

Transitional Nattering 1

A 'zine in haste, for KAPA 96, is being produced by Naomi Fisher, c/o P.O. Box 9135, Huntsville AL 35812-0135. Telephone is (256) 830-4471, and I do check for messages, at least occasionally

Ack ack ack ack ACK!!! You see before you the product of a mind that is being turned, by a near alchemical combination of stress and time pressure, into industrial grade guacamole. I didn't have time, I don't have time, I won't have time, I will not have had time to do a proper 'zine, or even to finish up **Transitional Phases 38**, which turned into a monster after all. Somewhere along the line, I got the bright idea to sign up for the H & R Block Tax Preparation course, thinking, well, I'm not sure. What WAS I thinking?! Suffice it to say that our tax code is every bit as illogical and warped as anything written by a committee of 400+ people, none of whom are required to have any practical knowledge of the subject, could be expected to be. And I've only got three months to figure it out, and keep all the rest of my life juggled as well. So, no **Phases** this time.

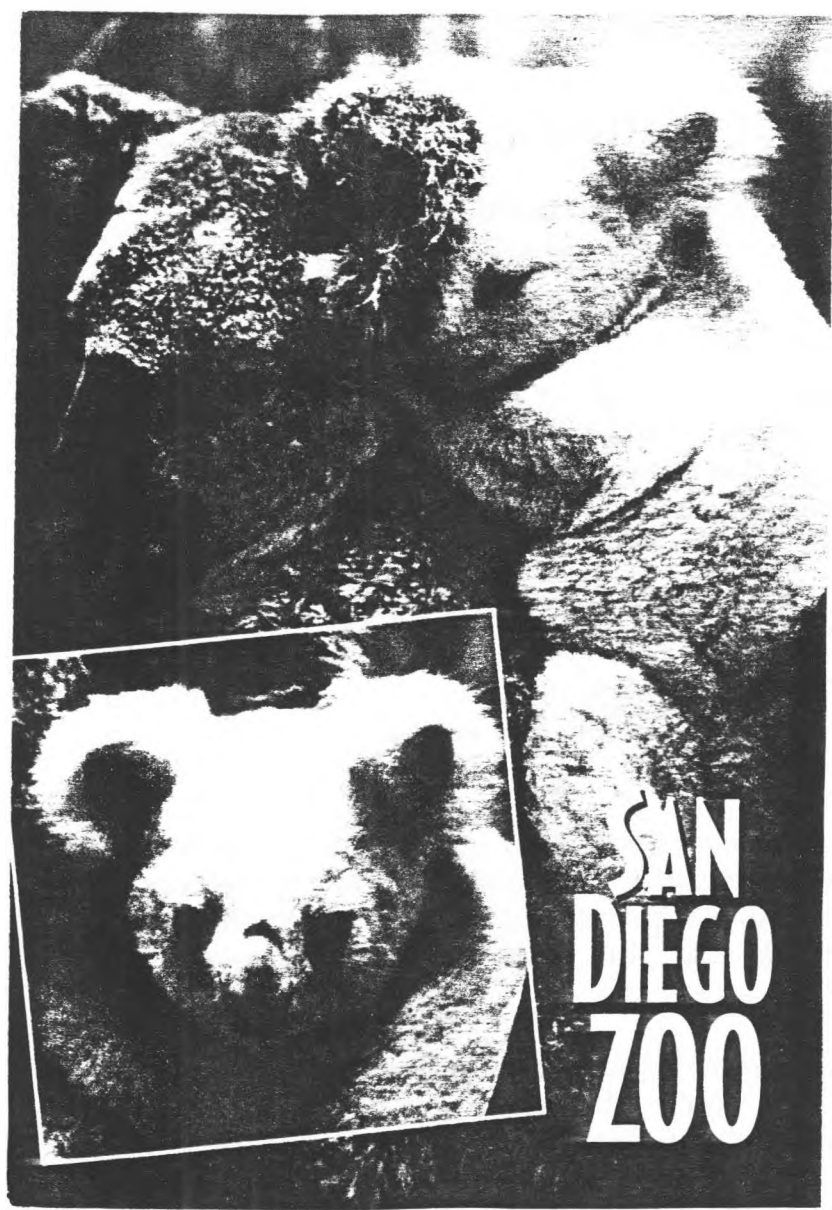
I mostly wanted to say hi to all of you, reassure you that I will remain in KAPA and eventually get back on schedule (oh, please!), and say goodbye for now to the ones of you who are leaving/going on sabbatical. I hope time and circumstance will allow you to come back to us soon - we'll *really* miss you. With any luck, this is just "Till later", not a true goodbye.

