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Pulchritudo

Est difficile creditu, sed hoc anno Oscarus datus est picturae moventi quae habet dramatis personas quae sunt picturae delineatael Fabula optima est et mulcet spectatores LXXX temporis momenta. Hace pictura movens quoque bona est quia habet scaenae apparatus delineatos qui sunt ingeniosi et pulchre colorati.

Res optimae autem in hac pictura movente sunt voces dramatis personarum. Hae voces, quae pertinent ad histriones notissimos notissimasque, dant "vitam" huic picturae moventi.

Bestiae vox Robertulo Bensono est. Vasculum theae decoquendae habet Angelae Lansbureae vocem. Pagina O'Hara dat vocem suam Bellae, picturae moventis viragini. Candelabrum habet Hieronimi Orbachi vocem, et Dentedignus, qui horologium est, habet Davidis Ogdeni Stierum vocem. Gastonus (sui amator qui cupit Bellam in matrimonium ducere) Ricardi Albi voce utitur.

Pulchritudo Bestlaque est tricesima pictura movens creata in Valteri Disnei Officina. Valterus ipse consilium ceperat ut crearet hanc picturam moventem



Bestiaque

sed officina eius confundebatur de originalis fabulae altera parte. Fabulae originalis altera pars continebat cenas importunas per quas Bella et Bestia collocutae sunt. Haec confusio resoluta est a scriptoribus hodiernis qui addiderunt musicam ad fabulam. Quia Pulchritudo Bestlaque est pictura movens in qua sunt multa musica et multa carmina, fabula non iam importuna est.

Profecto, erat hace musica quae meruit primum Oscarum qui umquam datus est picturae moventi in qua dramatis personae erant picturae delineatae! Unus Oscarus datus est Pulchritudini Bestiaeque pro Optimo Diagrammate Musico; alterus Oscarus datus est pro Optimo Carmine Novo.

Est alia res mirabilis de hac pictura movente: artifices usi sunt machinis computantibus ut delinearent et scenae apparatus et dramatis personas.

Si amor potest convertere bestiam in regulum pulchrum, certissime Oscarus pro *Optima Pictura Movente* mox dabitur picturae moventi in qua dramatis personae sunt picturae delineatae.

Zero Hour: Exams Bring Visions

Based on a parody, written years ago by Winifred Bowman and Arleth Dieckmann of Bellevue H.S., somewhere in the United States. The original version was found in the teaching files of the late Sr. Michael Louise.

Twas the night before exams, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, except me and a mouse. My books were all stacked on the table with care, In hopes that by morning, they wouldn't be there. The rest of the family were using in their bods, While visions of flunking danced through my head.

Mom in her kerchief came into the room And said, "Go to bed," and I said, "So soon?" When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

Then what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But visions of Romans hovering near.
I saw the ghost of a stately old geezer;
I knew in a moment it must be J. Caesar.
More rapid than eagles his countrymen came,
And he summoned, and shouted, and called them by
name:

"Now, Brute! Now, Portia! Now, Cinna and Strato! Come, Cassi! Come, Casca! Come, Claudi et Cato!" Then up to the housetop the Romans they flew, With citizens, senators, and Cicero, too. And then in a twinkle I woke from my sleep, Looked at my books, and started to weep.

I picked up my Latin and got very sleepy, When Aeneas appeared and said, "Salve, fitil" This was the father of all Ancient Rome, And now, to help me, he had come to my home. His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And all of my books he set in a row.

A wand of haruspex he held in his fist,
And sparks encircled my head like a mist.
He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
And filled me with knowledge; then turned with a
ierk.

jerk,
And laying a finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, to Olympus he rose.

I fell from my chair, and woke with a start, I began to speak Latin and felt real smart. I looked at the clock, and I didn't care. "Roga me aliquid!" I said with a flair.

Pompeiiana Annual Meeting Scheduled

On October 23, 1991, the Board of Directors of Pompeiiana, Inc. elected to have the Indiana Not-for-Profit Corporation Act of 1991 (Article 17 of Title 23 of the Indiana Code) apply to the governance of Pompeiiana, Inc.

The following changes in the By-Laws of Pompeiiana, Inc. will affect the membership directly:

(ART. VI, Sec. 2.) Membership categories in Pompeiiana are limited to either Regular (Adult) or Contributing Members.

(ART.I, Sec. 2.) Annual memberships shall begin on July 1 and expire on June 30 of each year.

(ART. II, Sec. 5.) The usual date for an annual meeting of the members shall be the 4th Saturday of September.

In accordance with these new changes, all Regular or Contributing Members of Pompeiiana, Inc. who will find it convenient to do so, are invited to attend a

Business Meeting for Members in the Community Room, Broad Ripple Public Library 1550 Broad Ripple Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, September 26, 1992.

An additional reminder of this meeting will be published in the September, 1992, Pompeliana Newsletter.

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A Day in the Life of Antonius, Cattle Breeder

By Sarah Nagy, Latin student of Tim Stebbins, Riley H.S., South Bend, Indiana

There is rich farm land in Italy, and Antonius raises poultry, horses, donkeys, mules, cattle, sheep and goats for wealthy Romans. The days of the small family farm are long gone. Antonius works on one of the many large latifundia, which are estates owned by the wealthy. Antonius is not a servar, but a colonus, a tenant farmer. He is a free citizen and the putromus who owns the land trusts him to rotate crops, irrigate and fertilize the fields, pasture and breed the animals as he sees fit.

