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THE JOKER

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WHITE TRASH WEDDING BELLS



G&S LOST OPERA
XENA

REN FAIRE
GORE-FEST

SHAKESPEARE'S
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ROVER OFF THE LEASH

As the Fooles Guild matures, we get together less often. The traditions of performance, field trips, workshops and fund-raising have given way to a few annual gatherings that are more like family reunions. But,

man!—we sure haven't forgotten how to have a friggin' good time.

New Year's Eve's Last Chance Lounge rocked All Star Lanes in Eagle Rock, drawing 170 fools including many new faces. Decked out in fierce loungewear,

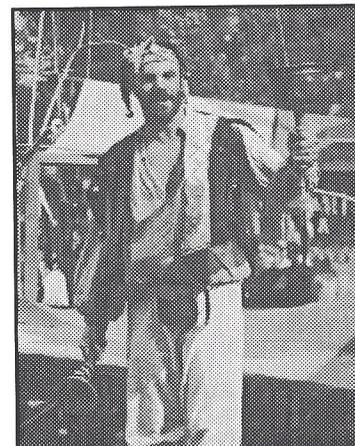
revelers dined, drank, danced and bowled till 3 a.m. The major kudo goes to Rocky for nabbing the fine venue and providing a superb evening's worth of dance music and live vocalists. Congrats to Fred Lehto who MC'd the awful variety show (highlights: Paula Foster's polkaesque salute to cheese and sausage, Sa balancing a penny on a whirling wire hanger, Jim Kelly's whoopee-cushion interp of "The Stripper," and Darla Kruger's drug-addicted Carmen Miranda with go-go boys) AND Fred proposed marriage to his lovely girlfriend to the delight of the stunned crowd. The Food Gang (Heidi, Jims, Rocky, Mackey, James, Buffalo, Leroy, Erte, and Ben) created a feast at the glamorous Bowling Ball Buffet, and Jim Schooler served up breakfast at 2 a.m. to a crush of protein-starved bowlers. I've never seen bacon disappear so fast in my life. Diane, Mackey and Q decorated the few areas of the joint that Freddie (the way-too-into-it owner) hadn't already lavished with garish excess. Thanks also to Jack Tate for the marquee that everyone loved except him, and to David Springhorn for personally accosting every single person who walked in the door. This was the kind of party that makes a King proud.

And speaking of fools getting married, I'm getting hitched on April Fool's Day. NOT!! This year the Feast of Fools takes a different spin: a bogus white-

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trash wedding party. Instead of a gift, bring a contribution to the Bad Taste Buffet; prizes awarded to the most inspired recipes. Start looking now for pastels, polyester, and decide whose side of the family you're on! (See invitation in this issue.)

Well, friends, this is my last Joker. Big sloppy kisses to the six of you who contributed to the

