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Club Calendar: APRIL

29 - Japanimation Hosted by Fred Patten.

The pre-program starting in April will be "Daredevils of the Red Circle" in 12 chapters. There is no **FWEMS** meeting for April.

MAY

In May there will be (FWEMS) Star Trek #2, 3 & 4 plus part three of "Dick Tracy Returns".

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Comptroller - Mike Glycer(1999),

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Stern(2000), Mike Donahue(2000), Bob

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- Greg Barrett, Lucy Stern, Alison
Stern, & Tadao Tomomotsu, **Special**
Guest Librarian - Charles Lee Jackson
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Loscon 25 & 26 Hotel Liaison -
Christian McGuire

Editorial: Well OOh LA LA con
has finally ended and I'm able to work
on De Prof again. Sorry for the delay
but life and fandom are often at cross
purposes. This month (May) I'm
putting the publication date as the
first Thursday in the month and
moving the deadline to the last
thursday of the previous month.
This allows me to expand the
calendar to include events that will
take place within the month. I
wasn't getting sufficient notice before
and I thought that I'd like to make
this a usefull publication. My
appologies to the International
subscribers I have been having
trouble getting to the Post Office in
order to mail them out but they are
on the way and will be regular from
here on out (well at least as regular
as they ever were) anyway. Thank
you for your time. This is a publica-
tion of Black Forrest Elves and
Associates.

Scott Beckstead

Upcoming Events (Non LASFS)

MAY LAFA FILKSING

Saturday, May 22, 1999,
7:30 PM

Pooh Bear Lair

Hosts: Harry, Mara and
Madeline Brener

325 Sharon Road, Arcadia, CA
91006

Pre-filk dinner at 5 pm.

626/447-1664

Creative Writing and Bardic Circle Groups (updated 1999/04/24)

Bardic Circle Salon - * New
Location * A group that shares
poetry, prose, music, etc. in an
informal atmosphere. Bring your own
work or someone else's. Non-critiqu-
ing. Meets every third Saturday
monthly. Optional donation. 7:30 PM
to 10 PM. In the "cottage" behind
"The Onion", 9550 Haskell, North
Hills. Phone for location details: (818)
894-9251. (05/15)

Creative Writing Circle (formerly
"Poets' Circle") - * New Location * A
non-critiquing, creative writing group
for poetry and prose. Come write with
us! Meets every second and fourth
Monday monthly. Optional donation.
7:30 PM to 10 PM. In the "cottage"
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details: (818) 894-9251. (05/10, 05/
24)

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22, 1999, 7:30 PM Pooh Bear Lair
Hosts: Harry, Mara and Madeline
Brener 325 Sharon Road, Arcadia,
CA 91006 Pre-filk dinner at 5 pm.
See below 626/447-1664

TYPE OF CIRCLE: Moderated
Kaos.

PRE-FILK DINNER: Won Tin, 1124 W. Valley Bl, Alhambra; near SW corner of Atlantic. Call Harry & Mara for reservations.

DIRECTIONS: See Thomas Bros. L.A. Co., page 597, grid B/C-1 (1992 edition); page 38, grid D-1 (older editions) The filksite is between the Foothill (I-210) and the San Bernardino (I10) Freeways west of the San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605). Approach on either freeway as you prefer.

From the Foothill Fwy (I-210): Take the Baldwin exit. go south on Baldwin (left from westbound, right from eastbound) past Santa Anita Racetrack and Shopping Mall. Turn left onto Camino Real (at the CO-COS). Turn right on Holly. Turn left on Sharon. The filksite is on the left towards the middle of the block.

From the I-10 Eastbound: Take the Baldwin exit and bear north on Baldwin. Turn right on Longden. Turn left on Holly. Turn right on Sharon. The filksite is on the left towards the middle of the block.

From the I-10 Westbound: Take the Santa Anita exit. Turn right (north) on Santa Anita. Turn left on Longden. Turn right on El Monte. Turn left on Sharon. The filksite is on the left towards the middle of the block.

NOTES: 1. Limited crash space available. 2. There is a cat warning. Said cat will not be allowed in the filk room, but signs of its presence may still be detected by sensitive persons. 3. There is an 13 year old. Other children are welcome. 4. Bring munchies and drinks for afters. This is a Kosher household, so please

check that any items you bring are Kosher, preferably pareve or dairy. Call and ask if you're not sure. 5. Bring all of your usual filk stuff. 6. NO SMOKING INDOORS!!

