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Artist's rendering of the proposed Corinth Canal

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# People

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### TRANSITIONS

**DIED. ICARUS,** 16, while testing wax wings designed by his father; on Crete. A Greek native, he was often the subject of his father's experiments. As a young man on Crete he played many sports. "If we ever get these things to work I would really like to see what makes the sun so bright," he said before last week's fatal accident.



**DIED. Aegeus,** 39, by jumping off a cliff. The King of a widely flung nation and father of Theseus, Aegeus was a well beloved ruler. Born to privilege, he was a strong and talented man.

Aegis threw himself from the cliff after seeing his son's ship sailing under black sails. Many of his subjects will dearly miss him.

### Shortening Skirts

An odd fashion trend has been seen lately, with young men's skirts slowly creeping up the knee. Now, for as little as 10 denarius, you can buy skirts as short as four inches above the knee at JC Denarius an other retailers.

Many older patrons of JCD find these short skirts scandalous. Mayor Liber said, "It's just some teenagers' way of showing off for the girls."

Others citizens say it is a harmless trend that won't last long and will likely never be repeated.

-DANI ALCORN

### 63 YEARS AGO IN NEWSGREEK

The peace we enjoy now is what allows us to run races from Marathon to Sparta. It's all due to the unity formed during the Persian invasions a mere 63 years ago.

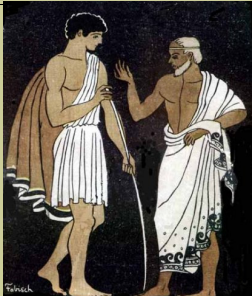


"Victory is ours," said Themistocles after sinking more than 200 Persian ships in the Straits of Salamis. The great fleet of triremes was assembled at his urging in only a few

## CONVENTIONALWISDOM

### GREEK HEROES EDITION

It's been a busy month as far as heroes go, both the good and the bad.

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Perseus	↓		Kills Gorgon, Raises conservationist ire	Theseus	↑	Kills Minotaur, but some say it's bull.
Hercules	↑		Slays Hydra, task thought impossible	Zeus	↔	Inadvertently turns Io into cow. Moo.
Hades	↓		Steals Penelope, nothing will grow	Icarus	↓	Takes the plunge, was he too bright?

## EDITORIALS

### Marathon: Just Too Long?

In the recent race from Marathon to Sparta — a staggering 26 miles — four athletes collapsed from exhaustion. “The average god-fearing human cannot run 26 miles, after the ritual sacrifices and feasting for the 12 hours prior to the race,” says Doctor Hippocrates.

After being treated for dehydration and severe muscle cramps the athletes were carried to Marathon by chariot. Competitor Zeno Citium however chose to stay in Athens “because the drinkin’s better.” Unlike Anastasios Argyros and Demetrios Epiktetos who made it 14 miles, and Kallikrates Lysander who made it 21 miles, Citium collapsed in a drunken stupor after only 100 yards .

Nine of the ten competitors voted for shortening the race,



however the winner, Philokrates Praxiteles, says he thought it was an easy event and should be lengthened. However when asked if he was present for the sacrifices and party he was unavailable for comment.

Hippocrate’s original proposal was to eliminate the sacrifices, but he hastily withdrew his proposal after being threatened with banishment. He now proposes to change the race from Sparta to Athens. The gods will be asked next week at the temple of Zeus if Sparta would be acceptable.

In any event the race should be shortened and

rest stops and water stops added along the way.

-DANI ALCORN

### Father Absenteeism

More and more youths are troubled by absent fathers every year. Doctor Pantaleon Xenocrates from the University of Ephyra has proven that youths without father figures are a danger to themselves and to Greece. “Just look what happened to Phaethon,” says

Xenocrates. “I mean, the kid set half of Greece on fire.\* Incidents like these are a direct result of absent father figures.”

Theseus, son of King Agamemnon, also lacked a defined father figure. His father didn’t want to deal with diapers and so waited until his son was big enough to lift a rock before welcoming him to the kingdom.

