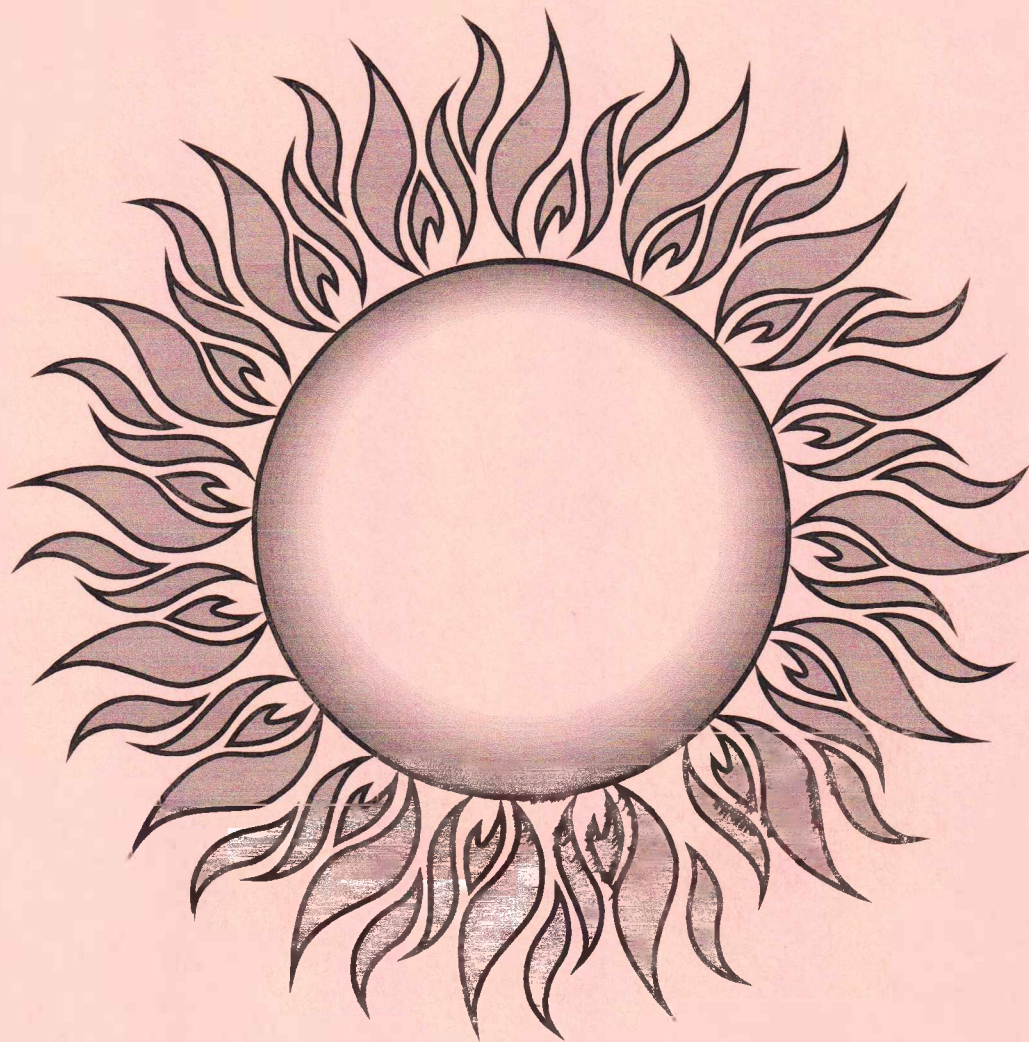


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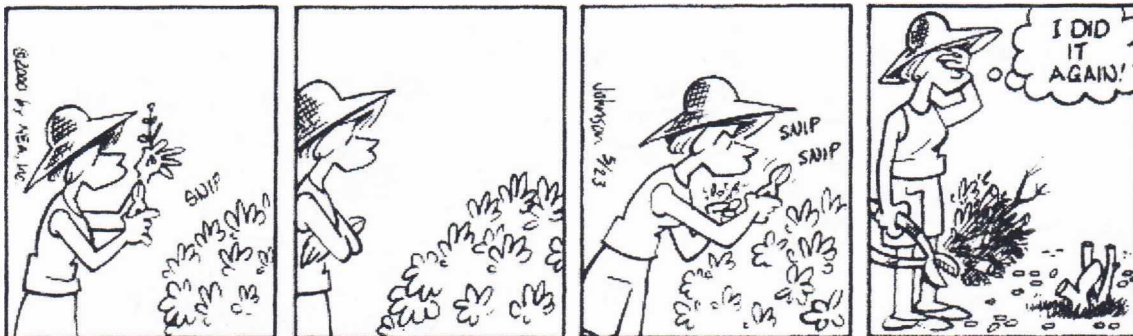
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DSC was fun and was enjoyed by all the members of the Copeland family. It was great to see everyone and we'll be there again when Ned is Fan GOH.

