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# **Desmond Heismanium Tropaeum Obtinet!**



Heismanium Tropacum est concupitissimum praemium apud athletas collegiales qui pilam pedibus pulsant. Quotannis Heismanium Tropacum praestantissimi lusori qui pilam pedibus pulsat in collegio tributum est.

A.D. MCMXCI victor est Desmond Howard qui studet apud Universitatem Michiganensem, Desmond Clevelandiae in Ohioense natus et educatus est ubi pilam pedibus pulsabat pro Sancti Iosephi Ludo Alto. Desmond receptor patens est, qui celeritatem

incredibilem, pedes pernices et manus capaces habet. Hic receptor ingeniosus XIX deorsum-tactus huius anni tempore notavit.

Desmond in agro ubi pila pedibus pulsatur habet agilitatem maximam. Acceptiones difficiles sie facit ut faciles videantur. Ergo meruit cognomen "Magicum." Desmond saepe defensores confusos iacientes in terra relinquit dum ipse ad metam currit.

Aliqua ex parte Desmondis successus est propter Gulonum Luscorum quadrans-dorsum, Elvem Grbacum. In Sancti Iosephi Ludo Alto Desmond et Elvis socii erant. Garius Moeller, magister principalis athletarum qui pilam pedibus pulsant apud Universitatem Michiganensem, Desmondem et Elvem conscripsit ut pro Universitate Michiganense luderent.

Nunc Elvis et Desmond sunt collusores qui pilam felicius iaciunt accipiuntque quam aliqui in NCAA historia.

Desmond quoque est lusor periculosus in catervis specialibus. Adversarii pilam ex eius manibus detinere saepe conantur. Contra Universitatem Civitatis Ohioensis Desmond duas pilas pedibus pulsatas ab adversariis ad metam suam retulit, et in eodem ludo CCLXXIX pedes cucurrit ut pilam pedibus non longe pulsatam ad metam suam referret. Post hunc cursum miratum, Desmond aspectum sumsit qui similis Heismanio Tropaeo erat.

Priusquam Desmond in Cratera Rosea lusit, in XI ludis continuis pilam pedibus pulsatam ad metam semel vel saepius retulerat. In Cratera Rosea autem Huski Washingtonienses Desmondem inhibuerunt, Propter praesidium Washingtoniense Desmond pilam pedibus pulsatam tantummodo semel accipere potuit. Ergo "Magicus" est humanus.

Quando non est in ludorum campis, Desmond est discipulus optimus. Quamquam pilam pedibus in NFL pulsare potest, Desmond dicit se in schola mansurum esse ut diplomam suam mereat. Diploma merita, certe Desmond in NFL pilam pedibus pulsabit!

Bonam fortunam tibi agimus, Desmond!

#### Mythology Mania

By Casey Kane and April Zenisky, Latin III students of Shirley Davis, Holyoke H.S., Holyoke, Mass.

First there was the Mother Earth, Gaca was her nam Along then came the sky Uranus With countless stars aflame. Their children were the Titans, About twelve in all. Cronus knocked his father out. And ended up in . . . Gaul? So Cronus was the leader, Sister Rhea was his wife, But every time she had a kid, He took away its life! So . . . one day when Zeus was born, Cronus got a rock. Zeus grew up in Crete, it's said And cleaned his old man's clock! So with his brothers and sisters Zeus was number one. He sent the Titans to Tartarus And decided to have some fun! It ended up they got the world Divided into three. Hades took Tartarus, And Poseidon got the sea. Then Zeus got his sister Hera And took her for a wife. He made his home on Mt. Olympus. And he was set for life!

## Teacher

Bernard Szymczak of Minneapolis, Minn., reminds us that nothing makes a day more perfect for a Latin teacher than to have the most sophisticated and most highly respected teacher of English come to the room to find out what a Latin quotation means that s/he has come across in the text currently being taught. In fact, the only thing more rewarding is to have students stand in line to find out what these Latin literary droppings mean so they can go impress the grades out of their sophisticated and highly respected teacher of English.

Of course, there are more, many more. Sometimes the droppings do tend to be a little obscure. Once the local Latin teacher recovers from the shock of encountering unintelligible Latin in the presence of admiring and expectant eyes, s/he frequently declares a pressing emergency and covers with something like, "I have to go make an emergency phone call right now, but if you leave me the book, I'll look at it and let you know tomorrow what it says."

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#### Latin Literary Droppings

## Why Every School Needs A Latin

With Fire and Sword is just one of these books with delicious Latin droppings-nothing too hard, just enough to give the Latin teacher a chance to justify his/her slot on staff: "Pater noster," "vivat," and "Non mihi, non mihi, sed nomini tuo da gloriam!"

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DAEDALIS HAS SECOND THUIGHTS

#### Why Every School Needs a Latin Teacher (Continued a Pagina Prima)

After 5 or 6 years on staff, Latin teachers eventually encounter most of the Latin literary droppings found in the books being read. Then the English Department adopts new texts, selects new novels, and the fun begins all over again, thereby insuring a permanent position for the teacher of Latin.

#### Getting a Handle on the Nymphs

One of the most baffling aspects of the study of myths has to be Nymphology.

These clusive little creatures are treated very vaguely by the ancient writers themselves and in the resource books available in most school libraries. It also seems that every time you read another footnote in Vergil a new nymph or family of nymphs appears. Some families of nymphs are so evasive that they are mentioned only by one or two authors and left out of the usual reference books.

So who were they? Was there really a valid ancient catalog of nymph families, or did individual authors just make them up as they went along or as they happened to hear about them in local folklore?

After maintaining a chart on the classroom wall for several years on which every nymph sighting was recorded, the following list of pymphs and the families to which they belong has finally emerged. The lists of names for each family is far from complete (nowhere in literature does there seem to be a full list of all 3,000 daughters of Oceanus and Tethys), and it can not be said with certainty that every family has already been gleaned from every footnote in every piece of Latin or Greek literature. The list, however, does represent a start.