Not much else for now - I've Xeroxed a postcard from the San Diego Zoo (of Onya-Birri, "Ghost Baby" or "Ghost Boy-Child" in the Aboriginal language, the albino koala baby Pat writes of in his 'zine), miscellaneous filler, and, just for laughs, my calendar from the last two months. Other people have diaries or journals. I have calendars, all freebies sent to me by various charities and Save-the- (fill in the blank) organizations. My main one (from Environmental Defense Fund - nice pictures, decent-sized squares) is shown here - it's certainly not complete, since I don't write most things down, and I use several different ones anyway, but it should give you an idea of what I mean by being busy. Ack.

Hope the holidays for all of you are wonderful, and that I'll see you soon, in KAPA 97 if not in person. Hey, I might even have a postmail when my class is done!. Till then, take care!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Naomi". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned at the bottom center of the page.

← Doubt this'll help
 well - oh well. You do get
 the point of "ridiculously
 cute" don't you?



↗ Yet more cuteness - hmmm.
 Skunks, otters + badgers are all
 related. There may be some
 method to my madnesses...

Incidentally, "Badger Balm"
 has beeswax, olive oil and the
 "essential oil of sweet birch" in
 it, among other things. The
 skunks keep trying to eat it.

I really liked this one.
 Don't ask me why...



Dilbert

Scott Adams





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**CALIFORNIA
SEA OTTER**

In California coastal waters, the California sea otter seeks large kelp beds, which provide both shelter and its favorite food, shellfish. By 1911, the California otter population was down to about 50 individuals. Under legal protection, years of steady growth brought the population up over 2,000, about 15 percent of the species' historic numbers. However, environmentalists are concerned by recent unexplained mortalities and a leveling of the population in the last few years. The potential for oil spills in the otter's coastal waters remains a great threat to its survival.

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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Steve + Sue's Picnic 1:00 PM Nashville Marriott | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 Full Moon San Diego San Diego Marriott Suites | 7 San Diego on American Labor Day | 8 | 9 → Nashville | 10 | 11 Sue's Birthday Rocky got a card - card - Giraffe? Mailed card ✓ | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 14 H+R * Block Class orientation (Naomi) 2x weekly 7-10 PM | 15 TBM * Pond's class (N. Parkway) Mutt better! | 16 Rabbit → Jr. Brothers "It's dead, Pat" | 17 * | 18 | 19 Happy Anniversary NTP → TV PM (Chattanooga) for Train Trip! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 New Moon Aquarium Chattanooga Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown | 21 Rabbit → Home (V. Sord) | 22 * | 23 Pat buys new coat! NASA Safety Day Autumnal Equinox | 24 * | 25 | 26 Mem. Dad, J.P., Me Denise Graves 8 PM @ Langford Contact Meet family S: 3:30 PM D: Kidd | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 B. Green - U-Haul for furniture Contact Kidnap Rickey, go North? | 28 | 29 * | 30 | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="7">August 1998</th> <th colspan="7">October 1998</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td></td> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td> <td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td> <td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td> <td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td> <td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | August 1998 | | | | | | | October 1998 | | | | | | | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 30 | 31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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BALD EAGLE

In the lower 48 states, bald eagle numbers have soared from only 417 nesting pairs in 1963 to over 5,000 pairs in 1996. That year this magnificent bird's status was changed to the less imperiled category of threatened in the 45 states where it was previously listed as endangered. The comeback of the bald eagle is a tribute to both the banning of the pesticide DDT and recovery efforts under the Endangered Species Act, which has preserved key habitat for the birds and supported captive breeding and reintroductions.

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| 4 F. of Shrew Tom Jackson | 5 Full Moon | 6 * 1967: EDF founded in Brookhaven, NY | 7 | 8 * D+J+A → Huntsville - meet @ airport | 9 Tour Guide Day! <u>Constellation</u> → | 10 |
| 11 <u>Constellation</u> → | 12 Booz Ho! Columbus Day | 13 * Pat → France? | 14 | 15 * Bah! | 16 | 17 NARM Ops Ballet Hispanic 8pm Langford |
| 18 1990: EDF opens Texas office | 19 | 20 New Moon * Pat to Washington D.C. → FH 435-Southwest 9:40 am → Crystal Growing Mamott BW 12:25 pm 7:15pm L.V. DC Amtrak 12:23pm Birmingham | 21 | 22 Midterm * Gifts?! ACK! Octocon → | 23 Jonathan's Birthday! ✓ Octocon → | 24 |
| 25 <u>Octocon</u> Daylight Savings Ends | 26 | 27 * | 28 | 29 * | 30 Mom's Birthday! ✓ Daniel Home! Portland → Nashville 2:25pm | 31 NARM ops N → Nashville - Mom, D @ Bosco's for lunch Sue + Rachel Halloween |