

THE INSIDER

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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ST LOUIS SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY WILL BE AT THE NORMAL TIME, BUT A NEW LOCATION!! THE SOULARD COFFEE GARDEN CAFE, 910 GEYER AVE, 2nd Floor

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"Nothing says poor craftsmanship like wrinkled duct tape!!"

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 1 *Beth Bancroft**
Chocolate Awareness Month Begins
 Elaine Schultz
 Jim White & Cindy Payant - 37th Anniversary

Oct 4 Jackie Moore

Oct 5 Ben Moore

Oct 7 Corrine Emily Hubbard

Oct 8 Sigourney Weaver

Oct 9 Scott Bakula
 John Lennon
 Sarah Sumner
Columbus Day

Oct 12 Dan Stratmann
 Joan & Jim Knappenberger - 9th Anniversary
 Mark Teidemann
 Mary Sies

Oct 14 **53rd Anniversary of Chuck Yeager's Breaking the Sound Barrier**

Oct 15 Cindi Gille-Rowley & Mark Rowley - 12th Anniversary
National Grouch Day

Oct 16 Patti McCann

Oct 17 Don Skaife

Oct 18 Florence Achenbach
*Michelle Zellich**

Oct 19 Ron & Cindy Henley - 4th Anniversary

Oct 21 Carrie Fisher
*Sean Sendlein**

Oct 22 Christopher Lloyd
 Jeff Goldblum
 Jerry "Curly" Howard

Oct 23 "Weird Al" Yankovic

Oct 26 *Linda Zang**
World Fantasy Convention (Corpus Christi, TX) (thru 10/29)

Oct 27 John Cleese

Oct 29 John Donigan
Daylight Savings Time Ends - Fall Back

Oct 30 Marella Sands

Oct 31 **Halloween**
 Jeff & Stephanie Bergeran - 3rd Anniversary

Nov 1 *John Mitchell**

Nov 4 Christopher Tenney

Nov 5 Randy & Maureen Davis - 12th Anniversary

Nov 7 **Election Day**

Nov 8 Daryl Phillips

Nov 9 Carl Sagan

Nov 11 Don & Karen Skaife - 6th Anniversary
 Jim & Chere Belknap - 6th Anniversary
*Karen Skaife**
Veterans' Day

Nov 13 Cheryl Medley

Nov 14 Christopher Rowley

Nov 15 Mark Sumner

Nov 18 Alan Shepard
 Mickey Mouse

Nov 23 Wilson "Bob" Tucker
Thanksgiving

Nov 24 Forrest J. "4E" Ackerman

Nov 25 **Only 31 Shopping Days Left Till Christmas**
 Ricardo Montalban
Ramadan Begins

Dec 1 **World AIDS Day**

Dec 2 Rick Stoker

Dec 5 **27th Anniversary of the Pioneer 10 Jupiter Flyby**

Dec 7 **Pearl Harbor Day**

Dec 14 Rett MacPherson

Dec 17 **97th Anniversary of the Wright Brother's First Flight**

Dec 18 Steven Spielberg

Dec 21 C.J. Neifhoff
*Jeff Finazzo**
*John Brooks**
32nd Anniversary of the Apollo 8 Launch
Winter

Dec 22 **Chanukkah Begins**

Dec 23 Michael Cook

Dec 24 **Christmas Eve**
 David & Marisa Means - 4th Anniversary
32nd Anniversary of the Apollo 8 Moon Orbit

Dec 25 **Christmas**

Dec 26 *Bob Stoltman**
Boxing Day
Kwanzaa Begins

Dec 27 Kate Graf

Dec 29 Dan & Deb Stratmann - 10th Anniversary

Dec 31 **8pm, Annual New Year's Eve & Official Millennium Party (Chez Zellich)**
 New Year's Eve
Goodbye 20th Century! - Hello New Millennium!! (This time for sure!)

Tip for surviving a horror movie: As a general rule - Don't play with or solve puzzles that open portals to Hell.

MINUTES OF THE 20 AUGUST 2000 MEETING

The meeting was held at the new location. We will probably try it again in October. They were very accommodating. The food and coffee were really tasty, and there was plenty of good parking in a lot a half a block away and on the street. On the other hand you probably wouldn't know that because only "Bowb" Mattingly, Don Johnson, Rich, and myself showed up. We talked about politics, Archon programming, airports & airline scheduling, rental cars, and a few other things, but Bowb wasn't feeling good and left early, so the meeting was mostly just chit-chatting and chatting amongst the three of us left.

We did decide to hold the annual Christmas party (it's our turn again) at Chez Zellich (believe it or not it's not that far off). The next meeting will be at Archon on Sunday afternoon and the regular meeting will be held on the normal weekend. We'll also be going on our annual trip to Grant's Farm on the last weekend in October. We also want to do a wine trip, let me know if you want to attempt October (Hermann has Oktoberfest all month long) or go the first weekend in November. I expect to see a better turnout at (at least) one of these functions. (fuss, fuss, fuss, crab, crab)

SHE WHO WILL BE OBEYED'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to our sister club - The St Louis Animation Society - for celebrating 15 years of great animation, good food, and enduring friendships at their September 2000 meeting! If you haven't been to one of their meetings, you're welcome to join them either at Archon or at their regular meeting on the second Saturday of the month, 11am, at Maggie's Gourmet Sandwiches in Clayton (16 South Central, right across from the County Government building).

And speaking of Archon - I hope to see all of you there one way or the other. I know that most of you will be busy working the con, but there should be enough down time to stop and chat in the hallways or at parties. And - we will be having a meeting on Sunday afternoon, so stop by and see me (I'll be there.) We will be having our regular meeting on the third Sunday of October (the last official meeting of 2000), so I hope to see ALL of you there, too - and don't forget the annual trip to Grant's Farm on the last Saturday of October. We'll be letting you know when and where the Wine Trip is.



Have a great time at Archon. - Michelle

"Our two greatest problems are gravity and paperwork. We can lick gravity, but sometimes the paperwork is overwhelming." - Dr Werner von Braun

THEY CAME IN THE MAIL

Here is this month's listing of what came in the mail. All publications are kept on file and are available for reading. The ones listed below will be available at the next club meeting, or just let Michelle know which ones you are interested in and she will make arrangements to get them to you.

④ Emissions from Flotilla 13, Vol. 12, #6, 1209 Auber Dr, St Louis, MO 63011, published bimonthly & is a multimedia writer's & artists not for profit group. A large, enthusiastic, well-written fan newsletter with good artwork and fun to read (not all about Blake's 7). Contains poetry, art, short stories and reviews.

④ Instant Message #670, 671, 672, NESFA Inc., PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0203; published twice monthly by the New England Science Fiction Association.

④ Timebound, July/August 2000, Vol. XXIV, #6, KaCSFFS, c/o David Sooby, 12325 Pinehurst Dr, Kansas City, KS 66109; the monthly newsletter/fanzine of the Kansas City Science Fiction & Fantasy Society.

THE LONGER YOU WAIT FOR THE MAIL, THE LESS THERE IS IN IT.



