

Los Angeles, Pangaea

Atlantis found in the Pacific!

Did ancient Polynesian warriors once visit the shores of Los Angeles? *

Red Cross Blood Drive

To some degree sleep can substitute for food, and a shower can substitute for sleep. However, food is not a substitute for a shower.

Autographs

Autograph Sessions start on Saturday. Lists will be published here beforehand.

Off the Walls

The Hotel has asked that no notices be taped or otherwise affixed to the walls, doors, mirrors, and other vertical surfaces. Look for the twelve (12) **blue boards** positioned throughout the convention, where you may post your timebound announcements.

Attention Party Planners

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Noel Wolfman

Registration Report

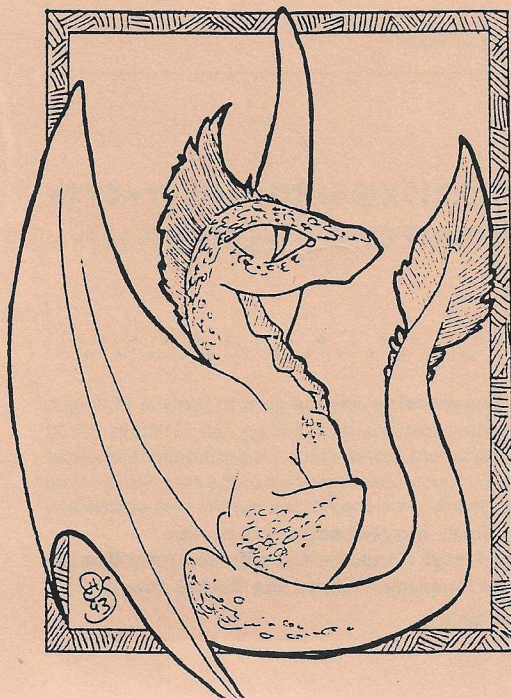
There are 798 pre-registered memberships; 713 paid memberships (including dealers) and 85 guests/comps.

*(NO.)

Jim Daniel

Party Listings

Party lists will be in this corner of our evening editions. Be sure to **post** your party on the **Party Board** at Information, and drop a note in the news envelope at any newszine board. Deadline for party listings in evening issues is 2:00 pm.



Petrified Ads

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"Your weapons are no match for ours!
People of Mars, surrender!"

"Um, this isn't Mars. This is Earth."

"Earth? Earth-with-nuclear-weapons Earth?"

"Yes."

[long pause] "Friend!"



Musgrave's Futhorc Runes

For those of you who may not be familiar with our Guest of Honor's work, he often includes secret messages in his art, spelled out using a very powerful Germanic futhorc (rune alphabet). We have obtained a transliteration key for you to use in interpreting his writing, and the remarks of the occasional pocket dragon. (To practice, work out how to say "In Draco Veritas.")

A B C D E F G H I J K L M

Y•B•C, S•R•M•F•X•N•I•G•C•T•M

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

T•M•T•C•T•R•S•T•N•T•T•C•S•G•S

The runic purists out there will notice that the Musgrave Runes don't make use of the T or O runes. For that matter, there are no symbols F F J L S and N isn't what you're used to... Deal with it.



Digbyisms

"Medusa? Third house on the left, the one with all the statues of burglars in the yard."

"Tomorrow the flea people are coming..." Makes me think of low-budget horror-movie plots.

Tom Digby



Thursday Night Party Reviews

The Con Suite/Early Birds Potluck Party last night was a success according to everyone we talked to. Cristian McGuire ran the affair, where a large number of fans made short work of a variety of snacks and some "real food." The atmosphere was nice; everyone seemed to be talking and having a good time.

We'd also like to thank the team of five or six fans, led by postmaster Sandy Cohen, that put together the goodie bags, with the Program Book and Program Portfolio (Pocket Program).

The best Texas Party was the El Paso in '96 Westercon Bid affair. Although limited to one room, it seemed like a big room. They flew Texas flags, served peanuts and other munchies, and sold supporting memberships. Pre-support El Paso, and get a spiffy pin! And they had people: it looked like all the people from the Con Suite came through the party at one time or another.

Lindzard Crawfordile



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"Take a well-known expression in a foreign language, change a single letter, and provide a definition for the new expression."

Harlez-Vous Francais? Can you drive a French motorcycle?

Cogito Eggo Sum: I think; therefore, I am a waffle.

Rigor Morris: The cat is dead.

Felix Navidad: Our cat has a boat.

Aloha Oy: Love; greetings; farewell; from such a pain you should never know.

Lost? Child

What did you say, son?

Why did I cut what? Those flowers?

Because they were there.

We do need to clear this field before fire season.

But you say they weren't a fire hazard like the dry grass
So we didn't really have to cut them?

Maybe not, but it was easier to go cutting straight through than to stop and think about it.

If you really want flowers, you can buy flowers somewhere later.
Quit worrying about that kind of stuff.

Just forget all about it.

Gateways for the Little People?

You say if you relax in a field of wildflowers

And let your eyes unfocus and your mind go blank

You may suddenly hear music and song and laughter,

And if you follow your ears and your heart

They'll lead you through the flowery gate

Into the land of the Little People,

Whose cares are different and perhaps more to your taste

Than the cares of this world?

I'd better not catch you telling that to the neighbors.

They'll think there's something strange about you.

Quit worrying about that kind of stuff.

Just forget all about it.

We're almost half done. Let's take a break.

Here's a tree we can sit under.

Son, do you hear somebody singing off behind me somewhere?

Are you going to meet them?

What are you laughing about?

Where did you disappear to?

Son?

Son?

Answer me!

Wherever you are, come back here!

I am your father!

Please come back and tell me

If I really did just hear a faint voice

Telling me

"Quit worrying about that kind of stuff.

Just forget all about it."

Thomas G. Digby



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Art Credits Front page: **Diana Harlan Stein**. See the Art Show for more of her work.

MIRACLE CON DIET!

"Works for me" says Con Suite grazer

SINCE CONS AREN'T REAL LIFE, ANYTHING EATEN IN THE CON SUITE DOESN'T HAVE ANY REAL CALORIES

Program Changes

10:00 am, Saturday, Pacific Ballroom B: **Beginning Writing, Take Two.** *add Jim Brunet*

11:30 am, Saturday, Los Angeles A: **Adapting Science Fiction & Fantasy Ideas for Television.** *delete Sandy Fries*

1:00 pm, Saturday, Pacific Ballroom B: **How to Create Believable Conflicts.** *add Jim Brunet*

4:00 pm, Saturday, San Lorenzo B: **May the Force be With You.** *add Scott Prout, Jim Alves, Jim Lowerre*

4:00 pm, Saturday, Pacific Ballroom A: **What is More Basic to Human Nature: Science or Magic.** *add Melanie Rawn*

10:00 am, Sunday, Pacific Ballroom A: **Best Science Fiction & Fantasy Films of All Times.** *add Buzz Dixon*

10:00 am, Sunday, San Lorenzo A: **Live the Dream, The Sequel.** Paul Gibbons, Terry Gibbons, Brian Gitt, Regina Reynate, Steven Hopwood, Kathy Mar. *new*

10:00 am, Sunday, San Lorenzo B: **Science Fiction & Fantasy Poetry Reading.** Nancy Ellis Taylor, Denise Dumars, W. Gregory Stewart, Todd Mecklem. *new*

11:30 am, Sunday, Pacific Ballroom B: **Just One More Showing... Please? Media Fans.** *add Buzz Dixon*

11:30 am, Sunday, The Plaza (LL): **Magic, It's a Card Game.** *add Twilight, Ron Richardson, Jim Lln, Snark, Dave Pettay, Feste*

2:30 pm, Sunday, Compuserve demo, *canceled*

2:30 pm, Sunday, Pacific Ballroom B: **If Science Fiction is the Literature of Technology, then Fantasy is the Literature of...?** *add Melanie Rawn*

4:00 pm, Sunday, Los Angeles C: **Stocking Your Video Library.** *add Buzz Dixon*

5:30 pm, Sunday, Pacific Ballroom A: **Cybergel, Cybertrim, Cyberforce... Cybertoyota? If You Want it to Sell, Put "Cyber" in the Title.** *delete Sandy Fries*

Sunday, 5:30 pm, San Lorenzo B: **Time Meddlers** meetpoint. *new*

Monday, 1:00 pm, Pacific Ballroom A: **Disney's Tower of Terror.** Dan Molitar from Disney's Imagineering Department will talk of the building and special effects of the attraction along with Sondra Huber. *add Dan Molitar*

Ken Porter



How to Go Home with More Books Than You Came with - Without Going Into the Dealers Room

Located in the Pavilion, the same hall as the Dealers Room and Art Show, the Book Exhibit has on display a wide variety of books, magazine subscriptions, prints, posters, and games from over 50 different publishers and vendors.

Packets created from the exhibit materials (and worth \$100-\$125 apiece) will be raffled off for the benefit of RIF (Reading is Fundamental) and the Los Angeles Public Library on Monday, July 4th, at 12 Noon (after the Art Show auction) in the back of the Pavilion. *Someone with your ticket must be present to win.* Raffle tickets, priced at 50¢ each or 5 for \$2.00, can be purchased at the Book Exhibit and the Information Desk.

The Book Exhibit's hours are:
Friday thru Sunday, July 1-3: 10am-6pm
Monday, July 4th: 10am-11am

Val Ontell

Dept. of Corrections

El Paso Westercon Reps are selling \$5 pre-supporting memberships which become attending memberships when you vote at the 1996 Westercon Site Selection table in the Dealers Room. Voting fee is \$20. Hours: Fri 3:00-6:00 pm, Sat 12:00-3:00, 6:00-10:00 pm. El Paso table: 10:00-6:00, opposite Site Selection.

Linzard Crawfordile



Registration Report

There are 1157 pre-registered memberships: 713 paid memberships (including dealers) and 444 comps/guests/participants.

Noel Wolfman

Party Listings, Friday

3013-3014, 9:00, El Paso in '96 Westercon Bid Party, through Sunday. Mexican food and Libations! Cerveza, Margaritas, and pretty little pins for pre-supporters!

3016, 10:00, Baltimore in 1998 Worldcon Bid Party. Rum, chocolate, cake, etc.

3140, 9:00, Kansas City in 2000 (KC in 2K) Worldcon Bid Party. Join us for Barbeque, Beer & Blues.



Note to Department Heads

If people are working, and have not signed a release, they need to come by the Volunteers Office (San Gabriel A).

Ed Green



Film Programming Update

Amateur Film programming in the theatre has been delayed until at least Saturday. Only the amateur films are delayed.

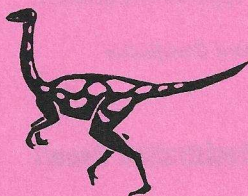
Shaun Lyon, Mike Donahue

Babylon 5 Showings

Babylon-5 episodes being shown 4:00-6:30 pm Friday in the Theatre *And the Sky Full of Stars; Deathwalker; Signs and Portents.*

The 2-hour Babylon-5 pilot *The Gathering* is still scheduled for 7:00 pm Saturday

Mike Donahue



O.J. Not Spoken Here

Member Services (Info, Press and Handicapped Access) would like to remind you that Westercon is a "No-J" Zone.

There will be no mention of the O.J. Trial, please. Many of us are tired of it and have come here to escape.

