### A BANQUET OF LEVITY

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( Ahem! )

Deadline for the next issue is January 15. The theme: "Romance"

It's also time to submit individual official Guild titles for listing in the year-end issue. (If we have neglected to refer to you as the Marquis of Malaprop or the Duchess of Desire, now's the time to set the record straight.) Remember, patronage and bribery are gleefully accepted by our august sovereigns.

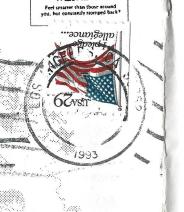
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"What a waste it is to lose one's mind—or not to have a mind. How true that is."

-Dan Quayle







Volume 3 Number 3 to come." Rabbi Ber an and do woo do?" They said to him, "We are jesters, and make the sad to laugh. When we see two men quarreling. we strain ourselves to make peace between them."

Foolsome Holidays!

THE JESTER is the official organ of the Fools' Guild, a loose confederation of humans who accept, acknowledge, variously ponder profusely upon, and joyously celebrate foolishness, absurdity, joviality, and humor in its myriad aspects.

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Mail us a check or money order for \$7 killed, you've lost a very (payable to Steve important part of your Marshall), include the

"Smoking kills. If you're

individual's name and life."

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All malapropisms are lifted from The 776 Stupidest Things Ever Said by Ross & Kathryn Petras. God bless the syntactically challenged, every one.

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and we'll see that they get a year's

worth of our wit. It's like any other

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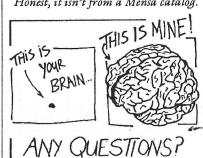
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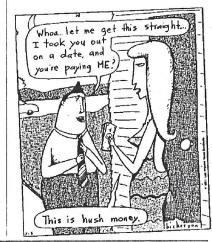
Be part of this list! Send us a few pictures (your best quality ones, please!) of the New Year's bash in time for our Jan. 15th deadline. Send return postage on a return-addressed envelope if you want them back.

#### T-SHIRT OF THE MONTH

This stunning design is available for \$14.95 by calling 510.654.1064. Have your Visa or MasterCard ready.

Honest, it isn't from a Mensa catalog.





### DECEMBER

- Dickens Christmas Spectacular—An evening of seasonal Victorian entertainments presented by our own Abbot of Unreason and many other familiar Foolish faces. Lively scenes from Dickens, music hall sing-alongs, dancing, and savoury food and drink. At Davies Memorial Hall in Alta Dena from 7 PM to midnight. Tickets are \$23. Call 818.449.0665 for information.
- 11-12 Dramatis Personæ do scenes from Shakespeare's plays at the Huntington Library, 1:30 and 3:30 PM
- 12, 16 Caroling at the Huntington Library—2 PM on the 12th; 2:30 and 3:30 PM on the 16th
- New Year's Party at Boys' Camp. Iniquity 1. Moral turpitude or sin; wickedness; 2. A grossly immoral act; a sin. 3. The theme for our New Year's party; turn to page 5.

### Ongoing Activities—Fridays & Saturdays

Films at the Silent Movie Theater, 611 N. Fairfax in Hollywood. Showtime is always 8 PM. For information call 213.653.2389.

### AND THE CULTURE MAYENS SUGGEST ...

temporary satiric works (many never before seen in the U.S.) on exhibit an incredible book collection. at the Armand Hammer Museum through January 2, 1994. Call 310.443.7000 for more information.

(downtown) has reopened after sub-Now there's an auditorium, a puppet theater, beautiful grounds, and murals and fountains-plus resto-

The Art of Attack features 150 contic works. Don't forget there's stateof-the-art information services and

The Royal Tombs of Sipán is a breathtaking exhibit of gold, silver, and turquoise objects from the richest pre-Columbian tomb ever dis-The Los Angeles Central Library covered. This astonishing cache was found in 1,700-year-old burial stantial renovation and expansion. chambers in a small pyramid. The tombs were the final resting place of three high-ranking officials of the glorious new art in the form of Moche culture, which predates the Incas. At UCLA's Fowler Museum ration of the library's existing eclec- of Cultural History until January 2,

1994. Call 310.825.4361 for details.

For lovers of the family Chiroptera, whose members are otherwise known as ledhrblaka, "leather-flappers," or bats, the Burbank Natural History Museum has an exhibit guaranteed to drive you "batty." For information call 818.557.3562.

