



## Greek archeologists find ancient sculptures off island of Kythnos

ATHENS, Greece — Greek archeologists have discovered two Roman-era sculptures built into a sunken ancient harbour wall on the Aegean Sea island of Kythnos. A Culture Ministry statement says the stone torso of a man in armour and the head of a bearded man were found during an underwater survey in September at Mandraki, on western Kythnos.

The statement said Thursday it was unclear whether the head matched the torso, which stands some 1.4

metres high. They date from the era of Rome's control of Greece, between 146 BC and AD 330.

Both pieces were found 2.5 metres deep, and had been reused during ancient times as building material for a wall protecting the harbour. Previous surveys at Mandraki have located submerged piers and building material.

Kythnos lies about 100 kilometres southeast of Athens.

## Boy fed zoo reptiles to crocodile

*A seven-year-old boy has been filmed going on the rampage at a popular zoo in Australia, killing rare reptiles and feeding live ones to a crocodile.*

*Footage from the security cameras at Alice Springs Reptile Centre caught the child smiling as he killed a total of 13 animals.*

During his 30-minute spree, he was seen hurling the animals over the security fence into the crocodile enclosure.

Zoo officials described the boy's actions as "unbelievable".

They are considering suing the parents as the boy is too young to be prosecuted.

### 'Difficult to replace'

The attack happened on Wednesday morning after the boy entered the zoo by jumping over the security fence and evading sensor alarms.

Over the next half hour, he bludgeoned some of the animals to death with stones and hurled others over the two fences surrounding the crocodile enclosure.

At one point, he tried scaling the outer enclosure himself to get to "Terry", the 11ft (3.3m) saltwater crocodile.

A turtle, four Western blue-tongued lizards, two bearded dragons, two thorny devil lizards and the zoo's 20-year-old goanna were among those killed.

Zoo director Rex Neindorf said many of the animals were rare or mature and would be difficult to replace.

"The fact a seven-year-old can



*The boy was caught on security camera at the reptile centre*

wreak so much havoc in such a short time, it's unbelievable," he told Reuters news agency.

Mr Neindorf said the boy had "clammed up" when questioned by police.

As children under the age of 10

cannot be held accountable for their actions in the Northern Territory, the zoo would be seeking to take action against the parents.

"We'll be looking at suing the parents, who were supposedly in control of him at the time," he said.



## Language skills

Earlier this week, Europe celebrated the 7th annual European Day of Languages. The aim of 'Language Day' is to encourage language learning throughout Europe.

There are about 225 indigenous languages spoken in Europe on a continent with about 50 countries. Immigrants and refugees have brought even more of a linguistic mosaic to the continent throughout the past several decades. (There are over 300 languages spoken in London alone!)

Some interesting stats about the language skills of Europeans:

56% of Europeans speak a language other than their mother tongue

51% of the EU can speak English, 32% can speak German and 26% can speak French. German ranks first as mother tongue in the EU with 18% of the population speaking it as their first language in five different countries.

Greek is spoken by 3% of the EU population (Obviously it is the national language of Greece and Cyprus) and is ranked in 10th place overall as the most spoken language in the EU. Greek is also a minority language in parts of Albania, Turkey and Bulgaria.

In total, there are estimates that between 18 and 22 million people can speak Greek; and the language is increasingly becoming more common in Balkan countries due to the large presence of Greek investments in the area.

## Montreal area man gives up fight to keep Greek flag painted on garage door

MONTREAL — A Montreal man who had battled in court to keep a large Greek flag painted on his garage door has decided to drop the matter. Theodore Antonopoulos says it was a family decision to no longer pursue the issue in court. A Quebec Superior Court judge ruled in August that Antonopoulos had to remove the giant flag, which he'd painted following Greece's surprising victory over Portugal during the 2004 European soccer championships. He contested a \$138 fine from the Montreal borough of Pierrefonds-Roxboro, but lost in municipal court. Antonopoulos then appealed that decision to the Quebec Superior Court with the help of prominent Montreal human rights lawyer Julius Grey, but lost again. He says the Greek flag was painted over a few weeks ago.

