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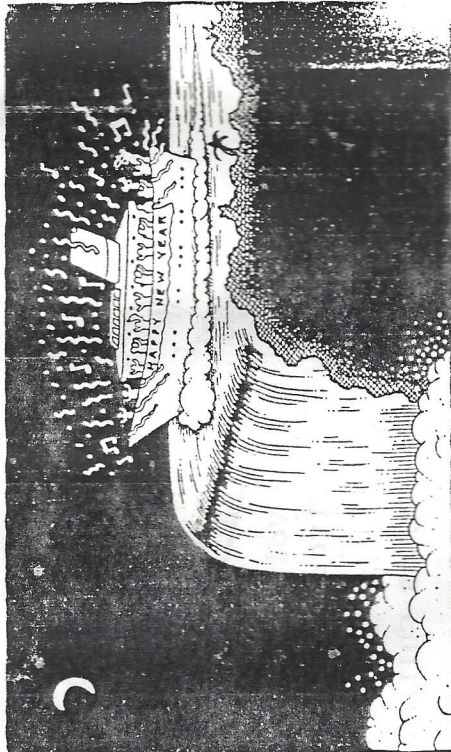
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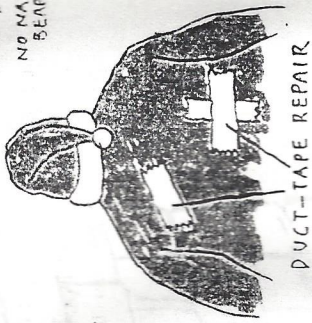
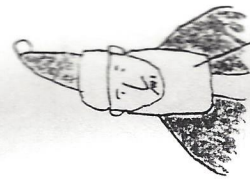
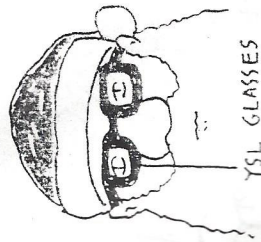
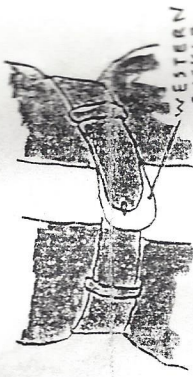


"You'll read this, you'll laugh, and your whole life will be better for it!"



### FAKE SANTAS

HOW TO SPOT THEM



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## STIMEY SAYS:

GREETINGS One and all in the Kingdom of Folly. I hope that you are all gearing up for a fun, busy, prosperous, healthy, and, of course, Foolish Holiday season. This is perhaps the busiest month of the year for many of us involved in the Guild. It is at this time of the year, that I have always felt that our 'family' of fools comes closest together. Who knows? Maybe that's just the silly thoughts of an idealist that has never relinquished the magic of Christmastime. Then again, maybe it's true, and if it is true, maybe it's because there's a little bit of that wide-eyed child, anticipating the rapture of Christmas morning, in all of us. Maybe that's the very thing that links us all together. Children are more than willing to be foolish and to use their imagination. Fools are the same. We are willing to be foolish, only now, we are able to see the beauty in the folly, and be foolish by choice, instead of by the primal instinct of foolishness that we are all born with. As people 'grow-up', they tend to lose many of their foolish ways, in favor of things that will make them better to the 'normal' people. People who hold onto those childlike ways are often referred to as (yep, you guessed it) FOOLS. I reverse my child ways and I thank God that I haven't lost them all. As a child, we were told that "these are the best years of your life". That's only true if you decide that you have to 'grow up', and that to 'grow up' you have to act like a grown up. Beyond being responsible and respectful to others, I want a part of 'growing up'. In fact....I refuse!...because as long as you keep that child alive inside, all of your years can be the best years of your life.

We are all very fortunate to be surrounded by such a group of people as we are. It's very hard to hold onto childlike ideals when we see all of the nasty, terrible things going on all around us, every day. The ability to do this, requires special people...and they are WE. WE are the FOOL. In closing, I would like to say, that I look forward to ringing in New Year with as many of you as I can. I wish you all HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

Sincerely,

*Steve Marshall*  
Steve Marshall  
(K.O.F.)



by Bill Perron

The purpose of meditation is to re-open the spiritual pathway between Man and the Infinite Intelligence, and thus to create within Man's own soul, a center for the activity of higher degrees of consciousness.

