

The stories do not agree on the ethnic origin of the murderer, who was not reported captured.

Tim Marion, in another letter, describes being robbed at knifepoint: "During the summer I bought myself another bike (you may recall my last one, a \$200 Kubuki ten-speed, was ripped off while sitting in Hope Leibowitz' apartment). I bought a 12-speed Panasonic Sports Deluxe, which /cost/ \$243. It wasn't but six weeks later when Jeff Kleinbard and I were biking to the end of the FDR Drive Park, where we were accosted by two youths with knives. Since they had knives we didn't see any point in arguing about it. They took our bikes and what little money we had. Jeff's bike was old and only valued at \$20, but for me, this is just too painful. I can no longer afford to just throw away several hundred dollars at once, and I see little point in buying another bike if it's merely going to open me up to all the trash who would rather take something from somebody than do a decent day's work. Due to the incompetence of the clerical department in the local police station, my report didn't get filed for days -- I had to file it again -- and by that time I had lost the ability to identify my assailants without error. It's a crime that people with expensive bikes aren't allowed to buy a decent weapon, because right now, whoever is riding around here on an expensive bike is just asking to be attacked, especially with the evil gun laws in this state. A citizen's vulnerability is almost unspeakable in this stupid state. Down with the evil system!"

Jim Freund, according to a clipping from the September 30 Daily News included with Marion's letter, eluded mugging on a Greenwich Village subway platform when a dozen young men emerged from a train and surrounded him. Four demanded money -- but Freund's \$3 cash-on-hand wasn't enough. As they tried to take his shoulder bag, Freund moved down the platform towards two other people, and got away to a token booth. There he found two cops, who drew their guns and went back down the platform, arresting four of the twelve Freund could positively identify. The four were charged with second degree robbery, and one was further charged with resisting arrest. "The police acted very professionally," said Freund. "They did a brilliant job. And I'm not always a fan of the police."

NEW YORK IN '89 BID ANNOUNCED: From Robert Sacks comes word of a worldcon bid with the 50th anniversary of the first worldcon as the premise for its date. Sacks adds, "A word about the New York in 1986 bid: we are not competing with them; we are not connected with them; their members are welcome to join." Citing his as a unity bid, Sacks says, "People will have to work hard to get themselves excluded from the bid. Too many problems come in with voting and parliamentary maneuverings...This is going to be an administered anarchy." Sacks, the General Secretary, may be reached at 4861 Broadway 5-V, NYC NY 10034.

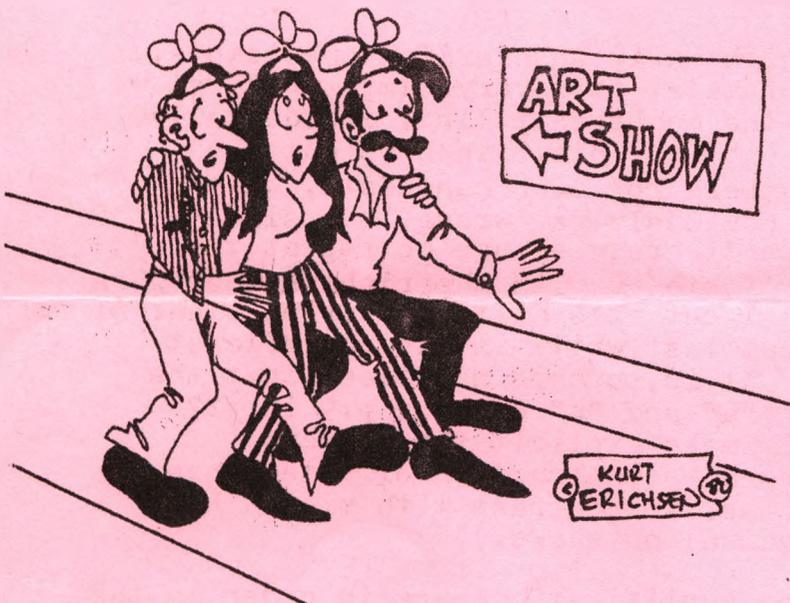
BRITAIN IN '84: Chris Atkinson, Alan Dorey, Malcolm Edwards, Leroy Kettle, Dave Langford, Kevin Smith and Kevin Williams have announced a Worldcon bid for 1984. Challenging the extant LA bid, the note the failures of Australia and Copenhagen in '83 bids, and point to the need for a true Worldcon to periodically move outside North America. Contact address: c/o 28 Duckett Rd., London N4 1Bn U.K. Their initial flier names no particular city as site.

