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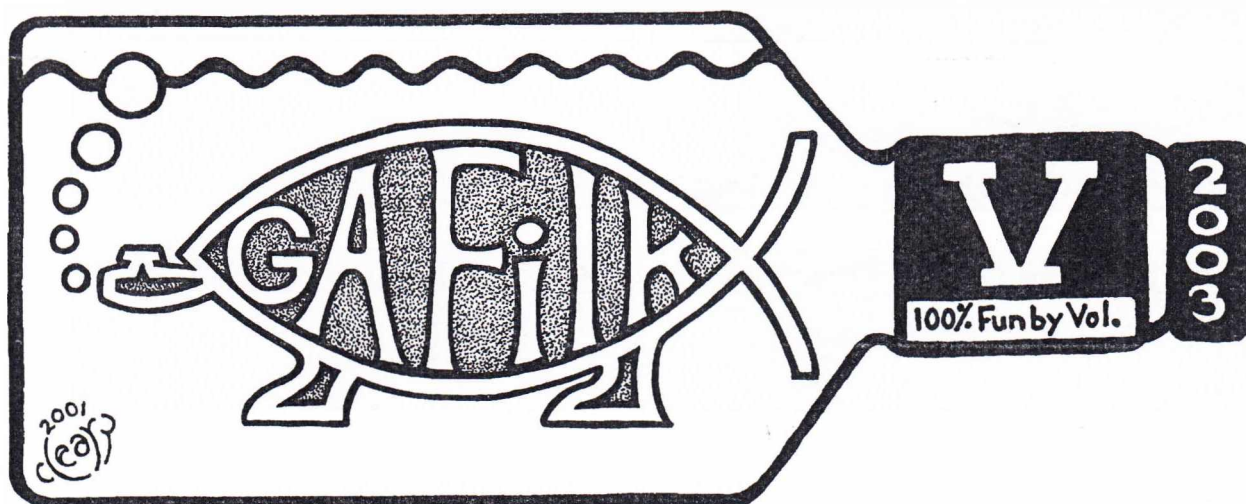
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## UP FRONT

I hope everyone had a healthy and happy holiday season. I started this issue early (for me), Monday, January 21, 2002 but with the expectation that I would be able to finish over the weekend. Alas, at the last minute, **Julie Wall** twisted my arm and convinced me to come to Chattacon. I have no regrets. :-) However, I'm going to be hard press just to do one of the two issues of mailing comments I have to do. Thus, all my other aspirations of starting the year off with extra items in this issue will not be fulfilled. I did try to snazzy up things a bit though.

Here's the latest logo/cartoon I've done for the 2003 GA-Filk convention.





# MAILING 223

## COMMENTS

### UNCLE LON'S UNOFFICIAL BOX SCORES #29

Hi Gary Brown!

Someday I'll be first. Yeah, right! At least I'm consistent in the page count rankings. Good old lucky 13.

### THE NEW PORT NEWS #199

Hi Ned Brooks!

"Smoking" cover! In regards to your comment to **Sheila** on *The X-Files*, the latest I hear is that the ninth season will be the last. I think it would be more ironic if the 10<sup>th</sup> (or X in Roman Numerals) were the last instead. In regards to your comment to **Trinlay** on "*Zen has nothing to do with itself*", how about this for a definition of Zen: "**Zen**: See Zen."

### Tyndallite Volume 3, Number 97

Hi Norm Metcalf!

Read and enjoyed but no comments.

### DeepSouthCon 40 flyer

Update! **Vincent DiFate** is now the Artist Guest of Honor!

### Markstein is Acting Like an Obnoxious Jerk (But So What Else is New?)

Hi Rich Lynch!

Wow.



## **Twygdrasil and Treehouse Gazette #72**

**Hi Richard Dengrove!**

Thanks for the comments! Commiserations to you on your family visits. Sorry about your Rental wreck. Thanks for the interesting U.F.O. history. So has Gary Condit gotten a replacement intern? Like Clinton said, "One good intern deserves another." See you at DeepSouthCon! Regarding living in an apartment and being an adult, I admit both are possible. On the definition of what is a computer, look up the subject of "Turing Machines" (not to be confused with "The Turing Test"). Mmmm..."cute teenage girls are attracted to touching beanie propellers?" I'll have to remember that.

## **Variations on a Theme #8**

**Hi Rich Lynch!**

Thanks for the Worldcon report. Good going on helping that family to the student science fiction awards. Thanks for the comments! We did enjoy Sea World this past summer, even with the storms around 4 to 5 P.M.

## **A Page for SFPA**

**Hi Mike Weber!**

Cute!

