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While my investments have recovered somewhat, there still isn't enough THERE anymore. So I'm in the early stages of looking for a full time, permanent for 10+ years, job. <sigh> It looks like it will take me 4 years to work up to \$30k a year, and then I'll need that for 10 years in order to retire. I at least completed a couple versions of the resume but haven't yet sent them anywhere serious. I have made it to the Dekalb County main personnel office and two VA offices. From those I have web follow-ups to do, a call to Dekalb Classification Department to ask about a Police Statistician position, and ... some poking around to find out more about the new Federal (or at least VA) hiring system.

It used to be that you had to submit a complete new application for every job you applied for. The good part was that you could rewrite the contents of the form, for each one. Now, it appears, that they input your form and you cannot resubmit it! (You still have to do KSA's for each application, but that's another story.) I don't know the details. My first fishing expedition, however, did show a major unanticipated change. (I had figured that a lot of offices would no longer allow humans to physically look at vacancy announcements and the like, but force you to find a computer to look at them, or similar. This has proved correct.) Next stop -- the IRS Atlanta Service Center.

The default plan is still to go for GS-3 Unit Clerk, there -- about \$18k a year. However, after one year of that (and pretty good benefits, plus a "sure job") it looks like I can go after a Senior Administrative Assistant job with Dekalb County. Those start at about \$23k a year and go up to \$43k a year. I should be on board somewhere, no later than the second week in January 2002.

Complications apply.

On the other hand the yard (jungle) has been cleared as much as it's going to be until next spring, when I shall spray for fungus in February rather than wait. The big time eater has been setting up the local Charlotte sf&f con, plus other tasks to wind down and close out my involvement with SECFI. Things could be worse.

Kay says hello, as she looks over my shoulder, as I do this. But she's not attacking me with the pair of chitter critters (toy baby pine martens which talk).

FOR SFPA 224 -- MC's on 223

Ned B. in NEWS 199: I shall, in December, when all the SECFI lose ends are cleared to the point I can breathe, come to your place, to beg for an epoxy key for my ancient father-in-law's ancient typewriter. If not then ... eventually.

Norm M. in TYNDALLITE V3N97: I stumbled on a book, "Guns, Germs, and Steel," by Jared Diamond, while checking out the new mall, near us, and found out all I wanted to know about Austronesians. They were quite interesting. It also explained how the world got to be the way it is, in general, people wise.

Thanks for the information on the basis (or lack thereof) of Julius Schwartz's claim to have done the first fanzine. I shall have to file that issue of your zine somewhere that I can get at it again, when and if this comes up again.

Richard D. in GAZETTE 72: On computer microphones, recently they've taken to building them into the monitors. You get one, like it or not. I don't know how good mine is. I've got others sitting in the junk cabinet, from previous machines. I am surprised but not thrilled that the speech recognition programs for computers haven't gotten any better.

Three deer wandered across my front lawn a couple weeks ago -- I'm pretty sure these are the same ones I've seen taking up residence in our subdivision. They're much better behaved than the Arlington, VA, deer, who eat Brenda Clough's yard plants and destroy trees by eating the bark as high as they can get. Yours seem to be much more desperate for food, and suffering worse overpopulation, than ours. Ours get killed by cars so it keeps the population down. While on the way back from the mall, referred to above, at night, one tried to run in front of my car and kill us both. It was about half the size of the ones in my yard. It appears that evolution may be at work here.

Your local fox sounds like the basis of Korean and Japanese myths in which foxes turn into evil women or vice versa.

Rich L in THEME 8: OK, given "one of the first, etc." instead of Julius's claim to have done THE first fanzine, and your other comments, I'd buy someone making him a Worldcon GoH. I guess I'll file your zine with Norm's ... but ... I don't think I'll have to worry about it <G>.

GHLIII in MUNDI 185: It's not me bidding again for the NASFiC ... and/or DSC and/or other stuff. It's SECFI. I'm outta here as of 11:59PM Nov. 30, 2001, and my fanac in general is going away.

Based on what Janice typed, the gloom you saw in the MCFI suite was more like exhaustion, temporary, after they were "done" but before they got going with their win. Meanwhile we'd had no let down. Next morning THEIR Chair had black circles under/around her eyes -- as in super tired -- while I was busy cracking jokes.

✓ If you'd been on our bid, you could have campaigned/voted for Julie <grin>. As was, we would have had, among others, a "great grandmaster GoH" whom I think a lot of old fen would have liked.

Re submarines, all I can say is "Spplash!"

Randy C. in PRESS V2N17: Well, if we'd won Worldcon, we'd have had some very neat GoHs, both writers and otherwise.

On my prophetic view of the Afgan and Sudan governments' karma. Well, at least the Taliban are getting some of what they deserve, though more "less deserving" are also getting killed or the like. I'm waiting for Sudan's government to get theirs.

On your envy of my basement. We had GAFIA (Georgia Area Filkers Anonymous) here Nov. 17. The house in general got "excavated" for the first time in over a year. But no one saw the basement, which is always OK. Maybe next time. The bad news is that I know we have one more move (house change) before we die and I'm afraid it will be to someplace either with much less room, or to Kay's parents -- after they pass away -- and we have no room to get anything into their place on top of what's there.

TKFW in LOUSE! 73: Nope, the Site Selection vote was "in range" of respectable and could have been worse. MOI won't be involved with NASFiCharlotte2005 bid. Kathleen Meyer, who was Chair of Chicon '91 is the Chair of that bid. I'll be pretty much out of everything after Nov 30., this year. -o0o-