MORE DENVER MEMOIRS

BILL BOWERS: Sorry you didn't make it to Denver -- definitely the most enjoyable Worldcon since Torcon II!

MIKE GLICKSOHN: /highlights/ (i) Accepting the Hugo for Susan Wood. (ii) The 50+ imported cold beers available 24 hours a day in the con suite. (iii) Conversations with Perdue, Speer, Moore, Carr, Cantor, Andrus, Austin, Feder, etc. etc. (iv) Marta Randall describing the Male Hormonal Changes.

Unicorns and dragons and pegasi
Oh my!



KEN OZANNE: I enjoyed watching two strong ladies holding Gordy Dickson firmly to the floor when he showed a tendency to float above it after winning two Hugos. // I enjoyed meeting a number of eofen for the first time -- Aubrey MacDermott, Olon Wiggins, Elmer Perdue and several more. // I enjoyed asking Don Thompson how Maggie was -- for some reason I never got this valuable information.

LARRY NIVEN: Denvention was generally sloppy. Best-run were the Masquerade and the Art Show. The spa/sauna party was a huge success, as far as I could tell, and perfectly timed. I hope a lot of committees try that again, and fiddle with the format a little. I'd have

started it an hour later...and I could be wrong. // Worst was the Award Presentations. There's an element of sadism when the planner has a truly captive audience; I've seen it before. We ought to go back to Banquet format; it's far more pleasant for everyone. And those who really don't give a damn feel less guilty about skipping it.

MARGARET MIDDLETON: Re the Campbell Award for Best Novel: According to James Gunn's speech when he presented it, this award is decided upon by a jury of academics and is ordinarily presented in the course of Gunn's seminar on teaching SF at the University of Kansas in early July. Benford was unable to attend that event, however, and Denvention was the next opportunity. // Re no shows. Denvention's attendance was notable to me for the absence of any

Midwesterners of my acquaintance. Granted, my acquaintance of Midwesterners runs mainly to folksingers, but even taking that as a sample group, there weren't a helluva a lot there. Given that there has been a good deal of speculation in the Fannish Midwest on the potential for foulupery at Denvention, it was my impression that the folks who were most afraid the con would be a disaster opted to stay home, thus reducing the crowd to manageable dimensions. Them as decided to risk it had a good time as a result.

ROBERT WHITAKER: I was trying to find out if R A Lafferty attended the Worldcon, but was unable to find anyone who'd seen him. He'd written to me a few weeks prior to the convention and told me that two months previously he'd slipped and fallen upon his knees. Both of them required operations and he said he'd try to go to the con, but would require the use of a walker or a cane.

BEN YALOW: The main things I /noted/ were the small size (probably no more than 3500 peak present) and the success of the weapons policy in reducing the number of weapons incidents at the con, as compared with previous Worldcons.

GEORGE FLYNN: I'd better write right away to clarify some points. About the site-selection voting totals, it's very simple. First we checked off the ballots against the membership list, incidentally coming up with a total count of 1683 ballots. Then we cut the ballots apart and counted the numbers for each candidate, which added up to 1679. One of these obviously was wrong, but since it didn't affect the result, we weren't crazy enough to repeat the count. Presumably Baltimore will come up with the right number when they tally their members (and I'll bet it's different from either of the above ones). By the way, that last write-in was for "Planet Skaro" (home of the Daleks). // It is perhaps not clear that the two new amendments I introduced ("a" and "b" on your p.9 in #27) don't change anything, but merely make explicit the current practice. ((George also provides a reconstruction of attendance figures for the past four worldcons, to contrast with mine. He concludes Denver had about 750 actual no shows.))