It is the middle of a dry summer day; in fact, it has hardly rained at all this summer. Today Antonius is traveling by horse (no fancy carriage or hired driver to take him where he wants to go) on the Via Appia to the Temphum Concordiae. He carries his own water in a lagurealla strapped to the horse's trappings. Along the Via Appia he notices the many grape vines and olive trees that are planted where the land is not as good for other crops. He also sees many other languardia similar to his own. All along the road are small work gangs keeping the pavement in constant repair — after all, this is the chief means of travel besides the sea.

Antonius is looking forward to his visit to the city. He likes the imposing look of the public buildings grouped together in the forum. The residential areas and the shops provide so many distractions that the time in the city seems to fly by. The Temphum Concordine, where Antonius is going to make a special offering and to pray for harmony among those that work with him on the estate, is on the northwest side of the forum. When Antonius arrives at the temple, he recalls that it was built almost 340 years before the first emperor of Rome to mark the end of the struggle between the Patricians and the Plebeians. Antonius hopes that because of the long history of her worship in the city, the goddess Concordia will be effective in granting his prayers.

When Antonius concludes his visit to the temple, he seeks out his friend, Marcus. He is surprised to see him standing in the forum itself, reading the latest Acta Diama that have been posted on a wall. Antonius himself enjoyed reading of new laws, important events, births and deaths that were included in the Acta Diama, and he wondered what was so interesting that was holding Marcus' attention.

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GUSTATIO

Panis Hospitii et Vinum (vel sucus)

Lactuca Romana Elixa

Boil 6 chicken livers until cooked. Saving the water, remove the livers and chop them finely.

Steam 1 head of Romaine lettuce and 1 chopped medium onion until the lettuce is tender. Drain, dry and chop the lettuce finely.

Prepare the dressing by bruising 1/4 tsp. black pepper, 1 tbs. celery seed, and 1 tsp. mint. Add this to 1 cup of the water from boiling the chicken livers, 1 tsp. olive oil and a little wine vinegar. Bring this mixture to a boil and then cook over low heat for 25 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Mix the lettuce, onion, chicken livers and the dressing together and serve warm.

PRIMA MENSA

Betae Porraque

Cook 1/2 lb. of small whole beets in a pan of water until they are tender. Saving the water, remove the beets and slice them. Place the beet slices in a small pan along with 3 sliced leek heads. Add 1/4 tsp. black pepper, 1/2 tsp. cumin, 1 cup of the water from boiling the beets and 1/2 cup wine. Bring to a quick boil and then cook slowly until the leeks are tender. Serve warm.

Lenus Farsus

Boil 1 chicken breast for 10 minutes and then, saving

the water, remove the chicken and chop finely. To the chopped chicken add 1/4 cup chopped almonds, 1/4

Stuff this mixture into the cavity of a 3 lb, rabbit and secure it shut. In a covered roasting pan roast the stuffed rabbit at 325° for 1 1/2 hours.

tsp. black pepper, 1 well beaten egg and 1 cup bread

While the rabbit is roasting bruise together a little rosemary, 1/2 tsp. black pepper, and 1/2 tsp. savory. Add this to 3/4 cups of the water saved from boiling the chicken breast and mix in 1 finely chopped small onion, 1/4 cup chopped dates, and 1/4 cup wine. After the rabbit has roasted for 1 1/2 hours, remove the lid from the roasting pan, pour this sauce over the rabbit and roast for another 30 minutes, basting the rabbit with the sauce 3 or 4 times.

Remove the rabbit from the roasting pan and thicken the sauce in the pan with a little flour. Serve the thickened sauce as a side dish with the rabbit.

SECUNDA MENSA

Persica Elixa

Quarter and pit 4 lbs. of peaches and steam them in water for about 10 minutes. Saving the water, transfer the peaches to another pot. Add 1/2 cup of the water used to steam the peaches, 1 lbs. olive oil and 1/2 tsp. cumin. Cook over a very low heat for 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Serve bot.

Antonius decided to greet his friend, "Salve, Marce, quid agis hodie?"

"Salve, Antoni. Bene ago, et tu?"

"Bene, grutias ago."

Marcus showed Antonius the notice on the Acta Diurna that announced the chariot races that would be held that day in the Circus Marimus. The thrill of joining a crowd of 300,000 and placing bets on a favorite color was overpowering for both men. "Antoni, visne mecum ire ad Circum Maximum hodie?"

"Ita Sacrificium in Templo Concordiae confeci, et habeo tempus liberum antequam necesse mihi est domum redire. Si ad circum tecum adivero, licebiine tibi redire mecum ad casam meam?"

"Certissime! Adeamus ad Circum Maximum. Fortasse fortuna nobiscum erit!"

After the chariot races, the two men travel back to Antonius' house where he lives with his parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters. Antonius' grandfather, who is still called *Paterfamilias* out of respect, holds supreme authority over the household and serves as prayer-leader when the family worships at their language.

Cena was late that night since Antonius' family waited for him to return before reclining. There was plenty of fish, eggs, vegetables and fruit for all of them and Antonius' guest. As a special honor, Marcus was chosen as the Rex bibendi for the meal and he got to choose the mixture of wine and water.

When the meal was finished, the men were left to themselves on the triclinia, and they extended the evening with conversation and few rowdy backgammon-style board games on a tabula lusoria.