"... space is for everyone, it's not just for the few people in science or math, or for a select group of astronauts. That's our frontier out there, and it's everybody's business to know about space." - Christa McAuliffe

TREASURER'S REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE -	
8 August 2000	\$387.38
INCOME:	
Renewals (2)	14.00
Total Income:	\$14.00
EXPENSES:	
Insider Postage	13.20
Total Expenses:	(\$13.20)
ENDING BALANCE -	
18 September 2000	\$388.18

RENEWALS: Michelle Zellich (8/11), Roger Zimpel (9/1)

NEED TO RENEW: Look for the **GREEN** mark on your newsletter!

EXPIRED: Look for the **RED** mark!

"Earth is too small a basket for mankind to keep all its eggs in." - Robert A. Heinlein

YEARLY CALENDAR:

- February = Election of Club Officers
- April = Kite Fly
- June = Zoo & Picnic
- August = Baseball Game
- October = Grant's Farm & Wine Trip
- December = Nominations for Club Officers & Christmas Party

"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the universe" - Albert Einstein

LOCs

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August 19, 2000

Michelle Zellich, 1738 San Martin Ct, Fenton, MO 63026-2304

Dear Michelle & Kay:

All those fascinating articles about St Louis' fan history were the obvious highlight for me in the August issue of The Insider. It was so good to find Donn Brazier's byline over a fanzine contribution again, although I'm uncertain if this is something he wrote a while back or a brand new contribution for you. (I think Donn holds the record for being the editor of the fanzine that is most often the subject of wistful comments in fanzines about how much the writer would like to see it resume publication.) Most of the information and anecdotes and personality profiles in these pages are either unknown to me or completely forgotten, so it was almost as if I were learning everything described there for the first time.

I hope eventually someone will reprint all the items you've been publishing about fans past in the St Louis area into a separate booklet that could go onto the shelves of fans along with other publications of permanent interest like the Fancyclopedias, Fanzine Index, and various other publications confined to the history of a particular city or area.

You had me worried on the first and second pages of this issue when you mentioned "losing" this or that member during the zoo expedition. I feared it was a euphemism. But I've since decided that it was used in the sense of strayed away, not eaten.

The note about discovery of another planet around a nearby star reactivated the frustrating feeling I get when I learn about new possibilities of life-supporting worlds which there is no hope of visiting even by unmanned probes during my life span. I think longingly of what I recently read about certain star clusters, where the average distance between suns is only one-half light-year. This means that some suns will exist even closer than that and travel between solar systems, while long and difficult, wouldn't be nearly as tedious as those in this part of the universe.

I hadn't heard about Brian Walker's remarkable plan to get out into space on a do-it-yourself basis. It sounds like a very dangerous project. But so were many of the early attempts at powered flight, some of which ended in death for the pioneer aviator, and if Walker should succeed, he might revolutionize space travel, proving it isn't impossible without backing of an entire nation.

Yrs., &c.,
Harry Warner, Jr.

[NOTE to Harry and everyone else who's been wondering - I will be publishing the entire "History of St Louis Fandom" in a single volume for those who would like a copy. I will let you know as soon as possible how to get one for your very own. - Michelle]

"Why should I care about posterity? What's posterity ever done for me?" - Groucho Marx

(There Are Too Many) OBITUARIES

George Karn died Sunday sitting at his table in West St Paul, pen in hand, drawing a caricature of himself. It was fitting for Karn, 72, to spend his last moments illustrating. He was best known for creating cereal icons for General Mills: the Trix rabbit, the Lucky Charms leprechaun, and Count Chocula.

His latest project was illustrating the "21st Century Kids" book series. Karn also drew for the books "The Littlest Goalie" and "The Flying Hockey Stick". Karn, who never retired from cartooning, designed two of the Snoopys that were exhibited in St Paul this summer, one at Como Zoo, the other in front of his longtime hangout, Mancini's Char House, 531 West Seventh Street. And today [9/15/00], an Irish wake will be held there in his memory from noon to 3pm.

Karn had polio as a child and doctors told him he would never walk again. Not only did he walk, but during his battle with the disease he began to draw. Karn grew up on St Paul's East Side, attended Humboldt High School and Hamline University. During the 1950s he taught art at South St Paul High School. He married and divorced three times. Keeping ties to South St Paul, Karn helped the city form a hockey league. A hockey lover, Karn skated semi-pro for a while. But his first love was cartoons. His daughter, Wendy Karn of St Louis Park, bought him a mutt several months ago. The dog ended up in a cartoon strip Karn was trying to sell. "He was an absolute character," Wendy said of her

father. "As children, we always wanted to play with his brain." When cereal boxes came to the Karn home, he passed them along to his three children. He rarely talked about his work. He just did it. Wendy Karn said her father was quiet, yet observant, and saw everything as if it were a cartoon. Ashley Beer, 16, wrote the text for the "21st Century Kids" books Karn illustrated. The two of them became good pals in the four years they know each other. "He was great. He was like a part of the family," Beer said. Karn attended her choir concerts and induction into the National Honor Society. Karn is survived by sons Toby, of Orlando, and Barry of Bloomington; two grandchildren, Kelly and Beau, of Orlando sister Mary Lou Vies, of West St Paul; and his first wife, the mother of his children, Mavis.

It is with great sadness (for those of us this remarkable woman left behind) to announce that **Nancy Tucker Shaw**, widow of Bob Shaw and well-known fan in her own right, passed through the Western Gate and into eternity at 8:15 am on Sunday, September 17, 2000.

Nancy Tucker Shaw, widow of renowned SF author Bob Shaw, was born Nancy Ellen Jung in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on September 20, 1928, the daughter of Charles Chester Jung and Gwen Drew. She is survived by her brother Chic Jung and his wife Carolyn, by her sons and daughters-in-law, Lawrence and Misti, Randolph and Lori, Steven and Wendy, and Michael and Susan Tucker, and by her grandchildren Nicholas, Tomas-Jason, Corineous, Christopher, Michael, Caitlyn, and William.

Nancy attended Laurence College in Appleton, Wisconsin and earned her PhD from the University of Michigan, where she later founded, organized, and ran the University's first audio-visual department. Nancy was an avid fan of Science Fiction and SF Fandom and was a founding member and long-time president of the Science Fiction Oral History society, she was an early 3-time chair of early ConFusions in SE Michigan, and was a well-known and beloved presence at conventions in the US and the British Isles. Nancy was also an accomplished artist, a musician and singer, an award winning Avon sales representative, a pilot, and an accomplished SCCA competitive (race car) driver. She served for many years as the secretary of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan where she computerized the office and published the weekly newsletter. Nancy had been a resident of SE Michigan since 1959. She had suffered a debilitating stroke in September of 1998 and had been very ill since that some time. Memorial arrangements are being made for later in the month through St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. We hope this will allow as many of her loved ones as would like to, to gather one more time in her honour. For more information contact Misti Anslin Tucker, manslin@earthlink.net or Larry Tucker at (734) 434-0599 or at 2523 Torrey Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI, 48108-1340, US

Sympathy cards, photographs, and memorial notes will be displayed in a scrapbook at Nancy's memorial where guests will be encouraged to write notes about their memories of Nancy. The scrapbook will then be presented to her sons and her grandchildren; we hope to have a large book for them. (please?)