JEFF DEL PAPA: A few comments and amplifications are in order on the article /Gil Gaier postcard/ concerning the tub of Jello at Denvention. First, the published report, while close, did contain a few errors. We produced approximately 300 pounds of Jello. This amounted to a layer 40 cm deep in the metal tub, which was used during the convention for delivering ice. Unfortunately, the rumors of a full tub were unfounded. We started with 70 pounds dry weight of jello powder. This was only 15 packages. (It was industrial strength as well). Strawberry was bought to be "different". It was also suspected that certain people would be upset if lime was used again. Unfortunately Dana Cain had not heard about Bill Bowers getting strawberried a* Confusion in 1976. (He put a quip to the effect, "Why lime, personally I prefer strawberry" at the end of an article in his fanzine about the original incident at Discon). The jello was allowed to set in the Logistics Room Monday evening. Many incriminating pictures were taken. Suzanne, the Chairman, decided that the jello quivered menacingly, and had to be pe.cebonded. At midnight (more or less, mostly more) the jello was taken on tour to all the open

parties, and the gopher hole. It was left in the con suite, and with great amounts of ceremony was un-peacebonded.

To blame: Dana Cain (con suite manager) for obtaining the jello. Jeff Del Papa (logistics staff and Chief Scrounge) and Rowan (office manager) for mixing up the jello. Nancy Nutt, culinary advisor, and diverse hangers on -- peacebonding and delivery. ((Jeff appeals for photos -- send to him at 100 Appleton St., Arlington MA 02174.))

RICHARD H. E. SMITH II: The strange thing that happened to me during Denvention was ending up the de facto OE of W.O.O.F. /Worldcon Organization Of Fanzines, the annual apa originated by Bruce Pelz at MAC/. I recently found a bargain on a used mimeo, and the presence of this new hardware in the back room helped me to decide to do a zine for WOOF this year. I hauled my 300 copies to Denver and dropped them off at the only place I could find -- the mimeo room. Unlike the fanzine room, which never seemed to be open, the mimeo room was populated by these ex-bozoids from Minneapolis who spent much of the con there; they had the key to the room, so there wasn't any problem in keeping their own hours. Anyway, by Sunday night, a collection of zines had developed there, and there were several contributors hanging around waiting for either some authority to take charge of collating the damn thing or denial of authority so we could just do it ourselves.

We sent people off to the 'Bruce Party' to look for Pelz, and a while later got back the response that he had delegated OEs hip to Marty Cantor. Then we heard that Marty had passed it on to Lan Laskowski...who thought that it meant next year. When he found out that Marty meant this year, Lan appointed Arthur Hlavaty ...who appointed Mike Bentley...who disappeared. I probably left someone out of the daisy-chain, but it went something like that.

Down in the mimeo room, us poor apahacks decided to give up. Someone else would do the cover art, and I would type up the ToC. The actual collation was done by the 'walk around the table ten times and you can have your own copy" system on Monday morning.

JOAN HANKE WOODS: /excerpted from a VOOTIE apazine/ "When the time came to check out, the note on my sheet allowing payment was overlooked. When I approached a person of capabilities (so I thought) holding a walkie-talkie to inquire of further recourse, I was mumbled at, stared at, and then walked away from with no explanation... When I followed, wondering what to do next, I was again stared at and sent through a slow-motion evasion walk til I was left standing, feeling an idiot, watching the officious, mumbling walkie-talkier diminish in the caverns of the emptying convention center. Everywhere else at the checkout center I found evasion, confusion and more rudeness. Finally, after 25 minutes of wonderful befuddlement, Gail Barton, the concommittee member in charge of the whole she-bang (yes) shows up to lend her magical administrative touch, and I receive \$98 some-odd of my earnings, about $\frac{1}{2}$ of what is due. It was thrust out in an intimidatingly brusque manner with no reference to my master sheet, no mention of the remainder and when it would be paid, and inspiring absolutely no confidence whatsoever in the proceedings of this horror show....

1981 HOGU AWARDS

Elst Weinstein, well known ~~gafiate~~ St Louis physician, adds:
"The 1981 Hogu and Blackhole Ranquet was held at the local McDonald's, conveniently placed just around the corner of the con hotel. The place was even equipped with a downstairs dining section, which the management was so kind as to allow the use of. Glen Cook, well-known author (well, more known than any previous guests of honor), sold his time for a meal and 25¢ transportation fee (another tradition). The speech was a rousing success and those who were awake when it finished applauded it for at least five minutes (would you believe one?)

"A ballot with the list of winners is included with the actual votes, as it is policy not to hide the votes from the voters, as did the Hugos. Of course you must realize that this list, although similar to the results given at the ceremony, is not exactly the same due to some changes. This is because some categories that were not popular had vote changes, another time honored Hogu tradition."

