

## The Cheese Goes On Editors Hope They Don't Seem Crass for Laughing Despite Tragic Events

**T**he Calgaro family suffered through several difficult losses in 2013, resulting in a vigorous debate about whether the *Weekly World Cheese* was still a viable publication for these serious times.

"Is it really okay to send this thing out when we are still grieving the loss of your dad?" Áine Calgaro asked her husband, Pete. "I mean, don't you think it seems a little insensitive? What if people think we laugh off unspeakable tragedy and never feel pain?"

"Our friends know us better than that," Pete assured her. "Besides, my dad was a funny guy. Think about how hard he had to try to keep his stories PG-13 during his and Mom's 50th anniversary party Labor Day weekend."

So the editorial staff decided to soldier on despite the fact that 2013 kind of sucked in a lot of ways. In January, one-eyed pomeranian Ludwig von Happy became ill and died suddenly after having been treated for pulmonary hypertension for nearly a year.

"Ludwig was a Viagra success story," doctors agreed. "The drug prolonged his life and went amazingly

well with peanut butter. Ludwig actually didn't seem sick at all."

Three weeks later, when Áine was away at a conference, Pete found their elderly 4-pound pom Lily lying in their closet. She appeared to have had a stroke, and the prognosis was poor. Áine came home, and a kind veterinarian visited the Calgaro home to help Lily to the other side.

Of course, these losses can't compare with the passing of Peter L. Calgaro Jr., who fought multiple myeloma for several years before taking a dramatic turn for the worse in the fall. His final few weeks were spent at home, and at the end Pete, his mom, and his four sisters all were able to be at his bedside.

He passed away on Nov. 8, and continues to be an influence on his family. The extended Calgaro family will never run out of stories to tell about him, and his love of fine scotch is observed every holiday when his granddaughter Rachel joins her uncles for shots around the dinner table.



*In honor of a  
very funny guy  
whose antics are  
greatly missed.*

# Double Dog Dare!

## Family Visits One Shelter Dog, Comes Home With Two

After Ludwig's sudden passing, the Calgaro house seemed a bit too quiet. Áine convinced Pete to visit a pet shelter in southern Wisconsin where several pomeranians were available.

"We don't have to make any decisions," Áine told him. "It'll just be good to get out of the house for a while."

A few hours later, Pete and Áine came home with Kavik and Trax, brothers who had been surrendered by a breeder. At 3 and 4 years old, they have proved to be a handful compared with the older and much more sedate Ludwig and Lily. Initially



*Trax (left) and Kavik.*

fearful, the dogs have decided that car rides and walks are their favorite things ever. They also enjoy barking and lying on the top edge of the sofa. Their greatest achievement is learning to pee outside.

# Amazing Transformation

## Parents Fear Son Replaced by Hard-Working Imposter

Peter Calgaro IV underwent some disturbing changes during the year, beginning in May when he received an ominous letter with the return address of Madison College.

"Congratulations! I am pleased to announce that your grades have qualified you for the Dean's List at Madison College for Spring 2013," it began.

"I think there's been a mistake," Peter told his mother as he read the letter. But that was only the beginning, as he soon developed a fixation on finding gainful employment.

After several interviews, he began working for Target at Hilldale Mall as a seasonal sales floor team member. In his red polo and tan khakis, he presented such a cheerful and efficient manner that they soon hired him as a permanent employee.

Peter began mysterious talks with his friends Cal and Chris, occasionally

making visits to undisclosed locations on the east side of Madison.

One day in early November, he commented to his parents: "Oh yeah, I'm probably moving into an apartment on December 1."

Pete and Áine were shocked to realize that their son had either grown into a responsible, self-motivated adult.... or had been taken over by a body-snatching species.

Either way, they now have an empty bedroom which also can be transformed (after some vigorous cleaning and a bit of paint.).



*Pete shows his amazement at his son's maturity.*

# Rachel Joins Working Class

## Really Does Make More Money Than Her Parents

Rachel's parents were kind of joking when they said she'd probably outearn them after she graduated from UW-Stout in May 2013.