We came back to good weather, sun and grass that had grown over knee high while we were gone. After Colorado, where grass needed cutting every 3 or 4 weeks, this once a week or more often stuff takes some getting used to. I hate to think what the plants would do if we actually had more sun.

I spent Memorial Day Weekend doing gardening stuff. I bought 8 rose bushes, 4 regular size, and 4 miniatures, along with enough herbs and succulents to cover about one fourth of the sunny slope in front of the house. I may actually be able to fit another couple of roses in, but we'll have to see.

June was warm enough and sunny enough that the grass and the weeds just took off. We've had to hire a yard service because Jeff is working enough that he really doesn't have time to take care of the yard and I can't do it because of the allergens floating around out there. It will probably take most of this summer for me to get that all under control. *sigh*



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Speaking of summer, the kids got out of school the end of June. We've joined a family swim club which also has a

nice workout room so I can do my aerobics year round and JJ and I have already gotten the obligatory first sunburn of the year. We're going to be doing quite a bit of swimming this summer, I'm sure.

July started off well. Warm but not too hot. And we got busy getting ready for my mom to visit and our Bastille Day party. Mom and Bill arrived on my birthday. Bill is beginning to have serious symptoms from his Parkinson's so we didn't do much running around while he was here. We did drive out to Edmond, a northern suburb of Seattle, so that we could have lunch by the Sound and Allie could visit with a friend. Allie spent the last week of June training to be a mediator for the Parent-Teen mediation program in Bellevue. Sinclair, the friend who lives in Edmond, was also in the training. He is also a Unitarian. We'll overlook the blue-green hair and focus on the good parts. It was a nice day at the beach and didn't involve too much walking which is getting to be difficult for Bill to do unassisted.

Bill left after a week and then began the week of shopping. My mom is a devoted recreational shopper. But she hates paying retail so we dedicated our time to garage sales, thrift stores and consignment stores. She took back one suitcase of clothes that she bought and Jeff built her a box to take back the other stuff she got. I bought JJ a donut making machine, baked not fried, which has made me the Mom of the Year if not the decade. Now he can make himself chocolate chip donuts faster than a batch of muffins could be done. He's thrilled.



And somewhere in there we had our Bastille Day party. It was a success, the first people arriving at 3:30 and the last ones to leave going at 10:00 pm. Lots of good conversation, food, etc. The only thing I noticed is that we only knew people to invite thru Jeff's work and the kids' school friends. So I dragged my mom to a quilt show the next day, Sunday, so that I could start making contacts in the quilt world. Mom left on the 20th of July, just in time for me to hustle and finish this zine.

Oh, yes, and Jeff gave me a Palm Pilot for my birthday only they're in such demand right now that we're still waiting for it arrive. Palm won't give any estimate on when we'll actually get it. So I get to spend lots of time planning what to do with it when I get it. The phrase "If I had my Palm Pilot..." is being heard often enough that Jeff's response has become "yadda, yadda, yadda".

Reviews

Ancient Shores/Jack McDevitt (5/24) This was one of the books I picked up at DSC. I enjoyed this book up until the end. But first, let's talk about the pluses. Great ideas, good descriptions, fairly good characters altho he concentrated most of the characterization on the 2 main characters with briefer brushstrokes for the others. The book is rich with ideas - using an ancient lake, now dry, as the scene was fascinating. Having an interstellar tourist attraction be discovered, thru a lost boat being found buried in a farmer's field, was choice. Mix that up with Indian rights, most of the characters taking a 90's perspective of what's-in-it-for-me, and the exploration of new worlds and it's a great read.

So what's not to like? The ending was a bit *deux ex machina* for me. A tad too contrived, showing too much manipulation. Not horribly so because I didn't want to throw the book across the room as I've been known to do. But a slight disappointment. I'd recommend it anyway but I'll read the next book before deciding whether or not McDevitt goes on my good author list.

