

**THE INSIDER (REPLACEMENT PAGE #1 – All disclaimers, etc, that Kay normally puts here are still in effect.)**

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Whoops! Missed the last couple of meetings, did you? Well, the February meeting was "held" at Czarkon 9 ½, Sunday afternoon by the pool. We didn't have any old business, or any new business as far as that goes, there wasn't any programming to speak of (most of the entertainment had been the night before), and nobody seemed to notice.**

**There will be a meeting in April – at which time we'll have the elections (overdue from the February meeting) so think of your nominees (John Novak declines).**

**That's about it for this month (and the last couple come to think of it). If you really want to know what happened to the original first page, see the programming paragraph. See you in April. – Michelle**

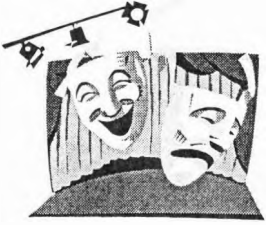
The St Louis Science Fiction Society Invites YOU to come to a picnic & fandomily reunion!!

Sunday, 18 July 1999, 11:30am – 6pm, Fenton City Park, Pavilion 2  
\$3/person (\$1/kid) & a side dish for ~ 5 (cheap at twice the price)

BRING – Kids, drinks, lounge chairs, towels/washcloths, tablecloths, bikes, skates, hats, cards, board games, bats/balls/gloves, horseshoes, sunscreen, radio/tapes/CDs, dogs (on a leash), friends, family.

SIDE DISH HINTS – Salads, Veggies, Fruit, Desserts, "Family Favorites", Chips/dip/salsa, Crackers & Cheese

More information to follow!!



## YEARLY CALENDAR:

February = Election of  
Club Officers

April = Kite Fly

June = Zoo & Picnic

August = Baseball Game

October = Grant's Farm & Wine Trip

December = Nominations for Club Officers &  
Christmas Party

## EMOCs (E-Mails of Comment)

<<In an effort to get **SOME KIND OF RESPONSE** from SOMEBODY, I sent an e-mail message out to those addresses that I have (go ahead, send me yours-if you dare). Ha Ha!!! Mine is cagey@i1.net (that's @ letter eye, number one.net) - see you on the Internet! . I would LIKE to have anything you would care to send me about 3 days before the end of the month just before I need to publish the newsletter (Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. & Dec.).>>

Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 13:08:56 -0600

From: "Dana D. Eilers" <revdana@mindspring.com>

Hello, Everyone--

Yes, I am alive. No, I am not dead. However, I came close to booking out of the hotel twice.

To bring everyone up to date, this is what happened...<<very much edited - it was many pages, sorry, kg>>

The weekend after Halloween, I went to bed on that Saturday night feeling like my regular self. I woke up on Sunday morning with what I describe as an "exploded left leg." The left leg was swollen triple its normal size; it was red hot; I had a fever of 104 degrees; and the pain in the leg was something like having ten or twelve red hot branding irons applied to it.

I was in horrible pain; in semi-delirium; not making a lot of sense, etc. Being the usual smart ass that I am, I refused to go to the hospitals. I was convinced that they would truly kill me there. My roommate Jerry Verdot stayed by my bedside for 36 hours and with all his skill, brought my fever down to 101 degrees. We called the doctor, got oral antibiotics, and instructions to keep me in bed with legs elevated as this was cellulitis. ... after a week of struggling with pain, the leg erupted into a mass of open, draining wounds both front and back. Chere Belknap finally took me to Jewish Hospital on the night of the second Monday in November. An MRI scan revealed a crescent moon-shaped pocket of fluid in the back of the calf, wrapped around the large muscle. ... Eventually, they cultured one of the draining sites, and it grew a rare

infectious organism resistant to most drugs. It would respond to only certain antibiotics. I was placed IN ISOLATION, and a new drug was hooked up. I was running high, cyclic fevers (going up to 101 degrees by four in the afternoon), and the insurance company determined that my hospitalization was not medically necessary (lawsuit in progress), and I was booted out of the hospital.

Once home, I was bedridden and still in horrific pain. ... I was utterly out of it. My memory went. My sense of continuity went. My concentration went. Life was slow motion. ...The following people have done these things for me, and they have my humble gratitude and love: My mother David Szuch and Dawn Marie Blades Jerry Verdot Chere Belknap Ron Schaefer Ollie Langhorst Pam Machold Michelle Neubauer. Without the care and constant attention of these powerful people, I would be dead.

For weeks, I did not eat and was not in my right mind. My blood pressure plummeted; I suffered from shattering palsy-like shaking and chills known as rigors. My eyes rolled around in my head, and my teeth chattered. My body temperature could not be regulated and ultimately, I suffered a massive, systemic allergic reaction to the IV drug. I broke out in what amounted to a second or third degree chemical burn all over my body--from the top of my head to the bottoms of my feet. I was taken off the IV drug ...I wound up in the doctor's office with a blood pressure of 80/40, lost consciousness there, and was evacuated via ambulance from his office to the Emergency Room where I remained for six hours on various IV's--I bordered on hypovolemic shock, and the fear was that my heart would stop beating.

The following day, I underwent a tap of the fluid in my leg under ultrasound technique. ...they never were able to grow out the offending organism in my blood; however, gram stains revealed a gram positive cocci, and Infectious Disease specialists put me on a new oral drug, which I am still taking. Just before Christmas, a urine culture revealed a rare organism in my bladder, and I was medicated with IV drugs again for a week. Two days before Christmas, I was finally able to sit up and eat.

