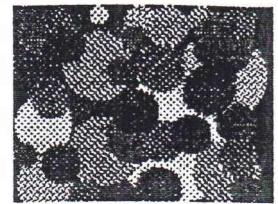
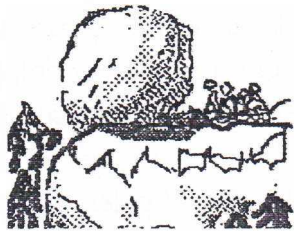


PLANET ⊕ THE APAs



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Opps! Please be aware the last digit of my P.O. box is a 4. I must have miss graphitied it when I emailed the APA boss. =)

Fantasy & Reality : uhhh, was page 1 supposed to be the centerfold or was this particular copy mis-stapled? I had a few moments of confusion when opening the cover and discovering I was on page 17. Very lovely cover.

Oddly enough, Mr..King has been quoted as saying he'd be hit by a character who could have been out of one of his OWN stories. One tabloid had a wee bit about Mr. King being haunted by the now deceased guy who'd hit him.

I got a kick out of the reported note to the school: I know that you know, that I know that you know that my kid was sent home sick....

My persistent sense about Bush, much to my dismay (Oh my GHOD! This man is the PRESIDENT....) Is that his skull is filled with the sort of stuff I pull off the dryer filter....

Re: Phantom Menace, IMHO even though the choice may be rash, ill informed, misinformed or forced, what side the hero ends up on hinges on a choice. Anakin hasn't hit that critical turning point JUST yet, but I suspect the die roll that DIDN'T free his mother is part of the series of events that forces the turning point.

Good heavens! Fencing GROUPIES.... =)

Ninja

Ferret>>

Eudora, by the way, is a rather nice mail-reader program, can be got reasonably, and is windoze friendly.

I got an optical mouse at yuletide, especially since I was just annoyed silly with how fast the rubber mouse-balls were wearing out. It was simply obscene...



I've also acquired a Visor PDA which is just a charm for LOCcing, but is very very handy for a whole multitude of tiny tasks.

Gary Robe: "Puters in da Hood" love it!

I hope to include a Dewachen 2.0 in this mailing, along w/ my dues. I hadn't expected the APA to be quite so big! I did enjoy reading everything, but I'm just intimidated with the prospect of answering it all-all at once. It doesn't help that just as I'm recovering from a sprained knee and a broken foot I get hit with an intestinal infection... (yeah I'm still kinda jumpy since the "appendix thing" last year.)

I have managed to 1) convince the family that I need help to care for my uncle adequately, particularly during the day when I have to be at work.... practically had to have a break down to do that but it's happening. 2) My uncle now has a daytime companion/helper to help out during the day (and keep some of the heat off me.) Actually getting a respite, and adequate emotional support from the extended family (Including my mom- his sister, is just not happening...) Thapkey (my daughter) and I did get him to play "Apples to Apples" with us, and he totally womped us, and here he's been concerned that he hasn't been such a sharp tack! It moves a bit too fast with only 3 people playing though. It was very fun the evening we played it at Lytheria, we even went out to buy our own copy of the game.

Oblio: Page 4 guy...oh gee, that must be Chad =(

Dave Barry is amazing! Just love him.

Ned & Gary My mom is a retired school teacher & she once told me (though it could just as well be urban legend) was that African type hair was the wrong shape for a louse to cling too. "We have to check all the kids anyway..." African American kids with "good" (less "nappy") hair may still get lice.?

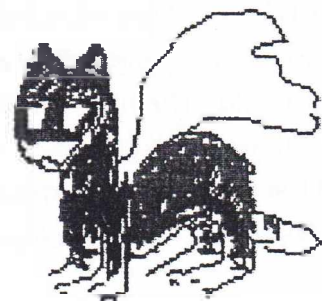
COMIC BOOKS: We have a few issues of The Ferret around here somewhere. He has pointy canines & he's hyperactive. Gee I wonder why they call him "the Ferret" =)

Have you heard the song Particle Man by They Might Be Giants?! Thapkey & I went to our first rock concert together, and that was the band that evening, a night shift working friend had won the tickets from the radio station. And we'd loved that band for years so it was great fun.

