

LATIN IN THE NEWS

from the Chicago Tribune, November 21, 1982...

Quote of the Month

"Of the 500 most successful men and women in America I would wager that every one of them has forgotten the Latin they studied in high school.

But...and this is the essential "but"...they probably would not be the 500 most successful men and women had they not studied Latin in the first place."

from the Indianapolis Star, December 12, 1982...

...Latin is back--alive and well. And it isn't killing anyone these days. It is helping hundreds of thousands of students understand English better.

In fact, language experts at colleges and public school systems in the Philadelphia area said this week there is much evidence that students who studied Latin, even for just a year or two, achieved higher scores on college entrance exams than students who did not study the language.

...Learning a language is problem-solving. You decode when you translate and if you learn to order your thoughts by studying Latin, this skill carries over into more precise thinking in other disciplines.

from the Clearwater Sun, October 17, 1982...



"Long, long ago in a school system far removed from modular scheduling, open space and new math, Latin courses were filled with students diligently learning derivatives, translating passages and reading Cicero and Virgil."

Charles Davis has a waiting list of students wishing to enroll in his five Latin classes at Clearwater High School, Florida. Only the Key Club and Keyettes have a larger membership than the Latin Club.

Most students say they are enrolled in Latin because of the help Latin will give them on the S.A.T.'s and with English.

Mr. Davis' students enjoy his methods, understanding and the surprises he plans for his classes.



WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO COLUMBUS

Long before Columbus conceived his notion that the earth could be circumnavigated, mankind had toyed with the concept of a circular earth. In fact the idea was one of the first proposed by the world's earliest philosopher, Thales, in the 6th century B.C. I guess one could say that Thales had only half caught on to the idea as he viewed the earth as a hemisphere, albeit a hemisphere of air, swimming in a vast mass of water.

Anaximander (6th century B.C.), however, came closer to the truth as we know it today when he stated that the earth was curved, curved and surrounded by wheels of mist (the atmosphere).

In the 5th century B.C. Pythagoras propounded the idea of a spherical earth. One of Pythagoras' followers, Philolaus, used this starting point to build up an astronomical system in which the center of the cosmos was a central fire around which the celestial bodies revolved.

Good ideas, however, are not necessarily universally accepted for all time once they are proposed. In the 4th century B.C. Plato accepted the Pythagorean idea that the earth was a sphere and even extended it to claim that the universe and all celestial bodies were spheres, but Plato insisted that the earth, not Philolaus' fire, was the central and immovable center of the cosmos. Plato's prize student, Aristotle, popularized the concept that the earth was the center of the cosmos, and this mistaken idea remained unchallenged for 2,000 years until Copernicus. Somehow, however, the idea of a spherical earth got lost in the shuffle of the dark ages, allowing Columbus to make his own personal claim to fame.

JOAN JETT...

longe venisti, Infans!



Photograph by Gerard Mankowitz/Retna Ltd.

Joan Jett habuit XIII annos quando accepit suam primum citharam. Duobus postea annis cantabat cum caterva musica cui nomen erat "Fugitivi." In hac caterva Joan videbatur esse parvula corruptrix quae canebat pura "saxea" carmina. Fugitivi, autem, receperunt multa nuntia mala, et Joan reliquit hanc catervam A.D. MCMLXXIX.

Nunc Joan seposuit illam imaginem parvulae corruptricis, et praecepit habitum confidentiae illi imagini. Semper gerit vestes nigras (quia hic color efficit ut ea sit in tuto) et portat citharam dum in scaena est. De suo canendi modo Joan dixit, "Non sum cantrix--CLAMATRIX SUM."

Joan peregit paene DCC symphonias in IV continentibus, et laboravit hos III annos praeteritos sine ullo otio. "Hoc est quod amo," Joan dicit. "Clamor et iuvenes educunt illam partem mei quae est hostilis!"

Joan nunc instruit novam catervam suam cui nomen est Cordanigra. Eius carmen notissimum nominatur "Mala Fama":

"Non dono damnum de mea fama
Tu vivis in praeterito; est novum saeculum
Et puella potest gerere quidlibet
gerere cupiat
Et illud est quod faciam."

Joan cohabitavit cum suo administratore, Kenny Laguna, et cum eius uxore et filia in Longa Insula.

"Sum mitis puella atrata," Joan olim dixit, "conans succedere quoquo modo possim." Et Joan Jett prospere succedit!

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LATIN FLOURISHES IN PENNSYLVANIA

According to David Chestnut of the Pennsylvania Dept. of Education, nearly 13,000 students study Latin there.

TREAT THE WHOLE PATIENT

One of the largest collections of scientific medical texts was to be found on the island of Cos, home of the almost legendary physician Hippocrates, himself the son of an itinerant physician. The medical library at Cos taught physicians to regard a sick person not only as a medical case but also to study his environment, especially the climate, habits of life, demeanor, dreams and physical abnormalities. Physicians on Cos taught that treatment should not concentrate on the sickness alone but should also serve to strengthen the general condition of the patient and increase his powers of recovery through general physical fitness including proper diet, exercise, massage, and swimming in salt water.



