

COPIOUS TIMES

A PERFORMER'S

NEWSLETTER

Why is that?

We don't really understand why this is.



NO LESSONS! NO TALENT!

Do You Need A Miracle Fast?

STUDY TO

Be a RENFESTIE!

(or...just look like one) at MRF Academy story p. 5

"You Can't Afford Not To!"



**STOP SWEAT
FOR 6 WEEKS!**

Willpower alone is not enough.

story p. 17

Good SEX! Drive-in therapy

Brings Anything
You Desire

IMAGINE! story p. 28

MOOD MUSIC
and
SUBLIMINAL
PROGRAMMING



There is one fashion
message that comes
across loud
and clear
in this
issue:



SELF IMPROVEMENT IS
SUE

FORBIDDEN KNOWLEDGE REVEALED

Beauty Specifics

Tomorrow, July 17, is the date for the First Annual Renaissance Festival Garage Sale, Swap Meet and Memorial Bistro!!

WANTED:

1. **Veterans:** bring old boots, costumes, fabric, mugs, whatever, and clear your closets of those old treasures you'll never use again anyway.
2. **Newcomers:** Come and find great costume pieces and accessories at the lowest prices anywhere! Best of all, they already have that stylish "broken in" look!!

DON'T FORGET YOUR MONEY!!
SALE CONTINUES FOR EVE. SESSION.

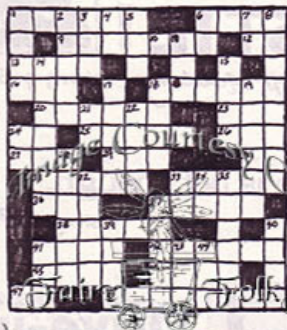
SALE STARTS AT

4 pm in MURPHY

PARK* AT AUGSBURG.
IF YOU'RE SELLING, BRING A BLANKET TO DISPLAY YOUR WARES.

SALE WILL BE OPEN TO FESTIES ONLY. NO MODERN ITEMS (PRESTO FRY-BABIES OR KITCHEN MAGICIANS) PLEASE!!!

* ALSO KNOWN AS SQUINT SQUARE



ACROSS:

1. THIS STARTS AUG. 17TH
6. YOU CAN WRITE ONE FOR THE COPIOUS TIMES!
9. THEY'RE USUALLY REVOLTING
12. A PRINCESS, BUT NOT OURS.
13. USED TO BE SACRED - NOW THERE'S A HOUSE IN IT.
16. #9 SOMETIMES DOES THIS.
18. NOT ACCEPTABLE AS TIGHTS.
20. WHAT MANY ACTS ARE NOT.
23. OFTEN INEBRIATED
24. "___ WITH THE KING!!"
25. HANK'S HEADGEAR

26. TO ___ IS HUMAN...

27. WE NEED THIS IN THE MORNING, ESPECIALLY
29. ...BUT IS IT ___?
30. MYSELF
21. PLAY TO THIS
33. WE AREN'T IN THIS MAJORITY
36. ALWAYS NICE TO GET
27. BIG UGLY CREATURE SOMETIMES FOUND ON-SITE
38. WHEN TO FLAGARIZE
41. CONTRARY TO CAREFULLY PLANTED RUMOR, KISSING MORRIS MEN DOES NOT CURE THIS!
42. ONLY DO THIS TO OTHER FESTIES, NOT GUESTS!
45. WHAT KIND OF A FESTIVAL WE ARE
46. SOMETHING THE SITE VAGUELY RESEMBLES, BUT THEY DON'T ALWAYS HELP....
47. THE WORD
48. _____'S CROFT OR _____'S GREEN

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WHO SAID THAT ????????

^ If I myself had the power, I would ban aerosol cheese, dachshunds, street mimes and the music of Barry Manilow, but I don't, so it's beside the point."

DOWN:

1. MORAL ABBREVIATION
2. THIS IS NOT A WORD
3. THOSE DREADED WORDS FROM LEE: "WE'LL _____"
- (LAST HEARD IN REFERENCE TO THE SHERIFF'S MEN)
5. COVERT U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY
6. THERE'S THAT WORD AGAIN!!
7. DISCORD'S FIRST NAME (ASK A VETERAN ON THIS ONE!)
8. THIS MAKES NOISE AND (ODDLY SHORT) MONEY
10. VERY SHORT WORD
11. "NO, ____, NEVER" ♪♪
14. ROYALTY GETS THIS
15. CAMPGROUND AMENITY
17. YOU'LL GET WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THIS STUFF!

8. SHE TURNED ME INTO ONE!
19. WHAT WE'RE NOT.
21. BEFORE CONTRACT
22. THE _____ MAYOR
24. NOT DOWN
28. HE LIKES PURPLE
32. FESTIVAL _____ AUG. 17
33. MOTHER
34. OUR MANTRA?
35. GARBAGE
37. REMEMBER, UNDERAGE DRINKING IS A _____.
39. THOSE OLD PARTS WHO HAVE LIVED THROUGH IT
40. EVERYBODY THINKS HE IS ONE...
41. NOT THE MORRIS DANCERS!
43. IF YOU MUST TAKE ONE, DO IT IN CHARACTER!
44. IF 37 ACROSS MAKES THIS SOUND, DUCK!!!

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MRF' BUDGET SLASHED AS- OWNER DIVORCED PERFORMERS PAY \$ ALIMONY

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Peasants tighten their belts as the split hits the fan! p.159

'Times salutes 15 year
veteren David Bryce
for his dedication &
spirit~ Congratulations David!

*Susie Gilhoi,
Lisa Rykken...*
*They're cute, they're mean
they're*
**Production Staff
Chicks** 

STARTS TODAY!

A PARAMOUNT PICTURE



TWAS THE NIGHT (MARE) BEFORE RENFEST...

Twas the night before Renfest,
And all through the site
Neither crafter nor site crew
Would slumber that night.

The actors were working
Away in their tents
On last-minute costumes
And mending old rents...

Their lights were all hung
From the tent poles with care
In hopes they could find them
When morning was there

When all of a sudden
There came such a crack
I feared that the Sheriff's Men
Somehow were back!

A banging and slamming
And terrible clatter!
I jumped through my tent
To see what was the matter

And there was Sir Toby
In doublet and coat
Astride a familiar
One-horned goat.

His visage was cloudy,
His face it was long;
Twas clear to all present.
That something was wrong.

"What is it, Sir Toby?
What is it?" we cried.
He gulped from his bottle
And mournfully sighed

And said "This is not
Something easy to say,
But terrible things
Have been happening today.

You won't see Ken Davenport
Out on the site;
Tornados demolished
The Manor last night...

So Kenny rebuilt it
From matchsticks and tin,
Then drove to Anoka
And checked himself in.

The Sheriff is wounded;
He sat on his sword.
And lecherous pygmies
Have kidnapped Chris Ward.

Disaster, catastrophe
Famine and chaos
On top of all that

I'm not sure they will pay us!
And Marilyn Hagerman's
Down with the 'flu.
I'm afraid that we're finished...
The Renfest is through."

He sniffed back a tear
With a lump in his throat
Tipped back his bottle
And fell off the goat.
Then up jumped a rookie
With fire in his eye.
He said, "We're the Renfest
We never say die!

If you want to save Bobo,
Then quick clap your hands!"
"Say what?" muttered Howie.
"This ain't Peter Pan."

But the peasants cavorted
And capered and danced....
Jacquie Erickson breakdanced
Without any pants....

Mike Ziegahn sang verses
From Flanders and Swann...
And everyone shouted
"THE SHOW MUST GO ON!!!"

Then Malcolm appeared
(From where, we don't know)
And fed Lee a tablet
That caused him to glow...

It perked him right up
From his toes to his belly,
And caused him to shake
Like electrified jelly.

The light that was missing
Came back to his eyes,
And he regained his mount
After only two tries.

"You're right!" cried Sir Toby,
"We always pull through.
You've shown me the magic---
I'm grateful to you."

He leered at his fiddle
And took up the bow
And played an unprintable
Verse of 'Swing Low'....

And I heard him exclaim
As he rode out of sight,
"Happy Fest-time to all,
And to all, a good night."



Famous Last Words.....

"By eliminating the 'Drunkens Sailor's You Keep the Fair going - T. Coy
Stupid Things"

Seriously, folks...
we'd like to thank
all of the folks who
have been working
so hard to make
this season REALITY-
SO THANKS!! (you know
who you are...) P.S. —
BRIAN, the SITE LOOKS GREAT—
thanks!!!

WE'RE BACK!
...AND JUST AS
DEPRIVED AS EVER!



MOVIE HI-LITES

Well, campers - time to check out the area's drive-ins and popcorn palaces for post-fest fun... we recommend:

BACK TO THE PAST

IN THIS NEW RELEASE, LEE WALKER TRAVELS TO 1995 ON THE EVE OF RENFEST'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY AND WREAKS HAVOC BY POINTING OUT THAT NONE OF THE PERFORMERS JOKES (OR TIGHTS) HAVE BEEN CHANGED IN 25 YEARS. STARS ANN-MARGRET AS MARILYN HAGERMAN, STING AS THE RATCATCHER, TINA TURNER AS THE QUEEN, AND JACK NICHOLSON AS BOBO. PG-13

ALSO, DON'T MISS: CONAN THE PLANARIA IN FLATWORMS from HELL in 2-D) NOW SHOWING AT THE MAPLEVILLE WOODGROVE POLYSCREEN CINEMAGANZA.

OKAY, OKAY, SO THE PLOT IS PREDICTABLE AND THE CHARACTERS ARE A LITTLE FLAT, BUT WHERE ELSE CAN YOU SEE ARNOLD SWARZENEGGER, AND PIA ZADORA IN FLESH-TONED WETSUITS, DOING THE SWIM THROUGH 16 TONS OF LIME JELLO?? COSTUMES BY

Frederick's
OF HOLLYWOOD

AND SETS
BY ESCHER LTD!

THAT'S ALL FOLKS!!

DO YA HAFTA GET DRUNK
TO GET

SILLY?

OF COURSE NOT!!
AND NOW THE FESTIVAL
HAS THAT OPTION FOR FUN
AND FRIVOLITY IN A SOBER
SETTING....

THERE WILL BE AN
ALCOHOL-FREE CAMPFIRE
(FIRE REGULAT 'S ON-SITE PER-
MITTING, OF COURSE)
AFTER HOURS
EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

FOR MORE INFORMAT...!
CONTACT JUDY K. (OR ASK
ELISE from the COPIOUS TIMES)

Peasants!
ENTER
Cappy
Ducks
Big Giveaway
and win
Valuable Prizes!

JUST LOOK WHAT YOU CAN WIN:

* rice or livestock! *
* new wells! *
* oven! *
* A Free Claret *
* Image Court *
* dung! *

DETAILS LATER - WATCH FOR IT!!

Inspected
No.



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COPIOUS TIMES FESTIVAL CHECKLIST

... don't leave home
without it!

- Tent or other domicile
- Sleeping bag
- Bug repellent
- more bug repellent
- sunscreen
- rock stakes for tent
- Soap & shampoo
- Your towel
- Flashlight
- Batteries!!
- Aspirin or other drugz
- Fresh fruit
- Lotsa safety pins
- YEA PERFORMERS ID, PASS!!!
- twine or cord
- extra flashlight
- needles & threads
- A WARM CLOAK
- An unbreakable mug
- A money pouch (lined!)
- COSTUME!!
- A clean shirt
- throat lozenges
- musical implements
- money
- spare tights
- dry socks
- extra shoes
- clean undies!
- sense of humor

Okay. Them's some of the basics. You don't need 'em all, but I always use 'em when I got 'em. Sunscreen can be crucial, too - don't skip this item or you may be doing W.C. Fields impressions by Sunday afternoon.

And one final word... um... well... if you plan to... what I mean is:

MAKE FRIENDS
NOT BABIES!!

Let's be careful out there!

CLIP AND BRING

HOROSCOPE

By Mike 'Whatzys' Folski

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Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Nerves can be a problem if you hold too much inside. Weight will be another if what you hold inside is food, bring some up once in a while. Ignore the immediate ramifications it will be good for you in the long run. Be courteous to your cleaner.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Stay optimistic even if you have recently lost a limb. Avoid conversation with anyone wearing an aqualung. Be a good sport if someone should come out ahead of you; you can stab them in the back later.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

Tongues wag in disapproval over one of your actions; some may drool. Don't be self conscious when meeting a new person, they are only laughing at your tie. Be blunt with a friend, or knock them unconscious, or both.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

Broken promises will take a long time to forgive - a broken leg takes even longer to heal. Resist violence with the opposite sex. Something you pull from your soup inspires you to a new business career. Don't marry relatives.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

It's time to drop your dating service after you are matched with a gay, labotomized, steel worker with AIDS. Give better information next time. Be bold, throw caution to the winds, howl at the moon, eat raw meat! Romance blossoms your next trip to the farm. Drink to forget.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

Lean to the left when considering political philosophy, not too far or you may fall over. Lean to the right when making a left turn. Stand-up, sit-down, fight, fight, fight!

