

REVISIONIST

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- 1937. May 8. The Lanson Screen, an impenetrable force field, is demonstrated in a field test outside New York City. An eighteen-inch railroad gun fires three-hundred-pound bombs at it, they stop in mid-air and glide to the ground, flattened.
- 1937. May 9. A Lanson Screen domes Manhattan. Professor Henry Lanson dies in a tragic accident, taking the secret of the Lanson Screen — including, how to turn it off — with him. Manhattan Island entombed for 62 years.
- 1963. Men reach the Moon
- 1966. First circumnavigation of Mars
- 1999. Howard Cranston invents a machine to create a Lanson Screen from outside the field, and it becomes a simple matter to uncover Manhattan again.
- 1999. Halley's Comet takes a dive towards Earth.
- 1999. September 13. Moon blown out of orbit.
- 2019. Humans land on Mars.
- 2030. Great Drought begins
- 2035. Pandemic begins
- 2044. Nuclear Wars begin
- 2060. Second Dark Age begins
- 2079. Earth recovers from World War III, 37 million dead.
- 2425. April 1. Dr. Wolfgang Amadeus Menzinger, professor emeritus at Heinlein University on Odyson One, discovers time travel. (On his 115th birthday. Previously he was famous for having formulated the Unified Field Theory when he was 66, which reduced Einstein to one of the also-rans.)

FUTURE HISTORY

Chaz — This "message from the chairperson(s)" should go at the very beginning of an issue of the newsletter, please. Thank you. — Shaun

Welcome to Loscon 21! My co-chairman, Christian McGuire, and I hope you enjoy yourselves to the fullest and take advantage of yet another weekend of "Fandom Illustrated," as it were, to relieve the monotony of Mundanity.

Our five Guests of Honor are here and the program has commenced! Lois McMaster Bujold, the author of such wonderful novels as "Mirror Dance," "The Vor Game" and "Barrayar," and her son Paul are here direct from Ohio. Likewise, editor extraordinaire Kristine Kathryn Rusch is here with her husband Dean Wesley Smith from Oregon... and you probably won't have to look far in order to find something she wrote ("prolific" doesn't even cover it!) Julius Schwartz came all the way from New York, and if you don't know who Julie is, go back to Kansas! And of course, the incredible Alicia Austin and her business manager Jinx Beers are here and have tables in the Dealers' Room, and Robbie Cantor, our Fan Guest of Honor, is probably working by this point. (Just try to stop her!) Robbie's doing most of the organizing of the Book Auction and keeping our Operations department on their toes.

We would like to send a very special thanks to each member of our committee and staff and all

of our volunteers for jobs well done or about to be done. Lots of people pulled together on this event and we hope you'll take every opportunity to have a good time. Meanwhile, remember...

tonight's our Ice Cream Social, Casino Night, Regency & Rock Dancing and, of course, Hour 25 tapes at 6:00pm in Vine A-B.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Shaun Lyon, Co-Chairman

Program Changes

Saturday, 9:00 pm, Celebration Room: Celtic Cabaret (New!)

Saturday, 10:00 am, Celebration: Book Auction. add Robbie Cantor

Saturday, 1:00 pm, Celebration: Can SF Fans Pass the Turing Test? add Janice Gelb

Saturday, 4:00 pm, Celebration: Turning a Classic SF Novel into a Mediocre Movie. add Michael Cassutt

Saturday, 5:30 pm, Vine A-B: An Embarrassment of Riches. add Michael Cassutt; delete Robbie Cantor

Sunday, 10:00 am, Academy 4-5: The

Evolution of Villains in SF. add Karen Willson

Sunday, 11:30 am, Academy 4-5: SF Cultural Literacy. delete Alicia Austin

Dan Deckert

Friday Night Highlights

Some items that may be of general interest.

- 6:00-8:00 pm, Vine A-B: Hour 25 taping
- 7:30-11:00 pm, Academy 1: Ice Cream Social
- 8:00 pm, Academy 4: Regency Dancing (next to the ice cream social) [This was inexplicably left out of issue #1—Sorry! —ed.]
- 9:00 pm, Celebration Room: Celtic Cabaret (New!)
- 9:00 pm-2:00 am, Vine A-B: Casino Royale
- 10:00 pm-12:00, KPFX 90.7 FM: Hour 25 broadcast Carolyn Kinkead, Frederick Louaillier, Chaz Baden, Lynn Boston

Party Listings, Friday

- 352, The Artemis Society - Lunar Resources, Inc
- 353, 8:00, Oasis Space Party
- 366, 7:00, Phil & Ed's Excellent Convention 2
- 464, 9:00, StarQuest Hospitality Suite

Correction to the Pocket Program

The LASFS 60th Anniversary Panels (both Friday and Sunday afternoons) are moderated by Charles Lee Jackson, II. Apologies for the omission.

Matthew B. Tepper, Communications



Con Suite is proud to announce the addition of the following listed people to its staff:

Virginia Wetherby
Mark Brown



Official Word from Elayne

There is no smoking in the Dealers' Room. Otherwise, you may generally smoke in the common areas where there are ashtrays. The non-smoking Con Suite is also a non-smoking area, while the smoking Con Suite (Parlor 129) is a smoking area. [Funny how that works out, eh?] Please refrain from smoking in the Program rooms.

Matthew B. Tepper, Communications



What good is non-sticky adhesive tape?



⚠ Picks to Click

Your editor is going to make a valiant effort to catch "Hmm, that's Funny", "Convention Social Graces", and the "Babylon 5 Presentation." That's one panel per day, which is better than my usual one panel per convention. Look for me in the audience...



🍷🍷 Thursday Night Con Suite Report

Fan guest of honor and several prominent L.A.S.F.S. members relax in the con suite on the eve of the convention.

All manner of strange critters and even stranger food combinations were to be found in the con suite on the eve of Loscon 23. [You're two years early! —ed.] Several well known L.A.S.F.S. members relaxed by talking about computers and playing a quiet game of Hell.

On entering the con suite late Thursday night the first thing I noticed were the armed and armored creatures on the table. They were little plastic snails, turtles, crabs etc., dressed in battle armor and carrying all kinds of lasers, phasers and other formidable energy weapons. All that can be said is that if these varmints were real the Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers would be forced to either run for the hills or get their karate chopping rear ends shot off.

The cuisine was also a little different. The menu included the following.

1. Super Fudge Cookies.
2. Non-alcoholic Cranberry Orange Jell-o.
3. Mint Chocolate, Chocolate Mini M&M Cookies.
4. Crunchy Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookies.
5. Non-alcoholic Pina Colada Jell-o.

I tasted all of these goodies and found them very good indeed.

There were three groups of people in the room when I arrived at 11:15 p.m. In one corner Robbie Cantor, Fan Guest of Honor, and four others were playing a quiet game of Hell. Tom Digby, Eric Linsay, the editor of the fan-zine Gegensien, Jim Dennis and others were discussing computer programs and Networks.

At another table, a man [Matt Ryan] wearing a T-shirt that read "Clumping Bares," must have fallen prey to pre-convention madness. He put a tablecloth around his head like an Arab. One wonders what he will think of next.

At one point Ed Green, in charge of the Hospitality Suite, came in and declared, "God, I love Hell!" He apparently had a minor glitch to deal with so he came in to see the phone. Having done that he proceeded to advise Robbie on how to get herself out of a difficult Hell hand. His strategy was successful but since I am unfamiliar with the game I don't know what was done.

Several fans came in to get last minute snacks and raid the Soda Tub in the bathroom before the suite closed for the night. At 11:50 p.m. Christian McGuire kicked every body out. Hopefully they did the smart thing and went right to bed.

Don Wenner

Chaz: If you ever want to see your Tupperware dishes again it will cost you LOTS of cookies.
A Friend

Art Show Preview

Is this a normal, run of the mill art show? No, there are "more new and different things than ever before" according to Art Show Co-Director Elizabeth Klein-Lebbink. We looked around and, boy, is she right.... We saw Christmas art and ornaments, stuffed animal and textile art, surreal paintings, portfolios of various artists and leather masks and sculptures.

Alicia Austin, our Artist Guest of Honor has 8, count 'em 8, panels. We don't want to spoil the surprise and wonder of her set-up, so we're going to leave you in suspense.

There will be 4 awards: Best of Show, Best Colour, Best Monochrome, and Judges' Choice. The results will be announced Saturday 3:00 pm.

Hours for the Art Show are:

Noon - 6:00	Friday
9:00 - 6:00	Saturday
9:00 - 11:00	Sunday - no bidding

The auction is scheduled for Sunday at noon in the Celebration Room. Pick up for art is 2:00 on Sunday (after the auction).

Lynn Boston, Colleen Crosby

Pavla's First Law of Convention Survival

Get five hours of sleep and two meals a day, no matter what. In fact, get at least seven hours if at all possible, especially if you're over 35. You can't just barrel through with no sleep and no food. (Potato chips and soda pop are not a meal.) Most important of all, don't transpose the numbers — two hours of sleep and five meals a day simply does not work. (And yes, it has been tried.)