Punishment is severe. We *will* think of something.

Shaun Lyon



Carelessly planned projects take three times longer to complete than expected; carefully planned projects only twice as long.

Children's Programming

Children's Programming has been moved to Catalina A (near Registration). They will be open 11:00-6:30 through Sunday, 11:00-3:30 Monday. Saturday: Leather crafts and beaded jewelry.

Lucy Stern



Filking Schedule

Catalina B, day and night From noon on, when there isn't anything else scheduled, this'll be the **Filk Lounge**. There may be a filktape playing. There may even be filkers singing

San Gabriel C&D, evenings, see schedule

All rooms/events are **No Smoking**, unless otherwise specified. In Smoking Optional rooms, smokers are requested to cluster together on one side

Friday Evening, San Gabriel C **Bardic Circle**
Friday Evening, San Gabriel D **Chaos Circle**

Friday, 7:30-9:00 pm, Catalina B **Rendezvous Room**. Smoking Optional. Hosted by Jan Kelson, style to be determined

Friday, 9:00-11:30 pm, Catalina B **Rendezvous Room, Domino Chaos Circle**. Hosted by Leslie Fish. Smoking Optional. Each song should have some relationship to the preceding song: same theme, author or tune, response to previous song, etc

Friday, 11:00 pm on, Catalina B this room will stay Smoking Optional. Circle style by consensus. Smoking optional

Saturday, 12:30-2:00 pm, Catalina B **Preview** by Kathy Mar *Made by magic*, by Kathy Mar and Zander Nyrond

Saturday, 2:00-3:00 pm, Catalina B **Computers & Filking** - panel. Steve Savitzky (moderator), Lynn Gold, and Kay Shapero [*No, Lynn Gold isn't a typo for Lee Gold.*]

Saturday, 3:00-5:00 pm, Catalina B **Computer-themed Chaos Circle**. Lynn Gold has promised to perform "(He's) Not On the Net."

Lynn Gold

A Further Quick Warning

When "**Traveling By Car Within The Hotel**" (as noted in the *Dine-o-Saur's Guide to Los Angeles*), please remember to observe all California traffic laws. Please pay especially close attention to pedestrian right-of-way, as many fans still prefer to walk around the hotel.

Westercon Transit Authority



Petrified Ads

Author Services, Inc. and Bridge Publications, Inc. invite you to a Special Presentation for attendees of Conozoic: Plaza Room, LAX Hilton & Towers, Saturday July 2, 1994, 5:00-6:00 PM. Complimentary food & beverages served.



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Art Credits Front page: Diana Harlan Stein. See the Art Show for more of her work. Back page: Greg Bilan.

POCKET DRAGON ESCAPES WREAKS HAVOC IN ART SHOW

"She flew all the way down the hall," says Art Show director Elayne Pelz.
"I found her in the Dino-Nite room, eating all the pistachio ice cream, but she eluded capture."
Ops raptor Tristan Anderson questioned newlizard Filbert, who said 1•NY2•1𐄂1N11X•1𐄂•2𐄂•11𐄂N•11𐄂O

Autographs, Saturday

In the Dealers Room.

11:00 a.m. Barbara Hambly
12:00 p.m. (none as of presstime)
1:00 p.m. Melanie Rawn
2:00 p.m. Diana L. Paxson, David Brin
3:00 p.m. Rick Cook, David Alexander
4:00 p.m. L. Dean James

Sunday, partial list:

1:00 p.m. William Nolan

Christian McGuire

Program Changes

(No additional changes from issue #2.)

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10:00 am, Sunday, San Lorenzo
B: **Science Fiction & Fantasy Poetry Reading.** *new*

2:30 pm, Sunday, ~~Compuserve demo, canceled~~

Sunday, 5:30 pm, San Lorenzo B:
Time Meddlers meetpoint. *new*

Ken Porter

Film Program Update

Sunday, 7:30 pm (before Jurassic Park), International Ballroom:
Mike Jittlov. Mike will show video from his current project and answer a few questions, too.
new

Alex Pournelle

Registration Report

Attendance: Current pre-reg attending: 740. New full members Friday 126. 15 one-day members. 881 attending members Friday.

Scratch Galloway

Volunteers Needed, Please Help!

Ed Green and his band of merry volunteers are so tired from working almost by themselves that they are having Chaz write this. *Please volunteer and help the convention.* We have neat sashes and t-shirts available. See Ed in San Gabriel A for details.

Ed Green

Canadian Info Meeting

ConAdian will hold a *General Open Meeting* open to anyone with questions about this year's Worldcon on Sunday at 7:00 pm in the Forum room. Meet the chairman and many of ConAdian's Division Chiefs.

ConAdian also plans to hold a general committee meeting Saturday afternoon about 4:00 pm. Check at the ConAdian table for specific time and location, if you're on the committee.

Kevin Standlee

The Secret of the Staircases

There are stairs that will take you between the 2nd and 3rd floors without need of elevators.

There are four staircases. The doors with knobs need to be *pulled* and the ones with the push bars should be *pushed*. In some cases you need to walk straight across/through a short service corridor.

Near San Lorenzo A, connecting near 3008/3100/3155. (3100 is on one side of the hall, 3155 on the other.)

Near Santa Monica F, connecting near 3027/3114.

Near San Gabriel B & C and the player piano, connecting near 3051/3128.

Around the corner from Century A, connecting near 3071/3142.

Chaz Hiccupotamus Baden, Nola-raptor Frame-Gray, Phreadster



Anonymous Spokesman at Art Show, amid wreckage

▶▶ Attention Animé Fans

The Animé Expo (Japanimation) convention is going on in Anaheim right now, at the Anaheim Marriott. (This is one of the reasons that we're not doing a lot of Japanimation here and we don't have an Animé room.)

The two conventions are offering reciprocal \$5 discounts off of 1-day and full memberships. In order to get your discount, show your Westercon badge at the Animé registration desk.

Noel Wolfman



Party Impressions

El Paso: Laid-back Southwest El Paso ambience. Chips & salsa. Transplanted Easterners. What the Con Suite wishes it were.

Baltimore: Chocolate and angel food cake. Voluptuous Blonds in PVC. Jealous boyfriends.

Kansas City: Barbeque this and that, why I'm not sure. I like barbeque but only barbeque that likes me. Which Kansas City is this? Kansas or Missouri?

Josh Weissatops



Dino-Night

Or, another excuse to eat ice cream while abusing extinct species!

Friday night, starving fen descended on the International Ballroom for the traditional Ice Cream Social and Paper Airplane Crash. Chocolate, Vanilla, Cookies 'n Cream and Strawberry were the featured flavours, but in keeping with the high standards set by the Costumers' Guild, naked ice cream was not allowed, and the heaping dishfuls were decorated with choconits, red-hots and peon butterines.

Discontent with tradition, enterprising groups set up booths to lure the gobbling public. Winners of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society bean-the-LASFS-member haggis toss were awarded a shiny new dino sticker. Conozoic's ring toss got you a dollar off a T-shirt, while successful pog players

got a free book from A&M Booksellers. The Jedi Knights fought galactic hunger with a feed-Barney-to-Jabba toss. Time Meddlers helped spread saurians via Tardis, and the lucky time travellers won a raffle ticket. (That's right... they won a *chance* to win something else.) People holding wet sponges to their foreheads were suffering not from migraines brought on by overeating, but from WesterCon's Instant TattoosTM Parlour and the artistic talents of Carol Ann Cranston. SWOC (to the acronym-challenged, that's the Seattle in '97 WesterCon Organizing Committee) paved the way to the Pacific Northwest with Yakima apples and gold yellow bricks.

Now, aren't you glad you're not allergic to milk?
Michael Victorsaurus Kyle

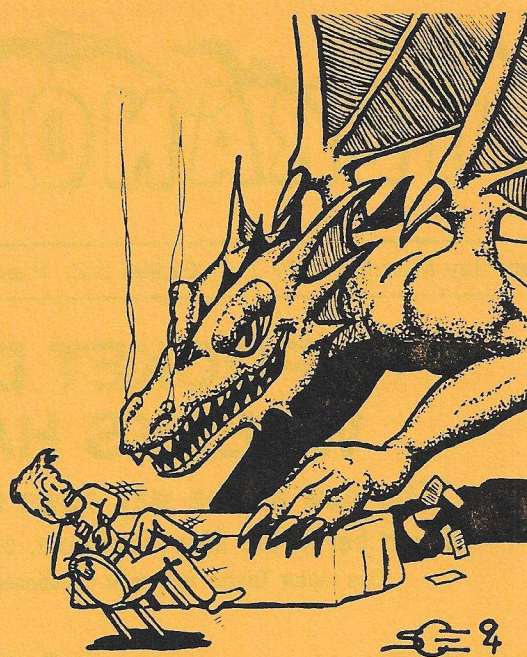
The Orange County group had a fishing booth. The Seattle booth was also representing NWSFS and all other conceivable northwest conventions, such as Norwescon, Radcon, and Dreamcon. The line for the Time Meddlers, where fans threw dinosaurs into Tardises, was one of the longest, according to meddler Shaun Lyon.

Chaz Hiccupotamus Baden

The LASFS "Haggis Toss" booth, where LASFSians Galen Tripp, Beth O'Brien, Matthew B. Tepper, Sandy Cohen, Mike Glyer, Ed Green, Mike Stern, Leigh Strother-Vien and Charles Lee Jackson II were pelted with a mock haggis thrown by the fans, was based on a stupid incautious remark by Mike Glyer at a board meeting.

Most remarkable sight of the entire remarkable ice cream social: the Troll (a prize) surrounded by worshipping plastic monsters and confetti dinosaurs, with pennies offered by passersby in the hope of good fortune.

Pro bono publico

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"What do you mean, I have to pay to get in?"

Petrified Ads

Attention S.F.W.A.: Meeting for Members only.
10:00 a.m., Sunday, July 3rd. Los Angeles - B
Diana L. Paxson

Wanted: female fan for roommate. I have a room at Motel 6. Prefer non-smoker. Please call Crystal at (310) 419-1234, Room 605.

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Gay Fandom, Los Angeles (GFLA).

Wide interest media and literary club will have dinner meeting on Saturday. Amongst the topics to be discussed are:

1. Great science fiction (from the gay point of view).
2. Excellent gay science fiction novels.
3. Review of Conozoic so far.

We will meet across from Plaza A (Lower Level)
between 5:30-6:00 p.m. for dinner.



Personal Log, Stardate: 9407.01

Never do card tricks for the group you play poker with. *William T. Riker, Cmdr.*



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Art Credits Front page: **Real Musgrave**. See the Art Show and Dealers Room for more of his work. Back page: **Shawn Crosbydactyl**.

PTERANODON Times

④ Saturday Evening, July 2, 3,001,994 B.C., Upper Pretentious PTERANODON Times Los Angeles, Pangaea

RENEGADE BID UPSETS SITE SELECTION

Cicely, Alaska in '96 entry expected to run a close second.

SMOFS HAVE NO COMMENT. "NO COMMENT," THEY SAY.

BIGFOOT ENTERS MASQUERADE; DISQUALIFIED

"No costume is no costume" explains Kathy Sanders.

🦋 Blood Drive Report

The USS Alliance would like to thank everyone who donated to the vampires at the Red Cross Blood Drive. We had a total of 32 donors with a total of 29 useful donations. Winners of the raffle were announced at Dino-Night and they are as follows.

