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Salutations and welcome! Has it been a year already? Anyway we're back - this is it, the FANDOM CALENDAR 1981. And you will, hopefully, note changes over last year. We will begin work on the 1982 calendar almost immediately. Your comments and suggestions are not only welcomed but encouraged. In the meantime, Happy New Year and we hope that you enjoy our efforts.

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### ABOUT THE ARTISTS...

Cover: The work of Dennis Fujitake has appeared throughout fandom for over a decade now. Most of it in Fantagraphics' publications including The Comics Journal. His work has also been seen in the RBCC and Comic Crusader Storybook. What has kept this talented fan from working more actively with Marvel and DC? Well, the long commute from New York to Honalulu might have something to do with it.

January: This is what might be considered a comic fan's concept of science fiction. It was beautifully rendered by Willie Blyberg. Although his work has only been appearing for the last few years, it has created quite a stir appearing in TBG, The Comics Journal, the Comic Book Collector, Omniverse, and his own Wowiekazowie. Professional prospects are certainly in the future of this gifted artists.

February: Bob Vojtko has moved from his underground and "new wave" comics into gag cartooning. Bob produced many successful mini-comix a few years back including Low Budget Funnies, and Fishtales for Supper. His work appears regularly in Cascade Comix Monthly and he has sold gags to many national magazines including Hustler Humor.

March: We usher in the spring with the eighties' "Br'er Rabbit" by Gary Kwapisz. According to Gary, he first became interested in art after his parents space ship crashed in the jungle and he began crushing bugs and drawing with the juice. He found his way into this country and he now, "... works for the fanzine that hates comics." Gary is currently working as the art director for The Comics Journal.

April: Earl Geier has not been seen much in the larger fanzines, but he's a favorite with the small fan press. His work has been seen constantly in No Sex, his own Bald Ego Comics, Ecstasy Oblivion, Ward Batty's flegling first fanzine, Fandom's

**Digest** back in '78, and in **Inertia**. Although he is certainly good as an illustrator, his storytelling technique is excellent and we hope to see much more of his work in the future. Copies of **Bald Ego** #1 may still be available for \$1.50 from Earl (Bald Ego Graphics, 2114 North Hamilin Ave., Chicago, IL. 60647)

May: Since the mid-sixties the work of Alan Hanley has appeared in almost every fanzine in fandom. Everything from his own Comic Book in the late sixties and early seventies to his present work in TBG. "I won an award for the second best menu design in the world in 1972, but my biggest award had to be when C.C. Beck recommended me for Captain Marvel when he left the strip." Pictured in his illustration are every — with the exception of Captain American Bunny — character he has created over the years.

June: The Marvelous Fruits and Veggies created by Rich Brunning have delighted the readers of TBG for a couple of years now. His work has appeared in several fanzines including Comic Feature and his own portfolio. Future plans include more strips and a possible book from a "certain Arvarkian publisher..."

Centerspread: Portia Prinz, World's Foremost Pseudo-Intellectual Super-Heroine was created in 1974 by Richard Howell. In '77 Portia... #1 was published by Desperado Eastern, with #3, the acclaimed five-part pictorial novel "Glamazon's Burdon" began. Portia was discontinued in 1979 but a revival is in the works and 1981 could be Portia's year! According to Howell, "Portia Prinz stories attempt to deal with universally pertinent themes through a large, eccentric cast of characters—all far outside the range of standard comic book stereotypes. It has humor, pathos, (Gotta have them pathos) drama, and a good deal of respect for both its characters and its readers." Rich's work has appeared in The Comics Journal, Comic Feature, Science Fiction Times, and is on the editorial board of Artform. He's been rejected by both Marvel and DC for drawing in a "disturbing" manner and is currently working on a volume on the work of Jack Kirby.

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## January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
LIFE founded, 1883	FM radio demonstrated, 1940 Jack Hanna (b. 1913)	Joan of Arc (b. 1412) Telegraph demonstrated, 1838	Typewriter patented, 1714 Charles Addams (b. 1912) Tarzan & Buck Rogers, 1929	Elvis Presley (b. 1935)	Astounding Stories of Super Science #1, 1930	League of Nations formed, 1920
11	12	-	14	15	16	17
Alexander Hamilton (b. 1757) Mishap (bi-monthly SF, 1975)	Jack London (b. 1876)  Batman television show premieres, 1966	Mickey Mouse (1930)	I Wanna Hold Your Hand released in the U.S. (1964) R.F. Outcault (b. 1863)	Martin Luther King, Jr. (b. 1929) Moliere (b. 1622)	Prohibition enacted, 1920	Western Daze (first George Pal puppetoon, 1941) New Mickey Mouse Club formed, 1977
18	19	20	21	THAT OUGHT TO HOLD TOGETHER THAT I MANE THAT A DOCTOR A D	23	24
Danny Kaye (b. 1913)  Johnny Quest television show premieres, 1964	First appearance Meta- morpho (Brave & Bold #57, 1965) Robert E. Lee (b. 1807)	Harold Gray (b. 1894)	London <b>Daily News</b> appears, 1864	Secret Agent X-9 (1934)	John Hancock (b. 1737)	First Boy Scout troops organized, 1908
<b>25</b>	26	27	28	29	30	31
Comic Reader merges with Menomonee Falls Gazette, 1979	Captain Future #1 (Weisinger Pulp, 1939)	Vietnam cease-fire signed, 1973	Nostalgia Journal becomes Comics Journal, 1977	John D. Rockefeller (b. 1874)	Franklin D. Roosevelt (b. 1882)	<b>APA-pi</b> #1 (monthly SF apa, 1972) Norman Mailer (b. 1923)