The De Roach Award (For Putridity In Everyday Life):

Foglio's Faux Pas

Best Hoax Awards: People's Choice Oscar Awards

The Aristotle Award (Grandmaster Lifetime Putridity):

Janet Cooke's 8-year-old heroin addict

Best New Feud: Chicon Committee vs. Itself

Best Traumatic Presentation: Atlanta Child Care Centers

Fandom's Biggest Turkey: (Divided to allow fans outside Indiana a chance.

CLASS ONE: (from Indiana) John Thiel

CLASS TWO: (Anywhere else) HJN Andruschak

Best Typeface: Coors Light

Best Religious Hoax: (Flavor-Aid Award) Moral Majority

Best Professional Hoax: Rev. Jerry Falwell

Worst Fanzine Title: (TIE*) Skiffy Thyme; Intermediate Boson Vectors

Best Dead Writer: (Must be living to qualify) John Norman

Best Hoax Convention: Scandinavia in '83

Special Bagelbash Award: Jodi Foster Pen Pal Club

Best Habbeen: Bani-Sadr

Best Polish Pope Joke: Why is there no ice in the Vatican? The last Pope died with the recipe.

Free For All: "Nuke the Unborn Whales"

Most Desired Gafiation (Winner gets the Mid-Atlantic Fan Fund):
Harry Andruschak

Mixed Media: Superman II Putridest Scene, Lois to Clark: "That's three teeth I've chipped on that thing."

Shiners From Shining: "Daddy, the elevator's leaking again."

Most Boring Moment of Buck Rogers: All of it.

Cloest Encounter of the Fourth Kind: Rev. Falwell & Penthouse magazine

Standard Blackhole: (Four winners): HJN Andruschak, Ross Pavlac, David Klaus, A. Porter

Invisibility Award: 1983 Viable Foreign Worldcon Bid

Incompetence Award: Sen. Proxmire

Publisher's Award: National Enquirer

Greed Award: Companies that have ex-hostages endorse their products

Half-Assed Con Officialness: Kumquats

Brown Hole Award For Outstanding Professionalism: Alexander Haig

MIDWESTSIDE STORY

DORSAI IRREGULARS REPLACE MEMBERS: The Dorsai Irregulars have added their first new members in a number of years. In a meeting held at Conclave 6 they added Murray Porath of Louisville, Ky., Elizabeth Pearse of Toronto, Ont., and Steve Simmons of Saline, Mi. These additions were made because of several resinations over the past five years and the tragic death this spring of Phil Stevens. The Irregulars wish to point out that this is NOT a general opening of the ranks. No formal or informal mechanics exist for applying for membership, nor is one envisioned. /Steve Simmons/

PLAGUES CONTINUE: The Ann Arbor Rotating Pregnancy has struck again, this time snagging Ruth and Steve Simmons. This makes about 3 years that someone has had this bug, starting with Pat Buchanan and taking only one brief hiatus since then. Ruth is due in April. Other eligible couples are warned to be ready to pick up the torch. // This was also a great summer for weddings in Ann Arbor. Long time Ann Arbor fan Chip Morningstar and Janice Johnson were wed in a backyard garden ceremony attended by most of A2 fandom and quite a number of fans from elsewhere. Elliott Chikotsky and Julie Michutka had a ceremony with both Jewish and Catholic elements, with large numbers of family and friends present. Expatriate Ann Arborite Gwen Zak came home to marry Luisville fan Norm Moore in an SCA wedding that far and away took the award for most beautiful. // Chris Meredith and Mary Horsburgh have become engaged, and plan their wedding over Thanksgiving weekend in Toronto. /Steve Simmons/

RAY BRADBURY donated, through his personal archivist and close pal William Nolan (LOGAN'S RUN) his entire collection of papers, mss., and foreign editions, photos, zines, etc., to the Bowling Green State University Popular Culture Library. /Franz Zrilich/

