

ALIEN COWS WILL MAKE US KNOW
EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT #1

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MAILING COMMENTS ON FEB-MARCH 2002 mailing:

IRWIN KOCH: O R #27: You mention MCI stock in your zine. The stock market went up today -- June 24th; but I was certainly thinking about you earlier this week. I look forward to an update on your financial adventures. I assume you won't "sell low." Gnomes in Switzerland has been captured by molemen from America to be tortured till our economy gets straightened out. The "racks" so far have only made some of the gnomes 6 feet tall and it turns out they like pain, so Carrot Top is being brought in to entertain them.

mike weber: Cat Women: Cool cover. If you 'bailed' after 15 minutes of Moulin Rouge (which I have not seen) did you see FRAILTY...the most "mixed reviewed" movie of 2002. Brilliant or predictable; greatly or atrociously directed and acted, etc....

JANET LARSON: I have a friend who is Egyptian and Coptic Christian. His point of view is quite anti-Muslim. He gave me a pamphlet about how Mohammed was very "white" and made rude comments about black Africans. Thus Islam is not natural for Black people. Oh, and there was slavery. What was the other pamphlet? I forget.// George Inzer used to say, about human occurrences "rise above it." Humanity is still evolving away from blood feuds and egomania. Even Robert Blake is looking humble lately. // To renew your faith in humanity, hire a bunch of old people to feed stray cats. Those stray cats show great gratitude on their faces. Actually, I have just interloaned a book: My Cat Who Saved My Life by a depressed author from Toronto. // If you liked Lethal Weapon IV, which I have a lot of respect for, I should mention I went to see Scooby Doo at a theater and enjoyed the first 30 to 50 minutes and then had the most wonderful NAP.

NED BROOKS: The Buffy saga has turned into a "all is forgiven" situation, from me, after their terrific season finale. // I told some people at DSC and in email, and all said you were wrong when you told me on the phone that you were a poor conversationalist. They were quite surprized. I have noticed that after 5 sentences, if I were to ask you about the 5th sentence previously, you would not remmeber it but come up with something about something else that was equally fascinating. So come back to DSC again. I was stunned that you wouldn't be there. I was also stunned that Richard Gengrove, who told me LAST DSC that it was his last con, showed up this year. I almost got to take him with Jill and her cousin to see Spiderman. // The father of the father of my new first cousin twice removed has studied the history of Korea (since said son is an adopted Korean) and told me after the Christening that Koreans were trapped between the Chinese and Japanese for a long time and included Causasian ancestors (I figure maybe some Siberians or Russians who went astray and got isolated in Korea.)

The latter re: Confederate and African offspring in common. I read once that 25% of white Americans had Black ancestry from "blacks" who could "pass for white" who moved out of the South and never told their spouses or children about their black grandparent.

JEFF COPELAND: Re Oscar considerations, did YOU see FRAILTY, the controversial movie this year?

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more mailing comments:

SHEILA STRICKLAND: Thanks for coming to DSC. I could write to you about Methodism and what Larry Montgomery (old Sfpa member) told me when he studied for the Methodist clergyhood (is that a word? If Methodist clergy wore hoods they could gallop on horses into "'hoods" and do the equine equivalent of drive-by blessings.) //Oh, Larry told me, when he studied in the South, and an African told me when he studied Methodism in Scotland, that my mother's great grandfather actually was a figure in British Methodist history. My mother said he was the British Methodist "Billy Graham" of the 1800's or so. I have tried some google searches for "Richard Poole" AND Methodist and there are hundreds of Methodist people with that name; but i finally found a mention of great-great-grand-father in a web site that had a 300 page book about the founder of the Salvation Army, William Booth. Booth was floundering at one point and saw Richard Poole speak to a crowd and got a renewed determination to go on and do what he did. My mother said that Richard Poole's daughter, her maternal grandmother, was very conceited about being the daughter of the great Richard Poole, and the other relatives didn't like her attitude of Pride. Of course, pride in ancestry is a vanity, in Methodist theory and elsewhere, unless you are a Kennedy who ahsn't been caught in committing a crime I guess.

The LOTR movie gave me what I needed that I couldn't get from the book: a face, a heighth, a race, a name, any substitute name, etc. for each character. I was not a good reader when I read that book. I saw the movie with a bunch of sentient talking crows who got in line ahead of me (or snuck in) and they also helped explain things. (Tey was supposed to be "They" in last sentence.) I use a CD to cassette converter in one car. It's a wire with a fake cassette on the end ^{of} it with little spinning metal wheels. I don't use it in my most ^{often} used car because the cassettes disappear down a tunnel when you put them in.

If you like Harry Potter and Humphrey Bogart detective movies, try the Harry Dresden books by Jim Butcher. Best read in order: Storm Front, Fool Moon, Grave Peril. The second one is best and has 9 different kinds of werewolves in it.// I myself liked MAGNOLIA by Anderson and found it a heart opening experience.

Laurell K Hamilton's ANITA BLAKE books started out as the kind of series that could be cutting-edge 'young adult.' But they shouldn't be there unless the Hardy Boys have evolved into sheep lovers. I actually found myself bored in the last one, Narcissus in Chains, when it seemed Anita Blake stayed in bed for days, with none of her lovers being human. I wonder if she's a Methodist--it was said once what church she went to....