Libra (September 23 - October 23)

Well, it's that time of year again, of course, it all depends on when you're reading it. Bide time before you impulsively change residence. Someone may already be living there. Listen to your head, but don't dictate...that's weird! Avoid sleepwalking in the nude. Countertops have a nasty habit of being just the right height.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21)

Noble gestures are deeply appreciated, but, turning your eyelids inside-out and rolling your eyes really gets them. Being too impersonal in a love affair may cause friction. Sit at the same table when dining together. Unless a little friction is what you were after, eh!, ya know what I mean!, wink-wink!, Waaaah!!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Let your newspapers and mail pile up, then, scare the snot out of a burglar. Don't inhale next to anyone playing war games. Little annoyances can be quickly dissipated by a change of environment - fill your room with Argon and Methane. Don't listen to your Mother and stunt your growth.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

The time for commitment has come in your relationship. Let's hope they pick a humane institution. If feeling blue, check it with your wardrobe before changing. Make more male friends, but don't overdo it. Avoid oral fixations - you don't know where it's been. Shake well and cut away from yourself.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

Your vocational tendencies are governed by Taurus in the 10th house, or the last house on the left, don't look in the basement. Don't buy into the negativity of others, it dropped 12 points last week. Intimidate your friends and try to make those @!#?&\$ symbols appear when swearing.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

The future rests in your hands, so don't wipe them on your pants. A new lover may give you the runaround, she could have given you worse - be thankful. Nerves may be a problem, so have them removed. Taking off a few pounds is fine, but, put away that Ginsu! Live cautiously and defridgeate before opening.

UNIQUE HORN GETS ASPCA'S GOAT

Okay, so how many people weren't surprised?

According to the Associated Press, federal officials have pronounced the "living unicorn" to be a "unigoat".

Concern from the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals prompted representatives from the U.S. Agriculture Department in Albany, New York, to examine the "unicorn" and three "understudies" this spring. The animals, formerly displayed at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival, have moved on to greener pastures (metaphorically speaking) with the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus.

The ASPCA alleged that the "unicorns" were merely goats that underwent a painful operation to implant the horn of a bull.

Half-right, said chief veterinarian Dr. Gerald Toms. They're goats, all right, but the horn is the animals' own.

Toms said the animals appear to be healthy and well-treated. He said they apparently had a simple, but painless, tissue graft performed upon them which caused their horn(s) to grow in an "unnatural" spot.

This differs from a report by Saturday Night Live News, which claimed the horn(s) appeared after a sheep sat on a broomstick.

Asked to comment, P.T. Barnum replied that he was still dead, but that his proverb about suckers lives on.

WE ARE THE COPIOUS TIMES AND WE ARE YOU..... Please submit any letters, articles, comments, printable suggestions, payola and pleasantly ingestible substances to: COPIOUS TIMES And put it in the mailbox at the top of the hill. YOUR DONATION COUNTS...WE WANNA HEAR YOUR VOICE.

FROM "PEOPLE" MAG: ↓



Bag those pipes

When a lassie meets a laddie going to the theater, she might ask to try playing his pipes. That, at any rate, was the reaction of Linda Evans—in Scotland to appear at a benefit at the Edinburgh Playhouse Theatre—upon encountering piper Iain Watson. "I've never seen one of these before," said Evans. "What do you do with it?"

Send your suggestions for Linda c/o: Copious Times and stick them in the mailbox at the top of the hill. Come to think of it, Linda could do that, too.

NATURALIST NEIL

Dear Naturalist Neil:

Having been brought up in the country, I was always exposed to the many wonders of nature. I explored caves, picked wildflowers, made friends with Mother Nature's many furry creatures.

One thing, though.

I once saw a rattlesnake that was three feet from me, all coiled and rattling like crazy.

Dad said not to worry, because, "He's as scared of you as you are of him." Is this true?

NATURALIST NEIL SAYS: Nope.

NEXT WEEK: Naturalist Neil reveals characteristics and habit differences which will enable you to distinguish between a skunk and a rhinoceros.

CALLBOARD:

CHILDREN'S THEATRE COMPANY is holding auditions on Mon. Aug. 19 for adult roles in Goldilocks and the Three Bears/Little Red Riding Hood. Running Oct. 17-Nov. 17 at St. Paul's Orway Studio Theatre. Needed are young and older adults with movement experience. Auditions start at 7 pm on the theatre's main stage. No preparation necessary, but be prepared for movement. 874-0500.

CHIMERA THEATRE COMPANY is holding auditions for the studio series show "Vikings"...Auditions are Mon. Aug. 19, 7-9 pm at the Arts & Science Center, 10th and Cedar, St. Paul. 283-0355.

← THIS IS WHAT'S KNOWN IN THE TRADE AS: "FILLER"

REAL MEN DON'T EAT QUICHE but... they do read..

the COPIOUS TIMES



BEFORE *THE* **COPIOUS TIMES™** **AFTER**

helps build strong bodies 12 ways!

THE PERFORMER'S GUIDE TO PEOPLE-WATCHING

by MINROD E. MIER

CHAPTER ONE: **BIKER** SPECIES; HARLUS DAVIDSONUS STUPIDIUS



CHARACTERISTICS:

BEER BREATH, CIGARETTE,
TATTOO, BELT BUCKEL.

TIPS:

AVOID IF YOU CAN.
IF YOU GET CORNERED
LAUGH AT EVERYTHING
THEY SAY AND LAUGH
A LOT! DIRECT THEM
TO NEXT PUKE & SNOT SHOW.

HABITAT:

BEER BOOTHS, WINE
BOOTHS, LEATHER SHOPS,
AND, ESPECIALLY,
THE STOCKS.

LAST POOK READ:

ARCHIE COMICS (12 years ago.)

QUOTABLE QUOTES:

"WHERE THE ---- IS THE
---- PRIVIES? AH,
WHAT THE ----, I'LL
JUST THROW UP HERE..."

"BUURRP!!"

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ARCHEOLOGISTS UNEARTH PRE- HISTORIC TURKEY LEGS!

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Castle Kitchens sells them for twice the price, says CK's Glenn Baird "why not? they're warmer and jucier than what we sell now." p.61

***Leapin' willies! oohh
Schoenbohm's back,
hundreds swoon.***

Tim Reudy injures knee in bizarre encounter with ex-contortionist and a truck load of penguins. p.3712

ROADWORK AHEAD

Mid-America Festival officials say they've been assured that nearby road work will be done "soon".

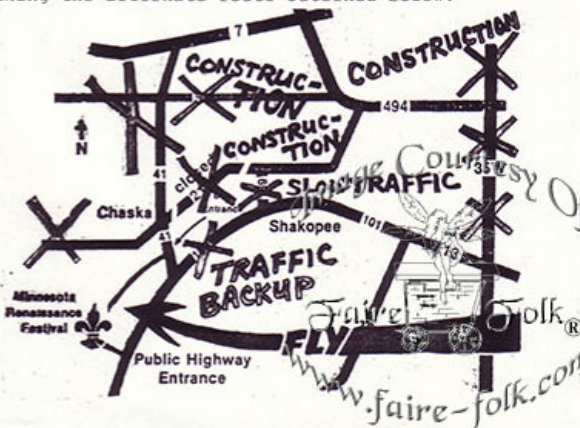
Artistic Director Lee Walker said today he has been encouraged by the response from the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

"They've really been very cooperative," said Walker. "I asked them where our patrons could go in the meantime, and they told me exactly where. I don't think it's on the map, though."

Last week, four out of five possible routes to the Minnesota Renaissance Festival were under construction by MNDOT crews, causing delays for drivers. But, Walker says, there is hope.

"They told me they should be done when something—I forgot what—freezes over. But, you know, in Minnesota, that's never too long a wait."

During road construction, MRF officials suggest taking the alternate route outlined below:



IZZIEBACK? HUGHBETCHA PROMISES "SEVERE RETRIBUTION" FOR TOMBSTONE HEADLINES

Rumors were rampant this week that Copious Times Editor-In-Chief Hugh Betcha would soon be released from the Betty Ford Rehabilitation Center, where he was reportedly being treated for "exhaustion".

Eager Times staffers claimed to be planning a big welcome-back bash, and to have secured a spot for their beloved boss on the "Stupid Pet Tricks" segment of the David Letterman show.

On the show, Betcha will reportedly consume 14 gallons of Oatmeal Stout while playing "Drunken Sailor" with his armpits.

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If Hugh returns, can Ace Reporter Lois LaLane be far behind?

God help us all.

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Sorry, Wrong Track

MRF officials Sunday were forced to restrain a group of slightly inebriated patrons who were attempting to place bets on the elephant races.

Site overseer Ken Davenport explained the incident as "a simple mix-up".

Said Mr. D., "Apparently they took a wrong turn at 169 and thought this was Canterbury Downs. When we told 'em it wasn't, one of the guys said, 'I thought those were the biggest damned horses I ever saw.'"

The patrons were thrown into the stocks until they sobered up, then were shot at dawn.

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NATURALIST NEIL

Dear Naturalist Neil:

I was in an appliance store the other day and the salesman referred to the TV sets as monitors.

I went home that same day and received a phone call from a friend who said he just bought a pet monitor.

I'm confused. How does one tell the difference between the electronic device and the animal?

NATURALIST NEIL SAYS:

It is difficult to distinguish between both monitors. Here is a procedure I use:

- 1) Place the two next to each other on your kitchen table.
- 2) Fine tune one.
- 3) Fine tune the other.

RESULT: The one that doesn't draw blood is the electronic device.

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LEE WALKER EXPLAINS THE SITUATION

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Search continues for seven still missing. p.56 -- Grant Waters resolves the situation, two hospitalized in fits of laughter. p.819

**Morris Madness strikes again!
Festival gripped by ringing in ears.**

**REN-FEST SPORTS ACTION HEATS UP-
BOCCE, BADMINTON,
RAT PUCK, VOLE BALL,
CONTRACT HAGGLING,
HIDE-THE-SAUSAGE?
& MORE-NEXT WEEK.**

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**EXCLUSIVE!**

MORRIS MADNESS!

News from Across the Water—
Morris Man takes London by Storm—
(or at least by fog & violin!)

Gary Schulte, refugee from the Minnesota Traditional Morris dancers, ran off to England this summer for a busking tour of "all the tourist hot spots—Tower of London, Dead Man's Hole, and exclusive South Kensington." Apparently summer was a bit late this year. "It arrived about July 28. The Britons grumbled about this a good deal."

Summer, late or not, apparently was good to the erstwhile dancer, although he confesses, "I avoided Morris Dance completely during my visit." He concentrated on his violin-playing, which netted him enough coin to come back to this side of the Big Water and take a studio at the Rossmore bldg. in artistic haven St. Paul. Once he's settled, he will no doubt resume his dancing and concert activities in the Twin Cities.

Although he claims to have eschewed all things Morrisian on his adventure, he did admit that his Morris experience helped him, specifically when

he was playing tunes for tossed tuppence on the corners or near the Tube. "I did do a few things I knew from the Morris. Money can be made playing Morris tunes."

Buskers all, take heed!

Words from the **ART** of Morris Dancing:

Remember Art Knowles, who last year suggested "a light cereal beverage" as the right touch for a balanced breakfast?

When asked his opinion of the liquid treats available on-site this year, he replied with an unprintable noise somewhere between Bill the Cat and frying Rice Krispies. This reporter took it to be a negative opinion.

Hark Hark I hear the dancing
And a nimble Morris prancing
The bagpipe and the Morris Bells
That they are not farre hence
us tells...

— OLD MADRIGAL

Q: Any hopeful signs?

A: Yes. Next year watch for chain mail baldries!



TOAD HALL

CONCERT SEPT 7 - GARY SCHULTE
8 PM (see story on p.1 morris's supplement)

ALSO: TOAD HALL is located at
729 SEE 4th St
in Minneapolis (across from Ralph & Gerry's
Market and World Culture Center ...)
(NO COVER CHARGE) — (DONATIONS ACCEPTED)

IF you want to play at TOAD HALL or

IF you want to volunteer at TOAD HALL

(a fun acoustic concert hall with an alcohol
and smoke-free setting & GREAT music!)
call Wendi Ward at 292-1774. TOAD
HALL is non-profit and all volunteer.

Join the Fun!



Send for free facts. No salesman will visit.

And now, the Frumours behind the News!!

Hard to believe, but true.

Ask Wendi Ward about the latest fast-
food treat to hit the Renfest market-
M&Momelets! Ward may take legal
action if Castle Kitchens markets the
tasty morsels because "anyone who was
up early enough last year can verify
that we had 'em first!"

The authorities in eastern
Bangladesh have discontinued
their search for a species of
monkeys that villagers insist
glow in the dark.

← TOO BAD.
THE MONKEYS
THAT LIVE IN
OUR CAMPGROUND

COULD SOLVE THE LIGHTING PROBLEM IF
THEY WERE ONLY MORE ... ILLUMINATING??

Pec-Wee
signed for
new Morris
Flick !!!!

Paradox Pictures
just announced
that Pec-Wee
will play the
lead in a new
romantic comedy
set at a Mid-
western Morris



Ale. The film, reportedly titled Caper-
Crazy, stars Tom Selleck as Ed Stern,
Alan Alda as Tomas Goodlaxson, Dudley
Moore as Rudd Rayfield, the Osmond
family as outraged townsfolk, the
Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders as the
Bells of the North, and Sandra Day
O'Connor as Wendi Ward; Jerry
Matthews as the Beaver, and Ronald
Reagan in a cameo role as the
Hartley-Poole monkey.

DON'T MISS IT!!!

Also- Contract negotiations are
now under way for the new
picture "BEACH BLANKET-BORGE"
(excuse us) "LAWN BOWLING"
Rumors that Joan Rivers was
approached to play the Queen Mum
have not yet been confirmed.

That's all the MORRIS NEWS-till next
week - happy viewing, kiddies!

FOOLS ON THE LOOSE!