Perhaps if it is passed down and added to by two or three generations of Latin teachers, it will one day be complete.

DODONIDES—This is another name for the family of nymphs called the Nyseldes (q,v,, below) because they cared for Bacchus on Mr. Nysa. They are the daughters of Allas and Aethra. Named nymphs of this family include: Beomie, Cisseis, Erato, Eriphia, Macrix, Nysa, and Polyhymno. They were changed into stars which are now called the Hyades because of their grief for their brother Hyas who was killed while hunting a wild boar.

DRYADES – Tree nymphs whose lives depend on the trees they inhabit. They seem to be the same as the Hamadryades.

HAMADRYADES - Same as the Dryades.

HELIADES - Daughters of Helios that were turned into poplar trees to shed tears of amber over Phaëthon.

HESPERIDES — These three "Western Maidens" are either the daughters of Nyx (with no father) or of Atlas and Hesperis, or of Phoreys and Ceto. Their names are Aegle, Erythea and Arethusa. Some ancient authors add Hestia and Hespera to the list.

Juno's Nymphs – In the Aeneld Juno claims to own 14 nymphs (of unidentified family), the most beautiful of whom, *Deiopela*, she promises to Aeolus.

LIMONIADES - Nymphs of meadows and flowers.

LIMNADES - Dangerous nymphs of lakes.

MELIAN NYMPHS—These nymphs cared for Zeus when he was being hidden as an infant from Cronus. One of these nymphs was named Melia.

NAIADES -- Water nymphs of lakes, rivers, springs and fountains. One of these nymphs is named Egeria.

NAPAEAE - Nymphs of dells, hills and woods. One of these nymphs was Carne who was an attendant of Artemis.

NEREIDES—These 50 nymphs are the attendants of Poseidon, They are the children of Nereus and Doris. Identifiable nymphs of this family include: Amphitrite, Calypso, Clymene, Cymothod, Galatea, Glauce and Thetis.

NYSEIDES—These nymphs, the daughters of Atlas and Aethra, cared for Bacchus on Mt. Nysa. They are now stars called the Hyades because of their grief for their brother Hyas who was killed by a wild boar. This family of nymphs is also called the Dodonides (q.w., supra, where their identified names have been listed).

OCEANIDES - These 3,000 nymphs of the ocean are



Cara Matrona,

We will soon be celebrating the festival of Quinquatrus, and I know that my filius will be requesting that he be allowed to learn Greek and study under a grammaticus like some of his wealthy friends. He has already completed his studies in a ludus litterative where he had instruction from an excellent litterator and calculator. He had a very competent, older paedagogus who made sure he mastered everything that was taught each day. This is all the schooling that I had when I was a boy, and I see no reason why it won't suffice for my filius. Just out of curiosity, however, do you see any good that can come to me from spending the money to have my son study under a grammaticus? Of course I could afford it, but the whole idea of this type of "snob appent" education runs contrary to my gut feelings.

Pinarius Cerealis, Pompeiis

Care Pinari

It sounds as though you have already made up your mind, and, I must say, I do respect your feelings. After all, you are the pater familiar in your house, and your children should be expected to honor your wishes and respect your feelings.

If your filius was excellent in ludo litterario, he probably would also do well studying with a grammaticus. Your final decision must ultimately hinge on what your plans are for your son's life. Is he your firstborn filius? Will he inherit your home and your business or trade? Do you expect that he will simply fill your calceos when you get older and become less active? Or do you expect him to move on and make a new life for himself elsewhere.

If you expect him to follow in ventigiir tuits, then he should do well with the same education that you received when you were a puer. Anything else he needs to know he should be able to learn from working alongside you in your affairs.

If, however, you expect your filius to be moving out of the house and starting a new life for himself elsewhere, then you really should give him every advantage to

# Roga Me

## Aliquid

compete successfully in our rapidly changing world. Let's face it. It's a silva fora out there, a mundus in quo canis canem edit. To really make it out there, a young man must become a vir bonus, dicendi peritus, and the only way to get there is to start with a grammaticus. Yes, your fillur will have to learn Greek, but he will study both Greek and Latin literature, even though all the nstruction and discussion is done in Greek. When he finishes, be prepared to send him away to study with a rhetor if you want to put the finishing touches on his litterarum lorica. It is with a rhetor that he will attain that nagnam eloquentiam that will give him a chance to become powerful, wealthy and influential - a true gloria for his pater Pompeiis. During his years with a rhetor his head will be filled with suasoriae, controversiae et declamationes. Should he visit you during those years, you will have to listen patiently to him argue such cases as why Popilius, who had been acquitted of parricide by M. Tullius Cicero, should be convicted of immorality because he later executed Tullius at the encouragement of Antonius. If he becomes too tedious, just tell him that you are still the pater familias in your domus, and that if he can't find something else to talk about besides how Phidias had his hands cut off by the people of Elis, he had better just sit and listen to the rest of you speak about matters of real importance to your daily life; I would, however, advise you to be kind. After all, such fictional causes will be very real to him and will occupy all of his attention when he is with his rhetor. Who knows? Some day his skill may actually prove useful to you in some very practical way. If nothing else, your filius, if successful, should be able to share his wealth with you and with the rest of his family.

Of course, Pinari, you must do what your "gut feelings" dictate, but if your filius will be moving out into the world, it wouldn't hurt to give him every opportunity to become a vir bonus, every opportunity to move up one or two notches on the old ceasus lists. After all, Pauci eventus boni tibi nocere non possunt.

#### Circus Maximus

By Latin I students of Hilary Sikes, Indianola Jr. H.S., Indianola, Miss.

