



The Unexpected Endorsement

A strange package was found in the far closet of the Hollister in 2008 committee headquarters. It was a cassette tape labeled "Hunter 2008" Investigation has discovered that it was made shortly before Mr. Hunter S. Thompson passed away and that he was interviewed by someone who was with the committee (though everyone seems to deny it). Here's is the transcript

Hunter S. Thompson: Yeah, go ahead and come in.

Voice #2: Hello, Mr. Thompson, I'm...

HST: Did you bring the smokes like you said? God help you if you forgot the smokes.

Voice #2: Yes, here they are, Mr. Thompson.

(The sound of a pack of cigarettes being opened following by a match being struck.)

HST: Alright, what did you want to talk to me about?

Voice #2: Well sir, it's about the 2008 bid for...

HST: The White House? Well, I'm sure that Hilary will find a way to make us...

Voice #2: No sir, it's about the 2008 bid for WorldCon.

HST: For what?

Voice #2: WorldCon, the World Science Fiction Convention.



HST: Science fiction? You mean that crazy Buck Rogers stuff?

Voice #2: Well, yes, but in recent years...

HST: where are you thinking that you'd like to hold this WorldCon?

VOICE #2: Well, we're bidding for Hollister, Califor...

HST: Hollister you say? Hollister. Really, I haven't thought of that place for nearly twenty years. You know, I rode with the Hell's Angels once. Spent some time in Hollister.

Voice #2: That's why the commit...

HST: If I were you, I wouldn't ask the Hell's Angels to do security for your convention. The Rolling Stones would second that opinion.

Voice #2: No, we're bidding to hold it at Casa de Fruta, so we won't need...

HST: Casa de Fruta? That place on the side of the road?

Voice #2: Yes sir, it's...

Pacheco Progress
The Third Regress Report for Hollister in 2008

HST: well, I know that place. They had this guy there, crazy bastard. I'd almost say he was Gonzo, but there's no food services equivalent of it. He would flip cups, pour coffee while it was still in the air. Madness. Always a fraction of an inch away from lading hot coffee onto some unsuspecting sonuvabitch who might have thought it necessary to get a cup of coffee while driving south from San Francisco.

Voice #2: Yes, there was a...

HST: You know, one afternoon, the boys and I stopped there and went in to get a cup of coffee. I was sitting with a guy, I don't remember his name, but he was three bills and change, hands like

Christmas pies and a forehead like a retarded trogladyte. We had a seat and this cup flipping fellow came alongside our table and did his little show. The big man, well he started crying, crying like it was the most beautiful thing he'd ever seen. It was a testament to the power that Cup Flipping bastard had over his hungering audience. It was either that or the threebuttons of mescaline that I had traded to the big bastard.

Voice #2: That's...

HST: So, what did you want from me? Some form of encouragement that you should hold the convention in a location where anyone might just end up with a pot of coffee flung in their face by a physical specimen of a waiter? Is that what

you want? Well, here it is: Hunter S. Thompson says Casa de Fruta is a good place for the World Science Convention.

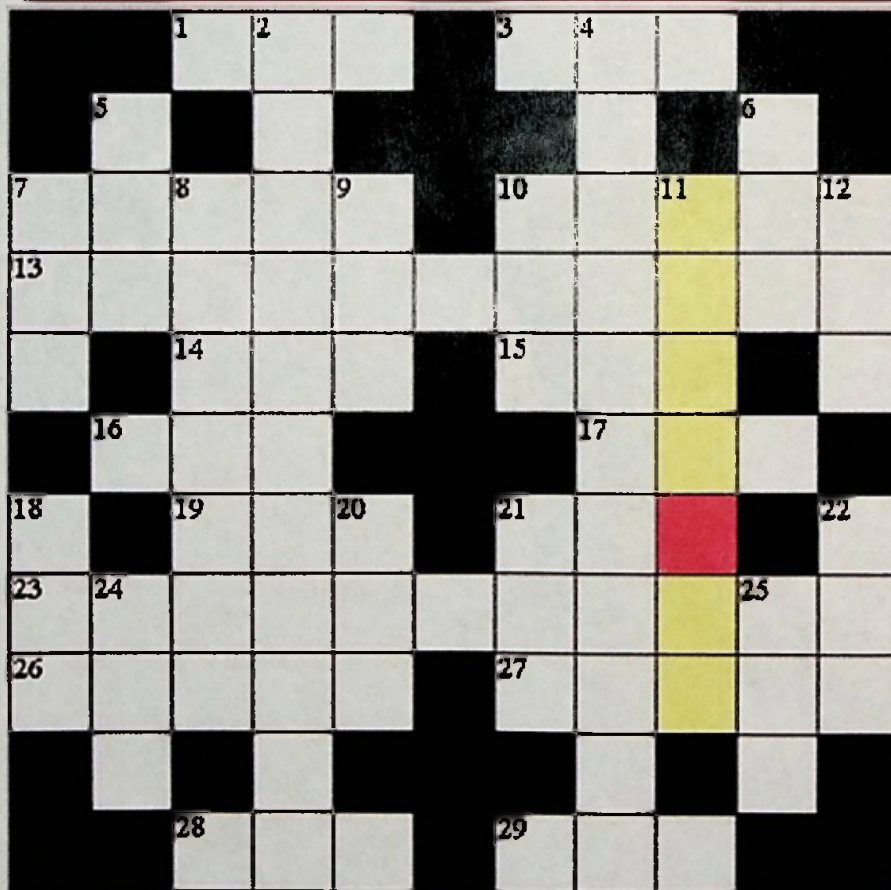
Voice #2: World Science Fiction Convention.