Moonfall/Jack McDevitt (5/27) Okay, now I've read the next book, and my biggest question is why is this guy McDevitt writing science fiction? This one is a disaster book, with intimations of techno-thriller ala Clancy, and the only notes that are absolutely off have to do with the science fiction. I wanted to read the whole thing, I cared about the characters, but the "blast wave" in space causing turbulence for the moon based vehicles made me cringe. If you're willing to overlook that one and a couple of the other goofs, then it's a good book.

The Millionaire Next Door/Stanley & Danko (5/30) This is an interesting book about how millionaires live. It's very popular with the frugalistas in the Usenet group misc.consumer.frugal-living because the point of the book is that millionaires aren't big spenders, they're big savers. The authors define wealth as net worth, and you get a big net worth by accumulating your income not spending it. The millionaires they studied all saved between 15 and 20 percent of their income, starting when they first had income. So, even someone who has an annual earned income of \$65K by the time they're in their early fifties can have a net worth of more than a million, if they've saved at that level, invested reasonably well, and lived frugally. There are lots of other interesting facts... Some of the characteristics are under a person's control, some are not. But it's an interesting book nonetheless.

SYLVIA / Nicole Hollander



Dogma (6/3) What a fabulous movie! Affleck and Damon play two angels stranded on Earth (in Wisconsin) who just

want to go home and have found a loophole in the rules. Only problem is that using that loophole makes God disappear in a puff of logic... Or maybe just everything but God. Great cast, funny script and thought provoking too. I only wish we had seen it on the big screen rather than renting a DVD. But I'm glad we finally did see it. I recommend it unreservedly.

The Overspent American/Juliet B. Schor Schor wrote a previous book, **The Overworked American**, about how people have less useful leisure and feel pressured by their jobs. This new one is about Americans going into debt to keep up their visible status symbols. The most interesting part is her analysis of why this is happening. She also has some fascinating data about which consumer items people chose to buy upscale. Women buy more expensive lipstick, for example, but not mascara because Americans reapply lipstick in front of others. The other interesting bit is the chapter on downshifters. C'est moi, only we did it before it was documented. The only drawback to this book is the tables of data using a statistical analysis technique that is generally not understood. It's an interesting book, that ends with her suggestions for stopping this trend in over consuming.

Frequency (6/10) Another really good movie. The plot is based on a science fictional event but the movie is concerned with the characters over all. Dennis Quaid plays a dad who is a radio ham (and died young) and his now-grown son connecting thru the radio thru time. Besides handling the characters well, they also do a good job with the time changing aspects of the plot. If you haven't seen it, go do so. But take a hanky along.

Titan A.E. (6/?) The whole family went to see this one and we all enjoyed it. Earth is destroyed by evil aliens and young Skywalker, err, I mean, what's his name is the only hope to save the human race from extinction. Okay, the plot is pretty predictable but not bad. What's good is the animation, the aliens, the visuals and the sensawonder.

Chicken Run (7/1)

Jeff and I took JJ to the movies to see **Gone in 60 seconds** and while we were standing in line for the tickets, JJ asked to see **Chicken Run** instead. So, we did. Very funny, good animation, excellent detail. The only drawback is that it's only 90 minutes long so see it as a matinee.

Hush Money/Robert Parker

We've pretty much given up buying the Spenser books but I still like to read them when I find one at the library. This one is okay, nothing really special, but it keeps up the Spenser/Hawk/Susan interplay. (I theorized one time that the reason those three are so compelling is that they actually make up one person split into the 3 freudian components: Ego, Id, and SuperEgo, respectively.) The other characters have no real depth. And the second time a walk-on character used the term "affect" in its psychological meaning in a conversation I got seriously annoyed. I mean, I'm a psychologist and I don't use that term in casual conversation. It's a word that Spenser and Susan toss around because she's a psychologist but Parker should really do a better job of getting the other characters to not sound like Spenser. Don't get me wrong; I read the whole book and enjoyed it except for fleeting irritations but I'm still not actually buying the books anymore.

For Love of the Game

Kevin Costner does another baseball movie and it's good. The whole family watched it, and only JJ got bored. That's because most of the movie is flashback and internal dialogue. It's a slow paced movie

BETWEEN FRIENDS / Sandra Bell-Lundy



which in a way dovetails with the movie action - the baseball game. It's really about life and love and passion and only incidentally about baseball. Much better than the reviews led me to expect. Small digression: We rented it on DVD and the extra material was interesting. We agreed absolutely on cutting the scenes that were cut. This is not always the case, but we've noticed it's true with movies we really like.

