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Greek Festival, the Modern Greek Studies at OSU, and the purchase of land to expand the Church facilities that eventually resulted in our present Cathedral were started under Dimitris' watch, as President of the Columbus Greek-American Community. I can see now how much talent it took to make hand written copies of the Greek classics and our Bible after seeing the scrapbook of Dimitris Papaleonardos. I am amazed

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He was born in 1930 in one of the 18 isolated huts of a village perched on precipitous cliffs somewhere within the harsh mountain ranges of central Greece. Snow and the rugged terrain that only goats could trudge made the area inaccessible for 3 to 4 months in the winter. The place was somewhere "back of the sun" he says, a day's walk over gorges and goat paths to the nearest town. Son of a shepherd, one of 8 children, helping with the shepherding and home chores began in early life. By the time he finished a year's schooling, World War II started. He never learned to read, because the teacher joined the resistance against the Nazi occupation. One day in 1944, German soldiers appeared and!

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Born in the rural town of Goshen, Ohio, Diana Steele grew up the way every girl did in the 1950s. learning and quoting the Bible in the Methodist church's catechetical classes for girls. Mrs. Huntley was the one who connected Diana to Greece. Later Kosmas "Mikis" Synadinos, her husband of 48 years, introduced her to Greek traditions and culture and, of course, to the Orthodox Church. The two are synonymous. Both expounded their Greek history, liberal politics for him, traditional culture for her, but best of all they both have devoted a lifetime serving our

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Yiannis was one of those pioneers who helped develop the stealth technology for aircraft. He worked for Rockwell International (now Boeing) in Los Angeles and Columbus, and crisscrossed America working on the B1 Bomber, something that required government security clearances at the highest levels. Now he is crisscrossing the Globe promoting the prestigious OSU ElectroScience Laboratories of which Yiannis became Director in.....

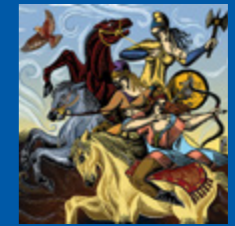
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Christos Yessios was born in Edessa, Macedonia, but grew up in Thessaloniki where his father had a prosperous hardware business. Like his elder sister, Christos got a degree in Law at the Aristotelian University in 1962, but when the university opened a school of Architecture he enrolled in it to fulfil his love of ...

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Crossing the Gates of Hercules (Gibraltar) in September 1952 on the ocean liner New Hellas on the voyage to the New World, the vast Atlantic Ocean opening up was as much of a mystery and adventure to a 17-year-old boy from a small village in the hills of Macedonia as it was for Christopher Columbus 560 years earlier.

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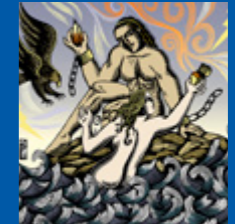
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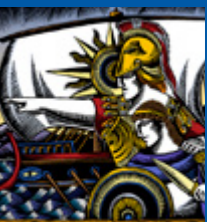
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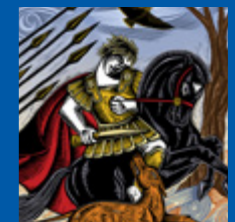
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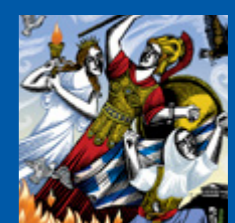
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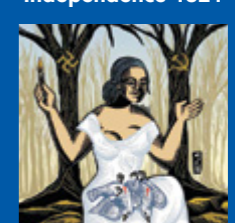
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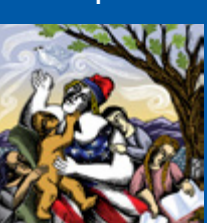
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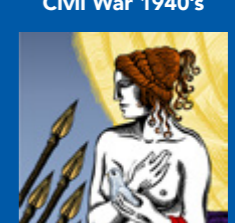
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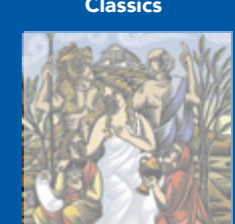
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