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Original Latin Epitaph

By Julie Klopp, Latin V student of Donna Wright, Lawrence North H.S., Indianapolis, Indiana

D. M.
HIC IACET
SPVRIVS RVFVS EXSTINCTVS
CELERITATE VEHICVLI
DVM ERRABVNDVM CANEM
ERIPERE CONATVR
STVDIOSVS ET STVLTVS DISCIPVLVS
QVI VITAM OMNIBVS ANIMALIBVS
SVBVENIRET DEDICABAT
VIATOR
SPECTA VTROQVE ANTE TRANSCVRSUM



Cara Matrona

Well, it finally happened. I've sold the family farm, auctioned off our meager familia rastica, and converted all our unneeded farm equipment and familier into sestertii. Like so many other young families who have found that they can no longer survive rari, I've decided to move my family Roman where I have arranged to rent an insula for 30,000 sestertii. My family and I will live in terra and I shall rent out the upper tabulata. I should be able to earn 40,000 sestertii from the rental income and end up with a profit of 10,000 sestertii. I've thought this through very carefully and have had the rental agreement checked over by a competent inviscousultus, so this is not really why I am writing to ask your advice.

What I am really concerned about is maintaining a quality of life for my family in the big city. Here on the farm we have become very used to spending many peaceful hours each day walking together and relaxing as a family outdoors. From what you know about Roma, is there any way that we will be able to maintain this life style amid the crowded city streets with all their noise, pollution and dangers?

Agricola in Corde

Cara Agricola

Like so many young families these days, you seem to want to have your panem and eat it too. Bona formuna! When you leave the pleasant vitam nusticam for the prosperity and security of the big city, you must be prepared to make some sacrifices in life style. Fortunately, if all you require is to be able to spend some time each day in pleasant idyllic surroundings, you should have no trouble Romae. Once you get comfortably situated, I would suggest that you start checking out some of the various horti and porticos that abound throughout the city and which are open to the public free of charge. You should start with a visit to the Campus Martius where you will find the Saepta Iulia,

Roga Me

Aliquid

lovely pathways, a variety of sacred halls and cool porticos. A negative aspect of the Campus Martius is that everybody and anybody goes there. In fact the common saying in town is "villssimus quisque in campo ofium suum oblectut."

To find your own personal escape from the vulsar, also check out the Portico of Europa, the Portico of the Argonauts, the Portico of a Hundred Pillars with its beautifully kept plantains, and the Portico of Pompey with its two groves. In addition to shade, grass, flowers and shrubs, you will also enjoy the beautiful frescoes and statuary that abound in all these porticos. Exempli gratia, in the Portico of Europa you will be able to see the statuary group of Alexander and his generals at the battle of Granicus by Lysippus, a Venus of Phidias as well as one by Praxiteles, and the Cupid which Praxiteles created for the town of Thespiae. Your children will enjoy the many bronze and marble statues of wild animals that are displayed in the Portico of a Hundred Pillars; but do use some caution. I recently heard of a puer who was killed when he innocently stuck his little hand into the throat of a hollow bronze bear only to have it bitten by a poisonous snake that had made its nest in the statue.

As I say, make a personal tour of what's available, and pick out a favorite spot for your family to visit. As you'll quickly discover, some porticos, of course, are the haunts of gossips and umbrae looking for a free meal, and others seem to attract gamblers and games fanatics despite the Lex Titia, the Lex Publica and the Lex Cornelia. Stay clear of these people with their tail et frinilli, and don't let yourself get suckered into a "friendly" game of navia aut capita or, worse yet, par et impar. You'll just get cheated and find yourself arguing and perhaps being hauled off by one of the vigiles assigned to these areas to be fined before a local practor. Just use your common sense, and I believe you should be able to enjoy your rustic moments with your family in the big city.

Corrigendum Est:

Constantine Not at Battles of Mursa and Mount Seleucus

Letter to the editor from Larry Field, Crystal Falls, Michigan

"On Pagina Quinta [of the Jan. "91 Pompeiiana NEWS-LETTER] under the Battles of Mursa and Mount Scleucus you have Constantine when it should be Constantine II as emperor.

"Keeping the family of Constantine straight is a real bear to deal with. He had a bunch of kids and when he died, the empire was 'divvied up' among three: Constantine II, Constans and Constantius II. This was in A.D. 337.

"Now, Constantine II was the first to go in 340. Constans made it to 350—the usurper Magnentius did him in. It took Constantius II three years (350-353) to crush Magnentius.

"Constantius II ruled alone until his death in 361. He chose first Gallus, then Julian, to be Caesur. Julian (the Apostate) became emperor on his death.

"The tale is found in the Epitome de Caesaribus, Incerti Auctorix. The history of Ammianus, what is left of it, starts after the defeat of Magnentius [whom Constantius II crushed at the Battle of Mount Seleucus, August 10, A.D. 353]."

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Funereal Foot Race

By Mark Almond, AP Latin student of Linda Kennedy, Bishop McGuinness H.S., Winston-Salem, N. C.

"Welcome to the Funeral Games of Anchises. World record holder, Nisus, faces his toughest challenger, the Sicilian, Salius, in the 2,000 meter foot race. Nisus and his teammate Euryalus are favorites. The contestants are asking their positions. The order is Nisus, Euryalus, Diores, Salius, Patron, Helymus and Panopes. The winner will receive a horse with glorious trappings. Second Place receives an Amazon quiver with Thracian arrows, a broad belt of gold to sling it from, and, to fasten it, a buckle wrought of a polished jewel. This place will receive an Argive helmet. All other finishers will receive iron darts from Crete. Let the race begin.