"Run for your money;"
"Dangerous," "Bad," "Thriller,"
Father of the Indianapolis 500,
Big brother of the Roller Derby,
Lover of the chariots that "burn it up."
Who feels "Naughty by Nature?"
Who needs blood like a vampire?
Who has an "Appetite for Destruction"?
Who makes the winner feel "2 Legit 2 Quit"?
Who smiles to see aurigae go "Round and Round"?
Who would like to "Turn these big wheels out"?
Who wants the crowds to "Stay"?
Resident of Rome and Prince of Entertainment

"Merry-go-Round"

the daughters of Oceanus and Tethys. Calypso and Liriope are named Oceanides.

OREADES—These nymphs of hills, mountains and grottoes are attendants of Artemis. Named Oreades include: Arethusa, Callisto and Echo.

PLEIADES—These nymphs of Diana's train are the daughters of Apollo and Pleione, Named nymphs of this family included: Aleyone, Celaena, Electia, Maise, Merope, Sterape and Taygeta.

#### Artemeeze

By Alisa Dolan, Latin II Student of Nancy Tigert, Turpin High School, Cincinnati, Ohio

One moonlight evening, Artemis, the goddess of hunt was strolling through the forest. All was calm until a terrified young rabbit came barreling through the underbrush and right towards her. Why could it have been so frightened, Artemis wondered. But she had to do no more pondering because the reason had just presented itself.

A beautiful white owl gave a cry and gracefully flew overhead. Artemis took great pity on the rabbit. She reached for a painless arrow, aimed, and shot at the bird. Unlike most hunters, Artemis never missed her target; she had no reason to wait and see if she had hit her quarry. So she didn't. But, ah, she should have!

She should have seen the reaction the owl had towards the on-coming arrow. This magnificent creature caught that arrow with one talon and brought it back to Artemis. Even though she hadn't seen the owl's performance, she was still astonished by the fact that the owl held the arrow and lived. All of Artemis' arrows were doused in poison and should have been deadly to the touch. Nevertheless, the owl retrieved it. She laid it gently in Artemis' hands and boldly sat on her left

Artemis was impressed by the owd's audacity and keenness. Therefore, she named the bird Artemeeze after herself and blessed her with immortality. From then on, Artemeeze always perched on Artemis' shoulder; unless, of course, she was retrieving arrows.

#### Ancient Students Invited into Modern Latin Classroom



(Photo by Mark Shoup, CHS Yearbook Advisor) Latin III students Steve Dernberger and Andrew Lafollette lay in tesserae on Day III of the project

Eighty students of Latin at Carmel H.S., Carmel, Indiana, pooled their efforts to invite thirteen ancient Roman students and their teacher to become part of a modern Latin classroom.



The damaged ancient original found at Formiae, Italy

As a special five-day cultural project, all the Latin classes of Carmel H.S. cooperated to create a full-scale reproduction of a Roman mosaic found in Formiae. Italy. The original mosaic (damaged after centuries of wear) featured a group of somber Roman pupils of Equestrian rank with what appears to be their equally somber teacher (top center)



(Photo by Latin IV student Tom Maglicry) Modern mosaic reproduction with restored figures and triple-braid border.

The Latin students created the 6 1/2 foot wide, 6 foot high reproduction of the ancient masterpiece using tesserue cut from modern floor tile and mounted on specially constructed 3/4 inch-thick plywood.

The completed mosaic was grouted and framed and is now proudly awaiting installation in a new Latin classroom which, it is hoped, will soon be built as part of the school's 90 million dollar renovation program.

It is estimated that more than 35,000 individual tesserae were used on the giant mosaic reproduction which took over 400 man-hours to complete.

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#### A Day in the Life of Publius Sempronius Benignus, Merchant of Rome

By Becky Potratz, Latin student of James R. Stebbins, J.W. Riley H.S., South Bend, Ind.

The sun began to rise above the hills. I was awakened by the clattering of the cleaning slaves. As soon as I rose from my bed, a slave appeared to help me dress. I put on my wool tunic with the narrow purple stripes. The slave fastened my sandals while I placed my gold ring on my finger. I ate my breakfast of a bit of bread and had some wine in the triclinium. Immediately after breakfast I left for my shop on the Via Lata accompanied by four slaves.

My shop, from which I sell ivory and gold, is one of the finest retail shops. Many shops line the street. The open counters facing the street display all the wares. I enjoy being associated with business in Rome because the standards are so high. Most deals are faithfully kept, which is more than I can say about some of our politicians. My slaves helped me remove the heavy wooden shutters which were protecting the front of my shop from the seoundrels of the night. Today is a good day for business. The streets are bustling with people. There are some boys near the inn playing with dice boxes. On one side of the street a crowd of people are being entertained by a mime. People have also flocked to a group of musicians playing wind instruments. Lucius Valerius' slave has just purchased an extraordinary amount of jewelry. I struck up a conversation with the merchant next to me, who was selling wood tables, "Quis clamat? Nunc video...Funerea pompa movet per viam. Certe ortus est

de ordine superiore. Cum tot ploratoribus venit pecunia." A former plebeian, who has just recently saved enough money to join the equestrian class, came to me to try and sell his gold ring. He is a man of questionable reputation. I believe it is only a matter of time before he will have to return to the plebeian mob.

After I deposited the money from my last sale into a box, I turned around to see a clucking hen walking all ver my ivory items. I asked my slaves where the hen had come from. They replied that a slave had placed it on my table before running in the opposite direction from his master's domus. He was obviously trying to run way and didn't want the chicken's cackling to betray his hiding place. I looked for an officer, but, of course, I could not find one when I needed one. Now I was stuck with the hen, and I had to go to the basilica.