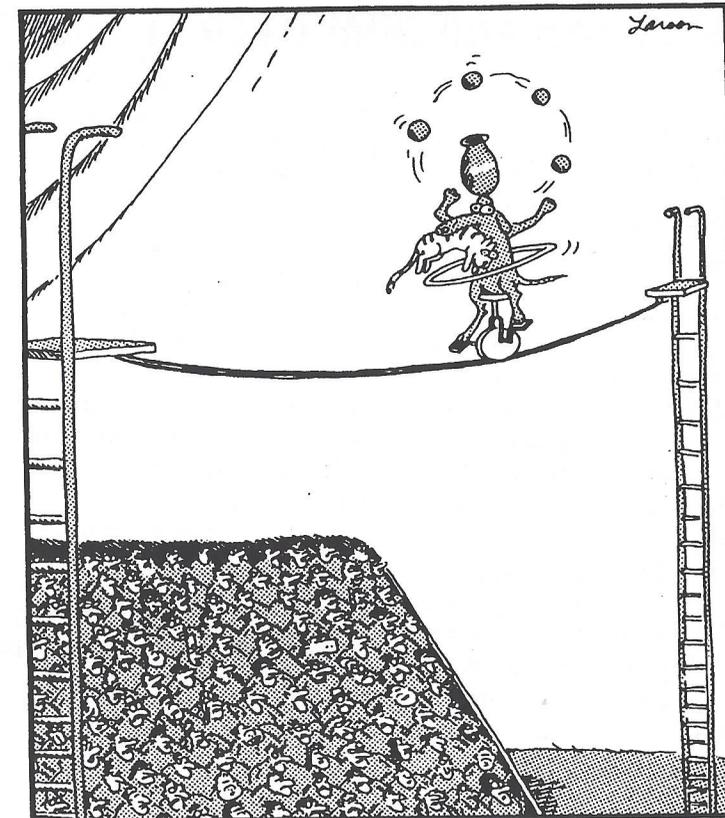


mmm....minty fresh,
not mediciny.

last 4 issues (tsk tsk on the rest of you!). One couldn't have a better publishing partner than Carvin Knowles, who gave my *Jokers* a masterful design thanks in part to his new kick-ass computer.

Enormous thanks to everyone who has been there for me during my reign. Being king is an unenviable task, but it has its rewards. The best one, of course, is handing the foolscap to the new King in May and saying to him, "Ha ha ha."

Many happy woofs,
Rover



High above the hushed crowd, Rex tried to remain focused. Still, he couldn't shake one nagging thought: He was an old dog and this was a new trick.

TOP TEN REASONS WHY JUGGLING IS BETTER THAN SEX

by Billy Q. Barrett

10. You don't have to buy your partner dinner first
9. You can do it in public without getting arrested
8. It's easier to talk your partner into a three-way
7. You can keep going after your climax
6. You don't get applause after you have sex (well anyway, I don't)
5. Juggling cannot cause an unwanted pregnancy
4. Juggling cannot transmit a deadly disease
3. In juggling, with two balls you can keep it up indefinitely
2. You may juggle legally with minors

And the Number One reason why juggling is better than sex:

1. Except for at IJA Festivals, you don't have to pay to juggle

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Joker is published seasonally (if you're lucky). We'll mail them if you send us \$7 payable to The Fooles Guild every June (that is, the beginning of the new king's reign). Anyone who sent in money at other times of the year is welcome to prorate when they re-subscribe.

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NINE DRAWN AND QUARTERED AT RENAISSANCE FAIR

RICHMOND, VA -Nine people were torn limb from limb and skewered with wooden stakes Saturday at the annual Richmond Renaissance Fair. Organizers boasted that the new "Drawn and Quartered" demonstration made this year's fair one of the most authentic and enjoyable ever.

"The skit where we publicly tortured and humiliated 'condemned heretics' gave us by far the most response we've ever gotten," actor Paul Michard said. In the skit, people were randomly selected from the audience, strung up on posts, and read official "charges." A dirt-encrusted dagger was then used to saw off vital parts of the condemned. One man's scrotum was cut off, causing his testicles to fall to the ground. Children in the audience delighted in a game of keep-away with the testicles while the victim watched.

"I loved it," said University of Virginia junior Steve Ohlemeyer, who attended the fair for the first time Saturday. "I got a turkey drumstick at Ye Olde Grille, threw stones at the Drench-a-Wench booth, and got to see a heretic force-fed his own kidney."

Said Richmond-area elementary school teacher Linda Rougas: "It was a lot of fun. They picked my husband out of the crowd, and he thought it was a real kick. When they

eviscerated him, he really got into it, screaming and begging for his life. So, of course, the kids and I did our part, too, yelling 'Heretic!' along with the rest of the crowd."

"I thought it was wonderful," said Herman Kline, who attended the fair with his wife and three children. "I enjoyed taunting the condemned, and my children enjoyed playing with the testicles."

When asked if he thought

this type of entertainment might be excessively violent, fair director Todd Burgher responded, "Well, perhaps, but it really brings in the crowd and gets them riled up. There were some protesters at first, whining that this is more medieval than renaissance, but this is historical nit-picking. Our beer sales went through the roof! You can bet we'll be doing it bigger and better next year."



You call that mowing the lawn?
Bad dog! No Biscuit!

SHAKESPEARE INSVLT KIT

Try it! It's fun!

Select one word from each column (begin with "Thou...")

