

# Bunga-bunga parties

Is it too much of an hermeneutic leap to detect a connection in the proximity of the reviews of Martijn Icks' book on the Emperor Elagabalus, famous for "his sexual depravity and orgiastic rituals", and Maurizio Viroli's *The Liberty of Servants: Berlusconi's Italy?* (Books, 10 November.) Maybe both decadent emperors are not the best representatives of "Roman values"...

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