I ordered one of my slaves to return the hen, and then I left my wife in charge of the shop. The basilica was a hall of justice and a public meeting place. As I walked through the streets, I noticed that the graffiti was becoming thicker by the day. Some children were playing hide-and-seek among the shops. All Hades broke loose when they accidentally knocked over one of the display tables. A beggar came up to me, and I generously gave him a quinarius. Finally, I reached the rectangular basilica. Today I was to serve on the jury,

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Close-up of the finished reproduction



### The Trophy Case of Rome Triumphal Arches

By Frank J. Kom

More than the Pantheon, the Colosseum, and the Appian Way, the triumphal arches of imperial days reach across the ages to remind each passerby - vividly and cogently—of the glory that once was Rome. Perhaps this is so because at least three of them are so marvelously preserved, their ornamentations so perfectly intact, their Latin inscriptions so pristinely leeible.

Still standing in the heart of Rome Eternal the arches of Titus, Septimius Severus and Constantine have yielded little of their original stateliness and dignity to the ravages of time, climate, war and the modern plague of urban air pollution. The visitor today still sees them in the same aspect as did civis Romanus back in the early fourth century, as did Attila the Hun back in the middle of the fifth, as did Dante Alighieri at the end of the thirteenth.

The marble archway as a form of Roman monumentalization to celebrate the triumph of a military leader can be traced to before the Christian era. Dio Cassius informs us that in 19 B.C. such a tribute was raised in the Forum to honor Augustus for the Parthian victories. The same historian describes how the monument was ornamented with rams of captured ships. Ancient coins depict the monument as bearing the inscription, S.P.Q.R. IMP. CAE. AUG.

Prior to this time, the triumphal arch had been a temporary structure of wood, bedecked with flowers and boughs of laurel. It was destined to be dismantled after the returning victorious general and his troops had marched under it to the thunderous applause of the populace—Old Rome's version of a ticker tape parade up Broadway.

We learn from Tacitus (Ann.II 41) that late in the year A.D. 16 a splendid triumphal arch was creeted to Tiberius down in the Forum, next to the Temple of Saturn. Tacitus writes that this proclaimed "the recovery of the lost ensigns of Varus, led by Germanicus, under the auspices of Tiberius." In time, triumphal arches became the very symbol of Empire. Peregrinating emperors, such as Trajan, Hadrian and the Severi, left a trail of them across the Roman world—from Britain to Africa, and from Spain to Asia Minor. In Rome alone, more than fifty were recorded. With their elegantly engraved and eloquently expressed dedications, they were a striking facet of the personality cult which lay at the core of the Imperial Idea.

Roman architects were early on enthralled by the beauty and grace of the arch, by "the sublime music of the arch," as Stendhal once put it. Perhaps it can be said that when the Romans began to employ the curved opening also for monumental, non-functional purposes, they transcended basic utility and became a people of artists and aesthetes, joining the Greeks in a love of beauty for beauty's sake.



#### Arch of Titus

But let us now return to the three masterpieces still extant in our time. Of the three best preserved triumphal gateways in Rome today, the oldest is the Arch of Titus. Perched at the top of the Via Sacru, which descends into Forum Romanum, this single-opening-arch is flanked on either facade by fluted Corinthian columns and engraved on the typanum with the words, SENATUS POPULUSQUE ROMANUS. DIVO TITO DIVI VESPASIANI F. (The Senate and the Roman People to the Divine Titus, Son of the Divine Vespasian.) Erected by order of Domitian (A.D. 81-96), brother of Titus, the monument pays

tribute to the latter's conquest in Palestine. The interior walls constitute a veritable photo album, with magnificently carved panels of extraordinary detail. One shows Titus in his ceremonial chariot drawn by four handsome steeds. The opposite side presents a striking scene of sturdy, predatory Roman legionaries bearing upon their shoulders some of the spoils of Jerusalem—sacred objects of Jewry such as the seven branched candelabrum and the ark. What a compelling testimonial to the old maxim, Art Long, Vita Brevit The sculptor, whoever he was, has been dust for almost two milleania, while his splendid bas-reliefs still adorn the ceremonial entrance to the Forum.

The arch's simplicity of line, and nobility of proportions, won the admiration of Michelangelo, Bramante, et al. Its superbly coffered vault was an endless source of inspiration for the ceilings of Renaissance Rome.



#### Arch of Septimius Severus

Six hundred yards away, at the northern end of the Forum, rises the three-bayed-arch of Septimius Severus. Built in A.D. 203, it commemorated the ruler's victories against the Parthians, the Arabs, and the people of Mesopotamia. Also honored in the lengthy inscription are the emperor's sons, Caracalla and Geta. In antiquity broaze effigies of all three men in horse-drawn chariots graced the summit.



#### Arch of Constantine

In A.D. 315 the triple-opening Arch of Constantine was raised in the valley between the Caelian and the Palatine Hills, just a stone's toes from the Colosseum. Dedicated by the Senate and the people to hail the victories of the first Christian emperor, this arch is peculiarly a collage of reliefs stripped from earlier works, such as the Arch of Trajan. From a lofty perch on the upper facade, imperial statues look down at the atreet below. If they could speak, they would provide us with stirring eye witness accounts of the armies that have marched and fought around the monument's base for the last 1700 years: Huns, Goths, Lombards, Swiss Papal Guards, Brown Shirts of Mussolini, goosesteppi ig Nazis and liberating American G.I.s advancing from Anzio in June of 1943.

The arches of Rome have had a long run on the stage of world history. Today they have such handsome modern descendants as the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, the Marble Arch of London and the Washington Arch in New York.

#### Merchant of Rome (Continued a Pagina Tertia)

so I could not just listen to the orators impersonally. The defendant was a plebeian who was accused of beating up a slave that was not his. As I looked around, there seemed to be many spectators in the galleries above. After the lawyers had spoken, I marked a D on my ballot. The majority of the jurors agreed with my vote and the man was convicted.

It was not time for prandium so I returned home where my wife, having closed the shop for the afternoon rest period, was busy ordering the slaves to bring in the bread, egg dish, salad, apples and wine.