Tewels of Fantasy, 350 works by Lalique, Chanel, Schiaparelli, Dior, and others on display at the County

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TELEPHOOL—Rachel Neff 213.465.0653 for more information and to make suggestions for other events

editorial offices.

### WHAT IF SEX WAS CLEAN BUT FOOD WAS DIRTY? BY WILL DURST.

When you think of it, there are only two things you need to make people. You got to have sex. You got to have food. That's it. You don't need clothing, shelter, or TV. Okay, maybe TV, but otherwise, it's sex and food. But for some reason, sex is dirty. Maybe God was a Republican. Somebody said, "All right, you want to propagate, go ahead, but only late at night, with all the doors closed, man on top, once a week, that's it." But not only can you eat the charred decaying flesh of other major mammals, you can do it in broad daylight and invite all your friends to watch: "Hey, Chuck, why don't you come over on Sunday? We're going to kill a pig, cut him up, burn him, and eat him. Bring the kids, have a hell of a time."

What if they had been switched around? What if, through a simple twist of fate, sex was clean but food was dirty? Our entire culture would 🎍 Supermarkets would check change. Food would become a fourletter word.

When people got angry at you, they'd yell out "Oh yeah? Well, food you. Suck cheese you Popsicle slurper."

Harlequin is the clown who is no fool, a watcher who pretends to entertain.

Like the acrobat and clown. and like the artist himself. he lives on the fringe of things, and his art, like theirs, is the product of his

- Punks in passing cars would flip you the fork.
- Flashers would have pizzas strapped to their chests. "Ohmigod. It's pepperoni."
- ♣ Locker room talk would change. "Hey, man, how'd



you do this weekend?" "Two burgers and a bag of fries. Crinkle cut."

- Garlic would be illegal in most Southern states.
- I.D.'s and charge admission to the poultry section.
- ♣ Frederick's of Hollywood would feature peekaboo napkins and day-of-the-week paper plates.

suffering. All his faces are lies which describe the truth of his existence—all are disguises which reveal even as they conceal.

- · Foreplay would be listed as a menu selection.
- Vice squads would conduct raids on backyard barbecues. "All right, put down your meat. Just back away from the buns, mister."
- Vegetarians would be prohibited from becoming teachers and a lot of them would move to the Bay Area.
- Most suburban school districts would ban home ec.
- Hookers would become cooks. You'd be accosted onstreet corners by plump ladies in Day-Glo aprons. "Hey, big boy, looking for a hot meal? Wanna crack some crab?"
- Fundamental Christians would make meat and potatoes a religious tenet.
- Many sexual positions would be found to be carcinogenic.
- Parents would tell their children not to play with their food or they'll go blind.
- Kids would remember the first time their mother caught them marinating.

"Thelieve we are on an irreversible trend toward more freedom and democracy. But that could change."

-Dan Quayle

All Roughnecks and Fine Ladies are invited to the

to celebrate New Year's Eve with the Fools' Guild beginning at 8 PM

We've invited the SEVEN DEADLY SINS™ to do outreach to the Guild come meet your favorite and expect a midnight surprise

> Our den will feature the finest in cardinal extravagances!

### LUST • PRIDE • ENVY

There will be a ladies-only lingerie lounge next to a voyeur's viewing room

### GLUTTONY & AVARICE

Exceptional food and drink & a midnight champagne toast are included in the \$13 admission.

### SLOTH

Cabins are available—if you want to reserve one, contact Le Dome at 213.664.9473 Procrastination is underway, so plan now to enter the new year with a fool or two.

