

Ice sales correction

Party-throwers who wish to acquire ice are asked to place their orders at ConOps (the Paseo room of the Fairmont Hotel). The Fairmont fulfills the orders and all questions about the status of your order should be directed to them – ConOps is merely the collection point for your convenience.

Kinko's Grand Opening

A new Kinko's Copying Center has just opened on the corner of West Santa Clara and San Pedro Streets.

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Roundtable Political Incorrectness

Due to unforeseen difficulties beyond our terrynichal control the roundtable was unceremoniously ousted from the ConSuite on Friday night due to the presence of a British humourist fantasy writer who's fan club is slightly larger than the average fannish book collection. Amongst cries of "We will not be moved!" and accusations of "Literature! Literature!" thrown at the visiting dignitary, we re-located to the bar in the Fairmont lobby. Apologies to those people who misplaced us. Topics that were not discussed yesterday ranged from "Is Terry as bad as Asimov when it comes to signing books?", "What Discworld book would you EBay first?" and "Is an unsigned Discworld book worth more?" Normal service for Night At The Roundtable will return this evening at 8PM in the ConSuite. Bring your favorite topics to be devoured by those in attendance.

Bid Committee, Bid Committee, wherefore art thou Bid Committee?

If you were a member of the Bay Area in 2002 Bid Committee, please see Kevin Standlee for your Bid Committee ribbon.

Women with swords

On Sunday, September 1st, San Jose State University will be conducting a tendo-ryu seminar. Tendo-ryu is an Asian martial arts form that was developed for girl's physical education approximately 400 years ago. It features choreographed katas for sword, staff, chain & sickle, and naginata. While they are no longer taking seminar admissions, the public is invited to attend and observe, free of charge. The seminar will be held in the SJSU Women's Gym, starting at 10 AM. To get to the gym, take San Carlos Blvd. to 7th street, turn left, and follow the signs.

2002 Student Science Fiction & Fantasy Contest

The Fifth Annual Student SF & F Contest Awards were presented by ConJose and Baltimore Worldcon 1998, Inc. at a well-attended Saturday afternoon ceremony in the Fairmont. Students and their families attended from across the United States. Certificates and one-day ConJose memberships were given to all semi-finalists and finalists. The winners received full ConJose memberships and fifty dollar bookstore gift certificates.

Torcon 3 and Baltimore Worldcon 1998, Inc. shall be co-sponsoring the 2003 Student Science Fiction & Fantasy Contest. Students in the 5th through 12th grades (or equivalent) are invited to submit science fiction or fantasy related short stories, science essay, and artwork. Details may be found at <http://www.bucconeer.worldcon.org/contest/>

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Saturday Evening
August 31, 2002

Programming Changes

Additional

Experimental Rocket Propulsion - Sunday at 4 PM in CC A1-A8. They will be presenting the results of their research into liquid fuel rocket development.

SFF.net correction

We listed the SFF.net reading room as being 531 in the Fairmont. It is actually in room 1605. We apologize for the confusion.

Sidewise Awards

The Sidewise Award is given for achievement in alternate history. The award for long form went to J.N. Stroyar for **The Children's War**. The award for short form went to Ken MacLeod for "The Human Front."

Moving the Mountain

Fans from the Rocky Mountain region of the US and Canada: If you are interested in discussing the ideas of a moving convention and other events for the mountain states and provinces, meet up at 7 PM Sunday near the party board.

Wedding bells are ringing

Congratulations to Press Gang volunteers and all-around cool people Dave Klecha and Terri Sanford, who got engaged last night (after Patrick Stewart's talk)!

**Deadline for the
Sunday morning
issue: 10 PM**

Weapons Policy

We have been informed that local law prohibits the carrying of any weapon or any object that could be perceived as a weapon. We are told that the police view this very seriously, and they may take action if they feel themselves threatened.

Please do not carry any weapon or weapon-like object, even as a part of a hall costume. The only exception is for registered participants in the Masquerade during the Masquerade.

Get your bids in early

Bidding for items in the art show closes at 1 PM on Sunday, not 2 PM as printed in the pocket program. The auction will begin at 2:30 PM in room CCA2A7 as originally scheduled.

Honoring the best of the worst

The 30th annual Hogu and Blackhole Awards Ranquet will take place this Sunday. Interested parties may either meet at the Convention Center registration area at 12:30 PM for the Ranquet Run or convene at the McDonald's on San Carlos Ave. at Third St. at 1 PM. The Hoaxmaster General will be Elst Weinstein with Ferdinand Feghoot (or his designated representative) as Special Guest of Honor.

Hugos need signers too

ASL-fluent signers are needed to interpret for major events. Possible reimbursement and priority seating for your party may be available. Contact Handicapped services or any Events Division or Department Head.

Restaurant Report

If you're into spicy food, the Thai restaurant House of Siam on Second St. is worth a visit. It's easiest to simply second the recommendation of the Restaurant Guide. The help was friendly, they found seating in an already crowded restaurant, service seemed to be efficiently coping with the masses, and yes, they do serve milder varieties as well.

Phan mail phrom a Philly phlounder

Michael Swanwick writes from Philadelphia: *I received two panicked e-mails today from my designated Hugo acceptors (Eileen Gunn for "The Dog Said Bow-Wow" in short story and Michael Walsh for Being Gardner Dozois in related book) asking if I had any remarks ready in case I actually won. I realized then that I'd completely forgotten that ConJosé was this weekend and that I was up in two categories. I stared at my fingertips. I felt like God.*

Alien Sex in Convention Center

It was at 10 in the morning, so naturally most of you missed it.