Currently, I am off blood pressure medicine in an attempt to maintain a blood pressure to support my heart beat. I am on oral drugs for the infection in the leg. The condition of my skin over 98% of my body is very poor--I have some burns that are quite severe. I am in the process of rehabilitating. I shake sometimes without warning or control. My hand-eye coordination is very poor. Typing on the computer is good for me, but slow going. I am very weak. ...My leg will require surgery in the spring; the vascular surgeon has determined that this is an abscess which will have to be drained, but the current condition of the leg is too poor ...My body temperature is still out of control--I get cold quite often. My concentration is quite poor, and I space out rather easily. I forget things. I am on an extended medical leave from work--that is another story.

And so, there it is. I am glad to still be among the living. That is why I have not been on the computer.

Love, Dana (The rumors of my death have been greatly exaggerated).

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Date: Sat, 28 Nov 1998 09:45:56  
From: "Mrs.Klinger" <mrs.klinger@usa.net>  
From: "Susan Satterfield" <suesatterfield@sprintmail.com> (by way of Keith Stokes <sfreader@unicom.net>)  
Subject: Michael Weaver III

I am sorry to report that Michael Weaver (Contraception 10's Toastmaster and my dear friend) is in the hospital. His wife, Karla called and said that he was in St. John's Mercy in St. Louis. It seems that he had the flu or something which threw off his blood sugar (they discovered in the hospital that he has diabetes). At some point, Michael had 2-3 small strokes. At the moment, he is semi-paralyzed on one side. Karla said they expect Michael to recover but it may take awhile and he will have to be carefully monitored. I know I speak for everyone when I say we all send our thoughts and wishes for a speedy recovery to Michael, Karla, and the rest of his friends and family.

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From: Rich Zellich <zellich@stl-17lssc.army.mil>

George Alec Effinger and Barbara Hambly were married in Los Angeles, CA on Saturday, 14 Nov.

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Date: Thu, 28 Jan 1999 07:45:23 -0500  
From: Roger Tener <RM\_Tener@compuserve.com>

I just got the following from Keith Stokes and felt I should pass it along to the readership:

"I sent the following to the KaCSFFS Email List a few minutes ago. If you don't recall Bea, she was one of the Bimbos of the Bookcovers. I knew Bea for about 6 years. Many of the gang knew her even longer through the Kansas City Film Society. Bea and I shared a room at the San Antonio WorldCon.

I must pass along the sad news that Bea Owens had a heart attack and passed away today. She has no local family (except us) and details of funeral arrangements are unknown at this time. Allison & Carol are keeping contact and will advise us when more is known."

I do remember Bea well and am saddened. From years of experience of dealing with family during these situations it is never easy. She will be missed.

My condolences not only to her family but also to the members of KaCSFFS on their loss.

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From: LesHaven@aol.com  
Date: Wed, 9 Dec 1998 22:37:46 EST

I don't know if this is true, but according to something I saw on the net FOX currently has someone working on a script for a pilot of a new series based on Buckaroo Banzai.

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From: Rich Zellich <zellich@STL-17LSSC.ARMY.MIL>

May have to go look for this one... -Rich

Dark Lord of Derkholm by Diana Wynne Jones  
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Jones' must-have "Tough Guide to Fantasyland" posed as a book of rules and definitions for tours through a fantasy world. Wickedly funny, it left every reader in stitches and every would-be writer wincing at just how predictable their own work was.

"Dark Lord" is set in the "Tough Guide" world, with hundreds of mundane world tourists hacking and slashing their way through carefully choreographed clichés. A profitable business for all, you think? But: "Querida, High Chancellor of Wizards' University, has received more than one million letters from wizards, farmers, soldiers, elves, dragons, and kings, all begging her to put a stop to Mr. Chesney's Pilgrim Parties."

If not for the contract with the demon-toting Mr. Chesney, the tours would be a thing of the past. The wars between the forces of Good and Evil ruin the crops, destroy perfectly good cities, and it's a pain posing as the Beautiful Enchantress, the Wizard Guides (beards compulsory) or, especially, the Dark Lord. This year, Querida decides to try and get out of Chesney's contract and consultation with the oracles informs her that to do this she must appoint the less-than conventional wizard Derk as Dark Lord and his young son Blade as a Wizard Guide (beard still compulsory).

Despite the setting, "Dark Lord" is not a parody. It's the story of a very unusual family in a world of magic coping with a particularly trying situation, and it's brilliant. Jones is a master of her craft and utterly convincing. Few other writers could successfully create a family which included, along with the humans, a clutch of very personable griffins with dreams, aspirations and problems all their own. Not to mention the flying horses and pigs, Big Hen, and the carnivorous sheep, which Derk admits were a mistake.

It's possible to read "Dark Lord" without having read "Tough Guide," but both are so seriously recommended as absolutely essential reading that rushing out and buying both (and a spare set or two for friends) straight away is the only acceptable solution. You'll never think about leathery-winged avians in quite the same way again.

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Date: Wed, 28 Oct 1998 23:26:10 -0600  
From: Sean Sendlein <Jacara@i1.net>

First things first, B5 season 5 picks up tonite at 9pm St. Louis time.  
Sean

PRODUCTION COMMENCED ON CRUSADE

Turner Network Television (TNT) has commenced production on CRUSADE, the highly anticipated new series from the creators of the Emmy Award- and Hugo Award-winning series Babylon 5. Gary Cole, Tracy Scoggins, Daniel Dae Kim, David A. Brooks, Marjean Holden, Carrie Dobro and Peter Woodward will head the cast of CRUSADE, which is set to launch on the network in 1999. Douglas Netter and series creator J. Michael Straczynski will executive-produce for Babylonian Productions.

CRUSADE begins after a savage attack on Earth by the Drakh, allies of the evil Shadows. Earth's humans have succeeded in defeating the alien force, but not its final revenge: a biogenetic plague that will eliminate all human life on Earth, unless a cure can be found. The White Star fleet -- led by the advanced prototype warship Excalibur -- combs the ruins of races far more advanced than humans to find the cure that will save them.