CONCLAVE 6 (Oct 2-4): The general tone for the convention, held at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport Ramada Inn, was set Thursday night when the convention committee co-opted a hotel bus to go pick up Guest of Honor John Varley. As he left the plane he was met by about 25 fans with a kazoo, slidewhistle, maracas band, serenading him off the plane with "The Heros." Then he was introduced at the Opening Ceremonies to Walter Carlos' "Pompous Circumstances", and the Eastern Michigan University Madrigal Singers serenaded him at the banquet. They received two standing ovations and sold out their albums. Finally, the dead dog party was held at Chaim Sweeney's Pub, where all listened to Marty Burke, folksinger extraordinaire. Fan GoHs were Jon and Joni Stopa, who were their usual outgoing selves. Joni's banquet speech was especially nice, sort of a roman a clef on how to make enemies without really trying. They adjourned to Sweeneys for the Dead Dog, where Joni collapsed from an electrolyte imbalance. She spent the evening under observation in the hospital, but was released the next morning with no ill aftereffects. // Fans showed up from all over: Margaret Middleton (Little Rock), Arlen Robins (San Francisco), Peter Weston (England). Gordy Dickson showed up fresh from the two Hugos he won, and a number of fans came from New York. /Steve Simmons/

BAR PROWL: Latest bar to house the Stilyagi Air Corps (Bimbo's) gives cut rates on beer and pizza,, but the manager crowds them to the back so he can show old movies. New bar to come? /TANSTAAFL/

LOSCON 8: (Nov. 6-8) Huntington Sheraton Hotel, 1401 S. Oak Knoll, Pasadena CA 91109. PRO: William Rotsler. FAN: Len & June Moffatt. Memberships \$15 at door. To: Loscon, c/o LASFS 11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood CA 91601

INTERVENTION GAMMA: (Nov. 6-8) Tri-Arc Travelodge, Salt Lake City UT GUESTS - CJ Cherryh, Larry Niven, Marion Zimmer Bradley, Paula Crist, Frank Denton. Memberships: \$15 at door. Address: PO Box 151366, Salt Lake City UT 84115

FUTURE PARTY '81: (Nov. 13-15) Marriott Hotel, Tampa FL. GUESTS - Jesco Von Puttkamer, David Kyle, Theodore Sturgeon. Memberships: \$10, \$20 at door. To: Scott Baker, 12103 Cypress Hollow Pl., Tampa FL 33624.

TUSCON 8: (Nov. 13-15) Executive Inn, 333 W. Drachman, Tucson AZ GUESTS - Elizabeth Lynn, Mahala Steiner, Curt Stubbs, James Corrick. Memberships \$12. To: PO Box 26822, Tucson AZ 85762.

CONTRADICTION: (Nov. 20-22) Marriott Inn, Amherst NY. GoH: Nancy Springer. Memberships: \$12. To: Contradiction c/o Linda Michaels, 27 Argosy Dr., Amherst NY 14226.

AUGACON 1981: (Nov. 27-29) Dunfey's Hotel, San Mateo CA GUESTS: Ray Nelson, Kathleen Sky, Stephen Goldin, Charles Seeger, Charles Brown, Don Simpson, Steve Perrin, Adrienne Martine-Barnes. Memberships: \$12. To: Auga Con, PO Box 485, Campbell CA 95009.

DARKOVER GRAND COUNCIL MEETING IV: Radisson Wilmington Hotel, Wilmington DE. GOH: C.J. Cherryh. Memberships: \$12. To: Armida Council, c/o Robert Himmelsbach, 308 W. Duval St., 1st Fl., Philadelphia PA 19147.

PHILCON '81: (Dec. 4-6) Philadelphia Sheraton-Downtown, 1700 JFK Blvd. Philadelphia PA 19103. Principal Speaker: Joe Haldeman. Guest Artist: Darrell Sweet. Memberships: \$7 til 11/13, \$11 at the door. Cks. payable to PSFS. Contact address: Joann Lawler, 2750 Narcissa Rd., Plymouth Meeting PA 19462.

YOUR FORSEEABLE FUTURE

CONCAVE 2.5: (Dec. 4-6) Park Mammoth Resort, Park City KY. 1981 Halfacon. Info: Box U122, College Hts. Stn., Bowling Green KY 42101

WINDYCON VIII: (Dec. 18-20) Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago IL PRO: Larry Niven. FAN: Mike Glycer. Info: PO Box 2572, Chicago IL 60690

CHATTACON 6: (Jan. 15-17, 1982) Read House, 9th & Broad, Chattanooga TN 37402. PRO: Larry Niven. MC: Wilson Tucker. Memberships: \$10 til 12/1/81, \$13 after. Banquet: \$13. Dealer tables: \$20 (memb. not incl.). Rooms: \$35/sgl, \$40/dbl. To: Chattacon, PO Box 921, Hixson TN 37343.