EMOCs (Emails of Comment)

Nancy Hathaway <takki2takki@earthlink.net>
Subject: For the Insider

Hi Michelle, Remember a long time ago when you asked me to send you items for the Insider? Well I wrote this and I was not sure if I ever sent it. I wanted you to be able to use it first if you wanted. Then we can use it in the Dusk Petrol in September or October. Nancy

HELP ME!! MISTER POPEIL!! What is it with all these infomercials? Who writes and produces these things? When we moved into our new house we decided to get Primestar rather than go with the local cable service. I figured that since they had so many more channels there would almost always be something to watch. **WRONG!**

I am a late night person and sometimes there are 15 or more infomercials running at a time. From Suzanne Sommers trying to sell me an exercise/torture machine to George Foreman with his grill. Miracle substances that will make my fat just melt away even if I live on burgers, fries and cheesecake. Plans to make MILLIONS by doing absolutely nothing.

The weight loss products are really bad. There is one that causes fat to clump, thus your body can't absorb the fat. They subject you to endless demonstrations of oil floating in a glass. Then they add the MAGIC FAT CRAP and PRESTO! The fat clumps into these nasty wads and falls to the bottom of the glass. YUM! I think the secret of this product is that if you perform this demo before you eat you become so nauseated that your appetite vanishes for hours.

Or some of the handy kitchen gadgets. Don't these people have simple knives? I like the one that I will call THE PULVERIZER. This thing is supposed to take the place of several hundred kitchen aids and appliances. It looks like a jar with a hand crank. This extremely hyper man with a really odd accent is demonstrating this handy dandy thingee to a woman who ALWAYS looks like she is flabbergasted. She has the same look if the odd accent guy says "hello" or "MY ARSE JUST EXPLODED!" Next he puts a food product, say onions, in the gadget and turns the crank. "ISN'T THAT AMAZING!" he yells, "CHOPPED ONIONS JUST LIKE THAT!!!!!" The onions look like mashed potatoes. Next he puts carrots, cabbage, mayonnaise and whatever in THE PULVERIZER and turns the crank. "CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT?? SLAW IN JUST SECONDS!!!" The woman takes a bite of this stuff which look like...well...lets just say it does not look like slaw. The woman looks like she is eating ambrosia.

My all time favorite just may be the SPRAY ON HAIR. They have an audience of men and women with thinning hair. They ask for volunteers. Some guy doing the "Brush Over Maneuver" comes and sits in the CHAIR. First they fluff his hair with a brush. Then they spray some STUFF on his hair. Next they dust on the MAGIC HAIR POWDER, then spray more STUFF to keep it on. All you folks out there with thinning hair should rush out and buy a case of this STUFF. Just because before the STUFF you look like a normal human. After you will look like you have a used SOS pad on your head. It is better than being bald, right?

My final question is "Where does the money come from to pay for all of this junk???" Is there a secret government welfare agency that gives SSTVCC? (Supplemental Security TV Crap Cash.) So see what you

are all missing by going to bed at a normal hour?? I think it is time for everybody to stay up late and buy just ONE "Get Rich in 24 hours and never leave your house." You will be glad you did!

From DavidKlaus@webtv.net
Subject: Jerry Doyle is on my ballot!

Jerry Doyle, the actor best known for playing Security Chief Michael Garibaldi on Babylon 5, is now the only Republican candidate officially qualified to run for the U.S. Congressional seat now held by Rep. Brad Sherman (D-Sherman Oaks, CA). Rival Republican Irv Rubin, the founder of the controversial Jewish Defense League, was disqualified when he failed to muster enough valid signatures on his nominating petitions, Grace Chavez, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's office, told SCI FI Wire.

Doyle told SCI FI Wire that he is serious about his campaign in the suburban Los Angeles district. The 43-year-old Brooklyn, NY, native said he is running as a centrist to help reclaim the Republican Party from the radical right. "They put the face of right-wing extremism on the party, with guys like [former presidential candidate] Pat Buchanan," said Doyle, who has also worked as an aircraft salesman and a Wall Street broker.

Doyle added that he felt compelled to enter the race in order to mount a credible challenge to the Democratic incumbent. "My job is to get in there and get the Republicans to wake up, to get involved, to change the image of Republicans [in my district] and hopefully to take the seat."

Doyle said his decision to run for Congress came at the last minute, when the Republican Party's best hope for a candidate, former Doobie Brothers guitarist Jeff "Skunk" Baxter, bowed out. So far, Doyle said he has no formal platform, no campaign organization, no outside funding and no formal support from the state's Republican Party apparatus. He said he's willing to commit his own funds to the campaign.

Doyle recently returned to Los Angeles from Canada, where he acted in the independent movie Devious Beings. He said he's also open to future Babylon 5 projects, should they materialize. "We've heard rumblings about Warner Bros. wanting to bring the series back, or do a feature film," Doyle said. "But in this business, I'll take it when it comes, but don't plan on it if it doesn't."

Asked why anyone should take his campaign seriously, the neophyte politician answered, "I'm the only candidate with his own action figure."

The following is an excerpt from the July 1943 issue of *Transportation*. This was serious and written for male supervisors of women in the work force during World War II-a mere 54 years ago! For those of you with efficiency issues, pay attention to #8.

Eleven Tips on Getting More Efficiency Out of Women Employees:

There's no longer any question whether transit companies should hire women for jobs formerly held by men: The draft and manpower shortage has settled that point. The important things now are to select the most efficient women available and how to use them to the best advantage. Here are eleven helpful tips on the subject from Western Properties:

1. Pick young married women. They usually have more of a sense of responsibility than their unmarried sisters, they're less likely to be flirtatious,

they need the work or they wouldn't be doing it, they still have the pep and interest to work hard and to deal with the public efficiently.

2. When you have to use older women, try to get ones who have worked outside the home at some time in their lives. Older women who have never contacted the public have a hard time adapting themselves and are inclined to be cantankerous and fussy. It's always well to impress upon older women the importance of friendliness and courtesy.

3. General experience indicates that "husky" girls - those who are just a little on the heavy side - are more even-tempered and efficient than their underweight sisters.

4. Retain a physician to give each woman you hire a special physical examination - one covering female conditions. This step not only protects the property against the possibilities of lawsuit, but reveals whether the employee-to-be has any female weaknesses which would make her mentally or physically unfit for the job.

5. Stress at the outset the importance of time - the fact that a minute or two lost here and there makes serious inroads on schedules. Until this point is gotten across, service is likely to be slowed up.

6. Give the female employee a definite day-long schedule of duties so that they'll keep busy without bothering the management for instructions every few minutes. Numerous properties say that women make excellent workers when they have their jobs cut out for them, but that they lack initiative in finding work themselves.

7. Whenever possible, let the inside employee change from one job to another at some time during the day. Women are inclined to be less nervous and happier with change.