## **Spiritus Mundi #185**

**Hi Guy Lillian!**

Thanks for the comments! Appropriate cover. Sorry about the Hugo loss. "Of course it's an honor just to be nominated," he says with a mouthful of ashes. Did you get to use my DSC 40 Promotional T-Shirt illustration in the next Challenger? About the "Lancelot" parking lot in "Shrek", it's just part of the whole parody of Disney World that they did in the movie. Disney World's parking lots are named after Disney characters. Plus, there's the obvious pun, "Lance-Lot". I've finally got a good chunk of furniture for my house and am looking for more. Regarding your brother's cavity, I did not have any until I was 24 (when I started going to the dentist regularly). My theory is that regular dentist visits seem to cause them.

## **Peter, Pan & Merry #39**

**Hi David Schlosser!**

"...reading it in the nude," was just a little too much information. ;-) Thanks for the trip report. Sorry about your stolen pool.



### **Revenant #8**

Hi Shelia Strickland!

Thanks for the comments! Good luck getting the Toronto trip report off the floppy. I hope you get to see the Huntsville Space and Rocket Center and the Marshal Space Flight Center when you come for DSC 40.

### **Confessions of a Consistent Liar 75**

Hi Arthur Hlavaty!

Sorry about the job and pets loss. Hope you enjoyed the Super Bowl this year.

### **Random Thoughts**

Hi Steve Hughes!

I hope your 'zine tools are all back up and running and your basement is finished. Sounds like y'all had an adventure overseas.

### **Trivial Pursuits #97**

Hi Janice Gelb!

Thanks for the trip reports. How did you like "Blackadder"? I also had a bouncing flashing beeping superball but it has mysteriously disappeared. Nice Dave Barry clipping.

### **Philly Follies**

Hi Janice Gelb!

Thanks for the convention report and the interesting insider details.

### **Offline Reader Volume 1, Issue 24**

Hi Irv Koch!

I hope the "real job" course of action has worked out.

### **The Sphere vol #194, no 1**

Hi Don Markstein!

I hope Rachel had her baby okay and you are a proud grandfather now.



### **The Shot Heard Round the World**

Hi Tom Feller!

Snazzy illos! ;-) Thanks for the lap top use.

### **Frequent Flyer**

Hi Tom Feller!

Thanks for the comments! Condolences to you and Anita on the passing of Jewel. Thanks for the con reports.

### **Werewolf with Fleas**

Hi George Wells!

Read and enjoyed but no comments. I'm starting to dislike this season of Buffy (especially the Spike relationship).

### **"Yngvi Is A Louse" and Other Graffitos #73**

Hi T.K.F. Weisskopf!

Thanks for the comments! Cool cover! Thanks for running the Hugo cartoons (in great editorial order). Maybe I should do more fannish cartoons?

### **Passages #10**

Hi Janet Larson!

Your Anguilla trip sounded wonderful. Thanks for the trip report.

### **Tennessee Trash #43**

Hi Gary Robel!

Thanks for the trip reports. I hope your neck is better.

### **Another Rude Supergirl Cartoon**

Hi Mike Weber!

Cute zine! I hope the jobs front has improved.



## **Shocked and Sleepless with the Armadillo #49**

Hi Liz Copeland!

Thanks for the comments! Of the pigs on the cover, I liked the "hog" the best. Regarding corporations "paying" less taxes, corporations never really pay "taxes", corporate "taxes" are just another cost of doing business which is passed onto the consumer like any other cost. Thus "taxing" corporations merely turns them into tax collection agencies for the government. The donuts in that cartoon are obviously Krispy Kreme. I wonder if the cartoonist got a kick back. I think the Babylon 5 books might be a little advanced for an 11 year old but then again I was reading adult SF when I was 11. Of course, when I read some of those same books years later, I got a lot more out them.

## **Words Fail Me**

Hi Jeff Copeland!

Thanks for the reviews. As always, an interesting read. Thanks also for the **The Seven Statisticians (Shichinin no Tousotsujin)**.

## **Guilty Pleasures**

Hi Eve Ackerman!

Thanks for the MillPhill report.

## **Oblio No 136**

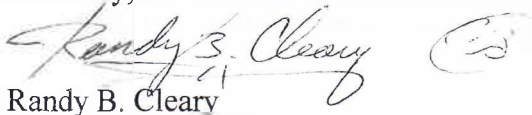
Hi Gary Brown!

Thanks for the interesting media and Florida perspective on September 11, 2001 events. Envy your comic strip originals.

# DOWN BACK

Where does the time go? See y'all again in the Spring. Hopefully I'll be caught up with all mailing comments and natter by then and everyone will be doing great!.

Sincerely,

  
Randy B. Cleary