

Baseless Rumors

Rumors that the Gaming Department is actually a cover for the Newsletter Division's Black Ops team are completely unfounded. There is absolutely no truth to this allegation. On an unrelated note, the individuals who first expressed this mistaken belief have not been seen since Friday evening, when a mysterious fire spontaneously ignited in their luggage.

*Earth comes to an end.
News at 11*

The defCon Doiley Shaft

Anubis
Bob Daverin

Right Hand of Anubis: Brenda Daverin
Left hand of Anubis: Michelle Boyce
Gripping Hand of Anubis: Matt Branstad
Stroking Hand of Anubis: Tom Whitmore

Devotees of Thoth
Neyir Cenk Gökçe & Julie Wall

Field Jackals
Hilary Ayer, Douglas Berry, Michelle Dane, Neyir Cenk Gökçe, Debbie Lentz, Beth Little, Michael Nelson, Sarah Prince, Jan van't Ent, Julie Wall and a cast of thousands

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Vampire Gamers Run Amok - 4 Arrests Made

Players in the Vampire Live Action RolePlaying Game got a little too far into their characterization Saturday night. After a five-hour mass combat scene, a group of players kidnapped a dozen stuffed dinosaurs, screaming about replenishing their blood points. When the SJPd arrived, the gamers surrendered quietly, muttering something about "preserving the Masquerade." The Masquerade Staff denies having any connection with the suspects.

Today's Issue

Today's issue of the Newsletter was brought to you by the Liquids *Single Malt Scotch* and *Beer* and the Food *Chocolate*.

Great Moments in ConJose History

At 3:48 AM on August 29th, the Con Newsletter Office's paper folding machines successfully folded 11 newsletters in a row without jamming.

Volunteer Forms & Waivers

To all volunteers: Please stop at the Volunteer Table to sign your ConJosé Release/Waiver Form. If you are a Staff Member with a number of people reporting to you, Volunteers would appreciate your taking the forms and getting them signed by as many of your staff as possible. This form is currently available on the ConJose web page. Volunteers will be happy to come pick up the completed forms and/or nag...er, entice your remaining staff to sign the forms. We'd like all Release Forms signed by Thursday evening (8/29) or when the person begins working for ConJose, whichever is later.

All Division and Department Managers & Deputies: While you're at the Volunteer Table, please take a second or three to sign and initial the "Authorized Signatures for Volunteer Forms" sheet.

If possible, please let Volunteers know your needs at least one day in advance. Thursday through Sunday, if you need unanticipated help from Volunteers after 10 PM, please contact the At-Con Office. Their staff may be able to help you directly. Otherwise the Office will notify the Volunteer Staff Person who is scheduled to be On Call.

The 27th Error

This item was supposed to run in Issue 11. Dan Renyolds and Annalee Elliott, please report to F a n G a l a x y . c o m (Dealer's Room - Booth 204). You won the Raffle!!!!

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...expressed their hopes that the rest of the con would pass without further intrusions from other planes of existence.

The DefCon Doiley

The Official Newsletter of ConJosé

Thursday Evening
May 29, 2002

Fold-it-yourself Newsletter

Programming Changes

Due to a steadily increasing number of requests, the "I Must Be On A Panel" Panel has been added to the Program Schedule. It will be held at noon Monday in the fountain in Cesar Chavez Park, in front of the Fairmont Hotel. An accountant will be on hand to sign receipts as proof of attendance.

Help Needed!

The Volunteers Anonymous SIG requires assistance in setting up their meeting on Monday. Anyone interested please contact VA in room 2223.

Water Main Break

The San Jose Department of Public Works reports that the massive multiple water pipe break in the Plaza de Cesar Chavez in front of the Fairmont hotel should be fixed by Tuesday afternoon.

Memberships:
6000 Cold
as of 6 PM Wednesday

Deadline for the Thursday afternoon issue: Yesterday

RoboCon

The final problem of the "Junkyard Wars" series of engineering challenges was to find some way to reduce the commute time between event venues. As one would expect of fen, the solution was creative, unexpected, and improbable. In less than two hours they had modified the convention hotels into transformable giant robots, which then combined to form the colossal MechaConZilla.

