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OLYMPIA-LXXXIV

by G. Morrison & D. Noonan, Latin I students of Fr. Gene Ulises, Heelan H.S., Sioux City, Iowa

Quarta Decima Olympia (Ludi Olympici) hiemis Sarajevo in Yugoslavia nuper gerebantur. Prima Olympia gesta sunt Olympiae in Graecia--ubi fuit templum notum Iovis. Olympia pacem, amicitiam et certamen inter omnes nationes orbis terrarum producunt. CX Americani erant in societate nostra Sarajevo. Paene XIII eventa in Olympiis hiemis gesta sunt. Natio Americana IV pretia aurea obtinuit: anfractus magnus feminarum (Deb Armstrong), declivis virorum (Bill Johnson), ludus glaciei virorum (Scott Hamilton), et anfractus virorum (Phil Mahre). Propter magnam nivem et nebulam, multa eventa initio ludorum proferrebantur. Societas Americana "hockey" in experta erat et non bene certavit. (A.D. MCMLXXX obtinueramus ubi societas nostra Rem Publicam Sovieticam vicit.)

Gugliemus Joannis filius victoriam mirabilem in declive virorum habuit: de monte citius quam omnes alii competitores venit; igitur pretium aureum obtinuit. (Pro secundo loco pretium est argentum. Pro tertio est aereum.)

Desideramus Americanos bene facturos esse in ludis aestatis in "Los Angeles." Posteriores ludi hiemis erunt Calgari in Canada, A.D. MCMLXXXVIII.

Classic Spots in the U.S.A.: VILLA VIZCAYA in Miami, Florida

An architectural renaissance took place in southern Florida in the 1920's. It was during this period that the most magnificent of all the private estates was constructed. Villa Vizcaya, located on the Biscayne Bay, south of Miami, was the home of the farm equipment magnate, James Deering.

Deering invested seven years and 15 million dollars in the construction of his estate. It was surrounded by high walls that lent an air of mystery, resulting in whispered stories of hidden panels and secret passageways. These rumors were dispelled after the owner's death in 1934, when Villa Vizcaya became a public museum.

The main house is Italian Baroque, reminiscent of a villa at St. Mark near Venice. It was built of stuccoed concrete, with doors and windows trimmed with native coral stone. The tiles used on the roof had originally covered an entire Cuban village.

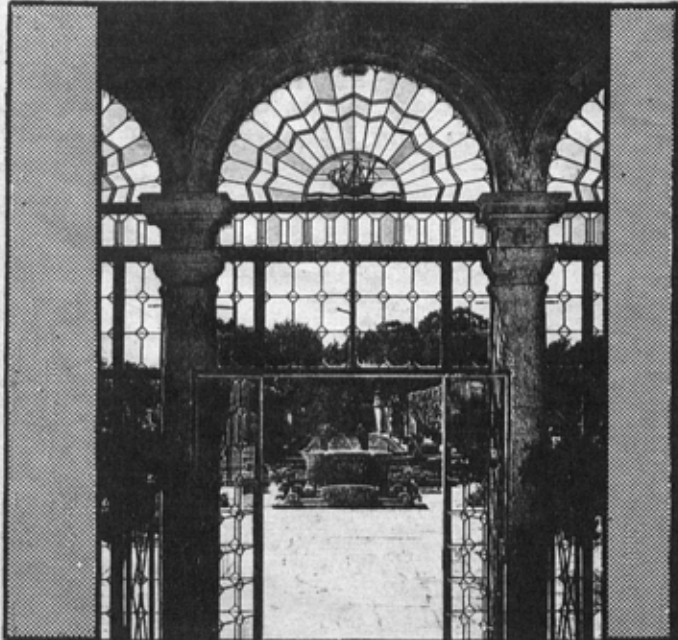
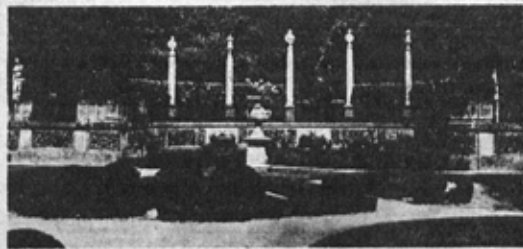
The interior, reflecting incredible extravagance, includes many historical pieces and paintings from Venice, Florence and deserted villas and palaces along the Brenta.

There is a central courtyard arcaded on three sides and a second story with open balconies which serve the bedrooms. A swimming pool, half outside the house and half under it, is sheltered by a ceiling with marine decorations.