### **ANGER**

We'll be really pissed if you miss the party. Bring your friends, if you have any.



DIRECTIONS: Enter Griffith Park from Riverside Drive off Los Feliz. Go left at the third stop sign; look for Fool signs and make a left turn into Boys' Camp

# **PG-17**

Feel free to copy this invitation and send it to your friends!

We don't have much setup time, so we are in critical need of volunteers who can help install or do prefab at home. If you want to have a piece of the party you can call your own, please contact Darla Hitchcock at 818.398.6730

# VOX FRIVOLOUS

Hallow een was a great party: interesting costumes, good music, plenty of food, wacky decor, and a lot of folks to dance and laugh with Yours

truly wor-

ried up to the

last minute that

maybe the

theme was too

subtle, that

Sunday night

was a handicap,

that the public-

ity was insuffi-

cient, that we'd

run out of

something.

Anxiety was

needless. There

were plenty of themed cos

Oscar Wilde Elementary School - Jack Tate—overall party design and execution

Marshall, Patrick, Mackey, and Tate—heavy hauling

■ Bobi and Marguerite food presentation

Bob—beer and lights

 David—tireless door management

Cate—The lester

**☞** Paula—signage

and a lot of Fools for set-up and tear-down: Hawk, Jonnathan, Dot, Kevin, Rachel, Betsy, Terry, Darla



(Nurse Darla), Karen, Katella, and probably some others I've forgotten. Oh, yes—and thanks to Dingo for enthusiasm and floor patrol.

Philosophically, Frivolous Rex II believes that we'd rather party than mess with drink tickets, so we put the price at \$10 to

include all your bev erages. We also like to get enough to eat at a party, so you can count on that, too. The next party will continue these practices, so tell your friends that it's the best New Year's bar gain in town.



And speaking of New Years-

Den of Iniquity will be spearheaded by Darla, and we've got some sensational ideas-tableaux vivent, voyeurs, etc. We'd love to hear what you have in mind, so call Darla at 818.398.6730 and volunteer.



tumes, but that didn't stop anyone from wearing anything they wanted—ourselves included. Our favorite moment was Billy Scudder as Edward Scissorhands stabbing open his prize—a set of knives. If you missed it, you missed a treat.

Thanks from the Guild (especially from Frivolous II) to:

### Our Favorite **OWES Permission Slips**

"Permishun 4 Kenny to play."signed by Vince's Mom's dog

"To Whom it May Concern: This note gives Nathan Scott full permission to come to the guild party and get annebriated annebreia Anne DRUNK!!"-signed with official pawprint of Kato ("my friend's wife's small dog") on the reverse side of a Sav-On register slip

Frank Panaro's slip was signed by intriguing stranger R.J. Wombat





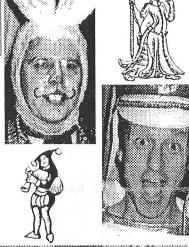
Feel smarter than those around



# Hey Guys!

### News flash—good dancers make out with the babes!

At the parties, we've noticed that All dances work, but the best are Patrick Turnbull and Jim Layne have scads of nubile flesh pressed against them. Okay, so Le Dome and Mackey both dance; but for most of you, the music plays and you go for another brew.



tant to subject themselves to learning how to dance, as they don't want to appear inadequate in front of women. Maybe they are afraid to move hips; I don't know. Maybe they don't want to look like a fool except that in this context, it's expected. And women: If you want to dance,

ask someone! Men might not know you want to dance with them unless you do so. Also, don't expect the guys to sling you about the floor if you haven't a clue as to rhythm. Learn a few basics and maybe it'll work better.

ones where you can actually hold

the woman in your arms and work

her to your will. Given their op-

tions, our contacts across the gen-

der border tell us that they'd rather

have a man who dances than a man

who . . . well, they tell me that how

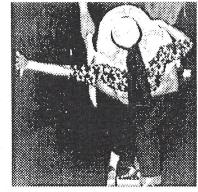
he does on the dance floor is re-

Heterosexual men are often reluc-

lated to how he does in the sack.

