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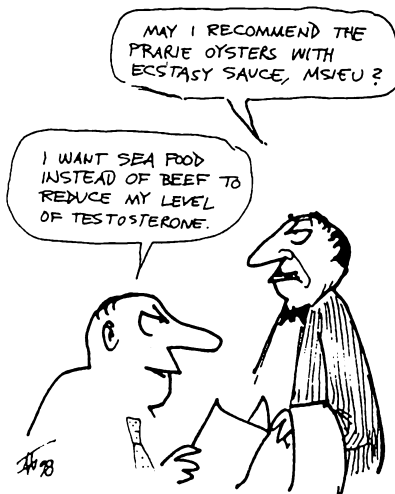
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As Editor, I do not usually publish all of a letter. Especially long ones



#### **Freedom of the press:**

Whoever owns the press owns the freedom.

---Arthur Lane Terego

#### **Freedom of speech:**

Everyone can speak; only the wealthy can make themselves heard.

---Arthur Lane Terego



#### The Nature of the Beast

### The Kid Shooters

Kip Kinkel, Oregon's home-grown kid shooter (the kid who shot and killed his parents before going to school and shooting up the cafeteria, killing two students in the process) is being used by the anti-gun crowd in the media and in the edu-establishment and liberal world to put another arrow into the second amendment of the Constitution and into the National Rifle Association.

"Ah," they moan piteously, "if only he hadn't had guns available he wouldn't have been able to kill so many people!"

It could as easily be said by Constitutionalists and conservatives, "Ah, if only he hadn't been doped up with Ritalin and Prozac he wouldn't have developed such bizarre thinking and behavior."

Clearly, in these kid-shooter cases, a very tiny minority of kids, already psychopathic and deranged (for whatever reasons, but likely brain malformations and misfunctions) go off the deep end and kill, usually using guns as the easiest and most spectacular way of making their marks on their Hated Enemies & Deniers of Love. They are copycat killers, having been instructed by society and the media (on a sub-conscious level) in the best ways to kill for greatest revenge and notoriety.

But the core revenge-kill impulses come from a warped Self and awareness of others as not-me, not human.

And that in turn usually springs from inborn flawed brain "wiring", wrong hormone mixes, and a feedback cycle of misbehavior causing ever more loss of self respect and love from others which causes more misbehavior...

These kids happen. They have always happened. In 50,000 BC, a Junior occasionally went berserk in the cave and bashed in the heads of his parents and others, if he could.

Or he used a sword and knife, or a bow and arrows...

We must come to admit that there are always going to be a tiny percent-

age of flawed copies of a certain kind among the flawed ones from the human DNA, among the babies born. [And even more dangerously politically incorrect, we will have to realize and accept that some people carry significantly damaged DNA or flawed wombs and should not make flawed babies.]

There is a rough natural selection process going on, of course.

Brain/mind damaged youths such as Kip Kinkel are very unlikely to be fathers of new generations of mind-twisted kids. In the past they were killed quickly by neighbors or by other cave/hut family members.

We cowardly "civilized" people put them in prison for the rest of their lives where they are likely to be raped by other inmates for years, murdered or commit suicide.

Compassion beats swift capital punishment every time, right? [Hey, Liberal 'compassion' wouldn't last two minutes if it didn't pay off in money, jobs and power.]

For there is the reality [never, ever stated]: these dangerous, mind-fucked kids have a social use: they provide the hungry media with headlines, ratings, jobs, and they provide the relevant govt. "services" opportunities to manage, self-aggrandize, propagandize, write reports, wring hands and provide grief therapy & counseling because, Clinton Knows, the common people cannot get through stress and grief by themselves! They must be helped---at ever-greater taxpayer expense.

How many of these 'professionals' are now sitting around, hoping, praying, for another cypocat kid-shooter to emerge?

#### Letter

*John Berry*

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5-31-98 'Many thanks for the last couple of GEISzines I have received, the contents of which have interested me considerably.

'For example, in the 48th issue, wherein you spent a great deal of space, quite rightly, concerning the TWA Flight 800 disaster, there is the theory that the plane was blasted from the skies by a Navy missile. I saw a programme on satellite tv a couple of nights ago whereby a Professor at MIT

put forward the amazing theory that Flight 800 was hit by a meteorite. He was quite firm with his diagnosis. His main thrust that there were no flanges on strikes, which, he says would have happened if a missile had struck Flight 800. Will we ever know?

**REG:** But how can he know there were or were not penetration flanges except by trusting the FBI and the NTSB to tell him the truth? Yet these govt. agencies, especially the FBI, have again demonstrated the types of evasions and lies associated with proven past cover-ups.

