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DAN GOODMAN - I learned to like my mother several years before she died--for which I am grateful. It was a novel experience, being friends with her, and I'm glad it happened. She was raised in the Great Authoritarian tradition, which was a pity, since she was naturally a very affectionate person, and the two sides of her personality, the "natural"--and the "imposed" were constantly warring one with the other.

LEE GOLD - The main problem with my youngest, Jerry, was/is that he's a natural-born tourist. Some years ago, we were all going through the Farmers Market, taking turns pushing my mother in her wheelchair, when we suddenly found that Jerry had disappeared. I had a picture of him with me, which we gave to the man at the Farmers Market who helps to locate lost children. He said it was a good thing, since when he found Jerry, he was just strolling around looking at everything--not a bit worried.

One thing that I have tried to do for my children is to be as truthful as possible. This has caused momentary problems, but all-in-all I hope it has worked out for the best. When I look around and see all the unnecessary misery that has been caused by people lying to each other, I get SO mad!

It hadn't occurred to me until I read yourzine that Rick Sneary is a BNF. Rick has been a Good Friend for so long that it never occurred to me to fasten any titles on him. But, I suppose that anyone who is Fan GoH is indeed a BNF, so I can't argue.

FRED PATTEN - As we now know, San Diego put in a last-minute bid for Westercon 25. For the interest of posterity, there were 19 members on the San Diego committee and they received 19 votes. Long Beach received 72, which seems weirdly appropriate, somehow. The San Diego bid could serve as a textbook for How Not To Put On A Bid--they didn't even have a hotel. Further, when someone brought up the Stardust affaire, they first promised faithfully not to have the Stardust again, then remarked that the Stardust has a bad reputation--even among San Diego hotels. Oi.

VANESSA - There's nothing wrong with a new "faucet" of your being if you remember not to leave it running when you're not using it.

Both Terry and Bill Welden ARE hoaxes--according to George Barr, NOBODY is that tall. (And if Bill and Terry want to tower over me, tell them to go ahead, but they won't be able to do as much of it as they're accustomed to.)

DREW SANDERS - No, we don't have a Pogomobile. We have the Moon, which we (usually) keep on top of the bookcase, except when it gets blown off by the fan.

CRAIG MILLER - There is, indeed, nothing as beautiful as a red-copper full moon. We had one before us as we were driving toward the Grand Canyon last October, and it was a real disappointment when it rose higher in the sky and lost not only the coppery color, but also most of its (apparent) size.

DAN GOODMAN - My ex, Eph Konigsberg, and Ed Clinton were once working on a sort-of-opera based on the Laws of ~~R~~ Motion. As I recall it, one of the arias went: "Boulders at rest/Tend to remain/Firmly embedded/In the terrain..."

ALAN FOSTER - Clean your typewriter keys.

PAJ - You live in a random house only 6" thick? How long is it?

GREG CHALFIN - Vacuum?

DAN ALDERSON - It is interesting to note that in the picture of all the little folk supposedly having a good time, there isn't a smile to be seen. Various expressions of alarm and disgust is all. The fish declining to be pulled out through the hole in the ice is the one point of correspondence that I can see with Kelly's later work.