about \$1.4 million during the past decade.



The Davis Cup hero put his Williamstown home on the market to avoid having it repossessed over his unpaid \$1.3 million mortgage, but it was passed in for \$775,000 in July.

Wayne Elly, of Hocking Stuart, on Saturday confirmed Scud's house had sold recently for about the asking price of \$950,000.

Philippoussis once owned at least five properties in the US, selling the last one in 2005 at a loss.

Official US records suggest he still owes about \$180,000 for the 2004 financial year and about \$317,000 from 2003. A former tax debt for about \$918,000 dating back to 2001 was satisfied in 2004, according to the Palm Beach County records office.

The IRS would not comment this week, but a US tax expert said the documents suggested the agency was confident it could recoup the debt.

Source: ANI



Greek column capital stolen at Ancient Olympia

ATHENS, Greece — Greece's Culture Ministry says a column capital has been stolen from the archaeological site of Ancient Olympia, one of the country's most important.

The ministry says the capital, part of a 6th century Byzantine church on the grounds of the guarded site, was found to be missing just before midnight Saturday. The ministry also said Sunday the local head of antiquities has been suspended without pay pending an investigation.

US records show the IRS still wants about \$500,000 for tax debts dating back to 2003.

Philippoussis, who according to his mother is playing in a tournament in San Diego, revealed to the Sunday Herald Sun in May that his money was gone, he was depressed and he was battling to save the family home from repossession.

"Money came in left, right and centre; you just thought that's how it was for everyone and that's how it always will be," he said at the time.

Victorian Government chips in for PanHellenic Games

At a launch held in the heart of Melbourne's Greek precinct on August 31, Pan Hellenic Games patron, The Hon. James Merlino, Minister of Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs, Minister Assisting the Premier on Multicultural Affairs began the 86-day countdown to the November Games. To mark the occasion, patron Merlino also announced a \$35,000 games funding grant. The Pan Hellenic Games aims to see about 600 budding sporting champions of Greek descent from all over Australia and New Zealand compete against each other for the three-day event in Melbourne from November 27-29. The athletes will test their sporting talents in an exciting range of events from basketball to judo, soccer, swimming, taekwon do, tennis, track and field, water polo and wrestling, for the ultimate prize of securing a place in the World Pan Hellenic Games in

Greece.

At the launch Mr Merlino said it was an honour to be patron of Melbourne's biggest ever Greek festival of sports and culture. "It's may seem ironic that an Italian would be patron of Greek Games, but there is no doubt Greece has left an indelible mark on the

cultures of the world," Mr Merlino said. "And perhaps nowhere is the legacy of the Greek culture so visible as in the world of sport, where the Olympic ideal has, for millennia, pushed human beings to test the boundaries of strength and endurance." "The Pan Hellenic Games is a continuation

of that proud sporting tradition and we are honoured to hold the games here in Melbourne."

SAE Oceania and Far East coordinator George Angelopoulos said Greeks from all eight Australian states and territories were looking forward to seeing the games hosted in

Melbourne. "The Games have enjoyed enormous success in Adelaide and Sydney, and now it's the turn of the city of one of the largest Greek populations outside of Greece to showcase a celebration of Greek Australian life and culture."

Mr Angelopoulos named Dimitri Kanellakos as Games co-ordinator, Emanuel Sitarakis as event manager as well as the all States and NZ 55-member organising committee responsible for putting the games together. The launch was attended and supported by the Victorian Multicultural Commission's George Lekakis, Mrs Efi Nikolopoulos representing Greek Consul General Mr Christos Salamanis, Dandenong MP John Pandazopoulos also President of the World Inter-Parliamentary Association of Hellenism (PADEE), members of the Greek Community of Melbourne and Victoria (GOCMV), Knox councillor Joe Cossari.

