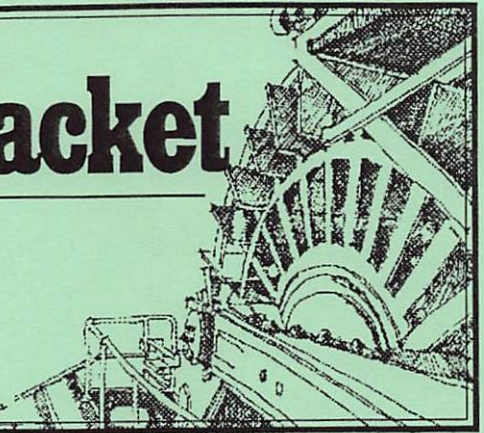


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RiverCon XXI Masquerade Winners

In what was considered the best RiverCon Masquerade in recent years, masquerade judges Missouri Smith, Jan Howard Finder, and Florence Achenbach, selected the following as winners in the RiverCon XXI Masquerade last night.

Best in Show: *Queen of Cups*, Kit Matulich
Best Fantasy: *Night of the Gargoyle*, Cheryl Mandus and Ben Mandus
Best Humor: *The Plaid Power Ranger*, Tony Wright
Best Spaghetti Space Opera: *A Spaceman With No Name*, John Stepp
Best Reproduction: *Destiny and Death*, Nancy Lockyear and Ralph Lockyear
Best Presentation: *Queen Victoria's Secret*, Malinda Wickham
Honorable Mentions:
Best Whinning: *Final Fantasy*, Geoffrey Allen, Kathy Wertherington, Amanda Stevens

LUNatic: *Sailor Moon*, Irene Levy
In Accordance with Kepler's Law of Motion: *Sailor Scouts*, Amoreena Harding and Leia Steward
Toughest Female: *Robin the Girl Wonder*, Jeanna Tidwell

Best Bargain: *SPCA Approved*, Jeannine Baumbarttle
All entries received a certificate of participation, and the winners received the traditional glass Ming Awards, plus autographed books by Nancy Kress and Allen Steele. The Masquerade Round-Up will be at 1:00 p.m. in the Mary Room.

News Notes

Almost \$1200.00 was raised at the AIDS/HIV Charity Auction yesterday. Thanks to everyone who came and bid, and especially to the generous donors who made the auction possible.

Lynn Harris was presented with a Kentucky Colonelcy Saturday at RiverCon's Awards ceremony. Lynn was recognized for her long service on the RiverCon art show. Congratulations, Lynn!

WANTED: Bob Shaw video and audio tapes. Contact his widow, Nancy Tucker Shaw, at njt@mail.ic.net if you have anything of interest.

The Information Desk has a great selection of recycled T-shirts for trade or purchase for \$20.00 each. Proceeds go to Community Health Trust.

Art Show Award Winners Announced

The winners of the RiverCon XXI Art Show balloting are:

Best in Show: *Flying Dutchman* by Debbie Hughes
Favorite Artist: Darryl Elliott
Peer Award: Steven Gilberts
Light Fantasy: *Pomp and Circumstance* by Cheryl Mandus
Dark Fantasy (Horror): *We Never Speak of Uncle Bobby* by Steven Gilberts
Science Fiction: *MSL-1* by Kevin Ward
Monochrome (B & W): *The Doreyman* by Darryl Elliott
3-D: *Princess Holly* by Laura Reynolds
Body of Work: Bob Giadrosich
Honorable Mention, 3-D: *New Age Witch* by Nancy Lockyear
Honorable Mention, SF: *When Will the Real Space Race Begin* by Mark Maxwell

Thanks, everyone, for attending this year's RiverCon, and come back next year for

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Guests will be announced as soon as they are all confirmed.

SF Jeopardy Winners!

The three winners of the preliminary SF Jeopardy tournament are B.J. Willinger, Chris Barkley, and John Filpus. They will meet in the championship game at 11:00 a.m. Sunday in The Chapel (note time change).

Hotel Brunch Deal

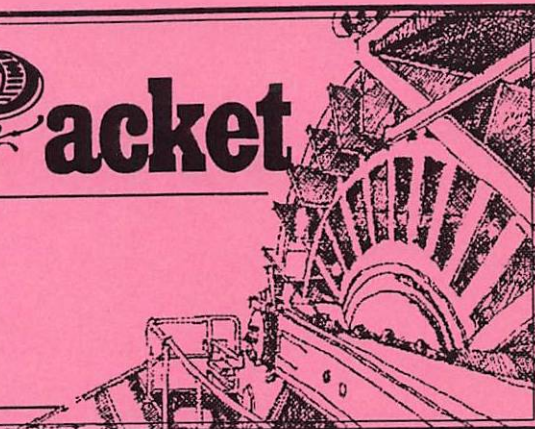
RiverCon members are offered a special deal on brunch in the Golden Targ Tea Room on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 6:30 to 11:00 a.m. It's an all-you-can-eat buffet for only \$8.50, including tax and gratuity, but you must have your River-Con badge.