In a few hours I would have to get back to business, but after lunch I had arranged to meet an old friend, Titus Acmilius, at the baths for a mid-day break. First we played pila in the palaestra. Then it was off to the w for a rubdown before entering the caldaria We talked politics for a while and then took a cold dip in the frigidarium. After a final rub down, our slaves helped us dress and we went our separate ways. Before returning to the shop, I had to visit the Domus Aurea for some very special business. I walked toward the Palatine and Esquiline Hills. The huge statue of Nero was overwhelming as usual. It had to be at least 120 feet high! When I found the man who had sent for me, he showed me the ivory panels in the triclinium that had to be replaced. When I was asked to discuss my qualifications, I gave my standard list of references:

Mihi nomen est Publius Sempronius Benignus. Optima mercimonia habeo. Mihi aurum est purissimum. Servi mei adquirunt eborum ab splendissimis elephantis Africanis.

As I walked back to my taberna, I couldn't decide whether I was more excited because of the contract I had just received or because of the tour of the *Domus* Aurea and its animal-filled grounds.

That night I shared the excitement of the day with my neighbor, Quintus, who joined my family for cena. I discussed the trial over the eggs and multum and saved the visit to the Domus Aurea for the prima mensa. Fish, vegetables and a juicy gallina helped the conversation flow. Secunda mensa consisted of cakes, apples, nuts and more wine. Quintus is especially pleasant to invite for cena because he knows a thousand jokes.

As I lay in my cubiculum, I could hardly wait to fall asleep so I would be rested and ready for another day of business as a Roman merchant.

#### To Catullus, From Your Loving Brother

By Annie Wearden, Latin III student of Bo Laurence, St. Joseph H.S., Victoria, Texas

> I sit here by the window, brother, Wondering where you are Outside it's dark and night is falling Bringing countless stars.

I wish we hadn't had that fight Now you're no longer here The house is silent and lonely now My heart is filled with fear.

After you left I became deathly ill
And I longed to see you again,
But you were gone, your pride was crushed,
So here I've been since then.

1 just keep getting worse and worse; I know that soon I'll die. Outside my room the wind is howling. Soon I answer its cry.

I'll never see you smile again Or feel the laughter you bring. Outside my room it's winter now, The birds no longer sing.

The flowers all have gone away; The trees are bare and cold. The sky is gray and lonely, And the sun contains no gold.

The thought of death used to scare me so; Now I don't care anymore. I wanted to say, brother, before I die, That I'm with you forevermore.

#### Neptune's Magical Creation From Under the Sea

By McCall Ross, Eighth Grade Latin student of LeaAnn Osburn, Barrington Middle School, Barrington, Ill.

According to Roman mythology, the equus est a creation of Neptune, the sea deux. This fabula describes the origin of our present day equi.

Neptune, Jupiter et Pluto, three young dei et also fraires, had to decide which of them would rule each of the three regions: the cachim, the mare, et the Underworld. A dice hidus chose Jupiter for the caelum, Neptune for the mare, et Pluto for the underworld.

Ubi Neptune arrived in his regio sub mari, he created magnos half-equos—half-fish creatures. These creatures had slender, multi-colored bodies. Their tails, covered with shimmering scales, tapered off in opaque fins. A silky material covered their long necks, slender nosea, et delicate ears. Long, white manes crowned their necks. Their eyes, capable of reflecting their moods, could change de oculis feris that seared most creatures, in oculos magnos, kind and brown, able to soothe even the flercest of ornium beings.

One day, a pair of these sea-equorum, mates, swam too close to shore, et the tide threw them up on the beach. They struggled to get back ad aquam, cum no success. They lay down for multar horar until Apollo, the sun deur, took notice of them. He sent Mercury to tell Neptune that two of his sea-creatures were stranded in the shore. Ubi nuntius narravit Apollo's sighting to Neptune, Neptune grew quiet. The searcr came up cum three ideas; rescue the animalia himself, get Mercury to retrieve them, or let them die. He could not leave the water et travel ad mortal terrar as his novum-found regrum would go in chaos. He could not tell Mercury to retrieve the sea-equos as they would be afraid; sed he also knew he could non leave them to die. So, with a wave of his trident, Neptune bowed his caput, and the sea-horses underwent a wonderful change

"Nunc," he said, "go, Mercury. Teach mea animalia the ways of land animals."

Puzzled, the young nuntiur returned ad the surface et found two four-legged mammals cautiously walking around. Their fur was thin, cum a speck of multi-colored hairs here et there. Their faces were the same, the manes the same, everything the same, except that they nune traveled upon four legs.

Thus, that est how the equi of our modern world were created.

#### Keeping Latin Contemporary

(Based on "Back from the dead," an AP article that appeared in the Minneapolis Star Tribune, Jan. 7, 1992. Special thanks to Bernard Szymczak.)

Nothing is more contemporary than the weekly news, and when Radio Finland attempts to broadcast five minutes of Nuntil Latini every week, their writers need to be able to have Latin expressions for every news-worthy current event.

If you are planning to discuss world events in Latin, you will find the following expressions interesting. They were coined by the staff of Nuntil Latini.

Communitas rerum publicarum independentium, Commonwealth of Independent States (formerly the Soviet Union)

Discrimen Sinus Persici, Persian Gulf Crisis

Syndrome Immunitatis Defectus Adquisiti (SIDA), AIDS

Fusus Spatialls, Space Shuttle

Alsulegia Glacialis, Ice Hockey

Confoederatae Civitates Americae Septentrionalis, The United States

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Along the same lines, Newsweek (Feb. 10, 1992, p. 37), is reporting that the Austrians have also climbed on the Latin bandwagon and are now presenting two pages of news in Latin on National TV, updated thrice weekly.

The Most Significant Roman Battles: A.D. 376 - 410

## Legionnaire Score Board

Romans in power: V - Challengers and Barbarians: III



Overheard at Primavera: "Let's dance with them instead of attacking them."