The FOOL card, in the Tarot, represents all of us on the journey of life. Every card in the Tarot, has a number. The FOOL'S number is 0 (zero). The round circle of the 0 represents the continuing cycles of life that we all must journey through and the experiences that we encounter on this journey, in our quest for awareness.

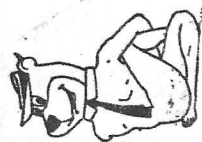
The FOOL is exuberant in his willingness to take chances, as he experiences life with naive optimism. He lives in the moment; here and now. Though he walks on Earth, his head is in the clouds.

The FOOL represents faith; faith that no matter what you do or where you go, you will be looked after. The FOOL truly believes and accepts that we create our own reality; ever curious, seeking new levels of understanding of himself, his world and it's people, and the Universal Laws that govern all and how they work.

The FOOL is inexperienced and yet intuitive; he is innocence and adventure; playfulness and fun.

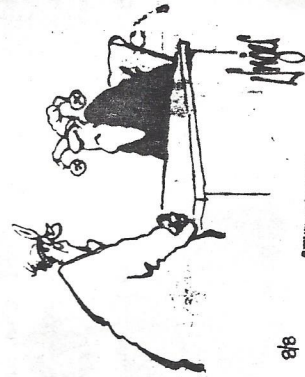
There is much symbolism in the FOOL card. Upon his head, is the red feather of knowledge (will he use it?). He is standing at the edge of a cliff, symbolizing a great journey. In his left hand is the white rose of purity indicating that he is still free from selfishness and other lower desires. He is pure spirit, facing unknown possibilities of self-expression.

Notice the dog at his feet is happy to be his companion....we all need companions. The dog also signifies our animal nature that travels with us throughout the course of our lives.

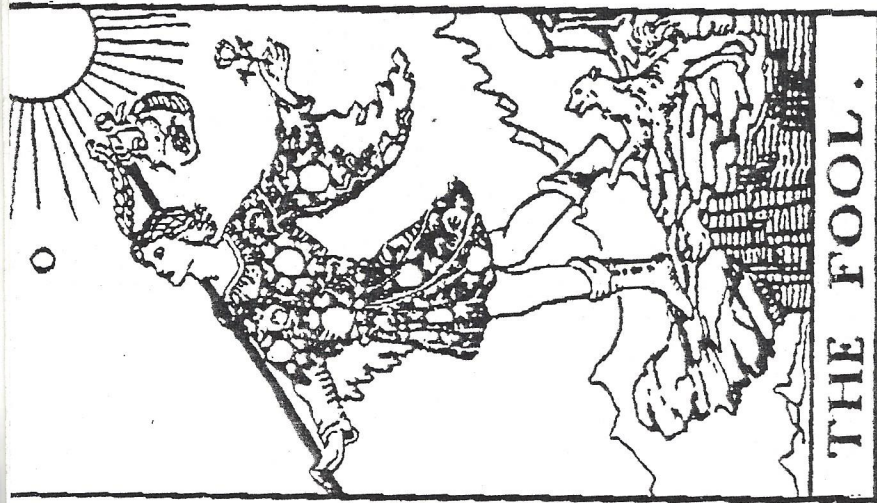


I am on the Path  
of Haha Yoga.  
You are my  
guru."

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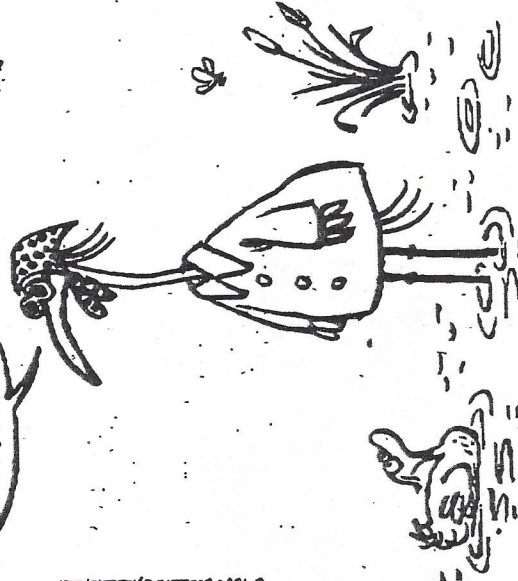
"You say you've got a ringing in your ears."