## February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	
Clark Gable (b. 1901)	Ground Hog Day	Norman Rockwell (b. 1894)	a	John Carridine (b. 1906) Hank Aaron (b. 1934)	Babe Ruth (b. 1895)	Donald Duck (1938)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Gypsy Rose Lee (b. 1914)	Fandom Funnies #1 (Zilber, 1975) YMCA founded 1870	Astonishing Stories #1, 1940	Abraham Lincoln (b. 1809) Charles Darwin (b. 1809)	Prince Valiant (1937)	Ex-St. Valentine's Day Jack Benny (b. 1894)
15	16		18	19	20	21
	Washington's Birthday ob- served	B.C. (1958)	Copernicus (b. 1473)	Dynamic Science Stories #1, 1939	Etcetera #1 (Levitz, 1971)	Mary W. Shelley (b. 1851)
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	24	<b>25</b>	26	27	28
Frederick Chopin (b. 1810)		THAPA #1 (Pulp Heroes) apa,1976)	MAGNUS-Robot Fighter #1, 1966	Jackie Gleason (b. 1960) New York subway officially opened, 1870	Henry W. Longfellow (b. 1807) John Steinbeck (b. 1902)	Republican Party formed 1854
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Roman New Year (until 154 B.C.)	Thedore "Dr." Seuss Geisel (1904) New Yorker magazine founded, 1834	Alexander Graham Bell (b. 1847) Shrove Tuesday	<b>Newfangles</b> #1 (Thompson, 1967) Ash Wednesday	Rex Harrison (b. 1908) Alter Ego #1 (Bails, 1961)	Weird Tales #1, 1923	Fantastic Stories #1, 1950
8	9	10	11		13	14
Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. (b. 1841)	Mickey Spillane (b. 1918) First dog in space (Sputnik 9, 1951)	Congress approves 18-year- old vote, 1971	''Johnny Appleseed'' died, 1847	Dennis the Menace (1951)	The Buyer's Guide (Light, 1971)	Albert Einstein (b. 1883) Hank Ketchum (b. 1920)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Andrew Jackson (b. 1767)	Fantastic Adventures #1, 1953	Nat King Cole (b. 1919) St. Patrick's Day	Hawaii becomes a state, 1959	Edgar Rice Burroughs died, 1950	Uncle Tom's Cabin pub- lished, 1852	<b>Unknown</b> #1, 1939
<b>22</b>	23	24	<b>25</b>	THE PIGS ARE LOOSE!	<b>27</b>	28
Stamp Act becomes law, 1755	Joan Crawford (b. 1908)	First automobile sold, 1898	From Here to Eternity wins "best picture" Oscar, 1954	Happy Hooligan (1900)	U.S. Navy created, 1794 Carl Barks (b. 1901)	Constantinople becomes Istanbul, 1930
29	30	31	The state of the s	10		
APA-nu (apa of the Solari- 1974)		Cold War begins, 1948	M. Goodhin	alo mo		OMALOS)



## April

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MARIA MARIA MARIA	0000000000	000000000000	April Fool's Day	Charlemagne (b. 742)		Tony Perkins (b. 1932)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
AMAZING STORIES #1, 1926	Freedom Agent #1 (Intro. John Steele, 1963)	Jesus Christ crucified (30 AD)	Lois Lane #1, 1958	Comic Art #1 (Thompson, 1961)	Comic Book Price Guide Vol. 1 (Overstreet, 1970)	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mothers-in-law Day PALM SUNDAY	Theatre Guild Theatre opened in New York City, 1925	Rod Steiger (b. 1925)	Gregory Peck (b. 1916)	Charlie Chaplin (b. 1889)	GOOD FRIDAY	Paul Revere rode, 1775
19	20	21	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	24	<b>25</b>
EASTER	Adolph Hitler (b. 1899)	Rome, Italy founded (753)	Little Orphan Annie goes reprint, 1974	Shirley Temple (b. 1928)	Shirley McLaine (b. 1934)	<b>E*0*D</b> (H.P. Lovecraft apa, 1973)
26	<b>27</b>	28	29	30	William Control	
Quasimodo or Low Sunday	Ulysses S. Grant (b. 1822)		Casey Jones had his train wreck, 1900	Adolph Hitler committed suicide, 1945		

