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A PERFORMER'S

NEWSLETTER

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*The Kingdom Shocked...*

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Hearings continue*

# Turkey-CASE!!

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The Royal court today continued to hear testimony on the scandal that has rocked the kingdom. Yesterday the Lord High Sheriff stated that he had only followed the initiative of his superiors by arranging the controversial turkey leg trade with Valleyfair. "Heck, Hank knew about it. He's been asking us to get rid of the birds' feet for years."

The turkey legs were bought by Valleyfair for an undisclosed sum which was then funneled to a secret group attempting to buy up shares of the gravel pits which are encroaching on the Campgrounds. The sheriff praised the plan, calling it "a bold initiative."

Today the lord mayor was called to the stand in an attempt to ascertain what the king knew, but as was expected, the lord mayor has difficulty knowing if he knew what he knew himself, let alone anyone else. Members of the royal court referred to him as having the most plausible deniability in town.

The more serious issue of the intent to extend the gravel company's field of action will be explored next week. The mayor did say, however, that the turkey legs were not state-of-the-art and carried much less megatonnage than previously reported, that the buy-in and expansion was "a liberating action", and that it would be appropriate since "the campground is already the pits."



NEXT WEEK - THE SORDID  
TRUE STORY OF THE IRISH COTTAGE

PLUS: Uncle Zoltan's  
vitamin regimen for increased  
stamina and greater  
appreciation for life ...



# New Age Dawns!!

Experts in parapsychology and the arcane sciences are rubbing their hands in anticipation as Opening Weekend draws near, bringing together hundreds of performers and crafters on a date noted by many ancient prophecies as the beginning of a "New Age".

Writings from all over the globe refer to August 16-17 as the "Dawn of Illumination", the "Harmonic Convergence", or quite simply "One Heckuva Party".

According to Dr. Lois Voltage of the Hibbing Institute for Extraspatial Studies, minor prophecies about the "Festival of Illumination" have been coming true already.

"The Aztec and Mayan calendars end five-thousand year cycles on those dates, the South Dakotan Book of the Dead mentions it as the 'Ne Walpah om Portawhoppee', or 'Time when the Number of Tourists Vastly Exceeds the Available Sanitary Facilities', and local grocers report that the demand for overripe tomatos has gone through the roof. I think we're really in for it."

*New Age, continued Next Page*



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Many Festival participants are planning their own special observances of the event. The bagpipers will be staging a Harmonic Convergence on the Irish Cottage at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, followed immediately by a traditional Irish ceremony of bloodletting. The bagpipers say that their performance will be "an attempt to summon entities from the fifth". (They didn't say "dimension", so we're not quite sure just what they're after.)

During the Peasant Parade there will be improvisational chanting on the theme of "Blessed Light". ('Blessed Light, Miller Lite, Save Us from Eternal Night'....etc.) More serious students of the mysteries plan to augment the geomagnetic potential of the Earth itself by laying Morris Dancers out in arcane patterns along lines of geomagnetic force along the Earth's surface. These lines of force, called "ley lines", are expected to be amplified by the positioning of the dancers.

Said one member of the local team, who declined to be identified, "It's been statistically proven that any ley is better when a Morris Dancer is involved."

Tim Ruedy is not letting the excitement pass him by--- for the past several weeks he has been channelling an ancient deity of fiscal responsibility known as Skruuujj. Tim is reportedly in good health, despite the stress of such and ordeal, but he is developing a marked aversion to clanking chains, wraithlike specters, and nocturnal visitors, much to his wife's dismay.

Elsewhere on the site, festivities ranging from workshops titled "Grovels to Release Your Inner Potential", "Psychic Hat-Passing Techniques" and clothing-optional services at the Manor are being prepared. Said one Festie, "Hey, we've got predictions of everything from UFOs to clear skies for Opening Day.... at this point, nothing would surprise me!"

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The Copious Times wishes EVERYONE  
a happy, healthy, SUNNY opening weekend!

This message brought to you of a Public Service by the Lopious Times.

## SEX

I've been a Wild Rover for many a Year  
And spent all my money on Black Leather Gear  
But now I've got Herpes, and I know the Score,  
And I Never will Play the Wild Rover no More...