Marcianopolis, Gothic Invasion of Thrace

A.D. 376

When Roman legionaries under Lupicinus were attacked by the Goths led by Fritigern, they stood their ground bravely even after Lupicinus fled from the battle field. Brave as they were, the Legionnaires were totally defeated by the Goths.

Argentaria, Invasion of the Alemanni from Germany May A.D. 378

The Romans under Gratianus completely overwhelmed the Alemanni under Priarius. Priarius himself was killed and only 5,000 Alemanni escaped.

Hadrianople, Second Gothle Invasion of the East August 9, A.D. 378

When the Roman troops of Emperor Valens were attacked by an army of Goths led by Fritigern, the Roman cavalry fled ingloriously from the field leaving the Roman legionnaires to be quickly surrounded and staughtered. Two thirds of the Roman legionaries were killed, including 39 officers and tribunes. Valens was wounded but was rescued by his men and carried to safety in a nearby wooden hut. When the Goths saw where he was taken, they lit the hut on fire and Valens died in the blaze.

Aquileia, Eugenius' Usurpation

Sept. 6 & 7, A.D. 394

Eugenius, emperor of the Western Empire, tried to usurp the power of Theodosius, emperor of the Eastern Empire. The western forces led by Arbogastes carried the day on Sept. 6, but when he sent troops to block the Theodosius from the rear, these troops deserted to the side of Theodosius. On Sept. 7 a severe dust storm was blowing in the faces of Arbogastes' troops, and they were totally defeated by Theodosius.

Tabraca, Revolt of Gildo

A D 308

5,000 hand-picked legionnaires under the command of Mascazel were sent to put down a revolt of 70,000 Africans (among whom were a number of Roman legionnaires who had deserted) led by Gildo. On the first charge of Mascazel's hand-picked legion, the legionnaires under Gildo fled the field, followed by the rest of Gildo's 70,000 troops. After an almost bloodless battle, Gildo was captured and later committed suicide in a Roman prison.

Pollentia, 1st Gothic Invasion of Italy

March 29, A.D. 403

A Roman cavalry led by Stilicho overran a camp of Goths led by Alaric as the camp was celebrating the traditional rites of spring. After they recovered from the initial confusion, the Goths did organize a resistance to the Roman attack, but Stilicho led his legionnaires into the center of the camp, slaughtering thousands and taking Alaric's wife captive.

Florence, German Invasion of Italy A.D.

When German invaders had surrounded Florence and had almost starved it into submission, a Roman army led by Stilicho arrived and completely surrounded the Germans themselves, starving them into surrender.

Rome, 2nd Gothic Invasion of Italy A.D. 408-410

Alaric arrived in 408 and blockaded the city into starvation. The Romans paid a large ransom so Alaric would leave the city alone. Alaric then returned in 409, captured Ostia and forced Rome to depose its Emperor Honorius. Alaric made the Goth Attalus emperor of Rome and left. Alaric returned again in 410 to continue his ongoing pillaging of the city. The Romans at first resisted, but on the night of August 24th Gothic sympathizers opened the Salarian Gate to him, and his men invaded the city to pillage and massacre.

#### Pluto's Namesake

By Kevin Jahandarie, Grade 6 Student of Gayle R. Hightower, Mansfield Middle School, Storrs, Conn.

There was once a man who named his son after the god Pluto. The man thought that his son was going to die because he was very sick when he was born. The man because him Pluto because he thought his son would soon join the god in the Underworld. However, Pluto didn't die, but the man never changed his name.

The god Pluto was very angry. He came to the man and asked, "How dare you name a mere mortal after me?" The man was afraid that Pluto would hurt his son, so he told the god his story. "Please do not hurt my son," the man begged. But this wasn't enough for the god "His name is still Pluto," the god said. "He belongs in the Underworld. That is where I will take him. Since Cerberus doesn't pay attention to me much anymore and doesn't always stop people from trying to leave my domain, your son must guard the entrance to the Underworld forever."

The man didn't know what to do. He couldn't let Pluto take his son away. Then he thought of something that would be a good sacrifice to appease Pluto. He went into his house and made a special recipe in three bowlinked together and brought it back to the god. "I give this to you in exchange for my son. It is for Cerberus. Now you won't need my son to help guard the entrance to the Underworld," said the man. Pluto accepted the sacrifice as long as the man changed his son's name.

The man named his son Purina. Purina used the recipe his father had given Pluto to make the first brand of dog food. To this day, Purina dog food is still bought.

#### Pax

By Tom Scarborough, Latin II Student of Nancy Tigert, Turpin High School, Cincinnati, Ohio

Must they push for weapons and war
From the inside we are torn
We must all try to cease
Can we not all try at least
Work for peace, one and all
United we'll stand.
Divided we'll fall.

## CLASSIC CACHININATIO &



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## Cena Specials At The Hospitium Pompeianum Located Near The Thermae Stabianae

GUSTATIO

hur De Holere

Soak 1/4 cup of lintels for 2 hours until soft. Then mix them with 1/4 cup of soft chick-peas, 1/4 cup of split peas, and 1 ounce of barley in 4 quarts of water and bring to a boil. Then cook over low heat for an hour. Stir frequently and remove any foam that may build up on top of the water. After 1 hour add 1/4 cup olive oil, 2 chopped leek heads, 1 tsp. coriander, 1 tsp. dill, 1 tsp. fennel, 4 cups of chopped fresh spinach, and continue cooking on low heat, stirring occasionally.

Boil a whole head of cabbage for ten minutes. Remove from the water and save the water. Carefully remove the outmost 10 leaves and save for later. Cut up the rest of the cabbage and add it to the soup.

Pour 1 quart of the water in which the cabbage was boiled into the soup and add another tsp, of fennel seed, 2 tsp. oregano and 5 chopped celery leaves.

Cook for one more hour over low heat, stirring frequently so it won't burn.