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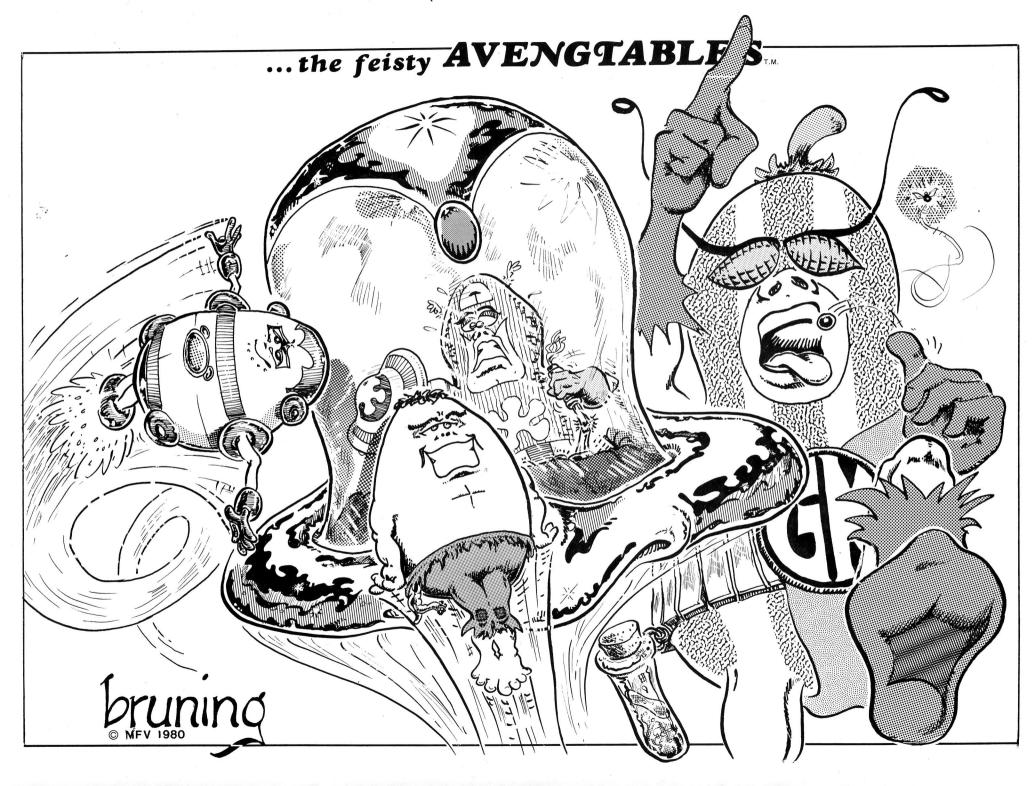




## May



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					Empire State Building completed, 1931	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Intro Supergirl (Action Comics #252, 1959)	FANTASTIC ADVENT- ures #1, 1939	Carnegie Hall opens, 1891	Rudolph Valentino (b. 1895)	Gary Cooper (b. 1901)	Harry S. Truman (b. 1884)	Headline #1 (Steve Gerber, 1962)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Metal Men #1, 1963 Mother's Day	First "New Look" Batman (Detective #327, 1964)	<b>AZAPA</b> #1, 1975	The Comet #1 (first known SF fanzine, Ray Palmer, 1930)		Frank Baum (creator <b>Wizard</b> of <b>Oz</b> , (b. 1856)	James Mason (b. 1909) First motion picture "Os- cars" awarded, 1929
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
. Sense of Wonder #1 (Shelly, 1967)	Frank Capra (filmmaker, b. 1897)		Jimmy Steward (b. 1908)	Harold Robbins (b. 1912)	Sir Lawrence Olivier (b. 1907) George Baker (creator Sad Sack, b. 1915)	<b>Hawkman</b> #1, 1964
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	MEMORIAL DAY STAR WARS premiered, 1977	Al Jolson (b. 1886)	Intro. Enlongated Man ( <b>Flash</b> #112, 1960)	First color movie, <b>On with</b> the Show, premiered, 1929	Bob Hope (b. 1903)	Benny Goodman (b. 1909)







### June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AND	1	7239	3	Intro. Atomic Knights	5	6
OMIC ME	Marilyn Monroe (b. 1926)	The Spirit (1940)	Last Star Trek episode, 1969	(Strange Adventures #117, 1960)	Robert F. Kennedy assassinated, 1970	Invasion of Normandy D-Day, 1944)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Crifanac #1 (Fratz, 1969)		Cole Porter (b. 1893)	Blue Beetle #1, 1964	Blue Beetle, #1 (second series, 1967)	Abner Doubleday invented baseball, 1839	CANADAPA #1 (Canada apa, 1972)
14	15	16	17		19	20
Flag Day	Flash Gordon #1 (Gold Key reprint, 1965)	Star Studded Comics #1 (Texas Trio, 1963) Twin Earths (1952)	Dean Martin (b. 1970) Barnie Google (1919)	Moon Mullins (1923)	SCIENCE FICTION #1, 1939 Garfield (1978)	"Toast of the Town" (later called "Ed Sullivan Show" debuts, 1948)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Jane Russell (b. 1921) Father's Day	The Nostalgia Journal #1 (Bailey, 1974)	Justice Society revived (Flash #137, 1963)	Comicology #1 (Fratz, 1968)	Air Wonder Stories #1, 1929	Peter Lorre (b. 1904)	SCIENCE WONDER STORIES #1, 1929
28 Richard Rodgers (b. 1902)	29 St. Peter's Day	30		HIM. (KIST):		The contract of the contract o



