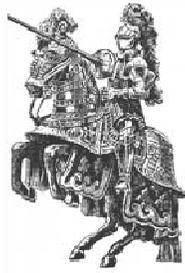


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THIS WEEK'S FEATURED TOPICS

WHAT IN THE NAME OF ODIN HAS HIT THIS PLACE?

Mellow greetings and salutations to our valued readers! By now, many of you have probably seen the transformation and liberal showers of paint that have been lavished upon this land by the new TRF management and many of NMV's fine vendors. Not saying the place was looking shabby before, but bloody hell! What a difference! Attention has even been paid to the long suffering denizens of New Market Village in the amazing form of, or should we say, the **reform** of, that icky toxic dump masquerading as the participant's privies (please note that if you are a prude, bring your own shower curtain). "Thanks" sounds almost like a lame response. We should be hearing heavenly choirs singing in the background or something.

Meanwhile, more changes than immediately meet the eye have been happening as well. Almost the entire staff and management of TRF was sacked right after the last day of last season. From the best of our observations, only King George (blessings and peace be upon him), Jeff "Mr. Entertainment" Baldwin and a couple of people asked back after the storm, are the only legacy alumni still on the bridge driving this boat. It would seem that the gods of management dropped the big one and the mushroom cloud is still rising. Hallelujah! This should be the best damned season in years.

2011 is here for fun and profit and we can't wait to feel the power. Make it so!

WHINY-SOUNDING EXCUSE, REDUX

Once again, we bring you overt evidence of our cheapness and inability to satisfy the needs of the many in order to satisfy the needs of the few (us). Last year, the printing and distribution of this fine publication became a real problem due to increased costs. Thus only this first edition will be provided in even limited quantities on parchment. Subsequent issues will only be available for download online at our website, <http://www.trfwtf.com>. **Go there. Print many copies. Bring these copies with you to distribute to the masses and you will be adored by all.** Not the least by...

-The Staff of TRF(WTF?)

FREE EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

We have overheard several people openly revealing their ignorance by asking what Kopi Luwak Coffee actually is. For the benefit of those who wisely kept silent about their disappointing lack of knowledge, we refer you to the internets. An exhaustive article describing this coffee can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kopi_Luwak and should answer most questions.

A brief summary is that Kopi Luwak is made from coffee cherries that have been eaten and shat out by a cat-like animal called a civet. The expelled remaining coffee beans, are collected, (hopefully) washed thoroughly, roasted, ground and brewed. It is the most expensive coffee in the world and we can only assume that there are actually enough people that want this stuff to continue to provide the demand side of the supply / demand market formula. Whatever. It is paying the bills over here, so we aren't looking too closely at any of it.

EDITORIAL OPINIONS ENCLOSED - YMMV

Those that have followed this publication from its humble, prepubescent beginnings to its current soaring heights of lunacy, know that we at TRF(WTF?) do not hand out unwarranted compliments and we certainly do not suffer fools gladly. Restating what has been said many times before, we will never engage in wholesale bashing of TRF. However, we will tell things as we see them. If you don't like what we say, or our opinions, you can "go get your own damned [newsletter]" (with apologies to Clark).

We would like to take an opportunity to reinforce an opinion presented last year regarding the new TRF General Manager, Terre Albert. We think this fellow has earned the honorific title "Sir" by virtue of deed and ethics, both of which have been demonstrated liberally through last season and during the off season. The contrast of his management style to that of King George (blessings and peace be upon him) is blinding in it's absolute totality. If you see Sir Albert, you should greet him as a respected leader and thank him for what he is doing for this faire. Too bad if you think that sounds slavishly obsequious. Up yours. It is our opinion and we stand by it.

IMAGES YOU CAN'T UN-SEE



Beware of the blinding reflection of sun from the pasty white skin of your own rotundity!

MAGNOLIA APPARENTLY LOVES TRF!

On April 13th of this year, TRF dropped an upbeat press release detailing a 3 year partnership to promote both the faire and Magnolia in some kind of fuzzy love-fest-sounding arrangement. Last weekend, TRF was invited to participate in a "Stroll Through the Renaissance Festival" (this is Texas, so shouldn't it have been a "Mosey"?). Anyway, this new coziness strikes us as rather odd, because the last time we checked, many folks in Magnolia didn't act exactly thrilled with TRF. The cops there hand out copious tickets for burned-out tag lights, bogus improper lane changes and driving .01 mph over the speed limit, among other minor infractions.

So here is our question: If Magnolia is suddenly all mushy in love with the faire and its participants, is local law enforcement going to stop deliberately targeting faire people? If they do, we will really feel the love.

TRF APPARENTLY LOVES EVERYBODY!

Have you noticed it hasn't rained much since about this time last year? Well it hasn't and the great outdoors is as dry as King George's occasional attempts at humor. All that lack of moisture has turned Texas into the biggest source of firewood in history. Unfortunately, that has resulted in the inevitable fires. As we mentioned in the preview edition last week, a lot of people are suffering and some have lost everything. TRF, along with a bunch of folks in Toon Town have been absolute champs when it comes to supporting the local community and emergency response crews. Huzzah to these folks!

Now it is your turn. Go find somebody that has been affected by these fires and offer them your support. That can be moral, material or financial. Pick one.

From champs to chimps (how is that for a clever segue?)... Apparently there are some no-shit MONKEYS running around the neighborhood as a result of the recent tri-county fire. If you see one (and after you have confirmed it is not a simian-endowed participant), do not approach. Call TRF management or security. They are experienced in dealing with a bunch of monkeys.

2010 ROCKSTAR NOMINATIONS

It is with humble apologies that we must reveal that several TRF RockStar nominations were received at trfwtf@yahoo.com too late to be included in the last issue of 2010. We would like to take the opportunity to present them now. These receive honorary mentions:

Received:

"I would like to nominate Peter Pan (Wes) as the rock star of the year!! Not only does he keep patrons entertained by his skimpy costume, he is also a great worker for Ashley Nostalgia. He is one of the Jesters who run around and entertain the patrons who never want to smile. It's a hard job getting yelled at by patrons and participants alike, while just doing what you're told to. We get a lot of shit, but if you ever want a picture, we're actually really nice and hard workers. It's tough work."

Received:

"First I wanted to thank you for including vendors in your 2010 TRF Rock Star Award nominating process. Having gone from cast to vending, I feel that we are totally out of any sort of limelight, no matter how hard we work at producing a good show for ourselves and for the festival as a whole. There are a lot of really fantastic vendors out there that really do everything they can to promote the festival, both on and off season and I'm thrilled to know them. *(We agree, -Editor)*

With that in mind, I'd like to nominate Rhonni DuBose of the Queen's Pantry. She works tirelessly to produce outstanding food at an affordable price. And thank GOD she produces the best coffee on site. It's kept me from killing a lot of people. She also cross promotes all year round for TRF and works closely with other vendors, like myself, to include them in any form of social media that we can all use to promote TRF and our businesses. She is an absolute doll and I cannot say enough good things about her and her business."

(Several following paragraphs of awe-inspiring bitching were redacted for this article, but are being saved for inclusion under a different label at a later time. - Editor)

Thanks to all for participating. Remember, we will have all new RockStar awards for 2011, so keep an eye out for any outstanding people you meet at TRF this year!

IN MEMORIAM

A fire at Scarborough Faire took the life of grounds-keeper Will Ross on Aug 22. You may remember Will was one of the "Pickle Guys". We have lost some friends this year. They will be missed, but remembered. Please keep them and their friends in your thoughts.

**HEY, WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED READING,
PASS THIS NEWSLETTER ON TO A FRIEND!**

See you next week!