8. Give every girl an adequate number of rest periods during the day. You have to make some allowances for feminine psychology. A girl has more confidence and is more efficient if she can keep her hair tidied, apply fresh lipstick and wash her hands several times a day.

9. Be tactful when issuing instructions or in making criticisms. Women are often sensitive; they can't shrug off harsh words the way men do. Never ridicule a woman - it breaks her spirit and cuts off her efficiency.

10. Be reasonably considerate about using strong language around women. Even though a girl's husband or father may swear vociferously, she'll grow to dislike a place of business where she hears too much of this.

11. Get enough size variety in operator's uniforms so that each girl can have a proper fit. This point can't be stressed too much in keeping women happy.

From: Mbrought@www2.alpeng.com
Subject: Science Fiction Calendar Page

Help Mary fill in any blanks. <http://www.stlf/org/gateway/events.html>

From: earthmth@swbell.net
Subject: You are cordially invited to...

Emma V. Richard's opening night at Fontbonne College, An ALL THAT JAZZ Cabaret. Friday, 20 October, 7pm. Other performances are: 21 October, 1pm; 27 October, 8pm, 28 October, 8pm - Emma

Another entry from The Scout Report...sci-fi future tourism? Nope...today's reality. -Rich The Bureau of Atomic Tourism <http://www.atomictourist.com/>
This travel guide fills a very specific niche, offering travel information on "tourist locations around the world that have either been the site of atomic explosions, display exhibits on the development of atomic devices, or contain vehicles that were designed to deliver atomic weapons." These are divided into two categories: Atomic Museums and Sites of Atomic Explosions. Even

those not specifically planning an Atomo-centric getaway may find numerous items of interest. For instance, on reviewing the site, I discovered that Bikini Atoll is now considered one of the world's foremost dive destinations, with its ghost fleet of ships sunk in A- and H-Bomb tests. Descriptions of each location include an overview, what you'll see, public tours dates and times, and how to get there. Links to official and/or related sites are also provided.

"One thing vampire children are taught is, never run with a wooden stake." - Jack Handey

ITEMS SHAMELESSLY STOLEN FROM THE INTERNET

From Douglas Adams:

"In cases of major discrepancy it's always reality that's got it wrong...reality is frequently inaccurate."

"In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and been widely regarded as a bad move."

"It is a rare mind indeed that can render the hitherto nonexistent blindingly obvious. The cry "I could have thought of that" is a very popular and misleading one, for the fact is that they didn't, and a very significant and revealing fact it is too."

"It is a well-known fact that those people who must want to rule people are, ipso facto, those least suited to do it... anyone who is capable of getting themselves made President should on no account be allowed to do the job."

"Man [has] always assumed that he was more intelligent than dolphins because he had achieved so much—the wheel, New York, wars and so on—while all the dolphins had ever done was muck about in the water having a good time. But conversely, the dolphins had always believed that they were far more intelligent than man—for precisely the same reason."

"The major difference between a thing that might go wrong and a thing that cannot possibly go wrong is that when a thing that cannot possibly go wrong goes wrong it usually turns out to be impossible to get at and repair."

"The ships hung in the sky in much the same way that bricks don't."

"[His] study was a total mess, like the results of an explosion in a public library."

"There is a theory which states that if anyone discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable. There is another which states that this has already happened."

"A common mistake people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools."

"For a moment, nothing happened. Then, after a second or so, nothing continued to happen."

"He inched his way up the corridor as if he would rather be yarding his way down it..."

"He shifted his weight from foot to foot, but it was equally uncomfortable on each."

"Human beings, who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so."

"I don't believe it. Prove it to me and I still won't believe it."

"Time is an illusion. Lunchtime doubly so."

"You live and learn. At any rate, you live."

NEWEST SPACE SHUTTLE LAUNCHED IN IOWA: Although 30% larger than the existing shuttles, it flies at about 8mph - a tad slower than the current orbiters' nominal speed of 17,500mph - but it only needs 190 pounds of fuel. That's because it's a hot-air balloon. Standing 170 feet tall with a wingspan of 107 feet, the space-shuttle balloon made its first appearance at the National Balloon Classic in Indianola, Iowa, recently, as reported by Hotairballooning.com.

From Science Fiction Weekly - Chesley Awards Announced

The Association of Science Fiction and Fantasy Artists presented the Chesley Awards for works from 1999 at the World Science Fiction Convention in Chicago over Labor Day weekend. Named for astronomical artist Chesley Bonestell, the Chesleys were started in 1985 to recognize individual SF and fantasy art and achievements during the previous year. A full list of winners follows.

- Award for Contribution to ASFA - Wizards of the Coast**
- Best Monochrome Unpublished** - Rick Berry for *Artemis*
- Best Color Unpublished** - Stephen Hickman for *At the Entmoot*
- Best Three-Dimensional** - Johnna Klukas for *From the Astrologer's Anteroom*
- Best Art Director** - Ron Spears for *Wizards of the Coast*
- Best Interior Illustration** - James Gurney for *Dinotopia: First Flight*
- Best Cover Illustration, Magazine** - Bob Eggleton for *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction, August 1999*
- Best Gaming-Related Illustration** - Brom for *Warriors of Heaven/Guide to Hell*
- Best Product Illustration** - Richard Bober for *Cleopatra*
- Best Cover, Paperback** - John Jude Palencar for *Terrorists of Irustan*
- Best Cover, Hardback** - Michael Whelan for *Otherland: Mountain of Black Glass*
- Award for Artistic Achievement** - Stephen Hickman

1950 Home Economics

The following is from an actual 1950s Home Economics textbook intended for High School girls, teaching how to prepare for married life.

1. Have dinner ready: Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious meal - on time. This is a way of letting him know that you have been thinking about him, and are concerned about his needs. Most men are hungry when they come home and the prospects of a good meal are part of the warm welcome needed.
2. Prepare yourself: Take 15 minutes to rest so you will be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your make-up, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh looking. He has just been with a lot of work-weary people. Be a little gay and a little more interesting. His boring day may need a lift.
3. Clear away the clutter. Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives, gathering up school books, toys, paper, etc. Then run a dust cloth over the tables. Your husband will feel he has reached a haven of rest and order, and it will give you a lift, too.
4. Prepare the children: Take a few minutes to wash the children's hands and faces if they are small, comb their hair, and if necessary, change their clothes. They are little treasures and he would like to see them playing the part.
5. Minimize the noise: At the time of his arrival, eliminate all noise of washer, dryer, dishwasher, or vacuum. Try to encourage the children to be quiet. Be happy to see him. Greet him with a warm smile.
6. Some DON'TS: Don't greet him with problems or complaints. Don't complain if he's late for dinner. Count this as minor compared with what he might have gone through that day.

7. Make him comfortable: Have him lean back in a comfortable chair or suggest he lie down in the bedroom. Have a cool or warm drink ready for him. Arrange his pillow and offer to take off his shoes. Speak in a low, soft, soothing and pleasant voice. Allow him to relax and unwind.