(WARNING: this particular reader has seen WAAAAY too many Martial Arts movies...)

Liz & George Will: ^^^^ Technically a chain w/ weighted ends (ie: wallet/keys, or lead weight/dart)

IS a weapon— but one that isn't of much use to anyone outside of a highly trained martial artist specializing in that particular sort of weapon. (See also: Rope Dart: nicely highlighted in such movies as Shaolin Temple w/Jet Li) Anyone else is just going to hurt themselves... 2



BotFerret

Then again from a Martial Arts standpoint ANYTHING is a weapon. "Zero Tolerance" apparently has plenty of tolerance for throwing away real judgement and putting a black mark on a kid's record.

IMHO! Doughnuts would make a spiffier Southern Pride flag...

Besides, isn't flying a Confederate Flag, especially over the state-house, treasonous?

One of my net-groups (oddly enough Buddhist themed) has a semi-retired bean counter as one of the regulars, from time to time he'll post a tally similar to the page count, he divies it up into 2 parts, ranking by # of posts, and ranking by # of lines.

It's very hard to be out-of-reach these days. Once upon a time, for example Tibet was a mysterious blank spot on the map (maybe even as recently as 40 yrs ago in most cases), I doubt it'd even be really possible to be out of touch out of reach even there. Maybe some cave waaay up in the mountains, but I'm sure eventually the MCI friends and family guy would come calling.... IMHO the best place for a "lost culture" is right in the middle of mainstream society, where no one is looking. Heck, isn't Faandom something of a Hidden Kingdom?

George Horace Wells: Took my daughter 13.9 yrs old, to see Crouching Tiger: Hidden Dragon and we BOTH loved it. It's got ACTION, ADVENTURE, DRAMA, & ROMANCE, with plenty of story and heart. You will not have a chance to be bored, nor will whatever person you bring along. Although it has subtitles, they were certainly not overpowering or a significant detriment.

Tennessee Trash: Nifty nifty Head-light.



Spiritus Mundi: Nice Elvis In Love cover. I agree with your review of CTHD. We loved it, bought the CD and intend to buy the video. I ended up having a nice chat with the young fella at the record shop and told him "GO to the movie, and take your girlfriend!"... A co-worker and I have been loaning each other Kungfu movies on videotape.... yet another "secret faandom"/ lost culture?

51 and getting married! Congrats! Never too old to fall in Love! Several years ago, a family friend in his 90s married a chick in her 40s and I hear they're quite happy together. I find I'm a bit envious of you though, this fall I was dumped suddenly by my SO of 3 years, who then left for 2 weeks in China, emailing me saying he was bringing back the woman he loved..... I guess that means I'm chopped liver?!



By the way lotus seeds and seedpods are edible. The candied seeds are a common goody for the Lunar new year. Yummie! I haven't noticed either causing the eater to become particularly flighty or Californian, at least not any more than they were prior to that. =)

sigh IMHO: If the Taliban had their priorities straight, they'd be auctioning off those Buddha statues on E-Bay.... could you imagine the bidding war for the world's most expensive lawn

ornaments??? <Very few Sangha could cover the shipping bills....>(Bill Gates Vs Shirley McLaine perhaps?) Think of how many children that money would feed, clothe and provide medical care for.... Why blow stuff up when a garage sale would be ever so much more effective.(IMHO) On the one hand, Thank ghod and the little fishes it's stuff and not people, (and it has been a good reminder of the dangers of attachments, and the reminder of impermanence....) But sooner or later iconoclasts run out of statues to smash, and more often than not, that's when they start on people....



**faery
ferret**



Elric, the ferret that owns me>>>>

(YEP! I KNOW which one of us is the well trained pet.)

Uhhh, so if I died, and I owed pages, would y'all hunt down my incarnation & collect the submission?