'Also, in the previous issue, you quote about UFO's...my observation regarding UFO's is that I am by no means convinced of an alien context, but I am bothered about the huge amounts of money the world's governments have spent on something which is presumably crap. Also, I have a book written by Nick Pope, *Open Skies Closed Minds*. What is important here is that Pope was the Ministry of Defence Civil Servant dealing directly with UFO's, mostly over Britain. I quote from page 234:

"It is certainly unusual for the Ministry of Defence's UFO desk to come out and say that some sightings are probably extraterrestrial in origin. It is not that I've gone mad, not that I've made a blind leap of faith, but that the conclusion I have drawn is the only one borne out by the evidence."

'Conversely, he believes in the Betty Cash story!

'He was also the Civil Servant directly responsible for having women as RAF pilots! He now holds the rank of Higher Executive Officer. His second book, which I haven't read yet, reports on alien contacts. He hasn't been castigated by the Government for telling of his belief in extraterrestrial UFO's...as the song used to blät, "What's it all about, Alfie?"

'Liked your book reviews, by the way.'

**REG:** Thanks. I think it's all about the human need for a power in the universe greater than our infantile selves (Mama, Papa!) and the inability any more by most of us to really believe in a Jehovah or Christian God. Aliens fit the need pretty well, both as projections of benevolent parents and as projections of the evil which bubbles in our hind brains.

I suspect that the Y2K Event will be something more than expected, projected from the human mass psyche.

I would even expect a credible,

high-tech fake alien landing or Incident, staged by human social-political elements unknown, for whatever motives. A new religion would be nice.

Keep your wits sharp, your eyes open and your powder dry.

#### Review

## WACO--- The Rules of Engagement

Fifth Estate Productions, 1997, \$24.95, video, running time 136 min. Available from Paladin Press, P.O. Box 1307, Boulder, CO 80306

I first watched PBS's Frontline hour: "*Waco: The Inside Story*", produced by Peter Boyer.

I found the Frontline program a shameless effort to whitewash the BATF and the FBI. I'll never trust Peter Boyer again.

Then I watched *WACO: The Rules of Engagement*, over two hours of new evidence and counter argument, often using some of the same BATF and FBI footage.

The accumulative reality revealed by this tape from interviews and BATF-taken video and subsequent under-oath congressional testimony is that of a shameful BATF operation organized and timed to reap maximum publicity for the BATF as a powerful, efficient, watchdog agency operating to keep a group of religious extremists with an illegal armory of weapons from attacking their peaceful neighbors.

All this a week before its yearly budget review by congress.

What the BATF and later the FBI did not let on to the media or to the public is that the Branch Davidian 'arsenal' of weapons was actually most likely an inventory. The Davidians had been buying and selling guns for a margin of profit at gun shows in Texas.

The circumstantial evidence is that the BATF, in full combat gear, with three helicopters, fired first, ran into unexpected and deadly resistance, and was humiliatingly defeated. Four dead and over two dozen wounded.

Enter the FBI and its bloodthirsty, revenge-minded warriors of the so-called Hostage Rescue Team. This "team" has tanks, full weaponry, helicopters, and they number in the

scores, maybe hundreds. They surrounded the Mt. Carmel site--a Branch Davidian farm-religious center--and set up sniper posts.

There quickly emerged a conflict between the "civilian" FBI negotiating team (who were located several miles away from the Branch Davidian center) and the HRT.

The HRT wanted to go in and get the stand-off ended---by force! They became very frustrated as the days melted away...

The FBI negotiating team were caught lying repeatedly to the Branch Davidians, as for instance in a tape recording when a Davidian spokesman on the phone with the FBI negotiator accused the BATF of having fired from the helicopters on the day of the initial showpiece assault. The FBI negotiator heatedly denied it...but finally admitted that maybe the BATF agents in the helicopters fired down through the roofs of the buildings. He lamely claimed that what he had meant in his earlier denials was that the helicopters hadn't had mounted machine guns or cannon.

That exchange makes your stomach turn.

So, too, does the exchange in which the Davidians complain on the phone to the negotiators about the all-night searchlights being directed to the windows of the buildings and the blasts of rock music and recordings of rabbits being killed directed their way from Hostage Rescue Team amplifiers and loudspeakers. The same psychological stress tactics used against Manuel Noriega in Panama during that U.S. Armed Forces seige of a Roman Catholic church. This time used against the dozens of children and women in the site.

The FBI negotiator didn't know it was happening!

As to the final assault with tanks and deadly military CS-2 gas, I'm convinced the intent really was to drive the Davidians out of the buildings before setting the fires. They certainly used loudspeakers to urge the Davidians out of the buildings.

It is very difficult to believe the FBI "suit" high command did intend to shoot and/or burn alive dozens of women and children and old people.

The government and the FBI could not believe these religious people *really* believed in God and an afterlife, and in what David Koresh was preaching. The authorities clearly felt that with their lives at stake the Davidians would escape. [With only their lives saved, and with the evidence destroyed, the

subsequent trials and lawsuits could be managed.]

But there is the matter of the FLIR video tapes taken of the final assault by an FBI helicopter. FLIR is an acronym for Forward Looking InfraRed. The experts whose testimony and detailed explanation of the slow-motioned FLIR tape footage in this documentary show the suspicious proximity of the FBI tanks (who were wrecking the buildings and injecting huge amounts of military CS-2 gas into the holed buildings) to the three occurrences of fires.