NEXT LAFA FILKSING June 5, 1999, 3 PM Jenny Sutherland 13771 Olympic Ave. Costa Mesa, CA 92626 714/540-4303

FOR LAFA INFORMATION: Contact Lee & Barry Gold, (310) 306-7456 To get emailed LAFA announcements, email Barry at bgold@platinum.com For three snailmailed flyers, give Lee \$1 or three SASEs. Her address is: Lee Gold, 3965 Alla Road, Los Angeles, CA 90066.

March Minutes as approved by the board

Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting 14 March, 1999 Chairman: Christian McGuire Secretary: Mike Stern Present: Christian McGuire, Mike Gyer, Michael Mason, Bob Null, Kim Brown, Liz Mortensen, Mike Thorsen, Mike Donahue, Mike Stern, Bruce Pelz Absent: Gary Louie - not excused, after some debate over whether death was a good excuse for not showing up at a board meeting. "Since death does not release you, it shouldn't provide an excuse either." Present (others): Cathy Beckstead, Joe Zeff, Beckie Barber, Greg Barrett, Karl Lembke, Greg Bilan, Lucy Stern, Tadao Tomomatsu, Others and sundry.

Meeting was called to order at 11:11 Board of Directors meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bottom Line, including all funds - \$23,865.51 There was debate on the purpose of the various funds that are administered by the treasurer, and the timing of the turnover of funds to the Century Fund. A motion was made to set aside the turnover to the Century Fund for one month. This set the turnover date to April 30, 1999. The motion passed 7-1-2. The purpose of the various funds will be reviewed and revised if necessary. Some of the funds have been put into the by-laws, and may require an amendment to the by-laws to be revised. There was some debate about budget preparation, with the result being that the treasurer will present a budget to the board in April. This caused Mike Glycer to remark "April is the accruallest month of all." Treasurer, Comptroller, and interested parties were to go over the prior year's (and further back) expenses after the board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The following people were accepted as new members of the LASFS on a vote of 8-0-2: Tony Evans, Marilyn Lashmet, Mike Ellis, Dave Hicks.

OLD BUSINESS DE PROFUNDIS

There was no report. SIGNS Mike Stern checked the prices of signs. He recommended the 22x28" with 8 words for \$37.50, from AAA Flag&Banner in downtown L.A. He was given the go-ahead to order two signs with the following wording: "RESERVED PARKING THURSDAY NIGHT 6:00pm-Midnight", with the standard tow-away and LAVC/CVC notations. Mike Stern will attempt to

get the phone number of the North Hollywood Official Police Garage to place on the sign as well.

ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

Bob Null reported that there was a fair amount of filing, sorting, winnowing, and pentaflex hanging to be done. He had a large amount of stuff left over from Carol Ann Cranston's tenure. Bob wasn't certain whether all Archive material needed to be displayed in the display cabinet, but said that Tadao Tomomatsu has keys to the display cabinet, and rotates display items with Charley Jackson's advice.

CLUB MACHINES REFRIGERATOR

Deja vu. Bob will again attempt to contact a refrigerator repair service during the coming month.

COMPUTERS

Bookie Monster has been acting flaky lately, Michael Mason suspected a hard drive problem. After some debate on the reliability history of Bookie, a motion was made to replace the entire computer (except for monitor, keyboard, modem and mouse), with a cap cost of \$500. The motion passed 9-0-1 Computer name plaques were presented to Joe Zeff (for Admiral Grace Hopper. CPU) and Mike Thorsen (for HAL 9000, CPU). Both had made the \$50 donation to name one of the club computers. Treasurer Liz Mortensen said that ANYTHING in the clubhouse may be named for a donation of \$50.

AV EQUIPMENT

All of the AV equipment has been moved out of the APA-L room. We have some speakers, some of which may be flaky. These need to be checked (Bob Null volunteered). The speakers that are normally used

during meetings need to have their front covers redone.

HALL RECONSTRUCTION MAILBOX

The mailbox is still in need of repair. Mike Donahue looked at mailboxes, but did not find one of the proper size. He will continue his search.

