



# VOLTAGE!

## THE GREAT NEWSLETTER ITSELF!

### LECTROIDS GET CULTURE

On the first day of the new year, John Tri-Color and I made the pilgrimage to the Big Turnip to see John Lithgow thespianize in "The Front Page" at Lincoln Center. We were joined by John Ripple-Chip, who served as "native guide" during our biref stay in Manhattan.

Before the Saturday matinee performance we sent a nicely wrapped box of Twinkies backstage for Lord John. We had terrific seats in the second row, thanks to Ripple-Chip. It was a very funny performance, made unintentionally more hilarious in one scene due to a major prop failure.

Near the end of the second act Richard "John-Boy" Thomas, as ace reporter Hildy Johnson, and a friendly hooker played by Dierdre O'Connell, attempt to conceal an escaped convict from rival reporters by hiding him in a roll-top desk. Unfortunately the top refused to roll. Thomas and O'Connell kept yanking on it while the reporters banged on the press-room doors.

We were expecting Thomas to turn around and say, "Sorry folks, we can't get the desk open -- we can't finish the play!" Finally they just tore the top up and stuffed in the convict.

The reporters rushed into the press-room and John Lithgow sort of lurked on behind them. He didn't have a big star's entrance. He was delivering a line when he saw the torn-up desk and he broke up, fluffing his line and almost laughing out loud. Not what one would expect from a veteran Broadway actor!

### ON THE WEARING OF HATS

Home is where you wear your hat. Unfortunately this monkeyboy world is a very unstable place for a simple alien and even more chaotic for a student.

What all this is getting to is the fact that the Lodge has found a new place for nesting and proud hat wearing. We have moved. Tell the Monkey-boys of the U.S. Mail that we now nest at

**4425 Greensboro  
Corpus Christi, Tx. 78413**

This address is good until September 1987. Don't worry if you have recently sent mail to the old address. The mind slaves there will dutifully forward all mail. But in the interest of speed please use this new address.

Please relay this information to all comrades. On your behalf I have asked the Flying Fish for more stability of communication. I have also asked him for the right of vengeance on the twisted animals hired as University staff who live to prey on unpopular minorities such as aliens.

*J. Nevermore*

### SNOTTOBON STUDY REPORT

Mating Habits of the common snott-- Snotts, being solitary animals, are repulsed by other members of their own species. Usually they have as little to do with each other as possible. At mating time however they are torn between repulsion and the need to reproduce.

The snott has solved this problem by evolving a sexual process devoid of contact. The female snott eats out a hole in a patch of rocky soil and deposits her spores. If these spores are initialized within 16 hours they will grow into pods and then new young snotts.

The male initializes the spores by crawling past the hole and releasing a cloud of starter fluid. Sometimes a male will happen upon the holes of five or more female snotts in a single season. It is not uncommon for a single spore cluster to be initialized several times.

The cultured snott, bred for centuries as a pet, often needs help in the reproductive process. Excessive breeding has made the cultured snott a "dumb" species.

### FROM JOHN'S KITCHEN

BATTERY CHEESE BALLS: sugar cubes, 20 watch batteries, 2 lbs. velveta cheese, 1 c. fritos. Roll all ingredients into balls and serve on Whorfin Independence Day.

TWINKIE CASSEROLE: Take ten Twinkies and soak them in beer. Scramble. Add 1 c. Dorito crumbs and 1 Hostess Pudding pie well mashed. Top with Dorito crumbs and cheese nips. Bake at 350°F until the cheese nips melt. Let cool and serve with a chisel and blowtorch.

JOHN OUTHOUSE SPECIAL: Fritos, chips, peanuts in shells, hot fudge, ice cream (pistachio), taco sauce and a snickers bar. Place in a blender on high for three minutes. Serve chilled in a large glass.

JOLTING PARTY PUNCH: 1 six-pack of Jolt Cola, 2 liter Diet Sprite, small bag of powdered sugar and 1 Moped battery. Mix all but battery in a large, stainless steel mixing bowl. Attach battery to sides with alligator clips and serve with metal ladle into hobo cups.