And the expert testimony and analysis pinpoints the positions and occurrences of the signature muzzle flashes of automatic weapons firing at the buildings, especially at the only exit area that could be used by the Davidians at that time.

This FLIR video, which registers relative heat instead of light, is damning against the FBI. Or against the rabid military arm of the FBI.

The explanation that the FLIR-recorded heat flashes were reflections of sunlight is almost surely bogus, since reflections of sunlight do not generate the intense registration of heat as do the heat flares of muzzle discharges.

Curious that the FBI (or the Justice Dept.) let the media have this FLIR video. There may be a very interesting story there.

And one of the key Davidian males did escape the conflagration at the last minute, and was helped, not killed by some of the surrounding FBI. His testimony in the documentary is used to damn the BATF and the FBI.

It should be noted, too, that the music used by the producers of this documentary during the horrible fire scenes contains instrumental scream sounds, to intensify the viewer's emotional trauma of knowing what is going on in the fire-choked buildings.

By the way, the 'Rules of Engagement' in the title of this video documentary refers to the admitted FBI rules of engagement followed in this Waco disaster: If an agent believes a fellow agent is in danger, he is allowed to shoot to kill.

It is interesting that neither PBS' Frontline "Waco: The Inside Story" nor WACO: The Rules of Engagement used the oft-shown-on-TV footage showing an FBI agent (probably an HRT member) in a heat-protection suit climbing down off a Davidian roof via a ladder--while the rest of the Mt. Carmel center is roaring with flames---and walking away, taking off his face-plated hood as he went. The FBI later asserted it had

had no plans for fire nor equipment for fighting fires. Yeah, sure. Fire suits are standard equipment for the Hostage Rescue Team.

The final bottom line is that the FBI and their superiors had to dispose of the Mt. Carmel site by burning it down...in order to destroy evidence of BATF and FBI felony crimes. They destroyed a crime scene---crushed and removed cars showing tell-tale bullet holes, took away and "lost" the tell-tale bullet-holed metal doors of the main building, collected all the bullets and other implicating material from the corpses and from the autopsies, "lost" key video and other evidence, and finally, with unseemly haste, bulldozed, trucked away, and buried the remains of the Davidian center after the final assault and conflagration. For even after that hellish fire, enough unburned siding and roofing remained to show incoming bullet holes and trajectories from above.

They always give themselves away by their behavior during and after the crime. By their cover-ups and destructions of evidence ye shall know them.

At the same time, I condemn David Koresh for using the kids and women as hostages for as long as he did, and for not getting the kids and women and oldsters out of there after the fires started. I can understand his need not to spend the rest of his life in prison, his Earthly mission destroyed, but to herd or order them into a concrete storage room where they were gassed to death by intense accumulations of CS-2 or asphyxiated by lack of oxygen or killed by inhaling superheated air or shot or stabbed to death in extremis...

What a sickening, stupid disaster.

Letter

## Buzz Dixon

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5-17-98 'I can't recall who currently publishes James Ellroy, but his first three or four books were published by Mysterious Press. Three of his first four books are all part of a linked story; while good, they're not as interesting as his later books (though many of his same themes are present in them).

'Four of his books he refers to as his "dark quartet," set in L.A. in the 1950s. These include L.A.

*Confidential*, which was made into the Academy Award nominated movie recently, *Hollywood Nocturne*, and *White Jazz*. I have not had a chance to read *L.A. Confidential* the book but the movie, I am told, "Hollywoodizes" the story and gives it somewhat of a happy ending.

Almost all his books are interrelated to one degree or another. Characters from the "dark quartet" also appear in one of his books about the Kennedy assassination in which the FBI, the CIA, the Teamsters, the Mafia, and a bunch of dope peddling Cuban nationalists chase each other around; I can't remember the title right now but if you like conspiracy theories you might enjoy it. His best book, at least in terms of revealing his own inner workings, is *Black Dahlia*, which starts as a pretty straight forward crime novel and winds up as some bizarre psycho-sexual crime fantasia. Ellroy apparently intended to write about the Dahlia case for some time since in one of his earliest books there are references to a character who investigated the Dahlia case who doesn't even get introduced to the series until several novels later.'

**REG:** I depend on *The X-Files* for my conspiracy fixes, mostly.

'It takes several hundred people to crew even a small U.S. Navy ship; all of those people have families. Do you really think a [TWA Flight 800] cover-up could last for more than a couple of hours before somebody leaked something somewhere?'

**REG:** No. The truth is out there being ignored by the media, the vaunted 'gatekeepers' who give us 'All the News Fit to Print'. For example, the 'news' of the U.S. govt. syphilis experiments on black men decades ago was known but not made "official" until recently. The 'news' of the war-triggering Vietnamese Tonkin Gulf fake attack on US Navy ships was known of course by Navy personnel and by civilians and news media in 1964, but kept quiet and not made quietly "official" until a few years ago.