Adjective

artless
bawdy
beslubbering
bootless
churlish
clouted
craven
currish
dankish
dissembling
droning
errant
fawning
fobbing
froward
frothy
gleeking
goatish
gorbellied
infectious
jarring
loggerheaded
lumpish
mammering
mangled
mewling
paunchy
puking
puny
quailing
rank
reeky
roguish
ruttish
saucy
spleeny
spongy
tottering
unmuzzled
vain
venomed
warped
wayward
weedy
yeasty

Double

base-court
bat-fowling
beef-witted
beetle-headed
boil-brained
clay-brained
common-kissing
crook-pated
dismal-dreaming
dizzy-eyed
dog-hearted
dread-bolted
earth-vexing
elf-skinned
fat-kidneyed
fen-sucked
flap-mouthed
fly-bitten
folly-fallen
full-gorged
guts-gripping
half-faced
hasty-witted
hedge-born
hell-hated
idle-headed
ill-breeding
knotty-pated
milk-livered
motley-minded
onion-eyed
plume-plucked
pottle-deep
pox-marked
reeling-ripe
rough-hewn
rude-growing
shard-born
sheep-biting
spur-galled
swag-bellied
tickle-brained
toad-spotted
unchin-snouted
weather-bitten

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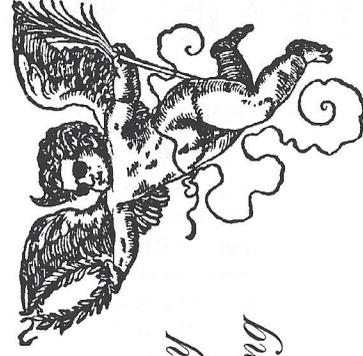
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dewberry
flap-dragon
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fustilarian
giglet
haggard
harpy
hedge-pig
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lout
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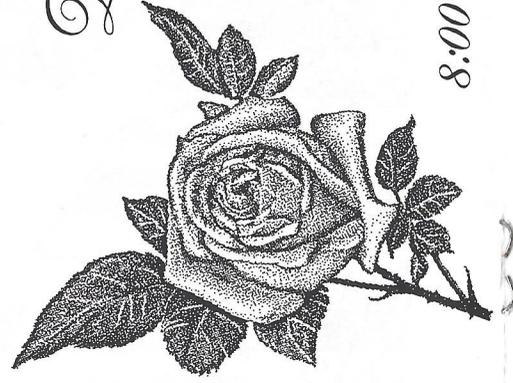
The Fooles Guild presents
the Annual Feast of Fools

It's The Event of the White Trash Social Season!

Darla Tiffany Amber Crystal Bambi

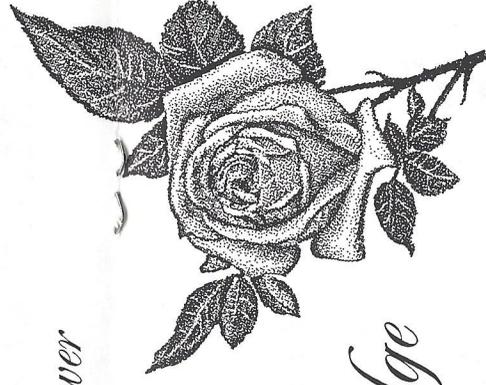


*invites you to witness
her being joined in bogus matrimony
with that no-account good-for-nothing*



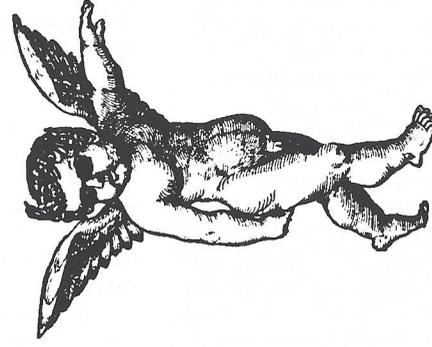
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Gilbert & Sullivan's Lost Operetta "XENA, WARRIOR PRINCESS"

Sung to the tune of... well, it's obvious, isn't it?

(SCENE: The infamous Pirates of Pergamum have just seized a bevy of beautiful Mytilenean maidens, and are attempting to carry them off for matrimonial purposes. Enter Gabrielle.)

