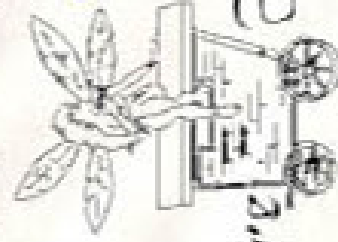


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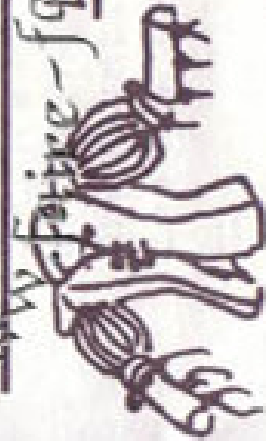
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WHEN THE JUGGLER HIT THE PAN

Last week on Sunday Fud the Incredible Juggler appeared at cast call with a black eye. All that was said was that he hit it with a frying pan, and then said that he would like to have a contest to see if anyone had been injured at festival in a more bizzare way.

We thought that this was a good idea, so we will run a contest for the weirdest injuring on site, in character. The winner will receive a ceremonial Band Aid.

Seven years ago I was injured at Duluth Festival when firing the cannon improperly. I received third degree burns on my left hand. Some of those involved may still remember me at the campsite, being held against a rock while I was in extreme pain, and going into shock. The most difficult thing about it was that I was taken to the Duluth burn clinic and had to stand in the waiting room in full costume in a town that didn't even know that they had a Renaissance Festival yet.

But even in my pain, I turned to the nurse and asked, " Will I be able to play the violin ?". Of which she answered "Yes", and I replied " Good, I always wanted to be able to play the violin."

Reporter: Timothy (proteus) Schramper

TO SERVE AND PROTECT(? ? ?)

Last weekend (8/22-23) an actor was turned away from a first aid station by a shakopee policeman and was told never to return.

The actor in question had come in for water. He walked up to the water cooler and because he was not wearing his glasses, tapped on the side of the water cooler asking if there was water in it. After finding out that there was water he then stumbled on a sore leg that he had injured. He was accused by the policeman of being drunk and was told to leave. Apparently the actor was not given a chance to explain.

This incident is unexcusable. No one (be they actors, craftspersons, concessions, or customers) should ever be turned away from a first-aid station without considerable cause. To accuse someone without hearing their side is irresponsible (especially in this case where there appears to be little reason for the accusation). To deny someone water who has been working long hours out in the sun is nothing short of criminal. What if this actor had been suffering from a condition, such as insulin shock (dangerously low blood sugar levels, often mistaken for drunkenness? The results could be tragic in such a case. Granted, policemen aren't medics, nor are they expected to be. However, is it too much to ask to find out all the facts before making judgements? Also, where were the first-aid people at the time in question?

To be fair, most of the first-aid people and the policemen are doing an excellent job and we couldn't have Festival without them, but let's hope that those involved in last weekend's incident will show a little more responsibility and compassion in the future.

Reporter: Laura Wood

FREE BEER ? ? ?

I am sorry to say that the 3.2 beer that was being served at the blue lion after hours has been discontinued. I talked to Tim Rudy, on the phone on Monday, to find out who was to thank for such a generous act of goodwill. He told me that it was a management decision and that it had ended as of last weekend.

I guess we shouldn't be surprised, this is hardly the first time that profits have outweighed personnel. And I'm sure that with the appetite this crowd has for beer at the end of the day, must have gotten costly.

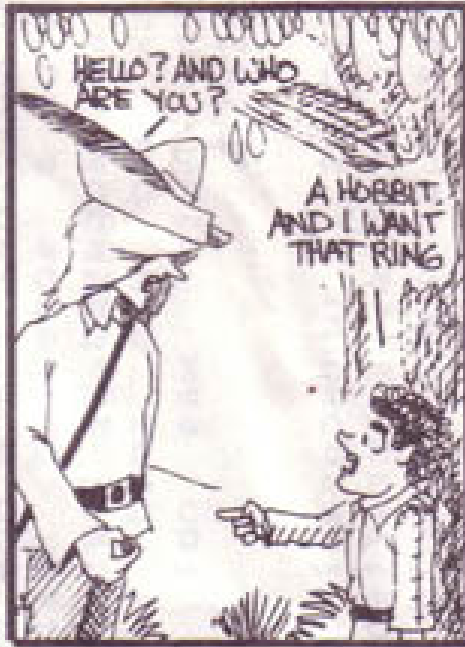
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