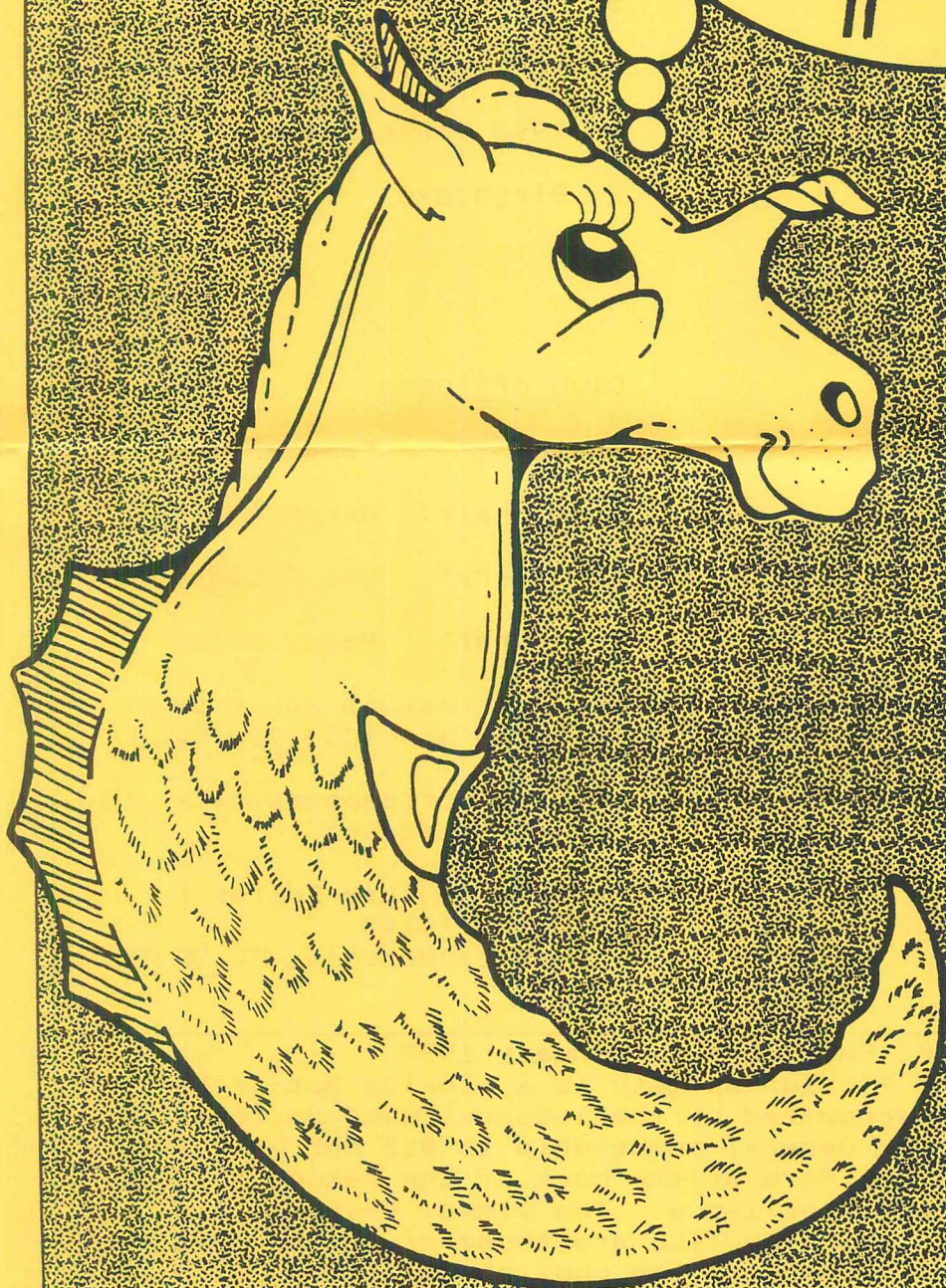


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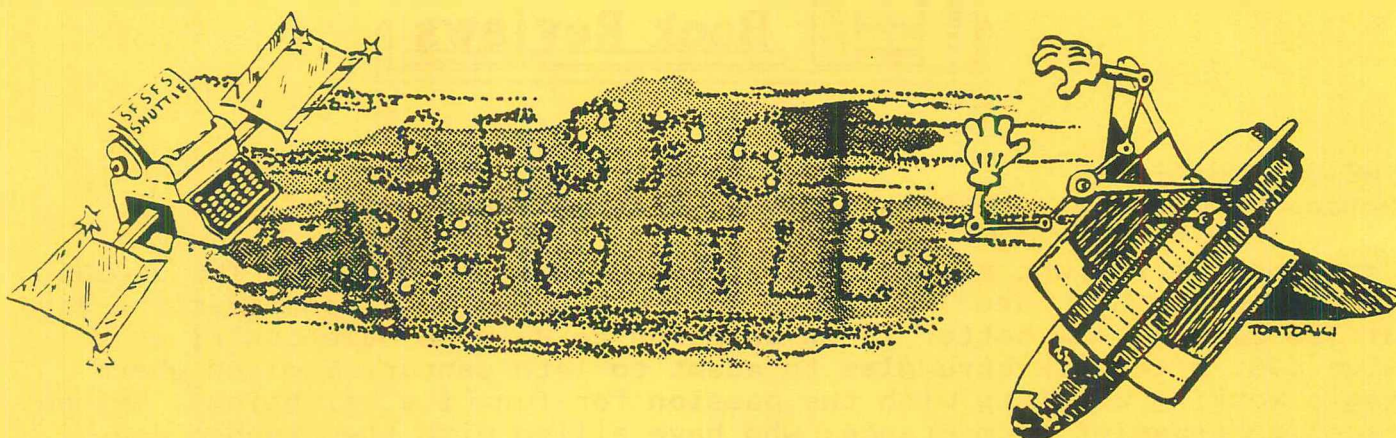
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### JANUARY MEETING

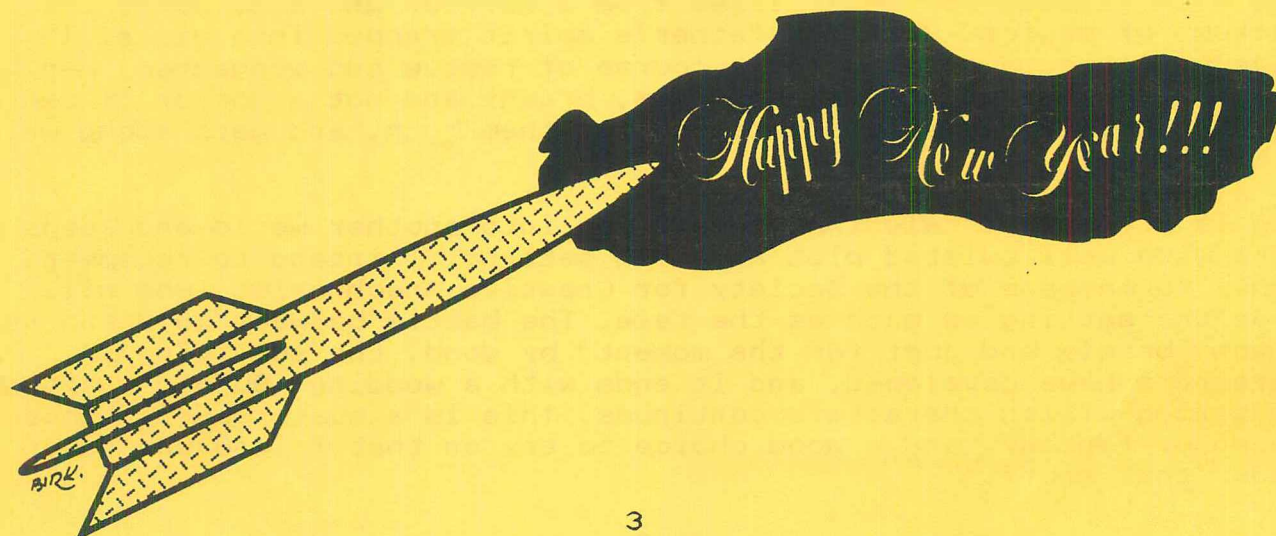
There's good news and there's bad news. The good news is that Ellen Datlow will be in town and has agreed to talk at the January meeting. Unfortunately, she has already made plans to be here the middle of January and won't be able to attend Tropicon. So make plans now to come to the meeting. Note unusual time: the library is showing movies before and after. The meeting will start ON TIME!