-Sung long ago by Gary Pugh at Spidefest

SERIOUSLY, we all know that now and then  
at Festival... every once in a blue moon... OK, well,  
almost constantly for ~~SOME~~ people (who  
have more STAMINA than your humble  
editors!) our Magic Kingdom holds Pleasures  
of the Carnal Sort. (Yup, I mean SEX.)  
We here at the LOPIOUS TIMES wish to  
remind you that while catching or spreading  
sexually transmitted diseases is certainly  
PERIOD and AUTHENTIC, it ain't cool...  
or fun... or SMART. Love wisely and  
carefully, and remember it's not who you're  
with but what you do (and DON'T do)  
that makes SAFE SEX... well... SAFE.

So TAKE CARE, FRIENDS!

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# Where Are They NOW?

The Water Sprite has taken a permanent position with Perrier & Co. after being banned from Minnesota after July's storms.

Lancelot the Unicorn is working as a ringtoss game in a shabby carnival in Boise.

Jeffrey Siegal is working as an exotic dancer at Chez Ennui in NYC. Good luck, Jeffrey!

The Sheriff's Codpiece has reportedly left for L.A. to record a solo album and MTV video.

Lady Kate sent a short report, but we can't seem to find it....

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## RUMOR QUASHED

There is absolutely no truth to the rumor that the peasants are revolting. The Copious Times would never think of advocating civil (or uncivil) unrest. We cannot confirm the wild stories about a plan to meet on the second weekend and stage a humorous uprising. Remember, it's all in fun, and you didn't hear it here first.

## THE COPIOUS PAYS OFF!!

Yep, if you send us an article, song, or drawing that we really like, we'll return the favor with a serving of the beverage of your choice!

If it's really good, it might be worth a Guinness! Check with the editors for details.

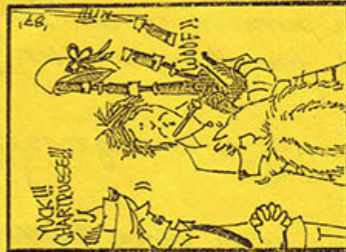
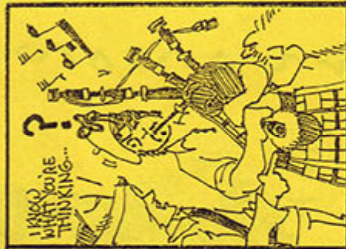
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Above - one of the C.T. Editors, as he "lay down in the gutter, thinking words he could not utter..."

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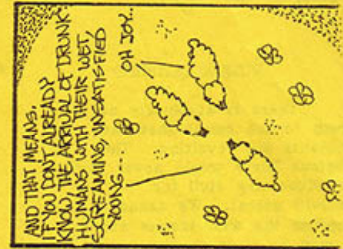


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## Copious INQUIRER

asks the Musical question:

IS YOUR CO-WORKER  
A SPACE ALIEN...  
or just IRISH?

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# Crammed with all kinds of stuff SCIENTISTS DISCOVER SPACE ALIENS HOLED UP IN IRISH COTTAGE!

Authorities are saying they have no idea how long the invaders from OUT THERE have been posing as a normal Irish family at the Festival.

"Their accents were slipping, though. That's what gave them away," said Detective Sue Feynberg. "One of 'em almost sounded Hungarian. It was a giveaway."

When local police entered the cottage, they found the unsuspected aliens were interstellar pack rats!

"It was crazy. There were things in there you would not believe," said Feynberg.

If you think you've got lots of toys and other old stuff in your attic, visit

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— where more than 100 million items are stored.

"We found old Festival programs from four years ago, about a ton of shredded foam rubber, seventeen cases of empty whiskey bottles, and dust bunnies as big as rhinos. Oh, and we also found Jeffrey Siegal asleep in the attic — no telling how long he's been there."

## Cops bust hamster

Eager-beaver cops busted into a pet shop to investigate a suspicious noise only to find a hamster running full tilt in his exercise wheel, newspapers in Trowbridge, England, report.

↑ Unrelated incident??

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### EAT RICH, SINFUL FOODS

- wear colors that begin with your last initial

- get a real job, not a job?

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On the LIGHTER SIDE of alcohol abuse

### Happy hour?

Bathtub gin is blamed for blinding dozens of Mongolians who drank the brew at a party near their Ulan Bator capital.

So if a Mongol offers, think twice...

