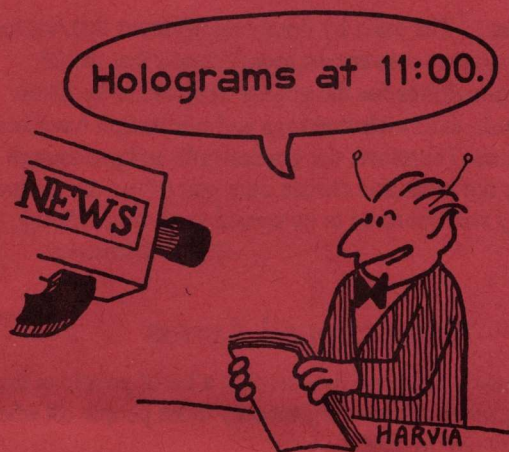


The Cactus Clipper



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PARTY NEWS!

CAROLE PARKER reports: "None of the parties on Friday night had real food, so I suggest you eat dinner first. Keeping in mind that the basic party fare includes soda, beer, chips and possibly fruit and veggie plates, I have listed what makes each party unique.

"*Con Suite*: Rooms 323-327. It's the con suite.

"*Amigocon*. Low-priced memberships for their convention and a *VERY* nice host.

"*Cleveland in '94*. Fondue and filk books.

"*Orlando in '92*. Nice alcoholic punch and a t-shirt that collectors will want.

"*San Francisco in '93*. A talkative Mary Mason.

"*Winnipeg in '94*. Come find out about their Worldcon bid.

"*Chicago in '91*. Picasso 'Party Animal' t-shirts.

"*Room 2137*. Room party with *lots* of beer. A potential problem: I didn't see anyone checking I.D. and it looked like some minors *may* have been served beer.

"*Nolacon's* party is on Sunday only!"

WESTERCON 42 (1989, Los Angeles) will be selling memberships somewhere in the Civic Plaza on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00am to 5:00pm, as well as at a party (co-hosted by Westercon 41 (1988, Phoenix) in Room 334 (Hyatt) after the Masquerade.

MYTHADVENTURES Party, Panel to Merge: The *MythAdventures* Fan Club meeting, which was re-scheduled for 11pm Saturday in Phoenix A (Hyatt) has been *MERGED* with the *MythAdventures* Fan Club party in Hyatt 357 at 9pm Saturday. Myth-fits (old, new, and yet-to-be) are invited to attend and partake of the "Pervish Brew" and other delights. Don't Myth Out! (Kevin Standlee, President MAFC)

HAIL LACKEY! DAW Books and Off Centaur Publications will be hosting a party on Sunday from 3pm to 7pm in rooms 311-312 (Hyatt) to celebrate the publication of Mercedes 'Misty' Lackey's new book, *Arrow's Flight* (second in the *Heralds of Valdemar* series) as well as her new tape of songs, "Heralds, Harpers and Havoc."

ALCOHOL & PARTIES. A number of people have been taking alcoholic beverages out of parties. The Hyatt has been

very cooperative with all the parties, but we — and they — would prefer it if open alcohol was not removed from parties, or off the patio deck. We all thank you for your cooperation.

UPS AND DOWNS. Thanks to all the "Elevator Party Hosts" last night for making things go much more smoothly in moving people between those party floors.

1990 NASFiC Vote Tally

To no one's surprise, San Diego will host the 1990 North American Science Fiction Convention. The results of the balloting were as follows: San Diego, 155; None of the Above, 9; No Preference, 8; Write-in, 11 (Saskatoon, 4; Bisbee, 2; Los Angeles, 3 (SCIFI, Keith Williams, Unspecified); Zagreb, 1; San Clemente Island, 1); Blank/spoiled/etc., 1. There were 184 votes. For more information about the convention, check at their table in the Civic Plaza lobby. They'll be selling memberships there later in the convention.

Staff & Volunteer News

There will be a general meeting in the volunteer office (Remington A, Hyatt) at 10:00 am Saturday and Sunday. If you are a volunteer or a staff member with light or unassigned hours, please plan to attend *both* meetings.

If for any reason you are unable to attend the Saturday meeting, please stop by the Volunteer office as early as you can on Saturday, so we can arrange your schedule.

We have run out of ribbons. Starting today, you will need to leave your Staff or Volunteer ribbon at the Staff/Gopher lounge when you visit there. When you report to the Volunteer office in the Hyatt for an assignment, we'll give you a ribbon or tag then. Anyone without a scheduled work time will need to sign up at the Plaza and Hyatt. Do not be alarmed if a Volunteers Committee person walks up and asks for your ribbon while you are lounging, wandering, etc.

We always need more volunteers! If you'd like to help, stop by the Volunteer office (Hyatt or Civic Plaza). Thank you for helping us help you to enjoy yourself at the NASFiC.

—Ken Lemons, Volunteers dept. head

Bad News... The edict by hotel management that hot food cannot be prepared in convention rooms meant that the 25 gallons of soup-makings for the gopher hole had to be given away. As a result, sandwich-makings and our budget have been almost exhausted. Therefore, the gopher-hole and pro lounge will be putting out meat and cheese only part of the day. Peanut-butter and jelly will continue to be served at all times. Sorry, folks.

—M.R. Hildebrand

Handicapped Access

I'm sure you've noticed by now that a lot of people at this con are rolling along. There are probably more people on wheels here than at any con to date.

But we have "A Problem". Crossing from the Hyatt to the Plaza is hazardous to wheels. The regular ramp up from the street has been closed down, thanks to the destruction work. That's left us with a short ramp that's got the same angle as the stairs, far too steep for wheels to safely climb. Even Robert Adams threatening them with a lawsuit wasn't enough to open the portals.

So we need help. HELP! Any time you're crossing and see wheels trying to get up that flaming ramp, help them. All it needs is a little shove to aid the vehicle's power. It'll help everyone a lot. Also — open doors and hold elevators for us, please! Thanks a lot to everyone who's done it and thanks in advance to the rest of you.

—Carol Johnson

News Clippings

Fanzine Room moves... Fanzines are now on display in the exhibit area of the Dealers Room. (*Jargon alert*) All you faneds bring your latest ish for maximum egoboo.

New Hackers' Hours... The Computer Room in the Hilton Hotel will be open from 10am to 6pm on Saturday, from 10am to 10pm Sunday, and from 10am to 3pm on Monday.

Attention authors and artists — Infinity Press is scouting for new talent for potential publication in *Infinity Magazine*. For information and guidelines, inquire at the Lejentia/Opus Graphics Booth in the Dealers Room, write to Infinity Press (P.O. Box 9349, Scottsdale, AZ 85252), or drop by their "Beginning of Infinity" party Friday at 10pm in Room #716 at the Hotel San Carlos.

Saturday Program Changes

MASQUERADE TIME CHANGE — 7:00 p.m. (NOT 7:30) in the Civic Plaza Ballroom.

Anticipated Highlight: If you want to know what an author's life is *really* like, check out today's juiciest-sounding panel, "I Don't Know How My Spouse Lives With Me," 4:30pm in Phoenix 11 & 12 at the Civic Plaza. "For one thing, I write at night," says panelist Harry Turtledove, "so I sleep in shifts. Then there's the usual complications of a writer's life: rejection slips, erratic paychecks..."

Regency Dancing will be in the Hilton Grand Ballroom tonight after the masquerade (approx. 10:30 p.m.).

- 10:00 a.m. Business of Hollywood *add* Bryan Effner
Computer Music/Art *add* Edwin Hirt and
Rick Lieder
Magic and Other Gods *add* Dana Kraemer-Rolls
and Lynn Marron
Techniques of Story Illustration *add* David R.
Deitrick, Byron Taylor and Mel. White
- 10:30 a.m. Excuse Me, Your Sword Is in My Leg *drop* Dana
Kraemer-Rolls
- 11:30 a.m. Are There Male and Female Roles in SF? *add* Dana
Kraemer-Rolls, J. Neil Schulman, Martha
Soukup and Mel. White
Presenting Your Art to Publishers *add* James A.
Owen, Byron Taylor
- Noon Autographs — *add* Fred Saberhagen and Wynne
Whiteford
- 12:30 p.m. Getting It All Together *add* Maja Peters
- 1:00 p.m. Can SF Be Funny? *add* Geo. Alec Effinger and Ken
Mitchrone; *drop* Marjii Ellers
World Building *add* James A. Owen
- 1:30 p.m. How Much Fact Can Fiction Stand? *add* Linda
Hilton; *drop* Libbi Goodman
- 2:00 p.m. Autographs — *add* George Alec Effinger and Vic
Milan
RESCHEDULED — So They Asked You to Be a
Judge (Phoenix 11-12)
CANCELLATION — Topping It Off
- 2:30 p.m. Can Your Story Be a Game? *drop* Susan Stone
Night of the Religious Living Dead *add* Dana
Kraemer-Rolls
How to "Fake It" in Fiction *add* George Alec
Effinger
- 3:00 p.m. Autographs — *add* Pat Cadigan
Is Space Opera Dead? *drop* Marjii Ellers
NEW ITEM — Tarot Workshops/Readings (3
hours) Chandra Lee Morgan
- 4:00 p.m. Writers Workshop—Marketing *add* Patrick Price
- 4:30 p.m. Animals in SF *add* Jim Groat and Ken Mitchrone
Trained or Natural Talent *add* Byron Taylor
- 11:00 p.m. **NEW ITEM** — Reading "The Mannheim Mission"
by Francis Hamit (Phoenix B, Hyatt)
RESCHEDULED — Reading "Color Blind" (TZ
Script) by J. Neil Schulman

Prickly Post

"You can cut colons in half for more periods. Also, semi-colons, but then you end up with a comma glut." — *An admirer*

"If you look at the inside cover of the Program Booklet, you'll realize the committee has managed to copyright this convention." — *Anon.*

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