The cloth has dropped. They're off. At the 1,000 meter

mark, Nisus is leading Salius, Euryalus, Helymus and Diores. Oh, my! Nisus has fallen and broken his ankle at the 1,500 meter mark, and Salius tripped over him. Euryalus wins. Helymus is second and Diores is third. "Salius is now arguing with the LO.C., the International Olympic Committee. He feels that he should be the winner since he was tripped by Nisus. The president of the LO.C., Aeneas, believes that the outcome can't be changed once the race has been finished. He does, however, give Salius an enormous African lion skin. Nisus appears to be jealous of this award and be, too, is complaining to Aeneas. Aeneas is now awarding Nisus a Greek shield even though he did not finish.

"Well, folks, I've seen a lot of confusion here today, but everyone does seem to be happy, even though the race was part of the funeral games for Aeneus' father."

The Thirteenth Labor of Hercules

By Wesley Long. Submitted by Donna Gerard, Dallas, Texas

It was well after the end of the twelfth labor, and Hercules was reclining on a nice beach on the Italian Riviera. He was just about to join in a rousing game of beach volleyball with the visiting Gallie bikini team when he got a call: "Ya, dis is Hercules."

On the other end, a familiar voice stuttered, "Uh, yeah, Hwoik-u-leiz, dis is yer ol' pal, Eurystheus. Yeah, anyway, look, Hwoik-u-leiz, uh, I wuz wendering, uh, if you'd be interested in doin' a little contract labor for me and a couple o' pals o' mine."

"Ya. like what?"

"Well, dere's dis guy, Vinnie 'Da Declension' Spinoza, on da east side. He's been givin' da boyz some trouble."

"Look, Eurystheus, no deal. No golden deer, no stable cleaning, no golden pears..."

"Apples, Hwoik-u-leiz, dey waz apples!"

"Doesn't matter. I paid my dues. I'm finished wit' ya."
Hercules was just about to rejoin the volleyball game when, suddenly, a tunic-clad Arnold Schwarzenegger-ly figure approached him. "I want your sandals—no, wait. Wrong story—I've been sent from A.D. "92 to bring you back for your most difficult labor."

Hercules had to win the 1992 presidential campaign in the U.S.A. This would have been rather easy for Hercules, charismatic guy that he was, but there was one problem: He had to run on the Democratic ticket! He hit the campaign trail, but it would be rough. He had already missed Iowa and Super Tuesday. He announced that, if elected, his cabinet would consist of American Gladiators. People didn't care. They were attracted to his bulk. The average voter couldn't spell his name much less understand the hierarchy of the American political system. So, after some hobnobbing with the special interest groups and after roughing up some of the other Democratic candidates, Hercules won the key primaries. He then gave a rousing speech at the convention to the tune of: "Vote for me, Hercules, I'll teach America a thing or two. Who else can handle a Herculean task like the American economic debacle better than Hercules?" Banners flew. Buttons were distributed.

When Hercules won the election, he immediately decreed (which doesn't normally happen in a democracy; but who's going to argue with Hercules?) that all disputes in Coagress would be settled in the newly installed White House/MGM Studios Theme Park American Gladiators Arena, and that congressional sessions would be shown on both C-SPAN and Pay-Fer-View, without commercials.

After two rousing terms, the U.N. was holding a special World Peace Conference in honor of Hercules when tragedy struck. After a translator mis-translated the Japanese Foreign Minister's remarks into something derogatory about Hercules' mother, Junoinspired-madness struck again.

Secret Service Agents drugged Hercules and rushed him to a NASA launch pad where he was strapped into an exploration ship headed for Mars. When the drug wore off, Hercules was well into space, but that didn't slow him down one bit. In his rage he destroyed the space ship and was sucked out among the stars.

Now, young children can look up at the sky every night and see the body of Hercules, emblazoned on the night sky. Immortal. A victim of his own thirteenth labor.



Julius Caesar

By Brian Hogencamp, Latin II student of Frank Witkowski, Yarmouth H.S., Yarmouth, Maine

This man has a name, that's known quite afar, as the greatest Roman ever, Julius Caesar. Caesar's childhood was passed during violent party strife,

Which probably was the base of his politically eventful life.

and in 84 B.C. he married his first wife.

After a difficult time, when he lost all he owned,
he began his run for consul, himself thus far unknown.
In 80 B.C. his first triumph at hand,
he won the Civic Crown for saving a man.

After a few years had passed, Caesar left the fight, to pursue a career in law, by his own right. Oration was acquired from a man named Molo, Who molded Caesar's tongue into a second Cicero. In 69 B.C. Caesar entered in the caucus, and for the Quaestorship was elected to public office. Thus his military career in the East had begun, he put both the problems and enemies of Rome on

the run.

His political career he bolstered with ease, as in the next few years the Practorship he received.

Caesar, Pompey and Crassus formed the first Triumvirate,

and in 61 B.C. Caesar obtained the Propraetorship.
The other two members while in Rome were idle,
They warred 'gainst each other for the senatorial title.
Caesar jumped at the chance to use these two men,
to better his chances of advancing again.

Caesar's ploy turned out just fine, as he accepted the Consulship in 59. In 58 Caesar was sent to Gaul, to control that region once and for all. Caesar sent endless letters to his public in Rome, all battles and victories were reported home. He doctored the losses to pass on the blame, and inform the voters in Rome of his fame, and thus we have commentaries on his Gallic campaign.

Crassus was killed by a Parthian name, and between Caesar and Pompey discord did reign. Pompey and Caesar grew farther apart, and when Pompey grabbed the senate, Caesar's outlook was dark.

Caesar was recalled to Rome to attend his own trial, and was asked to leave his army at the Rubicon for a while.

But Caesar crossed the river with his army quite bold, and ravaged the land 'till Pompey did fold. At last Julius Caesar was sole leader of Rome, and through a few good years fittle opposition had grown.

