December 11
Hi Friends —

I’ve always wondered, when the three wise men brought that box full of those gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, were those birth presents or Christmas presents? Well either way, once someone gives you gold, anything else you get looks pretty shiny.

In case you were wondering, myrrh is an aromatic gum that was used as incense in ancient times. And, if you ever buy stuff like that and why would you give anyone it as a present? (It’s a way more practical. Another thing: if those three guys were so damn wise, why were they working on Christmas?)

Now nobody knows that Jesus was born in a barn (at least not anymore; the Holiday Inn and even the Howard Johnson’s was full. (That always happens during the holidays.) So with all those cows and donkeys around, I guess that incense came in pretty handy after all.

But then his folks got a nice house in a good neighborhood — that must have been what they did with the gold — and, during the holidays.)

— five hours of holiday music by the greats of jazz.

Please note: if you have an up-coming gig or performance in the NW New Jersey-NE Pennsylvania area, this is the place to let us know. We are trying to keep up with all the local talent we have in the region. All three concerts: $70 in advance

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Twelve Days of Christmas" will be my theme on WNTI-FM Wednesdays, starting on December 14, through

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat., Dec. 3, 3:00; Jazz Ensemble, Band & Combo

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Sat., Jan. 28; All-Star Jazz Jam: Robin Edwards, trombone; Jerry Perini, piano; Mark Knopfler, guitar; Ray Bryant, piano; Bob Smith, trumpet; Joe Newman, alto; Red Rodney, bass;

Sat., Jan. 21; Diva Jazz Orchestra & Maurice Hines

Sat., Jan. 14; Big Band Hour: Johnny Hodges & His Orchestra

Fri., Dec. 2; Cafe Baci Restaurant & Bar

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