Anthony D. Ward, Loscon 21 Membership
Val Ontell, \$20.00 Waldenbook Gift Certificate
Heather Stern, Limited edition of short stories by Ursula K. LeGuin
Susan Beech, Ami-Gift

Those winners who have not collected their prize may do so at the USS Alliance table anytime during the convention.



Party With Adults

Nannycare, the wonderful sitters who provided childcare at ConFrancisco will provide quality childcare on Saturday and Sunday in the Manna Room. Scheduled hours are 1pm-11pm both days. However, if there is a demand they will stay later, until 1am at the same basic rate of \$5.00/hour.

Check-in and payment are done in the Manna Room on the second level of the Hilton.

Patty Wells



PICKLES VANISH

Hotel catering staff mystified

"I can't explain what I don't understand," says head chef Arthur Dent

Dino-Night Mama Speaks

I want to thank my staff from last night, especially Danise Deckert. Thank you to all of my volunteers at Dino-Night for helping put on a successful event.

Joyce Sperling



📖 Books, Books, & More Books

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Val Ontell



The Editor denies any ability to survive a cottage cheese fight. He likes it hard, and will only eat it if coated in sugar. (One is moved to wonder — the Editor or the cottage cheese?)



🍽️ Galleria Food Court

In Centroplex Galleria ("CarBarn building") between Marriott & Hilton LAX Hotels. Use Bell Captain's exit from Hotel. Closed Sunday, but will open Monday at 8:00 am. Free delivery to hotel, min \$5.00. (310) 645-9884. (The guy who dropped the menu off at the newsroom raved about this place.)



📅 Party Listings, Saturday

- 3010, after Masq., San Diego '98 Westercon Bid and Con-Dor Party 🍷
- 3013-3014, 9:00, El Paso in '96 Westercon Bid Party. Mexican food and Libations! 🍷
- 3015, 10:00, Baltimore in 1998 "More of what you want and eyepatches too!" 🍷🌐
- 3022, 10:00, Philadelphia in 2001 🌐🍷
- 3025-3026, after Masq., @!, Bad Day in Bedrock, Margarita Jell-O and more 🍷
- 3055, 7:00, Techno Dweebs & Struggling Writers Irish Coffee Bar & Filling Station Party 🍷
- 3082, ½ hr. after Masq., Costumer's Guild West Party 🍷
- 3100, 9:00, San Antonio in '97 Worldcon Bid 🍷
- 3146, 10:00, Australia in '99. Chocolate, cheese Australian wine, cute koalas, inflatable platypus. 🍷🌐🍷
- 3149-3150, 10:00, Boston in 2001 Bid invites you to come share their chocolate. 🍷🌐
- 3154, after Masq., Seattle in '97 Westercon Bid. We did it before, we can do it again! 🍷
- 4040, 10:00, Norwegian Forest Cats "The Cat of Fandom" Party 🍷

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MISSING POCKET DRAGON SWOONS DURING MASQUERADE

*Faints in mid-air; lands on Klingon
Real & Muff take her under their wing (so to speak)*

CICELY IN '96 BID ELIMINATED!

Bid Chair Arthur Dent gripes "They froze us out on some zoning technicalities!"

El Paso Wins 1996 Westercon!

In voting which concluded Saturday night, El Paso received 132 votes, with 6 going to No Preference and 3 going to None of the Above.

Write-in votes were also received for:

- 2 Chico/Cheeko
- 1 Cabo San Lucas
- 1 Gnome of the Above
- 1 Mars.

146 Total. More information will be announced at the business meeting being held at noon Sunday in the Forum Room, including Guests of Honor, etc.



Masquerade Winners

At approximately 4:00 a.m. Sunday morning, the masquerade winners and entry info that I had carefully typed in managed to vanish without a trace. (As I write this, I am very tired and am starting to make mistakes.) I will retype it in today and print it in the evening edition. My apologies...

Chaz Hiccupotamus Baden



Mant - A restored rarity

Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Theatre, director Joe Dante presented Westercon with a real rarity, the restored version of the 1962 Woolsey International film *Mant*! Although the full-length version has long since been lost, Dante's compilation of scenes from the feature film, plus the original trailer, has plenty to interest the genre fan. Displaying the cream of 1960s special effects, *Mant* shows off the "atomic terrors" of that era's horror films to remarkable effect.

Dante followed *Mant* with his own film, *Matinee*, a teenage comedy set in Florida in 1962, the year of *Mant*'s release. However, since *Matinee* was not a genre film, few people stayed to watch.

Evan Sayers

Westercon Vice Chair Trapped in Bathroom

Yes, the rumors are true. Vice-chairman Danise Deckert was indeed locked in a hotel bathroom in her hotel suite for over 90 minutes. When asked about this, Danise casually replied "It's no big deal." Nevertheless, the daring adventuress avoided destroying hotel property for the good of the Con, even though the door probably deserved it.

Shaun Lyon



Tip Your Maid

Tipping your neglected chambermaid does *a lot* to change her mood towards you. She is the hotel attendant who does the most for a guest, yet is the one most likely overlooked.

Maids do work weekends, so if you leave a large sum at the end of your stay, you may be giving it to a relief maid. Instead, it's fairer to tip a little amount every day.

The best spot to put your tip is under the pillow of your unmade bed, the way the Asians traditionally do.

We know it shouldn't make a difference in your service, but maids are human. When you're thoughtful of them, they'll be much more conscientious when you ask for extra towels or bubble bath.

Adrienne Foster

Don't know how much to leave? A dollar per day per person. (At the very least, a dollar per day per bed.) This goes for crash space cadets too. Believe me, the maid won't complain about the implications of a \$6 tip each morning.

Chaz Hiccupotamus Baden



Film Programming Update

in: The Theater, second floor

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. **Top Secret**, new

Monday afternoon films will include **Nightmare Before Christmas** and **Project Moonbase** (Heinlein). Showtimes TBA.

Charles Shimada



Children's Programming

On Sunday, Children's Programming (Catalina) will feature Craft sticks, Button Making, Leather work, Bead work, and Plastic Canvas. *Lucy Stern*



Con Suite Review

My admiration and thanks to those persons running the Con-Suite.

Today I have seen fans gripe about the lack of their preferred food, sprinkle crunchie bits upon this floor to be ground into carpet by uncaring feet, wallow through offered food like a berserker movie, and generally behave with a lack of thought or civility.

Through it all, the Con-Suite personnel have kept their sense of humor, done their job, and not killed anyone!

My thanks to you people. You be doing good!

Guy Taylor



I would like to personally apologize to Crickett Fox and those parties that were missing from the Party List in the previous issue. I did not make a noon pick-up run from the news envelope at the newsstand near Information, and as a result the Silicon Valley in 1997 Westercon Bid party and other parties were left out. And I was trying for 100% coverage this time... *Chaz Hiccupotamus Baden*

Party Reviews solicited

We have very few party reviews from Saturday Night. We had an incredible variety of parties on the third floor (and the 4th). Write up your impressions (and drop it off at any newszine stand) and you too can see your name in print...



Attention Collectors!

Two collectors' items will be *auctioned* off as the last two offerings at the Art Auction. They are:

- a limited signed and numbered boxed edition of James Lee Burke's *Dixie City Jam*.
- a collectors' set of magic alpha cards

All money will go to RIF (Reading is Fundamental) and the Los Angeles Public library. Both offerings are currently on display at the Book Exhibit in the Pavilion.

The Art Auction will be on Monday, July 4th, at 11AM in the Pavilion.

Books! Books! Books!

The Book Exhibit has seen a steady stream of traffic. Perhaps that's because people see a chance to go home with a lot of *new books* and other good stuff.

The Book Exhibit Raffle, which will benefit RIF (Reading is Fundamental) and the Los Angeles Public Library, will be held on Monday, July 4th, at Noon (after the Art Auction) in the Pavilion.

Anyone can win - all you need to do is buy Raffle tickets. They are 50 cents each or 5 for \$2 and can be purchased at the Exhibit and Information.

The Book Exhibit's hours are 10AM-6PM on Sunday, and 10AM-11AM on Monday.

Val Ontell



No, it's not your imagination. It's not even Science Fiction. You really *did* hear a genuine manual typewriter clacking away in the newsroom! (Yeah, but where's the cigar smoke?) [and eyeshades?] We in the newsroom represent a sliding scale of publishing evolution, from - yes, the lowly manual typer, to the state-of-last-year's-art 486 Computer.

Fen Trapped 'Tween Floors! Fire Dept. Stages Daring Rescue Effort!

Dastardly thwarting their plans for the Masquerade, ten "lucky" fans were trapped in the Hilton Elevators on Saturday evening. Westercon Committee member Shaun Lyon, Time Meddlers David Keller, Deanna Bayless, Matt Mitchell, Arlene Satin & Jim Terry, Australia '99 member Eric Lindsay, USS Alliance Captain Jennifer Cole, Jon Stevens and Barry Bard were forced to brave sweltering temperatures (due to the fact that the hotel could not tell the "adventurers" how to open the emergency access) and their own bad puns.

The L.A. Fire Dept. was called out to rescue the ten-some. Meanwhile, they were able to partially open the inside door, discovering they were about five feet above the floor. Ventilation was properly achieved and the fire department was able to pull them out after about half an hour, with light conversation between the trapped occupants and con-chair Noel Wolfman in the elevator lobby.

All said, the major complaint by the ten (who later posed for pictures) was the awful Muzak. And so it goes...

T. Icktoff



The Incredible Increasing Media Museum

The Media Museum (=Display Room = Exhibit Room = Century A-B) has miraculously expanded. There's more stuff in it. Come see it, 10:00-6:00 Con Standard Time Sunday or 10:00-2:00 Monday.

Dana Ginsberg



Real Musgrave's Futhorc Runes

For those of you who missed issue #1, here's a key to the Musgravian runes we've been using.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
Y ◊ B ◊ ◊ ◊ , ◊ ◊ X ◊ M ◊ F ◊ X ◊ N ◊ | ◊ ◊ ◊ ◊ ◊ ◊ ◊ ◊
N O P Q u R S T U V W X Y Z
t ◊ X ◊ t ◊

Saturday Night Dance Review

There was a dance. It was good. There was a guy in vinyl. He was great.

Someone in 3024 who didn't want his name used



Petrified Ads

I need a ride back to San José Monday night or Tuesday. I only need room for me and my backpack. I'm willing to share driving (stick or automatic), pay half the gas, and even wash your car at the car wash next door to my house. Please call me at room 6073. *Todd*

Surprise Birthday party for Lynn Gold, Midnight Sunday night/Monday morning, location to be announced.

To the woman with the brilliant red hair wearing that black and green dress: My god! You are beautiful! *Guy Taylor*

Titania Pictures Corporation, Thaithow Sucharitkul presents Timothy Bottoms, Robert Z'Dar, in a film by S.P. Somtow. William Shakespeare's *Ill Met by Moonlight* or, a Midsummer Nights Dreame. Special Westercon Sneak Preview on Sunday at ten of the clock, post meridiem. See film program for details.

