



The Port Authority

News at Interaction

Editorial Team: Yellow Perils

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Lost & Found

A number of international passports have been found at the Central train station. If you think that your passport may be there, please go to Ops.

Eggs UK

Apologies for our lateness in creating designated seating, but that will be rectified today. Also, we still need volunteers willing to act as personal aides to help some visually impaired fans attending Worldcon. If you can help, contact Gopher Hole or Eggs UK desk.

Bad News in Comics

For those familiar with Page 45, a particularly good comic shop in Nottingham, England, we are seeing on Neil Gaiman's website that co-owner Mark Simpson fell ill and died unexpectedly on Sunday 31st July. Those wishing to send condolences can email page45@page45.com

Calling All Conrunners

Have you got an upcoming con? Want to talk to people about it? Come to the Q & A session in M (Barra) at 19:00 tonight. Bring fliers!

Cheaper Ale!

In recognition of the good business that we have brought to the Hilton, the Hilton has reduced the price of the real ale that is being sold in the Ballroom Foyer bar from £3.25 to £2.90.

Volunteer/Staff Reminders

Each Kaffeeklatsch holds one spot open for volunteers and staff, raffled off one hour prior. Volunteers can also earn GRoaTs, a T-shirt, or decent seating at the Masquerade! Sign up at the Gopher Hole!



A Scene from Lucas Back in Anger

Lucas Back in Anger

Ian Sorensen and Phil Raines assembled a large cast of actors and ASMs to satirise the Star Wars phenomenon. Fans in a packed Armadillo spaceship produced the sounds of the Darth Vader theme whenever DV showed up!

The show began with a spoof of Star Wars IV, plus a quick run through of episodes V and VI. Ian played Obi-Wan, Phil, Harrison Ford as Han Solo and Indy. They were supported by actors in the major roles, with R2D2 played by a Dalek, C3PO was a Cyberman, and the Jawas were Oompa-Loompas. Darth Vader was conventional enough until the climax of *The Empire Strikes Back*, when – no I won't say it. If you weren't there, find someone who was!

The garbage compacter scene became the crowded cabin of a Marx Brothers movie. When

Correction:

Highlights from the art show, David A Hardy's Mikos is Mimas

Art Exhibit Highlight

The Coffin by Jackie E. Burns. The details on the panelling and the golden dragon on the lid are worth the view.

Lando Calrissian was set to appear, Londo Mollari arrived to great cheers. The energy bolts at the climax of *Return of the Jedi* were really effective with projectile silly string. Paul and Ian first pretended they had not prepared the second trilogy, then announced it would be played in a different way, as *Jabba the Musical* was performed by just the pair of them. This was a tour de force using paper-folding for the different costumes, including Amidala, and telling the story through folk-songs based on well-loved Abba songs, to which the audience sang along. So as "the Empire Takes It All" we sang "Thank You For the Movies".

The show reflected the immense amount of work on costumes and props. I haven't seen any Reductio productions before, but as a veteran of amateur theatre, I say "brilliant!"
Jessica Yates

Prometheus Award

The Libertarian Futurist Society awarded the Prometheus Award to Neal Stephenson's *The System of the World*. The Prometheus Hall of Fame Award went to A.E. van Vogt for *The Weapon Shops of Isher*.

Texan Hoe-Down

Come party with the Friends of Texas, in the Glenmorangie room on the main party floor of the Hilton Hotel, on Sunday after the Hugos. Hosted/sponsored by the Austin Literary Arts Maintenance Organisation, Inc (ALOMO).

Hugo Screenings

All Hugo dramatic nominees (long and short form) will now be shown from Sunday on, in the Castle Suites of the Moat House. The award winners will be screened on Monday.

Towel Fu Tournament

Miriam Moss won the first international Towel Fu Tournament at the ZZ9 Party last night. She was the third highest scorer; the higher scorers, Liam Proven and DougS (the society's president and the party's host, respectively), were ineligible.

Careful of the bikes

A reminder that the red footbridge next to the SECC has a green bike path and that walking in it may endanger the walker, the cyclist and anyone else nearby when they ride around a blind corner.

Macmillan Draw Redux

The winners of Friday's draw were David Evans and Richard Gray.

Christian Fandom Meeting

The SIC meeting listed in the supplemental program as "Christian Fantasy" is the Christian Fandom meeting.

ASFA

All artists, art collectors & fans! Visit ASFA in the Moat House, Rm. 1501.3 -- open all day!

Signed books

Opher Lubzens needs to pick up his signed books from the Gopher Hole in Hall 2.

HealthCon 2005

The Menzies Hotel is charging 29 euros per room for a breakfast. I find myself eating far more healthily than I usually do at a convention as a result. Begone the usual pattern of stuffing myself on as much fatty, greasy, sugary filling food as possible, washed down with a great flood of orange juice and coffee. Hello to an illicit bowl of Alpen with semi-skimmed milk, a banana and a peach. And proper tea. (Tea in the SECC is vile: I suspect low unBritish practices such as hot, not boiling water, and a teabag dunked into the cup).

Will Interaction be the Health Con of the year, in a city where they deep-fry salad?

An email from Jack Williamson:

Hope you enjoy the Worldcon.

I'm 97 and feeling the years, but I feel well and have good care. I no longer write anything ambitious, but I have two new books coming out, done when I had a little more vigour. A novel, The Stonehenge Gate, that I'm happy with. And an updated edition of Wonder's Child, written twenty years ago.

Mother India Cafe

Details in Con book.

We ate at the Mother India Cafe and had a fantastic time. Great food, good service, and live entertainment.

Be warned though: while the price of each dish is less than £6, you'll need about 2 dishes per person to be full. We paid £50 for our party of five. Still, it's a treat. Highly recommended.

EURONEWS

Eurocon 2006 in the Ukraine

For a fun, friendly convention join the next Eurocon in Kiev at our fantable in Hall 2. There will be a presentation by Borys Sydiuk on Monday 12:00 in L (Alsh-1).

Fandom in Finland

Finnish fandom started in 1976 when the Turku Science Fiction Society was founded. There are active sf societies in all the major cities, with their fanzines, pub meetings, etc.

The Finnish national convention is called Finncon. They are FREE and usually attract 3000 to 5000 attendees. The next one is in Helsinki in 2006. You should come.

If you want to know more about Findom, come meet us at the Finnish room party on Sunday. You can find links to more information at <<http://partialrecall.blogspot.com>>.

French NatCon in Tilff

The 32nd French National Con will take place in Esneux-Tilff, Belgium, from 25th to 28th August. More info on the programme etc. from Alain le Bussy.

Bergen meets

Bergen Fandom meets at Taverna Sokrates every first Tuesday in the month, about 20 people in total, but about half are active. We have arranged several cons, the latest is Symposicon in 2004. We are very good at arranging cons.

Michael Whelan Signs

He will be at the autographing tables in Hall 3 at 16:30.

Wir brauchen mehr Gophers.

Nous devons trouver plus des Gophers. Vi vill ha mera Gophers. We Need More Gophers.

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