SFOHA Needs You!

The Science Fiction Oral History Association is looking for volunteers to help with audio taping of interviews and other activities at LACon III. Free one-year SFOHA memberships and T-shirts will be given to each worker. Contact Nancy Tucker Shaw or Roger Sims.

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PROGRAM NOTES

Bagpipe Room: Saturday, 9:00 p.m.: Carol Thomas invites fans of martial arts and science to join in a discussion. Bring names of your favorite books and authors to share.

Aberdeen Room: Saturday, 3:00 p.m.: *Star Trek's Ten Best Twilight Zone Episodes*, a discussion group by Duryea Edwards of LEXSFA.

ADD: Ron Sarti to *Censorship on the Web* (12:00 noon, Bagpipe Room). Ron will also join *Business End of the Pen* at 11:00 a.m. Sunday in the Aberdeen.

John Millard and Roger Sims join *Days of Future Passed* with Hal Clement and Bob Tucker (Saturday, 2:00 p.m., Edinborough Room).

Jamie McQuinn will replace James Kobrinetz on the Medical Mystery Panel.

Lori and David Deitrick are unable to attend RiverCon this year. Therefore, David's tour of the art show and their slide show have been cancelled.

Michael Banks joins the *Censorship on the Web* panel (Saturday, 12:00 noon, Bagpipe Room).

Jeopardy Contestants!

Round 1: Jim Woosley, Hal Clement, B.J. Willinger.

Round 2: Jann Melton, Nancy Hartshorn, Missouri Smith.

Round 3: Patricia Shevlin, Rebecca Cady, Christian Potter.

Alternate: John Filpus.

The Chapel: 12:00 noon, Saturday.

Jack Williamson unable to attend

We learned late last night that Special Guest Jack Williamson will unfortunately not be arriving today as we expected, due to illness (not life-threatening) unrelated to his recent fall. Mr. Williamson sends his regrets and wishes he were able to be in Louisville this weekend. We send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Help Wanted

Are you going to LACon? Do you like to rub elbows with writers and actors? We need help running the autograph sessions! Please contact Gary or Corlis Robe during RiverCon or E-mail to grrobe@preferred.com to volunteer.

AIDS/HIV Auction

Over 50 items ranging from autographed books by Andre Norton, Michael Bishop and Mercedes Lackey to spaceship models built by Allen Steele, from a signed story typescript by Jack Williamson to a Japanese edition of Hal Clement's *Needle* (among *much* more) will be auctioned today to benefit Community Health Trust, a Louisville AIDS service organization. The auction begins at 3:00 p.m. today (Saturday) in The Chapel. Auctioneer Gene Miller promises a fast-paced auction, so don't be late!

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News Notes

Smoking Con Suite: The room for the smoking con suite has been changed to 475, rather than 375, the number listed in the program. The entire third floor of the hotel has recently been designated a non-smoking floor.

Re-cycle It! Instead of throwing your empty soft drink can in the trash, please use one of the several recycling containers in the consuites and around the hotel. It makes a difference.

Channel 15 WKPC-TV will be airing their RiverCon story on *MetroScope* on Saturday, August 17. Check your listing for time.

Regular RiverCon members Mike Kuchenbrod and Danell Becker were married August 3. They aren't here this year because they're on a love boat to Aruba! Congratulations!

Newlyweds Rickey and Tracy Hite are here on their honeymoon. If you can catch them out of their room, wish them all the best!

42 is the answer. What's the question? Come to Rm 175 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Saturday to find out!!