Younger fen described it as "Some sort of MegaZord", while older members thought it was more of the Voltron or Dairugger 15 style mecha. The privilege of completing the transformation was given to ConJose Co-Chairs Tom Whitmore and Kevin Standlee, who pushed the big red button and cried out in unison "And I'll form the HEAD!"

According to the engineers, building the thing was amazingly easy. "All we really needed was a pair of pliers, some electrical tape, and a clean tablecloth to sketch our ideas out on." When asked where they obtained the massive amounts of computing power necessary to run the giant robot, one of the pilots replied: "We found a Powerbook 520 someone was using for a doorstop and used it for the system's central hub. We haven't had any problems so far."

Sadly, this magnificent feat of fannish ingenuity was a failure at its primary mission. The wait time for an elevator to get from the feet to the party floors in the chest never dropped below 4 hours, and the fire marshal threatened to shut the convention down for violation of fire regulations. The hotels were returned to their places of business and MechaConZilla went dormant...Until the next time the Earth has need of it.

Catch the Glitch, Drive Home With A Gremlin

The newsletter staff have inserted deliberate errors in each issue. Some are glaringly obvious, while others are quite subtle and only detectable to the trained eye. If you catch all of the errors, you are eligible for a special gift from the Publications Department.

Any member of ConJose who identifies all 27 mistakes and shows up at the Newsletter office at 6 PM Tuesday night will receive a gremlin (the creature, not the car) for their very own. As a special bonus, the first 10 winners will also receive a tube of kobold blue.

Physics Verification

One of the fundamental postulates of physics is Galileo’s assertion that two falling bodies of different mass will strike the ground simultaneously. Monday morning at 11 AM, the Newsletter staff will stage a demonstration. We will be dropping a Techko LF283 paper folder and an Apple Macintosh LCIII from the 20th floor of the Fairmont Hotel onto the plaza between the towers of the hotel. According to Bob Daverin, Head of Newsletter, “We’re fairly confident that they’ll hit together. Our one worry is that the folder will jam on the way down. We don’t want to climb up to the twelfth floor to dislodge it.”

Transportation Needs

Now that the convention is coming to an end, some members are looking for help or companionship for their trip home. If you can help any of these individuals with their transportation needs, please contact them.

Winging it

Green, bat-eared gremlin seeks airplane flight, destination unimportant. Willing to ride on wing. Contact Newsletter w/ offers.

Surf City, here we come

Mr. G.W. Shark, departing ConJose late Mon PM for Pacific Rim region, seeks surfers to share travel expenses & food. Leave message c/o Maneaters Anonymous Table.

Starting to Panic

Hitchhiker urgently seeks lift as far as Barnard’s Star. Pick-up: Basing-Stokes Roundabout, England, Tues 3 AM (GMT).

Cash On Delivery

2 Robots, Sensei, & Whiny farmboy seek passage to galaxy far, far away. Can pay \$2000 now, w\ \$15,000 on arrival. Make contact in Baen’s Bar, left rear corner. No Imperial entanglements, please.

2004 Worldcon Site Selection Scandal

After nearly 12 hours of grueling work, the crack ballot-counting team from Florida declared a miscount after receiving a protest from the None-of-the-Above bid committee from Wyoming.

While The Sensible People Are Sleeping

The Monday party listings:

Handbaskets Anonymous will start thier party at Midnight in Room 666. They expect to be carousing in the basement by 12:30 AM.

The Charlotte in ‘05 DragonCon Bid kicks off with a bang in Room 1313. Look for the fireworks to start around 9-ish.

Resistance is futile. You cannot run, you cannot hide. The L.A. in ‘06 World Domination Bid is in progress on the 20th Floor.

Nature Or Sculptor?

After a hastily arranged panel on stopping reneegade gods met, the deity was corralled by a clever combination of nets, Rube Goldberg-pulleys, and a Hostess Twinkie (not even blood-thirsty monsters came resist that creamy filling.) Before being taken away to Monster Island, “Quetzl” made the following statement to the press: “Look, I’m sorry about the mess, but I’m a god, ok? Look how they cast me! Look at the pose! Do I inspire you? Make you recall classic Mesamerican culture? I don’t think so; I remind most people of something else entirely, and it ain’t pretty.”