This polemic courtesy of Frivolous Rex.







### THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD, PART 2

These bloopers, written by students from the eighth grade through college, were collected by teachers throughout the U.S. and pasted together. Read carefully and you will learn a lot.

THEN came the Middle Ages. King Alfred conquered the Dames, King Arthur lived in the Age of Shivery, King Harlod mustarded his troops before the Battle of Hastings, Joan of Arc was cannonized by George Bernard Shaw, and the victims of the Black Death grew boobs on their necks. Finally, the Magna Carta provided that no free man should be hanged twice for the same offense.

In midevil times most of the people were alliterate. The greatest writer of the time was Chaucer, who wrote many poems and verse and also wrote literature. Another tale tells of William Tell, who shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's head.

The Renaissance was an age in which more individuals felt the value of their human being. Martin Luther was nailed to the church door at Wittenberg for selling papal indulgences. He died a horrible death, being excommunicated by a bull. It was the painter Donatello's interest in the female nude that made him the father of the Renaissance. It was an age of great inventions and

discoveries. Gutenberg invented the Bible. Sir Walter Raleigh is a historical figure because he invented cigarettes. Another important invention was the circulation of blood. Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100-foot clipper.

The government of England was a limited mockery. Henry VIII found walking difficult because he had an abbess on his knee. Queen Eliza-

"The United States has much to offer the third world war."

-Ronald Reagan\*

\*Repeated statement nine times in the same speech

beth was the "Virgin Queen." As a queen she was a success. When Elizabeth exposed herself before her troops, they all shouted "hurrah." Then her navy went out and defeated the Spanish Armadillo.

The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespear. Shakespear never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He lived in Windsor with his merry wives, writing tragedies, comedies and errors. In one of Shakespear's famous plays, Hamlet rations out his situation by relieving himself in a long soliloguy.

In another, Lady Macbeth tries to convince Macbeth to kill the King by attacking his manhood. Romeo and Juliet are an example of a heroic couplet. Writing at the same time as Shakespear was Miguel Cervantes. He wrote Donkey Hote. The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote Paradise Lost. Then his wife dies and he wrote Paradise Regained.

During the Renaissance America began. Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic. His ships were called the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Fe. Later the Pilgrims cross the ocean, and that was called the Pilgrim's Progress. When they landed at Plymouth Rock, they were greeted by Indians, who came down the hill rolling their war hoops before them. The Indian squabs carried porposies on their back. Many of the Indian heroes were killed, along with their cabooses, which proved very fatal to them. The winter of 1620 was a hard one for the settlers. Many people died and many babies were born. Captain John Smith was responsible for all this.

Next epoch: The Age of Enlightenment to the present



## "Things are more like they are now than they ever have been."

—Gerald Ford

## Readers Guide to Professional Foolspeak

translated by Billy Q. Barrett

This guide is an aid in understanding highfalutin pretentious professional fools who feel compelled to market their services with upscale high-tech ultratrendoid verbiage that, though ostensibly intended to attract and inform, may actually repel and obfuscate.

On the other hand, if you are a freelance jester that is currently nobody's fool, then perhaps these alternative job titles will serve as a tonic to put some pizazz and pep in your heretofore mediocre marketing strategy.

Multiple Object Manipulator—Jug-

Balloon Art/Sculpture—Stupid balloon animals

Orally Inflated Sonic Flatulence Simulator—Whoopee cushion

International Neovaudevillean-Have whoopee cushion, will travel Monovelocipedic Configuration—

Unicycle

Renaissance Court Jester—Guy who likes to wear tights and annoy people

Mime Artist—Guy who likes to wear makeup and annoy people Funambulistic Equilibrist—Can

stand on one foot on slack rope Elongated Ambulatory Meeter-

Greeter—Stilt walker

Perfunctory Social Greeting Vibratory Surprise Device—Joy buzzer Slapstick Tribute to Golden Age of Comedy—Keystone Cop

Picnic Clown—Clown at picnic

### Personal Ads

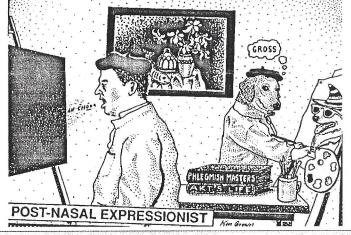
ATTRACTIVE BIG BLOND dog wants to meet female canines of any age, any breed, any time, anywhere, for a good time. Object: Sons of bitches. Call 213.664.9036 & ask for Floyd.