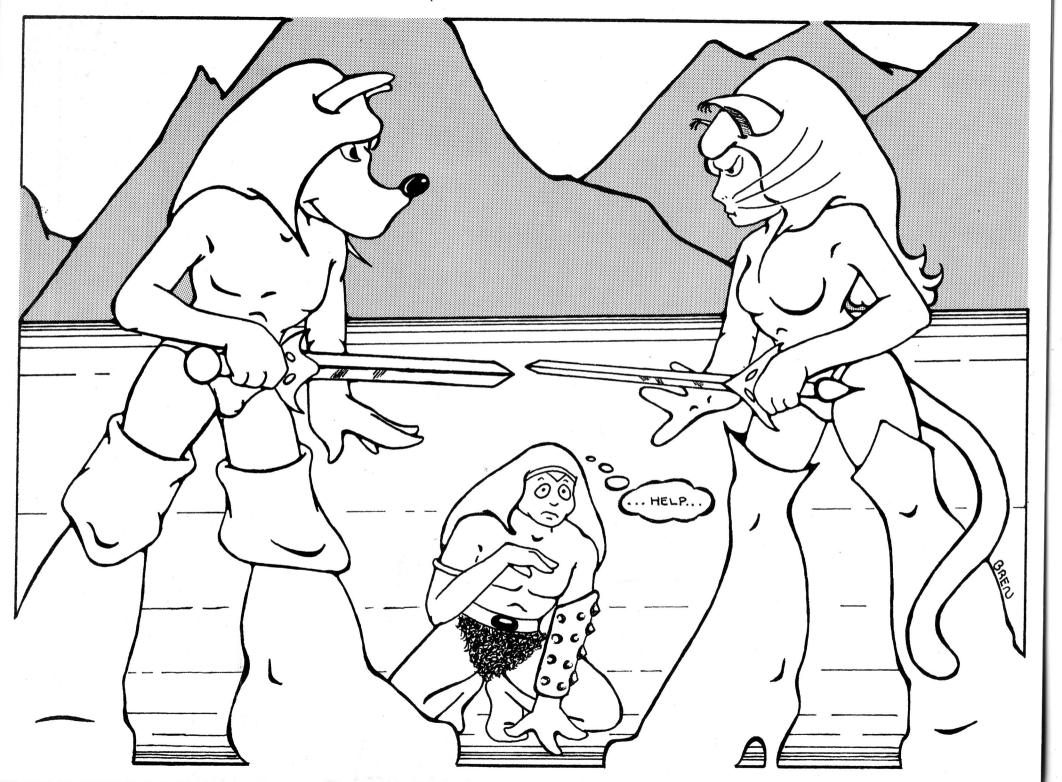




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			A&E (Dungeons and Dragons apa, 1975)	Salvation Army founded, 1865	DC Implosion, 1978	INDEPENDENCE DAY Louis Armstrong (b. 1900)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
P.T. Barnum (b. 1810)	Old Black Hood revived (Fly #7, 1960)	"Porky's Duck Hunt" (first app. Daffy Duck, 1937) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle died 1930	First ''Ziegfeld Follies'', 1907	<b>Atom</b> #1, 1962	Fantastic Four Annual #1,	Freon #1, (Decker)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Oscar Hammerstein II (b. 1895)	First television broadcast, 1930	N'APA #1 (NSFS apa, 1959) Black Cat #1, 1962	Smile in the Dark Prod. formed, 1978	Intro. Dr. Strange (Strange Tales #110, 1963)	James Cagney (b. 1904) Disneyland opened, 1955	Red Skelton (b. 1913)
19	20	21	22	<b>23</b>	24	<b>25</b>
. TOTAL WAR #1 (1965)	First man on the moon (Neil Armstrong, 1969)	Legion of Superheroes expands to book length (Adventure #346, 1960)	Fandom's Fans #1 (Branca- telli, 1970)	Ice Cream Cone invented, 1904	FAPA (Fantasy Amateur Press Association #1, first apa, 1937)	Mighty Sampson #1, 1964
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Post Office established, 1775	Batmania #1 (White, 1964)	First <b>Fightin' Five</b> (#28)	William Powell (b. 1892)	Henry Ford (b. 1863)	SAPS #1 (Spectator Amateur Press Society, second oldest apa, 1947)	