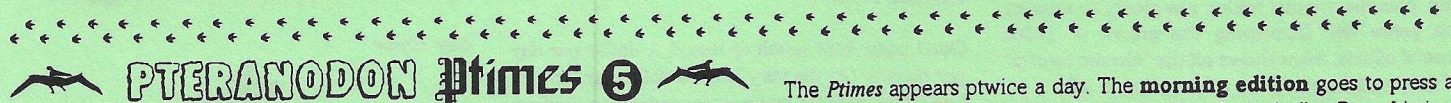
Confidential to confidentialist: There is no 12:00 p.m. or 12:00 a.m., despite what VCR's think. There is only 12:00 noon and 12:00 Midnight. *Chasmosaurus Charles Lee Jackson II*

No other times exist. *Chaz Hiccupotamus Baden*

Marjii Ellers would like to thank the person who returned her grey backpack with the abstract flower applique. Your courtesy will be long remembered.

Requested (+ promised) at *World of the BBS* Panel: eWorld Customer Assistance Center (where to call to get a sign-up packet) 1-800-775-4556. *Maryeileen Flanagan*

I thought it was sparkling cider. I poured some and looked at label... it was champagne... so I added some hard cider. Now it's sparkling...



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REAL MUSGRAVE SEEN ROAMING THE HALLS WITH SHOTGUN, LOOKING FOR BARNEY



Designed, constructed,
and worn by **M. Edgecomb.**
Best in Show, Westercon 47



Young Fan, Mask Work: **Anubis.**
Young Fan, Presentation: **Vampire Kitten.**

Honored for Excellence in Techno: **Sultana**
Control-Alt-Delete, Disc Dancer to the Lord
Big Blue Mac.

Honored for Excellence in Musical Integration:
**Super Duper Super Soaker Man & His Side
Kick Squirt.**

Honored for Excellence in Concept: **My Mid-Winter Nights Dream.**

Judges' Choice, Best Presentation:
Costuming Resistance.

Best Novice; **Shakar and Panthera.**

Best Journeyman: **Foxbane—Lord of Light.**

Best Master: **Maxine.**

Best in Show: **Morrigan.**

Workmanship Awards

Novice, Honorable Mention for Applique:
My Mid-Winter Nights Dream.

Journeyman, Sparkle Plenty Award for Electronic Blinkyies: **Foxbane—Lord of Light.**

Journeyman, Best in Class: **Sultana**
Control-Alt-Delete, Disc Dancer to
the Lord Big Blue Mac.

Master, Best Master and the 1st Annual Liberate Award for Tasteful Hollywood Glitz & Glitter: **Maxine.**

Best in Show: **Shakar and Panthera.**

Running Order

R Recreation
D Designed by

C Constructed by
W Worn by

1. **Vampire Kitten.** DW Victoria Shapero; C Kay Shapero.
- 1A. **What Do you Mean the Masquerade's Tonight?** DCW Carolyn Kinkead
2. **Rogue of X-men.** R X-men; DCW Heidi

3. **Super Duper Super Soaker Man & His Side Kick Squiri.** DC Becky Simpson, Michael Citrak, Jesse Simpson; W Michael Citrak, Jesse Simpson
4. **Foobahn—Lord of Light.** DCW John D. Autore
- 4A. **Evil Tyrant or The Black Queen.** R Barbarella; DCW Sheri Devine.
5. **Anebis.** D Sam Cady & Mom; C Sam Cady with help from Mom & Dad; W Sam Cady.
6. **Shakar & Panthera.** DCW Cal Cotton & Theresa Mac Wilhe
7. **Speculative Fiction Writing Pagamas à la Balzac.** DCW Varda R. Murrell
8. **Costuming Resistance.** D Kate Morganstem; CW Acronym.
9. **Craption Harlock.** R Reiji Matsumoto's graphic

Party Listings, Sunday

Los Angeles C, 8:00 pm, Costumer's Guild West
Open House. All welcome. 🎭

2013, 9:00, ConDiablo, El Paso '96 Westercon.
Mexican food and Libations! 🍷

2015, 10:00, Baltimore in 1998 Worldcon Bid
Party. Aye Matey! There be Rum! ☠️🌐🚢

3024, 9:00, BayCon '95. 

3024, 10:00, Silicon Valley in '97 Westercon Bid.
Repeat Performance! Held Over! 🎤

3025-3026, @! Bad Day in Bedrock. Food you won't find at any other party. 🖥️

Sometime on or shortly after midnight, Lynn Gold's Surprise Birthday Party in room 3026 and/or the Filk area. 🎵🎶

3146, 10:00, Australia in 1999. Chocolate and
cheese, Australian wine, cute koala bears,
inflatable platypus.    

3149-3150, 9:00, Portland 1995 Westercon Party.
Sign up for \$35, goes to \$40 mid-July. 🌸 Con

5081, 7:45, Lois & Clark Fans, to watch *The Green, Green Glow of Home*. 📺

novels; DC Keri Lyn Doering; W David Doering.

10. **The Earthquake Fairy.** DCW Dennis G. Miller.
11. **Black on Black.** DCW Julie Porter.
12. **Morrigan.** DCW M. Edgecomb.
13. **My Mid-Winter Nights Dream.** DCW Keri Lyn Doering.
- 13A. **Sultana Control-Alt-Delete, Disc Dancer to the Lord Big Blue Mac.** DCW Kate Morgenstern.
14. **Maxine.** DCW Qeldas Pickett; cartoons on jacket by Mark Banning. Prop: Vaughn as a Klingon.

We would like to thank Steven Barnes for emceeing at the last minute and helping to save Kathy Sanders's sanity.



Remember, once again, Westercon is still a "NO-J" Convention, i.e. no discussion of the O.J. Simpson trials for the duration of the weekend. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Shaun Lyon, Sherri Benoun, Lee Wygand, Wolfe Everham

(Except the Gossipidon was reading a used book and found a 1984 newspaper clipping w/ O.J. & Pioneer Chicken!)



Ten Things You Can Do with a Velcro-raptor

1. Stick one in the window behind your back seat. (They're so much more neato-looking than fuzzy dice....)
2. Place one on your front yard, replacing your pink flamingos.
3. Put one in your bathtub and use it for "scrubbing bubbles".
4. Let one loose at a con and tell everyone it's a hall costume.
5. Stick one on the ceiling and tell everyone that it's walking on the floor (do you know where your feet are?).
6. Place one on the top of your TV in an effort to improve your reception.
7. Set it free in the street to see if it will make friends with the town bully.
8. Introduce it to Ed McMahon. (Maybe *that* will stop my getting all those "You may already be

a winner in the Publisher's Clearing House Sweepstakes"....)

9. Send it to O.J. Simpson... (Sorry, couldn't resist...)
10. Make it an official member of the U.S. Soccer Team.
11. Let it go hungry for three weeks, stuff it (live) into a big cake... and hold a surprise birthday party for Barney the Dinosaur.

Nola Frame-Gray



Babylon 5

A Westercon Presentation hosted by Lawrence DiTillio

This was a surprisingly laid-back and informative affair, lacking the adversarial ambiance I've seen in past presentations. The one time things got a little hairy was when I (and others) asked Larry why is it that all the women on *Babylon 5* are victims? Larry pointed out, and rightly so, that Ivanova, the First Officer and second in command, is a strong character. (Now if only she were allowed to command the station after Commander Sinclair leaves. That's right, he's leaving/history. However, Larry pointed out that such decisions are not up to him.)

Yes, for me, that was the big news of the day: Commander Sinclair (and the actor who plays him) is leaving the show. When Larry checked out our verbal reaction to this news, I was gratified to hear a mixed response. (And I thought I was the only one who liked this character...) But don't worry, folks, the plot hole about the "missing 24 hours" in Sinclair's mind, and why the Minbari surrendered, will be answered in the first episode of the second season. (And ghod only knows when we'll be seeing *those* new episodes; the original plan was to air them during the November Sweeps Weeks. But, like everything else in television, that is subject to change.)

(Incidentally, the *B5* episode airing this coming Wednesday should be a new one.)

For me, it was hard to decide what bowled me over - Larry telling us what triggered the Earth-Minbari war - or the casual way he told us. This was started by, as Larry put it, a "misunderstanding": Revered Minbari leader comes to Earth. Earth panics. Earth vaporizes Minbari leader. Minbari reacts ("You can't do that to us!") by starting the

war.

Other tidbits Larry fed us during this mostly Q&A presentation:

The lizard-looking aliens, the Narn, are actually marsupials. "Why else would you hear G'Kar going around saying 'Kiss my pouch'?"

The mysterious Kosh-in-a-box can't get through the doors. His costume was made a couple inches too wide, so every time the character is supposed to go through a door, they fake it.

Ivanova will get a promotion.

We'll be seeing more about the Centauri (the humanoid aliens whose hair looks like a broad wire paintbrush) and the Minbari (the bald-headed aliens who like to dress in Samurai jackets).

It was a very good presentation even though it lacked the usual trappings: actors, screen footage, etc. One of the things which made this fun was the fact that we were Q&Aing the story editor, DiTillio, instead of producer Strazcynski, which put a different slant on things.

Oh, if you want to contact *Babylon 5* and you're not on the nets, write in care of Warner Brothers.

Nola Frame-Gray



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Susan, room 3141

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LASFS runs a BBS (Cafe Nebula) at 818-985-7848. Try it, you'll like it.

Sherlock: Yes, thank you.

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The Lone Star of Fandom

The El Paso (Westercon in '96) Bid party is a happening place. Nightly, starting at 9:00 pm, in the spacious suite of 3013, is the fun party. Though the snacks and drinks are not quite impressive, the surroundings and the people are.

Thursday I got into a fascinating conversation with a fan (sorry, I tried later to track him down and get his name, to no avail). Our talk started with my admiring the Texas flag on the wall (actually, he said it's a bandana, the closest he could get to a flag) and ended with us discussing Mexican and American history.

Friday I ran into SF writer and *Star Trek* novelist, Daffyd ab Hugh, who had just come out with the high quality *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* novel, *Fallen Heroes*. (How good is it? Well, it made me fall in love with Commander Sisko — and I am not a Sisko fan.) And his upcoming book is a *Star Trek: The Next Generation* novel about... Wesley Crusher! (I've seen what a good writer can do to make Wesley a living character, so don't laugh.) Though the official publication date of ab Hugh's Wesley novel is January '95, it will probably hit the stands as early as December.

I got involved in a second conversation, this one with writer William F. Wu. Bill regaled me with a tale of the pleasures and tribulations of working with a collaborator. To be precise, working with his collaborator was a pleasure, but Bill Wu moving away and trying to write by long distance was a tribulation.

I next chatted with fan Richard Brandt. When I asked Richard why El Paso was the *only* major city in Texas that Westercon could be held in, he explained that it had to do with time zones. For a location to be eligible as a Westercon site, it has to be in either the Pacific or the Mountain time zone. (Westercons are regional conventions traditionally held at or near the West Coast.) As luck would have it, El Paso is just 90 miles inside the Mountain time zone boundary, instead of being in the Central time zone to the east.

Like I said, El Paso in '96 parties nightly in Room 3013. Check it out!

