

# **Final Analysis** *By Steve Vance*

## **Cigars and Stripes' Genero a 'Born Actor'; Sox in Free Fall, 'Dusty Dude' a Minister?**

***Random musings on a winter afternoon in August . . .***

It seems more like an October afternoon before a Notre Dame game, but the most recent week has been attuned to the coolest summer suffered in these parts in over a century.

Our first topic is about Berwyn resident Carl Genero, manager of Ronnie Lotz's Cigars and Stripes eclectic gathering place in the City of Homes.

Genero is a "natural actor," according to Lotz. The latter should know, having directed and/or starred in and produced a number of movies himself.

"He has a natural gift of gab and loves to talk to people. The interesting thing is that he is very knowledgeable. He's great with the customers and is laid back and easy-going kind of like a West Coast guy. I am glad he's aboard. There's nothing worse than a bartender or manager with an attitude and we have had one or two of those over the past two years. But, as "Hawk" Harrelson likes to say, 'They gone!' And good riddance!

You miss the good ones like Joanne. She moved on and we wish her well, but do you know how tough it is to find really good help?"

Genero took the compliments in stride and explained he enjoys acting and would like to expand his roles in upcoming film ventures. He said he enjoys movies in all aspects.

"I have known our writer, director, producer Rich Celenza Jr. since St. Joe's. He was born for this. It is just too bad it took a tragedy in his life, the death of a friend at work to inspire his latest effort, 'Insanity.' It was fun working on. I played a forensic pathologist. I was in two scenes. Could I expand, of course. Could like nothing better. But, you have to walk before you crawl.

Ronnie has been very helpful here and I respect his work and his intellect and acumen. I am looking forward to more movies.



**"Insanity" creator. (from left) Richard T. Celenza Jr. is joined by Downers Grove resident, one of the movie's stars Guy Petruzzelli and Berwyn's own, Cigars and Stripes' manager, Carl Genero.**

Other thoughts on a frigid mid-summer's afternoon - which seems like a precursor of Thanksgiving.

The Chicago White Sox are dying. No all of Ozzie Guillen's enthusiasm or Kenny Williams' efforts reigned in by absurd budgetary constraints can stop their fall to what will be third place in their division. At least they were able to stop construction on the wing in honor of the "mighty" Kansas City Royals at Cooperstown this season. Wait 'til next year for more K.C. psychobabble.

Congrats to the Cubs' Dusty "Dude" Baker. Perhaps he should add "The Rev. Mr." top his moniker. When asked about dropping former superstar Sammy Sosa to fifth or sixth his replay was that such a move would damage Sammy psychologically and spiritually. Well, hold the sanctifying grace and light up the thurifers, perhaps there's a miracle coming at Wrigley Field (if the evil denizen of City Hall doesn't close it down first.) Praise the Lord-Keep warm!