The gardens are an array of terraces, balustrades and fountains, with natural and shaped shrubbery.

Villa Vizcaya was named for a Spanish ship, the Caravel Vizcaya, and a miniature replica of the ship is in the crest surmounting the entrance gates.

This realization of a multi-millionaire bachelor's dream, now open to the public, remains as one of the most fascinating examples of Floridian architecture and art.



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TO ADDRESSEE OR CURRENT TEACHER OF LATIN:

NUMERICAL WORD SEARCH by Greg Shaheen, Carmel, IN

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17 SECOND INTERVIEW

by Mary Leonard, Seton Catholic H.S., Pittston, PA

From the Augustan Age, we are thrilled to have one of the great authors with us to share his sentiments on himself and literature:

Q. What is your full name?

A. Publius Vergilius Maro.

Q. And where were you born, Mr. Maro, and when?

A. Please, call me Vergil. I was born in 683 A.V.C. in the village of Andes near Gaul.

Q. What, in your opinion, shaped the major influences on your artistic creation?

A. Ahhh, I'd have to say my secure, simple, country life and my thorough background in Greek literature.

Q. What is the luckiest experience you've ever had?

A. I consider myself to have had many. I'd say one came after the triumvirate of Anthony, Lepidus and Octavian defeated Brutus and Cassius at Philippi. My farm was to be handed over to the victors, but my good friend, Pollio, enabled me to win the favor of Octavian and keep the farm.

Q. So, did you remain on your farm?

A. No, I thought it too unsafe and so I lived thereafter in Rome and Naples.

Q. Everyone is very excited over the prospect of your new epic being published soon.

A. I've worked very hard on it for many years, but I don't anticipate publishing it in the near future.

Q. What are your plans for the future?

A. In several weeks I plan to travel to Greece and Asia to complete the epic under Greek influence.

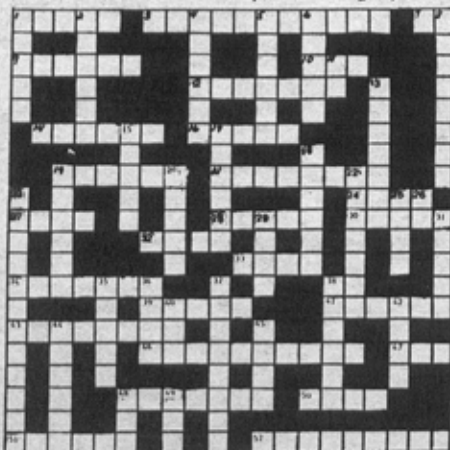
Q. Thank you, Vergil, and good luck with future works.

(Editor's note: We are sad to announce the tragic death of Vergil. During his return to Italy, he contracted a fever and died at Brundisium at the age of 50. D.M.)

ELEMENTAL MATCHING by Alex Schultz, Carmel H.S., Carmel, IN

Calcium	Iron	Silver	A. Argentum	F. Ferrum
Carbon	Lead	Tellurium	B. Aurum	G. Plumbum
Copper	Radium		C. Calx	H. Radius
Gold	Silicon		D. Carbo	I. Silex
			E. Cuprum	J. Tellus

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE by Maria Yager, Seton Catholic H.S. Pittston, PA



ACROSS

- Roman goddess of agriculture
- to kill
- and
- I lend back
- acc. sing. of vis
- and, gloomy
- twins
- married (fam)
- cruel
- to seek
- I root up
- sign
- I am absent
- I come
- goddess (acc. sing.)
- acc. pl. of qui
- I stir up, rouse
- but
- lung
- I get possession of
- impious
- to submit, yield
- for a long time
- flight
- I subdue
- I am born
- army

DOWN

- senate house
- banquet
- son of Neptune
- Adv. of fors
- citizen
- confusion
- this (nom. sing. masc.)
- to puncture
- ship
- at any time
- first
- cave
- I sit
- I return
- use of unnecessary conjunctions
- wave
- oh!
- his own
- I arise
- fire
- work
- friendship
- I uncover
- use (abl. sing.)
- from that place
- throat
- lowest
- sign
- light

QUIS SUM?