Date: January 16, 1993

Time: 12 Noon

Place: Palm Beach Library  
W Atlantic Ave. Branch  
7777 W Atlantic Ave.  
(407) 498-3110

Directions: Take I-95 to  
Atlantic Ave exit in  
Delray Beach (NOT  
Atlantic Blvd.) and  
go West.







#### THE DRAGON AT WAR

Gordon R. Dickson, Ace Books, c1992, 0-441-75698-0, \$18.95

For those of you who missed the earlier volumes (DRAGON AND THE GEORGE, THE DRAGON KNIGHT, and THE DRAGON ON THE BORDER) this continues the saga of Jim Eckert, now better known as Baron de Bois de Malencontri et Riveroad. After his struggles to adapt to 14th century England where magic working coexists with the passion for fun (i.e. fighting), he now faces an invasion from France, who have allied with the dreaded sea serpents. Unfortunately, his trusted ally Carolinus is suffering from a debilitating malady, but the other allies are there in force.

Dickson takes full advantage of Jim's outsider view of what is happening around him, both as a knight and when he becomes a dragon. There aren't quite as many gaps in his knowledge now, and he has learned (from sheer self-defense) to better cope with his magical powers. But it is still a case of "we valiant few" against the evil they. Touches of humor enliven a fast moving plot (love the messenger teakettle!) and the trusty band of comrades are distinct personalities. The balance of dragon society interacting with the feudal interspersed with the magical (both good and foul) seems to get richer with each book. If you liked the previous volumes you will enjoy this one - if this is the first volume you've picked up, it does stand on it's own. Either way, this is good Dickson, which means it's a better way to spend a few hours than almost anything else.

#### THE SPIRIT RING

Lois McMaster Bujold, Baen, c1992, 0-671-72142-9, \$17.00

What a change of pace! Set in Renaissance Italy, with both the pageantry and the underpinnings of the society used to carry forward a tale of conquest. The heroine knows just enough of magic working to be dangerous, but her cause is just. The death of her father's patron sends them both fleeing for their lives from a warrior who also works the blackest of magics. With her father's spirit trapped into his evil slavery, Fiametta sets out on a course of rescue and vengeance. Her hero appears from the mountains, handsome, brawny and not a worker of magic - who fortunately has enough patience for them both, and gets along well with Kobolds.

This is a terrific tale that sweeps you into another world and keeps you there with well twisted plot and rich setting. I intend to recommend it highly to members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, who will enjoy the setting as much as the tale. The battle between good and evil is won (barely and just for the moment) by good, the surviving characters have developed, and it ends with a wedding. Bujold's affinity for strong-willed characters continues. This is a must-read for those who enjoy fantasy, and a good choice to try on that friend who never reads "that stuff."

I always appreciate authors who share their research. Bujold cites three titles:

Gerould, Gordon Hall (her great uncle) THE GRATEFUL DEAD, THE HISTORY OF A FOLK STORY. Written in 1907 it covers a wide ranging collection of versions of the story of the grateful spirit of a dead man rewarding the person who gave all that he had to pay for the body's burial.

Hoover, Herbert and Lou Henry, trans. Agricola, DE RE METALLICA, a 16th century Latin treatise on mining and metallurgy.

Cellini, Benvenuto, THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF VENVENUTO CELLINI. Various translations are available.

By no means the extent of her research, she credits these as being the original seeds for her tale. Lorenzo d'Medici's spirit ring is illustrated in EUROPE 1492 - try your local library's reference collection for it.