The X-Men Yowza. What a great movie. The whole family loved it, it had real plot and characters and still had enough action to masquerade as a summer blow-em-up flick. Allie's first words after the movie: "I better see a sequel or heads will roll." And the two of us have decided that Wolverine is hot. hunky. fabulous eye candy. I'm tempted to put a poster of him on the wall but I think instead I'll buy one for Allie and just visit her room more often.

Mailing Comments on SFPA 215

The Southerner/TKOE The progress on the webpage sounds great. I have no objections to Ned giving you samples of my Oos to scan in. I have some URLs for links to other fannish sites. I'd also suggest we give them the SFPA site for linking from their sites as at least one search engine (google) counts the number of links to your site in ranking the search results. Sites we might want to get listed on and/or linked to:

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members.tripod.com/~gothikapa/apawebring.htm or
apalinks.htm,
www.fandata.com,
www.spies.com/~rawdon/sf/apas.html,
www.geocities.com/SoHo/workshop/5815/project.html.

COOL, if Obsolete, TOYS/Hughes Aha, this sounds like a perfect thing for pressing fusible appliqué on quilts. Quilters are borrowing tools from airplane model makers that are essentially tiny little irons to do fusing. One of these little handheld heater units sounds perfect. But

too pricey. Bet you never expected to get a quilt comment on this, eh?

The New Port News 191/Brooks

We may have some info here in the Pacific Northwest about those hybrid cars fairly soon. Portland, Seattle and the state of Washington are all getting the Toyota Prius and looking at the Honda. Some of the city council members got them when they rolled out in May but there hasn't been a follow up story about them yet.

"I did invoke my guardian angel once but he turned out to be a useless fellow with poor flying skills and a bent halo." How, how New Age. But most New Agers have sage and kind guardian angels who guide them along their chosen path. Maybe your guy bent his halo and lost his flying skills fighting the headwinds in the wind tunnel?

There's a good fire ant control page from UT:

<http://www.utexas.edu/cons/zoology/debbie/fireant.htm#5>

The other one, from A&M, is <http://fireant.tamu.edu/>

You might want to look at these for other things to use. Amdro doesn't actually kill the mound; the disturbance of the mound when you apply it causes them to move, usually in a straight line, about 6-10 feet away from where the treated mound was. You can keep chasing them until they go into another yard, but they'll be back eventually. This was one of the less pleasant things about living in Austin.



ctJeff: "If I was OE I might consider a restriction to standard page-size zines for the benefit of those who might want to have the mailings bound!" Does anyone actually do this now? Have the mailings bound, that is? I'd object on principal to putting that sort of restriction on everyone for some nebulous possible future benefit of one person.

No, my grandfather's pottery piece wasn't a Rookwood. It would have been worth a lot more if it was. I think it was Brush-McCoy, a piece called an oil jar. The Rookwood pottery is generally much more ornate and goes for prices up to several thousands while the Brush-McCoy pieces are at most between \$500 and \$1000 but usually less.

I know the DSC was the weekend before WorldCon as late as the late 70's cause that's when I was first starting to attend. So now we know it changed in the 80's.

So, how does one join *trufen*? I tried to read the fandom newsgroup, but the volume was overwhelming. E-mail of 100 a day is doable, as I'm getting only about 75 a day now with the various quilt lists I'm on.

This is Not a Minaczine #99/R. Lynch Thanks for the Classical music discussion. We've just unpacked all the records and I realized reading your zine that I'm not familiar with Saint-Saens. As we have this boxed set of a classical music library done in honor of a Carnegie Hall anniversary, and I haven't listened to most of it, this seems like a good time to check out the things you suggest.

Interesting way to fake out html to do paragraph indenting.

We lucked out on the insurance for the moving damage. They paid our claim without any hassle at all. As for the piece of pottery, we had 2 appraisals and they paid the high one. Now that we're actually getting all the boxes unpacked, we've realized we might actually be missing a box. We'll know for sure in a few more weeks when we finish unpacking Jeff's office. I don't actually think we are as we found some of the missing items when we opened a mystery box (labeled so incoherently that we couldn't read the scribbles), but we're still missing some important items.