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Lovecraftian horror marred ConJose as the infamous Quetzacoatl statue in Plaza de Ceasar Chavez came to life and began a devastating rampage through the downtown area. Early blame for the event fell on the participants in the Vampire LARP, but they were soon cleared after it was realized that the statue animated at approximately 10AM. “Ten in the morning?” one pale, black-clad goth commented through fake fangs, “Are people even awake then?”

While members of the anime and gaming cadres pooled their giant monster-killing skills to stop the reneegade Aztec deity, the source of the sudden resurrection was finally located. Evidently the highly successful blood drive had liberated enough of the precious fluid to awaken the monster. Now up and craving sustenance, the multi-ton bronze sculpture of the plumed serpent stalked the streets.

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The Ratz Are Coming!

At long last, the members of the World Science Fiction Convention will be privileged to bask in the golden tones of Dead Ratz on Styx, Germany’s biggest techno-punk phenomenon. D.R.o.S. have chosen ConJose as the first stop on their 6 year, 1201 city world tour. Join Lars, Tippi, and the rest of the band in the San José Civic Auditorium Monday at midnight and help us bring the 60th Worldcon to a screaming close.

Iron - It’s Not Just For Breakfast Anymore

As a public service to assist members who are stuck in an unimaginative rut, the newsletter staff has come up with seven creative uses for the iron you probably have in your hotel room. An iron can be used for/as a:

1. Book Binding
2. Cooking grilled cheese sandwiches
3. Doorstop
4. Humidifier
5. Heating water for tea
6. Laminating
7. Anti-curling iron (Straightening iron)

And after all of this, if it’s still clean, you can use it to press the wrinkles out of your clothes.

Shower Warning

The showers in the Fairmont are seriously addictive. Lulled by whimpy ecologically-sound flow-restricted showers, one person went into shock the first time he was deluded by the mighty stream of high-pressure water. More than one early morning meeting has been missed due to the sensual pleasure of these full-forces torrents of hot water.

Complaints have also been raised about the size of the Fairmont bathrooms. It was reported that, after retiring for the morning after a long evening of sampling the excellect single malt scotches at the Wednesday night UK in ‘05 party, an unnamed person, awakened by the Call of Nature(TM), stumbled to the bathroom in the dark. After a right turn and two left turns, the toilet was located and business was done. Upon completion the unfortunate got lost and could not find his way out of the bathroom and was forced to sleep in the bathtub until the search party found him in the morning.

New Hugo Award Category

The 2002 WSFS Business Meeting voted to add a new short form Dramatic Presentation Hugo Award. The award will be called the “Buffy Hugo” and the rocket for this special award will be made from wood.

Since there is no room left on the Hugo ballot for a new award category, two of the short fiction Hugo Awards will be compressed into one Nouveaunovellalatte category.

The Real Truth About Mylar

The previously mentioned “Mylar Maze/Labyrinth for Children” is actually a Mylar Pentagram. It has proven very useful for summoning minor techo-demons as well as providing a gateway for interdimensional travel.

ConJose Vs TNT

The Gaming Department of ConJose sallied forth to defend their territory late Saturday night, when an attack force of gazebos was detected massing near the entrance to the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The wooden assault was repulsed by a shower of dice, paper airplanes, and soda cans. At press time, the gazebos were in full retreat, fleeing the scene at their maximum rate of speed. It is suspected that the gazebo battalion was merely the vangard of a Tapestry In Talent invasion force, out to conquer more area in which to display their wares. Tapestry In Talent officials were not available for comment.

Get Your R.D.A.

Those who wish to maintain a balanced diet during the convention should know that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has recently announced that the “Five Basic Junk Food Groups” are:

- “Sweet” — ice cream, candy, soda
- “Grease” — hot dogs/hamburgers, fried chicken, pizza, peanut butter
- “Fried Starch” — french fries/potato chips, onion rings, egg rolls
- “Baked/Boiled Starch” — cookies, pretzels, all types of pasta
- “Fermented Starch” — beer, wine, whiskey