JOHN'S PARTY MIX: 1 Bag each of Doritos, Cheetos, Fritos, Lays, and 50 AA batteries. Throw bags against a wall until crushed. Mix all ingredients and stir in 1 jar fudge topping. Warm and serve.

# The Further Adventures of Dr. Lizardo and/or John Whorfin!

by John Howling Mouse

## Manning the Lodge

John Howling Mouse.....(Heidi Snyder).....Communications Liason (California Correspondent)  
 John Nevermore.....(April Anderson).....Secretary and Snott Dealer (Watching the letter file)  
 John Washnwear.....(Wendy Snyder).....Logistics (Con Co-ordination and Twinkle Roasts)

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But in that instant, the apparition of the Lectroid disappears, and Buckaroo sees in its place the harmless, albeit strangely garbed, figure of Lizardo.



Buckaroo! That's Emilio—my old colleague!

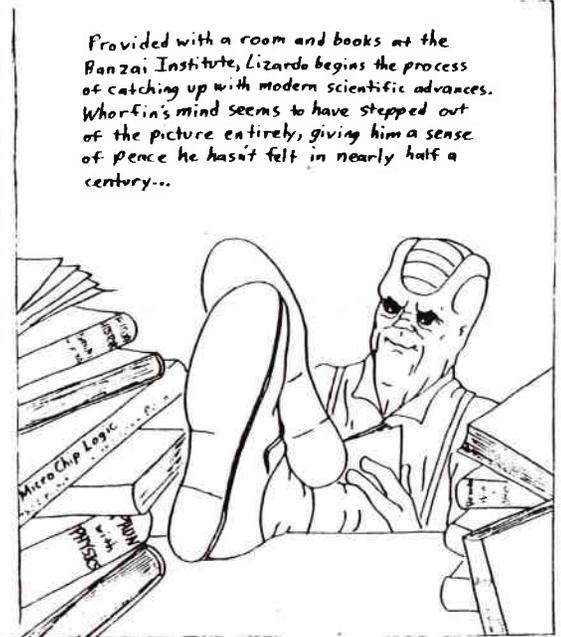
Sorry, Hikita-san. It's been a long day.



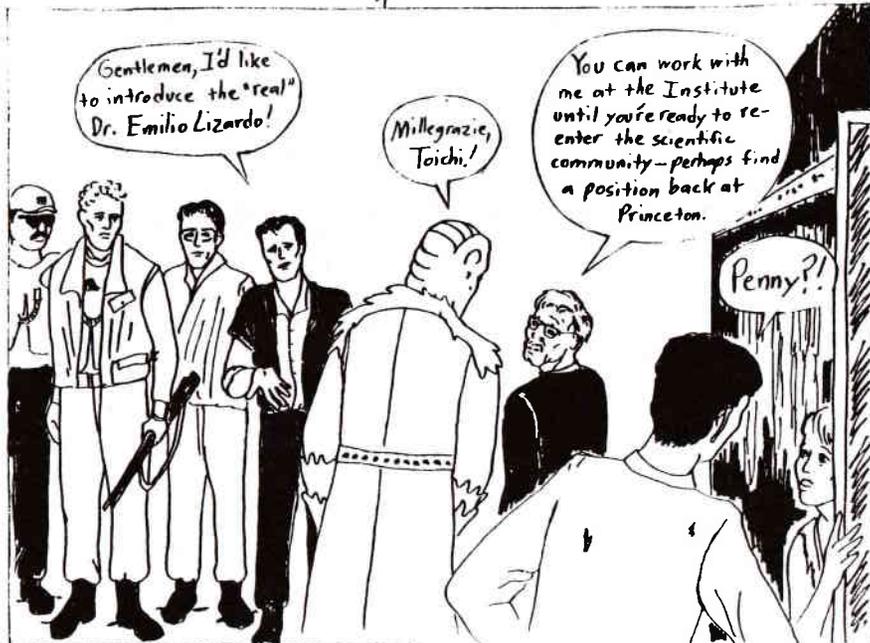
He won't miss 'em until he gets out of the infirmary.