## THE FOOL.

BENT OFFERINGS By Don Addis

I WANT TO BE  
A LOON



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Key Word: Everyone Minor Arcana: None

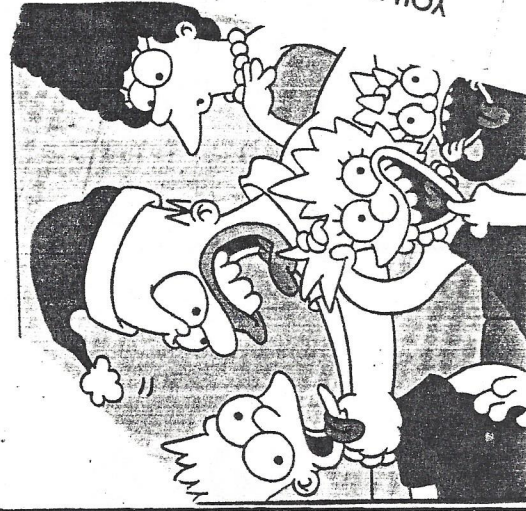
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Positive Attributes: Freedom, Joy, Happiness, Youth, New experiences, Inexperience, Adventure

Negative Attributes: Foolish desires, Selfishness, Ignorance, Irresponsibility, Unwise actions, Pleasure seeker, Sexual focus

The Fool is humanity on its way to experience. The wand he carries is a phallic symbol. Within his pouch are all the tools necessary for leading a successful life. The rose is the flower of Venus, planet of love and desire. The white rose he carries signifies pure love. A dog is considered man's best friend and this one is trying to caution the Fool to be careful of his steps. The dog also refers to our animal nature and our five senses. The snow in the distance shows us that the world can be a cold place in which to live and also refers to frozen mental attitudes. The white Sun behind the Fool is our true source of life, the super-consciousness.

Uranus rules Aquarius, an air sign. It refers to mental activity. Qualities of Uranus are: desire for new experiences, adventure, friendships, new age thinking, invention, and sudden events.



YOU WILL LOSE THE SMALL  
ONES AND WIN THE BIG ONES





LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dearest Foolish Ones,

I've always wanted to write to the JOKER. I've even drafted a letter or two, but either I didn't finish or I never mailed them. I nearly did that again, but it's time to change...so here goes.

I would like to say a few words about Mother Folly. We mothers are now a community (more than two). We, too are dedicated to the cause of foolishness..and what a cause!

Mother Folly, as a figure, represents the spiritual side of ourselves and our clan. She embodies the feelings of our faith in who we are and what we practice (foolarity). While each new Mother Folly brings something different to the role, there are a few rules that seem to remain constant:

RULE # 1 - Mother Folly has the right to change her mind whenever she wants. This is Mother's Prerogative.

RULE # 2 - The length of the Reign of Mother Folly is determined by nothing specific, but everything combined. In other words, once a mother, always a mother. You never know when a new Mother Folly will be 'crowned'.

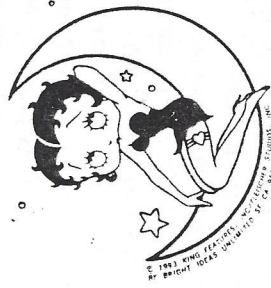
RULE # 3 - Always refer back to RULE # 1.

If you are still unclear as to what Mother Folly is, get to know her. You should always know that you can consult or confide in your Momma!

Being Momma II was very special for me. It brought me back into the Guild (as much as 360 miles allows), and into open arms. It made me laugh out loud again with more foolish intent. I wasn't a constant presence, physically, but I was always with you in spirit. Happy Reign Momma Frippit.

Love,  
Burgundi  
Burgundi (Momma II)

Lord,  
grant me the serenity to  
accept the things  
I cannot change,  
the courage to change  
the things I can  
and the wisdom to hide  
the bodies of those people  
I had to kill  
because  
they pissed me off.



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Dear Fools:

To all of the fools who came to the aid of a downed clown. To all of you who reached into your hearts, yea, and into your pockets, to make my road to wellness a smooth and quick one. I thank you all. I was truly blown away by the widespread support that the world bestowed upon the broken Mackey.