8. Listen to him: You may have a dozen things to tell him, but the moment of his arrival is not the time. Let him talk first.

9. Make the evening his: Never complain if he does not take you out to dinner or to other places of entertainment; instead try to understand his world of strain and pressure and his need to be home and relax.

10. The Goal: try to make your home a place of peace and order where your husband can relax.

Now the updated version for the '90s woman.

1. Have dinner ready: Make reservations ahead of time. If your day becomes too hectic just leave him a voice mail message regarding where you'd like to eat and at what time. This lets him know that your day has been crappy and gives him an opportunity to change your mood.

2. Prepare yourself: A quick stop at the "LANCOME" counter on your way home will do wonders for your outlook and will keep you from becoming irritated every time he opens his mouth. (Don't forget to use his credit card!)

3. Clear away the clutter: Call the housekeeper and tell her that any miscellaneous items left on the floor by the children can be placed in the Goodwill box in the garage.

4. Prepare the children: Send the children to their rooms to watch television or play Nintendo video games. After all, both of them are from his previous marriages.

5. Minimize the noise: If you happen to be home when he arrives, be in the bathroom with the door locked.

6. Some DON'TS: Don't greet him with problems and complaints. Let him speak first, and then your complaints will get more attention and remain fresh in his mind throughout dinner. Don't complain if he's late for dinner; simply remind him that the leftovers are in the refrigerator and you left the dishes for him to do.

7. Make him comfortable: Tell him where he can find a blanket if he's cold. This will really show you care.

8. Listen to him: But don't ever let him get the last word.

9. Make the evening his: Never complain if he does not take you out to dinner or to other places of entertainment; go with a friend or go shopping (use his credit card).

10. The Goal: Try to keep things amicable without reminding him that he only thinks the world revolves around him. Obviously he's wrong, it revolves around you.

To: stlfandom@stlf.org

Subject: Information on Kramer

DragonCon Founder Arrested - LAWRENCEVILLE - The founder of a popular science-fiction/fantasy convention is being held without bond in the Gwinnett County Jail on child sexual abuse charges. 39-year-old Edward Eliot Kramer - who founded DragonCon - is scheduled to appear this afternoon in Gwinnett County Superior Court for a bond hearing. Kramer is charged with aggravated child molestation of a 13-year-old boy. The arrest warrant says the boy was sodomized in July. Last year's DragonCon convention in downtown Atlanta drew 40,000 people who are fans of "Star Wars", "Star Trek", comic books, and horror flicks. (Copyright 2000 by The Associated Press).

Your Friendly Horoooscope - By Tim Frayser

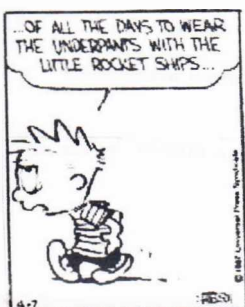
Aries (March 21 - April 19) - The voice of wisdom will speak to you from the mouth of a singing fish that hangs on your wall.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) - A friend will commit himself to completing a project you started. Sucker!

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) - That eighth-level demon perched on your car could spell changes for your weekend travel plans.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) - Love will throw new light on a dark situation, possibly involving someplace where the sun does not shine.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) - Someone will call you an ignorant slob this week, but they'll only be half right.



Virgo (August 23 - September 22) - Don't worry about everyone respecting you less than they do now. That would be impossible.

Libra (September 23 - October 23) - The Sun is Virgo, that bitch!

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21) - History will repeat itself when you buy another useless nicknack you'll never need

so that you can put it on the shelf where you keep all your other useless nicknacks just like you always do.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) - Let your fingers do the groping.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) - You and your lover need to advance your relationship beyond a certain point, preferably somewhere out of the driveway.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) - Everyone is amazed at how much you don't know.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) - Your shoe's untied. Made you look!

LITERATURE ABUSE: AMERICA'S HIDDEN PROBLEM - Once a relatively rare disorder, Literature Abuse, or LA, has risen to new levels due to the accessibility of higher education and increased college enrollment since the end of the Second World War. The number of literature abusers is currently at record levels.

SOCIAL COSTS OF LITERARY ABUSE - Abusers become withdrawn, uninterested in society or normal relationships. They fantasize, creating alternative worlds to occupy, to the neglect of friends and family. In severe cases they develop bad posture from reading in awkward positions or carrying heavy book bags. In the worst instances, they become cranky reference librarians in small towns.

Excessive reading during pregnancy is perhaps the number one cause of moral deformity among the children of English professors, teachers of English and creative writing. Known as Fetal Fiction Syndrome, this disease also leaves its victims prone to a lifetime of nearsightedness, daydreaming and emotional instability.

HEREDITY - It has been established that heredity plays a considerable role in determining whether a person will become an abuser of literature. Most abusers have at least one parent who abused literature, often beginning at an early age and progressing into adulthood. Many spouses of an abuser become abusers themselves.

OTHER PREDISPOSING FACTORS - Fathers or mothers who are English teachers, professors, or heavy fiction readers; parents who do not encourage children to play games, participate in healthy sports, or watch television in the evening.

PREVENTION - Pre-marital screening and counseling, referral to adoption agencies in order to break the chain of abuse. English teachers in particular should seek partners active in other fields. Children should be encouraged to seek physical activity, and to avoid isolation and morbid introspection.

SELF-TEST FOR LITERATURE ABUSERS - How many of these apply to you?

1. I have read fiction when I was depressed, or to cheer myself up.
2. I have gone on reading binges of an entire book or more in a day.
3. I read rapidly, often 'gulping' chapters.
4. I have sometimes read early in the morning, or before work.
5. I have hidden books in different places to sneak a chapter without being seen.
6. Sometimes I avoid friends or family obligations in order to read novels.
7. Sometimes I re-write film or television dialog as the characters speak.
8. I am unable to enjoy myself with others unless there is a book nearby.
9. At a party, I will often slip off unnoticed to read.
10. Reading has made me seek haunts and companions which I would otherwise avoid.
11. I have neglected personal hygiene or household chores until I had finished a novel.
12. I have spent money meant for necessities on books instead.
13. I have attempted to check out more library books than permitted.
14. Most of my friends are heavy fiction readers.
15. I have sometimes passed out from a night of heavy reading.
16. I have suffered 'blackouts' or memory loss from a bout of reading.
17. I have wept, become angry or irrational because of something I read.
18. I have sometimes wished I did not read so much.
19. Sometimes I think my fiction reading is out of control.

If you answered 'yes' to three or more of these questions, you may be literature abuser. Affirmative responses to five or more indicates a serious problem.

DECLINE AND FALL: THE ENGLISH MAJOR - Within the sordid world of literature abuse, the lowest circle belongs to those sufferers who have thrown their lives and hopes away to study literature in our colleges. Parents should look for signs that their children are taking the wrong path-don't expect your teenager to approach you and say, 'I can't stop reading Spencer.' By the time you visit her dorm room and find the secret stash of the Paris Review, it may already be too late.