And who can forget the stubborn denial (and cover-ups) by the government of Agent Orange's effects on veterans, and the slow, forced admissions (after a years-long cover-up) by the government in re the Gulf War Syndrome? It took the vets themselves to do the job the "watch-dog" media should have done. But the media

always tries to protect its establishment masters and owners as long as possible. And consider the sacred FBI, who have routinely, provably, lied to the public, to the media, to the courts, to their own boss the Attorney General, and to Congress! How can anyone believe them now in re any major case with government responsibility and liability at stake?

'The front section of TWA 800 has been completed and assembled with the rest of the aircraft. It has been shown several times on television. As to shrapnel; I have flown in 747s many times and there's no way shrapnel from a single missile could have penetrated all the passengers, not even if the missile pierced the main cabin and exploded dead center in the aircraft. What is referred to as "shrapnel" is probably other debris from the explosion and subsequent wind buffeting and impact.'

**REG:** Ian Goddard refers to the small nose section in front of the pilot compartment, as never having been shown.

You make an obvious point that the "shrapnel" in every body could not have been in every case from a missile explosion. Probably most bodies were penetrated with bits of wing, body, superstructure, seat, etc. airplane metal.

But consider: **Why did the FBI collect and hide every piece of metal "shrapnel" the coroner found in every body?**

Because, I suspect, the FBI wanted to be absolutely sure to get every remaining tell-tale piece of the missile. The missile and its parts were most certainly made of different metals, grades, alloys, etc. than the metals and parts in the 747. The FBI no doubt collected most of the missile from the ocean floor, along with the 747 debris. [Hence the reports of the FBI spiriting away certain pieces of debris as Navy divers brought it up.] But there was the possibility of passenger penetration, so...

#### Letter

**ROBERT COULSON**

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6-18-98 **Vince Nowell:** God is supposed to be all-knowing. Are you saying that He couldn't foresee that religion would become a human institution? Or that human institutions

would corrupt His teachings? You can't have it both ways; either God made a mistake, or He couldn't know what His teachings would come to, and is therefore not omnipotent. Of course, I suppose that He could have been busy in another galaxy and failed to look closely enough at the future.'

**REG:** Why must God be omnipotent and omniscient? As an omniGod He is blamed for current injustices and tragedies, leaving His supporters with only the copout evasion, "God works in mysterious ways."

As a flawed God (after all, He made Man in His own Image) God could do as you suggest: "I was doing God's business in the Blerpsdet galaxy, far, far away." And His supporters could ask of complainers, "Whaddya expect? He's only got two hands!"

Of course a flawed God, little if any better than the best of us, provokes problems, such as "Why Him?!" and "Sheee-it, I could do a better job than He's doing!" Which engenders dissing all over the place...and discontent and rebellion.

Telling you, Buck, the God business is complicated as...as Heli!

#### Letter

**Algis Budrys**

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6-19-98 'Thank you for your continued production of "The Geis Letter." You are certainly a braver man than I, and a persistent cuss besides.

I would comment, but can find nothing to comment on. You continue to be one of my favorite curmudgeons (and the other is dead), and I hope you go on for a long time yet.'

**REG:** Thanks. Perhaps I should add to my name, 'Curmudgeon-at-large.'

#### Letter

**Alexis A. Gilliland**

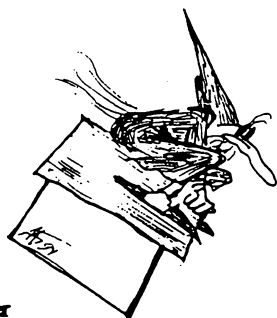
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6-18-98 'Thank you for TGL#49, which is nicely done as usual. Sorry to hear about your eye problems, and your reluctant withdrawal from reviewing; for the cognoscenti this

marks perhaps the end of our stfnal civilization, worse even than holding the Boston Worldcon in Orlando. (Well, the Millennium is coming, you gotta expect stuff like that.) As a courtesy, this is printed in 18-point CG Times for easy reading.'

**REG:** I appreciate the large type of your letter. And thanks muchly for the two cartoons you enclosed, one of which is on p.1, and below is one from your Christmas card.

MOON TO HIS BACK,  
THE WORLD WAR I  
FLYING ACE DIVES  
ON THE RED BARON!



Letter

**L.A. Rollins**

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6-18-98 'I've now read Mark Ludwig's book, *The Millenium* (sic) *Bug: Gateway to the Cashless Society?* and I see he has an answer to the question I raised in my previous letter (How could anyone create a cashless society if the Y2K problem is for real?).

'He predicts that Clinton will declare a national emergency and use his emergency powers to "draft" enough computer programmers to get the Y2K problem solved quickly.

'Nevertheless, I am still skeptical of the notion that the government will use the Y2K problem as a pretext for imposing a cashless society.