Cole will lead the cast as Captain Matthew Gideon, commanding officer of the Excalibur. Scoggins reprises her role from Babylon 5 as Captain Elizabeth Lochley. Kim stars as Lieutenant John Matheson, second-in-command of the Excalibur. Brooks will play Max Eilersen, a specialist in finding new technologies in the ruins of ancient civilizations. Holden stars as Dr. Sarah Chambers, a biogeneticist assigned to the Excalibur. Dobro will play Dureena, an alien whose own people were wiped out by the Drakh. Woodward stars as Galen, one of a rare order of humans and aliens who use advanced technology to simulate the effects of magic.

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Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 22:17:57 -0600  
From: Sean Sendlein <sean@planetstl.com>

"Crusade": The Great Network Swap !!!

Okay folks. Babylon 5 and Crusade creator J. Michael Straczynski has posted some information to the Internet, which has...more or less...helped explain what has been happening the last few days on Crusade.

Yesterday, Coaxial News reported Crusade was canceled. Crusade has not been canceled. Rather, canceled is too strong a word at the moment. Production on the show has been suspended, to allow for paperwork, negotiations, etc. to take place. In theory, production will resume later next week - or early the following week. - What kind of paperwork, negotiations, etc.?

TNT has not been entirely happy with the show, and the producers haven't been entirely happy with TNT. All of this has become evident over the last few months. As such, TNT is no longer interested in the

show. Efforts are currently underway to find a new "distributor" for the show. In short, TNT will likely not be airing Crusade, and...after the dust settles...it could well end up on The Sci Fi Channel, for example.

In fact, writing, e-mailing, and calling The Sci Fi Channel might be a very good idea right about now...

Is there a chance the show might not get picked up by another network ? ...Yes, there is a chance the show might not get picked-up by another network. HOWEVER, \*\*all\*\* indications are extremely high the Crusade will quickly find a new home, and can then resume production as usual.

What does Warner Bros. have to say about all of this? Warner Bros. is characterized as working feverishly to find a new home for Crusade. Whereas fans have shown some disdain towards Warner's apparent lack of commitment to Babylon 5, all indications suggest Warners is totally and completely behind Crusade in a big way.

This factor alone may well save the show. Also, expect more periphery support for Crusade than on Babylon 5. For example, the video releases of Crusade are likely to be much faster and more efficient than the video releases of Babylon 5. And yes, the initials DVD have been spoken...

So, that should pretty much bring you guys up to where things are at the moment. As I promised in last night's post, I will let you know when it's time to worry. Right now, worrying will not do anyone any good.

Again, expressing your support for Crusade to the Sci Fi Channel would probably be a fair and reasonable gesture at this point in time. Hint...hint...

Glen

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Michael here again....This show has the potential of bringing back the "sense of wonder" (thanks Truesdale) to media Science Fiction. Straczynski even made a deal with the NASA Jet Propulsion Lab, for scientific consultation on scripts and special effects, etc. The vision of the future we will see will be more accurate than ever seen on the screen. Personally I figured there has been trouble since TNT shoved B5 into an unviewable 3:00 CT time slot. That coupled with the delays and creative differences between Straczynski and TNT about the direction of Crusade. The SciFi Channel would be perfect for B5 and Crusade (They need decent SF programming anyway) Plus SciFi is already showing B5 on European Cable. EVERYBODY! SEND AN EMAIL TO SCIFI.COM!!!! Forward this message to as many as possible!

Michael McCain

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Date: Sun, 31 Jan 1999 22:23:51 -0600  
From: Sean Sendlein <sean@planetstl.com>

Here is the email address for the Sci-Fi Channel's programming department and their feedback address: programming@scifi.com and feedback@scifi.com

I also managed to dig up the snail mail address for the Sci-Fi Channel's Senior Vice President of Programming. Remember folks, although email might be our preferred method of communication, networks put much more credence in messages delivered through the postal service and are required by federal law to store them....

Ms. Bonnie Hammer, Senior Vice President of Programming Sci-Fi Channel 1230 Avenue of the Americas, F115 New York, NY 10020-1513

Among the things those of you who can't think of what to write might want to mention: 1) Crusade has an already established fan base as it's a spin-off of the long running hit television series, Babylon 5, so ratings would be strong from day one. 2) A recent Babylon 5 movie ("A Call to Arms") aired on TNT drew better than expected ratings despite minimal promotion. 3) The B5/Crusade fan base would almost certainly immediately start a campaign to get their cable companies to pick up the Scifi Channel (thus increasing distributorship) if the channel picks up Crusade 3) Babylon 5 has won critical acclaim and many people consider it the greatest genera series of all time. 4) Crusade stars Gary Cole, the lead actor in both American Gothic. Fans of that series that might not have otherwise watched Crusade may well jump on board. 5) Ten episodes have already been produced and presumably paid for by TNT so a network might be able to pick up those episodes "on the cheap" if they agreed to produce the rest of the season. 6) Crusade is an edgier version of Star Trek (hey I hate to say it, but networks LOVE comparisons to existing successful shows...remember, Star Trek was originally sold as a "Wagon train to the stars").

Let's get writing!

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Date: Mon, 1 Feb 1999 20:13:50 -0600  
From: Jonathon P Stadter <atomicpossum@juno.com>  
Subject: Re: [STLF] "Crusade" is in Trouble!!!!

On Sun, 31 Jan 1999 13:41:31, -0500 AALC83A@prodigy.com (MIKE EVANS) writes:

Ummmm Crusade? Who? What? When? I don't watch TNT that much... tell me, what is this crusade? I've never heard of it! A new show? Why has nobody said anything about this? Do I really miss that much by not going to the meetings? AAAAAARRRGGGHHHH! I'm outta' the loop!

You know what's ironic about this?