## August



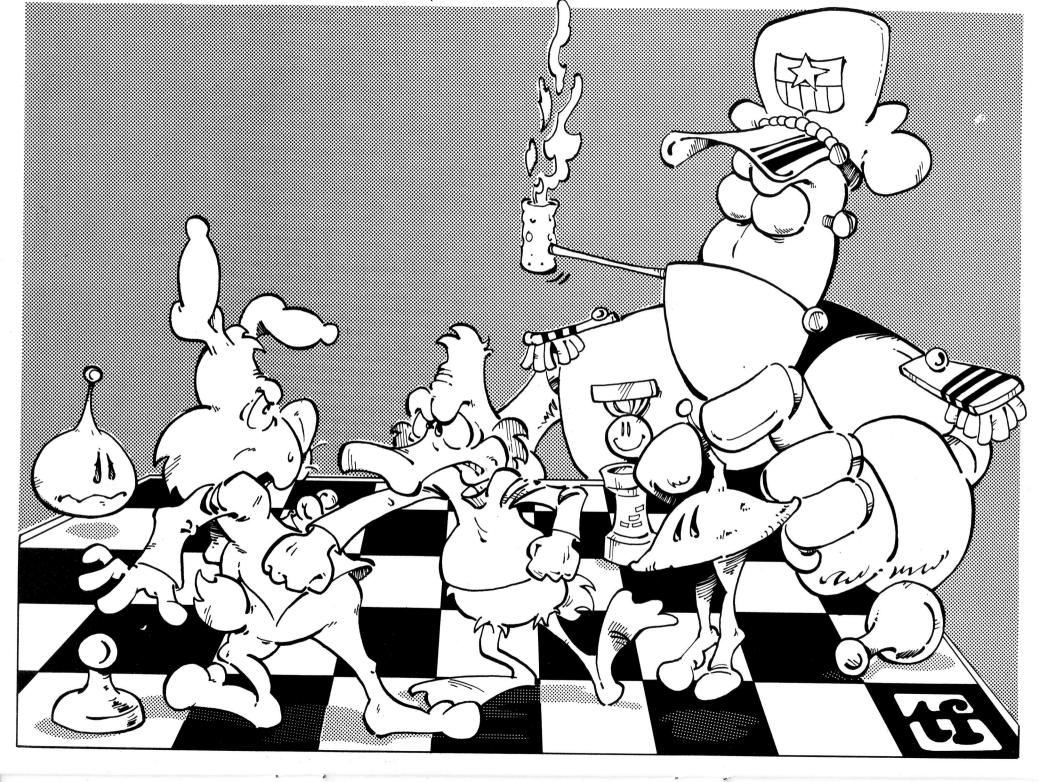
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ativature of CALLES	SAE THAT DUPE OVER THERE ? HE'S CALAD THE DOGCATCHER!	CHANGE WHOM IS IN THE PARTY OF	THE PUT TO BETT TO BET	TOUR JONES IN THE SECOND IN TH	THE STATE OF THE S	Lois Lane wins try-out (SHOWCASE #9, 1957)
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
"Wild Bill" Hickok killed while playing poker, 1876	Leon Uris (b. 1924)	MARVEL SCIENCE STORIES #1, 1939	Andy Capp (1957) Intro. Sea Devils (SHOW-CASE #27, 1959)	Lucille Ball (b. 1911)	Green Lantern #1, 1959 Alley Oop (1933)	\$7,000,000 stolen in "Great Train Robbery", 1963
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
"Dizzy Dishes" (First Betty Boop cartoon, 1930) Family Re-union Day	''Porky's Hare Hunt'' (first app. Bugs Bunny, 1938)	Giant Secret Origions #1, 1960	The Nostalgia Journal revived (#27, Groth/Cantron, 1976)	Alfred Hitchcock (b. 1899) Tim Tyler's Luck (1928)	Intro. THOR (Journey into Mystery #83, 1962)	Panama Canal opened, 1914
First app. Spider-man (A-mazing Fantasy #15, 1962)	Krazy Kat (1910)	First annual guest appearance Justice Society in JLA (Justice League #21, 1963)	Orville Wright (b. 1871) Comic Cavaller #1 (Light, 1969)	Li'l Abner (1934)	NYAPA (New York apa, 1971)	<b>22</b> Ray Bradbury (b. 1920)
23 Gene Kelly (b. 1912)	24 Metamorpho, 1965	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Inside Comix #1 (Brancatelli 1973) Leonard Bernstein (b. 1918)	<b>DYNAMO</b> #1, 1966	Lyndon B. Johnson (b. 1908)	First commercial radio broadcast, 1922	Walter Lance married Gracie Staford (voice of Woody Woodpecker, 1941)