'So far I've seen no mass-media propaganda in favor of a cashless society, with the exception of a lone op-ed piece in *USA Today* several months ago, written by an anthropologist named Jack Wetherford. (I don't think he mentioned the Y2K problem.) None of the mass-media coverage of the Y2K problem that I've seen has said anything about a cashless society as a solution to the problem.

'Also, I wonder why the government recently went to the

trouble of re-designing its currency if it's planning to abolish currency in the near-future?

'And speaking of that new currency, I seem to recall that some years ago a number of "right wingers" were warning us of a nefarious plot to introduce new currencey.

'Well, now we've got new currency and it seems we've got a new plot, too --- a plot to abolish currency!

'Or could it be that the plot to introduce new currency was "really" just a part of the master plot to impose a cashless society? Is the introduction of the new currency a "cover-up" of the plot to abolish currency? Is it "really" just a fiendishly devious way to deceive dupes like me into doubting that the cashless society is just around the corner?

'As I said, I'm still skeptical about this latest nefarious plot.'

**REG:** The base fear behind the surfacing of these 'plots' is that the feds and/or 'International Money Power' ultimately want to enslave all those below their elite, and new (traceable) currency, the cashless society and ultimately the "bar code" ID imprinted or inserted in everyone are 'necessary control' stepstones toward that slavery end.

Central government power naturally always seeks to enhance itself and protect itself, and will embrace ways to do that, if possible. It's a cycle. Eventually the people rebel and seek a more liberty-oriented, self-reliant society. The process is messy and deadly. We're still on the slavery road. And may have to endure an ugly period of naked dictatorship before the final revolution.

Letter

**ROY TACKETT**

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6-28-98 'Only one thing need be said about your eye problems...at the age of 71 you are not getting old---you are old. I can say this with confidence because I am older than you. And have spent the last two plus years sitting in a wheelchair. But I sympathize with you. At least I can still read. If I couldn't I'd be ready to give it all up. Well, I'm ready to anyway.'

**REG:** I may give up updating my

physical condition for the readers; it brings too many stories of other old farts ready to pack it in, packing it in, or packed in. Geez!

'Roswell was so successful with their 50th anniversary celebration of the non-landing of a UFO last year that they've decided to do it again this year. More power to them, says I.'

**REG:** I'm waiting for them to dig up at the crash site a set of Alien Commandments for Mankind.

Letter

**HARRY WARNER**

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6-23-98 'Terry Jeeves might have added to his list of sadly obsolete stuff audio equipment that is designed to function with four-ohm speakers. Until about a dozen years ago, most quality amplifiers and receivers had a switch on the back that made them compatible with four-ohm and eight-ohm speaker systems.

'When I decided to buy a new receiver late last year, a tour of various dealers failed to turn up any salesman who knew of any manufacturer that catered to four-ohm speakers in this way.

'I finally found a model from Pioneer that has a switch for six-ohm or eight-ohm, and it seems to be getting along all right with my four-ohm AR-3s with the switch set at six-ohms.'

**REG:** Now, was that a cunning bit of planned obsolescence by the audio industry...or simple inadvertence?

Letter

**Joseph T. Major**

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6-19-98 'I always thought it ironic that Wicca, presented as the Authentic Faith of the Ancient Mother Goddess was founded by a man --- Gerald Gardiner --- using it to get women, based on the ideas of a man --- Aleister Crowley --- who used them to get women.'

**REG:** Now you've let the Secret Wisdom of Men out of the bag!...and

probably caused a run on Crowley's writings.

#### **LoC from L.A. Rollins in TGL #49:**

Martha Berry sent me an anecdote about a man holding a sign:  
**WILL WRITE COBOL FOR FOOD**

'When managers right-sized their IS departments, outplacing their COBOL programmers because the hot stuff was in C++ and Java (when I got started the hot stuff was in Pascal; the quest for the trendy never changes) they got big bonuses, stock options, etc. But while the programmers were out on the street the programs they had written were still being used.

'The [Y2K] problem dates back to the 80-column card. When input to computers was by the old Hollerith punch card (Herman Hollerith's company was one of the three merged to form the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Company, which soon became IBM) space was at a premium. Therefore it was economical to enter dates with two digits.

'Now we are getting to a transition. What will happen when the two digits are inadequate. Like the Danish woman who got a truancy notice, a letter asking why she was not in the first grade. At 105, she might be a little beyond that, but the two-digit field in the government records just rolled over at the century mark.

'So there is all this COBOL code out there with two-digit dates employed in various ways. Perhaps it is the fired programmers' revenge.'

**REG:** Why don't we just stop changing the COBOL and let everything go back to 1900 and enjoy that old time? No cars, jet planes, atomic bombs, TV... Especially no computers.

By the way, in *The Oregonian* today (7-2-98) there is an article-story about the Y2K Problem and the CEO participants in a computer gathering mentioned the '999' problem in some computer programs, in which 999 is a termination number and 9-9-99 or 1-9-99 becomes a trigger (or not?!) for more breakdowns. Hmmm, 1999 could be verrry interesting!