Yea, I read the rotary cutter assault story and knew it had to be a fake. While you can cut stuff with the rotary blade, a good sharp one will slice lots more than you expect. That carjacker should have been bleeding all over the place, assuming he didn't just run in the first place.

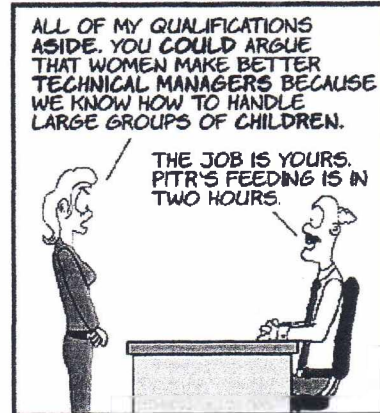
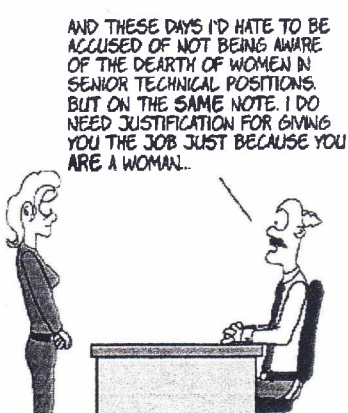
Revenant #1/Strickland

Gosh, that takes me back. The original Star Trek. I was 11 in 1966 and mad for Spock. I even still have the **Music from Outer Space** album Nimoy did. We had good clear reception so we watched it every week faithfully. I didn't find fandom until I was in college however. Bill Catus asked me to go to RiverCon, and despite a last-minute phone call offering me a ticket to the Stones' concert, I went, met Guy Lillian, Joe Celko, and various other Southern fans. Eventually, I joined SFPA. I'm still trying to remember what year was MidAmeriCon, my first worldcon.

Hmm, you rejoined because of a posting in rec.sf.fandom. Maybe we should do some regular recruiting there more often?

I'm glad your treatments for lymphoma have been successful. I note that if your hair is very curly when short, and reverts to being wavy when longer, all you have to do is cut it to get curly again. I have naturally curly hair and it's very curly when short. But the weight pulls the curl

USER FRIENDLY by Illiad



out when I grow it long only my hair gets frizzy not wavy when longer. Now that I don't want high maintenance things in my life, the short curly styles are nice.

I don't think I've ever read any Pratchett. I'll add him to my discovery list. I do like Bill Crider. His books are nice at capturing the Texas feel.

I really regret not making it to Jazz Fest when I was living in New Orleans. I thought I'd be sure and make it back later but I haven't and it's been 25 years. So many fabulous things to do, so little time.

Welcome to SFPA. I hope you give us the time and effort it takes to become a member of the community. I'm glad you've joined.

Frequent Flyer/Tom Feller

Love your description of the Love Bug virus. I use Netscape to read my email, and before that I used a Unix based mail program so none of this Microsoft specific virus stuff can harm my email but it's still amusing to hear about.

I believe you went to get your cat spayed, unless you were going to bury her. In a less nitpicky vein, I get a mental image of a cat with a pile of playing cards, all spades, on top of her. A spaded cat, get it? Too bad I'm not a cartoonist.

I would have enjoyed the panel on archaeological discoveries. I once wanted to be an archaeologist, but never pursued it. I didn't think the idea of no interaction between the hemispheres was that absolute, however. Didn't the Ra boat trips prove that there was possible commerce and travel between Egypt and the Americas? I vaguely remember that there was enough cultural evidence, and possibly physical evidence too, that Heyerdahl made the boat trip. I've also recently read about evidence being discovered for Japanese boat trips to South America. But I think that was in a later era.

Did you like **A Deepness in the Sky**? I'm adding SFPA members recommendations to my reading list. I've only read a couple of Vinge books, but enjoyed what I have read.

Flaming Idiot #1/Wells

I gotta ask: what was the Wesley panel called? Wesley: Wimp or Warlord? And how did it go?

We've seen **Frequency** but not **Gladiator** or **Battlefield Earth**. **Battlefield Earth** lasted one weekend in our area. The other good movie that we liked more than we expected is **X-Men**. Have you seen it yet?

I've made a note of the 2 romantic comedies you say are better than expected. If I only had my Palm Pilot, I wouldn't have to be putting this comment in here to remind myself about it. (**Return to Me** and **Keeping the Faith**.)