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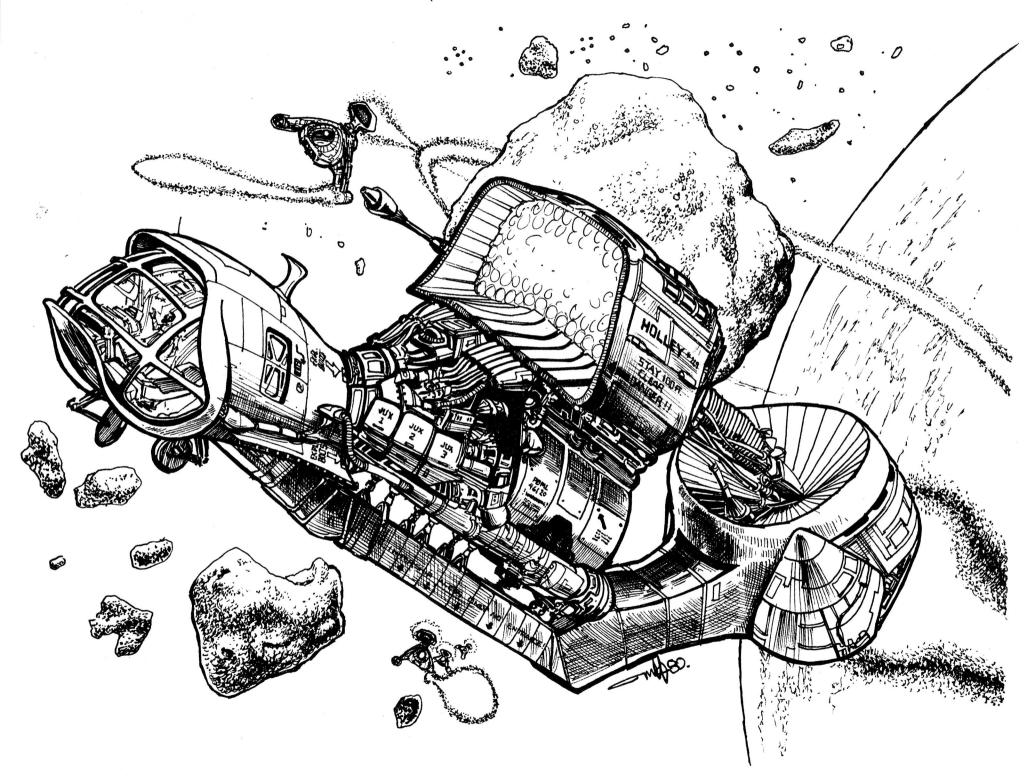
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	HAROLD GRAY	1	2	Weird Fann Fiction #1 (Spa-	4	5
		Masquerader #1 (Vosburg)	Jaguar #1, 1961	ner, 1974)		Jesse James (b. 1847)
6	7	8	9	10	11	<b>12</b>
Grandfather's Day Alex Raymond was killed in a car accident, 1956	Labor Day Grandma Moses (b. 1860)	Sid Caesar (b. 1922) Star Trek premieres, 1966	SFPA (Southern Fandom Press Alliance, 1961)	Intro. Animal-Man (Strange Adventures #180, 1965)	Comicollector #1 (Vails, 1961)	America's Best TV Comics 1967
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Milton S. Hershy (b. 1857)	Xero #1 (Lumpoff, 1960)	Star Trek animated series premieres, 1973	WOOF (Annual Worldcon apa, 1976)	Roddy McDowell (b. 1928)	Greta Garbo (b. 1905)	<b>Spyman</b> #1, 1966
20	21	22	23	24	<b>25</b>	26
Famous Fantastic Mysteries 1931	H.G. Wells (b. 1866)	Mandrake #1, 1966	Mickey Rooney (b. 1920)	First King <b>Phantom</b> (#18, 1966)	American Indian Day "SUPERMAN" (first Fleis- cher Superman cartoon, 1941)	Comic Art News and Reviews #1 (Balge, 1972)
27	28	29	30		E CO	ARFI
Al Capp (b. 1909)	Lone Ranger #1, 1964	Truman Capote (b. 1924) James Dean died from mo- torcycle accident, 1955				5



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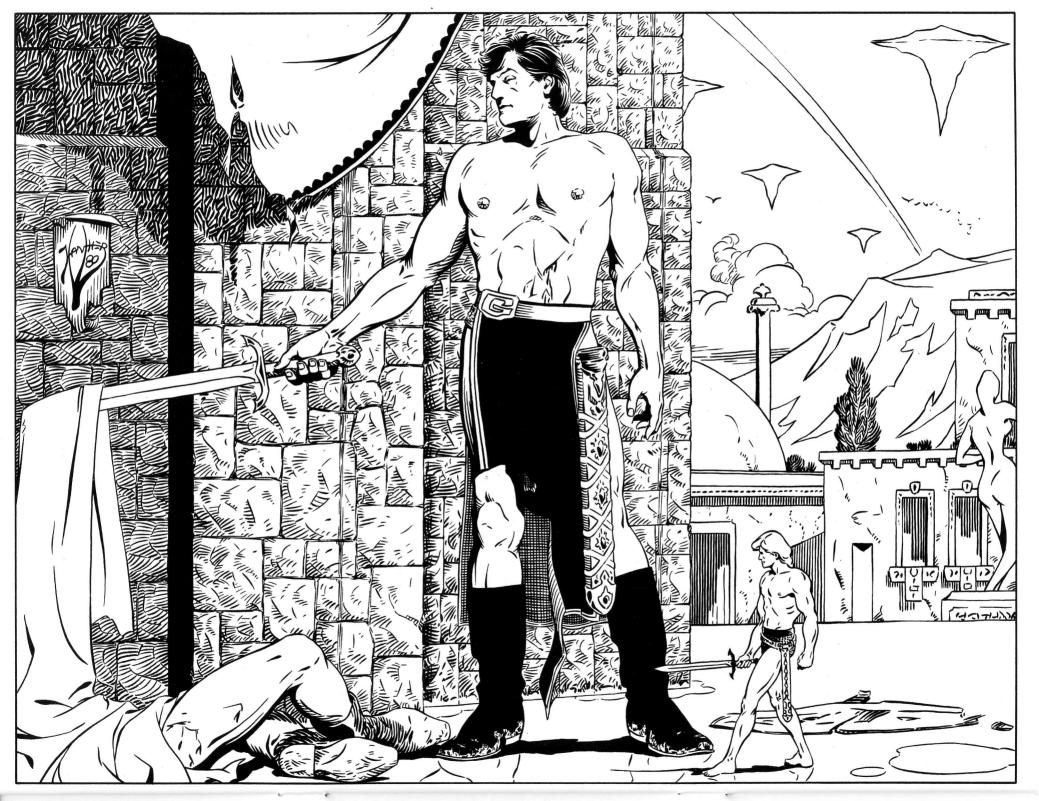
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	PAT CASI	-MAN		"Model T" Ford introduced 1893 Kerry Drake (1943)	Groucho Marx (b. 1895) Bud Abbott (b. 1898) Peanuts (1950)	''Mickey Mouse Club'' premieres, 1955
Dick Tracy (1931)	Pogo (1948) Dinosaur National Monument created, 1915	6	Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked lantern and started Great Chicago Fire, 1871	CAPA-alpha #1 (first comics apa, 1964)	Hercules #1, 1967	<b>APA 69</b> (first sex apa, 1976)
Spirit #1 (Harvey reprints,		Bonzo (chimp movie star	14 A Woman's Apa #1 (Femi-	15	16	Intro. New Green Lantern
18	Columbus discovered the Bahamas, 1492	1956) 20	nist apa, 1976) 21	Eugene O'Neill (b. 1888)	Arthur Miller (b. 1915)  23	SHOWCASE #22, 1956)  Pirst real subway in New York opened, 1904
National Pretzel Week  25  Postcard first used in U.S., 1870 Veterans Day	APES (Australian apa, 1976)  Doonsbury (1970)	Mickey Mantle (b. 1931)  Theodore Roosevelt (b. 1858) "I Yam What I Yam" first Popeye cartoon, 1933	28 Statue of Liberty dedicated, 1886	Wall Street Crash began, Great Depression, 1929 Asterix (1959)	Johnny Carson (b. 1925)  Noah began to find animals for ark (?)	Bob Kane (b. 1916)  Michaelangelo Sistine Chapel unveiled, 1512 Halloween