O THE TROJAN HORSE

by
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Three goddesses once asked Paris to choose the most beautiful one.

Aphrodite promised him the most beautiful girl, and so Aphro won.

Paris was given Helen, the beautiful wife of a Greek. Menelaus, her husband, got quite mad;

he wanted to see her again. And so war began,

it was Greece versus Troy. Was the fighting hard?

Oh, boy, you bet.

The Trojans had thought that the fighting had ended.

They had Achilles

and figured the troubles

with Greece had mended.

It's too bad the Trojans weren't thinking right

when they brought in the Trojan Horse.

The Greeks were all hiding inside

prepared to use brute force.

During the night the Greeks stepped

out and began to fight.

The Trojans were all unprepared.

The Greeks were lucky all right.

So Sparta got Helen, and all ended

well.

How Helen felt about this, no one can tell.

ROMAN FARMERS SUPERIOR

The Romans understood and practiced contour plowing. In general Roman farming methods were superior to those of our colonial ancestors and plains' farmers.

TITUS PONTIUS SABINUS A MILITARY CAREER OF DISTINCTION !

T. Pontius Sabinus is recorded in no Roman history book--a distinction reserved for the very few and very famous. Yet it was Titus and hundreds like him that made the Roman military effort work. Titus happens to be remembered only because his tombstone was discovered by an archaeologist 70 km south of Rome. The inscription is recorded in the *Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum* (Vol. X, No. 5829).

The inscription gives a very personal glance into the actual achievements of a brave and highly honored Roman officer. No, he didn't single-handedly win a major campaign or slay thousands in hand-to-hand combat. His claim to fame? He was the first man over the wall during an attack against a city!

The following translation is offered by Mary O. Minshall of Redwood City, CA:

TITUS PONTIUS, SON OF TITUS, MEMBER OF THE PALATINA VOTING TRIBE. COMMANDER OF THE 1st CAVALRY COHORT OF ROMAN CITIZEN PANNONIANS AND DALMATIANS, MILITARY TRIBUNE IN THE 6th IRON LEGION. DECORATED WITH THE SILVER SPEAR PENNANT AND SEIGE CROWN FOR BEING FIRST OVER THE WALL OF AN ENEMY STONGHOLD DURING THE PARTHIAN CAMPAIGN LED BY THE DEIFIED TRAJAN. CENTURION OF THE 22nd ORIGINAL LEGION, CENTURION OF THE 13th TWIN LEGION, FIRST CENTURION OF THE 3rd AUGUSTAN LEGION. COMMANDER OF A 3,000 MAN DETACHMENT FROM THE 7th TWIN, 8th AUGUSTAN AND 22nd ORIGINAL LEGIONS SENT TO BRITAIN.



Now, let me tell you my war stories...

Imagine that the VOYAGERS dropped into a Roman campsite at night and listened to veterans swap campfire stories. Soldiers would be bragging about personal bravery and dangers survived, and handing down stories from past wars.

Sextus Julius Frontinus (A.D. 35-104) was one author who delighted in collecting such stories which he published under the title of *Strategems*.

Back to the campfire. Soldiers are huddled about wrapped in their cloaks and eager to out-tale each other:

MILES PRIMUS: You think that's gross? Did you hear what Spartacus did when Marcus Crassus tried to trap him in camp by digging a ditch around it. Let me tell you, Spartacus was no fool! He ordered the prisoners and cattle killed. Then at night he had the corpses and carcasses thrown into the ditch. He and his men escaped over a bridge of bodies!

MILES SECUNDUS: That's nothing, when Publius Varinius found Spartacus' camp and was waiting to attack at daybreak, Spartacus ordered stakes set up outside the camp gate; then he dressed corpses and outfitted them with weapons and had them tied to the stakes to look like sentries from a distance. Then he lit fires throughout the camp and slipped away. Varinius' sentries spent the whole night watching corpse-sentries and fake campfires!

MILES TERTIUS: Speaking of fires, did you hear about the time Hannibal tied burning torches to the horns of oxen and turned them loose at night? ...



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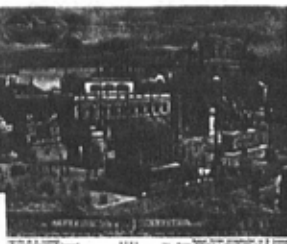
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apply. See Cornelia, wife of Gracchus.

REWARD

For anyone who can direct me to a tame
sparrow which will make a good pet for
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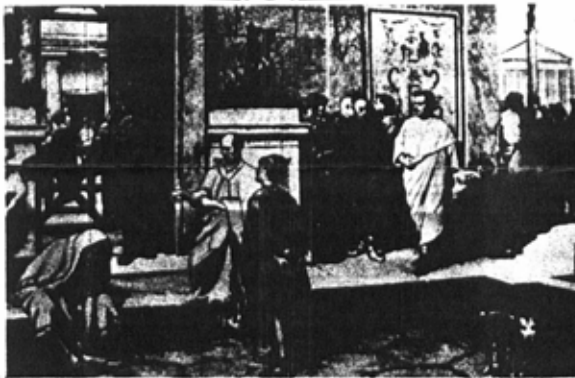
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9 c, 10 a.