Just about 2 weeks ago, a DOCTOR WHO episode was found in New Zealand that was supposed to have been destroyed, lost for 30 years. It was episode one ("The Lion") of a story known as THE CRUSADE.

Now, the CRUSADE SF fandom thought it had is not so sure, and the CRUSADE it had thought lost is back. Weerd, isn't it?

---Jon "Mr. Wonderful" Stadter---

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Date: Thu, 22 Oct 98 15:18:49 CDT  
From: Rich Zellich <zellich@stl-17lssc.army.mil>

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - They may not be able to ask Scotty to beam them up yet, but California researchers said Thursday they had completed the first "full" teleportation experiment. They said they had teleported a beam of light across a laboratory bench. They did not physically transport the beam itself, but transmitted its properties to another beam, creating a replica of the first beam. "We claim this is the first bona fide teleportation," Jeff Kimble, a physics professor at the California Institute of Technology, said in a telephone interview. Kimble thinks the experiment shows quantum teleportation can eventually transform everyday life. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2556715741-bdc>

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### ITEMS SHAMELESSLY STOLEN FROM THE INTERNET

<<These are items that I found or that someone was kind(?) enough to send me that might be of interest to members of the club.>>

From: CMedley302@aol.com

In a long line of people waiting for a bank teller, one guy suddenly started massaging the back of the person in front of him. Surprised, the man in front turned and snarled, "Just what the hell you are doing?" "Well," said the guy, "you see, I'm a chiropractor and I could see that you were tense, so I had to massage your back. Sometimes I just can't help practicing my art!" "That's the stupidest thing I've ever heard!" the guy replied. "I work for the IRS. Do you see me screwing the guy in front of me?"

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From: CMedley302@aol.com

Her husband has been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet she stayed by his bedside every single day. When he came to, he motioned for her to come nearer. As she sat by him, he said, "You know what? You have been with me all through the bad times. When I got fired, you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you gave me support. When my health started failing, you were still by my side... You know what?" "What dear?" she asks gently. "I think you bring me bad luck."

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From: CMedley302@aol.com

Are we really this stupid?

On hairdryer instructions: Do not use while sleeping. On a bag of Fritos: You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside. On a bar of Dial soap: Directions: Use like regular soap. Frozen dinner that says: Serving suggestion: Defrost. On a hotel-provided shower cap in a box: Fits one head. On Tesco's Tiramisu dessert: Do not turn upside down. (Printed on the bottom of the box) On Marks & Spencer bread pudding: Product will be hot after heating. On packaging for a Rowenta iron: Do not iron clothes on body. On Boots' (pharmacy chain in the UK) children's cough medicine: Do not drive car or operate machinery. On Nytol: Warning: may cause drowsiness. : On a Korean kitchen knife: Warning: keep out of children. On a string of Chinese-made Christmas lights: For indoor or outdoor use only. On a Japanese food processor: Not to be used for the other use. On Sainsbury's peanuts: Warning: contains nuts. On an American Airlines packet of nuts: Instructions: open packet, eat nuts. On a Swedish chainsaw: Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands.

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From: Rich Zellich zellich@STL-17LSSC.ARMY.MIL

Found on the net...forwarded without attribution by a friend (I know \_he\_ didn't write it):

You'd better watch out, You'd better not cry, You'd better not pout; I'm telling you why. Santa Claus is tapping Your phone. He's bugging your room, He's reading your mail, He's keeping a file And running a tail. Santa Claus is tapping Your phone. He hears you in the bedroom, Surveills you out of doors, And if that doesn't get the goods, Then he'll use provocateurs. So--you mustn't assume That you are secure. On Christmas Eve He'll kick in your door. Santa Claus is tapping Your phone.

[Supposedly written for and sung at a US Department of Justice, Office of Legal Counsel Christmas party]

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From: CMedley302@aol.com

"Once we thought if we sat a million monkeys down at a million typewriters we'd get the works of Shakespeare. Now that we have the Web, we know this isn't true."

Anonymous

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From: Sean Sendlein Jacara@i1.net

Things that make you go "HmMMMM!"

1. A cockroach will live nine days without its head, before it starves to death.
2. The venom in a Daddy Long-Legs spider is more poisonous than a Black Widow's or a Brown Recluse, but they cannot bite humans because their jaws won't open wide enough.
3. Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.
4. Humans and Dolphins are the only species that have sex for pleasure.
5. The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.
6. Did you know that you are more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than by a poisonous spider?
7. In Indiana it is illegal to ride public transportation for at least 30 minutes after eating garlic.
8. Polar bears are left handed.

Sean

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In Reply:

From: "Scott Corwin" scorwin@i1.net

8. Polar bears are left handed.

Polar bears don't have hands!

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In Reply:

From: AALC83A@prodigy.com (MIKE EVANS)

Left handed Polar bears? I had to Paws, and think about that one.

I'm sorry, but somebody had to say it.

Mike

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In Reply:

From: Rich Zellich zellich@STL-17LSSC.ARMY.MIL

8. Polar bears are left handed. Polar bears don't have hands!

Yeah, but they have two left feet! (does that mean they can't dance very well?)

-Rich

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From: CMedley302@aol.com

I believe, the following was sent in to Roger Tener's "Chronicals" by The Dragon Lady who sent along the cravat "Oh, I just had to share this one! It is sooooooo bad!" and I agree with the Dragon Lady

Mohandas Gandhi walked barefoot everywhere, to the point that his feet became quite thick and hard. He was also a very spiritual person. When he went on a hunger strike, he did not eat much, and became quite thin and frail. Furthermore, due to his diet he ended up with bad breath. Therefore, he came to be known as: Super callused fragile mystic plagued with halitosis.