DOOR TO BACK BUILDING

Mike Donahue and Bob Null were planning on attempting a repair today (14 March). Mike said that he didn't feel that it was necessary to spend \$500 on door replacement, when a repair could keep the door functioning for a few years.

HALL DECORATION

A motion was made to purchase another display cabinet. After some debate, the motion was withdrawn, to be re-examined at the April board meeting.

LIBRARY

Kim Brown said that Gary Louie's family had not given an answer on donation. Michael Mason reported that Heather Stern had promised new Library software next week (no later than March 22, 1999). It was noted that Heather had been working on the software a l-o-n-g time (since before Michael became Librarian). Michael also reported that much work was done on the library and that he is working on the backlog.

VIDEO COLLECTION

No CLJII, no report. P.A.SYSTEM Bob Null reported on the current system. We have no output in right speaker (B), and the volume control is scratchy. Mike Thorsen will pursue a donation from Brett Achorn and Stacey Hallman of

their old stereo amplifier. Both Mike and Bob will get prices on a P.A. amplifier that is able to reach the front building speakers.

CHILDREN'S RECOMMENDED LITERATURE LIST

Greg has written letters to: The President of the United States, The Library of Congress, the Governor of California, the Central Los Angeles Library, and the Central Burbank Library, but will not be mailing them until the next update to the Kid's reading list (due real soon).

RECOMMENDED LITERATURE LIST

Michael Mason has made some progress, now that his computer is working again. LASFS.ORG Minor improvements, nothing major.

LOSCON XXV

Loscon XXV is officially over, but not perfectly finished (will be dealt with by Monday 3/15). The final report was turned in. There were 108 pass-ons, and Kim Brown presented the board with a check for \$13,958.56. Kim was thanked by the board for the second highest ever turnover of funds to the LASFS from a LOSCON.

LOSCON XXVI

Liz had table space at two conventions (Gallifrey and Condor) to drum up support. Results: 16 memberships + 4 dealers tables from Condor, and 11 memberships from Gallifrey.

LOSCONS OF THE FUTURE

Will be voted on Thursday, 18 March 1999. OOO-LA-LA CON it was announced that there are 32 members so far, and that David Cook (GoH) has accepted a job in Austin Texas, but will be flying back to L.A. for Ooo-la-la. RECYCLING \$26.25

turned in during the month of February.

NAMES ON CHAIRS

The additional plaques have arrived. Liz will be attaching them to chairs sometime next week, because she's tired and has a headache.

PLAQUES

There are no outstanding plaques with the plaque company that Gary Louie used. Mike Donahue volunteered to be the new plaque person. Mike will provide a report next month.

BYLAWS

The by-laws showed up. Discussion ensued, with Glycer gaining the droit de seignoir on them. Mike Stern remains the person responsible. (sigh, if the bylaws become pregnant, I'm the father). We will be archiving: paper, local (on club premises) disk drive, and on the web site.

CONVENTION DELEGATES

Minicon - Bruce Pelz

PURCHASE OF EXPANDED/ EXTENDED DIGS

No discussion this month

FUNDRAISING TAPES

The next viewing date has been set at Wednesday, 7 April 1999 at 8:00pm. All attendees are asked to bring \$3 to cover pizza. Tapes may be borrowed from the treasurer for viewing. Group Viewing Michael Donahue reported that the Enigma players had a bad experience, as the organizers kept moving the viewing date. This item will be dropped from the minutes next month. Yard Sale Was going on, even as the board meeting continued. There will be a report next month. LASFS Public

Relations The following has been left in the minutes from the February meeting to serve as a tickler to the board. This matter was not discussed at the March meeting. CLJII pointed out that the Worldcon display was intended to be temporary, to be used only for LACON. Since that time, it has been used at many conventions, and needs updating. CL said that a new display could be produced for under \$300. The matter was deferred to the March meeting. new business Directory Bruce asked where the data that had been handed to J.S.Lyon went to. A motion was made to create a board appointed position to maintain the membership data base. The motion passed 10-0-0, and Bruce Pelz became the LASFS' first Data Czar. Defibrillators The cost of a defibrillator has decreased to \$3000, and Mike Donahue asked whether the club should purchase one. Kim said that no one has been known to have had a need for one at a meeting in the club's history, and that we could probably find better uses for the money. Christian said something about finding a place that leases. No motion was made.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20. The next meeting will be on 11 April 1999.