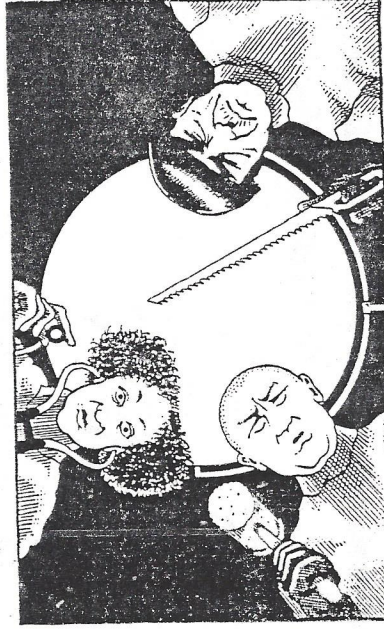
The 'Mackey Has Fallen Party' raised over \$1700.00! That, with my family, has allowed me to heal without money worries. My heart ,now, has not only a new valve, but a new appreciation of my friends. Far and wide, the circle shone bright. Although, as soon as I showed my ability to walk again, the abuse ensued, quite prematurely, I thought. I was even getting cards at the hospital saying "Don't you get enough attention, Mackey?" and accusing me of laying around in bed alot, hoping to get laid. Well, I didn't...so I don't recommend that ploy to anyone. Some wondered; since they worked on my heart and back, if they made any improvements on my penis or my brain (not necessarily in that order). Quite honestly, I'm not sure. Although my speech is slightly improved, the aforementioned has yet to be put to any serious testing.

All of this aside, I thank my lucky stars for my great fortune, to have brothers and sisters and friends like all of you, who've made my world a brighter place.

Now, ready or not, once again I'm a target in the corridor of brotherly abuse.....I know I am, but what are you...I mean... forget it.....I know you are, but what am I....I'm rubber, you're glue, whatever you say, bounces off me and sticks to you .....I hope!

Love,  
Mackey

Mackey  
aka Tin Man  
aka Bionic Boy  
aka Thumper  
aka Mr. Clap On, Clap Off  
aka HOLDER OF THE RAT'S ASS  
ETC.

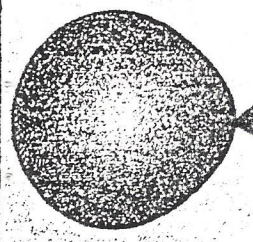


'THIS WON'T HURT A BIT, MACKEY!'





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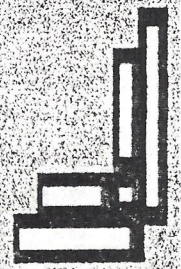
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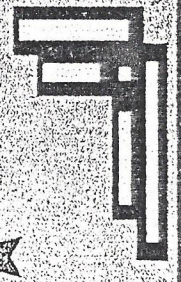


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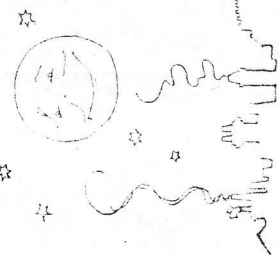
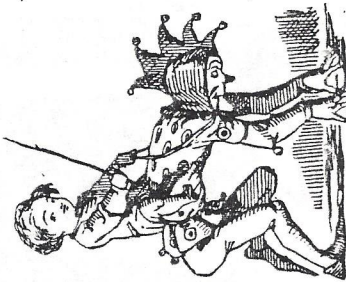
## Lead story

◆ In November, New York City police arrested the city's most notorious traffic scofflaw, Leroy Linsen, forty-one, after he inadvertently gave them his real name when he was stopped for having only a crudely hand-lettered "license plate" on his car. Linsen's driver's license has been suspended 633 times since 1990; when police entered his name into their computer, it took an hour and forty-five minutes to print out all of his traffic violations. Still at large in the city are 340 others whose licenses have been suspended more than 100 times.

## Cultural Diversity

◆ In August, several newspapers reported on the growing obsession abroad, especially in Japan, with Levi's blue jeans from the 1950s and 1960s. As in America, used jeans sell for more than new ones, but in Japan, vintage jeans bring as much as \$5,000 a pair. An Associated Press writer noted that trendy Japanese magazines fuel the jeans market by providing readers with detailed instructions on how to be hip. (Used, sweaty Air Jordan shoes from the 1980s sell for as much as \$800 a pair.)

◆ On a trip to New York in January to receive a prestigious international sports award, Chinese running phenom Wang Junxia, twenty, told reporters that her daily regimen consists of up to twenty-two miles of running and a diet that usually includes worms, extract of caterpillar fungus, and the blood of soft-shell turtles. Wang has broken so many world records that some suspected she was using illegal drugs, but tests have always turned up negative. Her coach, Ma Junren, insists her secret is the worm elixir, which he now bottles and sells worldwide, with revenues of at least \$1 million.



