

Onomastics Again

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Jim Henley — 11 Sep 1999, 18:04

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Best,

Jim

"These are the days of empty kitchens"

-- Sheryl Crow

Michael Andre-Driussi — 11 Sep 1999, 20:34 · follows Jim Henley

Jim wrote:

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Odilo--tenth century Abbot of Cluny who established All Souls's Day. A Teutonic name, meaning "rich."

Pega--Saint Pega (died 719) was reputed to have cured a man of blindness.

Thais--Saint Thais is penitent, saint, patron of fallen women or courtesans in 4th-century Christian legend. A Greek name meaning "beloved."

I hope that helps.

=mantis=

Jim Henley — 12 Sep 1999, 09:55 · follows Michael Andre-Driussi

-----Original Message-----

From: urth-errors at lists.best.com [mailto:urth-errors at lists.best.com]On Behalf Of Michael Andre-Driussi

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That's at least two out of three, so you bet it helps. Now, if I get the LEXICON for my birthday like I asked, these kinds of things will get much simpler!

Do you suppose "Pega" might be yet another Italianate diminutive of "Patricia?"

Best,

Jim

"We can't be certain who the villains are
cause everyone's so pretty"

-- Sheryl Crow

Alex David Groce — 13 Sep 1999, 11:55 · follows Jim Henley

There's also Anatole France's THAIS. About said courtesan, I believe, and a stylite. (I haven't actually read it myself.)

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." John 8:32

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Tony Ellis — 13 Sep 1999, 11:30 · follows Alex David Groce

Jim wrote:

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Well, I can do Thais: traditionally, that's the name of the Athenian slave\courtesan who encouraged my hero Alexander the Great to torch beautiful Persepolis at the height of a boozy three-day victory celebration. One of those incidents that his critics use to portray him as a drunken barbarian, but you can see how it could have seemed like a really good idea at the time...