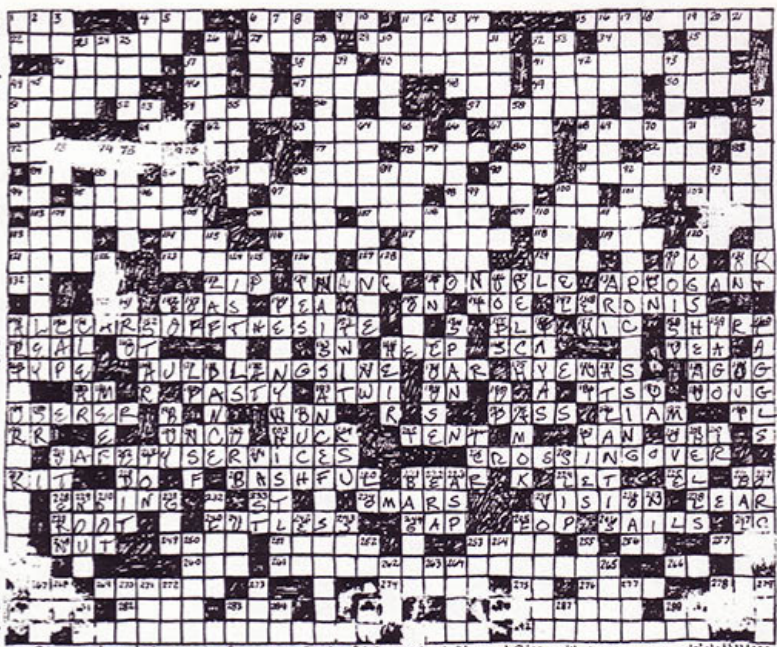
Remember, more morris troupes
means more morris fools. More
insidious than the average Morri,
these costumed charmers can inveigle
you into all sorts of ridiculous
situations. Just remember this
fact:

"People like to embarrass peo-
ple."

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

JINGLE ≡ ⊕ ≡ JINGLE

The
 ♦ Entirely
 ♦ To
 ♦ Difficult
 ♦ Huge
 ♦ Crossword
 ♦ Puzzle
 ♦ with
 ♦ esoteric
 ♦ Clues



2 hundred and 97, one of them... be the first correct solution and ELISE will buy you a drink!!!!!!

ACROSS

- 1. type of tree
- 4. Printed guide
- 6. health spot
- 9. "Is this not the Queen?"
"Yea, ____, yea!"
- 11. this call is at 8:00 am
- 15. in the way; annoying
- 22. What Captain Kirk on
Star Trek had trouble with
- 27. not cool
- 29. St. Thomas
- 32. Irish father
- 34. debt receipt
- 35. mathematician Byron,
Pioneer in development of
first computer language
- 36. The wind blew the paper's
____ away!!

- 37. intelligence
- 38. "Some call me ____"
from Monty Python
- 40. opposite of downfall?
- 41. it works... (example;
the Welly Women's cosmetics
are crude but ____)
- 44. FANCY MORRIS LEAPS
- 46. one of the lost continents
- 47. Rimshot's drum
- 48. Peasant-Tyrant Association
- 49. centers of medical trade
- 50. never kill the Kings
- 51. "____ Ben Adhem (may
his tribe increase)"
- 52. Half of bye-bye
- 54. Early British

- 56. Flat stone (abbr.)

- 57. "remember the ____"
- 60. Pound
- 61. initials of the Prez
- 62. abbreviation for
Real Living... some-
thing Queen Caroline
could teach us all!
- 63. when speaking to
the King, always
request, never ____.
- 64. male offspring
Genie's privilege
- 72. LEADY MORRIS TROUPE
- 76. FIGURE EIGHT (nom.)
- 77. Sir Edwin is one
- 78. "we will ____ the
Fiddlers are!" - from
the Big Sambo's Ruler
- 80. short word

- more across —
81. Terry Foy (Zilch)'s
Abbreviation for "right wing"
82. Yoko
83. Dragohoda's abbr.
for "Southwest"
84. touchdown
85. either ...
86. "and ___ it goes ..."
(Nonnesult)
87. What's a mother to ___?
88. What we like to forte
in the mailbox
89. MORRIS CONVENTION
90. most of us find this a
chronic condition
91. "the word" (Monty Python)
92. All the news that fits, we ___
93. What Batman forgot in his
other pair of Batpants
94. not false
95. "___ then": math statement
96. A headsman no longer here
97. Savings and ___
98. What Lee Walker does
every morning....
99. brown drink with bubbles
100. stinging plant
101. arid region
102. non-period musical
auxiliary
103. low-pitched woodwind
104. synonym for teat
105. we never get this way!
106. Ballina' is the ___ cottage
107. Dragohoda's version of
#1 across...ya sure!
108. sacred oak
109. initials of Metrodome
namesake
110. Lord of the Rings hero
111. nonexistent quarry
of many a childhood hunt
112. "in ___": lawyerspeak
113. College of ___ Arts
114. Rat Brigade member
115. negative
116. either this ___ that
117. preposition
118. keep a stiff upper ___
119. silly and foolish
120. not fitting for the
aristocracy
121. obnoxiously Proud
122. Captain Peasant (abbr.)
123. Como Zoo has some
124. The Princess and the ___
125. No Smoking cigs. ___-site!
126. lowest extremity
127. sorceress from Marion
Zimmer Bradley's Darkest books
128. The morning refrain of
the man in the golf cart...
129. We ___ our trades ...
130. not period, but some soft-
voiced minstrels wish they were
131. #261 across makes nice ones
132. Are we in the ___ world yet?
133. overtime
134. southwest (abbr)
135. Beatles' song & movie
136. Society for Creative Anarchy
137. word often found with "verily"
138. "He's extc, but can he ___?"
139. Commemorative Song about
ancient trigonometry
140. Make sure you have both
of these in the water
141. These sound something like
Shriners at a Puke & Snot
performance
142. gaping in amazement
143. I ___, you are...
144. meat-filled delicacy
145. On-site inn (abbr.)
146. not off
147. the ___-bitsy spider
148. Seville Sandwich man
149. moneylender
150. the peasants did this
at lawn bowling last week
151. Don't forget yours!!
152. ___ Claney, singer
153. (French) He
154. Railroad (abbr.)
155. the color of the
"auld seceder cat"
(this one's for Wendi
Ward and all other
Brantner-singers!)
156. Finn
157. home sweet...
(for most of us,
anyway)
158. Frisky God
159. ___wan Kenobi
160. who can help!
(and we appreciate
them, too!!)
161. MORRIS MOVE
162. MORRIS DANCERS'
PARAPHERNALIA
163. I ___, I ___!
164. WHAT OUR
MORRIS MEN
ARE NOT!
165. Stands in
the Meadow
and we hug it!
166. Room to ___
167. Chitown train
168. Lee Walker
169. this puzzle
feels like it does
not have one!
170. street
171. ___ Oasis,
a restaurant that
finally opened
on the West Bank.
172. Bernadette
had one
173. Shakespeare's
King ___
174. bottom of plant
175. crucial rule
in the game of
Cosmic Wimpout
176. small chasm
177. Beau Monde is one.
178. Ships have 'em
179. Lemon cookie (abbr.)
180. what you gotta be
to work here...

...still across...
249. the Ballad of Reading

251. not exit

253. Steve Gurnit plays one

256. There's never any in the
Campground privies.

257. The Copious Times has few.

258. Big California city

260. Mother

261. Clothing establishment on
the corner - bright colors!!

266. not stop

267. inch - inch, row - row

269. "Janet": Rocky
Horror Picture Show song

274. comic behavior

275. the other half of #52 across

276. Minrod the Barber can give
you one

278. Actress (?) Zadora

280. healing Plant

282. college official

283. either an old-age plan
or a cause, depending
on who you are

285. Mantra

286. we have soft, uncureable
specimens of this breed

288. pity and solicitude

290. Irish dance troupe

291. "borrowed" tune, with
funny lyrics

292. a non-period fabric



DOWN

1. preposition
2. senior (abbr.)
3. haven't seen any pink ones of these this year...
4. we're more thrills than this club!
5. like
6. we work this up for sure!
7. father
8. how many theatre students do we have?
10. laugh

11. we used to have a
crooked Award...

12. Walking On, a
local band

13. cut

14. one of 5 senses

16. resting place for
deceased

17. alarm

18. lusty mood

19. redeem

20. (French) idea

21. (French) go

23. mold cheese

24. tavern

25. lean

26. knight's servant

28. our show

30. Caroline

31. fabric's joinings

32. not offense

33. a long way off

37. small demon

39. willow furniture man

42. "curse like a"

43. what nobles are good at

44. fatted

46. mysterious after-
hours antler dance
(probably misspelled)

53. another prince in
prince Valiant

55. Bonnie's pal

56. in Lead, local band

59. Ken

64. this is usually
over 30,000 per
weekend

65. rash, severe

66. fighting

69. vase (funereal)

70. work

71. Coward

73. road (abbr.)

74. dawn time

75. "surgeon of the
Rusty knife" - Latin
Am. faith healer

76. "Hey, -, nobody home"

79. Outta Control Cabbr.)

83. ruse, play

86. what a bus makes

88. food has 'em

89. kind of whiskey

90. Gold (abbr.)

92. If you can't get
rich as a festive, you
could always go into
this promising field...

93. would like our
weather lately...

95. Piper

96. Not Legal (abbr.)

97. what Fud may
call you

99. dislike

100. Kibbutz land

104. Court

105. Pale

108. we hear this in
the middle of the night

110. wicked

113. not seldom

115. rice dish

120. ale container

122. killer whale

124. guns

125. long '45 record

128. regarding (abbr.)

130. loud

131. not off

136. ominous word

137. Sir Toby

138. Onassis

139. nurse

141. what we try to be

142. fighting staff

143. belongs to

144. fun to play, and
they make great
tent stakes, too!

145. poem

148. Auntie

149. MORRIS
CAMP NAME

150. lick or slurp

151. transparent

- ... still down...
 152. "___ of the County
 Down" - Irish ballad
 153. DON'T call the Sheriff
 this....
 154. Steeleye ___
 156. "Get yer ___ out!"
 as the Stores would say...
 159. Character in Othello
 162. Raggle ___ Gypsies
 164. one who will inherit
 165. HELP - THE MORRIS
 ARE ON THE ___!!
 170. album
 171. WHAT ELSE MORRIS
 DANCERS DO AT AN
 ALE....
 172. preposition
 173. northwest (abbr.)
 176. Knights who say ___!
 177. Sunken city...
 179. (French) yes
 181. obscure weird
 comix...
 185. not down
 187. Viking "yes"
 190. sister (abbr.)
 191. purchase
 193. what you say before
 you call #211 across
 195. out of control
 197. Boiled in Lead
 Song: "Go, ___, Shift!"
 201. not what you want
 the bank to stamp
 on your checks...
 202. part of royal panoply,
 along with sceptor
 204. Kansas State University
 206. local weekly paper
 207. Pocket ___ are sold
 on-site
 209. MORRIS DANCERS
 HAVE 'EM - LOTS!!

210. not DFL
 211. ED DOESN'T SEEM
 SO ___ TO ME...
 (Ed of the M.T. Morris)
 212. we try not to do
 this to the Copious
 Times
 213. 2000 lbs.
 214. large, extensive
 216. slide
 220. ___ and behold
 221. MORRIS MONEY
 MINDER
 222. con
 223. Cleopatra's snake
 226. THE HEIGHT
 OF MORRIS FASHION
 IS WHEN YOUR ___
 HAS AN ALLIGATOR
 SEWN ON IT...
 227. last week's crowd
 (or Tolkien nasties)
 229. This word is one,
 grammatically saying...
 230. A state dept,
 that most drivers
 hate right now...
 231. joke
 232. The game is ___,
 as Holmes would say
 235. Mount Phwee
 annually resembles
 one of these
 236. ___ cakes, Scottish
 treat
 237. ___ and tuck
 241. There's one in
 Germany, and a new
 one in Minnesota
 242. Tolkien tree-people
 243. some dances are
 done in these...
 245. AT THE BEGINNING
 OF THE DANCE...
 250. type of acid
 252. another Cola

253. These folks could
 censor us if we
 were on the air...
 254. either... -
 255. CHARACTER
 IN THE NUMMER'S
 PLAY....
 259. ready, willing, & ___
 262. Pigasus is
 our latest
 263. T ___, explosive
 264. Pickleman's
 perfume
 265. big plant
 268. ___ ho ho (Sailor's
 song)
 270. Much ___ About
 Nothing
 271. not women
 272. Scots prefix
 273. curved section
 277. tax people
 278. public relations
 279. YES
 281. R ___, musical
 group
 283. not out
 284. what you say
 when you step
 on a wasp...
 287. Savings and
 Loan (abbr.)
 288. not you
 289. what you
 say when you
 cant think of
 anything else
 to say...

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 done, bring one
 to Elise from the
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 with a bottle of
 sparkling prains!!

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CHAPTER TWO: MOM & DAD SPECIES: PARENTUS PERFORMUS INTERFERUS



CHARACTERISTICS:

TURKEY LEG, CAMERA, AND THE MOST POSSIBLY WORST CLOTHING POSSIBLE.

TIPS:

DON'T TELL THEM WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO BE AT ANY TIME DURING THE DAY. THEY'LL FIND YOU ANYWAY. PUT UP WITH THEM -- TRY TO REMEMBER ALL THE ROTTEN THINGS YOU DID TO THEM WHEN YOU WERE A KID, AND ALL THE BAD THINGS YOU CAN STILL DO.

HABITAT:

ANYWHERE, WANDERING IN A DAZE.

LAST BOOK READS:

THE REN-FEST PROGRAM BOOK, SEARCHING FOR YOUR NAME.

QUOTABLE QUOTE:

"STAND RIGHT THERE; NEXT TO YOUR LITTLE BROTHER!"

"YEA, THAT'S MY KID... GOING TO COLLEGE NEXT YEAR."

"YOU'RE WORKING TEN HOURS A DAY, FOR FIFTEEN DAYS... FOR HOW MUCH!?"

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actor's advice, by Lord Lawrence Olivier

READER QUESTS BEST - FEST SUCCESS -

Dear Lord Lawrence;

I've worked at the Renfest for a long LONG time now, and I've always wanted to have a popular character, but somehow, I've just never hit it big.