Nolaraptor Frame-Gray



More Party Reviews

Dead Elvis Sighting: Last night, many partook of the blood of Elvis. For those who didn't, or those who want to again, he will arise tonight in all his green glory (get your Dead Elvis Sticker). *NST*

Norwegian Forest Cat Party: It was a purrrfect gathering for both furinners and locals, with nary a pawse except for breath, conversation and food were fur-gotten when Baron Cosmo Sagan began filking. It was magic-al (as opposed to scientific). Through it all, guests were watched over by images of the official cat of fandom! Indeed, the evening was the cat's meow. *Taltos*



Celtic Cabaret

The Celtic Cabaret on Friday night featured music, storytelling and general revelry. Members of the bands Fine Gael and Sheer Pandemonium serenaded the audience and even encouraged us to sing. The storytellers (especially Wolf Foss) had the audience entranced. I hope there are more such evenings at future cons. It as fantastic! (Did I mention the puns)? *Velociraptor Boston*



Filking Schedule

Sunday Evening San Gabriel C: *Smoking Optional*, circle style by consensus.

Sunday Evening, San Gabriel D: Chaos Circle.

Sunday, 9:00 pm-Midnight, Catalina B: Rendezvous Room hosted by Windbourne — Bardic Circle. After midnight this room will remain Bardic Circle.

Monday, 4:00-4:20 pm, Catalina B: Star Spangled Singalong. US patriotic songs, led by Barry Gold. Songbook provided for those who don't remember the fourth verse of "The Star Spangled banner." And then...

Monday, 4:20 pm on, Catalina B: **Songs of Revolution**. Chaos Circle, led by Leslie Fish.
Monday Evening, Catalina B, **Dead Cat Filksing**. Chaos Circle, Smoking Optional.



May the Force be With You!

or How to become a Jedi Knight

The Jedi Knights, based in Orange County, is one of the oldest and friendliest *Star Wars* clubs in existence. Old time fanatic, prospective member, or just curious, all are welcomed. Visit their table in the Dealers Room and find out.

But... beware. These people have *fun*. They read. They write. They do costumes. They go on expeditions to the wild filmsite. They hold water wars. They have pie fights. They...

Hey! Are you *sure* these are the people we want guarding peace and freedom in our galaxy??

Rikonis Vader-Rividh, Foreign Correspondent



Boil me over in the tar pit..
Boil me over, melt me down and refine it again.
Volunteers' Marching Anthem (chorus)



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Late Breaking News! Barney has been strung up and beaten! **Charles Matheny**

Park and Dine! Remember to pick up a copy of the Dine-O-Saur's Guide to L.A., the Official Westercon Dining/Shopping/Info Guide, at the Information Desk on the first floor. You can also have your parking validated. After hours parking validation takes place in San Lorenzo C (Con Ops) on the 2nd Floor. And remember, Westercon is still a "No-J" zone. **Shaun Lyon**

Star Trek Parody: Come see the fan-made **Mystery Science theatre 3000** version of "Star Trek V" tonight at 12:30 a.m. in The Theater, 2nd floor. Let's do the "Rock Song" again! **Ryan K. Johnson**



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Art Credits Front page: **Flavius III**. For more of his work see the art show. Issue #6A: **Shawn Crosby**.

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POCKET DRAGON PREGNANCY HOAX EXPOSED!

"Pocket dragons aren't hatched from eggs"

explained Scribbles of the Pocket Dragon Union.

"They form spontaneously from the accumulated lint and fluff in old English tweed jackets. This is yet another curious attempt to discredit pocket dragons' appetite for ice cream & pickles."

Department Heads: Please hand in a list of names of people who worked for you and the number of hours they worked. Please turn this list in to the Volunteer Desk by noon! If we don't have the list, they can't get the shirts!

(And *nobody* likes a naked volunteer!)

Ed Green

Attention Collectors!

Two collectors' items will be *auctioned* off as the last two offerings at the Art Auction. They are:

- a limited signed and numbered boxed edition of James Lee Burke's *Dixie City Jam*.
- a collectors' set of Magic alpha cards

All money will go to RIF (Reading is Fundamental) and the Los Angeles Public library. Both offerings are currently on display at the Book Exhibit in the Pavilion.

The Art Auction will be on Monday, July 4th, at 11AM in the Pavilion.

Last minute addition: 2 signed Real Musgrave prints.

Val Ontell

Everyone Come to the Book Exhibit Raffle!

The Book Exhibit Raffle, proceeds of which will go to RIF (Reading is Fundamental) and the Los Angeles Public Library, will be held on Monday, July 4th, at Noon (after the Art Auction) in the Pavilion. Tickets can be purchased at the Exhibit from 10AM-11AM on Monday and just before the Raffle begins.

Everyone should come to this unique event. There will be a lot of fun and a few surprises.

Come and see how many packets Seth wins (for an explanation of this, consult someone who has been to a Lunacon or last year's Westercon).

The Book Exhibit Raffle and How it Works

The books will be on exhibit in the Pavilion until 11AM on Monday, July 4th. At that time, they will be put together into packets worth approximately \$150.00 apiece. The number of packets so created will determine the number of raffle winners.

On Monday at 12 Noon (or after the Art Auction, if it runs over) in the Pavilion, we will raffle off the packets. **Someone with your ticket must be present to win.** When a person's ticket is declared a winner he/she will then pick a number to determine the order in which they will be able to choose a packet. Thus, the first person whose ticket is called at the Raffle may not end up being the first person to choose a packet (the person who picks number 1 at gets that honor).

When the Raffle is over, all the winners will go to the Book Exhibit area. There they will be given time (10-15 minutes) to examine the packets and decide which ones they would like to have. They will then be lined up according to number. Number 1 will go in. He/She will be allowed one minute to choose their packet. At the end of one minute, number 2 will be allowed in, then a minute later number 3, etc. until all the packets

are taken

That's how it works.

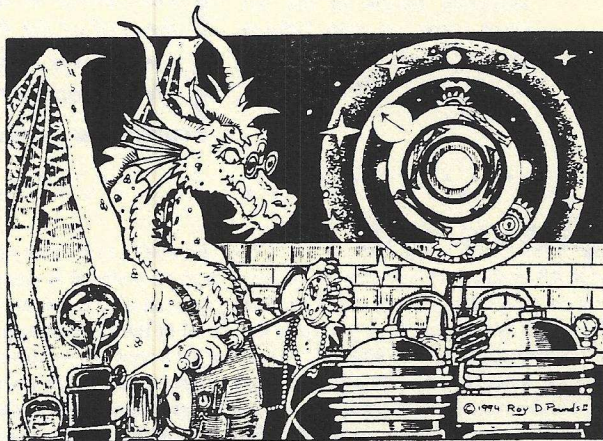
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Westercon Business Meeting

The Business Meeting of the 47th West Coast Science Fantasy Conference met at Noon Sunday in the Forum room, described by Business Meeting Chairman Bruce Pelz as "the second-best room in which a Business Meeting has ever been held." (The best being the knights-of-the-round-table Student Senate room at Westercon 44 in Vancouver.) Assisting the Chairman on the podium were Parliamentarian Ben Yalow and Secretary Elayne Pelz.

The first order of business was the report of the Westercon 49 site selection ballot counters. After announcing the results (El Paso won, see *Ptimes* #5), Site Selection Administrator John Lorentz yielded the floor to the co-chairs of the newly selected 49th Westercon, Richard Brandt and Fred Duarte. They announced that Westercon 49 will be named "ConDiablo" and distributed copies of Progress Report Zero. Drop by their table in the Fan Tables area for details.

Their being no pending business left over from last year, the meeting then turned its attention to new amendments to the Westercon Bylaws. First up was an amendment which modified the hours during which site selection must be open. Under existing rules, site selection must be open for at least four hours between 6 PM and Midnight on the final day of voting. The motion changed this restriction so that site selection must be open at least six hours between Noon and Midnight on the final day of voting. This means site selection could close as early as 6 PM on the final day of voting. The motion's backers (which it must be noted, include this reporter) argued that it was a waste of time to force site selection to be open until at least 10 PM, even when the election is uncontested. Opponents argued that allowing this



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change would prevent dealers from being able to vote. After further debate, the question was called and the motion passed 24-8. Because the motion passed by more than a two-thirds vote, the change takes effect at the end of this Westercon and will be in effect at next year's Westercon in Portland.

The next motion modified the default voting fee from the existing US\$15 to US\$20. While the default fee can always be changed by the unanimous agreement of the bidders and the administering convention, if those parties cannot agree, the default fee must be used. After a short debate, this motion passed by many to few, as with the earlier motion, it passed by more than a two-thirds vote and takes effect at the end of Westercon 47.

John Lorentz then addressed the meeting and observed that since the major rewrite of the Westercon Bylaws two years ago, Business Meetings have lost much of their entertainment value. He then moved to replace the phrase "traditional, but not obligatory" everywhere it occurs in the Bylaws. After much debate and silly suggestions, the motion was referred to a committee (Seth Breidbart, David Berry, Ed Green) with instructions to report back next year in Portland.

The Committee to Create A Report on Making Westercons Easier to Administer (aka "the Clue Committee"), which was appointed last year, reported that it hasn't done anything yet. The meeting moved to commend the committee (John Lorentz, Kevin Standlee, Seth Breidbart) for its actions and to continue it for another year.

The meeting then adjourned at about 12:30, with many people regretting that there wasn't more substantial business to discuss.

Kevin Parliamentariasaurus Standlee



Tip Your Maid

Don't know how much to leave? A dollar per day per person. (At the very least, a dollar per day per bed.) This goes for crash space cadets too. Believe me, the maid won't complain about the implications of a \$6 tip each morning.

Chaz Hiccupotamus Baden



Overheard in the news room:

"I didn't want to be in the way and be a fire hazard."
"Do you ignite often?"

A Talk with the Doc

Doctor Jane Robinson is a biologist and paleontologist who nonetheless finds time to write songs with her partner, a singer/songwriter. They've created several filktapes, which pave their way to conventions.

Jane has a lot of fun at cons, seeing things and going places she wouldn't see otherwise. Here at Westercon, Jane has followed the Dinosaur theme. To quote Dr. Jane, she's singing to a captive audience.

The Doctor's repertoire includes such hits as "Tyranosaurus Lullaby", "Dig a Big Bone", and "Out of the Clear Blue Sky" — but nothing with Barney in it [thank ghod]. The music may not make MTV, but it's funny stuff and ought to be popular with Dr. Demento.

John W. Penniman



Magic Tournament Awards

Over thirty local mages gathered late Sunday to enter a Magic Tournament hosted by Wizards of the Coast, and battle it out for the title of Grand Wizard of the Westercon. The fighting was long (8 hours) and no blood was shed.

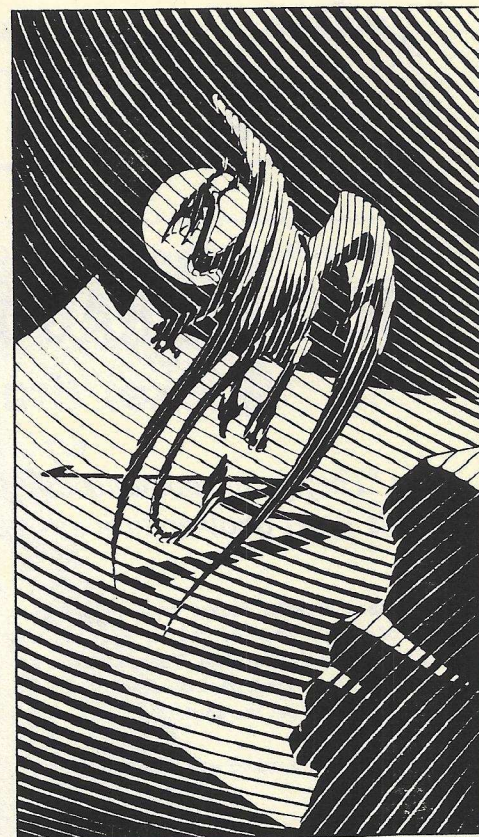
- 3rd **David Berry**, 2 booster packs of Antiquities, and
- (tie) **Sara Batty**, 2 booster packs of Antiquities
- 2nd **Bill Batty**, 3 booster packs of Arabians and 1 Poker deck with Magic backs
- 1st **David Vancas**, 5 booster packs of Arabians, 1 Poker deck with Magic backs, 1 signed card

Susan Mohn & Chris Ferris (Wizards of the Coast),
Greg Bilan



"Liftcon" Fever Takes Flight!