More and more of these shocking developments occur every year. Doctor Xenocrates says the solution to these problems is better care-giving facilities. “Maybe if fathers didn’t have to deal with their kids so much they’d stick around longer.”

Athenian tax collections should be used to fund a study to quantify the relationship between at-home fathers and childhood accidents.

-DANI ALCORN

\*For more information on last year’s fire see our fall 428 B.C. issue.

### Hippocratic Oath-Will It Float?

Earlier this year Hippocrates founded his own medical school on the island of Cos. His radical thinking has earned him the title of “Quack” from many of the leechers and bleeders.

Hippocrates is currently trying to enlist support from other practitioners of the medical arts to take the “Hippocratic

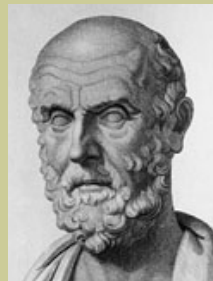
Oath” before beginning a career.

The Hippocratic Oath contains such radical ideas as “foreswearing the administration of deadly drugs to people even when they ask for them” and “not having sexual relations with patients, female or male — even if

they are slaves.”

He has gained the support of a few of his students but other Doctors such as Theophlaktos Timo are skeptical of whether this is a good idea. Timo commented, “this would never last.”

-DANI ALCORN



A dog is shown in a boat, wearing a life preserver and goggles, appearing to be on a water-based adventure. The dog is the central focus, looking towards the camera. The background shows the interior of the boat and some equipment.

# ***Overnight Delivery***

***When it absolutely, positively has to***

***From Sparta to Marathon***

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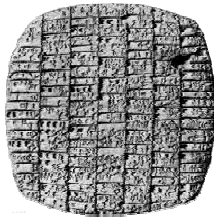
*to be there by the grace of the gods*

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## SCIENCE

### Ancient Language Discovered

A new language was discovered this month at a dig site near Athens. The Alphabet seems to resemble ours but is as yet undecoded. Archeologist Gaia Iol is the scientist who discovered the code on a small stone block not far from a burial site. "It's probably the greatest find in two centuries," he claimed during an



interview last Tuesday. When the discovery was announced to a gathering of press and scientists in a large open air tent not far from the dig site. One spectator came forward, claiming to know the language. The scientists were disappointed when he stated that the same aliens who built the pyramids were responsible. Iol is working on a translation of the mysterious code and will announce more next month.

-DANI ALCORN

## POLITICAL

### Council Lottery

It's that time of year again. In just two months ALL men (some restrictions apply\*) are invited down to the polls for their lotto ticket. Remember that if you win you will serve on the Athenian council for one whole year! Your food will be provided, and your business will be taken care of for you, as you have the opportunity to make decisions about all the goings on of our own Athens (with 499 of your closest friends).

\*Free white male property-owning citizens only, please.

## THEATER

### Oedipus Opens on Greekway

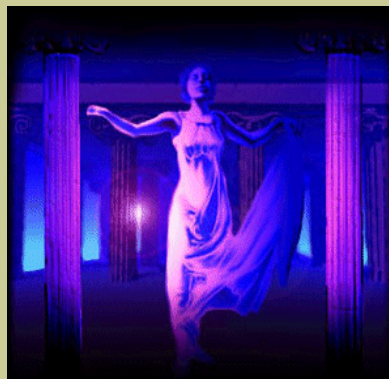
Last month at the festival of Dionysus a new Greekway sensation hit big on opening night. OEDIPUTS REX is Sophocles newest creation for the stage. A tragic story of pauper to king to pauper, the play has packed hundreds of theaters over Greece. Tickets are now on sale at your nearest participating amphitheater for only 15 denarius or one chicken (no change).