MINUTES OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC. Meeting 3213, March 11, 1999. President: Cathy Beckstead. Secretary: Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary.

A two-minute preview of the new *Star Wars* movie preceded the meeting, light sabers flaring and making that familiar noise of an

aluminum baseball bat trying to purr like a housecat. Even at its most violent, the sound track was much quieter than the egregious buzz of several LASFS directors gathered around the front table nerving themselves up to announce that the Board election would take place on the original date.

President Beckstead soon decided it was time to start the avalanche moving downhill, and smacked a snowdrift with her gavel.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: We began with the death march to the minutes with the usual Special Order of Business.

Charlie Jackson 2 cited Joe DiMaggio's loss to the science fiction field on the slim evidence of his appearance in *Angels in the Outfield*. Michael Avallone had passed away, author of the first *Man from U.N.C.L.E.* novelization (and, added Fred Patten, a *Planet of the Apes* novelization.) Also gone was Vincent Sullivan, the DC editor who placed Superman in *Action Comics #1*.

And so was Stanley Kubrick, director of *Dr. Strangelove, 2001*, etc. "I'm Spartacus!" shouted Matthew Tepper, referring to another Kubrick film. "And he's been wearing that cross for a long time," added Dale Hales.

Charlie thought Kubrick's death would end circulation of the false story that he directed *5000 Fingers of Dr. T*. Glycer hoped people would finally get it right, that Kubrick's movie was *2001 Fingers of Dr. T*. George Mulligan asked about the urban version, *5000 Fingers of Mr. T*. Okay George, you topped me this time – don't let it happen too often or

we'll make you Scribe!

There was also a nonlethal Special Order, or at least, Christian McGuire hoped it would be. The Chairman of the Board said there had been an error in announcing a changed date for nominations and election for the vacant Board seat. He said it was important to honor the schedule given in *De Profundis* because it had done to 300 people. Nominations would open tonight, however, they would also be accepted next Thursday (a change in plan), then elections would follow.

MINUTES: Glycer read some minutes, distinguished by his habitual inability to distinguish Mike Stern from Matthew Tepper. Tepper said "Capacious, capricious, let's call the whole thing off" had been Stern's line, he simply appropriated it for passing the minutes. But, said Matthew, he had uttered the line about what would be done with the 35 extra APA L's. That settled, Mike Stern moved to accept the minutes as an urban legend.

KIM BROWN ORDER OF BUSINESS: Kim Marks Brown came up and announced a collection for a member who recently suffered a heart attack and cannot meet his expenses because of missed work. Many contributed.

PATRON SAINT: There were three cheers for Patron Saint Dave Fox, author of Khorlia material in APA L, a decades-long member of LASFS.

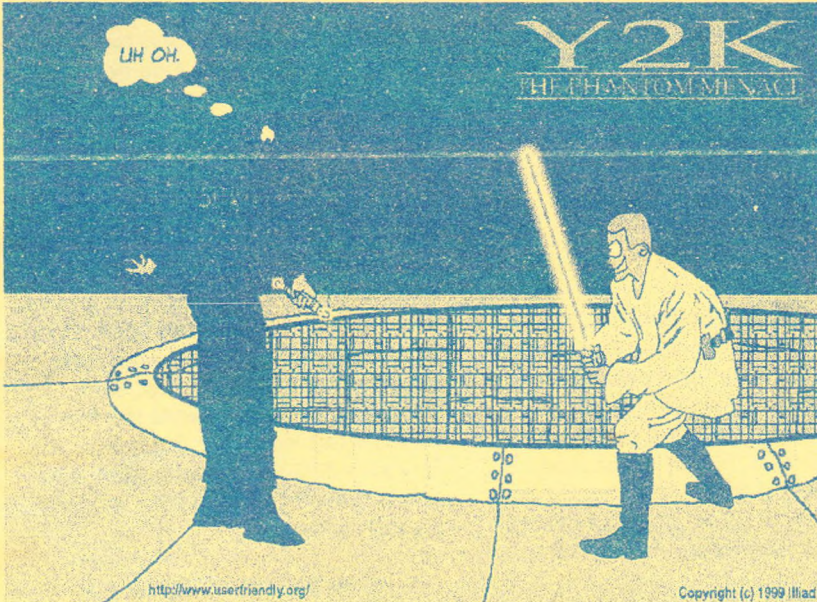
NEW BUSINESS: Christian McGuire opened nominations for a Director to fill out the remaining year of Gary Louie's term on the Board. Shaun Lyon nominated Elayne Pelz.