I've wanted to follow the patterns of the success of other players, but I've never been able to make fun of people who are Mentally Retarded, Physically Deformed, Mentally Ill, Alcoholics or anyone else with a serious illness, impairment or handicaps.

Since I can't sing, juggle, or swordfight, I feel at a total loss. What Can I Do?

Sincerely;
BUMMED OUT IN BOBO-LAND

DEAR BUMMED-OUT:

YOU DON'T HAVE A CHANCE. HANG UP YOUR TIGHTS AND BECOME A BUS-BOY AT PERKINS--L. PERSONAL NOTE TO LAST WEEKEND LET-DOWN: EVEN THOUGH NOBODY GAVE YOU A SURPRISE PARTY, DON'T TAKE IT TOO PERSONALLY, SINCE YOU WERE EXPECTING A SURPRISE PARTY, THEY DIDN'T GIVE YOU ONE. THAT WAS THE SURPRISE-- GET IT?! --GOOD! -- L.

UNCLE ZILCH SEZ;
 "Okay folks, it's time to wake up."
 Pay attention to what you're doing and the consequences of your actions!
 Even an experienced performer has to be careful what they do!"

"AVOID FLAT-FOREHEAD SYNDROME!"

SUPPORT GROUP FORMS

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HUSBANDS AND WIVES OF RENAISSANCE PERFORMERS HAVE FORMED A NEW SUPPORT GROUP TO HELP THEM THROUGH THE AGONIZING WEEKENDS AHEAD.

THE RENAISSANCE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS ARE TIRED OF THE LONELY WEEKENDS THROUGHOUT THE MONTHS OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

YVONNE SCHMIDT, WIFE OF "MINROD THE BARBER," SAID THAT "AFTER JUST TWO MONTHS OF MARRIAGE, HE RUNS OFF FOR THREE DAYS OUT OF THE WEEK! THERE'S JUST NO WAY I'M SITTING AT HOME ALONE! IT'S PARTY TIME!"

THE SUPPORT GROUP MEETS ON WEEKENDS AND DOES NICE, NORMAL THINGS LIKE PLAYING CARDS, WATCHING TV, AND DOES NOT EVER NEVER EVER TALK IN AN ENGLISH ACCENT.

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The Renaissance Festival runs for 15 days this year. Since cast call is at 8:00 a.m. and closing is at 7:00 p.m., the total hours you'll work at this year's Festival are 165! So, just get your contract, take the total amount and divide it by One sixty-five.*

See how easy?

* Remember; when you divide zero by any amount -- the result is still zero. No, it's true!

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CHAPTER THREE: THE BOBZ SPECIES: BEAUTUS HUBBA HUBBAS



CHARACTERISTICS:

GORGEOUS, LONG LEGS, LARGE BREASTS, SHORT SHORTS, REVEALING HALTER, FACE PAINTING THAT HIGHLIGHTS CLEAVAGE. USUALLY FOLLOWED BY A GAGGLE OF OGLING REN-FEST LOTHARIOS.

TIPS:

WATCH AND ENJOY.

HABITAT:

THE WINE BOOTHS, THE CLOTHES & JEWELRY SHOPS.

LAST BOOK READ:

LOOKING OUT FOR NO. 1 (IN 1980)
(HASN'T NEEDED REASSURANCE SINCE)

QUOTABLE QUOTES:

"I DON'T KNOW, HONEY, I THINK THAT THE GOLD ONE IS SO VERY MUCH NICER!"

"VIRGO, WHAT'S YOURS?"

"LISTEN FELLA, I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE THE LONE RANGER -- TAKE A HIKE!"

PEASANT CONFLICT ESCALATES!

NEUTRON BOMB DROPPED ON CARTAGE STAGE

LAST NIGHT, IN RESPONSE TO THE UNPROVOKED ATTACK ON THE PEASANT PARADE LAST LABOR DAY, THE PEASANTS CATAPULTED A LOW-YIELD NUCLEAR DEVICE IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF BALLING AND THE BAKERY.

TODAY, THE COMBATANTS ARE MEETING WITH LEE WALKER TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE TRUCE AND NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ESTRANGED GROUPS.

"WE NEVER MEANT IT TO GO THIS FAR," SAID A PEASANT SPOKESPERSON THIS MORNING AT CAMP BOBO, "BUT, IT DID!"
 FORTUNATELY FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED, THE BOMB WENT OFF DURING THE LAST PUKE AND SNOT SHOW OF THE DAY, AND SINCE THE ENTIRE AUDIENCE WAS ALREADY BOMBED, THEY DIDN'T NOTICE.
 TALKS ARE EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE TOMORROW MORNING.



HAS IT GONE TOO FAR??

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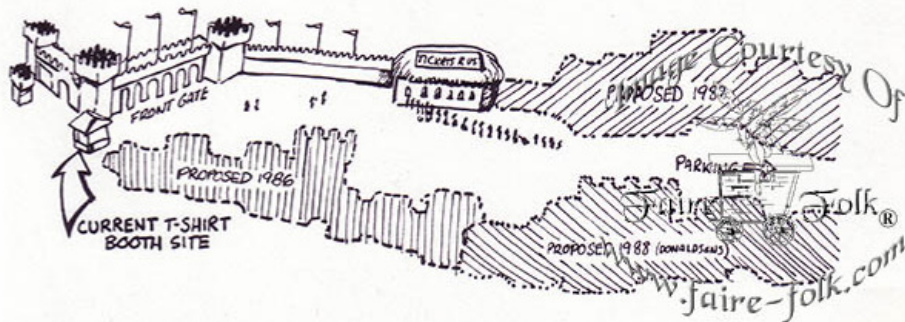
FRONT GATE EXPANDS

"WHEN THE NEW T-SHIRT BOOTH OPENED OUTSIDE THE FRONT GATE PEOPLE CALLED IT TACKY, DISGUSTING, AND IN POOR TASTE -- BUT BOY DID THEY SELL SHIRTS!" SAID KEN D, IN A PRESS RELEASE.

"SALES WERE SO GOOD, IN FACT, THAT WE'VE FORMULATED A PLAN TO EXPAND OUTSIDE THE FESTIVAL GATES"

THE THREE YEAR PROJECT, SLATED TO BEGIN IN 1986 IS EXPECTED TO COST OVER .007 MIL. DOLLARS, AND IS BEING PROPOSED AS A POSSIBLE CONVENTION CENTER SITE.

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 A MYSTERIOUS LETTER SENT TO
 "THE COPIOUS TIMES"

Perhaps I should start out by saying that I have no set religious beliefs; I feel I have a little more objectivity on my side when I say, "This Festival is owned by Moslems!"

Strange to think of in this basically Judeo-Christian society, isn't it?

Of course, one may ask me to back up this rather radical statement with some facts.

It's quite simple to deduce, however, even if Mr. Peterson is hardly ever seen in a burmooze, or Mr. Pierson stares at the camels with something approaching antipathy.

No—I've never seen them prostrate themselves to the East, nor even look rather longingly at plump women. It's just this: they are

so zealous regarding the Profit (oops, Prophet). O.E.D...Perhaps we should rename this place the "Annual Mecca-Bucks Festival". At least then we would be sincere!

(sincerely,) 2(20i) ÷ 4

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GIFT SUGGESTIONS FOR LOVE AND ROMANCE WEEKEND.....
 freshflowers (alacart) choc
 olatedippedstrawberries (s
 hepherd'green)silkroses (n
 earthemill)leatherroses (m
 asqueshopnearthebear)hir
 eaminstrel (alason)learna
 dancetogether (scottishcro
 ft)amermaidpinholdinginat
 yglassvialforafreshcutflo
 wer (pewtershopincartwheel
 cove)scandinavianwheatov
 enloveknot (nearscottishcr
 of)perfumesandmassageoil
 handdippedcandlesglasswin
 eoblettsilverdaggersfine
 jewelryandraspberrywine (i
 ncartwheelcove)pluimore...

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ROMANCE,
 RENAISSANCE-STYLE

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NATURALIST NEIL

Dear Naturalist Neil:

I'm ten years old. Of all the creatures in North America, what is the most dangerous?

NATURALIST NEIL SAYS:

A mentally deranged badger, an elephant with no sense of balance, and Jerry Falwell.

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CORRECTION.....

It was correctly pointed out that the name of the bakery is not, "La Casa de Allegro Panini", as reported in last week's Copious Times. That would translate roughly to: "House of the Fast Buns".

The correct name is, in fact, "La Casa de Oblongata Houdini Panini" or: "House Of the Oblong Escaping Buns"C.T. regrets the error.

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Fight'n Irish	-
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Queen's Court	-
Body Puppets	-

RESULTS OF ALL GAMES REPORTED

De Bocciars	15	College of Arcane...	-	Thieve's Guild	15
College of Arcane Arts	10	Dick's Ducks	-	De Bocciars	10
College of Arcane Arts	-	Fight'n Irish	15	College of Arcane Arts	-
Fight'n Irish	-	La Casa de Alegri...	1	Team Elmo	-
Team Elmo	15	De Bocciars	-	Thieve's Guild	15
De Bocciars	9	College of Arcane...	-	Body Puppets	3
Thieve's Guild	15	Thieve's Guild	15	Team Elmo	15
Toby's Troop	1	Fight'n Irish	10	Rat Brigade	13
Thieve's Guild	15	Toby's Troop	15		
Dick's Ducks	12	College of Arcane...	13		

* When no scores are given, the team listed at the top was the game's victor.

** To prevent an incomplete listing -- please report all games and scores to M. Koski.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team Name	Games Played	Wins	Losses	Pct.	Points For	Points Against	Avg. Point Diff.	Score Rptd.
Thieve's Guild	6	5	1	.833	87	51	6	6
Team Elmo	3	2	1	.666	30	12	4	2
De Bocciars	5	3	2	.600	34	40	-6	3
College of Arcane Arts	7	4	3	.571	38	42	-4	3
Toby's Troop	2	1	1	.500	16	28	-12	2
Fight'n Irish	4	1	3	.250	25	16	9	2
Rat Brigade	2	0	2	.000	25	30	2.5	2
Dick's Ducks	2	0	2	.000	12	15	-3	1
Body Puppets	2	0	2	.000	3	15	-12	1
Bubbaloo	1	1	0	1.000	15	12	3	1
Queen's Court	1	1	0	1.000	0	0	-	0
La Casa De Alegri Panini	1	0	1	.000	1	15	-14	1

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CHAPTER FOUR: THE HUNK SPECIES: MUSCULARIS BULGIS



CHARACTERISTICS:

HANDSOME, WELL MUSCLED,
LARGE CHEST, LEGS, ... ETC.
SHORT SHORTS & NIKON
CAMERA, GWEDOLYN CLUTCH-
BOTTOM KISS LIPSTICK ON
CHEEK.

TIPS:

WATCH OUT-DROOLING,
UNCONSCIOUS WOMEN WILL
BE FOLLOWING HIM EVERYWHERE,

HABITAT:

ANYWHERE HE WANTS TO.

LAST BOOK READ:

"BEST OF HUSTLER" MAGAZINE.

QUOTE-ABLE QUOTE:

"HEY, BABY, WHAT'S YOUR SIGN,"

"I BEG YOUR PARDON ?? NO,
I HAVEN'T BOUGHT ANYTHING
AT THE PICKLE BOOTH. WHY
DO YOU ASK?"

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THEME WEEKEND CONTEST BEGINS

LAST WEEKEND, IN A DRUNKEN STUPOR, COPIOUS TIMES EDITOR HUGH BETCHA DECIDED THAT HE'D HAD ENOUGH OF THE SILLY AND INJANE WEEKEND "THEMES" THAT THE RENEFEST HAD BEEN TOUTING, AND HE DECIDED THAT IT WAS TIME TO SPONSOR A CONTEST TO PICK OUT SOME BRAND-NEW WEEKEND "THEMES" FOR THOSE THREE NEW WEEKENDS THAT HAVE BEEN ADDED TO NEXT YEAR'S SCHEDULE.

ALREADY THE TIMES STAFF HAS BEEN DELUGED WITH SUGGESTIONS, HERE ARE SOME SAMPLES OF ONLY A FEW:

- MORRIS THE PITY WEEKEND - (Pat a Morris Man on the head-get a kick in the shins.)
- FEAST OF LANCELOT - (Featuring a fine dinner with a Caprine Unigoat as "Guest of Honor.")
- SEASON OF RENAISSANCE CONTRACT RENEWAL - (Lee Walker spins the big wheel to see who gets what on this year's contract.)
- STICK IT TO 'EM WEEKEND - (With each \$8.95 ticket purchased the customer gets a 15th anniversary sticker and a copper-life plastic ring-free!)
- WINO TASTING - (Imported wines from Lower New York State and San Francisco, roasted over an open fire and covered with BBQ sauce.)
- RAIN-A-SANCE MUDWRESTLING - (14 & 15 year old girls dressed in Chain Mail take each other on at the table. Winner gets thrown into Duding Bucket Barrel.)

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3RD PRIZE; A PLACE IN THE TENCOR SECTION DURING "SWING LOW."

4TH PRIZE; A WELL-FRIED TIN-CAN FROM MOUNT COPIOUS' CAMPFIRE.

- ENTER NOW -

MY SUGGESTION FOR NEXT YEAR'S THEME WEEKEND IS;

SEND IN THIS FORM OR ENTER VERBALLY.

THE JUDGES WILL HAVE THE FINAL SAY ON ALL ENTRIES.

MINROD THE BARBER SEZ;
IN **SPITE** OF POPULAR DEMAND,
THIS WEEKEND IS HEREBY
DECLARED TO BE;

O-PUN SEASON!