MAGICON: (Jan. 23-24) Rault Center Hotel, New Orleans LA Memberships: \$5 til 12/25, \$8 after and at door. To: Magicon I, 4567 Cerise Ave., New Orleans LA 70127

CONFUSION 11: (Jan 29-31) Plymouth Hilton Hotel, 14707 Northville Rd., Plymouth MI 48170. PRO: Phyllis Eisenstein. FAN: Neil Rest. TM: Larry Tucker. Rooms: \$42/sgl, \$49/dbl, \$56/poolside. Memberships: \$9 to 10/4, \$12 to 12/31, \$15 after. To: Ann Arbor SF Assoc., PO Box 1821, Ann Arbor MI 48106.

OMNICON: (Feb. 5-7) Oceanside Holiday Inn, Ft. Lauderdale FL PRO: David Kyle. Fan: Kerry O'Quinn. MC: Terrence Dicks. Others on hand incl: Mike Jittlov, Gil Kane, C.C. Beck. (No other info avail.)

COASTCON 5: Royal D'Iberville Hotel, Biloxi MS. GoH: Richard & Wendy Pini. TM: James Madden. Guests: Joe Haldeman, Jo Clayton, George Alec Effinger. Memberships: \$10 til 2/28/82, \$12.50 at door. (Mailing address not listed by source.)

TROPICON: (Mar. 12-14) Sheraton Hotel, Boca Raton FL.
GoH: Lee Hoffman. Con is held in conjunction with Swann Conference on the Fantastic and the Arts. Notables attending: Delany, DiFate, Sucharitul, Gunn, Green. Memberships: \$6 til 2/1, \$10 at door.
To: PO Box 2811, Boca Raton FL 33432.

LUNACON 25: (Mar. 19-21) Sheraton Heights Hotel, 650 Terrace Ave., Hasbrouck Hts. NJ GoHs: Fred Saberhagen, John Schoenherr, Steve Stiles. Rooms: \$43/sgl, \$48/dbl. Memberships: \$11 til 2/28, \$15 at the door. Dealers tables \$35 (incl 1 memb.)(Attn. Stephen Whitmore)
Art Show info: Wilma Fisher, 25 Old Lancaster Road, Apt. C6, Bala Cynwyd PA 19004 (SASE requested). Cks. to: Lunacon 25, PO Box 338, NY NY 10150.

NOWESCON 5: (Mar. 19-21) Airport Hyatt, Seattle WA.
TM: Dick Lupoff. FAN: Bob Shaw. Info: NWSFS PO Box 24207, Seattle WA 98124.

CHANNELCON (1982 British Eastercon): (Apr. 9-12)
Metropole Hotel, Brighton UK. GoH: John Sladek, Angela Carter. Membership: £6 til 12/1/81, higher after. Info: 4 Fletcher Rd., Chiswick, London W4 5AY England.

MARCON XVII: (Apr. 30-May 2) University Hilton Inn, 3110 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus OH. PRO: Hal Clement. FAN: Buck Coulson. TM: Juanita Coulson. Membership: \$12.50 til 4/1, \$15 at door. No banquet. Hucksters: \$27.50 first table (incl 1 memb.), \$20 each add'l, (no add'l memb.) To: PO Box 2583, Columbus OH 43216.

LEPRECON 8: (May 14-16) Caravan Inn, 3333 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix AZ 85008. PRO: George Barr. FAN: Jan Howard Finder. TM: Bill Rotsler. Rooms: \$29/day & up. Memberships: \$8 in advance, \$10 at door. To: Leprecon 8, PO Box 14590, Phoenix AZ 85063.

TEXARKON 1982: (May 15-16) Texarkana TX. GoHs: Kelly & Polly Freas, Margaret Middleton. Membership: \$10 now, \$12.50 at door. \$6.50 daily. Info: Texarkon-1982, PO Box 6643, Texarkana TX 75501.