Please thank Mr. Rawhide for a loaning me these clothes, Keno. I feel much more-a human!

At the Banzai Institute



Provided with a room and books at the Banzai Institute, Lizardo begins the process of catching up with modern scientific advances. Whorfin's mind seems to have stepped out of the picture entirely, giving him a sense of peace he hasn't felt in nearly half a century...



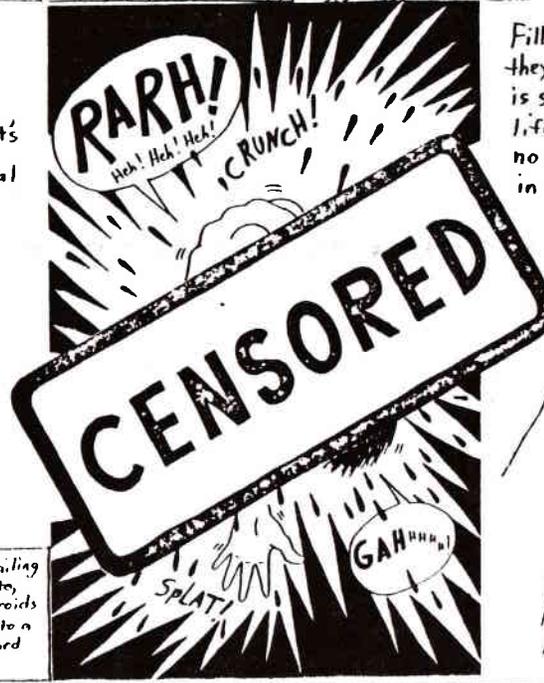
Gentlemen, I'd like to introduce the "real" Dr. Emilio Lizardo!

Millegrazie, Toichi!

You can work with me at the Institute until you're ready to re-enter the scientific community—perhaps find a position back at Princeton.

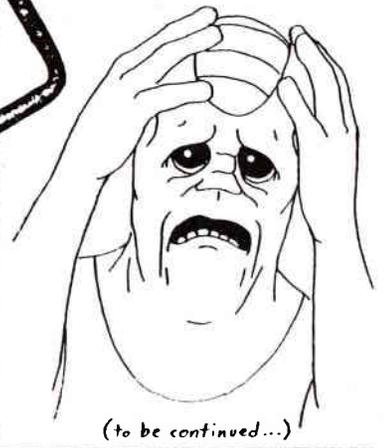
Penny?!

But the night's dreams reveal the awful truth...



[Due to the prevailing political climate, even we Lectroids must conform to a certain standard of decency.]

Filled with violence and depravity, they prove that Whorfin's influence is still present, and, for Lizardo, life in Whorfin's body will be no easier on Earth than it was in the 8th Dimension....



(to be continued...)

GLUTTONOUS LECTROIDS SUPPORTING SCOUTS

It's Girl Scout Cookie time and time once again to review the procedure for handling a visit from one of these small monkey-boys.

- 1. Answer the door. Be polite and normal (bland) in appearance.
- 2. When she asks if you'd like to buy some Girl Scout cookies say "Yes I would, what kinds do you have."
- 3. Order lots of boxes no matter the cost. Trefoil and Mint are old favorites but don't be afraid to try something new. (Remember, Lord Whorfin likes sugar cookies.)
- 4. When the Monkey-child comes to deliver take her money and all of her cookies. Keep the girl as a present for John O'Conner who still feels cheated that he didn't get to kill Penny Priddy.
- 5. Enjoy your cookies with peanut butter and honey.

HOW TO DRESS LIKE A LECTROID

I thought about calling this "Imelda's tips on how to rebuild a wardrobe away from home" but Mrs. Marcos wasn't available (i.e. she still can't talk about her clothes without breaking down). So instead I was forced to do some research on my own.