#### **Letter**

### **Jack Speer**

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6-20-98 'Sorry about your eyesight. The only comfort I can offer is the thought that if you had led a

wholesome life, you might not have deteriorated.'

**REG:** You may be right! When I think of all the porno I've viewed, and the five or six million words of sex fiction I've written, mostly on old manual typers... But most likely my eye problems of today are caused by my teen years of obsessive masturbation. My dad, when I was 10, did tell me I'd go blind.

#### **Letter**

### **Bill Bridget**

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6-25-98 'I found myself very interested in reading Henry Luk's *China Bride*, but haven't gotten the money together yet to invest in a copy. Gena Davis is currently pursuing the role of the evilee Queen Beryl for a non-animated version of *Sailor Moon* done by her own production company. She would make a wonderful Beth Connor. But by the time the movie was finished there would be the problem of being convincing as a "tall, big-breasted beautiful blonde American" middle-aged woman being accepted as the fiancee of the son of a Hong Kong house with a high door.'

**REG:** I see Demi Moore in the role; as a blonde, with her build and feminist acting capabilities, she'd carry it off well.

'Speaking of Hong Kong, Chris Walton wrote last week that he would be doing some tests on food colors as inkjet refills. He was a little surprised when my newsletter arrived, or I should say impressed. But he wondered why the printed pages tended to be green instead of black, and I sent back a message to him about the \$200 canon printer; Canon uses three colors of inks...magenta, cyan, and yellow. But when I refill the cartridge I use regular food coloring right off the shelves of the all night grocery store down the road, which is red/blue/yellow.

'So, the set up program for the printer requires a hacker to write a patch that will allow the inkjet cartridge to increase or decrease the amounts of red or blue and the yellow in order to compensate for a change away from the preset factory values of Canon's own \$30.00 vegetable dye inks to someone else's cheaper inks. 'The same for Hewlett-Packard or

Epsom (I was a pressman too long to be fooled about process colors and different inks in offset work, plus I did color separation at Olan Mills for twelve years as the operator of a Hell Chromatograph.

'Anyway, HewlettPackard wouldn't have been suing other ink suppliers to suppress the refill technology if they weren't hiding something and very scared for their profit margins. Plus, now outfits like IBM and XEROX are suing Hewlett-Packard to get a piece of the Asian profits for themselves, as they claim HewlettPackard infringed on their patents when they built the HPinkjet cartridges.'

**REG:** Your tips on refilling inkjet cartridges for very little are likely to become more and more valuable.

Umm, can I use some kind of black vegetable dye in my Lexmark cartridge (which fits this Brother WhisperWriter's inkjet printer?)

This takes me back to the days of re-inking the fabric ribbons of the old manual typewriters.

#### **Letter**

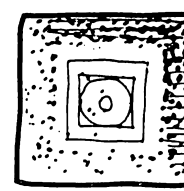
### **GEORGE FLYNN**

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6-29-98 'Re Darrell's letter: Absalom was David's son, not Solomon's. Tsk. The Bible's Book of Joshua does read like a chronicle of genocide, but one wonders how accurate that is. As I understand it, the archeological evidence suggests that there was a lot more assimilation than slaughter. I suspect that the authors, who weren't governed by modern sensibilities, decided that it'd be prudent to make their people sound as fierce as possible.

'Joseph Major wonders why none of the Nebula winners was nominated for the Hugo. Mostly because, by the vagaries of the Nebula nomination system, the short fiction winners were all published in 1996 and were thus ineligible for the Hugo. (And one of them, "*Abandon in Place*," was a Hugo nominee last year.)'

**REG:** Okay, thanks for the corrections, background...and the email letter.



Cons/HZ

# Books Received

Some reviewed, others listed and described...and sometimes unfairly dealt with.

## CAT ON A HYACINTH HUNT

By Carole Nelson Douglas

Forge Books, \$23.95, 1998, Hardcover  
Mystery novel, ISBN: 0-312-86634-8.

A Midnight Louie novel, Louie being a big black cat who contrives to solve murder mysteries with some help from his woman owner.

Well, why not?

There doesn't seem to be any rationale for the cat's intelligence or ability to reach the printed page---as did humorist Don Marquis's archy (the poetic cockroach) and the manual typewriter which he (the cockroach) operated by leaping off the carriage to hit a key with his head.

So we must classify the Louie Mysteries as cute fantasies...which many, many people love.

## MIND KILL

By Richard La Plante

Forge Books, \$23.95, 1998, Hardcover  
[modern psi-horror] novel, 320 p., ISBN: 0-86005-2.

Religious fanatic killer stalks and kills from prison via disciplined dream power. But one intended victim fights back...

## ICEHENGE

By Kim Stanley Robinson

Tor Books [Orb Edition], \$13.95, 1998, Trade Paperback, 288 p., ISBN: 0-312-86009-7.