//I gave a false impression on Buffy. The reason I pointed out 'inconsistencies' that bothered me, is because overall it is STRONGLY excellent in every way including continuity. I predict the musical episode will have the same status, fifty years from now, that Wizard of Oz has (and will still have). "the hardest part of life is : LIVING." "Life's a show and each must play his part." "Give me something to sing about!" "I'll be free when that bitch dies....I'd better go and help" (Spike singing his hatred and love for Buffy.

Another good musical with angst lyrics is Heathcliff, based on Wuthering Heights, but it never made it across the Atlantic.

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to: JEFF COPELAND: I thought "The Body" episode of Buffy was a fine mundane story. I vaguely recall there were some fantasy or sf scenes but the main salient thrust was mundane. The musical episode I felt was more worthy for nomination, though I don't nominate. I saw some email in a couple of groups saying "I saw all the movies and then there's this tv show...." and maybe words about never trying Buffy or trying it once and finding it unworthy. I think a lot of people want "Tolkien" to win a Hugo. I think they want HIM to win an Oscar too (2(?)? more chances...). But at least one person felt that Fellowship had the best odds of winning an award (he knew the story/plotline and I don't---I stalled my reading half way thru Fellowship...I had been reading it slowly 15 minutes every other day and it was not paying off in that situation.

I did not see an Oscar worthy performance for best actor, by R Crowe, in Gladiator. But in A Beautiful Mind I saw a great example of the highest caliber acting, I think. I hear the Halloween episode of DARK ANGEL which was wacky and wild and serious and hilarious would be worthy of a Hugo. If it's ever re-run....

to: NORM METCALF : After all these years I thought pellucid meant DEEP, 'cause they dig deep into the ground. If it means "clear," we are lucky that Scientologists don't use the word -- as in "the goal of a Scientologist is to become pellucid." I would have thought, I suppose that they were trying to "dig" the universe; or discover deeper meaning. A wereflea would be a flea that IS BITTEN BY A WEREWOLF, not one who bites a werewolf. Werewolves snap at fleas but the little bugs are just too ~~fast~~ FAST.

Re LIZ COPELAND and Laurell K Hamilton. I am in some email groups for LKH, and read the Anita Blake series straight through. They did not evolve the way I was expecting. I read them because Jim Butcher's series of Harry Dresden was so good. In the past few books Anita hasn't dated a human, but her love life has a lot of second hand cannibalism and porno-movies. Some people really like the latest in Hamilton's Blake series but I don't know why. Sometimes there are 50 pages, it seems, when she doesn't get out of bed. Well that's mainly Narcissus in Chains, the latest one. I wish they'd become totally totally worthless so I could save the time. I haven't tried her faery detective books, on purpose.

to: NED BROOKS : I still have not seen any more Smallville because "24" has conflicted with it as well as NYPD Blue. With Richard Burgi sometimes (at 10) on Judging Amy, and Buffy on at 8, before NYPD Blue and 24, it's been too much. You have 13 first cousins--I have four on my father's side, plus Filipino second cousin to make things more interesting: ~~xxxxxx~~ the latter's last name is WELLS too.

On my mother's side I think there are 8 including my sister and me. I get confused because I am at the age where I am seeing my first cousin's children and their children. The latest was half korean (first ~~cousin~~ twice removed).

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miscounted)

I am the only smoker in my family since my late great-uncle Richard Atkinson, who played cards so intensely (for money) that he had cigarette burns on his lips. Nobody knew what he did for a living. He showed up at holidays in Freeport NY and was wonderful. MY mother's father was the equivalent of mayor of Freeport, and she got to see movies for free. Times and demographics have changed a lot. Freeport is mainly famous as the home of movie star Eddie MURPHY now. (Oh, long ago my grandfather rented an apartment to the mother of Leo J. Carillo who played Pancho on the Cisco kid).

BUFFY is worth watching, and starting at the beginning is only partly good. * I see reruns in the morning on FX some mornings and slowly figure out where the story is in the characters' dynamics.... is Willow with Oz or Tara, is Faith bad or good, or Angel good or demonic, is Buffy an only child or have they shifted out of that parallel universe and she has a sister now. Is Spike an evil vampire or does he have the computer chip in his head/? These things are good background but don't effect the quality of enjoying the story.

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A few decades ago aliens from outer space landed on a farm in North Dakota. They were on a veterinarian quest to investigate cows, because their primitive ancestors were cows. The farm had some cows and they disguised themselves as humans and made a deal with the farmer and his wife, whose financial situation was quite diasaterous. Yes, diasaterouser than any other farmers around there. After experimenting on a few cows they made a deal to supply the farmer with money if he would allow them to dig a deep well and build/sculpt a gigantic cave under the farm's property. There they successfully hid from the U S federal government, and the enemy in the intergalactic war who were decended Amazonian sloths [who had become dangerous in their evolution by steroids supplied by the strange flying Venusian tenrecs who had taken their ancestors from Earth, because they had rotten senses of humor).

