

# Cyberspace according to Barry

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Dave Barry has compiled a totally hilarious and fact-free treatise on computers in *Dave Barry in Cyberspace*.

Barry is the author of 17 books, including several anthologies of articles on topics ranging from house repair to turning 40. He is a columnist for the *Miami Herald* and is syndicated nationally, including the *Oregonian* "Living" section.

The book begins with the words "Never read the instructions" and continues on to cover topics including hardware, error messages, the purpose of DOS and select Internet sites: "Proof civilization is doomed."

Barry has shown once again his ability to make us laugh at things that are confusing to the average person.

"The function of RAM is to give guys a way of deciding whose computer has the biggest, studliest, most turnescent memory. This is important, because, with today's complex software, the more memory a computer has, the faster it can produce error messages."

In this book Barry has finally touched on one of the most important tools of the "Information Age."



Dave Barry in *Cyberspace* is one of the best humorous books I have read. Both noncomputer people and computer "geeks" should enjoy this book thoroughly. I give this book an A+.

DAVE BARRY'S NEW BOOK *DAVE BARRY IN CYBERSPACE* (PICTURED ABOVE) GIVES AN IDIOT'S-EYE-VIEW OF THE INTERNET AND MODERN TECHNOLOGY.

BELOW: AN EXAMPLE OF ONE OF BARRY'S "BORDERLINE INSANE" WEB SITES.

## Picks from the A&E desk

by Jon Roberts

### In case ya missed it.

"The Arrival," starring Charlie Sheen, was billed as a prequel to last summer's big summer movie "ID4." But for some reason it never caught on with movie goers nationwide. Many critics said fans would not like it compared to "Independence Day." Well, if you compare it to "ID4," it will come up short but, as sci-fi movies go, this one is very good. It is rated PG-13 and is full of good-natured science fiction. The movie has some good effects and an interesting plot. The plot is that aliens are already here and are trying to take our planet away from us. Grade B.

### Go get it.

The Star Wars Trilogy is now out of print on video. Go get your copy at your local video store before they sell out. Why is it going out of print? Well, because the new Star Wars Special Editions will be in theaters this January.

"Star Wars" will premiere on Jan. 31, 1997, "The Empire Strikes Back" will premiere on Feb. 21 and "Return of The Jedi" will premiere on Mar. 7. Go buy the original before it is gone forever or you will be sorry. Grade:A+ of course!!

### Watch it.

The "Long Kiss Goodnight" starring Geena Davis and Samuel L. Jackson has not been making lots of money at the box office, but it is a seriously funny and entertaining movie. Geena Davis is an ex-FBI agent who has lost her memory and Samuel L. Jackson is the private detective hired to find her past. This leads them on a merry chase involving many good lines by Samuel L. Jackson and a lot of bad guys dying. Overall, "The Long Kiss Goodnight" is a fun ride through mindless entertainment. Grade B.

### Go buy it.

The success of the movie "Romeo and Juliet" can be seen in the box office totals over the last three weeks. ("Romeo and Juliet" has grossed almost \$20 million.) But

the most interesting thing is that the soundtrack to the movie is sold out all across Portland. The soundtrack features Everclear, Garbage, Radiohead and The Butthole Surfers. Just like the movie, the soundtrack is very aggressive and a load of fun. If you can find it, I would recommend picking it up as soon as possible. Grade A+.

### Skip it.

The movie "The Island of Dr. Moreau," starring Val Kilmer and Marlon Brando, will be coming to video in the next few months but do not waste your time and money on it. The original plot for Dr. Moreau was very interesting to me but, somehow the movie just came off wrong. Val Kilmer's part was very forced and Marlon Brando was basically making a fool of himself by wearing white chalk all over his body in one scene. This movie was heralded as the sci-fi event of the summer. Well, don't waste your time; go watch the real sci-fi event of the summer, "ID4." Grade D-.

## PITSTOPS IN CYBERSPACE

Sites worth visiting while cruising down the information superhighway, not listed in any particular order.

### Coming Attractions by Corona

<http://www.islandnet.com/~corona/films/intro.html>

A GREAT PLACE TO TRACK NEW AND RUMORED MOVIES. LISTS BY TYPE OR PRODUCTION-STAGE.



### INDEPENDENCE DAY

### Independence Day Home Page

<http://www.id4.com/three/index.html>

IF YOU COULDN'T GET ENOUGH OF THE SUMMER BLOCKBUSTER, THE WEB SITE HAS BUNCHES OF ADDITIONAL COOL STUFF. LOOK FOR A SCREENSAVER,, SOUND FILES, MOVIE CLIPS AND MUCH MORE!



### Quotations Home Page

<http://www.lexmark.com/data/quote.html>

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING WITTY TO SAY? SOMETHING SAID BY A FAMOUS PHILOSOPHER? SOMETHING TO CONFUSE YOUR FRIENDS? THE QUOTATIONS HOME PAGE HAS EVERYTHING YOU ARE LOOKING FOR. CHOOSE FROM ITS LIST OF THOUSANDS OF QUOTES FROM FAMOUS (AND INFAMOUS) PEOPLE, NOT TO MENTION EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN.

### Submit It!

<http://www.submit-it.com/>

THE ANSWER FOR YOUR WEB-PAGE-PROMOTION TROUBLES. THIS HANDY SERVICE WILL GUIDE YOU THROUGH SUBMITTING YOUR WEB SITE TO DOZENS OF SEARCH ENGINES AND WEB SITES. A FEW TRIAL TIMES ARE FREE BUT, AFTER THAT, IT WILL COST YOU.



### Screen Savers from A to Z

## Screen Savers A2Z

<http://www.sirus.com/~ratloaf/>

OVER 500 WINDOWS SCREEN SAVERS ARE AVAILABLE AT THIS SITE. THE LINKS TO THESE FILES ARE NOT ON A DEDICATED SERVER, BUT ARE SPREAD OUT ACROSS THE WEB. THIS CAUSES A SLOWER THAN DESIRED ACCESS TIME, BUT THE WAIT IS DEFINITELY WORTH IT!

### Christmas.com <http://www.christmas.com/>

ADVERTISED AS "SANTA'S DOMAIN ON THE WEB" THIS SITE GEARS UP FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON. IT INCLUDES A "CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN" (TO THE SECOND!), SANTA'S PERSONAL HOT LIST AND MANY OTHER FILES THAT WILL BRING A LITTLE CHRISTMAS CHEER TO YOUR PC. WHILE YOU ARE THERE, DON'T FORGET TO E-MAIL SANTA!



### David Hasselhoff is the antichrist

<http://www.goodnet.com/~warren/baywatch.html>

A SITE THAT EXAMINES EXACTLY HOW DAVID HASSELHOFF GOT FAMOUS. USES BIBLICAL QUOTES TO SUPPORT THEORY. PROVES SATAN EXISTS IN BAYWATCH.