- Mercury
- Bacchus
- Diana
- Vesta
- Neptune
- Minerva
- Olympus
- Apollo
- Ceres
- Juno
- Proserpina
- Venus
- Pluto
- Janus
- Jupiter
- Mars
- Cupid

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

With over 50% of our English words having their roots in Latin, so, too, do a great number of our modern names have their meanings from Latin origins. Here is a short list of given names and their meanings which are taken from Latin:

ALMA-nourishing	FELICIA-happiness	NATALIE-christmas-like
AMANDA-must be loved	FELIX-happy	NORMA-rule-like
AMY-beloved	FLORENCE-blooming	PATRICK-patrician
BARBARA-foreign	GLORIA-glory	PAUL-little
BEATRICE-makes happy	GRACE-favor	RENEE-reborn
BENEDICT-blessed	GUS-noble	REX-king-like
CALVIN-bald	HILARY-cheerful	ROSE-rose-like
CAMILLA-free-born	JULIA-from Iulus	RUBY-red
CARMEN-song-like	JUSTIN-just	SERENA-calm
CECELIA-dim-sighted	LAURA-victorious	STELLA-star-like
CELESTE-heavenly	LEO-lion-like	SYLVIA-rustic
CINDY-little light	LILLIAN-lily-like	URSULA-she-bear
CLARA-bright	LUCY-bright	VALARIE-strong
CLAUDIA-lame	MARCIA-Marcus-like	VI-violet-like
CLEM-merciful	MARK-Marcus-like	VICKY-conqueror
CONNIE-firmness	MARTIN-Mars-like	VICTOR-conqueror
DEXTER-right-handed	MARY-sea-like	VINCENT-conquering
DIANE-Diana-like	MAXINE-very large	VIRGINIA-unmarried
DOMINIC-lord-like	MONICA-alone	VIVIAN-full of life

MEDUSA WORD JUMBLE by Mike McCormick, Carmel H.S., Indiana

Rearrange the letters to make names that are part of the Medusa story. Use the letters that fall in the circles to solve the riddle.

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Who was the great-grandfather of the greatest Greek hero?

DO YOU KNOW YOUR ROMAN EMPERORS?

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| Had Britannicus poisoned. | A. Justinian |
| Assassinated by his brother in A.D. 212 | B. Vespasian |
| Married an actress in 522 | C. Marcus Aurelius |
| Called himself a "Sun God" | D. Diocletian |
| Famous for his Meditations | E. Geta |
| Established a tetrarchy | F. Severus Alexander |
| Slept during Nero's singing | G. Titus |
| Was a victim of dropsy | H. Nero |
| Was adopted by Elagabalus | I. Elagabalus |
| Lived on the Isle of Capri | J. Trajan |
| Completed the Colosseum | K. Tiberius |
| Corresponded with Pliny the Younger | L. Hadrian |



CLAUDIUS
(Tiberius Claudius Germanicus)
A.D. 41-54

MYTHOLOGY MATCHING GAME by Sr. M. Louise, Oldenberg, Indiana

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| EGO SUM | deus solis | nuntius deorum | dea ignis |
| deus maris | deus belli | filius Veneris | deus vini |
| rex deorum | dea lunae | dea sapientiae | domus deorum |
| dea amoris | regina deorum | deus portarum | deus Orci |
| | | | uxor Plutonis |
| | | | dea frumenti |

OMENS OF THE ROMANS

by Sr. Michael Louise, OLDENBERG, INDIANA

"Hi, Ellen, how's your report on divination progressing?"
 "Not too well. It's a very difficult topic to write about."

"Why, what's so hard about this phase of the Roman religion?"

"The terms, for one thing. For example, there's that little five-letter word that tricks me. I just get stuck on O-M-E-N-S, omens."

"Oh, don't you remember? We had a Latin reading earlier in the year that dealt with different forms of divination."

"Now I remember--Nunc ego in memoria habeo. An omen is an observation or interpretation. Yes, even the noun 'omen' is a pure Latin word; our English word 'ominous' brings out the idea of impending or threatening danger."

"That's right--recte dixisti. Omens were the main forms of divination in the Roman Empire up until around 390 A.D. Do you remember a closely allied word?"

"Auguries--and is that where they derive the name of the priest who made the predictions?"

"Yes--sic, an augur held a very high position, since almost everything important in a Roman's day was determined by omens."

"What method did they use?"

"They usually looked to the sky for signs, as it was commonly accepted that in the sky the gods manifested their will to men, in such omens as lightning, the flight of birds, thunder, and falling stars. If the lightning moved from left to right, a sinistra ad dexteram, it was a good sign. To them the right side meant good, bonum, but the left side signified evil, malum."

"What about birds?"

"Certain birds were considered lucky, whereas others were regarded as birds of ill omen. Shakespeare brings this out in Julius Caesar. Feeding chickens was also considered in the light of an omen. If a grain fell from the bird's beak, this was a good sign."