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From: Randy Davis randy@planetstl.com

A police officer in a Detroit suburb caught a guy doing 79 in a 45 mph speed zone. It was an ambulance driver, headed to a traffic accident. But that makes no difference to the officer, who says the driver was going too fast and could have hit somebody. (AP)

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From: Randy Davis randy@planetstl.com

Pulled this from a new magazine, "Star Wars Kids"

Fett Funnies by Jef Czekaj = Q: Who's the most nervous bounty hunter? A: Boba Fret; Q: Which one tastes best on salads? A: Boba Feta; Q: Which one wears overalls A: Bubba Fett; Q: Which one wears diapers and is chubby? A: Baby Fat; Q: Which one is a good rapper A: Boba Phat; Q: Who's the smelliest bounty hunter in the galaxy? A: Boba Fart; Q: Which one gives your pet rancor its yearly flu shot? A: Boba Vet; Q: Which one gets run over by a landspeeder? A: Boba Splat; Q: What bounty hunter do you order in an Italian restaurant? A: Boba Fettucini Alfredo; Q: Which "virtual" bounty hunter do you carry around on a key chain? A: Giga Fett; Q: What do you get when you cross a sheep with a bounty hunter? A: Bob-ba-a-a-a-h Fett

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From: Randy Davis randy@planetstl.com

Fraud Warning! WARNING! PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY! THIS IS SERIOUS!

If you get an envelope from a company called the Internal Revenue Service," DO NOT OPEN IT! This group operates a scam around this time every year. Their letter claims that you owe them money, which they will take and use to pay for the operation of essential functions of the United States government. This is untrue! The money the IRS collects is used to fund various other corporations which depend on subsidies to stay in business. This organization has ties to another shady outfit called the Social Security Administration, who claim to take money from your regular paychecks and save it for your retirement. In truth, the SSA uses the money to pay for the same misguided corporate welfare the IRS helps mastermind. These scam artists have bilked honest, hard working Americans out of billions of dollars. Don't be among them!

FORWARD THIS MESSAGE TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW!

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From: CMedley302@aol.com

Subject: The princess and the Frog

Once upon a time, a beautiful, independent, self assured princess happened upon a frog in a pond. The frog said to the princess, "I was once a handsome prince until an evil witch put a spell on me. One kiss

from you and I will turn back into a prince and then we can marry, move into the castle with my Mom, and you can prepare my meals, clean my clothes, bear my children and forever feel happy doing so." That night, while the princess dined on frogs legs, she laughed to herself and thought, "I don't fucking think so."

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From: Jenny Overkamp jennyo@mactemps.com

Furbys, those toys that were so hard to find at Christmas, have been banned by the National Security Agency as a possible security threat. The Washington Post reports the intelligence agency is worried that the toys, which can mimic some things said near them, could "overhear" & pass along secrets. So the agency has posted a "Furby Alert".

Randy, where can I get one of these little fellows? I think it would liven up a party to have the furby repeating secrets. Or we could place them strategically at a con to pass on overheard remarks, a substitute for the warthog press?

Jenny Overkamp

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From: Sam Denton Sam.Denton@maryville.com

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine they lay down for the night and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?" Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke. "Watson, you butthead. Someone has stolen our tent."

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doesn't it follow that . . . electricians could be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, and wouldn't you expect laundry workers to decrease, eventually becoming depressed and depleted? Likewise, bedmakers might be debunked, baseball players debased, bulldozer operators degraded, organ donors delivered, software engineers detested, and underwear manufacturers debriefed. And won't all composers one day decompose? On a more positive note, perhaps we can hope politicians will someday be devoted.

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From: Rich Zellich zellich@stl-17lssc.army.mil

The politically correct answer(s) follow each question.

1. Evidence exists that a Democratic administration: \* uses the IRS to harass political opponents, \* sells missile technology to China for campaign contributions, \* illegally obtains hundreds of Republican FBI files; \* conspires to commit perjury and obstruct justice, \* systematically engages in blackmail, bribes and threats of violence

These allegations should be thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_. {-- denounced.}

2. Thousands of media reports falsely claim that racists are burning black churches in the South. This is a good example of \_\_\_\_\_. {-- consciousness-raising.}

3. In a mid-term election, Republicans increase their representation in the House by 52 seats, and in the Senate by 7 seats. No Republican congressmen are defeated. This result can best be characterized as \_\_\_\_\_. {-- anti-incumbent.}

4. A Republican Speaker of the House suggests changes to Social Security. He is motivated by a desire to \_\_\_\_\_. {-- impoverish and starve old people.}

5. Two thugs rob and murder a gay man, and rob and beat two other men the same night. One of the murderers reportedly has several gay friends. This is a clear-cut example of \_\_\_\_\_. {-- a hate crime.}

6. After saying he wanted to kill some white people, a black man murders six whites and Asians on a train in New York. This is a clear-cut example of \_\_\_\_\_. {-- the need for stricter gun-control laws.}

7. A Republican Supreme Court nominee is accused by a former employee of having made sexually suggestive remarks ten years ago. The proper response is to \_\_\_\_\_. {-- march in the streets.}

8. A Democratic President lies under oath about an affair with a 21-year old employee to avoid liability in a sexual harassment case. He is also accused of sexually assaulting several other women. The proper response is to \_\_\_\_\_. {-- forget it and move on.}

9. An economic expansion occurs during a Republican administration. This period is known as \_\_\_\_\_. {-- a decade of greed.}

10. An economic expansion occurs during a Democratic administration. This period is known as \_\_\_\_\_. {-- a booming economy.}

11. Some people blow up a Federal Building. Responsibility for this heinous act rests with \_\_\_\_\_. {-- the Republican party, the National Rifle Association, all gun owners and all other conservatives.}

12. An extremist environmental group destroys a \$12 million ski resort in Colorado purportedly to protect the lynx population. Responsibility for this heinous act does not rest with Al Gore and other radical environmentalists, but with \_\_\_\_\_. {-- the ski resort and its

patrons for not immediately shutting down its operation in the interests of "protecting the environment."}

If you correctly answered all the above questions and weren't bothered for a second, here are two bonus questions:

13. All liberal initiatives of any kind are done \_\_\_\_\_. {-- For the children.}

14. Pointing out contradictions in liberal thinking is called \_\_\_\_\_. {-- Hate speech.}

Scoring:

All 14 -- Liberal 0 - 13 -- Fascist

[Seriously, the above almost looks like the Post-Dispatch (and most other news outlets, unfortunately) editorial "bible". -Rich]

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From: CMedley302@aol.com

Subject: Santa a she?