What to do if you suspect your child is becoming an English major:

1. Talk to your child in a loving way. Show your concern. Let her know you won't abandon her - but that you aren't spending a hundred grand to put her through Stanford so she can clerk at Waldenbooks, either. But remember that she may not be able to make a decision without help; perhaps she has just finished Madame Bovary and is dying of arsenic poisoning.
2. Face the issue: Tell her what you know, and how: 'I found this book in your purse. How long has this been going on?' Ask the hard question - Who is this Count Vronsky?'
3. Show her another way. Move the television set into her room. Praise her brother, the engineer. Introduce her to frat boys.

4. Do what you have to do. Tear up her library card. Make her stop signing her letters as 'Emma.' Force her to take a math class, or minor in Spanish. Transfer her to a Florida college. You may be dealing with a life-threatening problem if one or more of the following applies: * She can tell you how and when Thomas Chatterton died. * She names one or more of her cats after a Romantic poet. * Next to her bed is a picture of: Lord Byron, Virginia Woolf, Faulkner, or any scene from the Lake District.

Most important, remember, you are not alone. To seek help for yourself or someone you love, contact the nearest chapter of the American Literature Abuse Society, or look under ALAS in your telephone directory.

A farmer was helping one of his cows give birth, when he noticed his 4-year-old son standing wide-eyed at the fence, taking in the whole event. The man thought, "Oh Great..he's only 4 and I'm gonna have to start explaining the birds and bees. No need to jump the gun - I'll just let him ask, and I'll answer." After everything was over, the man walked over to his son and said, "Well son, do you have any questions?"

"Just one." gasped the still wide-eyed lad. "How fast was that calf going when he hit that cow?"

TWO NEW ADDITIONS TO THE PERIODIC TABLE OF ELEMENTS:

Element Name: WOMAN
 Symbol: WO
 Atomic Weight: (don't even go there)
 Physical properties: Generally round in form. Boils at nothing and may freeze at any time. Melts whenever treated properly. Very bitter if mishandled.

Chemical properties: Very active. Highly unstable. Possesses strong affinity with gold, silver, platinum, and precious stones. Volatile when left alone. Able to absorb great amounts of exotic food. Turns slightly green when placed next to a shinier specimen.

Usage: Highly ornamental. An extremely good catalyst for dispersion of wealth. Probably the most powerful income reducing agent known.

Caution: Highly explosive in inexperienced hands.

Element Name: MAN
 Symbol: XY
 Atomic Weight: (180+/-50)

Physical properties: Solid at room temperature, but gets bent out of shape easily. Fairly dense and sometimes flaky. Difficult to find a pure sample. Due to rust, aging samples are unable to conduct electricity as easily as young samples.

Chemical properties: Attempts to bond with WO any chance it can get. Also tends to form strong bonds with itself. Becomes explosive when mixed with KD (Element: Child) for prolonged period of time. Neutralize by saturating with alcohol.

Usage: None known. Possibly good methane source. Good specimens are able to produce large quantities on command.

Caution: In the absence of WO, this element rapidly decomposes and begins to smell.

Subject: FUNNY!!: WIERD SCIENCE TEST ANSWERS
 Don't read these unless it's OK to laugh out loud! These comments come from test papers and essays submitted to science and health teachers by elementary, junior high, high school, and college students and compiled at the NEA Life Sciences Symposium, Kansas City, KS. As the originator noted, "It is truly astonishing what weird science our young scholars can create under the pressures of time and grades. Please note that the original spelling has been left intact.

1. "The body consists of three parts - the brainium, the borax, and the abominable cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abominable cavity contains the bowels, of which there are five - a, e, i, o, and u."

2. "Nitrogen is not found in Ireland because it is not found in a free state."

3. "H2O is hot water, and CO2 is cold water."

4. "To collect fumes of sulphur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube."

5. "When you smell an odorless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide."

6. "Water is composed of two gins, Oxygen and Hydrogin. Oxygen is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water."

7. "Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars."

8. "Blood flows down one leg and up the other."

9. "Respiration is composed of two acts, first inspiration, and then expectoration."

10. "The moon is a planet just like the earth, only it is even deader."

11. "Artificial insemination is when the farmer does it to the cow instead of the bull."

12. "Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes them perspire."

13. "A super saturated solution is one that holds more than it can hold."

14. "Mushrooms always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas."

15. "The pistol of a flower is its only protection against insects."

16. "The skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken out and the outsides have been taken off. The purpose of the skeleton is something to hitch meat to."

17. "A permanent set of teeth consists of eight canines, eight cuspid, two molars, and eight cuspidors."

18. "The tides are a fight between the Earth and moon. All water tends towards the moon, because there is no water in the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight."

19. "A fossil is an extinct animal. The older it is, the more extinct it is."

20. "Equator: A managerie lion running around the Earth through Africa."

21. "Germinate: To become a naturalized German."

22. "Liter: A nest of young puppies."

23. "Magnet: Something you find crawling all over a dead cat."

24. "Momentum: What you give a person when they are going away."

25. "Planet: A body of Earth surrounded by sky."

26. "Rhubarb: A kind of celery gone bloodshot."

27. "Vacuum: A large, empty space where the pope lives."

28. "Before giving a blood transfusion, find out if the blood is affirmative or negative."

29. "To remove dust from the eye, pull the eye down over the nose."

- 30. "For a nosebleed: Put the nose much lower than the body until the heart stops."
- 31. "For dog bite: put the dog away for several days. If he has not recovered, then kill it."
- 32. "For head cold: use an agonizer to spray the nose until it drops in your throat."
- 33. "To keep milk from turning sour: Keep it in the cow."

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 "OUR SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN SCIENTIFICALLY DESIGNED TO PREVENT OVER-EDUCATION FROM HAPPENING... THE AVERAGE AMERICAN [SHOULD BE] CONTENT WITH THEIR HUMBLE ROLE IN LIFE, BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT TEMPTED TO THINK ABOUT ANY OTHER ROLE." - U.S. COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION WILLIAM HARRIS, 1889

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"The classically minded among us may have noted a new TV ad for Microsoft's Internet Explorer e-mail program which uses the musical theme of the 'Confutatis Maledictis' from Mozart's Requiem.

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"Where do you want to go Today?" is the cheery line on the screen. While the chorus sings "Confutatis maledictis, flammis acribus addictis,". This translates to "The damned and accursed are convicted to the flames of hell."

Chicon 2000 Report

Worldcon was OK. Actually I spent most of the week at places other than the con. Mostly I couldn't get excited over a lot of the programming (which Rich saw more of than I did), the dealers' room looked very familiar, and the art show was so poorly run that I decided to wait till Archon.

Friday night they held the Chesley Awards (see above), but instead of giving them a normal room, they had them in the bowels of the basement (behind the art show). ASFA wanted to show slides in association with the awards (so you could see who and what was up for the award), but they were told that the union guy would have to come out, turn off ALL the lights in the basement, and not be back till the next morning to turn them on again. They decided that that wouldn't work so they showed the slides in full light. (The Chesleys were also run opposite the GoH speeches.) ASFA always holds an artist's reception afterward, but the concomm didn't announce it in the pocket program (or anywhere else) so they had food and drink for 1000 people and the 200 (more or less) that were at the award ceremonies were the only ones who attended. So for some odd reason there was plenty to eat and drink and no long lines or panic to get through them before the food was gone. There were also several artists missing from the Worldcon (folks you probably never heard of, though - Michael Whelan, Thomas Canty, Janny Wurtz, David Cherry, Real Musgrave, etc).

