Best Bet!

May the farce be with you

Swami Beyondananda

April 1 (T), 7:30 pm; Kohala Cultural Center, Hawi

tix: \$15 advance/\$20 door

info: 889-0564

April 2 (W), 7:30 pm; SPACE, Kehena

tix: \$10 advance/\$15 door

info: 889-0564

April 4 (F), 7 pm; Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort

tix: \$25 advance/\$30 door/\$200 for 10

info: 640-1639

Does America need a Supreme Court Jester? If so, there's a clear frontrunner: political satirist, mind-body-spirit humorist author, and metaphysical stand-up comedian Swami Beyondananda. The Swami visits Hawai'i Island to discuss (among other things) effective treatments for the twin scourges of Irony Deficiency and Truth Decay, and the ongoing symptoms of Mad Cowboy Disease.

The Swami (aka Steve Bhaerman), a California-based expolitical scientist who's been tickling the body politic for almost 20 years, is a creative descendent of political satirists Jonathan Swift, Mark Twain, Will Rogers, and especially Wesley "Scoop" Nisker.

What kind of mental jujitsu does it take for Vigil Aunties to defeat vigilantes?

Do citizens want to dance the a-BUNdance, or live in Scare City? Is it possible to put the "fun" back into "fundamental?"

Swami Beyondananda, of the driveyour-karma-curb-your-dogma school of politico-spiritual humor, faces the gravity of our time with a most effective weapon: levity. —Peter Serafin