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Ned Brooks ct Schlosser: Coyotes, like dogs in general, eat meat, but they survive on fruits and vegetables when they have to.

ct Dengrove: My zine, being under an ounce, is now as cheap to send overseas airmail as any other way. But they often used to send it by air even when I paid surface postage, so that's not entirely a gain. Domestic airmail died because enough people figured out that they could get air service without paying for it.

GHLIII ct Ned: Kent State's effect on student dissent may be the most convincing example that capital punishment can deter undesired behavior. Apparently, it has to be swift, though not certain, and one needs an easily deterred population.

• d/w means "dust wrapper."

ct Gary B: I share your appreciation of *Futurama*, and particularly the snu-snu episode.

ct me: The Super Bowl had three outstanding moments, right in a row: the interception return and the two kickoff returns that followed it. That was all.

ct Paean: A Paean to the Wolf-lord is not pronounced "pain." It refers to the way the Wolflord marks his territory.

ct Tom: I agree about David Brin. He almost got me to reconsider my preference for *Star Trek* over *Star Wars*. He did take a good shot at W's efforts to kill the

inheritance tax, but then Arianna Huffington's attacks on the Bush administration show that its flaws really are "obvious to the meanest intellect."

ct Dave: I beg your pardon. FAPA is for lovers. Bernadette and I met there. (The venerable Jack Speer, a charter member, believes we may be the only couple to have done so.)

• I heard that after the KKK got to adopt a highway, the state put up a sign saying that section of the road was renamed the Rosa Parks Memorial Highway.

ct Rich D.: There is now a picture book featuring covers from the Lesbian paperbacks of the 50s: wondrously trashy. (There is an sf connection: MZB and "Peggy Swenson" [Dick Geis] wrote some of them.)

ct Norm: I liked *The Mind behind the Eye* (*Gold the Man* was a better title). If memory serves, it was one of the very first DAW books, perhaps even #1.

ct Liz: I saw a computer book by Celko in a store. He's apparently a name-above-the-title star in the field.



Jeff Copeland I really enjoyed the pig story.

ct me: I find the *New Yorker* wars as morbidly amusing as the TAFF wars, without the hindrance of caring about the participants.

- There are at most three guys in the booth for an NFL broadcast. MNF also has reporters on both sidelines: one bimbo and an inarticulate Hall of Famer (Eric Dickerson), who I am told has an appeal analogous to the bimbo's.

ct Guy: I believe *The Syndic* won a retroactive Prometheus Award from the libertarians.

Trinlay Khadro Welcome. ct Fantasy: When I heard that the guy who hit Stephen King died with no signs of foul play, I immediately thought, "But he seemed very frightened..."

ct Oblio: Bernadette and Kevin also like *They Might Be Giants*. ~~They're wrong too.~~

How high a number does your Buddhist mailing list have to hit before the Universe ends?

Elric is a nifty-looking ferret. Our Bilbo says he's cute enough to be an honorary rat.

Janice Gelb ct Gary: After Lennon & Ono did the *Two Virgins* album with the nude cover, Donovan did a nude cover of himself, age 5 or so. Everyone thought it was cute, but now they'd probably bust him for retroactively molesting himself.

I agree with the woman in the cartoon: If you liked military intelligence, you'll love emotional intelligence.

Janet Larson ct Jeffrey: There's no way Clinton's pardons could have accounted for anywhere near Hillary's victory margin.

ct Liz: I think that common and uncommon sense should be valued the way common and uncommon things usually are.

Gary Brown Arlen Specter's plan to impeach Clinton retroactively reminded me of the medieval popes digging up their predecessors and excommunicating what was left of them.

ct Guy: I was over 51 when I got married. Of course, it was a formality so Bernadette could get on my health plan, after we'd been living together for 15 years. (Doesn't seem to have done any harm.)

ct Toni: Sometimes interspersing the editorial replies in a loc makes it possible to guess what the editor is talking about. I have to say that I liked the technique more before *Fosfax*.