Guilty Pleasures/Ackerman

My sympathies on Howard's mom. My stepfather is failing fairly rapidly as his Parkinson's progresses and my mom is starting to worry about how to care for him. I've offered to look into Medicaire/MedicAid eligibility for her so if you can offer any pointers, it would be appreciated.

Thanks for the book reviews and author recommendations. I always have a list of books to read that gets longer faster than I can read the books, but that's part of the fun of life: having at least one impossible goal. And you're helping me do it.

Wow! Great on giving that much blood. I had hepatitis when I was 8 years old so I can't donate but I always urge Jeff to do as much as possible.

Seeing you at DSC was great. I hope we intersect again sometime.

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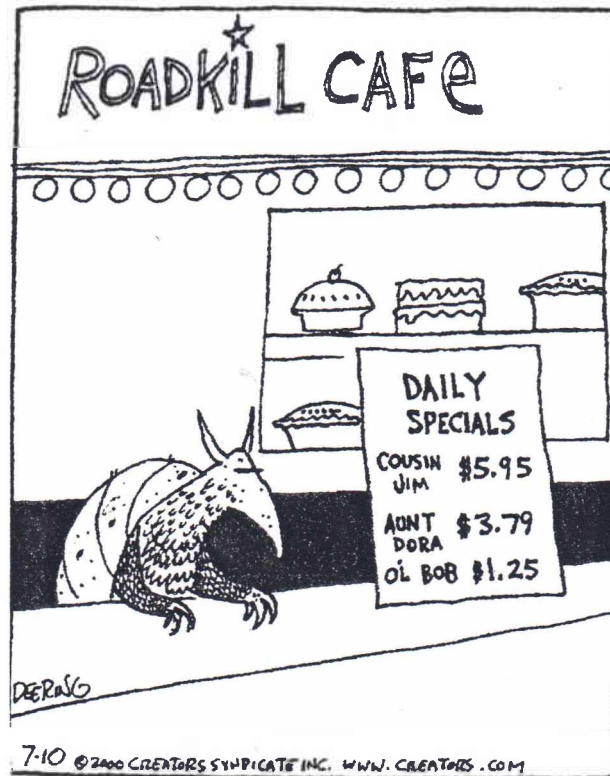
I did finally do the kiersey tests and it came out iNTj, or Rational-Mastermind. Gosh, my entire family will be shocked, I tell you, shocked to find out that I thrive on telling people what to do. And am very strong willed. And like to plan stuff out in advance. (Is this a good time to do another whine about not having my Palm Pilot yet?)

A small brag: I mentioned that Allie thought the standardized tests she took were easy. Her results came back in mid-July and she got an overall 94th percentile

ranking. Okay, I guess it was easy for her. Now if she can just get her grades up a bit, we'll all be happier.

I've bought a new stapler so we'll see if this zine does better on staying stapled.

STRANGE BREW / John Deering



Cross-Train at the Office/J. Copeland

Love the bit about the Fall of Rome. Does this make Apple a Goth or a Vandal?

Gosh, I have a new name. Rizu Kopurando. All humor aside, thanks for translating and printing the name stuff from the Japanese pages of the quilt show.

Reyrctme: you're okay on the respecting your Stay At Home Wife front, I was speaking in generalities. I know too many other women who have had problems with it. My experiences with being treated as stupid or trivial or non-existent have usually come from other women, surprisingly. The most annoying instance was the AAUW dinner for the

woman who went to the Beijing conference on the status of women. The other women at the table did the usual "What do you do?" "This year, I'm homeschooling my daughter and working with the school district on behalf of my other child." "Oh, you stay home, then?" "Yes". "Oh" and their heads start swiveling to look for someone else to talk to. I still don't know if they assumed homeschooling was a code word for Fundamentalist Bible thumper or if I was just no use for networking for a career woman or what.

Nope, www.showusyourtits.com doesn't exist. So, **GUY**, there's your webpage for those historical Mardi Gras photos. You could make a fortune on advertising as I'm sure it'd get lots of hits.