Elayne declared it her priority to get out a set of bylaws that are current. Christian McGuire nominated Greg Barrett, who said we need a current set of bylaws. (He also said that after 19 years of sitting around here and watching the Board do what they do – I'm not sure what – he wants to be there to make sure we do what needs to be done.) Dale Hales nominated Joe Zeff. Joe felt the bylaws should

Nominations were closed for the week. Cathy then gave members a heads-up that a bylaws amendment concerning proxies would be the subject of a Special Meeting in April.

APPOINTED COMMITTEE

REPORTS: Registrar Shaun Lyon introduced guest John Gemill. Treasurer Liz Mortensen said next Thursday would be the last opportu-



be brought into line with what the club is actually doing. Shaun Lyon nominated Karl Lembke. Karl said, "Blame Bruce Pelz for my accepting." By that he meant that Bruce had set up the "Wither, LASFS?" panels. Karl said, "If elected I will walk on feet and wash water."

Mike Stern nominated Rob Cole, recommending him as someone who has given advice to members, and is more than just a reason to stop the meeting. Rob declined.

nity to complete payment of annual dues.

Mike Stern said he didn't win the Magic tournament, so it can't be fixed. The winner was Drew Sanders, second, Bruce Coleman, and third, Mike Stern.

Scott Beckstead announced the *De Profundis* deadline as next Thursday.

Charlie Jackson 2 gave the FWEMS themes for the next few

months. In March, it's films selected by Mulligan. In May it will be *Star Trek* movies that weren't inutterably loathsome. In June there will be an Africa Adventures theme. And sometime this summer there will be a Sinbad festival - that's the sailor from the Arabian nights, not the other one.

Christian McGuire said tomorrow night there would be a work party clearing junk out of both buildings and readying it for sale on Sunday. Matthew added, "And setting fire to them and dancing around naked." Christian corrected, "That's later in the year." Resuming the serious portion of the announcement, he invited fans who wanted to donate their stuff to be sold by LASFS for the benefit of the club to bring in on Sunday morning at 7 a.m.

Tadao Tomamatsu announced that the OoLaLaCon committee would meet on March 14 after the Board meeting. Christian added that the primary topic of the Board meeting would be the bylaws. (And yet, his nose did not grow.)

AUCTION: One item up for auction was a plastic mouse head. Someone bid to give it to Shaun. Cathy asked, "You mean, slip him a Mickey?"

TIMEBOUND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Matthew Tepper said he has now been a member of the club for 30 years - it only seems longer. How untrue, Matthew. When you factor in all those years you lived in San Francisco and Minneapolis, for the rest of us it only feels like you've been a member of about 27 years...

Joe Zeff said there was a blue moon again this month - meaning

the unique problems he's been seeing at work.

FANNISH COMMITTEE REPORTS: Matthew Tepper heard reliable reports from scientists in Edinburgh say having sex three times a week makes people look 10 years younger. (Matthew denied that he is the "control" for this experiment.)

REVIEWS: Bob Null showed his copy of *Buyers Guide to 50 Years of TV on Video* by the late Sam Frank. Bob said he found the book extremely useful for finding performers' guest appearances.