But before the end of January, they realized their humorous comments were going to become reality. The Applied Math and Computer Science major had three job offers before her final semester began. Apparently, tech careers are more lucrative than work involving communications.

Rachel accepted a Software Engineer 2 position at General Dynamics in Bloomington, MN. By the time she graduated, she had already signed a lease for an apartment in Minneapolis. Her parents and brother attended her graduation and then moved her from Wisconsin to Minnesota. Fortunately, the snow that fell on graduation day melted quickly.

Rachel didn't stay put for long, either. Her first week on the job, her

supervisor asked her how she felt about travel. She ended up traveling between the Washington, DC area and Minneapolis for the rest of the summer and became familiar with extended stay hotels.

Rachel's boyfriend Wes also found lucrative employment in the Minneapolis area as a game developer. The two share an apartment and plan to move into a townhouse this spring.

Rachel expresses her creative side by playing electric bass in a band with several co-workers, and is glad that she chose to support the arts instead of trying to make the arts support her.



*Rachel proudly displays her diploma cover.*

# Alien Visitor Saves Couple from Empty Nest

Little did the Calgaros know that both their children would be out of the house by the end of 2013. Fortunately, the universe conspired to send an alien visitor to help fill that empty space.

A liaison between various alien cultures contacted the Calgaros in August with an emergency request. An alien by the name of "Gabi" needed a place to stay so she could study our language and environment. She was from the same mothership ("Brazil") as the Calgaros' previous alien visitor, Guilias, although the two were not acquainted. Coincidentally, Aine had studied a bit of the alien language over the summer!

The Calgaros soon discovered that they shared much in common with Gabi, including a distaste for eating meat. She has baked many vegan cookies for the family, and is making excellent grades at the local high

school. Gabi enjoys traveling and plans to see more of our planet in the future. She loves Earth photography and the literary character Darth Vader.



*Gabi gets to know the native animal species.*

# Pete and Áine Do Their Normal Jobs and Stuff This Year

Pete and Áine Calgaro didn't move, change jobs or do anything else especially dramatic this year. Sometimes, maintaining the status quo is a good thing.

Pete continues to work at NBC15 as Creative Director, and manages to get in 4 miles of running every day while keeping up with his stretching and yoga routine. He also is music director for Unity of Madison, where he performed his annual pre-Christmas concert on Dec. 13.

Pete also released not just one, but two CDs this year. *Infinite* is his annual compilation of New Age music. He also recorded a CD entirely of tank drum — a percussion instrument made from recycled propane tanks.

Áine completed her first year as

Communications and Membership Coordinator at the Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials, and we realize this isn't particularly entertaining or hilarious, but bear with us here. She enjoyed working at multiple conferences in Green Bay, Elkhart Lake, and Wisconsin Dells. But she didn't once go on a water slide.

The Calgaros continued to get older, each celebrating yet another birthday in 2013. Pete attended his 30th high school reunion, meeting up with fellow graduates of Boylan Central High School. Áine turned 51, which she prefers to think of as her reverse quinceañera. She looks forward to being 52, as the number resembles a fancy heart if you look at it hard enough.

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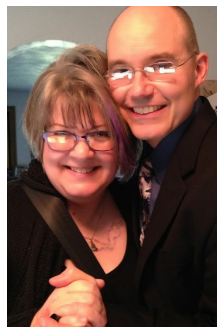
Yeah, we're all over the Internet. After all, Áine started keeping online journals in the 1990s. If email is too much of a hassle, look for us on Facebook. Or....

- PeteCalgaro.com (music and art)
- AineCalgaro.com (links to Áine's various online stuff)
- HundredHats.com (you didn't think Áine stopped knitting, did you?)
- Ravelry.com, member ID iheart yarn (speaking of that sort of thing)
- iTunes or CDBaby.com (Pete's library of original music)

*Happy Holidays!*



*Wes & Rachel, Peter, and Gabi*



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