Saturday night brought the Hugo Awards (and the First Fandom Big Heart Award goes to - Robert Silverberg (?) and Jack Williamson). They had the Hugos (and the masquerade) in the Fairmont Hotel about a block and a half down the road in a room that sat a TOTAL of 1300 (for a 5000 person convention). Needless to say they were panic'd over the room size and announced that both events would be on closed circuit TV and that "you should stay in your room to watch and have a Hugo/Masquerade room party" instead of going to the actual event. (Rich & I went to both.) The only Hugo winner I can actually remember is Best Dramatic Presentation - "Galaxy Quest". Harry Turtledove was great as TM even though it was his first time as one.

Sunday night was the masquerade (backstage tech run by the fabulous Archon tech crew). In that same room. They were **actually** telling people that there wasn't any room and that they should leave and go back to their hotel rooms an hour and a half before they even opened the doors! Most people stayed. Then they let you in 20 at a time and wouldn't let you save any seats (unless you had to go to the bathroom - then they made allowances). The tech crew was wandering around looking totally unconcerned during all this and as the magic moment (8:30pm) arrived, the house lights dimmed and the show started (it was the only thing during the whole convention except the opening of the dealers room every day that started on time as far as I could tell).

Toronto won the 2003 Worldcon by a landslide over Cancun. There are bids for 2004 (Charlotte, NC and Boston), 2005 (Glasgow bidding for the UK), 2006 (Los Angeles), and 2007 (Japan). We were asked REPEATEDLY when we were going to run again. I think we may throw a party in Philadelphia - "The Under Absolutely NO Circumstances Should You EVEN THINK About Voting For St Louis In 2004" Party. Or maybe we could throw a hoax bid - St Louis is 1904.

All in all it was better than San Antonio.

HUGO AWARDS

- Novel - *A Deepness in the Sky*, Vernor Vinge
- Novella - "The Winds of Marble Arch", Connie Willis
- Novellette - "10 16th to 1", James Patrick Kelly
- Short Story - "Scherzo with Tyrannosaur", Michael Swanwick
- Related Book - *Science Fiction of the 20th Century*, Frank M. Robinson
- Professional Editor - Gardner Dozois - Editor, Asimov's Science Fiction
- Semi-Pro Zine - *Locus*, Charles N. Brown, Editor
- Dramatic Presentation - *Galaxy Quest*
- Artist - Michael Whelan
- Fanzine - *File 770*, Mike Glycer, Editor
- Fan Writer - Dave Langford
- Fan Artist - Joe Mayhew (posthumously)
- John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer - Cory Doctorow

First Fandom "Big Heart Award - Robert Silverberg, Jack Williamson

JAPANESE SIELIN AWARDS

- Foreign Novels - *Kirinyaga*, Mike Resnick
- Foreign Short Stories - "Out of the Everywhere", James Tiptree, Jr. (Alice "Racoona" Sheldon)

"One thing about the speed of light ... it gets here too early in the morning." - Unknown

UPCOMING EVENTS:

29 September - 1 October, ARCHON 24, Collinsville, IL, www.stlf.org/archon, zellich@i1.net GoH, Larry Niven; AGoH, Larry Elmore; FGoHs, Michel Burkhardt, Judi Cook, & Laura LeHew; SGoH, Jim Baen; MGoH: Dana & Bruce MacDermott, GGoH, AEG; TM, Jerry Pournelle; Special Event, First Fandom Millennium Reunion (★THERE WILL BE AN EXTRA StLSFS MEETING AT THE CON★)

13-15 October, ICON 25, Coralville, IA. GoH, Harry Turtledove, FGoH, Mike Lowery

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14 October, **ST LOUIS ANIMATION SOCIETY MEETING**, 11am, Maggie's Gourmet Sandwiches – Clayton, MO

★ 15 October, **SHSFS CLUB MEETING**, 1:30pm, The Soulard Coffee Garden Café, 910 Geyer Ave, 2nd Floor; call 636-349-0594 or 636-326-3026 for more info. (THE REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD) – St Louis, MO ★

20-22 October, **CONSTELLATION**, Huntsville, AL

26-29 October, **WORLD FANTASY CON**, Corpus Christi, TX

10-12 November, **CONTRACEPTION**, Kansas City, MO (This year's theme – The Wild, Wild West), <http://www.sff.net/people/sfreader/contraception.htm> GoH, Lee Martindale; AGoH, Linda "Ladyhawk" Lester; FGoH, Ken Keller; TM, Robin Wayne Bailey

10-12 November, **TROPICON 19/FANHISTORICON**, Fort Lauderdale, FL

11 November, **ST LOUIS ANIMATION SOCIETY MEETING**, 11am, Maggie's Gourmet Sandwiches – Clayton, MO

16-19 November, **SHAUNCON XVIII**, Overland Park KS

1-3 December, **SMOFCON 18**, Cocoa Beach, FL

16 December, **ANNUAL SHSFS/SCSFFS/ARCHON JOINT CHRISTMAS PARTY**, 8pm, Chez Zellich, Call 636-349-0594 for more info. – Fenton, MO

9 December, **ST LOUIS ANIMATION SOCIETY MEETING**, 11am, Maggie's Gourmet Sandwiches – Clayton, MO

29-31 December, **CONTEMPLATION**, Columbia, MO. GoH, TBA; AGoHs, JR Daniels, David Lee Anderson, Dell Harris, Angela Lowery; FGoH, Jim Murray; GGoH, Doug Ferguson

31 December, **ZELlich's WORLD FAMOUS ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE & OFFICIAL**

MILLENNIUM PARTY, 8pm, Chez Zellich, call 636-349-0594 for more info. – Fenton, MO (Black Tie, Optional)

13 January 2001, **ST LOUIS ANIMATION SOCIETY MEETING**, 11am, Maggie's Gourmet Sandwiches – Clayton, MO

26-28 January 2001, **CZARKON 12**, Howard Johnson East, 4200 S Nolan Rd, Independence (Kansas City), MO. takki2takki@earthlink.net GoH, Robin Wayne Bailey; Dawn Patrol & Aviation GoH, Jack Doremus; FGoHs, Rich & Michelle Zellich; Dusk Petrol & Pfan Psychic GoH, Tim Frayser; Annual Meeting of Readers of the Chronicles of The Dawn Patrol

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★ 18 February 2001, **SHSFS CLUB MEETING**, 1:30pm, _____; call 636-349-0594 or 636-326-3026 for more info. ★

23-25 February 2001, **ALPHAOMEGA CON**, Kansas City, MO. <http://darkstr.home.midsping.com/> GoHs, Alice Borchardt, Everett McGill