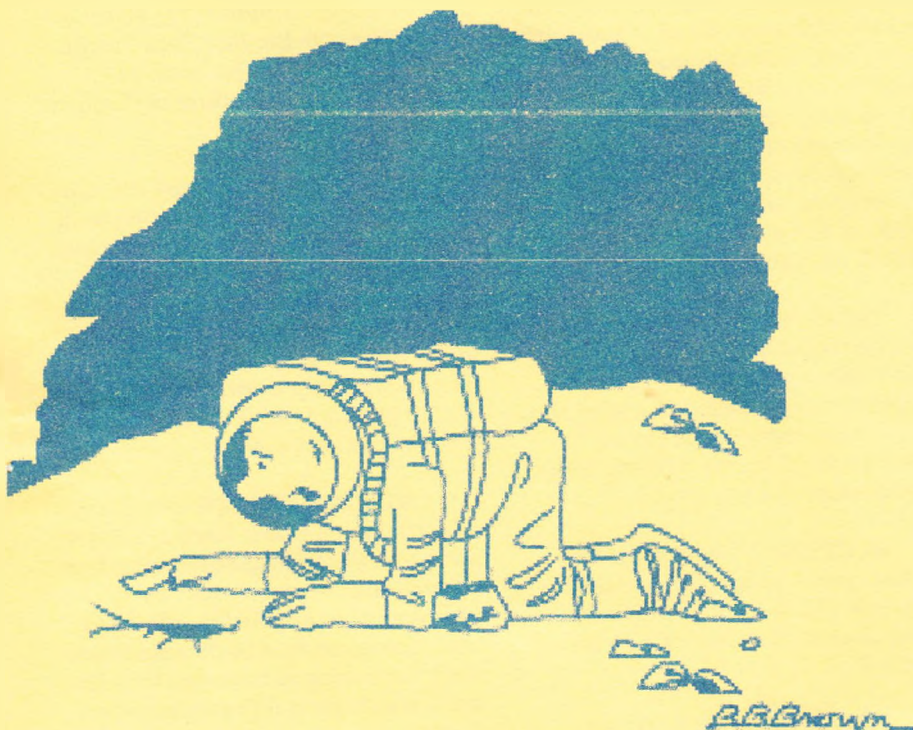
Karl Lembke reviewed the *Star Trek: The Next Generation* cookbook, which he said was more interesting for what's in between the recipes. The notes include the use of food as props - including Asian fish that, when cooked and set on a plate look like aliens in their own right. Frank Waller claimed he's looking for the *Babylon 5* cookbook.

MISCELLANEOUS: Joe Zeff said this week is the Barbie doll's 40th birthday. Frank Waller said the free cookies that everyone had been eating were available for sale from him. Someone who had missed last week's meeting announced that last week was National Procrastination Week.

Matthew Tepper said that it's a point of personal pride that he can pick up a reference work and within a few pages spot an error. As in the Sam Frank book. He said he'd pass along the correction, "If I ever see Sam...."

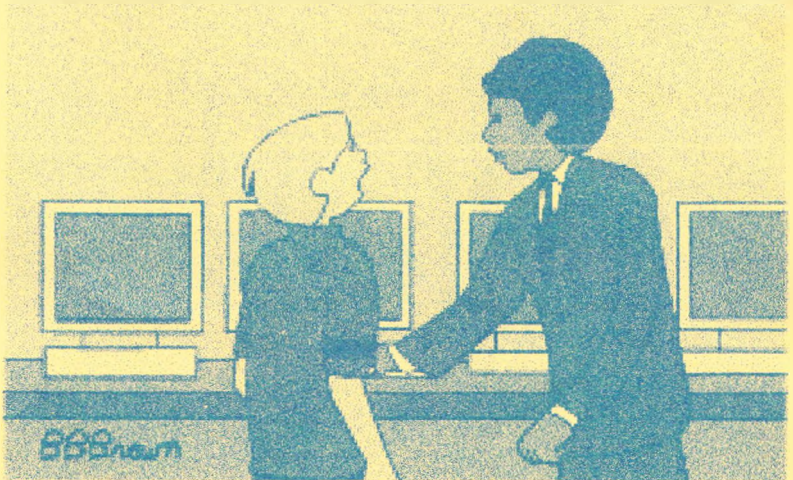
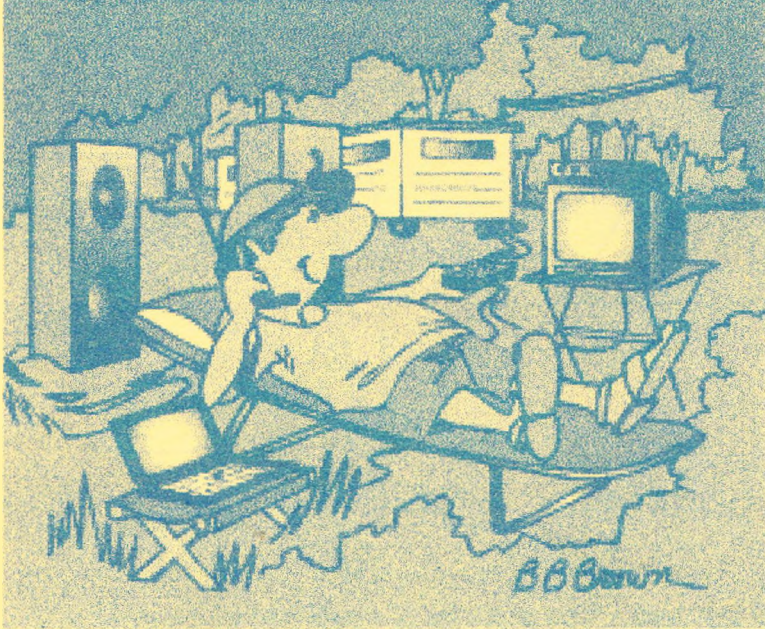
Cartoon Showcase