UFOs deserve wide publicity

you read it here

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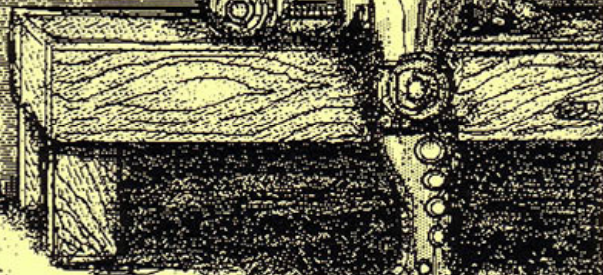


Half Man  
Half Machine  
Half Goat  
All Cop

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# ROBOSHERIFF

THE FUTURE OF RENAISSANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
Not Coming Any Time Soon To A Festival Near You.....

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A LOCHEN-  
YU-OUTTA  
THE HOUSE  
MOVIE....

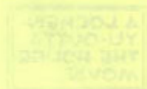
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THE FUTURE OF FARMER'S MARK  
Not Coming Any Time Soon To A Festival Near You



## Miracle drug made from cereal will put you in the mood for love

Well, that's not really news. The Minnesota Traditional Morris Team has been showing the effects of their training regimen — high in "light cereal beverages" — for a couples... er, make that a COUPLE of years. How many Morris couples are there now??

warrior's velvety voice  
could earn him  
millions, say experts

One of our favorite swashbucklers has been under observation by top record moguls. Will he trade in his épées for LPs? or CDs? We'll see!

Elvis' love child  
has me all shook up

Im sorry, I...  
I just can't take  
it anymore...

The Copious Times regrets to announce the transfer of its Chief Editor to Valleyfair....

China's sickening solution  
to rat plague — eat 'em!

It's obvious that they aren't aware of our lead in this technology. They'll have to come and observe if they want to close the rat gap.

Where is that  
perfect woman?

We're not sure  
either, but the  
rumor mill says  
she's working  
for CASTLE  
KITCHENS....

I LOVE A PARADE

And TODAY'S  
PARADE  
will be TWICE  
as much fun  
if you just  
remember the  
SECRET  
WORD:  
NI!!



"Okay, okay, so I blew it! But you said that you wanted to go someplace a guy in a cape and tights wouldn't stand out!!"

# Monster sighted

No, there's no story. We just like the headline.

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over  
Dirty socks  
Docs amazed!  
(any we learned that  
LAST year.)

ALIEN CREW ALIVE  
AFTER UFO CRASH

Story on page 58...

No news — so paper prints blank pages

Aw, c'mon — we'd NEVER do THAT, would we? Well, you'll find out next week...

So...

didja finish the crossword puzzle??  
Huh? How did yer eyesight hold up?  
Seriously, no one has earned the six of Guinness yet.

Thank you, but if it's all the same, we'd rather not .....



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- "I ordered the Cross and since then I have had tremendous good luck. Now, we are moving into our own beautiful home. Thanks so very much."
- "Thank you for sending me the Golden Fatima Cross. A week after I received it, I got the great job I had been trying to get for months."
- "It happened so fast! Last Monday I see the notice about the Fatima Gold Cross and I send for it. Last Friday I receive it. Saturday I take it with me to the casino. And I win \$2,570,000! Send me five more Gold Crosses for everyone else in my family."

And if you think  
those were MIRACLES,  
all of the diners who  
carry the GOLDEN CROSS  
OF FATIMA lived through  
the wine tasting yesterday!

Man hasn't slept a  
wink in 8 years!

Need we explain  
which area of  
the campground  
he is tenting  
in ????

## ANSWER FRANKLY—

use a #2 pencil, fill out all questions, return to Tim Ruedy, darken in circles completely, do not pass Go, do not collect \$200, and for God's sake don't talk to your parents this way!

① A good example of Renaissance music is that by:

- o Concentus Musicus
- o Gustaf Mahler
- o Mojo Nixon

② The Festival is:

- o more fun than sex
- o longer this year, somehow...
- o a get-rich-quick bonanza
- o not just a job, it's an adventure

③ Costume Inspiration is best gained from:

- o Robin Hood movies
- o the S. C. A.
- o cheap historical fiction
- o period paintings
- o Frederick's of Hollywood's catalog.

Thank you for your participation in this marketing research study.

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QUESTION:

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