9-11 March 2001, **NTC 14 - "FORMALDICON"**, Eureka, MO. GoH,

10 March 2001, **ST LOUIS ANIMATION SOCIETY MEETING**, 11am, Maggie's Gourmet Sandwiches – Clayton, MO

30 March – 1 April 2001, **CONVICTION**, Omaha, NE. GoH, Selina Rosen; AGoH, David Lee Anderson; FGoH, Susan Stewart; TM, "Little Jimmy"

6-8 April 2001, **B-HERE-CON - "INVOLUNTARILY COMMITTED"**, Villa Ridge, MO. <http://www.7.50megs.com/bherecon/> GoHs, Mark "Toxic Waste" McNary; Chris "Klinger" & Laurie Felknor; Keith Berdak; Tom Dunham & Diana Andrews; TM, Ed Moore

14 April 2001, **ST LOUIS ANIMATION SOCIETY MEETING**, 11am, Maggie's Gourmet Sandwiches – Clayton, MO

★ 15 April 2001, **SHSFS CLUB MEETING**, 1:30pm, _____; call 636-349-0594 or 636-326-3026 for more info. ★

12 May 2001, **ST LOUIS ANIMATION SOCIETY MEETING**, 11am, Maggie's Gourmet Sandwiches – Clayton, MO

18-20 May 2001, **ROCKON**, Little Rock, AR. GoH, Barbara Hambly; TM, Richard Knaak

25-27 May 2001, **CONQUEST 32**, Kansas City, MO. GoH, "Someone Wonderful"; AGoH, Bill Hodgson; FGoH, Roger Tener; TM, Stephen Pagel

9 June 2001, **ST LOUIS ANIMATION SOCIETY MEETING**, 11am, Maggie's Gourmet Sandwiches – Clayton, MO

★ 17 June 2001, **SHSFS CLUB MEETING**, 1:30pm, _____; call 636-349-0594 or 636-326-3026 for more info. ★

6-8 July 2001, **GATEWAY 3**, Airport Hilton. stlf.org/gateway_gateway@stlf.org GoHs, Bruce Campbell, Jack Stauffer

14 July 2001, **ST LOUIS ANIMATION SOCIETY MEETING**, 11am, Maggie's Gourmet Sandwiches – Clayton, MO

27-29 July 2001, **CONESTOGA**, Tulsa, OK. GoH, Joe Haldeman; AGoH, TBA; FGoHs, Mike & Karla Weaver; TM, Tim Powers

11 August 2001, **ST LOUIS ANIMATION SOCIETY MEETING**, 11am, Maggie's Gourmet Sandwiches – Clayton, MO



★ 19 August 2001, StLSFS CLUB MEETING, 1:30pm, _____; call 636-349-0594 or 636-326-3026 for more info. ★

8 September 2001, ST LOUIS ANIMATION SOCIETY MEETING, 11am, Maggie's Gourmet Sandwiches - Clayton, MO

5-7 October 2001, ARCHON 25, Collinsville, IL, www.stlf.org/archon, zellich@i1.net GoH, TBA; AGoH, TBA; FGoHs, David & Amy Verseman, Genie Yaffe; MGoH: TBA, GGoH, Steve Jackson; Media Guest, Jack Stauffer; TM, George R.R. Martin (★THERE WILL BE AN EXTRA StLSFS MEETING AT THE CON★)

13 October 2001, ST LOUIS ANIMATION SOCIETY MEETING, 11am, Maggie's Gourmet Sandwiches - Clayton, MO

★ 21 October 2001, StLSFS CLUB MEETING, 1:30pm, _____; call 636-349-0594 or 636-326-3026 for more info. (THE REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD) - _____ ★

10 November 2001, ST LOUIS ANIMATION SOCIETY MEETING, 11am, Maggie's Gourmet Sandwiches - Clayton, MO

8 December 2001, ST LOUIS ANIMATION SOCIETY MEETING, 11am, Maggie's Gourmet Sandwiches - Clayton, MO

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CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE - Michelle Zellich

I am the Center of the universe
the beginning, middle, end
the poles, equator, and axis
I turn in my own little orbit

Although your orbit is intertwined
With mine - I am still
the Center of the Universe

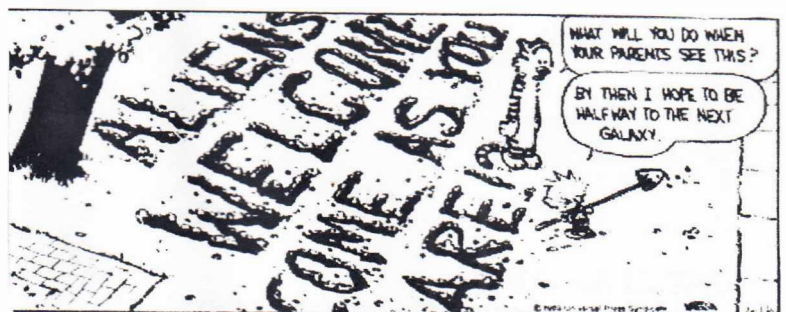
Until such time as you
can breathe through my lungs
see through my eyes
think through my thoughts
we shall be apart
each in our own universe

As I pass this way, I
intersect many such universes
each intact and separate
untouched yet touched
for at the Center of the Universe
I am.

Meant to be read aloud (for the full effect). It's amazing; you will understand what 'tendjewberrymud' means by the end of the conversation. This has been nominated for best email of 1999.

The following is a telephone exchange between a hotel guest and room-service, at a hotel in Asia which was recorded and published in the Far East Economic Review.....

Room Service (RS): "Morny. Ruin sorbees"
Guest (G): "Sorry, I thought I dialed room-service"
RS: "Rye..Ruin sorbees..morny! Djewish to odor sunteen?"
G: "Uh..yes..I'd like some bacon and eggs"
RS: "Ow July den?"
G: "What?"
RS: "Ow July den?...pry, boy, pooch?"
G: "Oh, the eggs! How do I like them? Sorry, scrambled please."
RS: "Ow July dee bayhcem...crease?"
G: "Crisp will be fine."
RS: "Hokay. An San tos?"
G: "What?"
RS: "San tos. July San tos?"
G: "I don't think so"
RS: "No? Judo one toes?"
G: "I feel really bad about this, but I don't know what 'judo one toes' means."
RS: "Toes! toes!...why djew Don Juan toes? Ow bow inglish mopping we bother?"
G: "English muffin!! I've got it! You were saying 'Toast.' Fine. Yes, an English muffin will be fine."
RS: "We bother?"
G: "No...just put the bother on the side."
RS: "Wad?"
G: "I mean butter...just put it on the side."
RS: "Copy?"
G: "Sorry?"
RS: "Copy...tea...mill?"
G: "Yes. Coffee please, and that's all."
RS: "One Minnie. Ass ruin torino fee, strangle ache, crease baychem, tossy singlish mopping we bother honey sigh, and copy....rye?"
G: "Whatever you say"
RS: "Tendjewberrymud"
G: "You're welcome"





Robert Bloch and Bob Tucker at Bloch's home.

Joe Siclari

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