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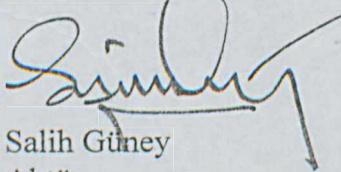
"Kültür varlıkları yerinde güzeldir" kampanyasını Hürriyet gazetesi olarak başından beri desteklediğiniz için müteşekkirim.

Bildiğiniz gibi topladığımız Otuzbin imzayı Boston müzesinde bir gösteriyle heykelin önüne koymayı planlamıştık. Fakat ben Boston'a ulaştığımda henedense heykel müzeden kaldırılmıştı. Dolaylı olarak biz de bu nedenle planladığımız gösteriyi yapamadık. Topladığımız imzaları Amerikadaki Türk Dernekleri Federasyonuna teslim ettim ve tabi ki onları da bu konuda bilinçlendirdim.

Bu arada sesimizi Boston Herald (ilişikte) ve ABC televizyonunda duyurduk. Umarım ki Yorgun Herkül heykeli ikibin yıl sonra yeni bir savaşa neden olmadan ait olduğu bu güzel topraklarda yeniden birleşir ve huzura kavuşur.

Ben görevimin burada bittiğine inanıyorum.

Saygılarımla



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Hercules involved in Hub tug-of-war

By PAUL SULLIVAN

It was a piece of cake for Hercules to slay the many-headed serpent Hydra and the fierce lion of Nemea but it may be much more difficult now to pull himself together.

A 1,900-year-old marble statue of the Greek god is the subject of an international tug-of-war between Turkey and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Seems the top half of the 5-foot-tall statue is in the custody of the museum and a pair of New York collectors, while his bottom is in Turkey.

All the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again, but the Greek government thinks it can do that with old Herc and is trying to get him back home.

"We have been conducting successful dialogue for his return, avoiding legal action," culture minister



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Fikri Saglar said in Ankara. "Our efforts are in their final stage."

Saglar claims Herc's top-half was stolen from an archaeological dig and smuggled out Turkey.

Turkey wants it back quicker than you could say "Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons."

In Boston, museum officials will say only that they are negotiating with the Turkish government. They declined to be specific.

Museum spokeswoman Dawn Griffin said the statue was purchased by Leon Levy of New York from a reputable dealer, and he contributed a half interest to

the Boston art museum. Levy and his wife have the statue for half the year and the museum for the other half; it now is in New York and was exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1991.

Sitting atop Mount Olympus, Hercules must be fuming.

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