LOST: Virginity. It was around here someplace. Maybe it was mislaid.

FOUND: Pie. Identify and I'll let you have it!

POSITION OFFERED: Missionary. Take it or leave it.

POSITION WANTED: High pay, short hours, incredible perks, unlimited travel, congenial coworkers, pleasant surroundings, paid vacations and health plan, low stress, no dress code, and company car. Call Frivolous Rex II with your offers.



### WHO READS THE JESTER?

(Besides you, I mean; and we all know about you!)

Responses to our latest survey enable us to imagine a frighteningly accurate image of our average reader:

**Sex:** Yes. This seemed to be the only point of complete agreement.

Age/mental age: A good way to compute mental age is to take the square root of the chronological age and add 3.

Household configurations seemed to vary, but animals were clearly in control of most of them.

Income level had a few fluctuations, but most are between dirt poor and high on the hog. Everyone, however, seems to possess at least one outrageous hat.

### FOOLISH NEWS WRAP-UP

"Give Me A \*!#?\*!#\*ing Raise!" The New York Times reported last January how Japanese annually celebrate New Year's Eve on a mountain in Ashikaga, 50 miles north of Tokyo. Participants walk in darkness to a temple while expressing themselves vocally in ways never permitted by their polite society. They scream obscenities and indecencies generally aimed at politicians or supervisors. Women are

"You got to be careful if

you're going, because you

—Yogi Berra

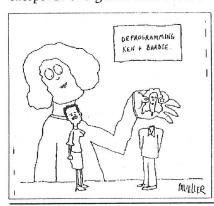
you don't know where

might not get there."

also permitted this rare opportunity to use abusive language.

Hello Central. Get Me Doctor Jazz-In January, Israel's national

telephone company initiated a fax service that transmits messages to God via the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. At a trade show in Vincenza, Italy in May, the Catholic Church unveiled a high-tech confessional that will accept confessions by fax. The Syracuse Herald-Journal reported in January that its telephone hotline, featuring excerpts of 1992's presidential debates, was successful except for one glitch: Ross Perot's



voice sometimes hit a pitch that mimicked a certain telephone tone that automatically shut down the system.

From the Foolish Crimes Blotter-Kenneth Moreson, 36, arrested in Portage, Indiana, in June after he forced a service station employee to sell him three quarts of oil after closing time. He then poured it on himself to ward off evil spirits. Fernando Rivera, 28, was arrested

in New York City in July after attempting to rob an elderly woman in a bank line. Police believe that Rivera went to that bank be-

cause he didn't get the \$1,000 he'd expected from robbing another bank: he left a zero off his holdup note, and the teller dutifully gave him only \$100.

"I Can Be Trixie If You Want Me To Be Trixie"-South Boston's Soirée strip joint was profiled in a July issue of the Boston Globe and featured dancer Taylor Monet, 33, who believes she has the world's first inflatable breasts. the result of a "valve and hose" implantation. This device allows her to inject or extract a saline solution to vary the size of her silicone breasts between 40D and 96.



### We Get Letters

Dear Jester:

Howdy all! A good verse I found in a book called A Great Big Ugly Man Came Up and Tied His Horse to Me goes like this:

When I was a little boy I had but little wit Tis a long time ago. and I have no more yet;

Nor ever, ever shall, Until I die. For the longer I live, The more Fool am I.