The first old Monkey-boy wives tale that we will shoot down is the ironing myth. Some beings on this planet believe that ironing is essential for a neat appearance. This notion must be poo-pooed here and now.

Ironing is thoroughly unnecessary for fabric maintenance. After a certain point the wrinkles don't get any worse. What many don't realize is that irons are also potentially dangerous to clothing as the heat will ruin and petrify those decorative splotches of pink snowball on your collar and cuffs.

When buying clothes avoid natural fabrics such as cotton, wool, linen and silk. Although many comrades favor cotton for its ability to give that handsome wrinkled look the disadvantages outweigh this small plus.

Natural fabrics attract insects and other pests. These pests are cute but also harmful to a healthy snott. If a snott becomes used to chitin in its diet it may refuse to eat minerals or larger animals. If this happens your snott can never again be a potent instrument of torture.

Finally, the best polyester items for a Lectroids wardrobe are usually only available at a specialty shop such as Goodwill or the Salvation army. Avoid the temptation to shop in trendy "Antique" clothing shops. The polyester in these shops is poor quality at best but usually non-existent.

Note: if your tastes preclude suits then I suggest a plain workman's coverall but never with a picture (Izod etc) on the breast. Add the accessory of welder's goggles or asbestos gloves and the look is complete.

Good luck, John Stripes and Plaids

A PROGRESS statement for 1986 from the Interplanetary Snottobon Society, - The total population of snotts on planet Earth has increased substantially over the past year due to breeding programs and sales at several conventions and to comrades through the mail.

NEST-TRAINED SNOTTS can be had for \$3.50 or 2 for \$6 by writing to the Lectroid Lodge c/o John Nevermore. Give a snott a home. They make great pets or put them in your pitt. Please make checks payable to April Anderson.

BACK ISSUES of Voltage are available for 25¢ a piece. Write to the Lodge care of John Nevermore. Since this is Voltage #4 it only makes sense that we have 4 previous issues in stock. Remember, always send a S.A.S.E.

SEND US ARTICLES, places you go, things you do, scientific discoveries you make. Keep the artwork coming also. We can't promise to publish them but we haven't skipped anything yet. You'll appreciate the diversity of character as much as we'll enjoy sharing the load.

WELCOME TO the Lectroid Underground, a group of loyal comrades in Washington state, headed by John Polyester. We are excited at having a group in a confined area since one of the limitations of a widespread organization like the LLL is not being able to get together.

JOHN H. M.: Has anyone recruited that Dentist Orin yet? Why the heck not? At least sign the plant!! - Nevermore

DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO COLLEGE STATION?

Once again the League of Lectroids is venturing forth from the Lodge to host an event at Aggiecon in College Station, TX. Last year we hosted the first annual Lectroid Hop and Teddy Torture Party. The event for this year is still in the planning stage but I can give you a little information.

The event will not be a party in the conventional sense but every time we do one of these things they end up looking like parties. Looks like a party, sounds like a party...must be a party, right. Right, it's just not during normal party hours.

We should be listed under panels (chortle) but we never have a program so it'll be a lot more fun. Some drinks and twinkies will be provided but we won't stop anyone from bringing their own. Come on in and just talk, with us, with each other and pretend for a little while that we're all back on Planet 10 again.

Membership at Aggiecon is \$10 thru March 1. Send for info or just send money to **Aggiecon 18, Box J-1, Memorial Student Center, College Station, Tx. 77840.** This is the Southwest's largest annual con but they don't discriminate against superior races.

## JOHN GOES DOMESTIC

John Gomez is alive and well and repairing T.V.'s in Las Vegas under the name of Nick Tortelli. He is starring in his own series, The Tortellis, and can be found on NBC Wed. nights at 9:30 EST.

Despite reports that this is actually an actor named Dan Hedaya we know that it's really our scowling comrade John Gomez. Nick Tortelli is a *T.V. repairman!!!!*

Prove it to yourself. Watch the show and let us know what you think.