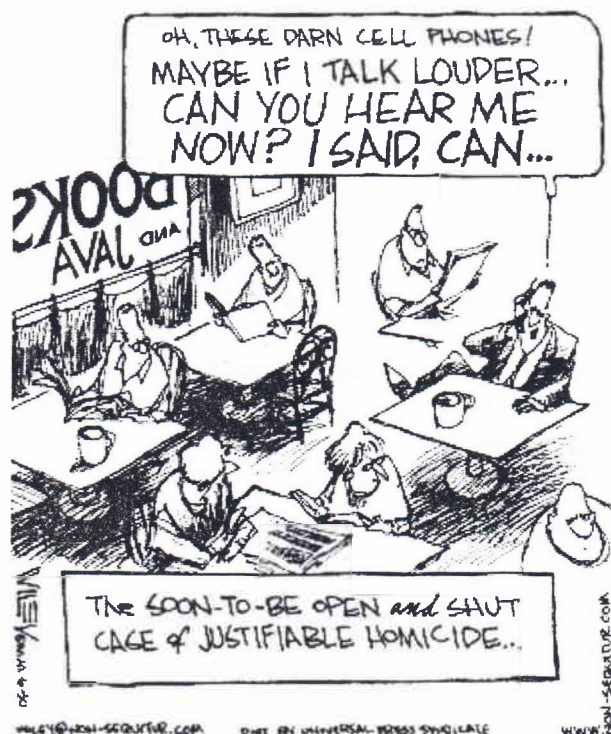
I found your choice of the cartoon about internet access between son and mom all too pertinent this month. Given the 3 way fights JJ, Allie and I are having over the computer this summer, I think we'd better move getting JJ's computer set up a bit higher on the priority list. Either that or start using a signup sheet.

Spiritus Mundi 177/GHLIII

Congrats on the Hugo nomination. We're sending our ballots off this weekend so you'll get at least 2 votes. Let me also say that the nomination is well deserved. You've done an admirable job with Challenger, not only with the content, but the frequency of publication.

I disagree about doing a webpage for SFPA. Registering the domain name is only \$35 a year and that's really the only monetary cost. We can then put the pages wherever we can get free space and good access. We have so many people in SFPA who can do html that any OE who doesn't know html will be able to pick and choose who to work with. I wish I could show you all the fan groups who have webpages already. Just FYI: Using the Google search engine, "Bruce Pelz" gets 461 hits, "Science Fiction Fandom" gets 2,200, "Richard and Nicki Lynch" get 117 (there's another Richard Lynch who is an actor and has lots more hits...) and Our Favorite Guy (using the name Guy Lillian III rather than just Guy Lillian to drop it down from 30,000 hits) got 7,640. (Okay, okay, using quotes around the variations of your name (like I did for everyone else) drops it down to between 150 and 200 but that's pretty good for someone who

doesn't really have a webpage. And lots of the hits are pages that give the contents of DC Comics. Letters from you are called out by title.) Fandom is active on the web. I was also surprised by the number of apas that have webpages. And most of them are not fannish apas. Apparently, the Goths are big into the idea.



The problem isn't that school sports encourage kids to excel, the problem is that some school sports apparently are considered more important than school classes or anything else. Certainly, football in Texas has that status. If they gave out letter jackets to the staff of the literary magazine, I'd be thrilled. But the sports supporters are very jealous of their status and seem to consider giving any other activity similar support is demeaning to sports. It gets very complicated.

I do wholeheartedly agree with you when you say: *"I guess what I really want is for kids to feel good being themselves, instead of being made to feel like failures because their parents are unhappy."* This has come up in

the quiltart mailing list recently when one member finally entered a quilt show with 2 quilts and won 3 ribbons. She asked her sister to tell her mom about it, and the reported comment by her mom was "The other quilts must have been horrible." There are apparently lots of moms and dads who think part of their job is to depress their child's pretensions or belittle them so they don't overreach themselves.

Dan Galouye - another SF writer I've not read yet. And I can't even tell myself that he's too recent since you say he almost got a Hugo in 1962 with **Dark Universe**. Sheesh, am I out of it, or what?

Well, we didn't have an airplane fall on our house, but our neighbor across the street's car did roll over and back into one of our trees. They had company, complete with small children, and the 4 year old boy snuck out to play in the car and somehow released the parking brake enough for the car to roll. He's fine, but the car got several thousand dollars worth of damage. (Have I mentioned how we live on a steep hill?) This is the car that belongs to their just graduated high school daughter who is right now in Europe for a multiweek trip. They were on the phone with her when the crash occurred. "Hi honey, your car just had an accident without you. How was Paris?"