"I also read that warnings were also regarded in a special way; some unusual phenomena were a stick falling in the temple, a mouse squeaking, or a human being falling victim to an epileptic fit during an assembly."

"In Latin class we also learned that the internal organs of an animal were highly important to determine the future or the will of the gods. If the animal was found to be perfect, the omen was good; whereas if the omens were bad on the morning of a wedding, there would be no wedding that day. Similarly, a merchant or traveler would not undertake business or travel if the omens were not good."

"You can conclude from this article how very superstitious the ancients were."

ARCHIMEDES



by Justin Allison, St. Thomas Episcopal School, Houston, TX

Archimedes was born in Syracuse, Sicily in 287 B.C. The people of Syracuse were Greek. Since Archimedes' father wanted him to have a good education, he sent him to study at the library in Alexandria, Egypt. Here Archimedes worked with the greatest scientists and mathematicians of his world. When he returned home, he worked as a mathematician and a scientist.

The king of Syracuse, Hieron II, was a relative of Archimedes and sometimes called upon him to solve problems even though Archimedes preferred working on his own interests.

One of the hardest jobs Archimedes did for King Hieron was to find out whether the King's crown was pure gold or whether the goldsmith had substituted silver for some of the gold. Since silver weighs less than gold, the goldsmith would have had to put more silver in the crown to make it weigh the same thus taking up more space or volume. Archimedes thought and thought about how to solve the problem without ruining the crown. Then one day he went to take a bath. As he stepped into the tub he saw that the level of the water rose as he entered the water. This gave him an idea. He was so excited about his discovery that he ran out of the baths without any clothes on shouting, "Eureka! Eureka!" which means, "I have found (it), I have found (it)!" When he got home, he took a lump of gold that weighed the same as the golden crown. He put it into a jar of water. The water went up to the top of the jar but did not overflow; but when he removed the lump of gold and put the crown into the same jar of water, the water overflowed. This meant the crown had silver in it. He told the King at once, and the goldsmith was executed.

Another of Archimedes' discoveries was the use of levers and pulleys. He once said, "Give me a place to stand and I will move the earth." To demonstrate the power of levers and pulleys he pulled a fully loaded ship from the water single-handedly using only a system of pulleys he had set up.

Archimedes was 70 when the first Punic War broke out, and the Romans and Carthaginians were fighting over Syracuse. At first Syracuse sided with the Romans, but later switched their allegiance to the Carthaginians. Archimedes designed several war engines that helped hold off the Roman attack. One device was a very big concave mirror that concentrated the sun's rays on ships and ignited them. One night, however, the Romans broke into the city and in the morning opened the city gates to let in the whole Roman army. During the massacre and plundering that followed, Archimedes worked quietly on a project. When a Roman soldier burst into his workroom, Archimedes angrily ordered him to leave. In a fit of anger the soldier killed Archimedes. The year was 212 B.C. and Archimedes was 75 years old.

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GOOD HOME NEEDED

Canis albus, free to good home. Born favorably on the Nones of September. Amat liberos. Magna voce latrat.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bataira Troupe of Camilla the Corinthian will be performing at the southwest corner of Caracalla's Thermae. Limited engagement: ab Idibus Apr. ad Kal. Maias.

BEATA DIES, ROMA

On April 21, Rome, the Eternal City, will be 2,737 years old. Beata Dies Natalis, Roma!

BIDDING GENIUS: 1--Fortune favors the brave; 2--Palatine & Aventine; 3--Arachne; 4--Constantine; 5--P; 6--Beselid; 7--Cicero; 8--The Vulgate; 9--dow; 10--dow; 11--Eris; 12--maior (bonus); 12--Arctas.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONERN

Difficilis facilis, iucundus acerbus es idem: nec tecum possum vivere nec sine te. Martial of Bilbilis

WANTED TO BUY

Augustan Age navis built ca. 758 A.V.C. in which I can sail the Tiber. Should seat IV comfortably. Ask for Tullius near the Tiber docks in Rome.

Will buy all available scrinia containing works of Horatius or Vergilius. Needed for son's advanced study course. Must buy before the Ides of May. Ask for Quintus in the Forum of Trajan.

Used gladii. Scaevola. Colosseum.

Roga Me Aliquid ab Annia Maia

Dear Annia,

I am a puella with a big problem--my little brother. When I want to go for a spin in my boyfriend's carrus, my parvus frater always tags along. What can I do to be sola with my beau?