Quick on the draw in response to the elevator emergency that trapped a westercon committee member and 9 other fans in the elevator last night (see issue 5 for details), those weirdos wonderful people in the Art Show came up with **Liftcon** badges. The motto? "Can't get it up, can't get it down."



Participant badges were issued to the ten, and many Observer badges have also been seen wandering the halls. We're told it's all Gary Louie's fault, so you can probably blame these wonderful "collectables" on him.

Meanwhile, sources have denied any connection between the elevator incident and Vice-chair Danise Deckert's "Bathroom Kidnapping" (also issue five), even though *two* committee members have been trapped. And so it goes....

T. Icktoff



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The committee and members of Westercon 47 and the staff of the **Ptimes**, wish to extend our deepest condolences to Michael Bloom, and his loved ones. We are sorry for your loss. **Your Friends**

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Art Credits Front Page: **Roy D. Pounds II**. Back Page: **Steven Firchow**.

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SPACE ALIENS ATE MY BRAIN!

"At least, that's what it feels like" reports con chair Noel Wolfman

Committee Member Doomed to Poverty

The scourges that continue to plague Westercon's committee were further exemplified today when Sgt. Ed Green of the Volunteer desk was bankrupt and driven to begging for change and photo-opp's this afternoon. (Actually, all \$36.85 plus 50 pence was donated to R.I.F., but we think Ed might have taken 20¢ to call the local mental institution.)

Later Ed was joined by Larry Niven who was signing autographs for food.

If you missed Ed's disgusting display this afternoon, photos will be available in San Gabriel A.

C. Ray Zeebird, Liz Mortensen



Next Year in Portland!

As Conozoic - Western 47 winds down, it's time to turn your thoughts and plans to next year's Westercon in Portland Oregon. Buy your membership now before the rates go up. **\$35 until July 15, 1994.** \$40 until December 31st, 1994. More later. Special children's rates. Lots of Children's programming and child care. We will be at our table Monday until the Pavillion closes to answer your questions or sell you a membership.

Westercon 48 thanks Eric Simonson for his transportation assistance in the wonderful adventure of party supply buying and Chaz for his wonderful assistance (and equipment) in producing our party flyer. And, speaking of help - we can use your help - committee, assistants and staff are still needed, please talk to us about what you would like to do. Thank You.

Ruth Sachter

We all have our stories



Art Show Awards

Best in Show:
Steve Firchow, *Reepicheep*.

Judges' Choice Awards:
Robert Beech, *Dracula Gargoyle* 7/30
Darlene Coltrain, *Paisley Border*
Carolly Hauksdottir, *Ivory Towers*
April Lee, *Captive of Time*
Real Musgrave, *Dinosaurs to Dragons*
Tina Thomas, *Knight of Winter*

Fifty pieces went to auction.
Elayne Pelz

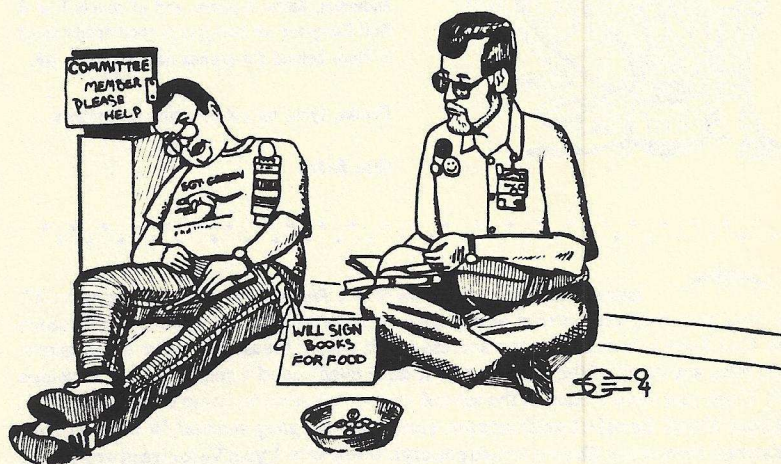
Petrified Ads

Tip for party-throwers at conventions: When you put your party notice in the drop-point for the daily newsletter, be sure to put the day of the party (not just "tonight") and "Party Listing" so it doesn't get mistaken for a Party Review.

The Ghost of Dan Alderson has been found.
And he's saying Weeeeeeep... Waaaaaail....
Leigh Strother-Vien

Don't believe a word of it, it's a lightsaber with a dead battery.
Rikonis Vader-Rividh, *Foreign Correspondent*

At the Afternoon Tea... The famous Western hero, Orange Pekoe, and his Indian sidekick, Darjeeling have set after their arch-nemesis, the evil Earl Grey who has captured the Princess Chamomile and imprisoned her in his Asian fortress of Lapsang Suchong.... Glenn Glazer



Artist's rendition of Ed Green and Larry Niven at Westercon

The Editor (leaving the newsroom) instructing the Peons: "You are in charge of this room. Make sure nothing happens."

Peon: "Does that mean we have to start the waste-paper-basket fire somewhere else?"



Happy Birthday
Lynn Gold!
Harry Smothers
from Detroit



Sunday Cabaret

Lynn Gold, Filk Singer, sat in on the Cabaret this eve which included the talents of Rick Foss, as M.C., Wolf Foss, Singer and Storyteller extraordinaire, and Omaha Cat Dancing, a very graceful exotic dancer.

Lynn's songs included "(He's) Not On the Net," and "I Lost My Baby on the Information Highway." Enthusiastic audience members got into the act by becoming Lynn's "backup singers." May have created something with which to take "on the road." ;)

Before Omaha started her dancing, the minors in the room were invited to leave, and almost every adult male scooted up to the first row. (So's to see every nuance and expression of the dance.) She danced to "Black Unicorn" and Berlin's "Sex." I did notice at least one woman taking the opportunity to peruse her *Pteranodon Ptimes* quite carefully (not wanting to miss any later panel, movie or discussion group). Omaha executed her movements with ease and grace and was greatly appreciated by her audience.

After performing an old favorite about the bag piper (this isn't the name of the story but I'm not sure of the spelling of the clan's name) Wolf, with mighty prodding from his brother, was persuaded to tell an old (true) story regarding a face to face confrontation of the furry kind in Alaska. A must hear if you missed your chance last night.

Pat Lawrensaurus



More Petrified Ads and Leftover Comments

Party Review: Boston in 2001 has the best toys. *Mairi #181*

Thanks to all the volunteers who are helping to make this convention run smoothly and happily. I appreciate you. *Varda R. Murrell*

Those who missed filking missed a lot of fun. We did a lot of stuff you don't usually get to hear. **Come to the filking!** *Michael Liebman*

The Koalas that the Australia in '99 party are giving to pre-supporters have an interesting characteristic: Their heads can spin all the way around! *jcr*

Kandis in Con-ops is tremendously charming and attractive. *Hordes of Geeks*

Join the committee to talk Larry Niven into buying a Hotel!

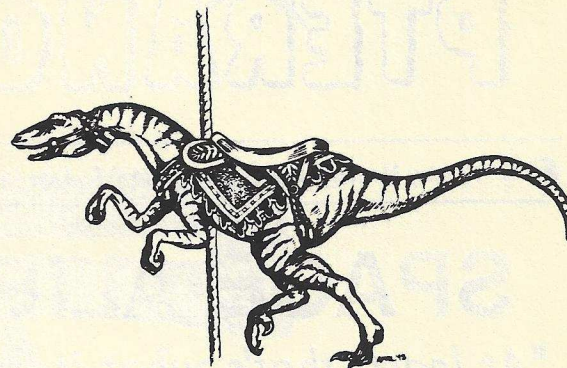
Mae Englert, the redhead mentioned in issue #5 says that Guy Taylor should send his a photo to the *Ptimes* P.O. Box. Her boyfriend agrees. We will attempt to run a picture of Mae in our post-convention wrap-up issue #8; give us your address for a copy of same.

Much thanks to Kim in the Con Suite.

As a diabetic, my eating schedule is semi-written in stone. When I needed lunch, I explained to Kim that I was diabetic, and *had to eat then*, and all I needed was a cheese sandwich. One appeared within 3-5 minutes. Thanks Kim, *Michael Liebman*

I've never felt compelled to say this before, but I've never been so impressed with a hotel staff. From the valet parking attendants to the bellhops to the maids to the random staff encountered in the halls, they've been helpful, polite, and obliging. Good work and thank you to the staff of the L.A. Hilton. *Jan Kelson*

Thank you ConCom. Great programs (such variety!) A fun carnival night! Great organization, it's the first time I haven't felt threatened by a Masquerade line. (They are usually so chaotic.) Great film room (films and theater!) Lots of wonderful filking! And last but certainly not least, the marvelous Cabaret! Merci! Gracias! Danke! *C. Clark, One of The Elders*



A well-placed source within the concom has mentioned that the total attendance as of Saturday was in excess of 1300. An official total will be available in the post-con wrap-up issue #8. *Chaz*



Every 12 Hours: Life in the Newsroom

We made it. We published two (or more) issues a day for the duration of the convention. I'd like to thank Pat Lawrence, Shawn Crosby, Ky Moffet & personae, and Nola Frame-Gray for their near-continuous work. I also want to thank Scott Norton and John Randolph for their strong work as roving reporters, and Josh Weissberger for his "Party Impressions." And Maria Rodriguez sewed up the seams on the dinosaur-fabric sashes that we gave out (the red ones and green ones, as distinct from the ones that Ed was giving out). Good work; I couldn't have done that when I was 9.

And, I'd like to thank the artists that sent me art for the newzine. I couldn't use all of it; I didn't even have enough room to use one from each. Nevertheless, without the inspiration from Real Musgrave, April Lee, Sherlock, Diana Harlan Stein, Michele Ellington, Roy D. Pounds II, and Steven Firchow, the newzine would have been a much less interesting newzine. And we had Flavius III bringing art (unasked), and Greg Bilan with quick sketches on site. This is the first time I've used art in a newzine, and I plan to make it a regular part of my operation.

Lynn Boston helped develop the tabloid headlines. We'd like to thank Elayne Pelz, Tristan Anderson, Kathy Sanders, and of course Real & Muff Musgrave for being such good sports about it. More behind-the-scenes notes in issue #8.

Thanks, Lynn, for patience and forbearance.

Chaz Baden

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Art Credits Front page: Shawn Crosby (left), Michele Ellington (right). Back page: April Lee (top), Sherlock (bottom).

SETH BREIDBART IMPLICATED IN POCKET DRAGON PREGNANCY HOAX!