#### 1992 BANQUET CONTEST WINNERS

##### APPROPRIATE EPITAPHS

Most Logical: Doug Wu

DesCartes

I don't think,  
therefore I am not.

Whooy Award: Steve

Doctor Who

Who lies here!

Punniest: Chuck Philips

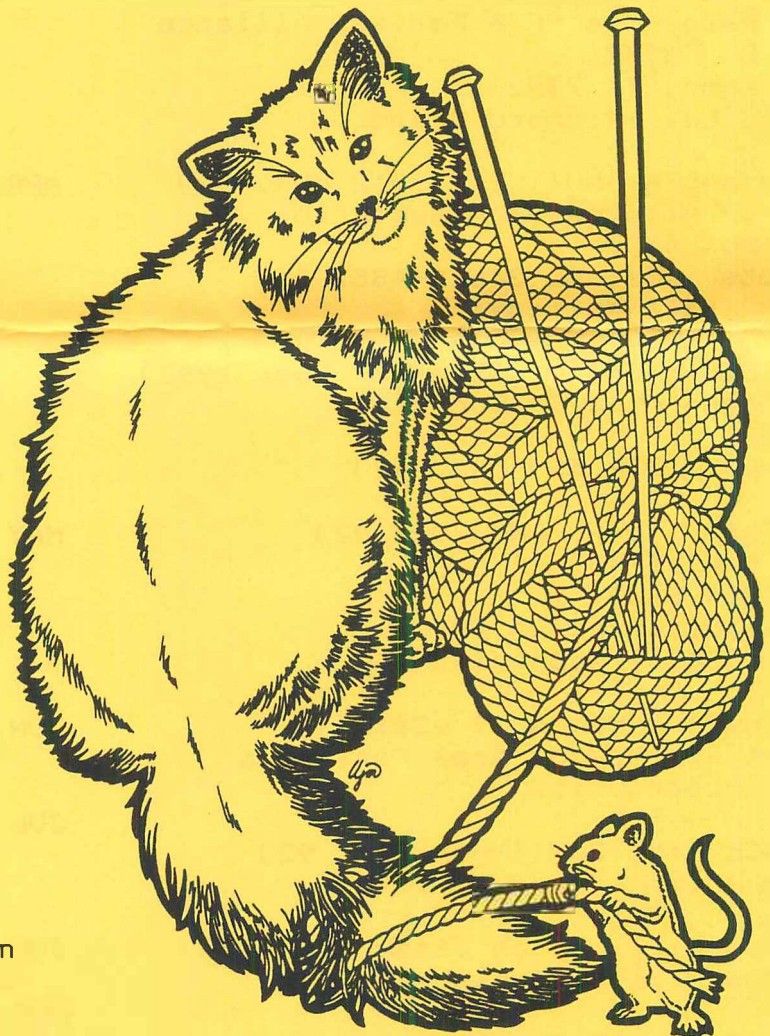
Pinocchio

I wood be bored  
but I'm playing  
cricket in the sky.

Best of Supper: Don Cochran

Mike Holmes

Algorithms match;  
Random numbers churn.  
Oops, someone pulled the plug;  
Bits to bits return.



# IT CAME IN THE MAIL

DASFax v24#12 (Dec 92)  
Denver Area SF Association

De Profundis #248 (Dec 92)  
Los Angeles Science Fantasy Soc.

INSTANT MESSAGE #522  
(9 Dec 92) & #523 (23 Dec 92)  
New England SF Association

The Mobius Strip v9#11 (Dec 92)  
El Paso Area SF & Fantasy Alliance  
PO Box 3177  
El Paso, TX 79923  
Act. Ed: Richard Brandt

The NASFA SHUTTLE v12#12 (Dec 92)  
North Alabama SF Association  
PO Box 4857  
Huntsville, AL 34815-4857  
Ed: Mike Kennedy

OASFIS EVENT HORIZON #67 (Dec 1992)  
Orlando Area SF Society

PENGUIN DIP #59 (Nov 92)