BECAUSE A MAN COULDN'T MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE JOB...

I think Santa Claus is a woman.... I hate to be the one to defy sacred myth, but I believe he's a she. Think about it. Christmas is a big, organized, warm, fuzzy, nurturing social deal, and I have a tough time believing a guy could possibly pull it all off! For starters, the vast majority of men don't even think about selecting gifts until Christmas Eve. It's as if they are all frozen in some kind of Ebenezerian Time Warp until 3 p.m. on Dec. 24th, when they - with amazing calm - call other errant men and plan for a last-minute shopping spree. Once at the mall, they always seem surprised to find only Ronco products, socket wrench sets, and mood rings left on the shelves. (You might think this would send them into a fit of panic and guilt, but my husband tells me it's an enormous relief because it lessens the 11th hour decision-making burden.) On this count alone, I'm convinced Santa is a woman. Surely, if he were a man, everyone in the universe would wake up Christmas morning to find a rotating musical Chia Pet under the tree, still in the bag. Another problem for a he-Santa would be getting there. First of all, there would be no reindeer because they would all be dead, gutted and strapped on to the rear bumper of the sleigh amid wide-eyed, desperate claims that buck season had been extended. Blitzen's rack would already be on the way to the taxidermist. Even if the male Santa DID have reindeer, he'd still have transportation problems because he would inevitably get lost up there in the snow and clouds and then refuse to stop and ask for directions. Add to this the fact that there would be unavoidable delays in the chimney, where the Bob Vila-like Santa would stop to inspect and repoint bricks in the flue. He would also need to check for carbon monoxide fumes in every gas fireplace, and get under every Christmas tree that is crooked to straighten it to a perfectly upright 90-degree angle. Other reasons why Santa can't possibly be a man: \* Men can't pack a bag. \* Men would rather be dead than caught wearing red velvet. \* Men would feel their masculinity is threatened...having to be seen with all those elves. \* Men



don't answer their mail. \* Men would refuse to allow their physique to be described even in jest as anything remotely resembling a "bowl full of jelly." \* Men aren't interested in stockings unless somebody's wearing them. \* Having to do the Ho Ho Ho thing would seriously inhibit their ability to pick up women. \* Finally, being responsible for Christmas would require a commitment. I can buy the fact that other mythical holiday characters are men..... Father Time shows up once a year unshaven and looking ominous. Definite guy. Cupid flies around carrying weapons. Uncle Sam is a politician who likes to point fingers. Any one of these individuals could pass the testosterone screening test. But not St. Nick. Not a chance. As long as we have each other, good will, peace on earth, faith and Nat King Cole's version of "The Christmas Song," it probably makes little difference what gender Santa is. I just wish she'd quit dressing like a guy!!!

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In Reply:  
From: Jenny Overkamp jenny@mactemps.com

On the other hand, perhaps Santa works like many managers in corporate America: a woman does all the planning and preparation, gets supplies ready and travel itinerary arranged, tells him where he has to be and when, and he takes all the credit. Let's put the recognition where it belongs. Bravo, Mrs. Santa Claus for getting the old geezer's job done!

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From: Randy Davis randy@planetstl.com

This was forwarded to me, I think more than just a few are Urban Legends. But I recognized a few that were in the news or in the "News of the Weird".

Ciao Randy

...Will the Real Dummy Please Stand Up?! AT&T fired President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked "intellectual leadership". He received a \$26 million severance package. Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence. ==== ...With a Little Help from Our Friends! Police in Oakland, California spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing ten tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them, shouting pleas to come out and give himself up... ==== ...And What Was Plan B? An Illinois man pretending to have a gun kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines. The kidnapper then proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts... ==== ...And These Nitwits Are Teaching Our Children?! A 9-year-old boy in Manassas, Virginia received a one-day suspension under his elementary school's drug policy last week - for Certs! Joey Hoeffer allegedly told a classmate that the mints would make him "jump higher." ==== And a student in Belle, West Virginia was suspended for three days for giving a classmate a cough drop. School principal Forest Mann reiterated the school's "zero-tolerance" policy...not to be confused with the "zero-intelligence" policy... ==== ...Some Days, It Just Doesn't Pay to Gnaw Through the Straps... Fire investigators on Maui have determined the cause of a blaze that destroyed a \$127,000 home last month - a short in the