FOR THE DISCRIMINATING....

Herculaneum has that touch of class!

How Well Did You Read?

1. Who was the author of Strategems?
2. Titus Pontius was a tribune in which Legion?
3. Which author's home town was Carthage?
4. Where can you get 12 hours of college credit for 10 weeks' work this summer?
5. Who was the mother of Tiberius and Gaius Gracchus?
6. Approximately how many students study Latin in Pennsylvania?
7. How does Joan Jett think of herself if not as a singer?
8. Cos was the home of what famous physician?
9. What might a client expect from his patron at Saturnalia?
10. Whose bribe did Paris accept?
11. Name one superior farming method the Romans used that the colonists didn't.
12. When will the Latin Weekender Conference be held?
13. When did Anaximander live?
14. Which Greek philosopher first suggested that the earth was spherical?
15. What role does Lee Horn play in the Latin Weekender Conferences?
16. Who is Kenny Laguna?



Dear Brother and Mother, if you are well, I am well.

I know that you both are concerned for me. It is true that I have found little employment as a portrait painter here in Rome. I've been depending upon the generosity of our family patronus, M. Livius Metullus. He is more polite than he has to be to me, a poor country relative.

Even though he must first speak to any tribune who walks through the door hours after me, he generally does little things which let me know I am special to him. I have dinner with him almost once every seven days. I get to meet his friends and eat good food. Some of my other friends complain that they see only other clients at their patron's dinners and they never get decent food.

Besides dinners and the sportula, or money, I get from My Lord Metullus, I expect to receive a new toga from him at Saturnalia. (Mother, I know the one I have is only a year old, but I have to wear it every day when I go to see Metullus. Rome is so dirty and the fullers seem to clean it by removing threads.) I have heard it said that I might also receive 5 to 6 pounds of silver in December from Metullus.

I am really lucky to have a patron who is concerned about my career and I believe he will try to get me commissions if he can. One of my friends has a client who is so rude that my friend didn't even get lunch from him yesterday. This is after my friend drudged all around Rome with him. He was trying to impress the opposition party.

I hope that you can tell I am doing all right. I would like to practice art more; however, I am lucky to be eating.

Your Loyal Son and Brother,

T. SAVVIUS AGRICOLA



This game is designed to encourage readers to become familiar with the research texts in their classrooms and school libraries. The object is to discover the birth places of the authors listed. The number of letters plus one letter in place is given for each town wanted. In addition to encyclopedias and ancient history texts, be sure to locate a dictionary of classical antiquities.

TIBULLUS	P	---	---	---	---
TERENCE	---	---	---	G	---
SENECA	---	---	U	---	---
MARTIAL	---	---	B	---	---
QUINTILIAN	---	---	---	---	---
TACITUS	---	S	---	---	---
PLINY	---	M	---	---	---
JUVENAL	---	Q	---	---	---
VIRGIL	---	---	T	---	---
CATULLUS	---	---	R	---	---
PLAUTUS	---	---	---	N	---
HORACE	---	---	N	---	---

SHAPE OF A TREE..., NO, MAKE THAT A DOG!

When Cyparissus accidentally killed his favorite stag, he was so sad he metamorphosed into a cypress tree. When Queen Hecuba was made a slave after the fall of Troy, she metamorphosed into a dog and leapt into the sea.

Budding Genius

1. *Thermae* were
 - a) priestesses, b) weapons, c) at first privately owned, later built by emperors, d) left after sacrifices.
2. If a Roman wanted to retreat, he would use which of the following idioms?
 - a) *signa referre*, b) *vi capere*, c) *premi laborare*, d) *aciem explicare*.
3. The Pontine Marshes were a source of what in ancient Rome?
 - a) peat for fires, b) reeds for styli, c) malaria, d) wild boars.
4. Which event happened first?
 - a) the eruption of Vesuvius (burial of Pompeii), b) the burning of Rome (Nero persecutes Christians), c) Campaigns of Agricola in Britain, d) death of Virgil.
5. The Oppian Law of 215 B.C. was most offensive to which group of Romans?
 - a) soldiers, b) slaves, c) foreigners, d) women.
6. Which of the following does not belong?
 - a) *rogare*, b) *quaerere*, c) *interrogare*, d) *reperire*
7. Eburacum, Londinium, Veroconium were all towns in which province?
 - a) Dalmatia, b) Pannonia, c) Syrtica, d) Brittania.
8. The Black Death had devastating effects on Medieval Europe. We know of no great "plague" in the Roman Empire which appears to be bubonic plague until 2000 persons per day perished in Rome, 166-67 A.D. Who was emperor then?
 - a) Tiberius, b) Marcus Aurelius, c) Justinian, d) Domitian.
9. A rich Roman might have had a *biblioteca* in his home. It was
 - a) a bakery, b) a shop for manufacturing roof tiles, c) a library, d) an art gallery.
10. Seneca the philosopher inspired a law which allowed a slave to complain to the Praefectus Urbi. Who was Seneca's Patron?
 - a) Nero, b) Augustus, c) Marcus Aurelius, d) Hadrian