DEEPSOUTHCON 20: (June 11-13) Atlanta Northlake Hilton, Tucker GA. PRO: Karl Edward Wagner. FAN: Lon Atkins. MC: Kelly Freas. Memberships \$8 at present. To: 6045 Summit Wood Dr., Kennesaw GA 30144

JERUCON '82: (June 27-July 2) Convantion Centre, Jerusalem, Israel. Info: Organizing Secretariat, Jerucon '82, PO Box 394, Tel Aviv 61003 ISR

WESTERCON 35: (July 2-5) Adams Hotel, Phoenix AZ
PRO: Gordon Dickson. FAN: Fran Skene. TM: David Gerrold. Rooms: \$29 sgl/dbl. Memberships: \$20. To: Westercon 35, PO Box 11644, Phoenix AZ 85061.

CON*STELLATION: (July 16-20) King's Inn, Huntsville AL
PRO: Phyllis Eisenstein. FAN: Ken & Lou Moore. MC: Andy Offutt. Memberships: \$10 thru 12/31, \$12 til 5/1, \$15 at door. (Address unknown)

CHICON IV: (Sept. 2-6) Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago IL.
40th Worldcon. GoHs: A. Bertram Chandler, Frank Kelly Freas, Lee Hoffman. Memberships: Attending \$40 til 12/31, \$50 til 6/15. Supporting \$15 til 7/15. To: Chicon IV, PO Box A3120, Chicago IL 60690.

WESTERCON 36: (July 4th weekend 1983) Red Lion Inn, San Jose CA.
GoHs: Phil Klass, Alicia Austin, Tom Whitmore. TM: Damon Knight. Rooms: \$40/sgl, \$44/dbl. Memberships: \$15 til 7/5/82. To: Westercon 36, 1043 47th St., Emeryville CA 94608.

CONSTELLATION (41st Worldcon): (Sept. 1-5 1983) Baltimore Convention Center, MD. PRO: John Brunner. FAN: Dave Kyle. TM: Jack Chalker. Memberships: Attending \$15 til 12/31, \$20 til 6/30. Supporting: \$10 To: PO Box 1046, Baltimore MD 21203.

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SOUTHERN CAR WRECK FANDOM OPENS DETROIT CHAPTER: In a postcard from Denise Brown, we learn that her husband Brian has found yet another feeble excuse to delay his gallstone surgery... "Brian, myself and our niece were in an auto accident. Brian received a broken pelvis, our niece suffered a skull and collarbone fracture, I was luckiest with just a badly bruised hip. We are bummed out, as this is our 3rd accident this year. /Brian's/ gallstone surgery is once again cancelled because it would be too dangerous while he is ill." (Apologies for any conflict between the light lead-in and the seriousness of the injuries -- I extend my hopes for a rapid and complete recovery for all involved).

HOBBYIST TAX HASSLE: Mike Ward, publisher of PRETENTIOUS SCIENCE FICTION QUARTERLY (right, he only sends in news so I can plug his fmz), clipped a report from 73 MAGAZINE about sales tax hassles at a ham radio fest in New York state. Evidently at last year's event in Rochester some ham radio hucksters collected the NY sales tax and pocketed it. Complaints to a state congressman triggered a raid on this year's fest, resulting in the closure of booths where an appropriate tax certificate (comparable to California resale deposit?) was not produced. General intimidation tactics were used to drive off other dealers on the grounds. Columnist Wayne Green ran an estimated loss of a quarter million dollars in sales. Mike Ward's purpose in clipping the item is to show that large SF cons cannot expect to be immune from this problem, given the potential for irate dealers (for any number of reasons) and, certainly in California, nearly nonexistent compliance with sales tax laws among hucksters.

FILE 770
BONUS COLOPHON

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: Presently F770 sells for 50¢ a copy, usually in 4/\$2 increments. Overseas subscriptions sent surface mail sell at the ordinary rate, while overseas copies mailed at the Air Printed Matter rate cost \$1 each.

All prices are stated in US dollars (consider it a vague tribute to my employer, Randy.) US copies are automatically mailed 1st class.

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FREQUENCY: Since this issue appears about six weeks after the previous issue, maybe it's not too ambitious to claim the zine is back on schedule and can be expected every six weeks hereafter.

OTHER AVAILABILITY: F770 is not generally available for trade except on an all-for-all basis with other newzines and clubzines as arranged.