'On the North Pole of Pluto there stands an enigma: a giant's dance of ice frozen harder than stone, more impenetrable than steel. Built on the pattern of Earth's Stonehenge, each slab towers two hundred feet above the crater-packed surface. The slab in the center bears an inscription in Sanskrit.

'The first mission to Pluto finds it there already waiting for them, standing alone at the farthest reach of the Solar System.'

Quite a set-up. This novel, partly made up of previously published magazine pieces, was originally published in 1984. Told in multiple points of view.

## HEARTFIRE

By Orson Scott Card

Tor Books, \$24.95, 1998, Hardcover fantasy novel, 304 p., ISBN: 0-312-85054-9.

This is the fifth novel in Scott's alternate-Earth Alvin Maker saga. This America (with maps) is a frontier

civilization in which magic works in the forms of spells, hexes, charms, potions, etc., and Alvin Maker, seventh son of a seventh son, is key to the future of this Earth and must again defeat his ancient enemy, the Unmaker, whose plots and perils have threatened Alvin's life at every turn.

I classify this series as disciplined, detailed, coherent, rationalized fantasy. Grant the magic-works-in-this-world premise as speculative science and this becomes science fiction.

## ACCIDENTAL CREATURES

By Anne Harris

Tor Books, \$23.95, 284 p., 1998, Hardcover  
near-future SF, ISBN: 0-312-86538-4.

Giant bio-tech corporation GeneSys must deal with the subtly mutated daughter of its chief scientist. Helix is drawn to the wild crew of mutated vat divers who harvest for GeneSys in the toxic growth medium used to grow biopolymers.

## Review

### A WEALTH OF FABLE

By Harry Warner, Jr.

An Informal History of Science Fiction Fandom in the 1950s

SCIFI Press, P.O. Box 8442, Van Nuys, CA 91409. \$25.00, 456 p., Hardcover non-fiction, ISBN: 0-9633099-0-0.

Available from VERIP Books, 15931 Kalisher St., Granada Hills, CA 91344-3951.

For me this is a time travel, a series of dips into my past which is now a separate world gone by, a strange world, a unique world I'm very happy to have inhabited.

Thank Ghod Harry Warner was around to apply his talents and character to the task of witnessing, recording, and analyzing sf fandom of that era.

I have no quibble with anything he has written about me and my zines of that time. I would, in fact, trust him more than my own memory. In fact, if I want to brush up on my own fannish past, I'll consult Harry!

*A Wealth of Fable* is a marvel of detail and perspective, of events, names, photos, and fanzines, controversies and feuds.

*A Wealth of Fable* is a unique and important accomplishment and reference in the history of science fiction, and in the history of the United States, actually. Well-written, well-made, on high-quality long-lasting paper, this book will outlast us all. I'm sure every large city and university library will have to acquire a copy, sooner or later.

For example, where else can researchers of the future go for info on

the early years of sf fans-turned-pro such as Ackerman, Bloch, Pohl, Bradbury, Ellison...etc., etc., etc.?

For many in sf and fantasy, this book [and Harry's previous history of 1940s fandom, *All Our Yesterdays*] is a must-have!

## THE YEAR'S BEST SCIENCE

FICTION - Fifteenth Annual Collection

Edited by Gardner Dozois

St. Martin's Griffin, \$17.95, over 650 p., 1998, Trade paperback, ISBN: 0-312-19033-6.

The year is 1997, of course, and if there is one sf book you must buy...this is it.

Gardner Dozois is a master of his craft, with an encyclopedic knowledge of current and past sf, and his Summation of 1997 (magazine, novels, TV, movies, special interest publishing) is masterful.

His choices for the year's best short fiction come to 28 stories, led off by Robert Silverberg's *Beauty in the Night*, and ended with *A Cold, Dry Cradle* by Gregory Benford and Elizabeth Malartre.

## Letter

DARRELL SCHWEITZER

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6-25-98 'You must be aware that your constant predictions of the collapse of the economy and the coming depression have been a continuous source of amusement to many of your readers for, well, decades now. They are particularly unconvincing now in prosperous times. In your current issue you're predicting that the Depression will be manifest by 1999. This time next year, you will have to push that back to at least 2000.'

REG: Laugh while you can, Darrell; this time you're laughing at me while falling past my window on the tenth floor. So far, so good, eh?

My defense is that I'm constantly learning more and more about the world economy, and am now seeing events and forces in a more clear perspective. I have been wrong. But **this** time... And, too, I must admit that after having lived through the first Great Depression, I want to live through (or well into) the Second Great Depression. And, on my deathbed have the last, most satisfying, laugh.