PRIMA MENSA

Patina De Asparagis

Cook 1 lb. of finely cut asparagus in boiling water for 5 minutes. Saving the water, remove the boiled asparagus and soak it in 1 1/2 cups white wine for 1/2 hour. Saving the wine, remove the asparagus and mix it with 1/4 tsp. black pepper, 1 tsp. celery seed, 1 tsp. coriander, 1/4 tsp. savory, 1 medium sized onion finely chopped, 1/4 cup of the wine saved from soaking the asparagus, 1 cup of the water saved from boiling the asparagus, and 2 tsp. olive oil. Mash this all together. Bring it to a quick boil (stirring constantly) and then cook over a low heat for 15 minutes. After this slow cook, stir in 1 well beaten egg yolk and serve with a little black pepper.



Vitulina Cocta

Cut 1 lb, of yeal into small cubes and boil for 10 minutes. Saving the water, remove the cubes and roll them in a mixture of 2 tbs. flour, 1 tsp. ginger, and 1/2 tsp. black pepper. Brown the cubes in a little olive oil and then place them in a baking dish. Pour over them 1 cup of the water in which the yeal was boiled. Cover the baking dish and bake at 300° for 40 minutes. Then add 1 chopped onion, 2 cups chopped leek heads, 3 peeled and chopped Jonathan apples and 1 cup of broad beans. Bake for another 40 minutes and then mash the apples into the sauce to thicken it. Serve with a sprinkling of ginger.

SECUNDA MENSA

Crustula De Nueis

In a small roasting pan spread out 1/8 cup almonds, 1/8 cup walnuts, 1 ths. poppy seed, and 1/8 cup cleaned filberts. Roast at 350° for 5 or 6 minutes, stirring once to make sure they roast uniformly. They're done when they are just beginning to turn brown.

Remove the nuts from the roasting pan. Chop them finely and, in a mixing bowl, blend them with 1/4 cup of honey that has just been heated to foaming boil.

Bring another 1/4 cup of honey to foaming boil and mix into it 1 cup of sesame seeds. Quickly pour this honey/sesame seed mixture out onto an oiled marble slab and with an oiled rolling pin, work the mixture into a rectangular slab 1/8" thick. Quickly cut the sesame seed slab in half and spread the nut mixture on one half. Cover it with the other half of the sesame seed slab and roll the two halves together as flat as possible. Cut into small pieces and cool before serving.

#### Parthenon Back Together Again

Anyone who has visited Athens since 1986 has been disappointed to see the east end of the Parthenon dismantled and cluttered with scaffolding-not a very good photo opportunity.

Now, however, the dismantled stones are back in place, and the scaffolding is gone as restorers concentrate on other parts of the Acropolis.

#### Dido's Farewell

By Ivy Eckerman, Latin III student of Bo Laurence, St. Joseph H.S., Victoria, Texas

Through misty eyes I see him float away. No woman could steal him, But the tide has.

My Acneas! Why do the gods hate me so? They gave you to me then ripped you away. I will risk the gods' wrath if you will turn and come back!

Why must we part? We are meant for each other. I control a whole city, but I can't control you, one man, and make you stay.

You say that Mercury beckoned you to keep going to that land.

Whether it is true, or if it is just that you want to leave, I have lost you.

You sail away with hopes of a future, But my hopes sail away with you, And once you disappear on the horizon, so do they.

You should have said good-bye. I probably wouldn't have been able to handle it, But I needed to hear it.

You never said it; but I will say it you, To you and to the whole world I bid you farewell, my love, as I sail from this world as you sail from me.



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#### Hac Aestate Ad Graeciam Iter Facere Potes

Study with the American School of Classical Studies at Athens next summer. The June 3-June 19 program called "Quest for the Ionian Greeks" will feature travel/study on the Attic mainland, in the eastern Aegean and on the coast of Asia Minor, To request an application, call ASCSA, (212) 861-0302.

#### Idus Martiae Veniunt

Don't miss the excitement. Rumor has it that something very special is planned for the upcoming Ides. All that's known for sure is that the Great C. Iulius Caesar will be leading a procession to a special meeting of the Senate. Ever since Great Caesar has returned from Gaul, he has not failed to surprise us. If you were on hand when the New Calendar was introduced, you know how moving it was to be part of that moment in history. Remember the thrill of watching them post the names of 600 new families that Great Caesar added to the Senatorial ranks? If you attended the dedication of Great Caesar's new park for the populi Romani, you know the meaning of excitement. Don't miss the Ides! Come see what surprises await us all! Ibi Estote!

#### Tandem Omnia Habere Potest

Now you can have it all! Those large, beautiful, hard-to-find posters of Italy and Pompeii are now available from the Italian section of the Applause Learning Resources Catalog.

In addition to 11 full pages of beautiful materials (including A.V.) advertised for teachers of Italian-much of which is also perfect for the Latin class, there are also 10 full Latin-specific pages advertising learning programs, background and enrichment materials, texts, videos and microcomputer software.

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If you have access to a computer lab, you will want to request a catalog from Centaur Systems, Ltd., 407 N. Brearly St., Madison, WI 53703-1603. This catalog features software for general vocabulary drills, etymology, textbook-series-specific drills and tutorials for translating short selections of Vergil and Cicero.































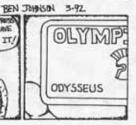














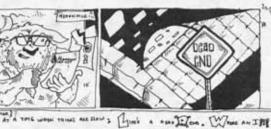












10. Which emperor took advantage of a dust storm to defeat his enemies?

receive as a boy?

Titus?

How much education did Pinarius Cerealis

Which city's conquest is commemorated on relief panels on the inner walls of the Arch of

Proof:

Lucullus + Sulla

Prometheus + Zeus

x = day of Caesar's death

y = # in a triumvirate

z = total

x + y = z

Q. General, conquered Pompey

V. Another name for Scotland

W. The Rhone, a river in Gaul

Y. The god of agriculture

X. Famous horse was built here

Z. Name of emperor Augustus

S. Region in Italy in which Rome was situated

R. Twin brother of Romulus

T. The god of the sea U. The goddess of love, and beauty

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## 44.