## Great Art

◆ In July in Iowa City, Iowa, twenty-six pianists combined talents to play *Vexations* by French composer Eric Satie, consisting of a single sheet of music that must be played 840 consecutive times. The work is a single page of chords, with the admonition that it should be played "Very Slow." Each repetition lasts ninety seconds; the entire composition takes from twenty-one to twenty-five hours to play.

◆ Among the specialized, small-market magazines recently appearing in Japan is *Combustible Garbage* (*Moeru Gomi*), by artist Tetsuo Ogawa, twenty-two, consisting merely of a vinyl bag of garbage from his and his friends' apartments. He solicits people to let him clean their rooms and periodically "publishes" the results.

## Undignified Deaths

◆ In November, a heavily intoxicated twenty-four-year-old man in Garfield, N.J., died after he was run over by his own car that he was driving. He tumbled out while the car was in reverse, landing so that the front wheel pinned his neck, suffocating him.

# Tower Of Technobabble

Technologists live in the Tower of Technobabble. We talk about SQL (structured query language, pronounced "sequel"), client-server computing, GUIs (graphical user interfaces, pronounced "goocys"), neural networks, LANs, WANs, polymorphism, Windows, OS/2, and Unix.

If you don't have an information technology background, these words sound like total gibberish. For instance, GUI is what happens when you put a kid together with a hot fudge sundae. SQL is the second time around for a movie. No one likes to do Windows. Unix are the neutered slaves in old gladiator movies. And client-server is the world's oldest profession.

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## PARTY PATER

This year's Halloween party was a resurrection of an old theme that we haven't seen in quite some time. The theme was...HALLOWEEN! That's right...it was a good old fashioned Halloween party, complete with the usual array of scary characters (and some not-so-scary, but definitely strange), spider webs, tombstones, et al.

The basic decor was a graveyard. In the center of the floor, was a 17 foot tall, dead tree. It was draped with spider webs, and full of dead branches. Around the base of the tree were thousands of dead leaves and a few cleverly placed headstones. Around the perimeter of the room, were three or four more 'areas' of the graveyard, each with it's own special lighting (mostly green).

There was lots of hard work done to prepare the place for the party. Thanks to all of you who chipped in to help (we can always use more, though). For those of you who have never helped to set up for a Fool's Guild party, you should give it a try. It's a lot of fun and you can use all of the imagination and creativity that you want to use. It's a nice feeling, when you're at a party and you hear someone complimenting a piece of decor that you helped create!

The music was quite an array of eclectic, very danceable tunes. People who like to dance, had plenty of opportunity to do so. Unfortunately, however, the sound quality was not too good. We used the house system which proved to be inadequate (I'll know better next time).

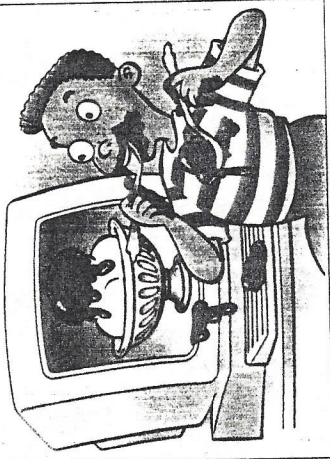
The costumes were FANTASTIC! Shawn Scudder & Co., and Paula Foster walked off with the top two awards, however, there were at least a half-dozen others that could have won, too: Sa & Jess, Kent, Daniel, Dario, Q, Megan, Madeline, and I'm sure that I missed a few (nothing personal; just one of those 'black holes' in my memory). Thank you all for the great contributions to the party!

The food was very tasty and there was plenty of it. There was also plenty of drink to go around to keep the crowd of 100 or so, very happy all night long. Thanks to Sioux, Paula, Dot, and Tricia for getting all of that together.

In closing, I would like to say THANK YOU to all of you who attended the Halloween party, and for all of your support and good energy. Also, a special THANKS to Billy and the boys in the band (the Poi Boys...right?). Once again, they were the icing on the cake. Thanks again, everybody. See ya at the 100 Proof Club!

ROCKY

JOHN CEBALLOS





## Party Review by the ExKing

Frivolous EX II

Contrary to what Mel Brooks may have said, it's good not to be King. Frivolous II enjoyed helping a little with the music, but we mostly enjoyed arriving with our guests and having the party just happen!

