

## Bible Stories As Retold By Young Scholars

The jewels found below are said to be written by actual students and are genuine, authentic, and unretouched. Compiled by Richard Lederer, they appeared in the 12/31/95 issue of National Review.

"In the first book of the Bible, Guinessis, God got tired of creating the world, so He took the Sabbath off. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was call Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark, which the animals came on to in pears. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night."

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## Editor's Correction

(In Issue #2, The article entitled "Signs of a Bad Renaissance
Festival - Part Duh!, one paragraph
was inadvertently left out. The
following is the missing piece.)

Despite consistent annual increases in attendance, crafter & vendor leases and corporate sponsorships, and a growing management-owned food vendor monopoly, the entertainment budget fails to keep up with cost of living increases year after year and remains, in fact, exactly the same for five straight years.

# A Very Special Thank You

by Brandon Rhodes

I would like to publicly thank Dan Hasselius (Wilsom) for his wonderful presentation of roses to Ruby. For those of you who do not know what I am talking about, this is the story.

On Sunday morning I approached Dan about giving roses to a very special person in my life. I gave him money to buy roses and a little extra for himself for doing the job for me. He refused the extra amount for himself and told me that he loved to do this kind of thing. He would do it for me because he is my friend. I told him that any time of the day would be fine for the presentation. All day long I had been waiting to hear about it, but nothing had happened. Come 5:00, I was getting worried and just a little bit paranoid. Cannon went off and I thought that perhaps he just forgot or did not have a chance to complete the job. Then I saw Ruby with the roses! The story of Dan's wonderful way of getting them to her was relayed to me. Just before drum jam, in front of 300+ people, he presented them to her one-by-one with beautiful words for each one. I heard that drum jam was actually held up just so everyone could watch this amazing man do his stuff. After Dan was done, Ruby was speechless! (For those who know her, this is rare.)

Dan, you have my deepest thanks and respect for a job done, that far exceeded any expectations. You went above and beyond the call of duty, gave that little extra, that made "Love and Romance" weekend special for all!



you don't need to accept life the way it comes to you. Instead, you can use the power of goal-setting to design your life so it comes to you the way you would like to get it. -author unknown-

# -How To Be Annoying-

Adjust the tint on your TV so that all the people are green, and insist to others that you "like it that way".

Drum on every available surface.

Remove every line of someone's .newsre file except the entry for alt sex fetish.hamster.duct-tape.

Sing the Batman theme incessantly.

Staple papers in the middle of the page.

Ask 800 operators for dates.

Produce a rental video consisting entirely of dire FBI copy warnings.

Sew anti-theft detector strips into people's backpacks.

Hide dairy products in inaccessible places.

Write the surprise ending to a novel on its first page.

Specify that your drive-through order is "to go".

Set alarms for random times.

Learn Morse code, and have conversations with friends in public consisting entirely of "Beeep Bip Bip Beeep Bip".

Buy large quantities of mint dental floss just to lick the flavor off.

Order a side of pork rinds with you filet mignon.

Instead of Gallo, serve Night Train next Thanksgiving.

Leave your Nine Inch Nails tape in Great Uncle Ed's stereo, with the volume properly adjusted.

Publicly investigate just how slowly you can make a "croaking" noise. Honk and wave to strangers.

Dress only in clothes colored Hunter's Orange.

Change channels five minutes before the end of every show.

Tape pieces of "Sweating to the Oldies" over climactic parts of rental movies.

Wear your pants backwards

Decline to be seated at a restaurant, and simply eat their complimentary mints by the cash register.

Begin all your sentences with "ooh la la!".

Rouse your roommates from slumber each morning with Lou Reed's "Metal Machine Music".

Leave someone's printer in compressed-italie-cyrillie-landscape mode.

ONLY TYPE IN UPPERCASE, only type in lowercase, dont use any punctuation either

Buy a large quantity of orange traffic cones and reroute whole streets. Pay for your dinner with pennies.

Tie jingle bells to all your clothes.

Repeat everything someone says, as a question

Write "X - BURIED TREASURE" in random spots on all of someone's road maps.

Inform everyone that you meet of your personal Kennedy assassination/UFO/O, J. Simpson theories.

Repeat the following conversation a dozen times: "Do you hear that?" "What?" "Never mind, it's gone now."

Light road flares on a birthday cake.

Wander around the restaurant, asking other diners for their parsley.

Leave tips in Bolivian currency.

Demand that everyone address you as "Conquistador".

Push all the flat Lego pieces together tightly:

At the laundromat, use one dryer for each of your socks:

When Christmas carolling, sing "Jingle Bells, Batman Smells" until physically restrained.

Wear a cape that says "Magnificent One".

As much as possible, skip rather than walk

## Bible Stories (continued)

"The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with the unsympathetic Genitals. Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah. Samson slayed the Philistines with the Axe of the apostles."

"Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments. The First Commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The Fifth Commandment is to humor thy father and mother. The Seventh Commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery."

"Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him."

"David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines."

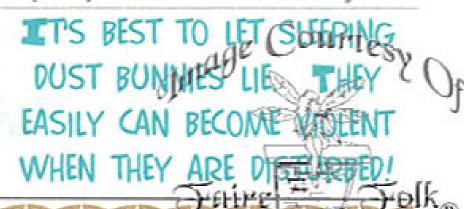
"When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta."

"When the three wise guys from the east side arrived, they found Jesus in the manager. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption. St. John, the Blacksmith, dumped water on his head."

"Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you. He also explained, 'Man doth not live by sweat alone.' It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance."

"The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels. The epistles were the wives of the apostles. One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was by profession a taximan."

"St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage. A Christian should have only one spouse. This is called monotony."



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# Letter To The Editor



I am not a Mid-America butt kisser nor an apologist, but I can't let some things pass without making a statement. Let me point out some things:

First the facts. Jim Peterson is not the person to whom the P & D's said "F\_ck Off Lard Ass". It was David Pearson. Thus, F.O.L.A. Ask Jay Kaelsh or Doc Sterling for the story or even better the song.

As to Lois Hendries not having a retirement fund, if it is OK with Lois, why don't we all start one for her and let Jim Peterson contribute if he so desires. I'll contribute and I am sure many others will as well.

#### Next the garbage:

To make an unproven statement saying that Jim Peterson was a pimp in his high school years is nothing but a hurtful, slanderous comment - easy to make anonymously!! The only thing comments like that do is make everyone in the cast look bad, even when said in jest. They do nothing but put us in an adversarial position with the festival management, and if you really care about the festival then that is not the road to take

As to your boycott of CKC because of Coffee and Tea Unlimited not being brought back to the festival. Well, I miss Jim's smiling face too and wish he was still here and if you want to boycott CKC, that is your choice, but I wonder this:

Have you written Bonnie Jacobson and Jim Peterson a letter expressing your complaints? Do you know the whole story about Coffee and Tea Unlimited?

While you are writing, how about thanking them for the new Front Gate? Or thanking them for focusing a whole stage on family entertainment suitable for children? Or thank them for letting us have a nighttime pub? A campground? Food books at a discount?

Your letter certainly has a lot of bile in it and not one hint of positive suggestion and how to improve things. You seem to have a lot of anger toward Mid-America Festivals and maybe you should consider doing something more rewarding with your time. Really! If you don't enjoy something, why be involved.

Lord knows I have felt the want to complain about how the festival is run or what is going on with morale or any number of things that have happened over my 24 years of participation. I have not always been happy with the direction and policies of the festival, but when I do have a complaint, I at least have tried to bring it to the attention of someone who could do something about it, and it was not always resolved to my satisfaction.

I know we all sometimes say the kind of thing you did just to let off a little steam, but all of us contribute to the festival family and we certainly don't need a bunch of anonymous slander and backbiting to slide us backward as we continue to make an attempt to move forward. Don't complain unless you are willing to be part of the solution. Otherwise you are part of the problem.

So next time you want to bitch publicly . . . sign your name and take the blame.

Bill Lochen, Lord High Sheriff,

looks like it will be brrr cold this weekend.

Bundle up and huzzah for those warm cloak warm cloak

The weather forecast will be brrr cold this weekend.

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## Flaming Idiots - Hot Stuff!

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(This little blurb was found in the alt.fairs.renaissance newsgroup on Wednesday, September 17th. For you fans, I thought this would be of interest to you.)

The Flaming Idiots just finished a run at the New York Renaissance Faire this past weekend. At our Rennie awards, Gyro (Rob Williams) was nominated for the Best Buns award. After getting up on stage, all the other nominees were gyrating back and forth, and Rob just took off all of his clothes and walked off the stage. Needless to say, he won the award!

## The Knight After



Wine Tasting this weekend at the Special Events Pavilion. Please come and help us if you can. We need help with setting up, passing out cups, I.D. checking and crowd control. It will not be necessary to volunteer for all of the tastings, just whatever time you can spare.

Thank you, Sherry Roth, Stage Manager

You set the best out of others when you sive the best of yourself.

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50 FUN THINGS TO DO AT WALMART

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How To Satisfy A Woman...EVERY TIME!

# Free To Be

by Sherry Roth

My time has come.
I know it's true,
I need to be me.
You need to be you

Years have passed,
Tve given my all.
The time is here
To break through the wall.

There must be more,

To this life I'm living.

Just give me a sign,

I'm so tired of giving.

My eyes have been opened.

My heart is in turmoil.

Time has been wasted

In days of endless toil.

Breaking away is so hard.

We've grown far apart.

Life is calling me 
It's time for a new start.

Free to be happy.
Free to see,
The joy in life,
Just free to be.

# tidbits

The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was.

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It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others...