homeowner's newly installed fire prevention alarm system. "This is even worse than last year," said the distraught homeowner, "when someone broke in and stole my new security system..." ==== ... And for the Main Course... A man in Taormina, Italy was hospitalized after swallowing 46 teaspoons, 2 cigarette lighters, and a pair of salad tongs. ==== ...The Getaway A man walked in to a Topeka, Kansas Kwik Shop, and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently, the take was too small, so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours until police showed up and grabbed him. ==== ...Do-it-yourself Brain Surgery?! In Ohio, an unidentified man in his late twenties walked into a police station with a 9-inch wire protruding from his forehead and calmly asked officers to give him an X-ray to help him find his brain, which he claimed had been stolen. Police were shocked to learn that the man had drilled a 6-inch deep hole in his skull with a Black & Decker power drill and had stuck the wire in to try and find the missing brain. ==== ...Have I Got a Deal for You! More than 600 people in Italy wanted to ride in a spaceship badly enough to pay \$10,000 apiece for the first tourist flight to Mars. According to the Italian police, the would-be space travelers were told to spend their "next vacation on Mars, amid the splendors of ruined temples and painted deserts. Ride a Martian camel from oasis to oasis and enjoy the incredible Martian sunsets. Explore mysterious canals and marvel at the views. Trips to the moon also available." Authorities believe that the con men running this scam made off with over six million dollars... ==== ...Too Well-Educated In Medford, Oregon, a 27-year-old jobless man with an MBA blamed his college degree for his murder of three people. "There are too many business grads out there," he said. "If I had chosen another field, all this may not have happened..." ==== ...Did I Say That?! Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. The police asked each person in the lineup to repeat, "Give me all your money or I'll shoot," the man shouted, "That's not what I said!" ==== ...Ouch, That Smarts! A bank robber in Virginia Beach got a nasty surprise when a dye pack designed to mark stolen money exploded in his Fruit-of-the-Looms. The robber apparently stuffed the loot down the front of his pants as he was running out the door. "He was seen hopping and jumping around," said police spokesman Mike Carey, "with an explosion taking place inside his pants." Police have the man's charred trousers in custody... ==== ...Are We Not Communicating? A man spoke frantically into the phone: "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" the doctor asked. "No, you idiot!" the man shouted. "This is her husband!" ==== ...Not the Sharpest Knife in the Drawer! In Modesto, CA, Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun, but unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket. Hmm...wonder what he uses for a knife? ==== Louisiana: A man walked into a Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer? Fifteen dollars. [If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, was a crime committed?] ==== Arkansas: Seems this guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a cinder block through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinder block and heaved it over his head at the window. The cinder block bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious. Seems the liquor store window was made

of Plexiglas. The whole event was caught on videotape. ==== New York: As a female shopper exited a convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police had apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied Yes Officer..that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from." ==== Seattle : When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motorhome parked on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find an ill man curled up next to a motorhome near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline and plugged his hose into the motorhome's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges, saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

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From: "Randy Davis (schweiss)" randy@mail2.planetstl.com

Man Digs up Road Hunting Dodi Fayed's Fortune Reuters 18-NOV-98

LONDON, Nov 19 (Reuters) -- Stuart Pendragon claimed he knew where the late Dodi Fayed, lover of Princess Diana, had buried his fortune. So he ripped up a road looking for it in the ancient English city of Glastonbury. Outraged local residents complained to the city elders -- and were stunned to learn that they had given Pendragon permission to dig the hole. Graham Jeffs, chief executive at the Somerset County Council, said officials had tired of the eccentric 38-year-old Pendragon, who claims he is Prince Charles' half-brother and often bothers them with various requests. When he asked to dig for "buried treasure," they gave him written permission just to get rid of him, Jeffs told the Daily Star newspaper on Wednesday. Next thing they knew, Pendragon had demolished a traffic island and dug five feet with a mechanical digger. "No one could envisage Mr Pendragon would be able to hire a mechanical digger," Jeffs told the Daily Star. "I gave him the letter with the best of intentions. In hindsight, I wouldn't do it again." The report did not say whether any treasure was found.

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From: "Sweet Fire" sweetfire@eudoramail.com

=== NEW VIRUS ALERT === If you receive an email entitled "Badtimes," delete it immediately. Do not open it. Apparently this one is pretty nasty. It will not only erase everything on your hard drive, but it will also delete anything on disks within 20 feet of your computer. It demagnetizes the stripes on ALL of your credit cards. It reprograms your ATM access code, screws up the tracking on your VCR and uses subspace field harmonics to scratch any CD's you attempt to play. It will re-calibrate your refrigerator's coolness settings so all your ice cream melts and your milk curdles. It will program your phone autodial to call only your mother-in-law's number. This virus will mix antifreeze into your fish tank. It will drink all your beer. It will leave dirty socks on the coffee table when you are expecting company. Its radioactive emissions will cause your toe jam and bellybutton fuzz (be honest, you have some) to migrate behind your ears. It will replace your shampoo with Nair and your Nair with Rogaine, all while dating your current

boy/girlfriend behind your back and billing their hotel rendezvous to your Visa card It will cause you to run with scissors and throw things in a way that is only fun until someone loses an eye It will give you Dutch Elm Disease and Tinea. It will rewrite your backup files, changing all your active verbs to passive tense and incorporating undetectable misspellings, which grossly change the interpretations of key sentences. If the "Badtimes" message is opened in a Windows95 environment, it will leave the toilet seat up and leave your hair dryer plugged in dangerously close to a full bathtub. It will not only remove the forbidden tags from your mattresses and pillows, but it will also refill your skim milk with whole milk. It will replace all your luncheon meat with Spam. It will molecularly rearrange your cologne or perfume, causing it to smell like dill pickles. It is insidious and subtle. It is dangerous and terrifying to behold. It is also a rather interesting shade of mauve. These are just a few signs of infection. PLEASE FORWARD THIS MESSAGE TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW!!!