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All Saints' Day Rehupa (Sword and Sorcery apa, 1972)	International Cat Week	Election Day First coast-to-coast color tel- evision broadcast, 1953	Walter Cronkite (b. 1916) Intro. Deadman (Strange Adventures #205, 1967)	Roy Rogers (b. 1912)	John Phillip Sousa (b. 1854)	Secret Agent #1 (John Drake TV hero, 1966)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Katherine Hepburn (b. 1909)	Wizard of Id (1964)	Claude Rains (b. 1889) Richard Burton (b. 1925)	Veterans' Day	Grace Kelly (b. 1928) "Knock Knock" first Woody Woodpecker cartoon, 1940	Herman Melville's <b>Moby</b> <b>Dick</b> published, 1851	True Fan Adventure Thea- tre #1 (Decker, 1969)
SURE	16	17	18	19	20	21
Mutt and Jeff (1907)	Minotaur #1 (Gafford, 1958)	John "Rock" Hudson (b. 1925)	"Steamboat Willie" pre- miered, "official" birthday of Mickey Mouse, 1928	Tommy Dorsey (b. 1905) Lincoln delivered Gettys- burg Address, 1863	Robert Kennedy (b. 1925) Planet Stories #1, 1939	Justice League of America 1, 1960
22	<b>23</b>		<b>25</b>	26	27	28
John F. Kennedy assasinated, 1963	Boris Karloff (b. 1887) Harpo Marx (b. 1893)	Gasoline Alley (1918)	First gold key <b>Phantom</b> (adaptation from old tales, 1962)	Kappa Alpha, first social fraternity, organized, 1825	Intro. "Golden Age" Wonder Woman (Wonder Woman #158, 1965)	First skywriting message "Hello U.S.A.", 1922
29	30					
Intro. Judo Master (Special War Series #4, 1965)	Samuel Clemens (b. 1835) Winston Churchill (b. 1874)					