But when Caesar began to reconstruct Rome, and he found himself standing near a statue alone, Brutus and Cassius appeared in the hall, then they killed Caesar, and then watched him fall.

> They left him lying, cold on the floor, on the Ides of March, B.C. 44.

Battle Fields of Troy

By Matthew Chandler, Latin II Student of Kay Fluharty, Madeira Jr./Sr. High School, Cincinnati, Ohio

The bowl of the slicing winds joins the rigid Moan of wounded soldiers. The living stare with reatless eyes as the repugnant Smoke of funeral pyres chokes their breath. The crows blot out the pale sky, Waiting for a feast.

The foolish waste their arrows on the diners,
There are left enemies to pierce.
Clashing metal echoes in retaliation to the
Discord of war – cries and shrieks.
The miserable grievings of the innocent will not stop

the war,
Only a trick or with a horse will cease the struggle.
Ithaca

Bronze rimmed black warships from Rome Carrying warriors and weapons. Cramped barnacled boats from Crete Carrying olives and grapes. Broad-sailed majestic boats from Spain

Carrying wine.

Lean, embellished ships from Egypt
Carrying diplomats and gifts.

Battle-Scarred transports from Gaul
Carrying slaves and war trophics
All in the port of thaca.

The Esquiline . . . A Study in Contrast

By Frank J. Korn

Regio V, i.e., the Fifth Ward of old Rome ran the architectural, economic and social class gamut. Taking in the entire Esquiline Hill, the district featured the ultra-chic Carinae section with its verdant groves and vineyards, its stately temples and public baths, its fashionable villas and townhouses. Just a short walk away—on the hill's western slope—seethed the Subura, a slum of unspeakable squalor known for its jumble of sunlight-starved, garbage strewn, crime-ridden back alleys and dead-end streets.

In the Carinae dwelled the well-to-do, the political set, and the intelligentsia. According to Solinus (i.25) even two kings of deep antiquity had taken up residence on this hill: "Tarquinius Superbus lived on the Esquiline near the Fagustal Grove. Servius Tullius lived on top of the Clivus (slope) Urbius." In the first century before the Christian era, Cicero, Pompey and Mark Antony all had an Esquiline zip code.

The Augustan era saw Ovid, Vergil and Horace move into the neighborhood all within strolling distance of the sumptuous home and sprawling gardens of Maccenas. This well known, cerebral man-about-town and patron of the arts moved in fast company. He was a friend and counselor to Augustus and often carried out diplomacy matters for him. Yet Maccenas never held public office, preferring instead to devote a great deal of his time and money to the patronage of poets. In his house he often received his two most famous proteges, Horace and Vergil. At Lucullan dinner parties there Horace would read his latest odes and Vergil would recite the most vivid passages from his widely acclaimed work. The Georgies, a book which he had dedicated to Maccenas.

Maccenas bequeathed his Esquiline property to Augustus. Tiberius at one point resided there. And if the gossip columnist Suctionius is to be believed, it was from the rooftop terrace of the mansion that Nero beheld the great fire of Rome in the summer of 64.

One prominent Esquiline resident, however, chose not to live in the Carinan. To establish his credibility as an anti-establishment populist, the young Julius Caesar lived among the brawling, bawdy, unwashed inhabitants of the malodorous Subura; among pickpockets and muggers in the shadow of countless gaunt, spectral, burned-out tenement houses.

These ramshackle, vermin-infested firetraps kept the private enterprise fire fighting companies in a perpetual boom season. Indeed, so frequent were conflagrations in these alums that to protect the adjacent center of government from being enveloped in flames, Augustus screened out the Subura, where it bordered the Forum, with a hundred-foot-high wall of fireproof stone.

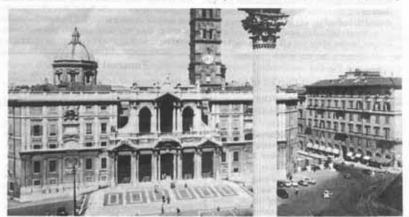
Ancient documents indicate that there were, at the peak of the imperial era, 3,850 tenement houses (insulae) on the Esquiline. The same records list in the Fifth Ward of Rome 180 palaces, 22 warehouses, 25 baths, 15 bakeries, 74 fountains, and one synagogue.

When the Edict of Milan brought an end to the persecutions in A.D. 313, Christian churches began to rise on Mons Esquilinus. One of them, Santa Pudenziana, was built over the home of a Senstor Pudens, who, in the First Century A.D., had allowed Christian services to take place there. To this house-church often came two friends of the senstor, the apostles Peter and Paul. The church was named for the Senstor's daughter, Pudenziana.

St. Peter in Chains is another Esquiline church. Its name derives from a reliquary beneath the main altur containing chains said to be those that bound Peter in a Jerusalem prison. In a side chapel reposes Michelangelo's colossal carving of Moses. This church is situated in the area called for thousands of years the Campo Scelerato (Field of Evil). Tradition maintains that this was where Tullia drove her chariot over the body of her assasainated father, Servius Tullius, and arrived at her Esquiline home spattered with his blood.

Crowning the breezy summit of the Esquiline, since Pope Liberius ordered its construction in A.D. 350, is the patriarchal Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore. It is reached by climbing the tree-lined Via Mendana. The remainder of the hill these days is taken up by apartment houses, department stores, shops, hotels, restaurants and coffee bars.

Evidence of the Esquiline's long and colorful history continues to surface, often fortuitously. For example, just a few years back, during the digging of the city's subway system, workmen came upon the walls of a First Century tavern. Among the countless graffiti on one wall were these words: Roma Summus Amor—Rome the Supreme Lover, One patriotic customer was telling his pals, with a clever palindrome, that above all the loves a man has—for his wife, his children, his parents, his possessions—should come a love for one's country.



The Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore which has crowned the summit of the Esquiline Hill since A.D. 350.

Festina Lente!

By Mark Meatto, Latin III student of Rowena Fenstermacher, Hackley School, Tarrytown, New York.

Which way to turn, which way to choose, Which way to win, which way to lose. Two paths from which they had to select, One road to follow, one to reject.

Safer and longer by the water, The other pass was only shorter. They chose the latter for its speed, And learned it was the wrong choice, indeed.

The Romans they entered a narrow pass, The Samnites had caught their foe at last. With the Romans trapped between walls of stone, The Samnite, Pontius, wrote a letter home.

Asking his father the Romans' fate, The Samnite general was made to wait. For the elder could not decide what should be, Whether to kill them all, or set them free.

The mighty army was put under yoke, But not the kind that make oxen choke. The Roman defeat we'll remember for long: The path that they chose turned out to be wrong,

Humanitas Classica

Drawing by Michael Vezina; poem by Amy Pieczonka, Latin III students of Margaret Curran, Orchard Park H.S., Orchard Park, N.Y.



Graeci Antiqui
pristini, philosophici
ars publica, architectura elegans, urbes-civitatea
—gloria, civitas popularis, res secundae—
vectura constituta, lex civilis, magsitudo militaris
accommodans, pragmaticum
Imperium Romanum

DIS MANIBUS

Original Latin Epitaph

By Julie Kiopp, Latin V student of Donna Wright, Lawrence North H.S., Indianapolis, Indiana

DIS MANIBVS
HIC IACET CALPVRNIA
DEFVNCTA MENSA
OB VENENVM
FAMOSA AVARA OPVLENTA
ET PVLCHRA
HABVIT SEX MARITOS ET ERAT
VIDVA QVINOVE MARITORVM
VIATOR
NOLI LVDERE ALIMENTO
OBESA CANTAVIT

Abbott and Costello Go Latin

By David Pischke, Latin III pre-university (College Prep.) student of Stan Farrow, David and Mary Thornson C.I., Scarborough, Ontario

DRAMATIS PERSONAE

Ludierus: an idiot trying to brush up on his Latin wocabulary Magister: a famous Latin teacher

SCAENA

Magister is sitting on a rock and is approached by Ludicrus.

L.

(Curtains open.)

- Salvel (Magister gets up: they exchange a
 Roman handshake) I'm trying to brush up on
 my Latin vocabulary so that I can impress
 the Emperor with my knowledge of Latin
 words. I was told that you could help me.
 Could I ask you the meanings of a few
 words?
- M. (Hesitantly) Sure...
- L. Okay, great! First one...(consults wax tablet) What does obliviseor mean?
- M. (looks down very briefly, looks up, pauses for a second, then responds.) I forget.
- L. You forget? (Puzzled) How can you forget?
 M. No, you don't understand—that is what
- obliviscor means.

 L. "That" is what obliviscor means?
- M. No. I forget.
- L. What do you mean, "I forget"? Does it mean "that" or doesn't it? Your memory can't be that bad!
- M. (Starting to get slightly frustrated.) "I forget" is what obliviscor means.
- L. You forget what obliviscor means? Look—you obviously don't know what obliviscor means. (Magister sighs and covers his face with his hands, in frustration.) so help me with a few others. (Pauses, consults the war tablet for a second.) Do you know what lenoro means?
- M. I don't know.
- L. Okay, then let's move on to the next one...

 How about...
- M. (Interrupting) No—you don't understand. (Suddenly has an idea.) Give me that wax tablet and stylus and let me write it out. (Luducine gives him the tablet and Magister starts writing. When he is finished, he shows the tablet to Ludicins and reads aloud.) See? (Pointing to the words on the tablet.)

- Obliviscor I forget. Ignoro I don't know. Exactly! You still haven't told me what they mean!
- M. (Slightly frustrated) What's the next word?
- L. Okay... (Consults the tablet.) What does Nonintellego mean?
- (Slowly, carefully pronouncing every word so that even someone as idiotic as Ludicrus can understand.) I don't understand.

[Note to teachers: Take a moment to be sure students notice the purpose clause in the last stage direction. You may want to ask students to re-phrase the stage direction as a result clause to keep this reading relevant to class instruction.]

- (Very slowly, pronouncing each syllable very carefully.) NON IN-TEL-LE- GO.
- M. I know what you said. You said, "I don't understand!"
- Me? I didn't say that you don't understand. I wanted to know what Non intellego means.
- M. You asked me the meaning of Non intellego. I gave you an answer. It means, "I don't understand."
- L. Well, I can tell that the answer you gave me means that you don't understand, What I don't understand is why I asked you for help with this vocabulary! I came here for help with my vocabulary, wanting to brush up, and you don't know anything! (Pauxer for a while. Then, hopefully...) Do you at least know the meaning of nibit curo?
- M. (Very frustrated) I don't care.
- 1. (Offended.) Now 1 think that's pretty rude. You...

(Magister runs off stage, screaming and pulling his hair out.)

L. (To himself, puzzled.) Now what's wrong with him?

(Curtains close. Plaudite Omnes!)

Students Get Into the Spirit of Martial

Martial I (XXXIII)

Amissum non flet cum sola est Gellia patrem, si quis adest iussae prosiliunt lacrimae. non luget quisquis laudari Gellia, quuerit, ille dolet vere qui teste dolet.

