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All Tarted up and Ready to Read

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Once again, Elena Campos, with the help of her granddaughter Christy, went all out with the Christmas decorations this year. Elena, who will be 90 in April, has been living at 807 Commonwealth since 1977.

Ups and downs and goings-on.

On Dec. 8, proud mom **Dianne Sax** (826) attended the National Academy of Sciences conference in Irvine to hear her son the doctor, **Dov F. Sax**, present a paper on "Invasive Species and Extinction."

Nathaniel Cohen (847) is no longer working at the toy company in Malibu. He's now in Westwood at LRN, a company that helps other companies manage their governance, ethics, and compliance processes—helping to keep everybody on the up and up.

December birthdays included **Elena Ramonas** (810) a hearty 94 years old, and **Raye Carlton** (803) and **Paul Jury** (818), who share the same day [but are a few decades younger than 94], and **Stella, Kevin Katz's** (840) Australian Shepherd, who turned ten.

The list price of the 819/821 duplex has been lowered from \$1,050,000 to \$950,000.

Paul Kaufman (834) spent a couple of weeks in Europe visiting his lovely girlfriend **Kim**. They hung out in Frankfurt and Zürich.

Lynn Medlin (871) spent some time in the snow visiting with her parents in Silver City, New Mexico. Meanwhile, hubby **James Medlin** has gone back to work fulltime as editorial director at E!Entertainment, just until the awards shows run their course through March.

Andy & Leo MacDonald (894), who usually go to England for the holidays, instead hosted Andy's family (father **Bill**, sister **Lynne** and her husband **Clive Ash**, all here from across the pond) on Commonwealth.



It's this year's wrap-up of dead celebrities. With the movie stars I'll start.

Deborah Kerr was a famous English actress who played *fuffers* and *shlubs*, then she rolled around on the beach with **Burt Lancaster** and overnight she became a sexpot. All in all though, she was a very classy lady, with a capital A.

Jane Wyman was an actress who had two facial expressions: surprised and not so surprised. **Ronald Reagan** she married, then she won an Oscar for playing a little blind girl, and divorced Ronald Reagan. So instead of going to the White House, she went to "Falcon Crest."

Lorraine Day starred in a boatload of movies in the 1940s nobody can remember, then married **Leo "The Lip" Durocher** when he was manager of the Dodgers back in the day when they were where they belonged -- in Brooklyn.

Robert Goulet, a famous singer from Broadway ("Camelot") and **Ed Sullivan**, was married to **Carol Lawrence**, but they weren't Jewish. I get them mixed up with the other ones, **Steve Lawrence** and **Edie Gormé**, who aren't dead. I know because they walk to *shul* every *Shabbes* like the *shayner Yids* they are.

Joey Bishop was a *shmo* and an annoying *letz* who ran around with **Frank Sinatra**, **Dean Martin**, **Peter Lawford**, and **Sammy Davis Jr.**, The Rat Pack (as **Lauren Bacall** named them). Him they didn't like so much, and never let up with the *nudzhing*. He got even by getting his own talk show and hiring **Regis Philbin** to *nudzheh*. Now **Regis** is a big star, so who's sorry now?

Marcel Marceau was a French mime who couldn't get out of a box. *Oy*, even without saying one word he could give me a headache. That's talent? Go figure.

As for **Charles Nelson Reilly**, **Merv Griffin**, **Tom Snyder**, **Theresa Brewer**, and **Alice Ghostley**, I promise if nobody dies in 2008, I'll cover them next year.

About that *yekl* **Evel Knievel**: at least he wore a helmet, unlike a certain grandson I know. I've said enough already.

Sophia Villa, who has been taking care of the Mulvaney kids, Warren and Charlotte, now has one day free during the week, and is looking for employment as a housekeeper or childcare provider on Commonwealth or in the neighborhood for one full day or half a day. Interested parties should contact Janice Mulvaney (843) for more info.