-DANI ALCORN



### Oracle at Delphi

The oracle caused quite a stir this month when she punched one of the supplicants who came to ask advice from the wise Apollo. The supplicant's question was simply weather or not his city-state should join the Delian League. Physical contact has been

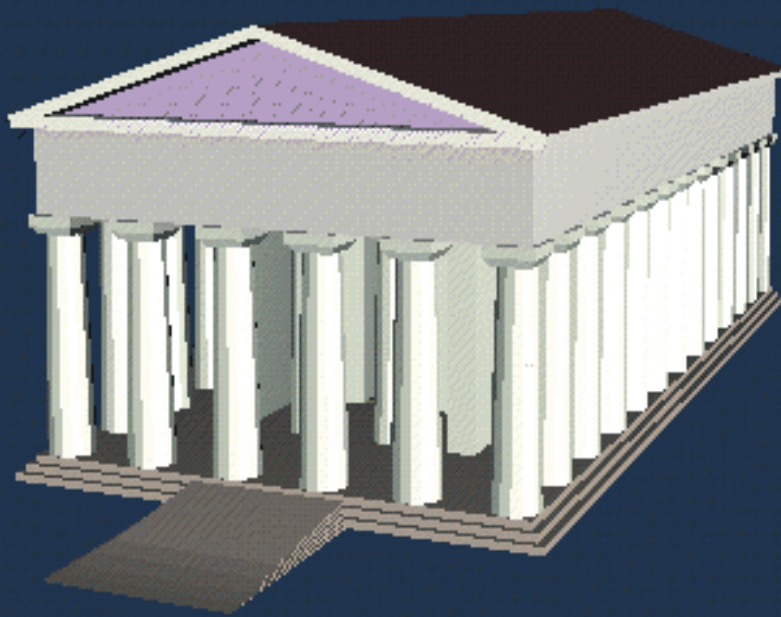


a way of answering the questions but never so violently. The supplicant has decided that he will hold off joining the Delian League for now thinking that it was Apollo's way of saying "Stupid Question".

-DANI ALCORN



# TEMPLE OF ZEUS



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## ENVIRONMENT

### New Species Discovered

Last month a new species was discovered by Bellaraphon. The species is an unusual mixture of bird and horse. Originally thought to be mythical, the creature

explained, “The bridle is the only reason Pegasus is tame. If anyone removes the bridle he instantly becomes wild and attempts escape. Fortunately this time he was already in the holding facility. As for Erato he should be back on his foot in a few weeks.”

When questioned about where he got

however, branch off into giant wings, with a wingspan of at least 20 feet. The muscle groups there are so complex it will take weeks of watching him fly to figure them out.”

Stable manager Klytie Iachuss discussed his daily routine. “I haven’t figured out what it eats yet. He seems to live off moonlight, as far as I can figure. Anyway, we take him out in the morning and let him fly with Bellaraphon, then he comes back and we bathe him and comb his wings, then the philosophers come and poke and prod at him until we stable him for the night.”

Pegasus’ discovery has given the scientific community quite a shock. Doctor Daedalus has studied Pegasus’ wing structure and speculates that humans, too, can fly.

Daedalus is working on a machine he hopes will enable humans to emulate Pegasus, however his recent tests with his son have been somewhat less than successful (see Transitions).

-DANI ALCORN

### Endangered Gorgon Killed

Environmental disaster occurred this week when Perseus beheaded Medusa the Gorgon.

Perseus is now being held by the Athenian Security for violation of the endangered species act. The charge may be upgraded to first degree murder, pending determination of the Gorgon’s species.

When asked why he did it, Perseus speculated that in 2,000 years nobody would remember Gorgons were endangered.

Wildlife refuge owner Enid Onesimos was unfortunately unavailable for comment due to the fact that while grieving over his lost tourist revenue he forgot not to look at the Gorgon’s head.

His family expressed relief that “at least we won’t have to

pay for a lifelike statue for his tomb.”  
-DANI ALCORN



has been named “Pegasus.” It was flown from its forest in Sicily to a holding facility near Mount Olympus.

A near miss occurred when caretaker Herakles Erato accidentally took Pegasus’ bridle off. Later that day during a press conference Bellaraphon

the “magic” bridle he indicated only that it was a gift from the gods.

Kallisto Leto who has studied Pegasus in detail, described him for us in an eyewitness interview. “Pegasus is similar to a normal horse. His bone structure is the same, but the bones are hollow, like a bird. His shoulders,



# What's In You?



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