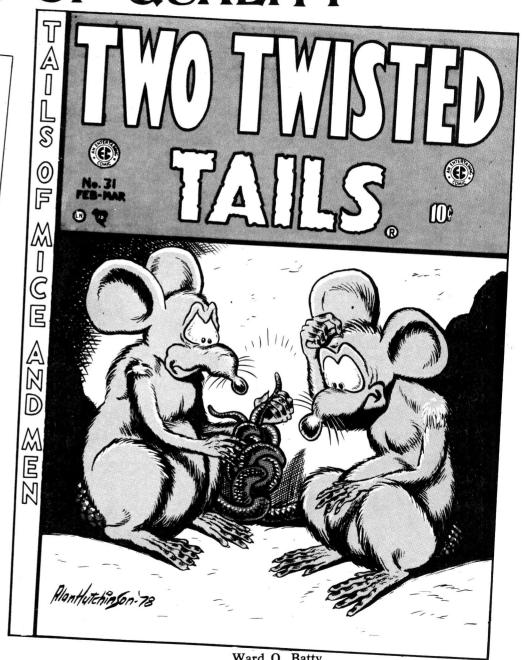


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		1	Return of the original Plastic	3	4	5
The state of the s		Woody Allen (b. 1935)	Man and Woodzy Winks (Plastic Man #7, 1967)	Comic World #1 (Bob Jennings, 1962)	Major art/editorial changes at DC, 1967	Walt Disney (b. 1901)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
John Steele #1, 1964	Clarence Nash (voice of Donald Duck, b. 1904)	Beginning of 114-day news- paper strike in New York City, 1962	Emmett Kelly famous clown, b. 1898 Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. (b. 1909)	Ira Gershwin (b. 1896) First Nobel Prize awarded, 1901	Intro. Adam Strange (SHOWCASE #17, 1958)	Frank Sinatra (b. 1915)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Rockets' Blast — Comic Collector #1 (G.B. Love, 1961)	Intro. Inhumans (Fantastic Four #45, 1965)	Bill of Rights Day Walt Disney died, 1966		Charles Dicken's <b>A Christ-</b> <b>mas Carol</b> first published, 1843	Betty Grable (b. 1916)	Poor Richard's Almanac (Franklin, 1732)
20	21	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	24	<b>25</b>	26
Unearthy Spectaculars #2 (Intro. Jack Q. Frost, Miracles, Inc., and Clawfang, 1966)	Ancient Greek and Roman New Years	Captain America quits Avengers (Avengers #47, 1967)		Christmas Eve	CHRISTMAS Robert Ripley, creator "Be- lieve it or Not" (b. 1893)	Steve Allen (b. 1921)
<b>27</b>	28	29	30	31		
First "Howdy Doody" television show premiered, 1947	X-Men get new costumes (X-Men #39, 1967)	Intro. Captain Mar-vell ( <b>Marvel Super-Heroes</b> #12, 1967) <b>Buz Sawyer</b> (1943)	Bert Parks (b. 1914)	Houdini dies, 1926 New Year's Eve		

### A STANDARD OF QUALITY





Ward O. Batty 944 Austin Ave. NE Atlanta, Ga. 30307 July: Here's an interesting mix of the classic comic genres, SF and "good girl" art. And think what you wish, both are firmly part of the heritage of the comic medium. This fine example is by talented Mitchell O'Connell. His work has appeared in many, many 'zines over the last two years including TBG, Comic Feature, The Comics Journal, and literally dozens of smaller 'zines including his own excellent art/index fanzine Lollapaloosa. He is enrolled at art school in Chicago and a pro career is just over the horizon.

August: In artist Brenda Mings' own words, "This is my first time exposing myself — uh — first national exposure in a fan publication..." Her work has appeared only in apas so far, but with this under her belt more assignments should follow. Brenda is a connoisseur of "Good Mop Art" and she also, "likes to draw big feet."

September: Over the past few years, the pages of the RBCC have flourished with the incredible Fantasy art of Bret Blevins. He has done a wonderful job illustrating an original story by Harlan Ellison in the Ellison RBCC issue. Bret is a native Southerner, hailing originally from Georgia, but has moved westward to pursue an art career. Bret explains that he was in a "weird" mood when he did this piece. We feel the calendar wouldn't be complete without elves anyway.

October: Not a very spooky illo this time, but a tension-raught funny animal picture is scary enough. This is a situation from "Death Wyler — The Last Rabbit On Earth" by his creator, Timothy Fuller. Death Wyler has been appearing for about a year in the pages of Fuller's Hooha Comics and Stories along with "Shep Urban Timothy's work has also appeared in TBG and several smaller 'zines including Future Gold.

November: Mahlon L. Fawcett was born and raised in San Bernardino, Ca. and has been drawing science fiction and fantasy art for twenty years, since age five. His formal training includes four and a half years in the "Salt Mines" of an office

products ad department as art director. He had one book published, "Is It Fast?", and has done work for both the **RBCC** and **Enterprise Incidents**. This is a science fiction fan's concept of science fiction!

December: The Tandra Collection is soon to take its place next to Elfquest and Cerebus the Aardvark as one of the few true "alternative" comics available. The mastermind of this project, Hanther, worked at Marvel Comics in 1971 coloring covers. He quit after a year, "You can't love comics and love comics. Do you know what I mean?" In 1973 he created Galon and the Tandra strip. It appeared in a self-published effort, Critter. He later reprinted the strips in his first volume, Iron Cloud. This fifth volume of the series was published in 1980 and another one is due out this year. Copies of the latest book, Wizard Ring may still be available. For more information write Hanthercraft Publications, PO Box 709, Corinth MS. 38834.

Back cover: Tom Fisher's work has appeared most notably in TBG. He also produced two fine publications, Softboiled and Circus Squadron. Copies may still be available for \$1.00 from Tom Fisher at 3637 Twilight Drive, Topeka, Kansas 66614.

### ABOUT THE PUBLISHER

Ward O. Batty has been in fandom for eight years and publishing fanzines for three "I'm not sure exactly where all this is going to lead. I've never been able to manage to stick with something very long until I see ways to change and rearrange it until it became something totally different. In fact, this calendar is the first time I've ever managed to publish two issues of anything!" Ward is at that awkward time in life between high school and college. But he's mature and level-headed about his goals in life: "I either want to be Alan Light, a baseball player or an astronaut."