The crowd was sufficient, though not large. We later heard that several of our friends had trouble getting there and eventually gave up; to those of you that didn't make it - "WOW, What a Party! You really missed it." The location, though great for Feast of Fools, has drawbacks for Halloweenweeven. Oh well, live and learn. Or live and don't learn.

### BOOZ NOOZ

We would like to be able to offer a full bar on New Years' Eve, however, we can't sell it and we can't afford to give it away. We are making a bar and it will be supplied by individual donations, and free of charge. We welcome all 'spiritual' donations.

FAT FONG SAY: WHAT DO YOU CALL GOING DOWN ON A VIRGIN? MAIDEN HEAD



The decor was quite Halloween-y. the headstones of former kings. (We so well that we took it home.) Of the decor, we particularly admired The Before Christmas of Vista House and 'n treat Scudder family.

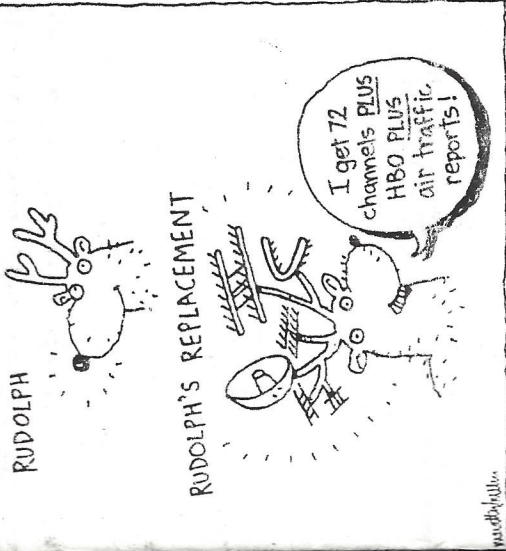
Low Wow and the Poi Boys huffed and entertained the troops. We da-tricked and treated and went home also. After all, it was a school night.

J&J/F

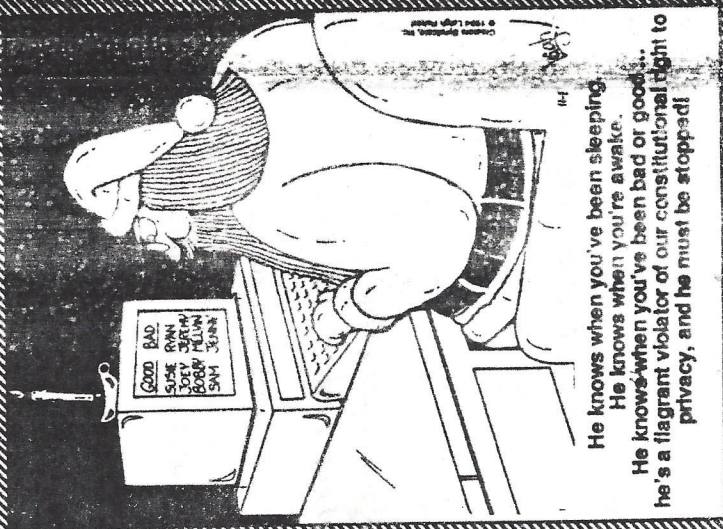
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STAY TUNED *marafatmarafat*



BE DARING. TRY SOMEONE NEW WITH CURLY HAIR. RICH REWARDS.



He knows when you've been sleeping. He knows when you're awake. He knows when you've been bad or good... he's a flagrant violator of our constitutional right to privacy, and he must be stopped!

## Burn-Out Sale!

No, not a fire sale. A burn-out sale. The flame of costume fever is guttering to an end. Consequently, I have another layer of costume materials, fabric, accessories, and parts of costumes which are in need of new homes. We are getting down to the level of the absolutely basic, the crème de la crème which I couldn't bear to part with, the items for which there actually was an assigned use, and things from the mending box. I am very near the end, now and there *are* treasures. A few of them I actually want some real money for. Most, however, are yours for whatever they are worth to you.

There is not, however, a car. You will have to come to me. Please contact:

Joyce Odell  
 (213) 66-44-578 - machine  
 (213) 237-0121 - weekdays (this may be awkward, as I'm not always on the same floor)

Since there is no car, I spend more time in transit, but can arrange for appointment.

YOU WILL BE WISE NOT TO SEEK TOO MUCH FROM OTHERS.

Laura runs to greet her pa in this scene "Big Nose on the Prairie."

WISE MEN LEARN MORE FROM FOOLS, THAN FOOLS FROM THE WISE