Signed, Furiosa

Dear Furiosa,

Little brothers can be a big problem, but perhaps this suggestion can help. If your boyfriend or his slave are handy at making things, I suggest that they construct a mini-chariot out of lignum. This way your brother could pretend that he is going with you. You might also try to spend more tempus with your frater when you are domi. I'm sure that this would make him feel more like one of the older kids.

Dear Annia,

I am a slave of a wealthy olive grower. I've been working for him 50 annos. I have irremovable olive stains on my back. What can I do to get these stains off?

Oliva Vir

Dear Oliva,

I have consulted my neighborhood fullo about how to remove such stains. He has suggested that you try a series of bath soakings at your local balneum. A very hot bath should be followed by a cold rinse. You then should allow your skin to dry in the hot sun. You may also want to apply some unguentum on your back. If all else fails, there is one last solution. Although it is rather unpleasant, my fullo suggests a urine bath. This is considered to be the best cleaning and bleaching agent available in Rome.



Cooking with Claudia

SWEET-AND-SOUR CUCUMBER SALAD

With the onset of Spring, perhaps you may wish to try this ancient salad recipe.

- 2 cucumbers, peeled
- 1 ounce sweet wine or 1 Tablespoon honey
- 2 teaspoons wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons liquamen (see Claudia's March recipe)
- pinch of mint
- black pepper and salt to taste

1. Slice the cucumber into thin 1/8" slices and arrange them neatly around a serving plate.
2. Mix the sweet wine or honey, vinegar, liquamen, and mint, and pour over the cucumber slices.
3. Season with salt and pepper to taste (as we Romans do at our mensa), and serve.

Bonum Appetitum!

Claudia



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"Looks like Hercules had a Three Dog Night," said the moderator."

JULIUS CAESAR

Julius Caesar, the man of the past, would never see April. March would be his last.

Yes, he was at the top of his class but would soon be killed by a selfish little sass. "Caesar will die," proclaimed the senate, everybody laughed, but they really meant it.

And so they met, and planned a scheme to decapitate the Roman King.

But he went on to rule the same not knowing his life would end before his reign.

So the day came of horror and doom when Julius Caesar would be laid in his tomb.

The senate got ready and each sharpened his knife so they could slaughter J.C.'s life....

Then they lunged, with knife in hand and it was over, silence filled the land.

Yes, J.C. was gone without a cry but his soul would never die...

Submitted by James Tobey,
Honey Creek Jr. High, Terre
Haute, Indiana, 9th grade
student of Mary Steppe.

TUNE NOVISTI...

...that Mt. Vesuvius has erupted 23 times since A.D. 79? This includes 6 times in the 18th century and 8 times in the 19th century. The last eruption was in 1944 when its column of smoke provided a beacon for allied bombers.

BUDDING GENIUS

1. What is the meaning of the motto, "Fortuna fortes adjuvat"?
2. The Circus Maximus was located between which two hills?
3. _____ was turned into a spider by Athena.
4. Who became the first Christian emperor of Rome?
5. T/F: Oceanus was the son of Titanus and Ge.
6. The composer of the poem "Works and Days" was _____.
7. What famous Roman wrote, "Dum vita est, spes est"?
8. _____ was St. Jerome's Latin edition of the Bible.
9. List the 3 forms of DOMUS that translate "at home," "to home" and "from home."
10. What deity threw the golden apple at the wedding of Peleus and Thetis?
11. Give the Latin word source for the English "meliorate."
12. Which goddess' famous temple is located at Ephesus?

How Well Did You Read?

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2. Quis est dea ignis?
3. Who had the Villa Vizcaya built?
4. Approximately how many high school students study Latin in Maryland?
5. What kind of omen was it if a grain of feed fell from a sacred chicken's beak?
6. What does the girl's name, Connie, mean?
7. About how many times has Mt. Vesuvius erupted since A.D. 79?
8. Where will the 1988 Winter Olympics be held?
9. Where will Camilla's Hetaerae Troup be performing?
10. Who was the great-grandfather of the greatest Greek hero?
11. What is the Latin word for copper?



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5. What kind of omen was it if a grain of feed fell from a sacred chicken's beak?
6. What does the girl's name, Connie, mean?
7. About how many times has Mt. Vesuvius erupted since A.D. 79?
8. Where will the 1988 Winter Olympics be held?
9. Where will Camilla's Hetaeraeae Troup be performing?
10. Who was the great-grandfather of the greatest Greek hero?
11. What is the Latin word for copper?