Sing the praises of the Wolflord: So Hank, tell me MORE about these “really fine swords from China”



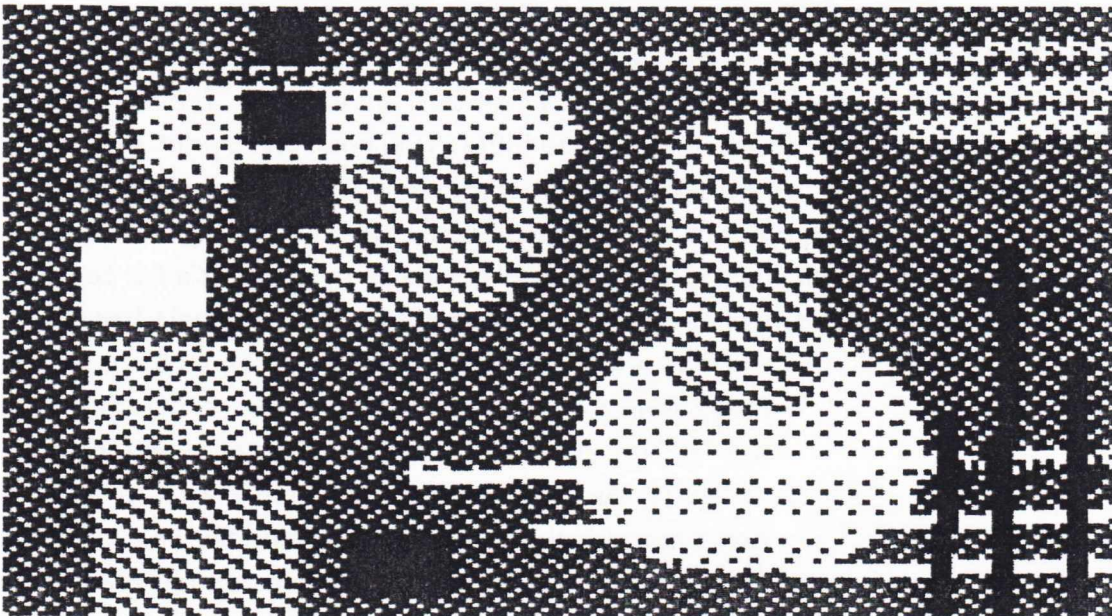
tai chi sword

I've been looking for one of these^^^^.

Twygdrasil etc #69— I use my Visor PDA, to: read email, write email, send email.... (particularly Locs), as an organizer/date book, alarm clock, doodle pad, calculator, and with an attachment it's a digicam, a sizeable investment would get me an attachment to use it as a cellphone... My daughter also plays games on it. Actually most of the line art and the photo of my ferret on pg.4 of this APA segment of my zine were drawn on or taken with the Visor!

I'm coming in at midstory on your medical troubles, are the flu like symptoms from the medication? Have they checked for things like your appendix? Previously undetected minor infections???? I hope that your health will improve.

My big question is “Does Dubya have the brain power to run the country during a depression, and/or really have the facility to pick the right person for the job?” (The history of a parade of failed businesses leaves me leery.... I once found my self on the doorstep of my workplace reading a note that declared, “sorry you are all outa luck, I've declared bankruptcy”.... Now granted it was a grand total of 10 employees, but none of us ever saw our lost checks, severance pay, or unused vacation pay... and chances are we never will. I wouldn't want to even imagine THAT business owner, who actually saw us almost every day, running for a political office with any real responsibility....)



In my humble, and limited experience: there IS “magick” inherent in heartfelt-devoted prayer & ritual. Of Course, Your Mileage May Vary. IMHO there is also magic in a good tale well spun. Though subtle there is a difference between “magic”, “magical”, and “magick”. =)

In my own observations, I've seen what I perceive as magick both within my own faith tradition and others. Prayer can (and often is) not only a powerful thing (if for no other reason than it's effect on the person praying.), but tend to be incantory & invested of the worshipers's wishes and intent. If that ain't magick, I'll need a clarification of what IS. =)

So Piltdown man is a hoax.... but Cheddar Man (sounds like a super hero from a cheese ad.) Has at least 1 living decedent, provided that the DNA test isn't a hoax. =) Now that's not just cool, it's Waaaay cool.

Westerns still pop up from time to time, retaining mythic and pulpy qualities: By the way I recently enjoyed Once Upon A Time in China AND America on video and we enjoyed Shanghai Noon at the theater a while back. IMHO they'd be fun played back to back. (I figure Jet Li must be nearly 40 but is definitely still a "babe".)