If you have a favorite cartoon and want it shown every other month I'm doing a cartoon Showcase. These are some from my collection. Remember that I need re-print rights in order to print them.



"YES, THAT'S RIGHT, MISSION CONTROL.....A COCKROACH!"

APPALLED BY HIS RELIANCE UPON MODERN CONVENIENCES, GEORGE DECIDED TO SPEND HIS VACATION CAMPING.



"I DON'T WANT TO DO MY HOMEWORK ON A COMPUTER; I WANT THE COMPUTER TO DO IT!"

IMMIGRATION

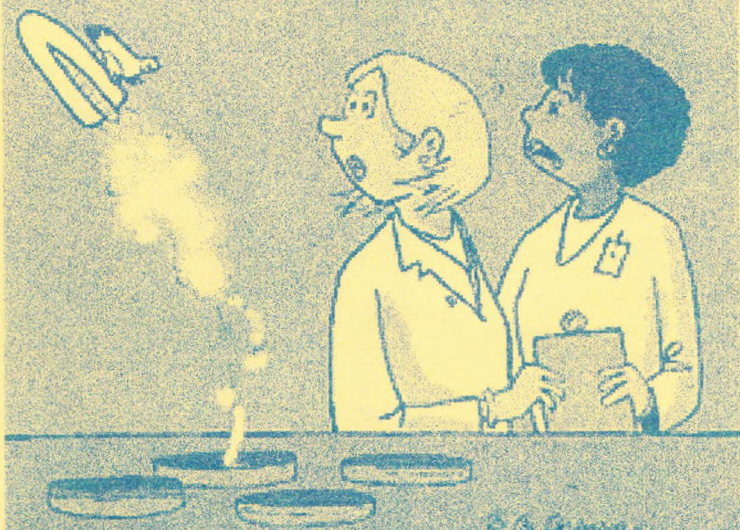


"I'D LIKE TO APPLY FOR A GREEN CARD."



"THERE ARE TWO FORMS OF LIFE HERE,
SIR. CARBON-BASED AND INTELLIGENT."

LABORATORY



B.B. Brown

"NOW THAT'S THE SIGN OF A VERY ADVANCED CULTURE!"



B.B. Brown

"THAT'S NOT ATHLETE'S FOOT. IT'S MERCURY POISONING."

Colophon

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From The Editor

I hope that everyone will appreciate what I am doing with the newsletter. I know that I won't please everyone all the time. I didn't have enough menace to fill this issue with so I've tried to make do with an image gallery. I believe that I will keep this feature on an every other month basis. I'd also like to get some articles and more upcoming events. Perhaps we have a budding artist out there that would like to have a forum to display some quick drawings or cartoons and I'll be happy to print them. I have some historical images to publish in the cartoon gallery as well.

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Poet's Corner



Faeries

When silent falls the rustling wind
in sleepy forest boughs,
wild and free the spirits walk
stirring in their halls

faeries, gnolls and little folk
from darkened lairs emerge,
to dance in morning's green and gold
within the forest virge

We can't see the faerie folk
unless we're pure of heart
of course that's almost never true...
we're that way at our start

As innocence with time doth fade
the faerie folk all pass away
into legends of our youth
replaced by mundane light of day

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