

File 770 Sampler

What is File 770?

It's the newzine about science fiction fandom published here in Southern California.

Clippings from recent issues fill this flyer — news about your friends, fannish gaffes reported with an ironic edge, conreports and some thoroughly-researched articles like "Is Your Club Dead Yet?" (published in full on the *File 770* web page: see the address on the back.)

There's also an eye-pleasing array of cover art and cartoons from fandom's best artists — Teddy Harvia, Brad Foster, Bill Rotler, Taral, Joe Mayhew, Alan White, Kurt Erichsen.

A new issue will be out right after Loscon. Take the chance to subscribe at a great rate!

++ Mike Glycer

News of Fandom

L.A. fanartist **Selina Phanara** had a ball at Pasadena's annual Absolut Chalk Festival. "At 7:05 p.m. it rained Big Hairy raindrops! I howled and danced in the rain and watched what the water did to the colors in the chalk on the pavement and it was so pretty and fitting.... Double rainbow endings always make me cry!"

Bjo Trimble discovered in downtown LA a boarded-up

building that boasts it is the headquarters of Vampire Technology -- and the name of the firm is spelled in mirrors!

Lee and Barry Gold are celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary. Lee is still publishing *Alarums and Excursions* and *Xenofilkia*.

Jack Speer complained in a letter to *As-facts* that the Albuquerque bomb squad required fans to evacuate the April meeting of ASFS because a black box was found on the steps of the UNM building where ASFS meets.

Didn't Van Vogt say, "The right to be blown up is the right to be free!"



What A Steal!
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THE TRILL NEXT DOOR

By Francis Hamit

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It was at the recent Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles that I became aware on one of Fandom's least attractive aspects: its rudeness to the very people who help make the dreams come alive....

Well, how fannish is this, I thought. DeBoer, attended by a Paramount PR department minder and possibly an off-duty cop or two working as bodyguards, could hear all of this negative commentary, even as the same people filed past to acquire her autograph (currently worth about \$45.00 on e-bay because she has made so few appearances)....

Repent, Updike!

Not only did **Chris Barkley** call **Harlan Ellison's** "Repent, Harlequin!" Said the Ticktockman" the best short story every written, he was outraged to find it missing from a big anthology of the century's best short stories edited by John Updike.

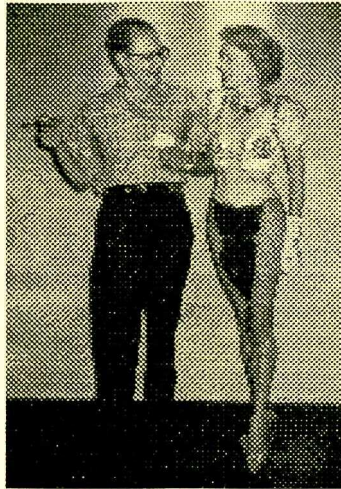
Harlan's short story, "The Man Who Rowed Christopher Columbus Ashore," was picked for the 1993 collection of *Best American Short Stories*, which makes him the only sf genre writer other than Bradbury with that distinction. Harlan jibed, "It's one of the few things I have over Silverberg."

John Hertz's Westercon Notebook

Westercon 52, "EmpireCon", July 2-5, 1999

DoubleTree City Center Hotel, Spokane, Washington

...Attendance was 1,423 including one dog. The con was fresh and vigorous. It brought Yuri Mironets, a professor of English in Vladivostok who has been teaching American and British s-f. It was run by people who, at Jon Gustafson's warning "You're a bunch of maroons if you do this," achieved enlightenment. "Yes! We're maroons! We're Team Maroon!" and they put on khaki shorts, maroon polo shirts, and straw boaters with TEAM MAROON upside down....



Marjii Ellers, 1918-1999.
Shown with Tony Boucher at
1954 Worldcon

Short Waves

Jefferson Swycaffer has received the N3F's Kaymar Award, originated in 1959 by its namesake, K. Martin Carlson. Lots of past and present *File 770* subscribers have won it. I'm sure it's not a coincidence.

Fred Patten writes: "If I understand correctly, Philadelphia's argument over which club is

older is based upon the technicality of when they adopted their current names. The Philadelphia club dropped out of the SFL and became the independent PSFS in 'early 1936.' The L.A. club remained loyal to the SFL until the SFL was clearly moribund by 1939. The L.A. chapter had a dramatic vote (according to the fanzines of the day) to officially secede and adopt its new LASFS name at its March 27, 1940 meeting."

Is Your Club Dead Yet?

by Mike Glycer

I could run a column in this zine titled "Club Suicide Note of the Month" and never fail to fill it. What is going on?

All of the writers are club officers, sincerely trying to reverse a downhill trend -- A massive fall-off in attendance; Empty treasuries.

This article explores the problem using comments from sf club members around the world....

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