Translation

(By Carrie Farmer, Latin student of Phyllis Dunn, Norwell H.S., Norwell, Mass.)

For her father, Gellia does not grieve alone; however, with company, his death makes her moan. Cry by yourself, Gellia – that grief will be true; in front of another does not become you.

Martial IX (XLVI)

Gellius aedificat semper: modo limina ponit, nunc foribus claves aptat emitaue serus, nunc has, nunc illas, reficit mutatque fenestras: dum tantum aedificet, quidlibet ille facit, oranit nummos ut dicere possit amico unum illud verbum Gellius "Aedifico."

Translation

(By Mike Ayers, Misty Stoffrogen and Caroline Cheng, Latin III students, Carmel H.S., Carmel, Indiana) Gellius keeps himself busy as a bee making honey so when a friend comes to him asking for money, he can keep all his funds as he says to him, "I'll give you some, friend, when I finish the trim."

Martial I (XIX)

Si memini, fuerant tibi quattuor, Aelia, dentes: expulit una duos tussis et una duos. iam secura potes totis tussire diebus: nil istic quod agat tertia tussis habet.

Translation

(By Betsy Galvin, Heidi Lovett, Sara Palecek and Kate Griffiths, Latin III students, Carmel H.S., Carmel, Indiana)

Teeth of pearly white were four A shame you coughed, now there's no more; but now from chains of teeth you're freed. There's nothing left—cough all you need!

Martial XII (LXXIII)

Heredem tibi me, Catulle, dicis. non credam, nisi legero, Catulle.

Translation

(By Andy Lafollette, Lydia Ash and Stacy Mahnesmith, Latin III students, Carmel H.S., Carmel, Indiana)

> You say I'm in your will, Catullus, I don't believe this tale; but I eagerly await the day, the check is in the mail.

Martial XI (XXXIV)

Acides emit Aper sed quas nec noctua vellet esse suas; adeo nigra vetusque casa est. vicinos illi nitidus Maro possidet hortos. Cenabit belle, non habitabit Aper.

Translation

(By Andy Lafollette, Lydia Ash and Stacy Mahnesmith, Latin III students, Carmel H.S., Carmel, Indiana)

> Aper's house is dark and black at night it is a scare; but with Maro's garden so nearby his cupboard won't go bare.

A Day in the Life of Scylax

By Philip Marlin, Latin III Student of Marianthe Colakis, Berkeley Prep. School, Tampa, Fla.

It was a beautiful day when I woke up in my apartment in Rome. Then I remembered. My rent was due. I had gotten fired. I had just enough money for dinner. I needed money by "hora decima" or I'd be on the street. I went outside, and there was my friend Gaius!

"Gaius, Ol" pal. Won't you lend me some money?"

"Sorry, Scylax, but this bag of money I have is for groceries for me, my wife, and our nine children."

"Wow!" I said. "That must be...Hey! Say, do you want to go down to the gladiatorial games and relax?" (Continued in Pagina Sexta)

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A.D. 578: "I love doing that! It reminds me of running through my Mom's laundry line when I was little!"

Petra, Persian Wars

A. D. 549

8,000 Roman forces led by Dagisteus laid siege to Petra which was being defended by 1,500 Persians. The Romans managed to knock down large portions of the outer wall and to kill 1,100 of the defenders, but Dagisteus was unwilling to make a final assault. While Dagisteus was unwilling to make a final assault. While Dagisteus delayed, 2,600 more Persians managed to enter the city to join in its defense and they rebuilt the walls that the Romans had destroyed. When Dagisteus finally ordered his men to take the city, they quickly succeeded, killing 1,770 and taking 700 prisoners, only 18 of whom were unwounded. 500 Persians barricaded themselves in a wooden citadel hoping to fight off the Romans, but they all perished when the Roman troops simply burned the citadel to the ground.

Tagina, 2nd Gothic War

A.D. 55

30,000 Imperial troops led by Narses were attacked by an army of Goths led by the King of Italy, Totila. The Roman forces easily withstood the Gothic cavalry charge, then drove the rest of the Goths from the battle field. During the pursuit that followed, Totila was overtaken and killed. Narsas then led his forces to win Rome back from the Gothic forces occupying it.

Mount Lacturius, 2nd Gothic War, March A. D. 553
Justinian's troops being led by Narses completely
defeated the Gothic troops of Teias, the last King of
Italy. Teias was killed and the Goths in Italy fell under
the rule of Justinian.

Melanthias, Sclavonian Invasion

ithias, Sciavonian Invasion A. D.

When Roman Imperial troops under the leadership of Belisarius were attacked by troops led by Zabergan, the Prince of Bulgaria, the bafbarians were repulsed so quickly that the Romans were only able to kill 500 of them. Although Belisarius won this battle, he fell into disgrace shortly afterwards and was put to death.

Melitine, Persian Wars

A. D. 578

Roman legions led by Tiberius fought an indecisive battle against the Persians led by Chosroea until the Roman cavalry made a charge through the Persian line, plundered the royal tent of Chosroes and escaped with little injury. The Persians were so demoralized by the raid that they retreated under the cover of darkness.

Nineveh, Persian Wars December 1, A.D. 627

Emperor Heraclius led his troops against the army of Chosroes II under the command of Rhazates. Although there were heavy losses on both sides, the Persians did not retreat into their camp until they had fought through most of the night. Heraclius went on to take the royal city of Destigerd and the Persian War was concluded the following year.