Savor the flavor, Patrick Williams



WARM THANKS FROM THE FIRE ZONE

Billy, Milla, and Amanda wish to thank all who sent cool, wet thoughts and fire retardant prayers to us during the November fires. We are fine and unburnt even though flames licked our adjacent ridge. We are blessed to have so many caring fools for friends. Bless

### SUBLET AVAILABLE

by former King o'Fools Andy Davis' furnished apartment is for rent

### CHEAP!

to responsible party. San Vicente between La Brea & Fairfax Looking for a 1-year occupancy (more or less)

INFO: Jonnathon (213) 656-6466

# Astrological Foolcast by Billy Q. Barrett

into developing a new sense of dread for a family member. Be wary of holiday recipes calling for banana slugs or Spam. Scenario highlights Victor Mature movies, pratfalls, trickery, and bingeing on menudo and Metamucil. Tonight: Kill Barney.

can make great headway with a business project if you ignore expert advice. Mess up your desk, return no calls, and eat an entire tube of cookie dough with hard sauce. A stranger with nude photos of Rush Limbaugh for sale is not your soul mate. Tonight: Age gracefully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): This morning you will exude personal magnetism and sex appeal until you night: Gaze at love's splendor with wake up. Use of helium and silly string in business presentation sets you apart from the rest. Uranus figures in relationship with overzealous body worker. Tonight: Come quietly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Spending other people's money can open new doors and put on about ten pounds. Speak in Haiku about overindulgence only until quite thin. A trip to the beach with an admirer may prove cold, wet, and sandy. Tonight: Check the tire inflation on your unicycle.

LEO (July 23-August 22): What is presented as finished product vastly sucks. This nicely feeds your sense of superiority. Hang mistletoe everywhere on the 19th. Your Jello

at office party. Tonight: Order another vanity plate.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): Your attention to detail is something or another sometime this month. Do an impression of Lord gether, with your mouth full of fruit-TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You cake while juggling sea monkeys, and enjoy the results. Tonight: Be beautiful feather.

> LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Bobbing for jelly donuts at office party causes minor setback in social status. A gift of glow-in-thedark condoms from an old flame will rekindle deep shit. Major breakthrough on the horizon involving Andy Gumps and cold fusion. Toeyes you've not used yet.

SCORPIO (October 23-Novem ber 21). Be more like Zippy the Pinhead in your business affairs. Be willing to chug-a-lug brandy-laced borscht to win new friends, You could be considering purchase of used aluminum Christmas tree with rotating color wheel; you are so tasteful! Tonight: Stare at cleavage.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21). Give in to another concerning an event with bunny slippers and enema bags. Spotlight on brooding, self-doubt, and nebulous angst. Tonight: Celebrate.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): Make fashion statement with burlap and Twinkies. Discretely flash a supervisor. Grant 818.405.2275

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Look containing creamed corn is a big hit wishes. Savor the sunset with a total stranger, but keep your pepper spray handy. Tonight: Join in any Reindeer Games.

> AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): Be prepared to be caught off-guard. An exotic acquaintance Buckley at the next family get-to- with the letters E, A, and T in their name invites you to bongos party. Attend, but keep your pepper spray handy. A game of phone tag ends in heartache. Cheer yourself up by putting dingo balls on your rear view. Tonight: Consume mass quantities.

> > PISCES (February 9-March 20): Heated discussion about political correctness of ant farms strains relations with concubine. Never wear a baseball cap backwards. Be sensitive to bad carolers with large dogs. Go to a kegger on the morning of the 19th and don't barf on the hostess. Tonight: Wear your cap and bells to The Nutcracker.

### **CULTURE MAYENS**

(Continued from page 3)

Museum of Art until January 2, 1994. Call 213.857.6000.

Art with a funny streak—see an exhibit of drawings and paintings by the 19th-century satirist Rolandson at the Huntington Library through February 27, 1994. Also at the Huntington: "This Fair Paper ... " a display on the advent of printing, featuring medieval and renaissance publications. Through August 1994. For more info: