

LEPRECON 16

WHERE SCIENCE MEETS MAGIC



Guests of Honor

Artist - Jim Fitzpatrick

Author - Rick Cook

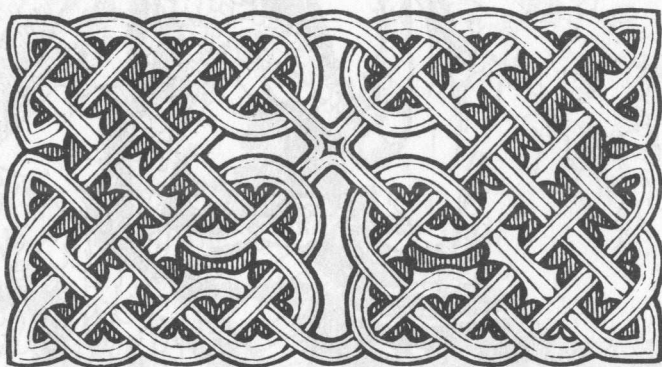
Fan - Cristi Simila

A Science Fiction / Fantasy Convention

CHAIRMAN - ERIC HANSON

With LepreCon 16 only a few weeks away, we wanted to let everybody know how things are coming together. We have planned a fantastic weekend event, and while I could briefly talk about our plans, I would rather let the people who have done the work tell you in their own words what has been planned.

No convention can be successful without the help of several people, they are the "hero's" from behind the scenes that get you the information, plan and set up the fun, and generally keep me sane. Thanks all of you for all of your help. But the real reason we do this labor of love is for you, the fans who will be attending. LepreCon 16 is your convention so get out there and make the most of it. I hope to see all of you (and especially you QT) in April.



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WRITERS WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

Maryeileen McKersie

Writers interested in an At-Con writing experience will want to be sure to come to the panel on creating a shared world to be held at 9:00pm on Friday night. This will be a "longer than normal" panel. Come prepared to do some brainstorming and a character generation. The wrap-up meeting on this panel will occur on Sunday when participants share their story, story synopsis or outline.

In addition, there will be a Saturday panel on how to establish a writer's workshop that will meet the special needs of individual writers.

PROGRAMMING AND GUESTS - DOREEN WEBBERT

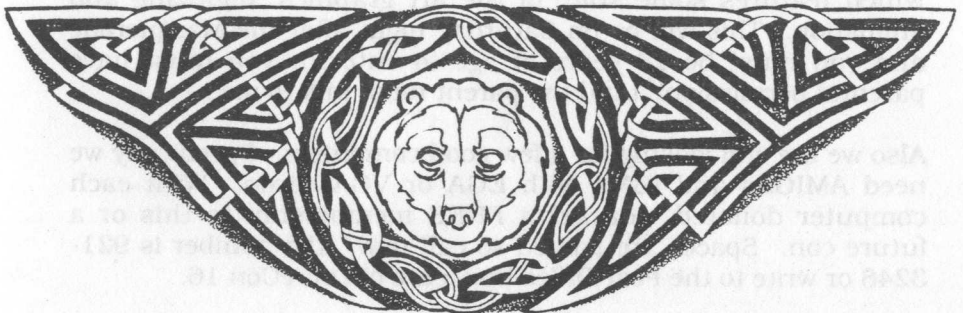
LepreCon 16 will be casting it's spell for all of our members with a varied program. Gaming, Video, Japanimation, as well as lots of panel discussion, demonstrations, and some new and fun additions will be on tap for everyone to enjoy.

Our Artist Guest of Honor will be Jim Fitzpatrick. Jim's art includes sweeping works of Ireland's past, with a blend of color and design that pleases the eye. Our Author Guest of Honor is none other than Phoenix's own Rick Cook. Rick has long since been a favorite of ours and we are glad to see him being honored for his contributions to science fiction. Cristi (can I run another TUCSON) Simila is being honored for her many and varied years of working for Tucson. We also have confirmed for your enjoyment Armand Cabrera, Pati Cook, Deb Dedon, Misty Johnstone, Peter L. Manly, Maryeileen McKersie, Claudia O'Keefe, Cary Riall, Lorelei Shannon, Dave Smith, Michael Stackpole, Sandy Starr, G. Harry Stine, Ray Van DeWalker, Randall Whitlock, Susie Williams and a cast of thousands.

A "Mr. Legs" contest is currently scheduled for sometime late Friday night. Gals, get your whistles in A-One condition. Guys, bring your shorts, cut-offs, swim suits or be ready to pull up your pant legs. We want all of you to enter. Judging will be done by popular audience vote. And we plan to have a-lot-of categories.

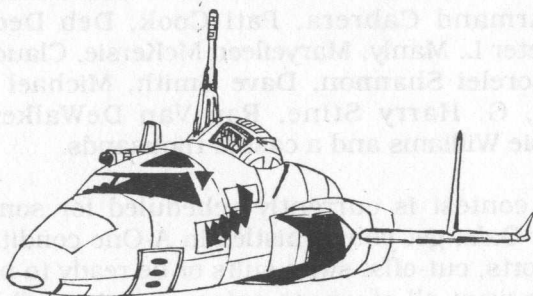
G. Harry Stein promises to tell us about the Space Plane and how our roll in space will be changing in the next decade. Plan on seeing and hearing a lot about the next decade - after all, this chance only occurs about every ten years.

Rick Cook plans on delving into the Martial Arts in real life and in fiction, along with a few other things, such as magic and what part it will take in the next decade.



In the past you have enjoyed Sandy Starr doing her astrology panels, now is YOUR chance to take part. She would like to do some in depth (more than just Sun signs) charts. So send in your Birthdate, Birthtime, and Birthplace information to Sandy at the convention PO box and by the time the convention gets here she will have more detailed charts for discussion. If you give us your full name we can get the charts back to you. Sorry folks, but we will have to limit the number of charts Sandy is able to do, so the best thing to do is get the information in early. First come, first served.

All of this plus lots more will be waiting for you to enjoy at LepreCon 16.



COMPUTER ROOM - DAN SMITH

Hey, are you looking for NAKED WOMEN, large quantities of BOOZE and bathtubs filled with LIME JELLO? (What is this, heaven? ed) If so, stay away from the computer room. All we have there are some of the best games you can shake a joystick at. Returning to the computer room after a successful run at the last con are: SIM CITY, FALCON-AT, BATTLE CHESS and 688 ATTACK SUB. Also appearing are POPULOUS, MECHWARRIOR, MODEM WARS and many more. Also returning is ADULT NIGHT which features some state of the art graphics, digitizing and animation. This will be on Saturday night after the Masquerade and you must be 18 years of age to enter or you must have parental permission. (And the parent must talk to me.)

Also we are still looking for a few good computers. Specifically we need AMIGAs and IBMs with EGA or VGA cards. With each computer donated, you get a FREE membership to this or a future con. Spaces are limited so call now. the number is 921-3248 or write to the Post Office Box, care of LepreCon 16.

REGISTRATION - JULIE DOUGLAS

Current membership rates are \$20. Children's membership (ages 5 - 12) are half price if purchased with an adult membership. Children under 5 are free, but must stay with an adult. One-day memberships will be available at the door only. (Be aware that the Saturday one-day rate is anticipated to be at least equal to the current membership rate.)

Registration Hours and Locations:

Thursday : 7pm to 10pm, in the Con Suite, fifth floor.
Friday : 9am to 11pm, second floor, top of the escalator.
Saturday : 9am to 7pm, second floor, top of the escalator.
Sunday : 9am to noon, second floor, top of the escalator.

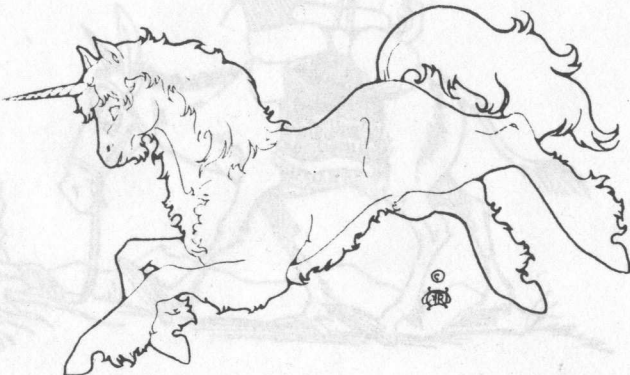
Pre-registrants: You must be able to prove you are who you say you are, you will need driver's license, school or military I.D. card, etc. If you bring your mother as proof, her word's not good enough unless she also provides a birth certificate with a current picture. Name and social security number tattooed on any patch of skin you can show in public might be accepted. Depends. I hope Captain Morgan has I.D. that says he's Captain Morgan.

Please no mail-in memberships postmarked after April 8, 1990.

Cash is preferred. Checks are accepted with the admonition that a hungry dragon will be sent after you if it bounces.

Pre-registration for CopperCon 9 and LepreCon 17 will be available during the hours the registration desk is open.

No pushing or shoving in line or you will be sent to the principals office.



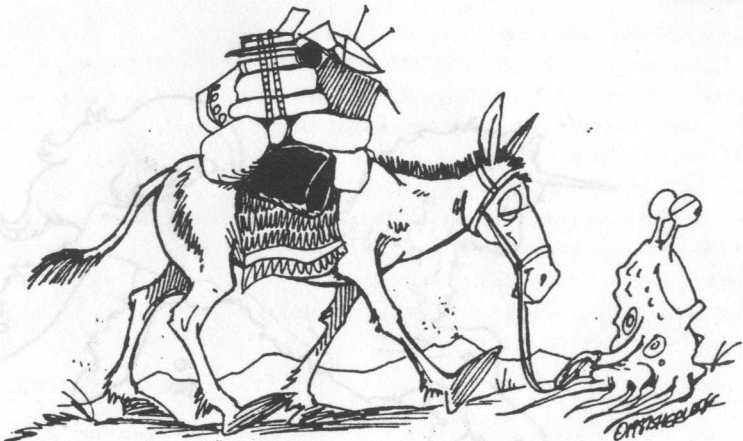
ART SHOW - RAY GISH

Art has been the prime focus of LepreCon for several years and this year will be no exception. The Art Show will be in the Navajo B - D rooms, with lots of space for your viewing pleasure. Artists like Jim Fitzpatrick (our Guest of Honor), Alan Gutierrez, Real Musgrave, David Cherry, Alicia Austin and all your favorites plus the usual sprinkling of new artists will be displaying their works. We expect the sights to be truly extraordinary.

The art auction will be held at 1:00pm (please check your program book for exact time in case of any changes, ed) on Sunday. Pieces with two or more bids will go the the auction so be sure to tour the show prior to this and submit your bids. The auction is always a place to enjoy a lazy Sunday afternoon and watch the antics of Jim as he strives to get that last penny for the good of Ghod and Queen. Purchases may be made by cash (I love Lincoln's and Grants, ed) or by check with proper ID. Artist check out will start at 12:30pm on Sunday and buyer pickup will be at the conclusion of the auction.

We expect sales will be up this year and the show will fill quickly so you artists get your space early. Panel fees will be \$5.00 per 4x4 flat panel or for 1/2 of a 6 x 2.5 foot table. A 12% commission will be charged on all sales. If you have any problems or you are interested in obtaining display space, call Ray Gish at (602)839-2543 or write to 4424 S. Stanley Place, Tempe, AZ 85282.

We are proud of this years LepreCon Art Show. Stop by and see the great works of some of our friends.



GAMES & DIVERSIONS - DON HARRINGTON

Okay, folks, I know you've been worried, but we here at Games 'n' Diversions think we have the answer to our main problem last year - we have arranged for professional paramedics to be on 24-hour duty in the Games 'n' Diversions area so that those people who faint dead away from the excitement and stimulation of so much fun stuff in one place will have the finest in medical care, allowing them a full recovery (hopefully before their next turn to play).

In addition, of course, we offer you the quality events that you have come to expect from us: a large number of games for check-out, numerous tournaments with prizes beyond counting, a massive game auction with our favorite money-hungry hustlers, no, sorry I meant to say professional auctioneers; an astonishing array of door prizes; an even bigger and better miniatures painting contest than last year (for the artists in the group, please note that the miniatures painting contest will have two classes this year, both an open class and a master's class); and the usual collection of handouts and goodies from all the major companies.

Among the special gaming guests we have this year are Mike Stackpole (author of *Lethal Heritage* for FASA) and Scott D. Haring (Games Editor, TSR/West). They will be joining us for among other things an update to the notorious "Satanism and D&D" panel from LepreCon 16.

If you are interested in refereeing a game or desire more information about the miniatures contest and other events, feel free to contact me:

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And thank you for your support.

MASQUERADE - GAIL WOLFENDEN-STEIB

Let's get with it ... I wanna see some wild 'n' crazy people get excited & present some totally awesome costumes at "THE" social event of the season (*no, not Eric's painful demise at my hands (promise, ed)), the LepreCon 16 Masquerade!!

REGISTRATION:

Masquerade registration will be located on the second floor (up the escalator) lobby near Con Registration. It will remain open until 12:00pm on Saturday at the con. All entry forms will be completed / turned in at this time (UNLESS you have a darn good reason & I know about it prior to noon, I would not suggest pushing your luck. Remember I have demi-ghod status on this one!) These entry forms are your chance to throw modesty to the wind and glorify all your costuming efforts. If you are the costumer other costumers "love to hate" and sewed every stitch on your tutor by hand and don't tell the judges...it's your loss. SO TELL THE JUDGES!!!

THE MEETING:

There will be a mandatory contestants meeting on Saturday afternoon (exact time & place will be in the program book). A relatively warm body from each group will be present at this meeting (not so subtle hint). Your warm and loving tech crews will want to know all about any special tech requirements at this time. DO NOT CONFUSE "this time" with 5 minutes before you go on stage, or our warm & loving tech crew will become the cold & homicidal tech crew. If you don't tell them, they are not responsible to do - period.

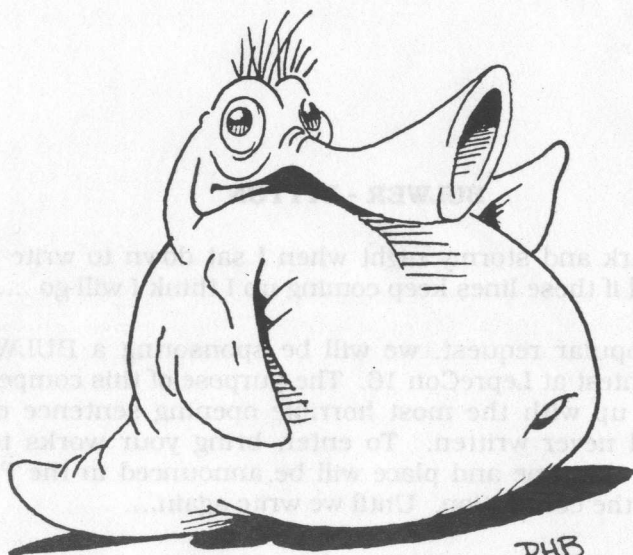
Since there will not (has there ever???) be a live mike on stage for your use, please have a script ready for the MC on a 4x6" card. (You will be able to pick these up at masquerade registration & an example will be posted.) These must be written legible! Our MC has made it quite clear that if you are an unpronounceable warrior/princess from unpronounceable, you will hence forth be known as "Bubba from planet Bubba". Please use phonetics where applicable and make sure the way he pronounces it "is the way you would pronounce it". All tapes will be labeled with your name, the name of your entry & "Play this side" & "do not play this side". Don't forget to have your tape cued and ready to go. You have been warned.

While planning your future award winning presentation, keep in mind what is tacky and what is not tacky. First of the non-tacky is using reasonable time limits. These are: 30 seconds for 1 to 3 people, 60 seconds for larger groups. Remember that these are maximum limits. A good general guideline is if something "new / different" doesn't happen on stage every 5 seconds, an exit may just be in order. Above all, use what your character feels comfortable using.

And now for the truly tacky no-no's:

- ...If "it" was made professionally
- ...If "it" was worn as a hall costume
- ...If "it" is not in good taste (No, not Eric's, but mine and pg 13 of Rotsler's Rules)
- ...If "it" is going to slime you, your neighbors, your judges, your audience, your dog (get the hint) (it is ok to slime Eric, ed)
- ...If "it" entails dangerous weapons or props (exceptions may be made with the permission of the event co-ordinator, the Security Chief, and the Dread Chairman Eric)
- ...If "it" EXCEEDS time limits
- ...If "it" is totally inappropriate for public display (Eric's special library on the shelves in the little chairmans room is a good example)
- ...If "it" is competing down (ie, if you have already won at a larger con, then you are an exhibit, not a contestant)

"It" will not be allowed to enter the Masquerade. Now isn't that just so simple?.....



DANCE - CAREY HOLZMAN

Music Is Not Just For Your Ears Anymore...

LEPRECON 16

Come SEE what the excitement is all about!

BULWER - LYTTON

It was a dark and stormy night when I sat down to write these words. And if these lines keep coming up I think I will go

Back by popular request, we will be sponsoring a BULWER - LYTTON contest at LepreCon 16. The purpose of this competition is to come up with the most horrible opening sentence of the worst novel never written. To enter, bring your works to the convention, the time and place will be announced in the Pocket Program at the convention. Until we write again....

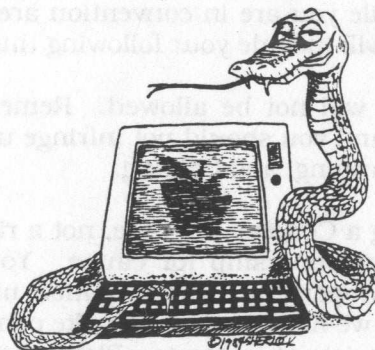
VIDEO PROGRAM - JOHN WILLIAMS

Lights! Camera! Action! Well, nothing that dramatic - but we will have Cheesy Movie Time (with a special guest hostess), Oldies but Goodies, Horror Hours, Space Frontier days, and a Fantasy Festival.

Movies will start at 6:00 on Friday night and will run till 4:00am, starting again at 9:00am Saturday and going till we drop. Movies will run Sunday from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

We are planning to show the Rocky Horror Picture Show twice. On Friday night we will show it without audience participation so that all those who have not yet heard the movie will have a chance. But not to fear, on Saturday we will show this favorite classic with full (I want a stage show) participation. This will be the night to come out with your favorite costumes for your favorite parts.

So come join us (no, they're not falling apart, ed) for some rousing video fun and games!



DEALER'S ROOM - DAVE HIATT

We expect to have another fine Dealers Room this year. A number of our regular friends will be back and there will be some new faces as well, providing another good mix of merchandise. So bring lots of \$\$\$ and support our dealers.

Also - be prepared. The Dealers Room is up the escalator and down the elevator so follow the signs.

SECURITY - JAMES KOSKY

Once more we step into the breach. As we all prepare for another fantastic convention, the biggest rule to remember - "USE COMMON SENSE!"

The standard rules for social behavior at a con include:

Real or realistic looking firearms are not allowed in the hotel. Please do not bring them.

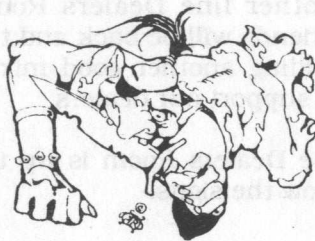
Bladed weapons and props must be sheathed. The sheath must be a hard, protective cover to protect all from the point and the edge. Bladed weapons may not be drawn in any public area of the hotel. If you draw it, it will be removed to a safe place in the Convention office for the duration of the convention; you can reclaim it after the convention has ended.

Weapons, toys and props that shoot or eject any substance (this includes light, ie lasers) are not allowed in the hotel. Disposition of said device will follow the rule listed above.

Membership badges must be worn in a visible location on your shirt at all times while you are in convention areas. Admittance to convention areas will include your following this rule.

Anti-social behavior will not be allowed. Remember that your neighbor has rights and you should not infringe upon them. This includes shouting, running, and fighting.

Remember, attending a Con is a privilege, not a right. We reserve the right to revoke membership for cause. Your membership badge remains the property of the convention until the close of the Con. In the past we have worked to make conventions fun for people with a wide variety of interests. Please help us in making Cons an event like the old days where all fans were friends and all were welcome.



JAPANIMATION - TOM PERRY

What's the big deal about Japanimation and why are we showing so much of it at LepreCon? The simple reason is that we enjoy it and hope that you will too. After all, that's what we're here for. If that answer is too simple for you, read on.

The big deal is that Japanimation is cartoons for all ages. As children, we enjoyed animated cartoons at movie theaters and television. Unfortunately, as we grew older, American animation seemed to grow less mature until it is now aimed at an audience of 4-10 year olds.

This was not true in Japan where the major studios refused to limit their market to little kids, but began making serious works for older audiences. The difference is so profound that many American fans prefer to use the Japanese work "anime" to describe the Japanese animation.

Many of their movies have excellent characterization with real people who do things for intelligent reasons. The storytelling is frequently superb, having complex plot lines leading to unexpected endings. It is not uncommon to have the hero (and everyone else) die during the course of the movie.

The artistic style is distinctive and readily recognized. It is characterized by uncommonly large eyes, brightly colored hair (green and blue hair is common), and the use of bright, highly saturated colors. Not only are the characters bigger than life, they are often brighter than life as well.

And finally there is the sheer diversity of Japanimation. Any topic is suitable including horror, science fiction, baseball, soccer, detective drama, sword and sorcery, motorcycle racing, fantasy, mythology, samurai/ninja adventures, comedy, religion, mutants/psionics, boxing, romance, etc. There is material to please anyone.

But the first answer is still the best: we show it because we like it. ENJOY!!



THE TOP TEN REASONS TO VOLUNTEER FOR LEPRECON 16 - MATTHEW FREDERICK

(drum roll...)

- #10... It's more fun than a dying squirrel
- #9... There's no bitter aftertaste
- #8... You'll look great in the spiffy uniform
- #7... There's no business like show business
- #6... Staff Lounge access (for each 3 hrs. worked)
- #5... Meet friends, influence pitiful Earthlings
- #4... Free membership next year (min. 12 hours work)
- #3... Babes, babes, babes! (men, women, & more!)
- #2... Hobnob with the bigwigs

and the #1 reason to volunteer for LepreCon 16...

You'll never go back to butter again!

CON SUITE - TERRI BIRMINGHAM

We are planning on opening the suite around noon every day as a place for you to relax and escape from the hustle of the con. The usual drinks and goodies will be available along with interesting talk and good friends. The evenings have been planned to honor our Guests, each will have an evening where they are picking the good items based on their favorites. They will be available to talk with, SMOF (oh GHOD, it's the 'S' work, ed) with, and generally relax. Come on out and see what they have to offer.

As I said before, the suite is opening around 9:00am, except for periodic times when we close to clean and prepare the new goodies, we will be open until late into the night for your enjoyment. So come on out and partake of our offerings. The suite will be the place to meet, greet, talk, walk, and all those other things that you have wanted to do with new and old friends.

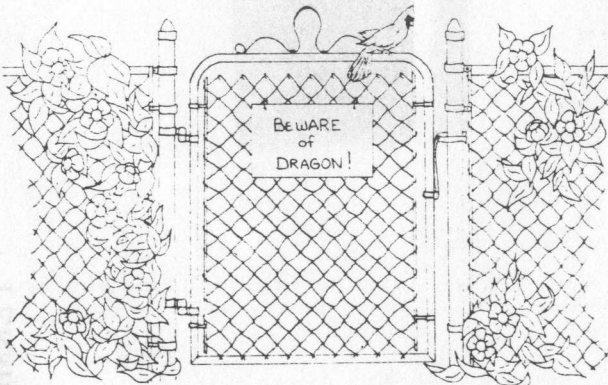
The Con Suite will be open Thursday evening (12 March) for early registration and to get the weekend rolling. Hope to see you there.

HOTEL - ERIC HANSON

The site of LepreCon 16 is the Phoenix, Sheriton. We are pleased to be at this excellent hotel. The Sheriton features a beautiful pool area for your comfort and enjoyment. The Cactus Cafe will be serving it's usual fine menu and the Sand Painter Dining Room serves an unsurpassed continental cuisine and an extensive wine selection. Their Sunday champagne brunch is truly a feast.

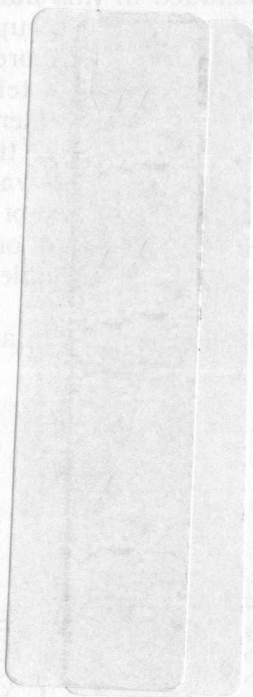
Room rates for regular rooms are \$63 for single through quad occupancy. This is printed in error on the hotel reservations cards that have been included in this mailing. The cards state the room rate is for single or double occupancy, this is not true. Suites are available if you desire. For more information of suites, please contact the hotel. Convention hotel registration cards are included in this mailing for your convenience. We suggest that you pre-book your hotel rooms to save time when you arrive. Also due to the fact that the hotel was late in getting the reservation cards printed, they will accept reservations if mailed by April 7, 1990. Please don't wait that long, the best rooms will go fast. Rooms at this rate will be available for walk-ins as well.

The hotel and all it offers are wonderful and we hope you enjoy them.



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