## ELECTRICITY

Today's scientific question is: what is electricity? And where does it go after it leaves the toaster?

Here is a simple experiment that will teach you an important electrical lesson: on a cool, dry day scuff your feet along a carpet. Reach your hand into a friend's mouth and touch one of his dental fillings. Did you notice how your friend twitched violently and cried out in pain? This teaches us that electricity can be a very powerful force, but we must never use it to harm others unless we need to learn an important electrical lesson.

This also teaches us how an electric circuit works. By scuffing your feet, you picked up a batch of "electrons". These are very small objects that manufacturers weave into carpets so they will attract dirt. The electrons travel through your bloodstream and collect in your finger. From there they form a spark that leaps to your friend's filling, travels down to his feet and back into the carpet. This completes the circuit.

Amazing electric fact: If you scuff your feet long enough without touching anything, you can build up enough electrons to explode your finger! Of course this is nothing to worry about, unless you have carpeting.

Although modern persons tend to take electric lights, radios, mixers, etc. for granted, hundreds of years ago people did not have any of these things, which is just as well because there was no place to plug them in. Then came the first electrical pioneer, Benjamin Franklin, who flew a kite in a lightning storm and received a serious electrical shock. This proved that lightning was powered by the same force as carpeting. It also damaged Franklin's brain severely and he began speaking in incomprehensible maxims such as, "A penny saved is a penny earned". Eventually he had to be given a job running the post office.

After Franklin, came a herd of electrical pioneers whose names have become a part of our electrical terminology: Myron Volt, Mary Louise Amp, James Watt, Bob Transformer, etc. These pioneers conducted many important experiments. In 1780 Luigi Galvani discovered that when he attached two different kinds of metal to a frog's leg, an electrical current developed. The frog's leg kicked even though it was no longer attached to the frog, which was dead anyway.

Galvani's discovery led to great advancements in the



field of amphibian medicine. Today veterinary surgeons can take a frog that has been killed or seriously injured, implant pieces of metal in its muscles, and watch it hop back into a pond just like a normal frog except for that it immediately sinks like a stone.

The greatest pioneer of all was Thomas Edison. He was a brilliant inventor despite the fact that he had little formal education and lived in New Jersey. In 1877 Edison invented the phonograph. These could soon be found in thousands of American homes, where they sat until 1923 when the record was invented.

Edison's greatest achievement came in 1879 when he invented the electric company. Edison's brilliant design was an adaptation of the electrical circuit. The electric company sends electricity through a wire to the customer. It then gets the electricity back through another wire, then (this is the brilliant part) sends it right back to the customer again.

As a result an electric company can sell a customer the same batch of electricity thousands of times a day. In fact, the last year in which any new electricity was generated in the U. S. was 1937. This is why electric companies have so much free time to apply for rate hikes.

Today, thanks to men like Franklin and Edison, and frogs like Galvani's, we receive almost unlimited benefits from electricity. For example, in the past few decades scientists have developed lasers, electronic appliances which emit beams of light so powerful that they can vaporize a bulldozer 2,000 yards away. Yet they are so precise that doctors can use them to perform delicate operations on the human eye. This is provided they remember to change the power setting from "Vaporize" to "Delicate".

-Words of science from John Remote Testsite.

**How many** Adders does it take to screw up planet 10?

-One million and one. One million to turn the planet and one to... you know.

