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# Marathon, Greece, receives gift of locally sculpted bronze statue

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his 1946 victory had on his war-ravaged country.

"Six years ago when we were working on the Kyriakides book, the authors suggested we raise money for two statues of Kyriakides which could be erected in Marathon, Greece, and then in Boston," Gates recalled. "The authors went on to other projects, but since I thought it was a good idea, particularly when Athens was chosen as the site of the 2004 Olympics, I decided to pursue it. Athens, of course is 26.2 miles from Marathon, which is how the two cities are connected in marathoning history."

Gates approached Kaufman, now 80, and when he signed on, she began talking to the US Embassy in Athens and that city's mayor.

"In many ways this project proved to be its own marathon because there were moments when I just wasn't sure we were going to get it done in time," Gates said.

The casting for the statue began in January and the finished work was shipped out by air-freight just last week, she said.

Gates said she went through two Athenian mayors and, then when Athenians decided the statue was more appropriately located in Marathon, she began a new round of cross-Atlantic discussions.

Gates said Kyriakides is an important hero to modern Greeks because he ran the 50th Boston Marathon with the expressed hope of

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bringing attention to his country, then occupied by Nazi Germany and on the verge of mass starvation.

Emaciated and told by doctors he might not be allowed to run for fear he would die on the streets of Boston, Kyriakides won first place and then returned home a hero with boatloads of food, medicine, clothing, and other essentials donated by Americans who read about his victory, Gates said.

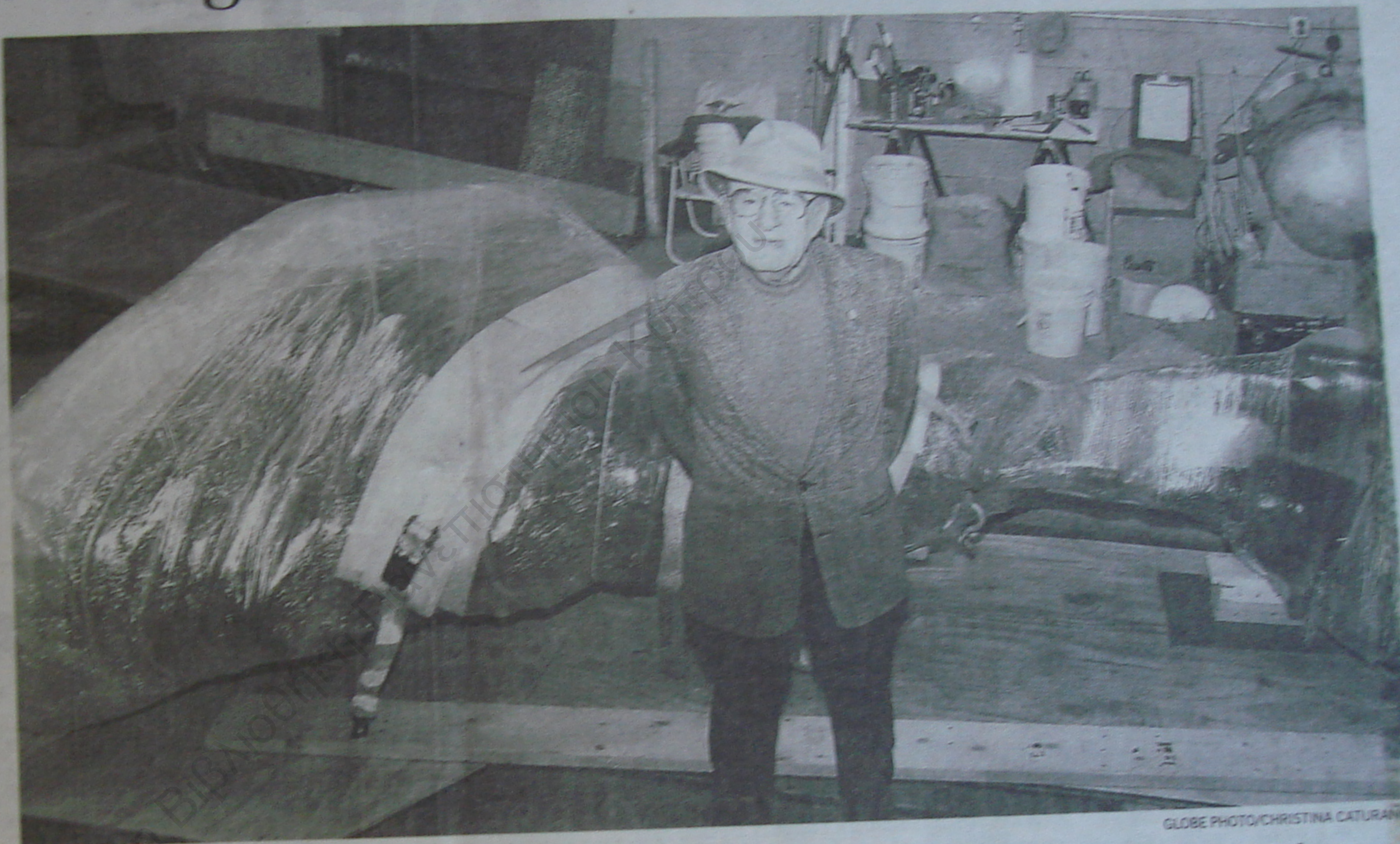
Louis was added at the suggestion of Dora Bakoyanni, the mayor of Athens, because he is an important historical figure for all Greek citizens and was Kyriakides's mentor.

"In so many ways this statue truly embodies the spirit of the modern marathon and the striving for Olympic glory," Gates said.

The 2,000-pound statue, cast at New England Sculpture Services in Chelsea,

shows the two life-sized figures running together atop a stylized mountain representing the rocky terrain of Greece. On the base are two other historical figures, the Greek god Pan, who was thought to have caused the panic that drove out invaders in Greece's early history, and Pheidippides, whose 490 B.C. run from the city of Marathon to Athens forms the basis of all modern marathoning.

"Our two cities may be separated by 4,700 miles but they now have a symbol that unites them by 26.2," said Davis in a statement. "The modern marathon was birthed as the epitome of elite athletic achievement in Greece and



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Sculptor Mico Kaufman with the 12-foot bronze statue behind him before it was shipped to Marathon, Greece, last week.

New Balance is proud to highlight its popularization and appeal today as part of our Boston-based love of the event."

New Balance has a factory store and manufacturing unit in Lawrence.

Gates, who gets a fee for being Kaufman's agent, said up to 100 smaller 10-inch versions of the statue, known as maquettes, are being sold for \$3,000 each. Gates said Kaufman will get half of the profits from these sales and the rest will be donated to a charity chosen by New Balance.

## Malden Mills to broaden line of Polartec consumer products

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Oct. 31, Costello said. This year, total sales are expected to be about \$174 million, with a net profit of some \$14 million.

Military contracts are awarded by all four US armed services plus the Coast Guard, he said, adding that the armies of Great Britain, Spain, and India are also coming

in trying to overcome.

Malden Mills' debts began piling up following a devastating December 1995 fire that destroyed three of nine buildings at the 29-acre mill complex straddling the Methuen line. In November 2001, the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, listing debts totaling \$140 million.

Then last October, the company emerged from bankruptcy.

Feuerstein's grandfather formed the company in 1907.

David Tibbetts, general counsel to the Merrimack Valley Economic Development Council in Lawrence, said Malden Mills remains vital to this region's economy.

"The jobs here are crucial, particularly since many of the employees live in the city," Tibbetts said.

He said, however, there "con-