...] The aliens sent out a few of their trickiest agents (the good aliens did) into cities where, they ^{used} certain secret senses of vision, stole money that had been stolen by gangsters and corrupt people. Then they drove the money in Oldsmobiles and Jeeps back to North Dakota. The farmer slowly paid his bills and had better crops to stop people from being suspicious. (The aliens, well, produced great fertlizer by, well, just being cow-like beings; and there was plenty of water for irrigation as the aliens had found artesian wells, miles below the surface.

At first the aliens learned about our world through books and radio. The local library got some anonymous rich patrons (rich criminals in Brooklyn, Chicago, etc. who were tortured into buying off the attentions of hideous tall women with bad breath and buggy whips that had been dipped in cow manure.)

Then came the internet and all kinds of new resources for knowledge of Earth, and the aliens had a LOT of knowledge that they brought with them in the first place....like the REAL reason Damon Knight did not like Charles Eric Maine and J. T. McIntosh; why Ace books reprinted lost classics and secretly shortened them; why Richard the Lion Hearted stopped when he could have taken Jerusalem, etc.

The aliens liked the farmer and his family and thus extrapolated a love for the United States, except for a brief period when they became fans of Due South, a show about a Canadian mountie who had great "alien values."

When 9/11/01 happened the aliens started to work. Any day or month now you will see. All mammals in Kaliban supporting areas of the world will be instanmtly, yes INSTAMNLY, turned into very smelly PIGS. Pigs who will EXPLODE when attacked or killed. Otherwise the pigs (secretly containing stomach acid only an alien could evolve) will explode when recognizing any certain personages or behaviors. Of course, HUMANS will not be among the mammals turned into smelly pigs, unless the first plan fails. America will be freed from terrorism.

The aliens also have 100 hydrogen bombs deep under Bagdad and certain other places, which will spontaneously explode when the next X-Files theatrical movie is released.

Well, some time has passed. As you may know I owed 6 pages last time and did not get them in AT ALL. Jeff Copeland gave me a temporary medical leave/excuse/parole, whatever. I have the page and a half typed two months ago to attach to this but I don't know if I'll make it. So what is this medical stuff? I tell people what's going on with me, and they suggest several different types of doctors to go to. I'm working in a situation where the library is understaffed. The last reference librarian who left was not replaced and she came in after a long wait for her position to be filled after the previous person was replaced.

Gary Tesser phoned me today. His father's in the hospital. What surprised me was that the reason for the quite old Mr. Tesser to do such was a toe infection. I myself have a toe infection. Pardon my saying it but my toe nails are growing ~~out~~ so that their crosssection would not be that of a thin crescent moon, but a hook shaped cross section as if part of the nail wanted to become circular.

I fall down a lot. Have landed...well, let me back up. I sleep mainly in a recliner chair because i still apparently snore even though a surgeon, for 1250 bucks CASH ripped my uvula out (using a laser scalpel and tongs/tweezers and not enough anesthesia). I get up in the middle of the night and in the bathroom or kitchen fall asleep on my feet and fall. Once I landed on a chair, ~~and~~ had purple marks on my chest and inner thighs. A few times I have landed on my knees on linoleum. But, I am and have been going to sleep doctors ~~and~~ throat semi-removal doctors, etc. I stay up till about 1 or 2 am, reading my books and drinking selzer, and am supposed to wake up around 7:15 am. Thus it's not to be a secret as to why I am sleep deprived. I no longer go out to lunch. I go to my car and set three loud wind up alarm clocks for 50 minutes. Then after the nap (yes, been leaving the engine on and running air conditioning lately) I try to remember to have a "Carnation Instant Breakfast" and some fiber. Probably healthier than the pizza I used to consume.

I asked a friend/adviser if I should just sleep earlier and he said at the time that my post 11pm time, when I stop doing clutter management or duties or tv watching--is my only time to myself and I enjoy the books...so I should live with the sleep deprivation as the price for having SOME time to myself. On days off I often have duties. When I went to see Scooby Doo at a matinee, one day off, I enjoyed the film for 30 to 45 minutes and then slept till the end. It was a good nap, and I enjoyed what I saw of the movie.

Earlier today I typed the previous page, after talking to Tesser on the phone, I set up my stuff at this typer and set up a mirror so I could glance at The Phantom starring Billy Zane in the mirror while I typed. It's a movie that gives a person energy. At first I couldn't find it and was going to settle for Rich Girl starring Jill Schoelen or The Shadow with Alec Baldwin.

I am probably leaving out things I was going to say but...

I guess SPIDERMAN remains the "best" movie of the summer--it is excellently done. Men in Black II is not that bad...picture a four hour movie being made originally and the last two hours

~~trimmed off and released separately~~ *separately years later*

I missed a line.....I have also heard, still, that FRAILTY is the best movie so far this year; and also from others, that it is the worse. Roger Ebert and others said it was a movie only an actor could direct and take the necessary chances, as a regular director would be risking never being hired to direct again. Some said the acting was terrible and some said it was excellent and that Bill Paxton was perfect for the part. Some said it was predictable and worthless; some said it was astonishing, risk-taking storytelling that worked & delivered some true surprises.