Gabrielle

Hold, scoundrels! Ere ye practice acts of villainy
Upon the peaceful and agrarian,
Just bear in mind, these maidens of My-TIL-ene¹
Are guarded by a buff barbarian!

Pirates

We'd better all rethink our cunning plan;
They're guarded by a buff barbarian.

Maidens

Yes, yes, she is a buff barbarian.

(Xena leaps in from the wings, with a tremendous war cry, does a mid-air somersault, and lands on her feet on the Pirate King's chest.)

Xena

Yes, yes, I am a buff barbarian!
I am the very model of a heroine barbarian;
Through Herculean efforts, I've become humanitarian.
I ride throughout the hinterland
at least that's what they call it in
Those sissy towns like Athens
(I, myself, am Amphipolitan).
I travel with a poet who is perky and parthenian²
And scribbles her hexameters in Linear Mycenian³
And many have attempted, by a host of methods mystical,
To tell if our relationship's sororal or sapphistical.

Chorus

To tell if their relationship's sororal or sapphistical!
To tell if their relationship's sororal or sapphistical!
To tell if their relationship's sororal or sapphisti-
phistical!

Xena

My armory is brazen, but my weapons are ironical;
My sword is rather phallic, but my chakram's rather yonical⁴
(To find out what that means, you'll have to study Indo-Aryan⁵).
I am the very model of a heroine barbarian!

Chorus

To find out what that means, we'll have to study Indo-Aryan
She is the very model of a heroine barbarian!

Xena

I wake up every morning, ere the dawn is rhododactylous⁶
(Who needs to wait for daylight? I just work by sensus tactilis⁷)
And ride into the sunrise to protect some local villagers
From mythologic monsters or from all-too-human pillagers.
I hurtle towards each villain with a recklessness ebullient
And cow him with my swordwork and my alalae ululient⁸;
He's frightened for his head,
because he knows I'm gonna whack it — he's
Aware that his opponent is the Basileia Makhetes!
(Music stops. She speaks.)
It's Greek! It means "Warrior Princess"!

Chorus

(now they understand)

Ah!

He knows that his opponent is the Basileia Makhetes!
He knows that his opponent is the Basileia Makhetes!
He knows that his opponent is the Basileia Makhe-makhetes!

Xena

Because I've got my armor, which is really rather silly, on
(It's cut so low I feel like I'm the topless tow'rs of Ilion,
And isn't any use against attackers sagittarian).
I am the very model of a heroine barbarian!

Chorus

It isn't any use against attackers sagittarian —
She is the very model of a heroine barbarian!

Xena

In short, when I can tell you how I break the laws of gravity,
And why my togs expose my intermammary concavity,
And why my comrade changed her dress
from one that fit more comfily
To one that shows her omphalos⁹
(as cute as that of Omphale¹⁰),
And why the tale of Spartacus appears in Homer's versicon¹¹,
(She holds up a tomato)
And where we found examples of the genus Lycopersicon¹²,
And why this Grecian scenery looks more like the Antipodes¹³,
You'll say I'm twice the heroine of any in Euripides!

Chorus

We'll say she's twice the heroine of any in Euripides!
We'll say she's twice the heroine of any in Euripides!
We'll say she's twice the heroine of any in Euripi-ripides!

Xena

But though the kinked chronology, confusing and chimerical
(It's often unhistorical, but rarely unhysterical),
Would give a massive heart attack to any antiquarian,
I am the very model of a heroine barbarian!

Chorus

'Twould give a massive heart attack to any antiquarian —
She is the very model of a heroine barbarian!

(Curtain.)

Notes for Know-It-Alls:

[1] a city on the isle of Lesbos, home of the poet Sappho.
Draw your own conclusions. "Mytilene" ought to have
the accent on the third syllable, but deal with it

[2] virginal

[3] Mycenaean is the ancient dialect of Greek which was
written in Linear B (a form of Greek writing that predates
the adoption of the alphabet)

[4] female counterpart to "phallic"

[5] language group consisting of Sanskrit and its close
relatives. Both "chakram" and "yonic" are of Sanskrit
derivation.