REMEMBER ^{in huge Courtesy}
MANY ARE APPALLED...
BUT FEW ARE DOZIN'

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Another C.T. singalong....
 BOCCO BALL WIZARD
 lyrics by Ed Eastman

Ever since I was a rookie
 I've thrown that bocce ball
 From Folkestone to the

Bakery
 I musta played them all
 But I ain't seen nothin'
 like him
 Within these village walls
 That tall, skinny juggler
 Sure throws a mean bocce ball

[chorus:]
 He's a Bocce Ball Wizard
 It has to be his tights
 A Bocce Ball Wizard
 Don't get no sleep at nights.

Why do you think he does it?
 (I don't care!)
 What gives him those balls?

He throws the pallino
 His opponents he confounds
 Always at the right length
 Never out of bounds
 When he's on the playfield
 Your chance of winning's
 small

That tall, skinny juggler
 Sure throws a mean bocce ball
 [chorus again]

Ain't got no distractions
 Don't smell the elephant
 Just keeps on a-bowling
 You'd think he's in a tent
 Always gets to fifteen
 Never takes a fall
 That tall, skinny juggler
 Sure throws a mean bocce ball

[alternate chorus:]
 I thought I was
 The Lawn Bowling King
 But I'll just be handin' my
 Bocce balls to him.....

Even when I get the green
 balls
 He can beat my best
 His teammates lead him in
 And he just does the rest
 The man's a Bocce Maniac
 The Killer of them all
 That tall, skinny juggler
 Sure throws a mean bocce ball.

MORRIS MAGIC TURN PEASANTS
 INTO TURKEY LEGS!
 GREEN GARTER COUNTERSPELL
 EXPOSED!!
an expose by.....
 Hassan T. Ludicrous
 Reporter-at-large

If you see any customers
 walking around in the follow-
 ing weekends eating turkey
 legs with green ribbons
 around them—for God's sake
 stop them.

They may be eating a mem-
 ber of the Thieves' Guild.

Yes, the unconfirmed rum-
 ors are indeed ture. Mem-
 bers of the Morris Dancers
 who are skilled in the Old
 Magic have used their wily
 craft to bewitch members of
 the peasantry, turning them
 into giant Turkey Legs.

The only known counter-
 spell is to wear a green
 garter around your leg—
 before they get to you.

Mercenary warrior Baran-
 duin got wind of this fiend-
 ish plot, and engineered a
 plan to distribute green
 ribbons for garters to all
 village members who desired
 them at Cast Call, the first
 morning of Morris Weekend,
 ostensibly in order to wel-
 come the dancers.

When asked why she did not
 explain the real reason for
 the green ribbons, Baranduin
 explained that she did not
 wish to spread unnecessary
 panic amongst the towns-
 people.

In an interview done that
 fateful weekend, one of the
 Morris Men (when asked if
 they were indeed able to
 turn peasants into Turkey
 Legs) responded, "Yes. But
 only if the peasant was a
 real Turkey already."

When asked if there was
 a counterspell once a spell
 was cast, the Morris Man
 nodded yes, then mumbled
 something about Hormel (no
 doubt, the name of a famous
 Morris magician).

As far as this reporter
 has been able to discover,
 the Green Garter Counter-
 spell was indeed success-
 ful. In fact, almost too
 much so, prompting one last
 desperate effort on the part
 of the Morris Magicians to
 leave their fiendish mark on
 our village.

On the final Monday of
 Morris Weekend, these dancers
 were planning a special fer-
 tility dance around the Great
 Bear, flurrying to turn our
 giant furry Peasant's Friend
 into—you guessed it—a Giant
 Turkey Leg!

Fortunately, word of this
 plot reached Pud the Incredi-
 ble before that last morn-
 ing—and so, plans were made
 to place giant green garters
 complete with bells around
 the Bear's leg, thus foiling
 the Morris Magicians' plans.

And just in time. Imagine,
 having to rename that field
 Giant Turkey Leg Meadow...

NATURALIST NEIL

DEAR NATURALIST NEIL:

Each Autumn I take a trip
 up North to look at the col-
 ors. Of all God's wonders,
 I don't think anything com-
 pares to the beauty of the
 leaves changing. The vibrant
 golds, flaming reds and pas-
 tel yellows all blend so per-
 fectly, so naturally.

My question is this: What
 is the process of the leaves
 changing called?

NATURALIST NEIL SAYS: Death.



*****STORY TIME:*****

(here is a little story that was written on a CareBears placemat at the Shakopee Pizza Hut by a few members of the Rat Brigade and a few stray C.T. staffers—names have not been changed to protect the innocent, but clarification has been added, where necessary, in parentheses...)

Many years ago there was a little girl named Ian and her twin brother Glen that lived in a 38 triple-D fuschia house on top of (the island of) Tobago with their chameleon and Karen.

Ian had a very slovenly friend and his name was Marilyn Monroe. Marilyn Monroe was very slovenly because nobody else could lust (after) him, only Ian.

Marilyn Monroe helped Ian in everything she did, from shopping her (island of) Tobago in the Adonis Theater, to hopping in wood for her Karen for the fire in which they toyed over.

Her twin brother Glen also had a slovenly friend that only he could shave. His slovenly friend helped in the same way that Ian's slovenly friend helped her.

Ian had (an) extra large idea that her brother had a slovenly friend and Glen thought he was the only one that had a slovenly friend of this kind.

One time Ian was late leaving the Dayton's Lounge Department. She was pillaging and flinging with her slovenly friend.

Surprised by the voice of Glen, she drooled. Suddenly, there, in Esther's bedroom, was Glen fornicating with his slovenly friend.

Her brother was also very walloped to see Ian with a slovenly friend.

How lucky they now were—they both had 69 slovenly friends to finish them out, plus they had each other, too!

THE END

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS WE'VE ALL HAD TO ANSWER:

1. What do you really do, anyway?
2. Where are you really from?
3. Is your accent real?
4. Don't you get hot in that costume?
5. Where is — (when standing in front of whatever it is)
6. Where are Puke & Snot?
7. Where are Turkey Drumsticks?
8. (Pointing at instrument on minstrel's back or around neck) Do you play that thing?
9. Where do you get your (stories, songs, jokes)?
10. Don't you actors get a percentage of the ticket sales?

ANSWERS WE'D LIKE TO GIVE:

1. Drool a lot, mostly.
2. Cell block C, and really glad to be here.
3. Ya sure hugh betcha (uff da).
4. I feel fresh! And free!
5. Search me.
6. (Direct them to nearest privy)
7. (Same as above)
8. No, I use it to hit people who ask stupid questions.
9. Late at night on Hennepin Avenue.
10. (Answer unprintable)

—KNOWETH I ANY MOTLEY CRUE? VERILEY, SIR, MOST OF THE THIEVES' GUILD.



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SOCIETY AND FASHION:
THE RENAISSANCE SCENE
by John Elsner

FASHION DON'T: Men's hose in eye-jarring colors are being worn by le tout festival this season, even though day-glo has all but died in more fashionable circles. Somebody turn off the tights.

OVERHEARD: At least one dashing courtier is whispering that the enormous hoop worn by a certain Lady of the Court is actually her fallen halo. Quel oui, mes chers, but it won't keep her legs together.

His Royal Highness PRINCE HAROLD is not on Beau Monde's Best-Dressed list this season. "He plays it much, much too safe," sniffs the foppish trendsetter. "But, he certainly should have no problem matching the draperies."

Speaking of BEAU MONDE, that darling dandy recently announced his surprise marriage to oh-so-wealthy LADY VICTORIA. The happy couple exchanged vows last September 8th before a small gathering of close friends and relatives, then feasted upon a wedding buffet consisting of caviar, pâté de foie gras and smoked salmon. The dashing duo looked très en vogue in an ensemble of flowing velvets worn en dishabille, embroidered with ribbons and pearls, elegantly coiffed in a mass of ringlets topped with a feathered chapeau. The bride wore pink.

TABLE TALK: Newlywed LADY V quipped at the post-wedding toasting, "I may have lost my freedom, but I've gained a wardrobe."

MORE NEXT WEEK, AU REVOIR!

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You were on inspiration a warning
 banal, marvelous I still have the
 lights. Did I mail them to you? no
 Here you, I plan to be the Sweetest
 a beauty Pike + Sog's current
 supplier mixed with rehabilitation
 therapy as far away as possible!
 but I wanted you to know how much
 I appreciated your enthusiasm
 leadership knowledge of the Kona
 Store.

Thanks again!
 Oh, and by the way have
 my check sorry youthful
 address back please! See you real
 soon!



Another year
 is over, and
 I wanted to
 tell you
 thanks
 because
 because
 I love the
 festival, but
 it would be
 so much better
 if we had more encouragement
 more money
 more love
 The little that your Galilee
 That's why I like our contracts)
 Oh, and FYI to be easy on Lee
 Remember, he's trying
 trying
 been here a long time
 well, thanks for another year

 Ask remember the good times
 the Aloha
 Sunset Company.
 Love,

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 NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW!
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MINSTRELS PREPARE OUT!

THE REIGNS OF THE OLD
 PERFORMANCE LIFE. ANTIQUARY
 WERE TOO MUCH FOR THE
 MINSTRELS. THEY WERE
 SHAMEFULLY LAKE THE REASONS
 AS THEY TURNED A PROCESSIONAL
 PASS SAUCEPAN LIDS,
 AND HORLED BANTE,
 COUSINE AT ONE ANOTHER.
 "WE SHOULD HAVE
 SEEN IT COMING," SAID
 ONE UNHAPPY SOURCE,
 "THEY WERE WHIPPING
 EACH OTHER WITH THE
 MEANS AT 3'S LAST
 GAZER. LOOKS LIKE
 THE REASONS WERE
 FINALLY GOTTEN TO
 THEM."

TOP TUNES

1. WILD BEAR among a by
 IN THE AIR, MAKE THIS WAY
 COME ON.
2. BARNY BELAIR a surprise
 he, but perhaps a surprise
 3. DRIVING GLASS need the
 any more
4. BLOODY BOTTLED ADDRESS
 an underground hit to be
 sure, but what about
 will say, if he got it of
 these days...
5. BILL GIBBS always there...
 [? WAS ANY OF YOU HERE...
 BOILED IN LEADS "SOMEBODY"
 GOTS' BROTHER IN POWER!]



HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

OKAY, FOLKS! THIS
 FESTIVAL FOR THE
 HUNGRY IS A GOOD
 IDEA. LETS MAKE
 IT A REALITY ON
 DONATION BARRELS,
 TAKE THE TIME
 TODAY TO EXPLAIN
 WHATS GOING ON
 TO OUR GUESTS,
 DONATE SOMETHING
 LOOK, IF EVERYBODY
 PUT IN TWO BUCKS
 WE COULD FEED A
 LOT OF PEOPLE!
 AND JUST GENERALLY
 GET THE WORD OUT.

BESIDES, IF WE
 DON'T HELP OUT,
 MR WILLIAMS IS
 GOING TO MAKE US
 CLEAN THE CHICK-
 BOARDS, AND NO
 RECESS!

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LEE WALKER DISCOVERS GOD

signs him to 40 dollar contract -

Bo' says - "Hey, I got a kid who can create the earth in eleven days and he's willing to work out here for nothing - what do you want out of me, blood?" - The untold, unbelievable story!

The Tragic Truth:

STEVE SCHOENBOHM

The Man Behind The
Willy - p.21

Juggler to Marry-Fud takes Laura's hand (well, not her hand so much as the fleshy, flipper-like object up near her, well, where her neck should be) in matrimony. p.5D

Lochen/Unicorn Palimony Suit goes
in to court



Lochen: I thought we had something real

Unicorn: My career will always come first

TIM RUEDY
just a
coincidence ?

courtroom pix p.34

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secret of success:

You've got to be crazy!

... Doctor's
incredible
discovery

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A FREELANCE PSYCHIATRIST WORKING UNDERCOVER AT M.F.F. HAS FOUND STARTLING LINKS BETWEEN SUCCESS AND LOSS OF SANITY IN MOST PERFORMERS. "IN MANY POPULAR ACTS," SHE SAID, "THE CHARACTERS MAINTAIN LITTLE OR NO CONTACT WITH REALITY."

"FOR EXAMPLE, THAT GUY WHO USED TO EAT CARBAGE. NOW THAT'S NOT NORMAL BEHAVIOR. THERE'S AT LEAST ONE FELLOW WHO'S A CERTIFIABLE PARANOID... RUMS AROUND IN A WOODED CANYON, AND SPOONS AT SHADOWS AND THE CHAP WITH THE COAT LEGS: ERO-TOMANIA, WITHOUT A DOUBT."

SHE WENT ON TO CITE SEVERAL OTHER INCIDENTS, INCLUDING ALCOHOLIC TENDENCIES, DELUSIONS OF GRANDIETY, AND MORTAL DELUSIONS.

"WHY, TWO OF THE MOST POPULAR PERFORMERS FINE THEIR OWN DEATHS SEVERAL TIMES A DAY. ONE WONDERERS JUST WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO TELL US. SUICIDE ATTEMPTS AND STAGED DEATHS ARE USUALLY CRIES FOR HELP."

IF TREATED EARLY, SHE TOLD US, THESE DISORDERS CAN BE CURED. SHE OFFERED THE FESTIVAL A GROUP PACT ON PSYCHOANALYSIS, BUT PERFECTLY MANAGEMENT DECLINED.

"THEY (THE ACTORS) ARE GIVING OUR AUDIENCE WHAT THEY WANT." BESIDES THAT, IT SEEMS OBVIOUS: YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE CRAZY TO WORK BETTE, BUT IT SURE DOES HELP!

It's art —

renfest love poem

i do your bits
and you do mine
i am not in this world
to listen to your ceaseless
screaming
and you are not in this world
for any discernable reason
whatsoever
you are, you
and i am i
and if by chance, we find
each other
it will be unspeakably tedious.

— by an anonymous ~~Dr. G~~ member
THEVES GUILD

A short quiz to test your sex drive

You can discover your own sex drive by taking the following, simple test:

1. What do you think is the most intimate thing a man and woman can do?
A. Kiss. B. Make love.
C. slip into a bath of natural yogurt

2. If your mate couldn't make it, would you:

- A. Read a good sex book and find out what to do.
B. Give him up. C. Be secretly relieved.

3. Can you imagine making love every day of your life?

- A. Yes, at the beginning of a relationship. B. Of course. C. When would I find the time?

4. What do expect most from a man in bed?

- A. Speed. B. Tenderness.
C. Stamina.

5. Do you prefer to make love:

- A. Any time. B. In the afternoon. C. every 45 minutes.

6. When he's making love to you are you thinking:

- A. How marvelous it is.
B. How you can prolong it.
C. What you have to do in the morning.

SPECIAL BONUS QUESTION
WHERE DO YOU SHOP FOR SEXUAL APPARATUS?

- A. FREDRICK'S OF HOLLYWOOD. B. THE FREDRUE SECTION AT LUND'S. C. HARDWARE HARRY'S.

Scoring

Here's how you rate:

IF YOU FELL ASLEEP, YOU'RE HOPELESS. IF YOU ANSWERED ALL THE QUESTIONS, YOU'RE COMPULSIVE. IF YOU ARE ALREADY IN A HEAVY RELATIONSHIP, WE DON'T WANT TO KNOW ABOUT IT, AND IF YOU GIGGLED UNCONTROLLABLY, YOU SHOULD COME UP TO MEET US SOON. IF YOU ARE COPIOUS AND SEE US SOMETIME.

TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN DICTION

VOICE ONE: "WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE!"
VOICE TWO: "ENGLISH, WHAT'S YOURS?"

THIS IS BUT A SMALL EXAMPLE OF THE WITTY REPARTEE THAT TAKES PLACE EVERY WEEKEND AT THE REN.FEST, BUT IF WHAT THE SECOND PERSON QUOTED ABOVE SAID IS TRUE, THEN THAT

PERSON IS AMONG A SMALL AND VANISHING MINORITY AT THE FESTIVAL...THOSE WHO SPEAK ENGLISH AS A PRIMARY LANGUAGE.

IN AN EFFORT TO SPREAD THE USE OF ENGLISH AT THE FESTIVAL THE STAFF AT THE TIMES HAS STARTED A DO-IT-YOURSELF COURSE IN LANGUAGE.

LESSON ONE "TENSE"

THE RENAISSANCE TOOK PLACE LONG AGO, BUT WE ALL HAVE TO PRETEND THAT IT'S TAKING PLACE NOW... TO DO THIS IT HELPS TO

SPEAK IN THE PAST TENSE, PRESENT TENSE, AND FUTURE TENSE.

SEE THE EXAMPLES BELOW.

FIG. A: "I USED TO LIVE IN A RUP TENT!" - PAST TENSE

FIG B: "NOW I LIVE IN A TIMBERLINE!" - PRESENT TENSE

FIG C: "I WILL LIVE IN A GENERAL ELECTRIC XK-90

PORTABLE FORCE-FIELD TENT WITH SEMI-PERMEABLE

PROTON MEMBRANE THAT TAKES 95 SIZE "C" DURACELL BATTERIES."

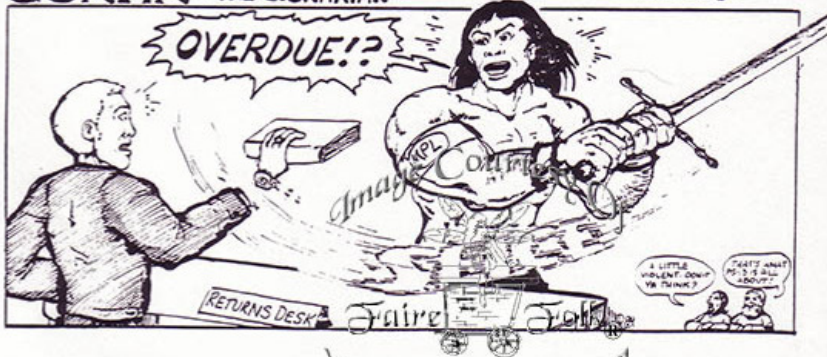
- FUTURE TENSE -

NEXT WEEK -- UDONS & BLURBS



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JOHN SJOGREN IS--



LETTERS

An Anonymous Submission To The Copicious Times:

The Sheriff's skill in Ring Of Steel

No one will dispute;
Except perhaps such notables as
Masters Snot and Puke.

I prefer my fencing done
With words of rhyme and wit;
So watch me skewer the Sheriff
On a literary spit.

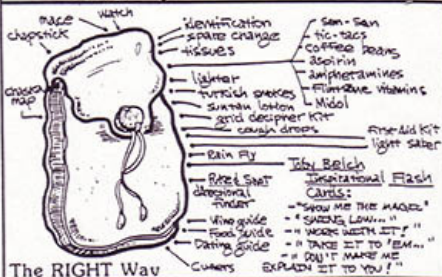
Signed,
The Quixotic Quill

Editor's Note: Said Quill
warned that further challenges
would be forthcoming and posted
throughout the realm.

PACKING THE RENAISSANCE POUCH...



The WRONG Way



The RIGHT Way

Dear Copicious Editor,

Hi, it's me again. Found this under a table I
found myself under the other table, don't know what
it means, but thought you might enjoy it.

Spelled:

R.C.D. Light bulb (Covers a lightbulb?)
Blue Lightbulb
Image Lightbulb

Drunk eg. disoriented,

Malcolm

Editor's Note: Kids, this is why
you should stay away from drugs.

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*Ren-Fest staff blames 'smart-ass
newsletter, 'COPIOUS TIMES —*

**HOWARD HARRISON'S
TRAGIC PAST—**

AGREES

LOTS OF UNINTERESTING
DETAILS Pg 528



I was a childhood gang member. . . .

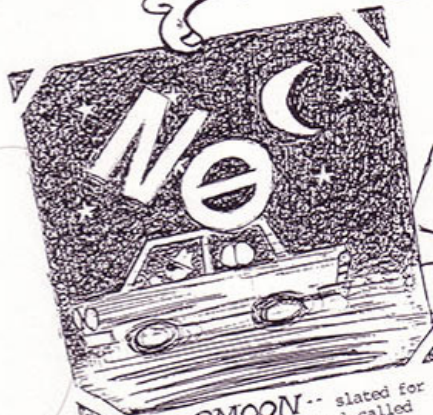
The George Herman
—Michael Jackson
Connection : That
funny leather vest is
only the beginning...

'Times editor searches
for mysterious court
figure — "Michelle,
where are you?"

RENT THIS SPACE

2x

★ FESTIVALS ^{that} MID-AMERICA REJECTED



WINTERMOON -- slated for early January, this Festival called for participants to ride around in cars at night, mooning Festivalgoers. Also referred to as the "Frozen Fannie" or "Blue Buns" Fest, the idea was abandoned purely for health reasons....



BARBARIAN CHRISTMAS -- Despite the lure of such beloved Christmas carols as, "God Rest Ye Merry Barbarians", "Barbarians We Have Heard On High", "O Come All Ye Barbarians", "Joy To The Barbarians" and others, this Thieves' Guild entry was thought to have rather limited appeal.



SMURFWORLD -- These loveable little blue moppets were thought to have universal appeal--until last year's ritual Smurfburn on the Renfest campgrounds...up until then Mid-America was considering Bill Lochen as "Daddy Smurf".



SPAMFEST -- Explained the entrepreneur who proposed this: "We did it with Turkey Legs, we not Spam Legs? Spam Plo: Spam On the Cob? Spam Rat Part and Tacos? Spam, Spam and Scotch? But..."

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THAT'S ODD.
THAT'S VERY ODD.
I COULD HAVESWORN
I SET THE COORDINATES
FOR EARTH 1984.

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Well, we're little folksingers,
We got dirty fingers
And we're loved 'till we pass the hat.
We sing about sex but we gotta keep it clean
If you can imagine that.
We get all kinds of chills from taking all
sorts of spills
And we never really make a dime--
But we'd feel much richer if we'd see
our picture
On the cover of the Copious Times.

CHORUS:
Copious Times....
Gonna see my picture on the paper...
Copious Times...
Gonna buy five copies for my mater...
Copious Times...
Gonna see my joyous visage
On the cover of the Copious Times.
I got a Renaissance Lady
Name of Mistress Katie
She wears chain mail and a sword.
She can climb up Jacob's ladder
And by bikers she's adored.
I got all the friends that free beer
can buy
So I never have to slee--sing alone.
But it doth not matter
Lest my name be smattered
On the cover of the Copious Times.

REPEAT CHORUS

We got a hundred and fifty
Little blue-eyed rookies
Who wanna be Puke and Snot.
They ask if I'm the Ratcatcher
I say that I'm not.
I got a hat that's bent and my
Very own tent and a
Half-gallon of wine...
But it ain't the same, 'less you
see your name
On the cover of the Copious Times.

REPEAT CHORUS AGAIN AND AGAIN...

SOMEWHERE OUT OF TIME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
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In a field outside any city;
In a land caught somewhere out of time;
In an atmosphere inbetween fantasy and
the sublime...
Something happened to me, I can tell you
And it gave me a start of alarm
When four hundred strangers
Welcomed me into their arms.

CHORUS:

And I tell you my friends that I've fallen--
Yes, I tell you indeed that it's true...
I tell you it's true that I've hopelessly
fallen in love
With all of you.

The skies have been angry this season.
Their countenance cloudy and grey.
They are straining to muffle the pipes
and the strings they hear play.
Poets and artisans, heed me.
We will challenge the heart of the storm--
If it rain rage upon us, we'll huddle
together 'till warm.

REPEAT CHORUS

Your face lit by glow of a campfire
At the close of another long day
And the ballads you sang touched me
More than I ever would say.
Their root springs from something eternal
From a land in the magical East
And I'd love to go there and to capture
it's mythical beast.

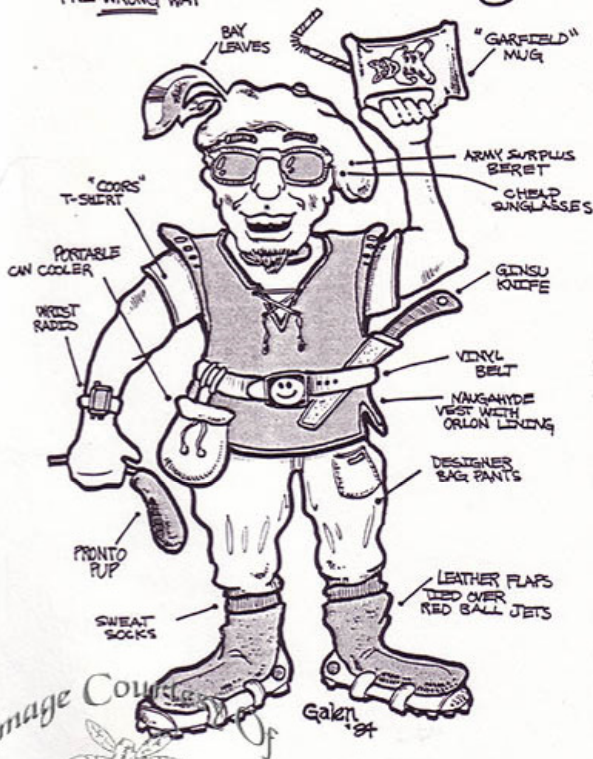
REPEAT CHORUS

You might think when the firelight's faded
And the stars have all shimmered away
That the magic dissolves and pales in the
harsh light of day--
But I'll share you a secret to cradle
As you go on your way, I on mine...
That I'll meet you again in a land
caught somewhere out of time.
And I tell you my friends that I've fallen--
Yes, I tell you indeed that it's true...
I tell you it's true that I've hopelessly
fallen in love...
In love...
In love...
With all of you.

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Renaissance Costuming THE WRONG WAY



THE REN-FESTIE (SUNG TO THE TUNE OF--WELL, YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT...)

I've been a Ren Festie for many a year;
And spent all my time pulling hay from my beer.
But now I'm returning for still more abuse;
With my boots far too tight
And my tights far too loose.

CHORUS:
And it's No, Nay, Never--
No, Nay, Never No More
Will life ever be normal;
No, Never No More.

I went to auditions to show them my stuff;
But was told the Artistic Director was tough.
I asked for a Contract,
He answered me, "Nay!"
"I've got Junior High kids who will work for no pay."
(REPEAT CHORUS)

So I pulled from my pocket
My tinwhistle bright,
And loudly played "Green-sleeves" 'till he cried
in fright,
"All right! You'll have staging, just please leave me be--"
"Play off by the privies in Area 'C.'"
(REPEAT CHORUS)

So now I'm a Festie,
Confessin' I lack--
Complete understanding of why I go back.
With the drunks and the mashers and wackos who do--
The audience even gets kind of weird, too.
(REPEAT CHORUS TWICE AND DOWN YOUR DRINK)

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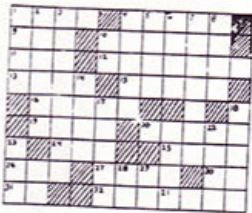
**ONCE AGAIN, THE CT' EDITORS
PAUSE TO REFLECT ON THE PA-
ST SEASON; TO SALUTE THE
EFFORT AND THE TALENT OF THE
STAFF, ARTISANS, AND PERFORM
ERS WHO MADE IT HAPPEN; &
TO SAY FAREWELL TO THOSE
WILL CALL 1985 THEIR FINAL
SEASON...UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN**

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VARIETY

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COMING SOON ...

REALLY,
NO KIDDING

MICHAEL KOSKI...

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but at night...
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Crashdance



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the work
of
Giants!"

