



RJ Duke Rolls Out Another Winner

by Dr. Gonzo

The 32nd annual day of David G. Rose's birth-day will coincide with "RJ Duke's First and Maybe Last, Holiday: Roast the Rosemary".

Top Ten Things Most Likely to Happen at Rosie's House:

10. Oksie will show up with bollocks 'n tail and proceed to sleep on the hallway floor.
9. Everyone will be taller than Boudjouk.
8. A triathalon of sorts; Dominoes, Pool, and Spades: Tournament of the Stars.
7. RJ will pass out on a mattress without sheets or pillow, fully clothed, and full of Crown Royale (around 8:30pm).
6. Drix may need a ride back to Jamestown after first stopping in Grand Forks to get frozen pizza and dog biscuits.
5. Frenchy getting sloppy off Black Berry Brandy.
4. A request for Drawing Flies at full blast
3. A trio of Marsden's of all different shapes, sizes, and gender but the same genetically advantageous red hair.
2. RJ getting Rosie with the Wizzer(d) and breaking a couch.
1. Duane's Pizza, sausage with extra sauce for everyone in the house at 1AM and again at 1:45AM.

MOY?

by Dr. Gonzo

Quote of the week: Local California boy let slip a doozy of a line. According to sources it was out of his mouth before the old gray matter had time to Rolodex the repercussions. So, here it is, "My girlfriend bought me this skiing jacket to match my eyes" says MOY. The writers here at Art Khaos are too speechless to retort to this one. Consider this your Get Out of Jail Free card MOY.

Drix Tied In Knots

by Dr. Gonzo

A recent disclosure from once infamous Timothy J Driscoll reveals there are plans for marriage in his near future. He tells me the act is to take place somewhere in the UP (of Michigan in late June). Nice.

Artificial Khaos Serial Novelization

by Editor

We at Art Khaos Inc. have decided to try out a new column in the Newsletter entitled Serial Novelization. It will include excerpts from soon to be famous writers whom we have come in contact with over the years.

As you may have noticed the web site has a link entitled "Print", which will link you to the page containing works of fiction, etc. The page will continually be updated as time permits. If the link is broken this means the page hasn't been added yet. Be patient.

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Stu's Ten Second Review

by Stu

1. Listened to the Counting Crows at my lawyer's cabin this past August. I enjoyed it like I enjoy every Counting Crows album: a couple standout tracks and a whole lot of stuff that's not bad enough to put another CD in, but not good enough to put on a mix tape. They're our generation's Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.
2. My familiarity with the new U2 CD comes down to the new song, which just doesn't do it for me. I noticed that the bonus disc has "Salome" on it, which is the best unreleased song in their catalog that I'm aware of. Except for their Bulletboys cover.
3. Received the Camper Van Beethoven Box Set as an early Xmas present. If you like "Take the Skinheads Bowling," well, it's still the best song out of the 100 or so here. Not essential, but very entertaining. Key track: "ZZ Top Goes to Egypt," which actually sounds like the title.
4. Sopranos Season Finale: Carmela Soprano's meltdown goes in the Pantheon of great scenes (other members: Dennis Hopper on the Moors in True Romance, everything Russell Crowe does in The Insider, etc.). It should be released in theatres just so Edie Falco can get an Oscar nomination. She'd win in a friggin' walk.

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Serial Novelization

Risk Lily Spook by Bradley Kosel

The words, "Uncle Charlie's Dead by a nose" were the last words the Falcon wanted to cross his somewhat swollen eardrums. Too much booze always made his ears ache and the large amount of THC in his brain made the words echo with certain paranoia. The realization of the race's outcome had yet to sink in. The last chance to get back the 40 grand he had managed to blow in the last month just evaporated in a pool of horse sweat. He had no idea Uncle Charlie's Dead would demolish his horse in the last quarter from the finish. They would find him soon enough. He had spotted them earlier when he went to take a piss; those two big ugly goons in the horribly ugly rayon suits that always had the pit stains in them. Never saw two guys sweat so much. He lost track of them while he tried to focus on the race through the haze pirating his brain. The quick jolt on the back of his collar suddenly reminded him he forgot where the two palookas had gotten too. The one named Leroy spoke first. "Salutations, Falconi you little prick, we finally got your ass. You can make this easy or hard, either way we take you out of here. The boss is super pissed off and wants to know what the hell you did with his money." The Falcon was in no condition to get out of this and with nothing but a race ticket stub to show for his month long gambling binge he slowly made his way out the gates of the racetrack accompanied by the two goons. "Not the trunk again, I just got this suit." the Falcon said as they shove his limp body into the trunk of the Jaguar X-type sedan. The trunk closed as the stoned captive closed his eyes with an inexplicable grin. END...



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Big Pharma

by Dr. Gonzo

Recently, I had the chance to interview a local Seattle pharmacist that told me he was visited by the Washington Citizen Action looking for donations to stop the outrageous cost of prescription drugs. Since he was in the middle of watching the umpteenth episode of Steven Spielberg's Taken on SciFi , the checkbook was whipped out and the WCA coffers increased. They also asked to compose a letter to local politicians, which this pharmacist obliged. The following is the text from the letter. I provided this with his permission so in case someone comes knocking on your door on a Sunday night you can feel free to copy, paste, and print.

Dear Washington State Senators,

The current culture of pharmaceutical sales has gotten extremely out of hand. The argument that prescription drug prices are necessary to compensate the overwhelming need to supplement research and development is a fallacy. Currently most pharmaceutical companies spend a disproportionate amount of money on marketing which far outweighs the cost needed for research and development. The continued development of "me too" drugs is also an increasing problem. Variations of currently FDA approved drugs are flooding the market in order to extend patents on pharmaceutical cash cows. Often, newer and more expensive medications are used in place of proven generics. My grandmother currently has to drive to Canada monthly to find affordable prescription drugs. There is a movement now within the government to slow down and halt the process of buying inexpensive medications from other countries. The end result of higher drug cost for seniors may not be cost effective. Unaffordable medications will lead to poor adherence to potential life sustaining medications which in turn leads to hospitalization and increased medical costs. It seems ludicrous that someone would have to stop taking anti-hypertensive or anti-arrhythmic medications because they can no longer afford them. An entire social security check should not have to be used to purchase medications that could easily be sold at an affordable price. Patent laws need to be redefined and the development of affordable generic medications accelerated. There will be no respite from outlandish pricing on medications until some reasonable restrictions are placed on these gigantic pharmaceutical companies.

Happy Holidays

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