#### Carmina Optima

- I'M TOO SEXY, Right Said Fred TO BE WITH YOU, Mr. Big MYSTERIOUS WAYS, U2
- IL
- THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT YOU, Karyn
- White
- REMEMBER THE TIME, Michael Jackson
- VIBEOLOGY, Paula Abdul GOOD FOR ME, Amy Grant KEEP IT COMIN', Keith Sweat VII.
- VIII
- I CAN'T MAKE YOU LOVE ME, Bonnie
- I'LL GET BY, Eddie Money



#### A "Brief" Puzzle

By Chad Presson, 10th grade student of Kevin Finnigan, Fairport H.S., Fairport, N.Y.

Match the terms on the left, which have to do with animals, with their definitions on the right.

- brevicaudate
- A having short legs
- B having short teeth
- brevirostrate
- C having short tail
- brevipennate
- D having short whiskers E having short tongue

- brevilingual
- F having short wings G having short hair
- H having short memory
- A brevined
- 1 having short beak
- J having short claws

## 46.

#### How Well Did You Read?

- St. Joseph H.S.
- Cooked veal
- Ivory panels in the triclinium Museum Replicas Limited
- They must be received by May 1, 1992.
- Dangerous nymphs of lakes The Parthenon
- He only studied in a ludies litterarius. Jerusalem's
- Theodosius, Emperor of the Eastern Empire

#### **Zodiacal Zaniness**

By Yungdar Fu, Latin student of Catherine Neide, East Brunswick H.S., East Brunswick, N.J. Match the GLYPHS and the PERIODS to the proper Zodiacs and then solve the Latin phrase below.

QUID EST SIGNUM TUUM?

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ZODIACS	GLYPHS	PERIODS
Aries	F	X
Taurus	L	0
Gemini	1_0_	V
Cancer	1 1	10
Leo		1 T
Virgo	H	P
Libra	B	3 M
Scorpio	1 G	W
Sagittarius	K	R
Capricors	1 E	. 0
America	A	1 N

3

I is used in the phrase once

Descriptive Dilemma

By Dan Knott, Latin I student of D. Huisken,

Covenant Christian H.S., Grand Rapids, Mich. Find the god, person, or place that fits the description.

R Remus

Rhea Silvia

Rhodanus

Sardinia A

Saturnus

Sibylla

Venus

Vulcanus

Tullus Hostilius

E

W

P Roma

Y

V Scotia

G

X Trois

U

L Vesta

C

2 is used twice

Pisces

50.

E Apollo

N Diana

H Forum

J Niobe

1

Z Octavianus

M Palatium

D Quirinus

O Paris

Olympus

Q Julius Caesar

Latium

B Marcus Antonius

Neptunus

4 is used four times



PERIODS M September 24 - October 23 January 21 - February 18 O April 21 - May 21 P August 23 - September 23

- June 22-July 22 R November 22 - December 21
- February 19-March 20 S
- July 23 August 22 December 22 - January 20
- V May 22-June 21
- October 24 November 21
- X March 21 April 20

## 49.

### Friend or Foe?

Submitted by Fortunata Brockmeier, Latin III student of Jane Osman, Holland H.S., Holland, Mich.

Score the blanks to the left:

1 for an AMICABLE pair; 2 for an ODIOUS pair

- 2 Achilles + Cygnus
- Agamemnon + King Menelaus
- Antony (Mark) + Cleopatra
- Apollo + Orpheus
- Britannicus + Nero
- Catiline + Cicero
- Cronus + his children
- Jason + King Pelias
- Leto + Niobe
- Lucullus + Sulla
- Prometheus + Zeus
- 18 Total

Proof:

x = day of Caesar's death 15

y = # in a triumvirate 3 z = totalx + y = z

47.

#### ERPSICHO (R) 1 A YHY 'H N I T 0 EUTERP E A NEBOSYNE 'n H A

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## Desmond Wins the Heisman Trophy

Written and translated by Dan Persinger and Joshua A. Gonzalez, Latin III students of Jane Osman, Holland H.S., Holland, Mich.

The Heisman Trophy is the most coveted award in are the most prolific passing and receiving team in College Football. The Heisman is awarded annually to the most outstanding college football player.

The 1991 winner is Desmond Howard of the University of Michigan. Desmond was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, where he played football at St. Joseph High School.

Desmond is a wide receiver who possesses incredible speed, nimble feet, and capable hands. This spectacular receiver scored 19 touchdowns this season.

Desmond is an acrobat on the football field. He makes difficult receptions seem easy. Thus, he has earned the nickname "Magic." He often leaves defenders lying puzzled on the ground while he sprints for the goal line.

The success of Desmond is partially due to the quarterback of the Wolverines, Elvis Grbac. In St. Joseph High School, Desmond and Elvis were teammates. Michigan Head Football Gary Moeller recruited both Desmond and Elvis to play football for the University of Michigan. Now, Elvis and Desmond

NCAA history.

Desmond is also a dangerous special teams player. Opponents often try to keep the ball out of his hands. Desmond returned two kickoffs for touchdowns and returned a punt 93 yards for a touchdown against Ohio State. After this thrilling run, Desmond struck a pose which resembled the Heisman Trophy.

Desmond took a streak of 11 consecutive games with at least one touchdown into the Rose Bowl. In the Rose Bowl, the Washington Huskies were successful in stopping Desmond. The tough Washington defense held Desmond to only one catch. Thus, "Magic" is human after all.

Off the field, Desmond is an excellent student. Although he could play football in the NFL, Desmond says that he will remain in school to complete his education. Once he completes his education, expect to see Desmond in the NFL!

Good Luck, Desmond!