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LOVE IS A MANY SPLENDURED CRINGE

Here comes the nag, er bride: Once upon a time wedding guests were impressed for the night if the booze lasted longer than the speeches.

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One of Australia's richest women, Rebel Penfold-Russell, the heiress to the great plonk fortune, is to be married soon in what promises to be an amazing wedding.

The ceremony and the reception will apparently have a medieval theme with Penfold-Russell, an equine-lover who is marrying a film cameraman, ordering white steeds from which the drinks will be served.

Although a few dozen or so media will be permitted, the bride, who owns properties at Palm Beach, Potts Point and Bondi, has insisted that they must have accreditation to gain admittance to the nuptials. Exactly what form the media screening system will take remains unknown.

If that's not quite enough the costumes will be designed by Linda Jackson and the fabrics supplied by the British designer Zandra Rhodes. Music will be supplied by Warren Fahey, the owner of the Larrikin record label.

FINE TUNING

Well, glad you could join us, but on second thoughts . . . : When Don Willesee was invited by Melbourne radio personality John Jost to appear on his program yesterday he readily agreed.

Willesee (pictured) is the host of the Seven Network's latest television show, Australia's Most Wanted, which premieres tonight.

He was waiting on the line in Sydney when, literally seconds before he was to go to air, a startling discovery was made.

Jost suddenly realised that Australia's Most Wanted would appear against the national broadcaster's Melbourne version of the 7.30 Report - the show that has long been hosted by Jost.

The interview was quickly terminated despite an apparent offer by Willesee to note what a wonderful job Jost does when he hosts the 7.30 Report.

It appears that Willesee, at least in Jost's eyes, is definitely not one of Australia's most wanted, after all.

CULTURAL CRINGE

A case of the flagging interest: Legal eagle-cum-book budgee **Malcolm Turnbull**, the man who was dubbed the wild colonial boy by the British press after his celebrated Spycatcher court case antics, has become a director of an organisation dedicated to raising a new Australian flag.

Although an admirer of some of the policies of Margaret Thatcher, Turnbull, who has recently published his own version of the Spycatcher trial, is an avowed republican.

He joins his merchant banking partner, Nick Whitlam, architect John Andrews and broadcaster Brian White. It is not known if Whitlam's intra-office flag-waving inspired Turnbull to join the cause.

SPIN US ANOTHER ONE

With a tong in their hearts part two: The giant sausage sizzle organised by The Reels for lunchtime crowds at Martin Place (Today's People, November 15) to launch their latest album, Neighbors, turned decidedly soggy yesterday.

After the launch was abandoned because of the rain The Reels were left with the 5,000 sausages that they had initially intended to give away to the media and office workers.

Instead of throwing the sangers away, the band decided not only to donate them to the Sydney City Mission but, with the assistance of Mental As Anything member Greedy Smith, cooked them as well for the charity's needy -though sodden - clientele.

LIFESTYLES OF THE RICH AND FATUOUS

No takers for Cannes in summer? Anyone for Paris in the spring? A downtown cinema was the scene of an advertising agency presentation night recently.