'What is particularly off-target in

the current issue is your suggestion that socialism will make a comeback after the demise of capitalism. No. Socialism (and its more overt form, Communism) is dead. It is a failure. Those countries which were avowedly socialist in the past are extremely, visibly, undernourished much less well off than the capitalist countries. The most obvious contrast is the two Koreas. South Korea is a major economic power. North Korea is in such a state that when a peasant dies of starvation, it's necessary to keep the corpse indoors for a couple days until it spoils, lest the neighbors dig it out of its fresh grave and eat it. To my knowledge, North Korea produces nothing of value which may be traded on the international market, while South Korea is rich. (Even if there have been recent downturns in Asian economies, they're still rich.) Economic refugees flee from North Korea INTO "Red" China. This may be the first time ever that a supposedly Communist country has had to guard its borders to keep people from trying to get IN. But then, China is really capitalist these days, and prospering as a result. Communism is dead there, no more than a generation after Mao.

'Elsewhere, the ex-socialist countries are desperately trying to repair their crippled economies and become capitalist as quickly as possible in order to compete and survive.

'There's no going back. Historians will mark the end of the 20th Century as the time of the total triumph of Capitalism, something as definitive as the triumph of Christianity by the end of the 4th Century.

'I wouldn't be so smug about this as to say that Capitalism is the last word in social-economic evolution, but it is where the future lies. Whatever replaces Capitalism will descend from it, not from the extinct Socialism/Communism. It would have been absurd for a Roman to say that the Roman Empire was the last word in political evolution and would go on forever. But a perceptive Roman COULD have said that future civilizations would be descended from Rome, not from Carthage.

'Incidentally, I would question your claim that Capitalism is inherently intertwined with Christianity. Capitalism seems to be doing just fine in countries which have actively rejected Christianity, such as Japan and China.'

**REG:** My thought is that there is in the human psyche two poles of economics: selfishness and idealistic selflessness, which translate into pure Capitalism and pure Socialism. Humans always work out a mixture of the two.

In the United States Capitalism is linked to Christianity and male domination, while Socialism is linked to mothering, Liberalism and "Godless Communism."

I tend to think that after the 'fall' of "selfish & merciless [corporate] Capitalism" soon, a shift "left" to a mixture more socialistic and feminine, perhaps under a religious facade, will be what we [Americans] settle for.

The current collapse of Socialism will be quickly forgotten in the chaos and stress of mass unemployment, near-starvations and wholesale losses of homes and farms and small businesses. People will insist on cooperation, rationing, work for the group, and a tough moral code---to keep themselves and others alive and sheltered.

I can even envision a natural growth of tribal 'families' who feed, help, shelter themselves; without a tribal affiliation, you're in deep shit!

But most of this revolutionary-evolutionary social-economic change will take...what, a hundred years? At least fifty. The old order dies hard and often bloodily.

### **The Nature of the Beast**

He's writing economic analysis again!

## **RUN FOR YOUR LIVES**

As I see the world (but particularly the United States), the past 60 years has seen a series of Crises of Capitalism, wherein the only way to keep the system from imploding was to inflate the money supply One More Time. And convince the people it's okay to spend all their money and to borrow money and go ever deeper into debt, as an individual, as a city, as a county, as a state, as a country.

I can remember when there were no credit cards, and when you had to have a 25% down payment on a new car---and were allowed only 24 months to pay the balance.

The debt expansion cycle end was probably reached (unnoticed) when the national yearly deficit rate-of-increase was ended and forced into decline.

Subtly at first, then more explicitly, money tightened in 'underground' ways in the financial superstructure, and "inflation" receded...and a few years

ago Japan experienced its stock market crash and beginning debt implosion. Now all of Asia is sinking ever deeper into outright depression as its interlocked debt bubble collapses.

There is never enough money, never enough 'liquidity' now to pay off loans or even pay interest...to keep the debt system from collapse.

[Every debt is an asset to others! Consider that the five top U.S. Banks have over \$150 Billion in Asian 'assets'-Loans! And consider that every bit of killed wealth (unpaid loans) takes with it at least twelve times that in backing for other loans...and so on. That is the multiplying power of fractional reserve banking, and that also is its fatal flaw. Worldwide deflation is setting in---the shrinkage of debt denominated assets---'derivatives'---and thus the worldwide diminishment of buying, building, new production, new employment, profits, etc...]

The World Bank, the IMF, the US Treasury efforts to force banking reorganizations in Asia and Russia are only buying a little time, in their efforts to keep the debt structure alive---to save those huge American-British-European Asian loan portfolios---while also keeping the billions of native and naive victims quiet with false hope.

Our turn will be next. We've been kidding ourselves as we've benefited from the flight of fearful capital from Japan and Asia and Russia and parts of South America. But that will end soon as the capital flight runs dry and as our corporations find they cannot sell machines and farm produce to anyone overseas anymore, and their products pile up and their profits decay and their factories must close and their stocks crash...

Already inventories are mounting and the first ripples of layoffs are being announced... Plus [7-1-98] the Federal Reserve is warning banks to stop making so many ill-advised, risky loans (which is also to say, cut back on creating so much excess, stimulative money) in their lust for profits.

Add the Y2K disaster to the world (where Asians cannot now afford to fix the problem in most of their old computers) and you see the oncoming magnitude of the disaster.

Well, that's enough fun for now. Heh-heh-heh... ■■■