HST: Don't correct me. It sickens me.

Voice #2: I'm sorry Mister...

HST: Now, you've got what you wanted, get off my property. I'll count to ten by fives now, son. Five...

(there's a sound of a bullet being put into the chamber of a hand gun followed by the sound of a man carrying a tape recorder running for his life)



Clues

Across

- 1- Kickin' song by Metallica
- 3- sort of thing that ruins a picnic
- 7- Dead Greek Dude who would support Hollister in 2008
- 10- Barnum's family
- 13- Colbert-ism for the flavour of your truth
- 14- That guy at every bar
- 15- A really bad overdose
- 16- A fish you eat
- 17- what you'd have to be taking to think that Columbus could win the Site Selection in LA
- 19- Your own personal culpa
- 21- The sound of Goofy laughing
- 23- Something a young Porn Star might be described as
- 26- Where you should offer sacrifice for Prime Time quality
- 27- I B Old, so...
- 28- The Other bids ___ not as good as Hollister in 2008

Down

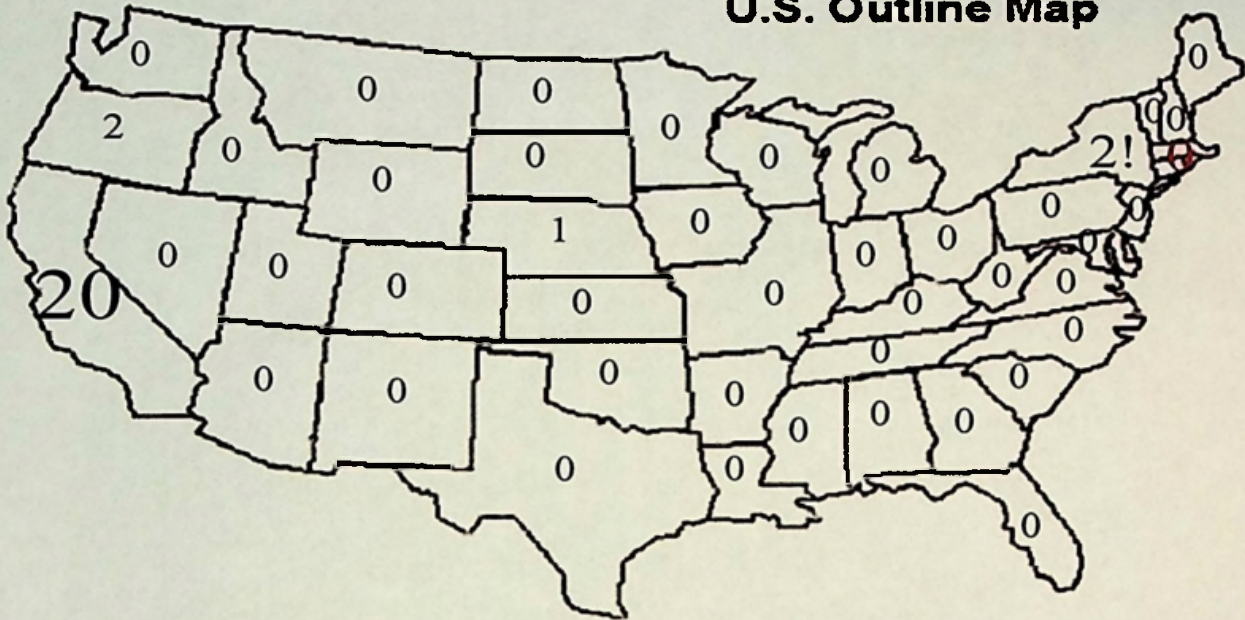
- 2- Where should the 2008

WorldCon be awarded?
 4- What city could win?
 5- Some kind of cleaning product or cable
 6- What I had a lot of as a kid
 7- Harper Valley ____
 8- Dirty cars go to the...
 9- A Measure of something of an-

other in electricity
 10- Bloody Palmed Padre
 11- If you flense a child you'll have leftover...
 12- Bill ____, the Science Guy
 18- ____t-Putt Golf
 19- Place for Wrestling
 20- What we should be selling to

pay for all of this frivolity
 21- Who should vote for Hollister in 2008?
 22- init. A Growing Weed
 24- What else we should sell
 25- What they chase you with when you're crazy (according to cartoons)