NYC & "lost race", please see my earlier comments. For example, Even many fans aren't aware of faandom existing as a society with it's own conventions.(pun intentional.)

Vampire Monologues: the "Star of David" has been in use in E. Asia (in particular within Tantra and symbolic for the Daikini/Devas <Skywalkers!>so there is sorta an snfinal link) prior to it's use as a Jewish I.D. so possibly it could still be of use prior to the 1700s on SOME Vampires.

I also strongly prefer the self stick postage stamps.

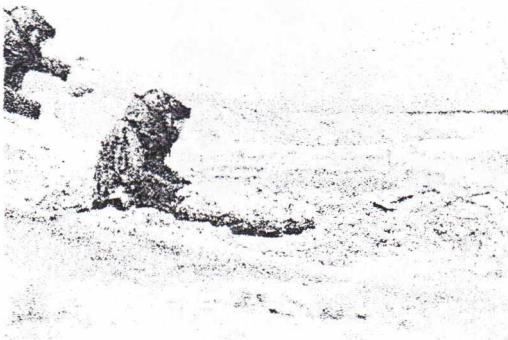
Every time I've been tested for it, I've turned up as having low iron. At times I felt I was so full of Iron pills I feared I'd set off metal detectors or be able to stick fridge magnets to my head. Though I suspect that some Doctors just hear "fatigue" and write up an Rx for Iron.

Offline Reader: In addition to some of the Lemba have the "Cohen" gene there are some families in China and other far away locales included in the studies as having similar histories. I kinda like the idea that everyone really is kin to everyone, just varying degrees of cousin.

Peter Pan & Merry: re: weapon that is not necessarily "at hand", best to BE a weapon eh? =)

"Milwaukee Stadium" has been dubbed "Miller Park" since Miller Brewing bought the "naming rights" It's just part of an eerie trend, the New Convention Center is "The Midwest Express Center". The old auditorium (formerly known as MECCA) is now "The Sprint Center".... yeeesh!Don't get me going on "Dr Laura" she makes me grind my teeth more often or not, so I neither read her column any more, nor listen to the radio show... I find I'd be OK if she'd just call herself "Maven Laura" or even "Yenta Laura" but the "Dr" sticks in my craw. It's far too easy for people to understand that she means that she is an MD or a Psyc professional when in reality, while

she has a PhD, she isn't qualified to claim to be (or to hint/insinuate) that she is either one. It sticks in my craw that the "dr" is being used to give a gloss of expert-ness to her OPINION. As such I'm not comfortable with either the claim to some moral high road, let alone being the voice of Judaism /Orthodoxy.... Her claims to compassion are even weaker, it still boils down to taking other people's missteps as an excuse to point at them, make herself into someone "important" and get paid to do it. Her claim that HER Rabbi says it's ok doesn't hold much water when there are plenty of Rabbis(including Orthodox, if



not especially so) who wouldn't be caught dead supporting her program. (Unfortunately the way she uses her Rabbi's supposed approval to fend off criticism sounds waaaaay to much like NewAge quacks invoking a photo of themselves with the Dalai Lama to imply he endorses them.)

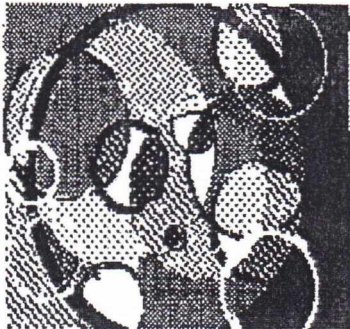
If yer gonna claim the moral high land, then you just gotta hold yourself to a MUCH higher standard than y' hold anyonese.

See! You opened a canna worms and I couldn't nail it shut quite fast enough.(and I don't even think I'm disagreeing or arguing with anyone.)

<Now just no-one mention "conservative family values" or I'll get Confucian on them....=>

If Random picks a number, is it "Randomly generated"? (Cool name kid!)

I am very sorry but I did love every zine in the bundle, I just haven't been able to respond to all of them this time and resolve to do better in my next ish.



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