Art: As long as your art is on file, you will have each issue sent to you. News: I like to swap F770 for news -- it's the only way to keep a newzine going. But here I admit an inconsistent policy. It is too much hassle to tally up pieces of news and send stray issues from time to time. What happens is -- if somewhat arbitrary -- this: those I hear from on a regular basis are permanently added to the mailing list. When I feel I haven't heard from one in awhile, I jot a news request on his copy. If no reply, *zap* Subscribers who also submit news from time to time get an issue or two tacked onto their sub at the end. (You who have checkmarks following your last-ssue numbers, for example.) Phone calls: Due to the expense of long distance phone calls, these weigh most heavily on the credit side.

ER, 770? : When I began this fanzine in January 1978, I scanned Bruce Pelz' computerized list of fanzines, and read entries in Roget's Thesaurus. Obviously all the good names had been used up. Later Dave Langford put the lie to this by calling his newzine ANSIBLE. But I contrived a title that meant a fannish data source. At the NoLaCon in 1951, the New Orleans worldcon, a party in Room 770 was made legendary by the number of articles faneditors wrote about it. The number's magic quality had been recently revived by Harry Warner's A WEALTH OF FABLE, which included an essay on the party. So for everyone who tuned in late, that's why: FILE 770.

DNQ: Wouldn't I really rather be reading? If you write me anything you do not want to have publicized, mark it accordingly.

BRIAN EARL BROWN: It's my belief that the decline in number of complaints about "fragmented fandom" over the past four years is a direct result of the reportorial work done by Fred Patten (club list), Larry Nielsen, Lester Boutillier, Harry Andruschak (SOUTH OF THE MOON apa index), Locus and Erwin Strauss (con listings), Brian Earl Brown (WHOLE FANZINE CATALOG), Linda Bushyager (demythification of worldcon-running), and me (F770 has tried to support or revive these items where needed). Even I would rather read a Terry Carr reprint than a list of 60 conventions -- except that I consider the latter basic information fans need to plan their activities. Not everything in print has to be derivative of Burbee, and having done both, I'd like to point out it's more work to index 60 cons than write a hilarious essay.

DEGLER!: Learning about Inconjunction (July 3-5), Ed Connor filed this account: "The first Indy con of recent date had a surprise visitor. None other than CLAUDE DEGLER. (This info furnished me by Bob Tucker.) Degler's now living in an Indy suburb. He is married to a woman described as 'extremely unattractive'. Later, Phil Farmer, GoH of the con, told me that Degler had gotten his autograph. Phil responded by getting Degler's autograph, to have proof that Claude had actually materialized. Don't know when Degler was last seen. He'd shown up at the Philly Worldcon (1953 I think) and I personally saw him in LA in the summer of '54."

GLYER!: With considerable sarcasm I recently reported that Andrew Porter violated the DNP Atlanta worldcon bid announcement. Since then my source has reversed himself, and it now appears that Porter received the info with no caveats, and only after his issue was at the printer did he receive a card from Randy Satterfield requesting this delay in the announcement. Hence, my apologies to Porter and Satterfield.

DUFF: Joyce Scrivner says the Down Under Fan Fund presently has about \$1000 in each of its Aussie and American Administrators' tills. Joyce credits this affluence to \$350 generated by sales of FINDERS GUIDE TO AUSTRALTERRESTRIALS, and \$500 from the Denvention auction. Propsective candidates include Derrick Ashby, Peter Toluzzi, and Damien Brennan, of Australia. More info when ballot finalized.

MISCELLANEOUS: Dr. Mark K. Anthony (Paula's brother) has opened his practice at Culver Chiropractic Centre, 11444 Washington Blvd. Ste. 3, Los Angeles CA 90066. (213) 390-8736. Mark graduated from Cleveland Chiropractic College this August. // At DeepSouthCon in Birmingham, major winners were: Rebel Award to Dick & Nicki Lynch. Phoenix Award to Mary Elizabeth Councilman. Lon Atkins won the Hearts Tournament. // Fantasy Amateur Press Association (FAPA) recently elected Gregg Calkins, President, Seth Goldberg, Vice President, Bob & Peggy Pavlat, Secretary-Treasurer, Ed Cox, Official Editor. // W.E.A. (Erik) Fennel died of cancer on August 10, at the age of 67. Roy Lavender adds, "A man of many interests /Fennel's/ writing appeared in PLANET STORIES and he was working on an alternate world novel at the time of his death. He was one of the first computer experts in Hawaii, a sailplane pilot, a professional photographer and a designer of 'black boxes' for submarines."

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