P.S.F.S. News (Nov/Dec 92)  
& (Jan 93)  
PO Box 8303  
Philadelphia, PA 19101  
Sec: Carol Kabakjian

SITUATION NORMAL?? v2#12  
Southern Nevada Area Fantasy &  
Fiction Union

SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM (Dec 92)  
Bjo Trimble

Stone Hill Launch Times (Dec 92)  
Stone Hill SF Society

The Texas SF Inquirer #46  
Fandom Assoc. of Central Texas

ALSO RECEIVED:  
WONDER (kid's mag for adults)

## 1993 CONVENTIONS

JAN 8-10	Tropicon XI
15-17	Arisia '93
15-17	Chattacon 18
22-24	Confurence 4
22-24	ConFusion
FEB 5-7	Connption '93
19-21	Boskone XXX
19-21	Harmonicon
26-28	HurriCon
MAR 5-7	Wiscon
5-7	Astronomicon 2
18-21	BamaCon 7
19-21	CrakerCon 2
19-21	Lunacon '93
19-21	MillenniCon-8
19-22	NeoCon 4
26-28	Mid-South Con 12
25-28	NORWESCON 16
APR 2-4	COASTCON XVI
1-4	Magnum Opus Con 8
2-4	SilverCon
9-11	Balticon 27
8-11	Houston Space SF3
9-11	Minicon 28
16-18	I-CON XII
16-18	CON-TROLL
16-18	Phoenixcon 8
23-25	MARCON 28
MAY 7-9	Magic Carpet Con 1
14-16	KUBLA KHAN 21
14-16	Oasis 6
27-31	Disclave 1993
28-30	ConQuest 24
JUN 4-6	DuckKon 2
4-6	Conjuration (DSC XXI)
JUL 2-5	Westercon 46
9-11	Readercon 6
23-25	Congenial V
23-25	Dreamwerks
JUL 30-	
AUG 2	MYTHCON XXIV
AUG 20-22	NECRONOMICON (MA)
SEP 2-6	CONFRANCISCO
OCT 8-10	ConCat V
NOV 26-28	LOSCON



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Isaac Asimov 1920
- 3 J. R. R. Tolkien 1892
- 6 Eric Frank Russell 1905
- 9 A. J. Budrys 1931
- 13 Ron Goulart 1933
- 14 Joseph Green 1931
- 15 Robert Silverberg 1935
- 17 Benjamin Franklin 1706
- 19 Edgar Allan Poe 1809
- 20 Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin 1930
- A. Merritt
- 21 Judith Merrill 1923
- 23 William Reid Pogue 1930
- 24 David Gerrold 1944
- Jim Henson 1936
- C. L. Moore 1911
- 26 Philip Jose Farmer 1918
- 27 Charles Dodgson 1832
- Wolfgang A. Mozart 1756
- 30 George Barr 1937
- Gregory Benford 1941
- 31 Gene DeWeese 1934



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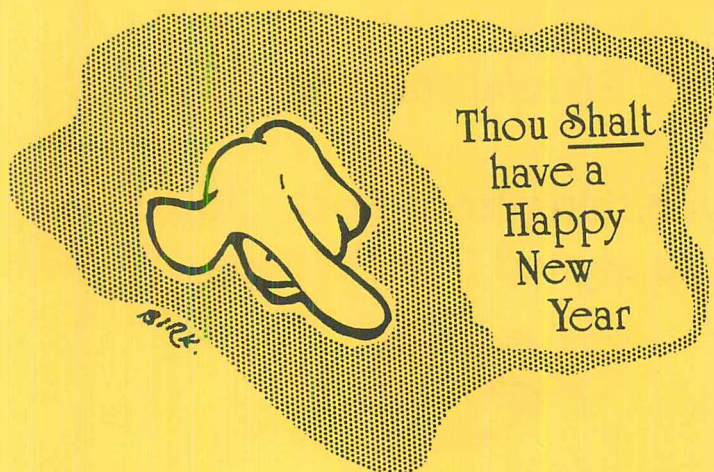
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