[6] rosy-fingered (according to Homer)

[7] Latin for "sense of touch"

[8] war-cries. The Greeks spelled a Xena-like war cry as
"alala" or "alale," and "ululient" is a coined term,
apparently meaning "characterized by ululation"

[9] belly-button

[10] legendary queen of Lydia. From context, we must
assume that she had a cute belly-button

[11] collection of verse

[12] the biological genus of the tomato, which was wholly
unknown in the Old World and therefore an even greater
anachronism than having Homer tell the tale of Spartacus

[13] Somewhere on the opposite side of the earth, e.g. New
Zealand

FOOLS' METRIC CONVERSION CHART

by Phil Proctor

1012 microphones	= 1 megaphone
106 bicycles	= 2 megacycles
2000 mockingbirds	= 2 kilomockingbirds
10 cards	= 1 decacards
.5 lavatory	= 1 demijohn
106 fish	= 1 microfiche
453.6 graham crackers	= 1 pound cake
1021 piccolos	= 1 gigolo
10 rations	= 1 decoration
10 millipedes	= 1 centipede
3.333 tridents	= 1 decadent
5 holocausts	= 1 pentacost
10 monologues	= 5 dialogues
2 monograms	= 1 diagram
8 nickels	= 2 paradigms
2 snake eyes	= 1 paradise
2 wharves	= 1 paradox



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Ye-hyar!

Patrick & Collie will host a

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Frederick Voyles

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CD SEQUEL FROM FOOLISH MUSICIAN

Yes it's true, Fooles! Carvin Knowles (this year's designer for *The Joker*) is back in the studio again with the "SEX-O-RAMA" team and a roomful of wah-wah pedals to produce a sequel to the controversial "SEX-O-RAMA: Music From Classic Adult Films," for Oglio Records.

Their first CD, featuring music from such classics as "Debbie Does Dallas" and "Deep Throat," was recalled from record shelves due to legal hang-ups. The new volume has been referred to as a "Tribute to '70s Cheese." Release is expected this May. Says Knowles: "It's pretty weird hearing your own work on 'Howard Stern' or 'SNL', just don't tell my mom."



"The first thing I'm gonna do is wipe that smile off your face!"

SLOGANS RUN!

The following were winners in a magazine contest in which contestants were to take a well-known expression in a foreign language, change a single letter, and provide a definition for the new expression.

HARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS?
Can you drive a French motorcycle?

EX POST FUCTO
Lost in the mail

COGITO EGGO SUM
I think; therefore I am a waffle

RIGOR MORRIS
The cat is dead

RESPONDEZ S'IL VOUS PLAID
Honk if you're Scottish

QUE SERA SERF
Life is feudal

LE ROI EST MORT. JIVE LE ROI
The king is dead. No kidding.

POSH MORTEM
Death styles of the rich and famous.

PRO BOZO PUBLICO
Support your local clown

MONAGE A TROIS
I am three years old

FELIX NAVIDAD
Our cat has a boat

HASTE CUISINE
Fast French food

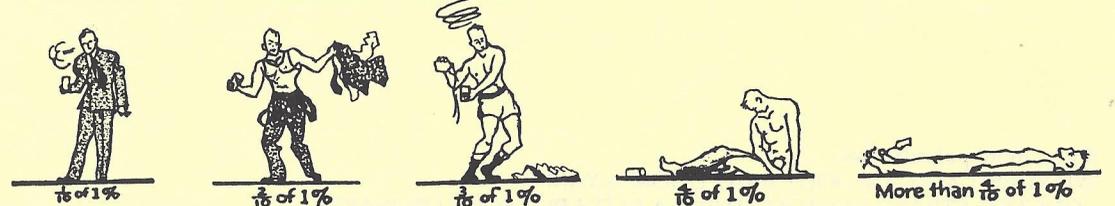
VENI, VIDI, VICE
I came, I saw, I partied

ALOHA OY
Love; greetings; farewell; from such a pain you should never know

VISA LA FRANCE
Don't leave your chateau without it

MERCI RIEN
Thanks for nothin'

BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT: THE FINAL CHAPTER



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