-John Bookshelf

## California

-John Howling Mouse  
c/o Heidi Snyder  
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N. Hollywood, Ca. 91602  
Age 24 - F/X, Life/  
Universe/Everything.  
-John Jabberwock  
c/o Steve Lee  
PO Box 66273  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90066  
Age 21 - Student, Writer  
Sound Designer  
-John Painful Rectal Itch  
c/o Kevin Cunningham  
615 Gamma Ct. Apt. C  
Campbell, Ca. 95008  
-John Portfolio  
c/o Betty Cunningham  
615 Gamma Ct. Apt. C  
Campbell, Ca. 95008  
-John Remote Testsite  
c/o Jeff Norris  
308 B Street  
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94063-1018 Age 23 -  
Computer Technician  
-John Slow Drain  
c/o Jim Van Over  
1118 Oakmont Dr. #2  
San Jose, Ca. 95117  
-John Tri-Color  
c/o Cory Diller  
P.O. Box 115  
Carlsbad, Ca. 92008  
Age 32 - Fan of Lenny  
VonDohlen & J. Lithgow  
-Patricia Walsh  
3091 Lanfranco  
Las Angeles, Ca. 90063  
Age 31

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-John Ram-Bow  
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Arvada, Co. 80003  
Age 18 - Student  
Movies/Memorabilia

## Florida

-John Feldspar  
c/o Elaine Christian  
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Orlando, Fl. 32805  
Age 32 - Zines/TV  
-John Frenchfry  
c/o Robert C. Lightfoot  
603 E. Call St. #612  
Tallahassee, Fl. 32301

Age 30-IV/World Dom./  
Environment Torture

## Georgia

-John Beanpole  
c/o Chris Dooley  
Rt. 4 Box 245  
Monroe, Ga. 30655  
Age 17 - Student  
-John Strange Brain  
c/o Tony Harrall  
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Valdosta, Ga. 31602  
Age 20 - Student  
SF/Writing/Art

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c/o Jill Wilson  
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Bloomington, Ill. 60108  
Age 24 - Therapy Asst.  
Reading/SF  
-John SN. Livingston  
Seagull  
c/o Cyn Lankford  
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Effingham, Ill. 62401  
Proofreader-Zines/Cons  
Films/Comics/UFology

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Ames, Ia. 50010  
Age 18 - Student

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c/o Bonnie Hawkins  
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Lake Charles, La. 70605  
Age 47 - LPN, Writer  
Collects Starlog

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c/o Kathy Jentz  
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Germantown, 20874  
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Age 14 - Student

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c/o Elizabeth Dewar  
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Hartland, Mi. 48029  
Age 25 - Babysitter  
StarWars/MadMax/  
Aliens/The Wizard  
-John Outhouse  
c/o Cathy Ford  
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Mt. Pleasant, Mi. 48858  
Age 42 - Nurse  
Sex/Food/Sleep

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Student -Writing/MTV  
Movies/Bloom County  
-John Hack Attack  
c/o Lee Day  
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Wappingers Falls, 12590  
Age 18-Student  
-John Ripple Chip  
c/o Mary Albanese  
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New York, NY 10156  
Graphic Artist -- Art/  
Theatre/Horror Films

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-John Mini-Wheats  
c/o Eric E. Stafford  
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Lenoir, NC 28645  
Age 19 - Art Student  
Comics/Movies

## Oklahoma

-John Pair O'Ducks  
c/o Konrad Yarbrough  
PO Box 429  
Chouteau, Ok. 74337  
Age 21 - Student

## Oregon

-John Big Mama  
c/o Linda M. B. Payne  
10325 SW Crestwood  
Beaverton, Or. 97005  
Age 28 - Parent  
Writing/Old Movies  
-John Buzz-Click  
c/o Stephen W.E. Payne  
10325 SW Crestwood  
Beaverton, Or. 97005  
Age 7 - Student  
Writing/Art/Computers

-John Gerbil  
c/o Whitney Ware  
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Canby, Or. 97013  
Age 17- Student, Writer  
Elf Quest/Party groupie

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Mountaintop, Pa. 18707  
Age 17 - Student

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Loretto, Tn. 38469  
Age 35 - Job Councelor

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Writer, Miracle Worker  
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-John Elfin Magic  
c/o Melissa Miner  
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Plano, Tx. 78617

-John Fairytale  
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Del Valle, Tx. 78617  
Dr. Who/Gaming

-John Medspud  
c/o Jenny Fosmire  
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Dallas, Tx. 75206  
-John Nevermore  
c/o April Anderson  
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