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From: Jenny Overkamp jenny@mactemps.com

\*An older woman will never wake you up in the middle of the night and ask you, "What are you thinking?" A younger woman doesn't care what you think. \*An older woman always carries a condom in her purse. A younger woman is still hoping the guy might have one on him. \*An older woman is a cheaper date. A younger woman will cost you 12 beers, but an older woman will sleep with you after a cup of a herbal tea. \*The older a woman gets, the stronger her libido gets and the older a man gets, the weaker his libido gets... which is why nature intended young guys to go out with older women and young women to go out with older men. \*An older woman can wear bright red lipstick during the day without looking like she just had an adventure inside a jam jar. This is not true of younger women or drag queens. \*Older women can run faster because they're always wearing sensible shoes. \*An older woman is into free sex! An older woman is almost always already attached to someone, so there's no need to develop a phobia about committing to her. The last thing she needs in her life is another clingy, whiny, dependent man. \*Older women are more honest. An older woman will tell you that you are an asshole if you're acting like one. A young woman will say nothing, just in case it means you might break up with her. \*An older woman will never get pregnant and then suddenly demand that the two of you get married. In fact, if you impregnate an older woman, you will probably be the last to know... \*Older women have jobs with dental plans. Younger women can't help you when your teeth get knocked out playing hockey. \*An older woman will never accuse you of "using her." She's using you! \*Older women take charge of the situation. An older woman will call you up and ask you for a date. A younger woman will wait forever, by the phone, for you to call... \*Older women know how to cook. Young women know how to dial Pizza Hut Take out. \*Older women are psychic. You never have to confess to having an affair, because somehow they always know. \*Older women often own an interesting collection of lingerie that they have acquired from admirers over the years. Young women often don't wear underpants at all, thus practically eliminating all possibility of a strip-tease. \*An older woman will agree to go to McDonald's with you for a meal. Younger women are too nervous to eat anything in front of somebody that they might possibly boff later. \*Older women are dignified. They are beyond having a screaming match with you in the

middle of the night in a public park. \*Older women are experienced. They understand that sometimes, after 12 beers, a guy just can't get it up. A younger woman may need some time to grasp this fact. \*An older woman will always meet the minimum height requirement to go on an amusement ride. \*An older woman will never accuse you of stealing the best years of her youth because chances are someone else has stolen them first.

Jenny Overkamp

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From: CMedley302@aol.com

THE Y ZERO K PROBLEM

While browsing through some dust-covered archival material in the recesses of the Roman Section of the British Museum a researcher recently came across a tattered bit of parchment. After some effort he translated it and found it was a letter from a man called Plutonium with the title of "magister factorium", or keeper of the calendar, to one Cassius. It was dated, strangely enough, 2 BC, December 3, or 2,000 years ago today. The text of the message follows: Dear Cassius, Are you still working on the Y zero K problem? The change from BC to AD is giving us a lot of headaches and we haven't much time left. I don't know how people will cope with working the wrong way around. Having been working happily downwards forever, now we have to start thinking upwards. You would think that someone would have thought of it earlier and not left it to us to sort it all out at the last minute. I spoke to Caesar the other evening. He was livid that Julius hadn't done something about it when he was sorting out the calendar. He said he could see why Brutus had turned nasty. We called in the consulting astrologers, but they simply said that continuing downwards using minus BC won't work. As usual the consultants charged a fortune for doing nothing useful. As for myself, I just can't see the sand in an hour glass flowing upwards. We have heard that there are three wise men in the East who have been working on the problem, but unfortunately they won't arrive until it's all over. Some say the world will cease to exist at the moment of transition. We're continuing to work on the Y zero K problem and I'll send you a parchment if anything develops. Best regards, Plutonium

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From: Jon & Beth Bancroft ipw4@apci.net

This email came across my desk last friday. I am not sure is it's been submitted to the list before but if it has sometimes reruns are good.

Jon

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HELP SOLVE THE YEAR 2K PROBLEM? or THE Y2K SONG Sung to the tune of "Gilligan's Island": Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale Of the doom that is our fate, That started when programmers used Two digits for a date, Two digits for a date. Main memory was smaller then; Hard disks were smaller, too. "Four digits are extravagant, So let's get by with two, So let's get by with two." "This works through 1999," The programmers did say. "Unless we rewrite before that It all will go away, It all will go away." But

management had not a clue: "It works fine now, you bet! A rewrite is a straight expense; We won't do it just yet, We won't do it just yet." Now when two thousand rolls around It all goes straight to h#ll, For zero's less than ninety-nine, As anyone can tell, As anyone can tell. The mail won't bring your pension check. It won't be sent to you When you're no longer sixty-eight, But minus thirty-two, But minus thirty-two. The problems we're about to face Are fright-e-ning, for sure. And reading every line of code's The only certain cure, The only certain cure. There's not much time, there's too much code, (And COBOL-coders, few). When the century is finished with, We may be finished, too, We may be finished, too. The way to get the time we need I now propose to you:

A Daylight Savings decade, Or maybe even two, Or maybe even two. Eight thousand years from now I hope That things weren't left too late, And people aren't lamenting Four digits for a date, Four digits for a date!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 18 - SAINT LOUIS CLUB MEETING, 1:30 PM, in Library Limited's restaurant upper level; call Zellich at 349-0594 for more info.

April 23-25 - NTC 12 CONZILLA, www.stlf.org/ntc; Holiday Inn Airport West.

~~July 18~~  
~~June 20~~ - SAINT LOUIS CLUB PICNIC, 11:<sup>30</sup>~~00~~ AM, at Fenton City Park; call Zellich at 349-0594 for more info.

July 9-11 - GATEWAY, www.stlf.org/gateway; Henry VIII hotel.

Aug. 15 - SAINT LOUIS CLUB MEETING, 1:30 PM, in Library Limited's restaurant upper level; call Zellich at 349-0594 for more info.

Oct. 1-3 - ARCHON 23, www.stlf.org/archon; Collinsville, IL.

Oct. 17 - SAINT LOUIS CLUB MEETING, 1:30 PM, in Library Limited's restaurant upper level; call Zellich at 349-0594 for more info.

~~April 10 - ARCHON MEETING, 7 PM, Chez Zellich, call 349-0594 for more info.~~

~~April 17-19 - NTC 11, INCONCEIVABLE, Holiday inn, West Port.~~

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