Seth Shilled for Elvis; Books Shipped to Graceland

 **Westercon 48: Plug into Portland**
P.O. Box 2584, Portland, OR 97208-2584

Dates: June 30 — July 3, 1995. Red Lion Columbia River, Red Lion Jantzen Beach, Portland.

Guests are Vernor Vinge, Elayne Pelz and artist John Foster. Memberships are \$40 till Dec. 31, 1994. More at the door, but we'll have the best rates around.

Supporting memberships are \$20. Kids 6-12 at the time of the con are 1/2 price, under 6 are free. Must be accompanied by an adult with a membership.

We are a weaponless convention.

Send money now to beat the rate change. Don't forget to volunteer. We are running two hospitality suites with two different concepts, but both will have great food.

Linda Pilcher



"Do not be angry with me if I tell you the truth."

Socrates

"Tell the Truth and run."

Yugoslav proverb



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This is the post-convention wrap-up issue of the *Pteranodon P^{rim}es*. This is the end of the line; the *P^{rim}es* now goes to join the *Fossil Record* and the *Westchester Zeppelin* in the musty mists of fan history. I hope you enjoyed the newsletter.

One of the loyal readers was the guest of honor, Real Musgrave, who got a big kick out of the newszine and the runes typeface. The font, called "Musgrave" was completed by Michael Everson of Dublin, Ireland, by modifying and extending a font created by James Banner of Seattle. It's available for Mac or PC via internet ftp, on ftp.netcom.com in directory /pub/hazel/Type. The files are musgrave.hqx (Mac) and musgrave.zip (PC).

From the Smoffing Zone
Fan Table Report

Layered between the Dealers Room and the Art Show was that twilight zone of the Exhibit Hall known as the Fan Tables Area. Here, representatives of various groups staffed informational tables where you could find out about (and join) other conventions and future Worldcon and Westercon bids. Also located here was the Westercon Site Selection.

Gary Louie was responsible for this area of the convention, and those of us who had made arrangements with him in advance were pleased to discover that not only had he marked all of the assigned tables rather than making it pot-luck, but he also provided banner signs for each table. We had to assemble the signs ourselves, but he had thoughtfully provided a paper-cutter and tape for that purpose. (Hm, that masking tape looks like it was some of the surplus from the MagiCon Garage Sale...)

Located next to Site Selection was the Westercon 48 (Portland) info table, which was good, because the head of site selection, John Lorentz, is also the chairman of Westercon 48. Across the way, the El Paso in '96 Westercon bid shared a pair of tables with the San Antonio in '97 Worldcon bid, which likewise allowed them to pool their efforts. Further pooled efforts were seen by Science Fiction Northwest (promoting the Seattle in '97 Westercon bid, Norwescon, and other Seattle-area SF cons) and at the ConFrancisco table. ConFrancisco, last year's Worldcon, staffed a table where you could buy leftover sales-to-members merchandise at bargain prices; they also were selling pre-supporting memberships for the Silicon Valley in '97 Westercon bid, opposing Seattle.

The 1994 Worldcon (ConAdian) and 1995 Worldcon (Intersection) had tables, but the 1996 Worldcon (LA Con III) was mostly absent—which isn't surprising considering that most of the people who might be tapped to staff such a table were busy working on Westercon! People interested in conventions sponsored by LASFS or SCIFI were referred to the Dealer Liaison Table instead.

Besides the 1997 Worldcon bid for San Antonio, both of the declared 2001 Worldcon bids (Boston and Philadelphia) staffed side-by-side tables, as did the 1999 Australia Worldcon bid. Absent were the 1997 St. Louis Worldcon bid and *any* of the 1998 Worldcon bids (Boston, Baltimore, Niagara Falls, New York), although Baltimore did hold bid parties.

A few other groups staffed tables for short periods, and ConFurance had a table as well. For a change, there was a surplus of tables, so tables were assigned to Cheeko (Chico, California in 2001 Westercon) and RichterCon (Northridge in '98 Westercon, although those bids' representatives were not able to staff the tables, being needed elsewhere.

In short, if you were curious about nearly any fannish convention and bidding gossip, or if you wanted to check on the status of your Worldcon or Westercon membership for future years, this was the place to be. While this activity is probably looked upon as boring by most, if you're into the ongoing convention running and bidding cycles, it becomes your base of operations for the weekend and a good place to watch the convention come to you.

Kevin Parliamentariasaurus Standlee



Loscon 21: November 25-27, 1994

Burbank Airport Hilton Hotel. Memberships \$30 until October 15, \$35 at the door.

For more information send a SASE to Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, 11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood CA 91601.

I'll be there, running the Early Birds Potluck Party on Thursday night, and the daily newszine during the convention. If you liked the *P^{rim}es*, come see what we do for Loscon.

Chaz Baden



📖 Book Raffle Results

The book raffle raised over \$2,000, which means that the Los Angeles Library and the local chapter of Reading Is Fundamental will *each* be getting more than \$1,000.

Genny Dazzo



🖌️ Art Show Results

There were 58 artists in the show. There were 901 pieces of art; of these, 863 were for sale and 298 (34%) were sold. There were 38 pieces NFS. The total amount of sales at the show was \$14,730.00. Another \$483 was taken in from the print shop.

The awards for the art show were printed in issue #7B. The judges were the GOH George R.R. Martin, Stu Hellinger and Barbara Hambly.

Elayne Pelz



📋 Final Registration Report

Total attending members: 1651. This includes pre-registered full members, pre-reg guests, at the door full memberships, one-days, and kids.

Linda Daniel, Noel Wolfman

I would like to thank the following people for duty above and beyond: Barb Baernson, Kris Bauer, Carol Ann Cranston, Mistie Joyce, Gordon Saunders, and my second shift crew chief, Carolyn Kinkead. The team of Jim Daniel and Fred Louaillier did yeoman's work at the pre-reg desk. Tony Benoun stepped in at a crucial time and saved us from accidentally laminating ourselves in the scurry. I could not have done the job (or survived the weekend) without any of them. There may be others, but they've all blurred together. Thank you one and all.

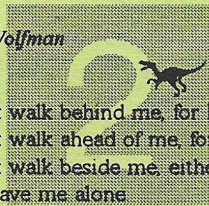
Lin Daniel



Great Job Everyone!

I just wanted to say thank you to the Committee, Staff and Volunteers at Westercon 47. You all did an excellent job. From all reports I've received, the Con was a success and people had a good time, which I think is the most important thing. Of course, we also broke even, which some may consider to be an even more important thing! Committee members should make sure to turn in their lists of staff and volunteers so that Genny and I can begin to refund memberships.

Noel Wolfman



Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead.
Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow.
Do not walk beside me, either.
Just leave me alone.

Mary Smith



Petroglyphs: Letters to the Editor

You really did a bang-up job on the *Ptimes*! I would sit and read "last night's" issue and "this morning's" issue over breakfast (with ish 1 on hand to figure out the secret messages!). Got a lot of giggles as well as a lot of good news about the con from all issues. I believe that this is actually the first time I was able to get copies of all of the at-con newsletters at *any* con I've attended (and that includes ConFrancisco)! *Great job!* ... the *PP* was ever so much more *fun* to read than CF's newszine! I mean, I actually had the *time* to sit and read *PP* whereas I didn't have the time to read *Norton [Reader]*.

Wilma Meier

You might also want to pass along to your program book person that they left out the name of the Westercon 46 artist GOH, George Barr. I don't know if they included toastmaster, but if they did, then they also left off our toastmaster, George Alec Effinger. It's water under the bridge as far as I'm concerned, but I would like future conventions to get the correct information.

... I was disappointed that there were no paperback book dealers at the con... There were plenty of used paperbacks, but very little that were new, and certainly no dealers whose stock consisted solely of new paperbacks, or new paperbacks and hardcovers... Oh well, I guess I'm feeling my age; time was when there were nothing but booksellers in a dealers' room.

Linda Deneroff

I might add that I was really impressed with the *Ptimes* at Westercon. Chaz and his crew obviously did a lot of work, and it showed. I know about that no-sleep business, though—been there, done that, bought the t-shirt (at BayCons and SiliCons past).

My public apologies to Chaz for flaking out and not doing party reviews as I had promised to do. Party Reviewing is harder than it sounds, and I wasn't up to the task (although maybe I should have been—I wouldn't have had the time to lose \$20 at the Haldeman Seminar).

On The Other Hand, I was disappointed that there were no hoaxzines. Was Seth off his feed or was the strain of buying \$400 worth of book raffle tickets too much for him? <grin>

Kevin Parliamentariasaurus Standlee

Let me commend you on an excellent newsletter — certainly the most accessible in my 22 years of conventioning.

Ed Rush

... **I'll insert my own opinion** of the *Ptimes*. It was almost as good as *The Fossil Record*. © (For those who don't know, I produced the last L.A. Westercon daily newszine, so I can't publically admit that anybody else did a better job.)

Seriously, the biggest complaint I heard about the *Ptimes* was that the typesize was a bit small for people with poor vision. Somebody (I disremember who), suggested that use of a larger type with less white space and leading would permit the inclusion of just as much information but in a somewhat more readable format.

Dan Deckert

It sounds like your friend might be holding a common misconception about point sizes. When you make type larger, it gets wider as well as taller, and we can fit fewer words per line. Chaz



📖 LASFS Literature Night

LASFS, Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, has been meeting Thursday nights for the last 60 years. Meetings begin at 8pm at 11513 Burbank Blvd. in North Hollywood, between Lankershim and Colfax. If you're curious come on by.

On the last Friday of every month we get together at the LASFS clubhouse and read to each other. Just about everything has been read in the past, prose and poetry, fiction and nonfiction, classics and modern, original and not, magazines and books, computer printouts and handwritten pages, and funny and serious. The only request we have is keep it short. If what you're going to read is more than 5 or 10 minutes long check with that night's audience and get their permission first. If you're not sure how long it is try a practice reading by yourself to see. A practice reading can be a good idea anyway, if you want to do the material justice.

See you there!

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📖 Gripe Session

In *Ptimes* #4 we printed "*Renegade Bid Upsets Site Selection — Cicely, Alaska in '96 Expected to Run a Close Second.*" Then in issue #5, we reported "*Cicely in '96 Bid Eliminated!*" Someone at the gripe session wanted more information on the bid's failure. We carefully explained that Cicely was the fictional setting of tv show *Northern Exposure*, and wouldn't qualify for a 1996 Westercon because of the north/south zone rotation... and our chair Noel Wolfman said that while we have our lighthearted business at Westercons and in the bidding process, we do draw the line at mythical sites.

Chaz Baden



🍹 Piña Colada Jell-O

One large box Pineapple Jell-O gelatin dessert; 2 cups boiling water; 1 cup cold water; ½ cup Rum, and ½ cup Coco Lopez or equivalent. Makes 8 servings, ½ cup each, or 16 little Dixie Cups.