—Judith
Crist

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out of
control!**

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ACROSS

- 1 Unicorn
3 Johnny
4 Woody's zoot toy
5 Donald McKinley has a big one.
6 Al Quire's favorite flavor
7 Howard Leeds' job
8 Thank God it's Feb.
9 Term Paper
10 How high is the _____, How
big is the sky.
11 Extreme smallness, ex. Gains
ward is a _____
12 LAST word - "Swing low" (5)
13 Terrific Natural Resources. AS
in "The Queen is
14 JS is a pain in the _____
15 _____ is all alone
16 What keeps everything from
happening all at once,
17 Pelted it to your forehead
18 Lee's Knickname
19 The guy on copious "Knickname"

DOWN

- 3 Third
4 Third Executioner
5 Next year's promotional target
6 Stern
7 Kings do it
8 Our Festival has two
9 I'm sorry, but this isn't a word at all.
10 Synonym for "bust" (Fr.)
11 Penn/walker clod or tacky
12 Sesser
13 "Testosterone Rules My Yak"
14 Abr. General Nuisance
15 On the Rag at the Bakery
16 Wayne was lucky not to cut
17 this
18 Dobo (Fr.)
19 US's Real Name
20 How Suffer
21 A crippling disease without a
22 Telethon.

UP

- 21 The volume of one's mouth

THIS WEEKEND'S QUOTE:

he **SQUEAMISH**
and **FAINT-OF-**
EART had best
stay away."
—BOXOFFICE

KOSKI/WALSTEAD
GO FOR RECORD.
ANNOUNCE NEW WORD.
**DON'T SAY
HERM!**

MT. PFWEE TO ERUPT AGAIN!

Seismologists of the National Foundation of perpetual Goodness have predicted another unusual yet coincidental explosion on top of Mount Pfwee. Mt Pfwee, which looms high over the campground, unexpectedly erupted in a shower of spark and flame exactly one year ago this weekend. The NFPG have told this reporter that although the eruption was a complete surprise, no damage was reported with the exception of a dislocated shoulder and numerous cries of "Oh wow, look at the colors!"

The NFPG added that this year's eruption could be even more spectacular.



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(Sorry, no story. We just liked
the headline...)

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NEW ADDRESS

succ
Dr. Geneleve

Advice to the Governon and Jesters

Range of you may not know me, but I
doubt that. I'm the snappy little
number in blue on the Rose cart of
Lombard and Fairfax. Cost. Since
this is my first article, I don't
have any letters to which I may
respond get. But I do have lots
of answers. Here are a few of my
personal favorites, and I hope some
of yours:

- "Sure, anytime."
- "'Cuz I'm a girl, silly."
- "Keep it open, something's bound
to fall in."
- "Just nagge me."
- "Not as good as it was for you."
- "Yes, I'd gladly spend thousands
keeping you happy."
- "You're a magnificent pagan
beast."
- "I did swallow!"
- "No, and my parents will sue."
- "Then use your tongue."
- "Just call me Katanha."
- "Dump the bum."
- "Oh, that could make me walk
on my lips..."
- "Cocktails before and a barrage of
compliments after."
- "I do love you, but lose the
hardware first."
- "J'aise ca, j'aise ca..."
- "Ware to the right."
- "No, damn a little."
- "Not that far."
- "Oui, c'est bon."
- "I will, but don't hit me with
the bottle."

I invite you to send along any
questions or problems of a rom-
antic nature that you may be having.
If I'm unable to give you advice,
well, at least my staff and I will
have a good laugh at your expense.
Ann Amner!

(Dr. Geneleve holds a doctorate
in applied graphic arts from the
College of Our Lady of the Trick
Folios, Paris.)

If you're expecting a reply
from us, please be patient.
Thanks.

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10 Years of Festival Memories

By Michael Koski

I Remember.....

The Sheriff's Men
Skinny dipping at the rock quarry
Discovering KOA for showers
Hating Jeff Siegal
The Beggars and Thieves - Hootie!
The Flying Karamazov Brothers
When George Hermann was only the Duke of Essex
Penn and Teller
The Chimney Sweep, Mary Balma
The Children's theatre's boring rendition of a Bakery
Richard Steufer and John Struechen
The Pen and Press Building and it's burning down
The Cappuccino Lady
Barbara Rork
When we didn't have any benches, only haybails
When the Sacred Tree was still alive
Forming the Copious Times in Wayne's Apartment
Renaissance State Park Campground
Tipping over the first check-in tower
When Shepherd's Green was a parking lot
The early Grovel-offs
Mud fights
The Keep (now the site of the Round-about)
When tickets were only \$3.75 in 1978
The Fish and Chypes booth
Watermelon eating contests
The King's feast at Tree Top
When the Apple-trick was NEW material
Avner the Eccentric
Steve Russel
Stone and Fool
The Society for Creative Anachronism
Bad Manor and Bruegel Cottage
The Abbey Minstrels
Payne and Aggoni
Prince Flipper
The old Festival Farmhouse on Hwy. 41
Sahaba
Black Swan Consort
Moonlit nights and foggy mornings
Singalongs on Mount Copious
Mount Pfweel
The Shakespeare Competitions
Lion's Tap
J's Restaurant
The Scriptorium
Willie Lauder's calls at the track
Dubrovnik!
The Dungeon Magician Sketch
Flight
The Goat with One Horn
When Puke and Snot could fit their "Hat" in a teacup
Michael Brandt
Queen Peco - Hubba, Hubba
Stewed Clams
Oxtail Stew

The first annual "Take Bocce Seriously Tournament"
Fratr Turtle and Robin Racoon
Concuss Musicus
The Knight with the sword in his face
Dylan Grab
Grant Lyons
Mark Woolter
The Old Hobblic Hole
Treetop Cove when it was a dead end
When Joe Kudla was the Black Baron
Musica Antiqua
Gary Zahradka
Lisa Milke
Beth Rodenhald
Lamb's Ark Stage
Fool's Knoll - open to the public
Juggler's Mountain
Stumbles the Court Jester
Mine, Rick Shope
Richard Steufer hit by lightning
Fredubio - the Frog Prince
Tom o' Bedlam
Ray Mathun Jr. and John Robinson
Misthing we could be Jim Peterson's boss for a day
Queen Anne, Karen Von Ende
Clev Peters
King James, David Bryce
Eric of Saxony, Steve Kaepfel
Scratch and Snit
Prospect Park Auditions
Powderhorn Park Auditions
Olympia Brewery Christmas Parties
Flour fights at the Bakery
Dischor, the Tone Deal
Mad Maude
Gerta the Goatherd
The Nordic Royalty
"Over the Water to Charlie"
"Bedlam Boys"
Greensleeves" Groan
"Barley No"
Uchawi Dancers
The Pork Chop, Salamander, Fender putty, Blue Danube
Footloose Boots
"Wild Rover"
"Drunken Sailor"
Chariot Races
Festival Fever from April to Opening
The Renaissance Blues
Snee and Blog singing "An English Country Garden"
Featherball
KTCV Telethons
Ed White at the Arm Wrestling Competitions
Barley Cooke - Backgumman Master
The Visit by the Russian Chess Master



Here is a site map from the Fourth Season. It should give you an indication of how far we all have come since then. The 10 years I have participated are memorable years. It has been a major part of my life. I took it for granted that the Summer months were: June, July, August, Festival, October. There is no way to diminish the impact the Festival has had on me emotionally, personally, and spiritually. It will be as important an event as college, marriage, career and children. I leave many friends, many good memories. But they will not be far away. I thank all those who I have worked with these past 10 years, you are very dear to me. Thank you and Inuzahi! to this years cast, you are the Festival's future. I'll Miss you,

Royal Kitch
Pasties
Ale
Cheese
Bread
Candy

Pop
Shish-Kebab
Fish & Chips
Corn on the Cob

Fruit
Coke
Sausage
Eggs

Organic foods

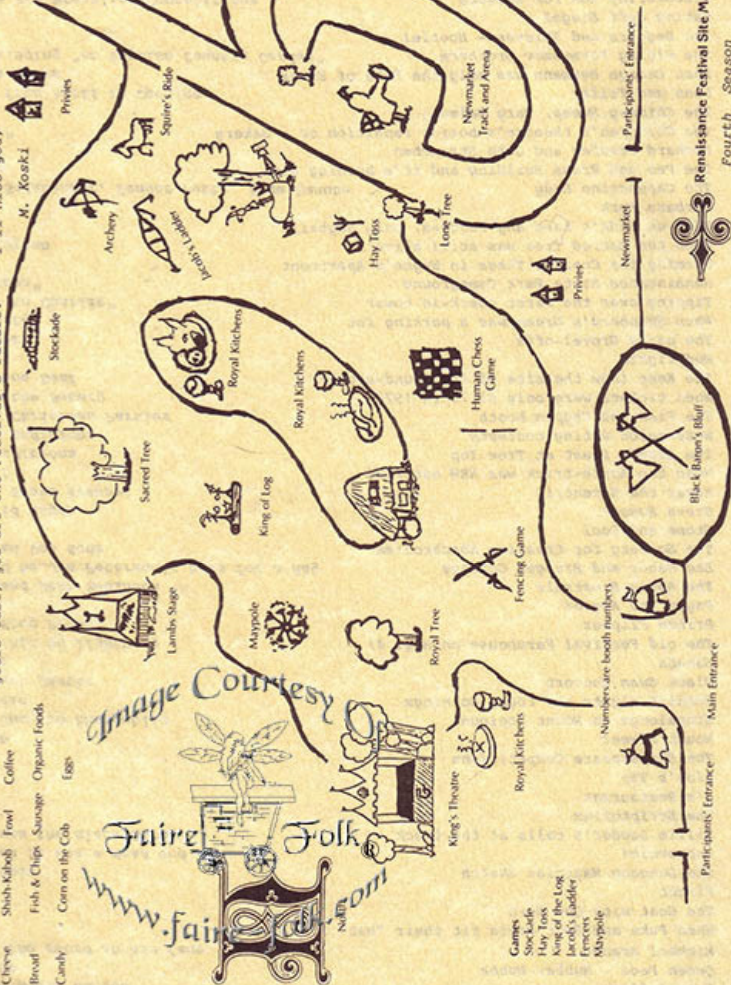
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Magical Mystical Michael * Paddy Kerry * D'Artagnon, "Viva La France!" * John Van Orman * Fud busters * When Alan-a-Dale had only Two pages * Prince Georgie * Two years of Summerstar and it's still a failure * Mosquito Alerts * Sara Fenn's morning warm-ups that put more people on the injured reserve than Les Steckel's Iron-man contest * Drinking for Dystrophy * When the run was only five weekends * Wayne stabbing himself in the leg * Corset Condos * Fluid! * Fool Moon the Juggler

Prince Philip's sing-along
Nine - hour days *
"Wild King!" *



Renaissance Festival Site Map
Fourth Season



SOCIETY AND FASHION:
THE RENAISSANCE SCENE
by John Elsner

The latest Fashion Craze sweeping the Renaissance Festival is leather, leather, and more leather.

Once reserved strictly for common country hobnails, leather has emerged from the depths of Peasantdom to the Lofty Court.

Even his Majesty King Henry has shocked the fashionable world by shirking his brocaded ensemble, and appearing sans chemise in a leather doublet with matching wrist bands. The effect: tres savage.

"Not everyone can wear leather and make it work," says Sir Goodpuck, fashion critic and leather lover, extending a burly leather-clad and studded forearm.

For those of us who are not built like a Nordic God, leather accessories are a viable fashion alternative.

"Leather mugs, pouches, purses, belts, hats and gloves are just sooo tres chic," coos the Duke of Norfolk, fondling a leather codpiece. Norfolk is flawless, dressed hear-to-toe in animal hides, and is especially proud of his leather jock-strap. "And these leather hip-boots are just too fun for words."

The Lord High Sheriff is also fond of leather. "I love the feel of it against my skin, the look of it, the smell of it." I asked him (just for fun) what he wears to bed. "English leather," he whispers.

Is leather just a passing trend, or is it here to stay? Only time will tell. Would I ever wear it? I'd leather not say.

****AND STILL MORE AWARDS:

BEST QUOTE: Linda S-H re: the Witchwood sign: "It's hung, it's big, it's beautiful" (or words to that effect)

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NEATEST TENT: The small grey one with the two potted plants near the stairway to the Site.

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MOST INTERESTING TENT INTERIOR: Minrod Meier (interior decoration includes a fold-out sock drying rack, welcome mat, hibachi grill and deluxe air mattress)

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WORST SATELLITE: The one behind Folkestone Hall.

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WORST CASE OF BAD TIMING: The Satellite Company, for driving a truck through the site at 10:30 AM.

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BEST COME-BACK LINE: One performer, who upon seeing the Satellite Truck, said: "Must be making deliveries."

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STRANGEST NEW GAME: A close one, but ratpuck squeaked out a victory over cat toss simply because the playing field is limitless and the object is pointless.

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BEST GROVEL: The Rat Brigade --all of 'em, but especially the Rat Dance Hoedown (done in rhyme).

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BEST I-NEVER-KNEW-THY-SANG -LIKE-THAT-IN-THE-RENAISSANCE -SONG: Brian Leary's "Last Night I Drunk That I Puked On All My Friends."

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NATURALIST NEIL

DEAR NATURALIST NEIL:

What is "virgin timber"?

NATURALIST NEIL SAYS: A myth.

DEAR NATURALIST NEIL:

What is a "waterfowl"?

NATURALIST NEIL SAYS:

An infraction in diving.

DEAR NATURALIST NEIL:

What is a "sperm whale"?

NATURALIST NEIL SAYS:

A happy whale.