No, really. Pat MacEwen, marine biologist, forensic pathologist, etc., gave a slide show on Alien Sex Saturday morning that had audience members squirming in their seats.

A few snippets from the panel for your speculation and amusement:

There could be more than two genders, but not in any earthly species. Biologists talk about the "cost of sex". As you add genders necessary to reproduction, it makes the odds against reproduction climb. Say you're an A and you meet up with a B. Well, you have to find a C that both of you like and that likes both of you, before your B gets bored or wanders away or finds an AC combo looking for a B, which leaves you out of the picture... you see the problem? That's leaving out neuroses, PMS, differences in religion....

Flamingos — you will never achieve a breeding pair. You see, flamingos only reproduce in groups. It takes 60 or so before they begin to get interested. 75 is better. Zoos are beginning to put in mirrors. Lots of mirrors.

With all of these speculations, Pat extrapolates what an intelligent species with similar constraints would be like: what mores, what mythologies, how their history could be affected.

Another example: In one of the octopus species, the female gives birth and dies. Depending on which gender controlled reproduction in an intelligent species, you might find a cultural value of sacrifice, or a tendency to sequester the sexes in convents and monasteries.

If you see Pat running around the con, and you want to hear something really scary, ask her about plant STDs.

Childcare Information

ConJose has contracted with Kiddie Corp, a professional childcare organization, to provide childcare for our members children in the Piedmont Room at the Fairmont Hotel (2nd floor, new tower). Hours are:

Saturday: 10 AM - 5:30 PM, 7 PM - 2 PM

Honoring the best in youth literature

The Golden Duck Awards will be presented on Saturday, August 31st at 7 PM in the Fairfield Room of the Fairmont Hotel. The winners are:

- Picture Book - **Baloney** by Jon Scieska, illustrated by Lane Smith (Viking Press)
- Eleanor Cameron Award for Middle Grades - **Beatnik Rutabagas From Beyond The Stars** by Quenin Dodd (Farrar Strauss Giroux)
- Hal Clement Award for Young Adults- **This Side of Paradise** by Steven Layne (North Star Books)

Saturday Evening Anime Schedule

Screenings are being held in the Atherton room in the new tower of the Fairmont Hotel.

- 7 PM .Hack\ \ 1-2
- 8 PM Chobits 1-2
- 9 PM Inu Yasha the Movie
- 10 PM Gatekeepers 1-2
- 11 PM Puni Puni Poemi 1-2
- 12 AM Vampire Hunter Bloodlust!
- 2 AM room closes until 8 AM

Ephemeral dragon art now in the Art Show

Freelance sculptor Kim Graham is building a seven-and-a-half foot tall, twelve foot long, dragon in the corner of the Art Show over the course of the convention. Graham, who has sculpted for Wizards of the Coast, has done several live demos at such conventions as GenCon, Norwescon, Origins, and Foolscape.

The demonstration is "hands on," so if you want to help, the public is freely invited to jump in and get their hands dirty. Even if you don't want to sculpt yourself, stop by and check it out while it's there — because at the end of the convention, the piece will be torn down and thrown away. If you don't go and see it here, you'll never get a chance to.

How many volunteers were needed to inflate the inflatable drop off point?

Saturday Party list

- All parties take place in the Fairmont Hotel.
- 322 8:00 Frank Kelly Freas Birthday Party
 - 516 10:00 Las Vegas Fandom
 - 1028 after Masq The Poly Lounge
 - 1101 9:00 Readercon
 - 1128 after Masq Masquerade Cast Party
 - 1205 9:00 Xerps in 2005
 - 1428 8:00 Baen's Bar/ReadAssist.org auction
 - 1501 8:00 Meet SFSA (South Africa Science Fiction)
 - 1505 9:30 Noreascon 4
 - 1528 8:00 Further Confusion 2003
 - 1627 9:00 Golden Duck Awards reception
 - 1628 8:00 GLBT (Gay Fandom)
 - 1705 9:00 Kansas City in 2006
 - 1728 9:00 Seattle in 2005 NASFiC bid /Foolscape
 - 1805 9:00 Nippon in 2007
 - 1827 8:00 Charlotte in 2005 NASFiC bid
 - 1832 9:00 Belly Jam! Baghdad Cafe
 - 1905 9:00 L.A. in 2006 - Space Cadet Orientation
 - 1907 11:00 The Rules
 - 1911 8:00 BayCon 2003
 - 1912 8:00 San Jose in 2005 Westercon bid
 - 2021 9:00 Torcon 3
 - Belvedere Ballroom (2nd floor) 9:00pm YAOI-Con 2002 (18 and over)

Clarification

Some people have gotten the impression that room 2003 in the Fairmont is the ConSuite and have become upset when they see a sign saying it is for staff only. This is because the room number on the ConSuite is 2004 and the room they were looking at was a room the staff is using for preparation. ConJose regrets the confusion and hopes the signs pointing the way will help.

Can you ID these fans?

The Fan History Project has over 1,000 photos on display in Exhibit Hall 2. Come and see if we have photos of you or your friends.

Many of the fans in these pictures need to be identified. Please help us by naming your friends and acquaintances. The images are from the 1930's through 2001.

Flight of the Frazetta

The winner of the Frank Frazetta signed print "Dragonflight" is Doug Bissel. Come to the Galaxy Press booth in the Dealer's Room — publishers of the L. Ron Hubbard Presents the Writers and Illustrators of the Future series — to pick up the prize. Two more signed Frank Frazetta prints are being given away — enter the free drawing at the Galaxy Press booth.

You know you're at a convention hotel when you need to hire a guide to negotiate the maze of twisty halls that look all the same.

