

Crosshatch

COULTER TO POST: DROP DEAD

Long-Time Post Cartoonist Bill Coulter Bails Out



**"One too many
spiked drawings"
Claims Artist**

**Resignation Creates
Second Cartoonist
Vacancy at Post**



The Newsletter of the Washington/Baltimore/Richmond Chapter
of the National Cartoonists Society
End of 2001 Issue • Thank God we're through with this year...
Ron Evry, Editor & Veep • Mike Mikula, Outgoing President



From the Dude

How's the silly season treating everyone? This is one elf who's really looking forward to seeing everyone at Bud's on the 22nd. Thanks to him and Lorainne for (once again) opening their home to the Chapter.

But it will be a bittersweet celebration for your outgoing president. Though I always thought I was the "bitterly cling to power" type, it seems love and geography have conspired to keep me from ruling you another year. My girlfriend Sarah took her dream job in Atlanta (how ANYONE's dream job could be in Atlanta is beyond me) and since she noticed that I could do my screw-off job just about anywhere, it was decided that I would be relocating.

So, the good news is that I appear to be growing up and settling down, much to

everyone's relief. The bad news is that I'm growing up and settling down. Actually, the bad news is that I'll be leaving this area and this chapter. It's been a great run and I hope I was able to make the Chapter experience a good one for you all.

Thanks to everyone who has been so supportive. Running a chapter is a tough job and it can't be done without the help of the membership. I know you'll be just as helpful to the poor bastard who has to follow my act. Lord help him (and you) if you're not.

It was an honor to be given your confidence to preside over the chapter in the nation's capital. Even more so when I consider the men I succeeded, Bud Grace and Bill Rechin. Two great men and great cartoonists. Both care deeply about our craft, this society, and all of you. They have given countless hours of their time and talents, and their wives time and talents. We are lucky to have them. See you at Bud's. Cancun after that.



PARTY TIME AT BUD'S!



Come celebrate the holidays with your cartooning brethren and sisters. Booze and Grub will be provided (*this is a classy affair*). Bring spouse, significant other, or somebody else's spouse...

December 22nd! 2pm to 5pm!

3037 Fox Den Lane

Oakton, VA (703) 758-1559

- Take Capital Beltway to I-66 (West)
- Take the VA-123 exit, exit number 60, towards FARFAX/VIENNA.
- Keep RIGHT at the fork in the ramp.
- Merge onto CHAIN BRIDGE RD/VA-123 N.
- Turn LEFT onto JERMANTOWN RD/VA-655 S.
- Turn RIGHT onto OAKTON RD/VA-664.
- OAKTON RD/VA-664 becomes WAPLES MILL RD/VA-664.
- Turn RIGHT onto FOX MILL RD/VA-665.
- Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto HUNT RD.
- Turn RIGHT onto LAPHAM DR.
- Turn LEFT onto FOX DEN LN.



Cho, Doran Contribute Art to 9-11 Fund Raiser Comic Album



Alternative Press's *9-11: Emergency Relief* comic book anthology project to benefit the American Red Cross continues to garner incredible media, industry, and fan attention including mention in *Entertainment Weekly*, *New York Daily News*, *SF Weekly*, *Gainesville Sun*, *New York Metropolis*, *Winnipeg Free Press*, and the *Crosshatch Newsletter*. The book has 160 pages and costs \$14.95. The official 9-11: Emergency Relief website is:

<http://www.indyworld.com/relief>.

Chapter members Coleen Doran and Frank Cho are among the major contributors to this anthology. Frank's dramatic color painting pictured here is to be used as the cover, and Coleen's inspiring black and white picture is among the artwork included inside.

Coleen tells us that this is only a small portion of her recent output. Her third graphic novel, *A Distant Soil*:

The Aria, available at fine bookstores everywhere, was nominated for the Spectrum Award for best science fiction. She is also doing *Orbiter*, a graphic novel for DC/Vertigo Comics, an upcoming *X-Men Unlimited* book and a web strip to appear soon at www.artbomb.com.

Frank, in the meantime, has made comics history by being the first cartoonist to drop his daily syndicated strip in favor of comic book distribution only! Libert Meadows' last newspaper appearance on December 30 will be a cliffhanger, to be continued in a special issue of the comic book. Will Frank be able to stop Brandy from marrying another man? Buy the comic book and find out!

Frank's art also graces the cover of *Not for Distribution*, a CD by the band Self-Titled, whose lead singer is Derek Evry, son of your shameless editor (get it at <http://www.self-titled.com>).



Bellora Well Hung



James Bellora has been included in the Illustrators Club Eleventh Annual Show. Be sure to drop in and see his work hung on the wall with the very best artists of the DC area.

The exhibition is on view from through January 4, 2002 at the Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives.

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Washington, DC 20036
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Monday - Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

Nominees Needed!

January 2nd Deadline is fast approaching!

Using the dubious excuse of "leaving town," Chapter President Mike (the Dude) Mikula has decided against running for a Rooseveltian fourth term. Throwing their hats into the ring are James Bellora (see sidebar story) and current Vice-President Ron Evry. Of course, any member can nominate any other member (or themselves) for any office. If any Ralph Naders in our midst would also like to run for President, feel free! This leaves the office of Vice-President up for grabs altogether! This is a prestigious office that really needs a warm body to fill it! Bill LaRocque, our current Treasurer is willing to run again,

but nominations for other folks wouldn't be out of line either. The deadline in the headline is a fact of life! Get those nominations in to the Dude via email at mambro@erols.com or phone 'em in at (202) 333-2538. Ballots will be mailed out the third week in January. Somebody needs to run the election as well since the Dude will be sloughing off in the far east all month...

Chapter Website Uncovered!

Bill LaRocque has been doing a great job putting together a Chapter Web Site. Visit it at:

<http://www.reuben.org/toonline/NCSHome.htm>

- Chapter Members Make Big Splash at Cartoons and Cocktails at National Press Club October 11, 2001
- \$40,000 raised for Journalism Scholarships



Photos by Bill LaRocque

Xmas Party Dec. 22 at Bud's! Be there!

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Deadline for Nominations January 2nd! Get yours in!