"Have you encountered Seattle fandom yet? " We haven't done anything with fandom in this area yet. I doubt we will very soon as Seattle people tend to have this attitude about Bellevue. I suspect it comes from the decades of Bellevue being the rich white suburb altho compared to Boulder, it's a model of diversity. All of the local fan group meetings that have happened since I signed up for the email newsletter have been in Seattle proper. Also, we're pretty busy with the kids and Jeff's work and my quilt stuff. I don't think we actually feel a need to go to local fan meetings. We'll probably go to the Portland Westercon next summer, tho.

"The most stressful thing in my life is pure boredom. I can think of little that causes me more problems than having too little to do." Well, gosh, Guy, if you need to keep busy, let me recommend quilting. It takes hundreds of hours to do a quilt. That oughta keep you busy.

Out of time, out of room. Sorry...

Morning caffeine churning in Sound

Signs of coffee drinking
widespread in region's
waters, scientists find

By Nick Perry
Journal Reporter

If there is one thing we love more than our coffee, it's our sparkling waterways. But now one is so infused with the other that scientists cannot make use of the brew.

Water quality experts have abandoned plans to use caffeine as a tracer to pinpoint where human waste is polluting our waterways. A year-long study of Puget Sound found traces of the substance everywhere.

"We had eight monitoring stations set up in Puget Sound," King County water quality planner Scott Mickelson said. "And we were very surprised to find caffeine everywhere, from Admiralty Inlet to Vashon Island."

Caffeine was found in more than 160 of 216 samples and at depths of up to 640 feet. A similar number of tests for traditional toxicants such as pesticides, herbicides and semi-volatile chemicals all came back negative, and only background levels of heavy metals were found.

Mickelson said he had hoped to follow caffeine trails back to overflowing septic tanks or cracked sewer pipes, after analyzing information from the tests which ended in April.

But with caffeine so ubiquitous, that's impossible, and further study of the

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Caffeine

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Sound and Lake Washington has now been abandoned.

Scientists thought caffeine had great tracking potential because it does not occur naturally in the environment and is ingested only by humans. It also remains virtually unchanged after passing through the body.

But the increasing trend of motorists and espresso carts dumping cold coffee directly into storm-water drains could skew any tracking results.

An earlier county study indicated caffeine levels rise dramatically during the morning, after people have their first cup of joe. Caffeine is so soluble it can travel in and out of the body within an hour.

In the 1996 study, two automatic samplers were set up in the Duwamish River during flooding. One sampler measured sewage overflow between 4 a.m. and 8 a.m., while the second measured overflow for an extra half hour, between 4 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. The second sampler showed total caffeine levels eight times higher than the first.

Mickelson said the county will revert to using dye tests to track waste. Advances in com-

puter modeling programs have helped considerably with those tests.

In Lake Washington, where the county also had hoped to use caffeine tracing, DNA tests will continue to be used when *E. coli* and fecal coliform are detected to determine if such contamination originates from humans or animals, county limnologist Jonathan Frodge said.

As a health risk for swimmers, waste from humans is considerably more dangerous than animal waste, Frodge said. The county will monitor the lake all summer and notify the public of any possible beach closures.

Little is known about the effects of caffeine on wildlife, Mickelson said. But the caffeine in Puget Sound is diluted in such a large body of water that it probably has a minimal effect.

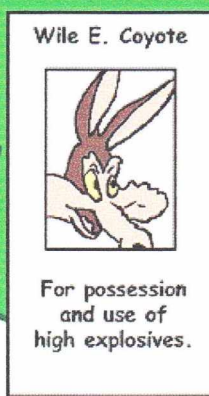
He said the Sound appeared to be "very clean" overall. But there is concern over high levels of heavy metals found in sediment in the Duwamish River, which is teetering on the brink of receiving federal classification as a polluted site.

Mickelson said he was not sure if people from the Puget Sound area drink more coffee than the average American. "My impression is certainly people here pay more for it than they do elsewhere, though," he said.

Home With the Armadillo #42 has clipart from the fabulous Broderbund ClickArt 125,000 deluxe image pak for the front cover and the big guy below. Gardening comics are from Arlo & Janis and Baby Blues respectively. Sylvia needs no introduction, and neither do her cats. The other comic art has the appropriate name and artist with each piece. The morning coffee story is from The Eastside Journal, and the bacover is another Userfriendly comic.



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