Marla's Modified Comfy-shoe Law

Unless going to a formal event, always wear the comfiest walking shoes that you own, and don't worry about whether they clash with whatever you're wearing.

Good Idea: Publishing a newsletter at a science fiction convention.

Bad Idea: Publishing a newsletter at a funeral.

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There may be a wrap-up issue produced after the convention. If you would like a copy of that issue mailed to you, just give us your address. If you miss any issue of the newsletter, or would like a complete set, send a self-addressed envelope and two stamps. Chaz Baden, P.O. Box 1792, Redondo Beach CA 90278. Email: hazel@netcom.com

The Best Way to Say Thank You

You already know that a tip is the best way to say thank you to the people who serve your food, pour your drinks, park your car and clean your room. However, we thought we'd point out that "standard" tips — the ones you see listed in travel books and the like — are based on "standard" service. If you

- use a table for fifteen for 2 hours with constantly changing diners, or
- leave costumes on all the furniture so that housekeeping must clean around them, or
- throw a huge party in your room and leave a real mess to cope with, or
- require two bellhops and three carts to get your luggage to your room, or

otherwise receive more than ordinary service, you should tip the person who serves you more than the usual amount or percentage.

Eric: I have an office manager this year. She had all the answers to the questions you insisted on asking me. Next time, speak to her first, or there will not be a next time. Chaz

Mighty Morphine Power Ranchers?

Art Credit (next page): Alicia Austin (our guest of honor: see her work in the art show)

Japanese Animation

Schedule — Saturday

12:00 am	Cutey Honey 1? (Episodes 1-2) s
1:05 am	Plastic Little "The Adventures of Captain Tita" s
2:05 am	Ranma 1/2 OVA-1 "Desperately Seeking Shiyantu" d
2:55 am	Urusei Yatsura TV-9 (Episodes 33-3) s
4:35 am	Black Magic M66 s
5:20 am	Urusei Yatsura OVA-2 (OVA 2-3) s
6:15 am	Urusei Yatsura TV-3 (Episodes 9-12) s
7:55 am	Ranma 1/2 TV-2 (Episodes 3-4) d
8:50 am	Kimagure Orange Road 2 (Episodes 3-4) s
9:40 am	Dominion Tank Police (Act 2) "Crime War" s
10:10 am	Ranma 1/2 TV-3 (Episodes 5-6) d
11:05 am	Oh! My Goddess 3: "Burning Hearts on the Road" s
11:35 am	Oh! My Goddess 4: "Evergreen Holy Night" s
11:55 am	Ranma 1/2 TV-4 (Episodes 7-8) s
1:00 pm	Urusei Yatsura TV-4 (Episodes 13-18) s
2:40 pm	Project A-Ko 2: "A Plot of the Daikokuji Group" s
4:00 pm	Tenchi Muyo "Hello Ryo-Oh-Ki" s
4:30 pm	Tenchi Muyo "Mihoshi Falls to the Land of Stars" s
5:05 pm	Battle Angel (Kusty Angel) in "Tears Sign" s
6:15 pm	Ranma 1/2 OVA-3 "Akane And Her Sisters" d
7:20 pm	Robin Corps Volume 1 (American Premier) d
8:20 pm	Ranma 1/2 Movie 2 "Nihoa My Concubine" d
9:35 pm	Red Bianca' s
10:35 pm	Urusei Yatsura Movie 1 "Only You" s

Woman in Green from Westwood will not be showing because she is showing.

Hotel Room Etiquette

Please be aware that different chambermaids work different work weeks. It is better to leave a tip each day instead of a single large tip at the end of your stay, especially if you wish to acknowledge special service provided.

Prevent People Soup

Don't forget to shower before soaking in the whirlpool/hot tub or using the swimming pool. These facilities get heavy use during conventions. Unless everyone keeps Japanese standards (first get clean, then soak), by the middle of the con the water begins to get what can best (or at least most politely) be described as yucky. This is unpleasant and a health hazard, so please rinse in your room before coming down to poolside.

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Answers to Issue #1's "quiz"

- 1951: Anson MacDonald, *Solution Unsatisfactory*
- 1955: Robert A. Heinlein, *The Roads Must Roll*
- 1955: Heinlein, *Space Cadet*
- 1970: Heinlein, *The Door into Summer*
- 1978: Heinlein, *The Man Who Sold The Moon*
- 1996: Heinlein, *"If This Goes On—"*
- 2076: Heinlein, *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress*

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