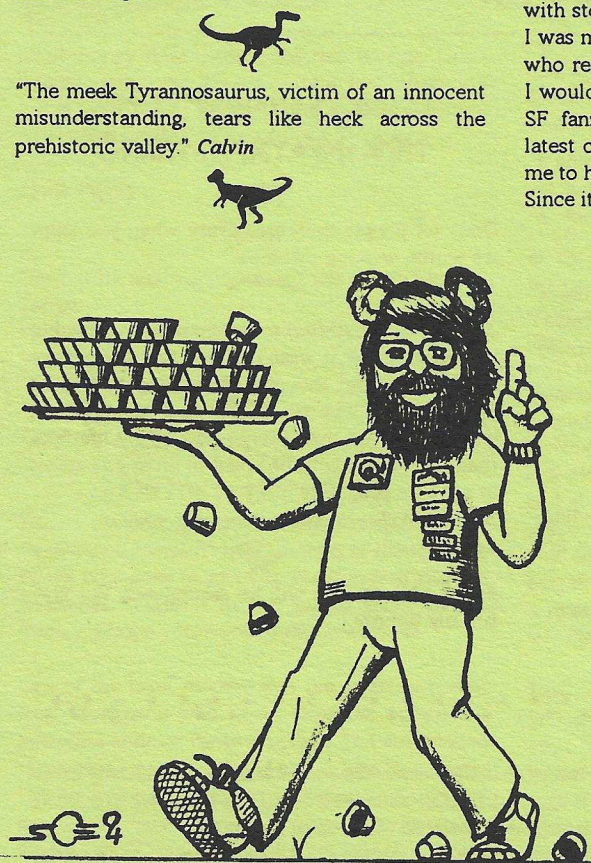


This Just In From Mars

The openly heterosexual former football player, O.J. Simpson, was arrested today and charged with the murder of his former wife and her companion. The arrest sent shock waves throughout the heterosexual community, as one of its most popular icons revived old stereotypes that surround the heterosexual lifestyle. "Wife-beating is not equivalent to being heterosexual," said Joe Eightpack, a spokesman for the Straight Alliance Against Defamation. "While it's true that some heterosexuals engage in spousal abuse, it's still no more common among straights than among gays." But opponents of heterosexual rights seized on the incident. "Every year, hundreds of thousands of women are victims of this immoral subculture," said the Rev. Donald Gaylord, spokesman for the Concerned Homosexuals of America. "There appears to have been a heterosexual ring in Los Angeles, including the police force, that covered up this depraved activity for years. I'm particularly concerned about saving our children from this kind of example." Statistics suggest a large minority of heterosexual males are involved in some kind of domestic violence: one in four heterosexual relationships involves violence, with 2 million to 4 million women affected each year. Researchers who claim that heterosexuality is a choice and not, as some believe, involuntary, argue that this makes it even more important not to give social sanction to the activity. "It's not heterosexuals that we're opposed to," argues Gaylord. "It's their self-destructive lifestyle."

The New Republic

"The meek Tyrannosaurus, victim of an innocent misunderstanding, tears like heck across the prehistoric valley." Calvin



The Editor, looking for stories on the Party Floor

Phannish Parties

Sunday, the last evening of the con, I stumbled into a wonderful party: *Australia in '99* (for the Worldcon in Melbourne) bid. But to get there, fellow newslizard Moffet & I stumbled into a disappointment first.

The plan was that I, Moffet, and husband, Louis Gray were to use a programming item as a rendezvous point. And the name of the item was: The *Neuro Trash Kaffe* (held downstairs in the Plaza). Hey, the three of us like parties, and this Cafe thing looked like fun plus it was part of Westercon's official programming as well. Sounded like a good meeting point to me. Alas, I never had a chance to find out what sort of party it was — I couldn't go in. Both my husband & I are noise sensitive and there was some pretty loud music going on. To be fair, the music at the Neuro Trash Kaffe wasn't *that* loud (hey, I've been at Mexican dance parties that were much louder) but the sound level was high enough to prevent me and my friends from doing the one thing that we come to parties for — to be able to talk with other fans.

Sometime later, hubby Louis and I checked out the Aussicon in '99 party. Since both of us have been to Australia for a Worldcon, and I occasionally get SF fanzines from the land Down Under, this party was a must see.

We had a delightful time. Coming in, we were met by a small table where fen were selling pre-supporting memberships for this Worldcon bid. On hand was Aussie fan Eric Lindsley, regaling us with stories of fannish lore. In the adjoining room I was met by yet another fanzine fan, Dick Smith, who recognized my name and wanted to know if I would be willing to submit... cartoons for their SF fanzine, *Stet*. After presenting me with the latest copy (I like bribes like that!) he introduced me to his wife & Editor of *Stet*, Leah Zeldes Smith. Since it's not every day that I get (1) handed a fan-

zine in person and (2) have the opportunity to draw and give out cartoons in person, I immediately took out scratch paper and a fountain pen and drew up some toons for their zine. (How to get a SF zine? Promise the editor "the usual," a "loc" or letter of comment — a letter telling what you did & didn't like about the fanzine, or artwork, or an article.)

A while later, I left this party (temporarily) in order to track down Moffet, because I wanted my fellow newslizard to check this party out. For not only did this party have good ambience, party snacks (you could even try Australia's fave food — their answer to peanut butter — vegamite), alcoholic drinks and a neat punch, this party even had... *chocolate!* There was a hard, bittersweet chocolate, and

a soft chocolate that was actually a raspberry covered with chocolate. Delicious. You also got a choco-caramel koala bear when you bought a pre-supporting membership.

The evening wound down nicely with local, but seldom-seen L.A. fan, John Hertz, conversing about a little of everything, from novelist Goergette Heyer and how her writings got him into starting up Regency dance ("Her books are fannish!") to history, and even a little science fiction. It was a delightful close to a wonderful party.

Nola Frame-Gray

I'd like to point out that Neuro Trash Kaffe was not an official Westercon programming event. The group throwing the party approached the concom, and the committee decided to give them one of our function rooms to minimize potential problems with the hotel and a party that otherwise might be too big and too popular for a conventional suite. Chaz Baden



Comic Book Reviews

The Glitzyluffles #2 [D+]:

The output of Marshmallow Fluff Studios has increased noticeably since they relocated to the 40-acre site of an abandoned strip mine in Kentucky. This is one of their new titles aimed at the 9½-to-10 market. The story line is poor, but the art is rather good for Fluff, which isn't saying much. In this issue Pitzo announces to the other Glitzyluffles that the evil Nasto has stolen the Magic Pumpkin from the Garden of Delight. The Glitzyluffles are thrown into consternation. Pitzo and Putzo lead an attacking force to recover the Magic Pumpkin but are captured by Nasto. Meanwhile Zitzo goes on a perilous journey to consult the all-knowing Fluffy Fairy in Fluffalonia. This is really just kid stuff, I'm not going to buy #3.

Fluffbotic Combatroids #2 [D+]:

When I went to buy the first issue of this book, I had to stand in line behind a horde of foul-mouthed sub-teens, and by the time I got to the counter, *F.C.* was sold out. On the delivery date for #2 I reached the store at 6 A.M., but when the store opened at noon there were still no other customers. Anyway, the art in this comic is poor, but the story line is rather good for Fluff, which isn't saying much. In this issue Vrandbox announces to the Combatroid Team that the evil Magoom has stolen the Aludionic Energy Crystal from the Sphere of Power. The Combatroids are overcome with indignation. Vrandbox and Zandbox lead an attacking force to recover the Energy Crystal but are captured by Magoom. Meanwhile Bhandbox goes on a perilous journey to consult the all-knowing Professor Fluff on the planet Fluffzog. It's all mindless but entertaining—I can't wait to find out what happens next!

G. L. Sicherman
(Rusty Staple Reviews, reprinted by permission)

We All Have Our Stories

This is my impression of Sunday in the newsroom.

"It's 12:00, presstime, what have we got?"

"Masquerade results, more stuff that's already on the computers, some party listings, and a late-breaking story about Ed Green panhandling."

"The laser-printer's running out of toner!"

(Knock, knock) "Can I get something printed in the newszine?"

"There's too much to print. Can we split it into two issues?"

"I shook the laser printer some more, but it's no use."

"We'll print two issues. When this one's ready, you two take it down to the printers and I'll finish the other one."

(Knock, knock) "Hey, Ed's on the floor begging for change!"

"It's 2:00. Let's borrow the laserprinter from Con Ops."

"We've got snapshots of Ed and Larry Niven, Shawn can draw it up for our last issue."

(Knock, knock) "Have you gone to press yet?"

"This thing takes forever to print!"

(Knock, knock) "Are you done with our laserprinter yet? I need some party flyers."

"Take our laserprinter, maybe you can shake it up and get some more mileage out of it."

(Knock, knock) "Have you heard about Ed and Larry?"

"It's 4:00. We've got 6-A almost ready to go, but there are some egregious typos!"

(Knock, knock) "We need our laserprinter back, yours is stone cold dead."

"Take my dot matrix printer, it'll get you through."

(Knock, knock) "Is it too late to put something in the newsletter?"

"It's 6:00. We've got the first issue, you guys take it to the printers."

(Knock, knock) "Ed and Larry raised over \$30 in spare change today!"

"I wish this borrowed laserprinter would finish, we need to get this out."

"We're back from the printers. We'll distribute 6-A, is 6-B ready to go yet?"

(Knock, knock) "I need this program change in the evening newsletter, have you printed it yet?"

"I'm almost done printing out the masters... There! Let's go!"

(an hour later)

"New Pteranodon Ptimes! Get your newsletters here! 6-B, hot off the presses!"

"Where's the watermark? It doesn't have 6B in big letters on it!"

Chaz Baden



A very bad sign

The little shopping center near my home in Amherst, Massachusetts has a parking area with two entrance ramps. One entrance has a "No Exit" sign because a bend in the road makes it difficult to see the oncoming traffic. However, drivers regularly exit via this ramp, surprising pedestrians, cyclists, etc.

The shopping center administrators have taken steps to combat this problem by adding more signs with truly hysterical results. Right now, if you drive to this non-exit, you are greeted with the following barrage of traffic information attached to a telephone pole...

WRONG
WAY

PLEASE
TURN
BACK

NO
EXIT

PLEASE

ONE
WAY



You would think that five traffic signs, including a "Please" sign (has anybody else ever seen one of these??), would deter the lawbreakers. Not a chance!

I point out the signs to my out-of-town guests, and they shake their heads with wonder. Massachusetts drivers are truly a force to be reckoned with.

Daniel Barrett



Follow your dream... unless it's the one where you're at work in your underwear during a fire drill. Angeline Sanders



It So Seldom Rains on the Moon

Hallways are silent, the city's asleep.

Night's a tradition we cling to and keep.

Out for a walk as I sort through a heap

Of memories, thoughts out of tune,

Like running through rain by a seashore in June —

But it so seldom rains on the Moon

And the memories tied to the sea and the rain

Remain ...

It says in the schedule it's autumn today

But why even bother I really can't say —

Freeze-dried December and vacuum-packed May

Wrapped up in a sterile cocoon —

Atmosphere dome like the bowl of a spoon

And it so seldom rains on the Moon

But the memories tied to the sea and the rain

Remain ...

So why did we come here and why don't we go?

It's something of freedom and room for to grow —

We can't quite explain it, you may never know

Or else you may see it quite soon —

We're not going back to that big blue balloon

Though it so seldom rains on the Moon

And the memories tied to the sea and the rain

Remain ...

Thomas G. Digby

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Don't let people drive you crazy when you know it's within walking distance.



As soon as we started programming, we found to our surprise that it wasn't as easy to get programs right as we had thought. Debugging had to be discovered. I can remember the exact instant when I realized that a large part of my life from then on was going to be spent in finding mistakes in my own programs.

Maurice Wilkes discovers debugging, 1949



Feline of Borg: You will be assimilated. But first, rub my tummy.

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