Damascus, Moslem Invasion of Syria A.D. 633

A large Greek and Roman garrison was defending Damascus against a siege by Moslems under the leadership of Khaled. The garrison managed to send a message to the allied General Herachius who sent troops under Werden to help the garrison. When Khaled turned his army to meet the oncoming troops of Werden, he was attacked in the rear by the garrison in Damascus. The garrison, however, was quickly defeated with heavy losses and then Khaled defeated the troops of Werden. The surviving members of the Roman and Greek garrison managed to hold Damascus for 70 more days but were finally defeated by Khaled whose men overran the city.

Life of Scylax (Continued a Pagina Quinta)

Sure, sounds like a good idea," said Gaius. "Let me go to the latrina. Watch my money for me, will you?"

"Sure!" I said. As he left, I tried to shove the nasty thought out of my mind. Gaius was my friend. "Forgive me, Zeus," I said as I grabbed Gaius' money and ran. "Stop!" Gaius yelled as he chased me. "Stop, thief!" As I quickly turned a corner, I ran right into a soldier! "Say, what's the matter? Where's the fire?" he asked. Gaius ran up and said, "Arrest him. He robbed me!" "Really?" said the soldier looking at the bag of money

in my hand. "Here's your money. Come with me, oaf." So I was taken to a jail where I waited for hours.

"Come with me," a soldier finally said.

As we entered the courtroom, I heard a man saying to the judge, "So we need some more fighters."

The judge looked at me and said, "You're guilty. You'll get a chance to earn your freedom in the arena."

I was taken out of the courtroom and put in another cell with other convicts. We didn't have a chance!

Within the hour we were taken to the Colosseum, I watched as, one by one, my new friends were killed by a heavily armed gladiator. Then I realized that they didn't have any idea of what they were doing, "Scylax," I said, "you need a plan." I began to watch for weaknesses. I noticed that the gladiator's heavy armor made him slow.

When it was my turn, I surprised the guards by rushing out, not waiting to be pushed. The gladiator swung his sword. I dodged it. I then dove between his legs and before he could turn around, I grabbed his helmet and turned it around on his head so he couldn't see. There was a roar of laughter from the crowd. I then rushed him, hitting him in the back.

The gladiator took off his helmet. When he lifted up his sword, I ducked underneath him again, and the sword hit the wall. I wrenched his sword away. I saw a gap between the shield and his body. I brought the sword down on his arm and the shield dropped to the ground. As he bent over for his shield, I hit him on the head and knocked him out cold. I put my foot on his stomach and raised my sword triumphantly.

There was a moment of indecision in the Emperor's eyes, and then he looked at the cheering crowd and waved to the guards to set me free. I was given money and the coveted wooden sword of freedom.

I immediately went to my landlord and paid him three months rent in advance. I then went out to celebrate; but that's another story.

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Antonius the Cattle Breeder?

Rome?

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EVERYTHING CHANGES, Kathy

WE GOT A LOVE THANG, Ce Ce

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY, Queen

The Best Possible Throw of Dice

(1, B) Top god: a) Ares, b) Zeus, c) Midas

(1, C) Circus Maximus is between the Pa-

latine & c) Aventine, d) Esquiline, g) Caelian D) Ac. Pl. Masc.: c) -as, d) -os, f) -um

(2,) Sun god: a) Juno, e) Dis, g) Apollo

(a, C) Olympics were for males: c) T, f) F

(1, F) Gk. Apollo: a) Eris, d) Io, f) Apollo (2, A) Proserpina: a) Hades, c) sky, g) sea (1, E) Midas turned this river's sand to

gold: d) Styx, e) Pactolus

F) Greek moon goddess:

c) Dionysus, e) Demeter, f) Artemis

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Deity whose name = Best dice throw; VENUS

(2, O) Challenged Mineva at weaving:

LIVE AND LEARN, Joe Public

IF YOU GO AWAY, NKOTB

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How Well Did You Read?

- Teias the Goth
- Eurvalus
- The tea pot (Mrs. Potts)
- For stealing a bag of money from his friend
- The Portico of Europa
- To establish his credibility as an anti-establishment populist.
- To win as the Democratic candidate for president of the U.S.A. in 1992.
- Peaches
- On the Ides of May.
- Antonius' grandfather.

Beauty and the Beast

It's hard to believe, but this year an Oscar was awarded to an animated feature film. The story line is excellent and it keeps the audience enthralled for 80 minutes. The film is also good because of its cartoon sets which are clever and wonderfully colorful.

The best features of this movie, however, are the voices of the characters. These voices, which belong to very famous actors and actresses, bring the picture to life.

The voice of the Beast belongs to Robby Benson. The teapot has the voice of Angela Lansbury. Paige O'Hara gives her voice to Belle, the heroine of the movie. The candlestick has the voice of Jerry Orbach, and Cogworth, who is a clock, has the voice of David Ogden Stiers. Gaston (an egomaniae who wants to marry Belle) uses the voice of Richard White.

Beauty and the Beast is the thirtieth movie created by the Walt Disney Company. Walt himself had planned to produce this movie but his company was confused by the second half of the original story. The second half of the original story consisted of boring dinners during which Beauty and the Beast talked with each other. This confusion was resolved by the modern writers who turned the story into a musical. Because Beauty and the Beast is a movie with abundant music and many songs, the story is no longer boring.

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In fact, it was this music that earned the first Oscar ever awarded to an animated film. One Oscar was presented to Beauty and the Beast for Best Musical Score; a second Oscar was awarded for Best New Song.

There is another great thing about this movie: artists used computers to draw the scenery and the characters. If love can turn a beast into a handsome prince, no

doubt it won't be long before an Oscar for Best Movie will be awarded to an animated feature film.