U.S. Outline Map



Alabama- 0
 Alaska- 0
 Arizona- 0
 Arkansas- 0
 Canada- 1
 California- 20 1/3
 Colorado- 0
 Connecticut- 0
 Delaware- 0
 Florida- 0
 Georgia- 0
 Hawaii- 0
 Idaho- 0
 Indiana- 0
 Illinois- 0
 Iowa- 0
 Kansas- 0
 Kentucky- 0
 Louisiana- 0
 Maine- 0
 Maryland- 0
 Massachussetts- 0
 Michigan- 0
 Minnesota- 0
 Mississippi- 0
 Montana- 0
 Nebraska- 1

Nevada- 0
 New Jersey- 0
 New Mexico- 0
 New York- 2 (Seriously!)
 North Carolina- 0
 North Dakota- 0
 Ohio- 0
 Oklahoma- 0
 Oregon- 2
 Pennsylvania- 0
 Rhode Hampshire- 0
 South Carolina- 0
 South Dakota- 0
 Tennessee- 0
 Texas- 0
 Utah- 0
 Vermont- 0
 Washington- 0
 West Virginia- 0
 Wisconsin- 0
 Wyoming- 0

49 US States total (because Rhode Island Corp. and New Hampshire have agreed to merge into one state, Canada (sans Quebec) having recently been annexed and I'll be

dead in the cold cold ground before I recognise Missouri!)- 25 1/3

Other Countries

Finlasia- 1
 Wales- 2/3 (compromise made between CA and Wales that also allows CA to claim any future Welsh transplants as 1/3)
 That is all.

Totals

International: 1 2/3
 US- 25 1/3
 Total Membership- 27

Breakdown:

4 Pre-supports (*cough*cheapskates*cough*)
 2 Pre-Opposers
 6 Nuts
 13 Bidcomm Members

Wow, them's good numbers, eh?

Hollister in 2008:

A bid for *Casa de Worldcon*

<http://hollister2008.livejournal.com>

Hollister? Casa de what? What is this crazytalk?

- There's this whole bidding process by which organizations campaign to hold a Worldcon at their site. This year at L.A.con IV, Chicago, Columbus and Denver are bidding to win the 2008 Worldcon.
- Bidding and voting is regulated by the World Science Fiction Society (an unincorporated literary society that holds the Worldcon trademarks)
- These regulations are only important if you intend to win. If you intend to lose, break at least one to ensure you're ineligible
- There is a grand tradition of hoax bids, bids that don't qualify and can't win but are fun and silly
- Some people get offended by hoax bids. We call them *easy targets*
- There are two major routes between Los Angeles and the SF Bay Area. One takes you right past Casa de Fruta on CA Highway 152
- Casa de Fruta is a major California landmark.
- Casa de Fruta has a 14 room hotel (Casa de Inn), a 300-space RV park (Casa de RV) and a conference center (without a cute name)
- 2008 is the centennial of Casa de Fruta
- You see where this is going, don't you?

Would you like to be a part of the most memorable bid for a Worldcon in years? You can support us in several ways.

Join Hollister in 2008

Pre-Supporting Membership:	\$10
I'm a Nut! (Friend of the Bid):	\$20
BidCom Member:	\$30
Pre-Opposing Membership:	\$40

What do these membership levels get you? Pre-support gets you the satisfaction of helping with a great hoax. "I'm a Nut!" also gets your name on the *Casa de Worldcon* Wall of Fame at our bid party at L.A.con IV. BidCom membership gets your name in our program book ad (if we sell enough memberships to pay for a party *and* a program book ad) and the opportunity to help with the party. Pre-opposing gets your name on the *Casa de Worldcon* Wall of Shame at the party.

Name _____

Address/email _____

Pre-Sup (\$10) Nut (\$20) BidCom (\$30) Pre-Op (\$40)

Hand-deliver your registration to Andy Trembley, Kevin Roche or Chris Garcia
"Hollister in 2008" is a committee of the *Bay Area Science Fiction Society*
"We do these things not because they are easy, but because they are weird!"