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 - *a comic ghost
 - *tour guides!
 - *volunteers to "join the circus"
 - *two swordspersons (bad guys/gals)
- if any of this sounds fun, interesting, or silly to you, please call:
824-4560 (Terry or Carol)
or 827-5044 (Ed)

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SEPT. 29: TODAY IS MICHAELMAS DAY--OR THE DAY OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS. Saintry Trivia Questions: Name the Patron Saints of the following countries: England (St. George), Scotland (St. Andrew), Ireland (St. Patrick), France (St. Dennis), Spain (St. James), Italy (St. Anthony), Switzerland (St. Gall), Russia (St. Nicholas). The following are the patron saints of what types of people? St. Agatha (nurses), St. Cecilia (musicians), St. Dismas & St. Nicholas (thieves), St. Martin (fools), St. Valentine (lovers), St. Yves (lawyers), St. Winifred (virgins).

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THE COMIC RELIEF GANG:

the "How Do You Spell Relief? T-H-R-E-E G-R-A-N-D" award and memorial cuam pie

YOU-KNOW-WHO: the Marie Antoinette Commemorative cake server award for charitable giving ...

DAVID BRUCE: the Lore those Li'eggs Platinum Tights Award (oooh, ooooh, watch out Bean Mund!)

TOBY'S TROUPE: the Pentagon's Accuracy in Munitions award (thanks for keeping our Liquor License, boys!) and last we forget, the Kmart Blue Light Special Award for whoever decided to sell souvenirs in the Museum

and an "Alice-doesn't-live-here-anymore" award to anyone who remembers Bad Manor.



(This picture was stolen from some other publication but we forget where...)

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THE UNTOLD STORIES
(AND IT SHOULD STAY THAT WAY.)
inside; UFOs at FESTIVAL??

**NOTHING
ABOUT CONTRACTS
INSIDE!**

PREDICTIONS FOR 1986!

TOP SIDEKICKS PREDICT NEXT YEAR'S FUN!

- PEASANTS LEAVE FESTIVAL - NO ONE NOTICES.
- BALLINA GOES CONDO - MICE MOVE OUT IN DISGUST
- FALLING ARCHS! - GATE COLLAPES UNDER ROYALTY.
- TOBY'S TROUPE SOBER? BOBO SEZ "DRY-UP!"
- MAN NAMED "PIT TRUCKS" FORBES WOMEN TO YIELD.
- WITCHWOOD WITCH BRANDISHES NOTEPAD -
ROOKIES FIGHT BACK BY STEALING PENCIL.
- NEWJII'S PAUL DOUGLAS DOES REMOTE LIVE
AT FESTIVAL GROUNDS - BURIED IN SNOW.
- STAGE MANAGERS GET AIDS?
- THAT'S "ASSISTANTS" - SEZ MARILYN H.
- PILGRIM GETS SLUGGED BY PATRON
WHILE INTERPRETING RATCATCHER SHOW!
- "IT'S HUNG, ITS BIG, ITS WONDERFUL!"
WHO IS THAT WOMAN & WHY IS SHE SMILING?



LAST WEEKEND OF...
**FREEDOM
FERVOR
GRIPS
FESTIES!**

Phytsologists—psychologists who study the psychodynamics of phystival workers—say they've noticed an odd phenomenon among Minnesota Renaissance Phystival employees this week.

Dubbed by analysts as the "Countdown Catastrophe" syndrome (sometimes referred to as "Omgawd-The-Cloak's-Not-Done-And-It-Starts-Next-Weekend" disease), early symptoms include rapid heart-beat, flushed face, glazed eyes, dizziness, nausea, sudden bouts of hysteria and whirlwind shopping sprees at Ragstock.

Scores of physties were seen flocking to nearby beaches and sporting events, in a feeble attempt to enjoy one last fling of sunshine before kissing their summer goodbye. Said one seasoned vet, "This weekend, I plan to swim, boat, fish, waterski, snorkel, and play volleyball—simultaneously, if possible."

In a related incident, paramedics were summoned to the home of a young minstrel after she attempted to deplug her pennywhistle with a vacuum cleaner. Unfortunately, the waif was rehearsing at the time.

Remember those days
When blood was cheap
When fields were crud
And tights did creep
And plague was the only thing
People could keep
Well, welcome back, boobie.

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the Past

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ZILCH INDICTED

Festival Gravedigger forced to file Environmental Impact Statement, following brief but horrifying hurdy-gurdy concert. Three cats suffer brain tumors; crazed bagpipe commits suicide; Ed Eastman wants to hear more !? details p.46

Ren-Fest celebrates special week-end of love, hundreds forced to marry against their wills! p.224

GET A YEARBOOK!

HERE'S WHAT YOU GET: complete season issues of the 1985 Copious Times including the "picnic issue" (season opener) and the Academy issue + blank pages at the back for autographs + reprints from the 1984 and 1983 issues of a few things so funny we just have to run 'em again + words to some of your favorite Underground Festival Song Hits!! + and more!

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QUOTEABLE QUESTION: ANSWER: C.T.: "Uncle Kenny, what's the greatest threat to the moral fiber of the Renaissance Village?" Ken Davenports: "Safety Services."



Well, it's time for

- evaluation
- a drink
- shock therapy again. This year was
- great
- physically challenging
- morally challenging
- more fun than EST.

Another year is over, and I wanted to tell you

- thanks
- lascivious stories about Production Staff
- the truth.

I love the Festival, but it would be so much better

if we had



- more encouragement
- more money
- your Cadillac

(The little things mean so much to us! That's why we like our contracts.)

Oh, and try to go easy on Lee. Remember, he's

- trying
- very trying
- brain damaged
- been here a long time

well, thanks for

- another year
- all the fish
- _____

And remember

- the good times
- the Alamo
- Samuel Gompers.

LOVE, _____

You were

- an inspiration
- a warning

[fantastic, marvelous [I still have the tights, shall I mail them to you?]] to me.

Next year, I plan to be

- the same character,
- a butterfly
- Pike & Spot's carrot supplier
- finished with rehabilitation therapy
- as far away as possible!

but I wanted you to know how much I appreciated your

- enthusiasm
- leadership
- knowledge of the Kama Sutra.

Thanks again!
Oh, and by the way, could I have my

- check
- sanity
- youthful exuberance back please? See ya next year!

signed _____

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BESIDES, IF WE DONT HELP OUT, MR. WILLIAMS IS GOING TO MAKE US CLEAN THE CHALK-BOARDS, AND NO RECESS!

MINSTRELS PREPARE OUT!



THE FIGORS OF THE OLD PERFORMING LIFE APPARENTLY WERE TOO MUCH FOR TWO INHABITANTS OF THE RENAISSANCE VILLAGE THIS WEEK AS THEY TURNED A PEACEFUL DINNER PARTY INTO A CRAB-SAUCE MASSACRE!
BEST PERFORMER TERRY

FOY WATCHED IN SHOCK AS THE TWO TUNEFUL TERRORISTS TURNED HIS KITCHEN INTO A PILE OF RIPPED DISH-RAGS, SAUCEPAN LIDS, AND HURLED HAUTE CUISINE AT ONE ANOTHER.

"WE SHOULD HAVE SEEN IT COMING," SAID ONE UNNAMED SOURCE. "THEY WERE WHAPPING EACH OTHER WITH THE MENUS AT J'S LAST WEEK. LOOKS LIKE FUD'S INFLUENCE HAS FINALLY GOTTEN TO THEM."

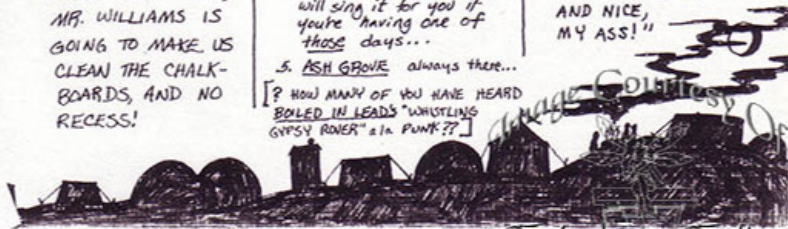
THE TWO DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE INCIDENT, BUT ONE REPORTEDLY WAS HEARD TO MUTTER WHILE WIPING CRAB SAUCE OFF HER EYEBROWS, "SWEET AND NICE, MY ASS!"



IN THE HIT PARADE THIS YEAR:

1. WILD ROVER making a big comeback
2. JOHNNY BE FAIR a surprise hit, but perhaps overplayed
3. PARTING GLASS need we say more?
4. BLOODY ROTTEN AUDIENCE an underground hit to be sure, but Wend. Ward will sing it for you if you're having one of those days...
5. ASH GROVE always there...

[? HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE HEARD BOILED IN LEADS "WHITELING GIPSY ROVER" s in PUNK??]



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§§§§§§§§§§STORY TIME!§§§§§§§§§§

(here is a little story that was written on a CareBees placemat at the Shakopee Pizza Hut by a few members of the Rat Brigade and a few stray C.T. staffers--names have not been changed to protect the innocent, but clarification has been added, where necessary, in parentheses...)

Many years ago there was a little girl named Ian and her twin brother Glen that lived in a 38 triple-D fuschia house on top of (the island of) Tobago with their chameleon and Karen.

Ian had a very slovenly friend and his name was Marilyn Monroe. Marilyn Monroe was very slovenly because nobody else could lust (after) him, only Ian.

Marilyn Monroe helped Ian in everything she did, from shopping her (island of) Tobago in the Adonis Theater, to hopping in wood for her Karen for the fire in which they toyed over.

Her twin brother Glen also had a slovenly friend that only he could shave. His slovenly friend helped in the same way that Ian's slovenly friend helped her.

Ian had (an) extra large idea that her brother had a slovenly friend and Glen thought he was the only one that had a slovenly friend of this kind.

One time Ian was late leaving the Dayton's Lounge Department. She was pillaging and flinging with her slovenly friend.

Surprised by the voice of Glen, she drooled. Suddenly, There, in Esther's bedroom, was Glen fornicating with his slovenly friend.

Her brother was also very walloped to see Ian with a slovenly friend.

How lucky they now were--they both had 69 slovenly friends to finish them out, plus they had each other, too!

THE END

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS WE'VE ALL HAD TO ANSWER:

1. What do you really do, anyway?
2. Where are you really from?
3. Is your accent real?
4. Don't you get hot in that costume?
5. Where is --- (when standing in front of whatever it is)
6. Where are Puke & Snot?
7. Where are Turkey Drumsticks?
8. (Pointing at instrument on minstrel's back or around neck) Do you play that thing?
9. Where do you get your (stories, songs, jokes)?
10. Don't you actors get a percentage of the ticket sales?

ANSWERS WE'D LIKE TO GIVE:

1. Drool a lot, mostly.
2. Cell block C, and really glad to be here.
3. Ya sure hugh betcha (uff da).
4. I feel fresh! And free!
5. Search me.
6. (Direct them to nearest privy)
7. (Same as above)
8. No, I use it to hit people who ask stupid questions.
9. Late at night on Hennepin Avenue.
10. (Answer unprintable)

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KNOWETH I ANY
MOTLEY CRUE?
VERILEY, SIR,
MOST OF THE
THIEVES'
BUTLER.



FASHION DON'T: Men's hose in eye-jarring colors are being worn by le tout festival this season, even though day-glo has all but died in more fashionable circles. Somebody turn off the tights.

OVERHEARD: At least one dashing courtier is whispering that the enormous hoop worn by a certain Lady of the Court is actually her fallen halo. Quel oui, mes chers, but it won't keep her legs together.

His Royal Highness PRINCE HAROLD is not on Beau Monde's Best-Dressed List this season. "He plays it much, much too safe," sniffs the foppish trendsetter. "But, he certainly should have no problem matching the draperies."

Speaking of BEAU MONDE, that darling dandy recently announced his surprise marriage to oh-so-wealthy LADY VICTORIA. The happy couple exchanged vows last September 8th before a small gathering of close friends and relatives, then feasted upon a wedding buffet consisting of caviar, pâté de foie gras and smoked salmon. The dashing duo looked très en vogue in an ensemble of flowing velvets worn en dishabille, embroidered with ribbons and pearls, elegantly coiffed in a mass of ringlets topped with a feathered chapeau. The bride wore pink.

TABLE TALK: Newlywed LADY V quipped at the post-wedding toasting, "I may have lost my freedom, but I've gained a wardrobe."

MORE NEXT WEEK, AU REVOIR!

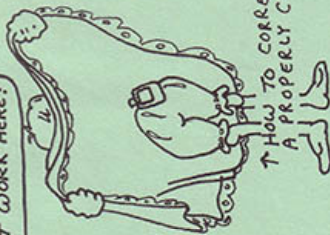
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YOUR PERSONAL GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING THE USE AND MISUSE OF THE RENAISSANCE I. D. PASS

THE MOST COMMON RESPONSE GIVEN WHEN TRYING TO ENTER THE SITE WITHOUT I.D. ↓



DO YOU HONESTLY THINK I WOULD ENDURE THIS HUMILIATING COSTUME AND SWEATY PANTYHOSE IF I DIDN'T WORK HERE?



↑ HOW TO CORRECTLY DISPLAY A PROPERLY CONCEALED PASS.

YOU'RE A REAL HOT BABE AND WE COULD MAKE SOME REAL MAGIC.



THIS IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE PASS (NEVER SAY HOT BABE UNLESS YOU MEAN IT).

FASHION TIP: DON'T DO THIS WHEN ID IS BEING CHECKED. EVEN IF IT ENHANCES YOUR POSSIBILITIES OF BEING IDENTIFIED, IT LOOKS SILLY. ↓



POSSIBLE ADVANCEMENT FOR NEXT YEARS ID WILL BE AN ABSTRACT ARTISTS PERSONAL RENDERING OF EACH PARTICIPANT. →

I WISH I HAD BEEN SMILING WHEN THIS WAS TAKEN.



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