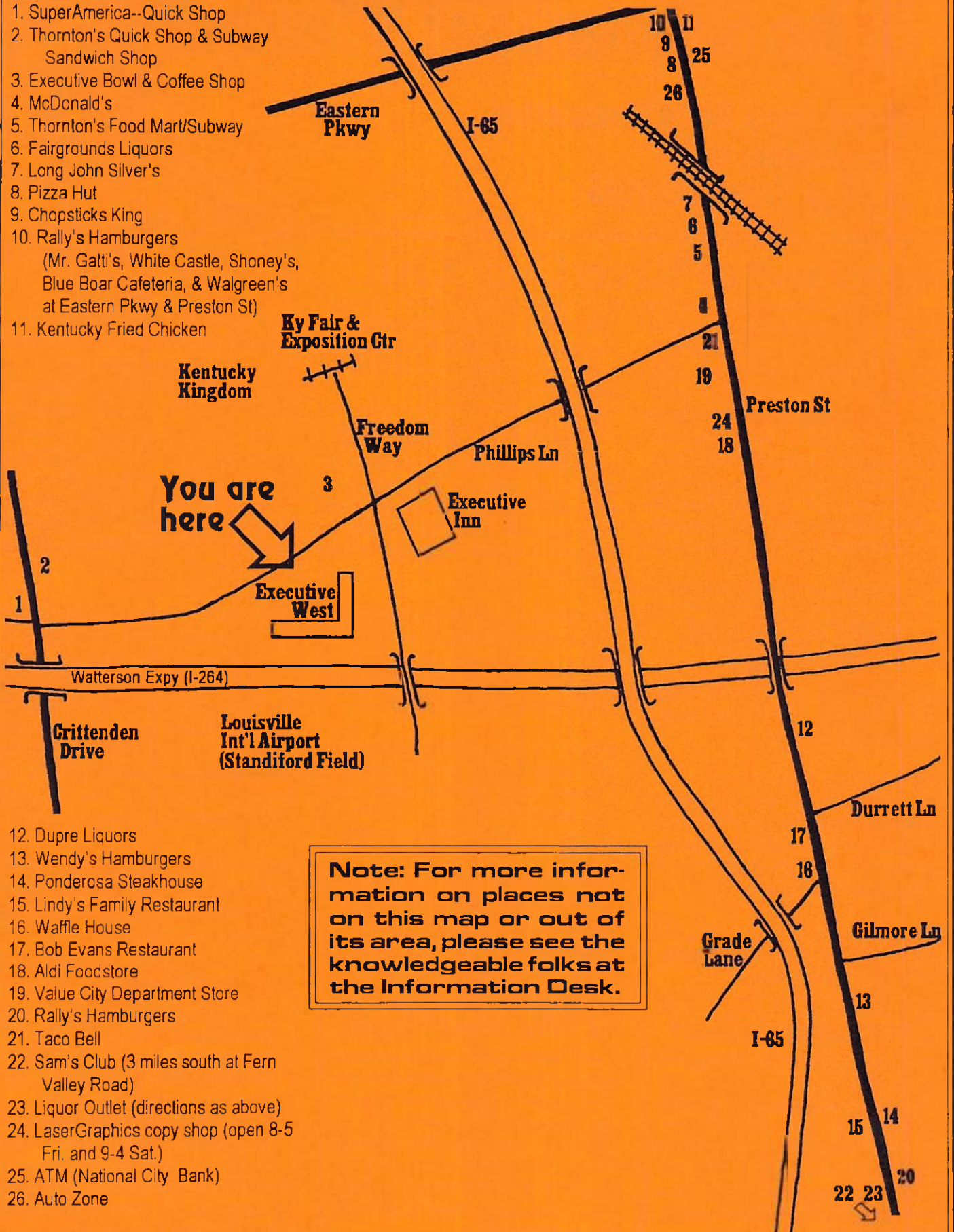
There is Gaming Staff meeting today at 4:00 p.m. in either Paisley or Tweed.

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The World Outside

1. SuperAmerica--Quick Shop
2. Thornton's Quick Shop & Subway Sandwich Shop
3. Executive Bowl & Coffee Shop
4. McDonald's
5. Thornton's Food Mart/Subway
6. Fairgrounds Liquors
7. Long John Silver's
8. Pizza Hut
9. Chopsticks King
10. Rally's Hamburgers
(Mr. Gatti's, White Castle, Shoney's, Blue Boar Cafeteria, & Walgreen's at Eastern Pkwy & Preston St)
11. Kentucky Fried Chicken

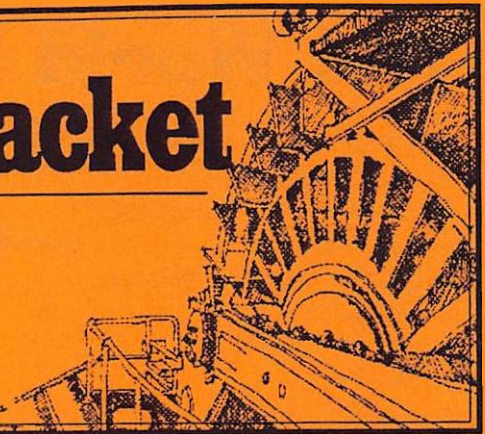


12. Dupre Liquors
13. Wendy's Hamburgers
14. Ponderosa Steakhouse
15. Lindy's Family Restaurant
16. Waffle House
17. Bob Evans Restaurant
18. Aldi Foodstore
19. Value City Department Store
20. Rally's Hamburgers
21. Taco Bell
22. Sam's Club (3 miles south at Fern Valley Road)
23. Liquor Outlet (directions as above)
24. LaserGraphics copy shop (open 8-5 Fri. and 9-4 Sat.)
25. ATM (National City Bank)
26. Auto Zone

Note: For more information on places not on this map or out of its area, please see the knowledgeable folks at the Information Desk.

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Friday, August 9, 1996



Welcome to RiverCon XXI!

The Olympics are history, we're in the midst of the PGA Championship here in Louisville, and the political conventions are looming on the horizon. What better time to take a break and enjoy three days of science fiction fun? (By the way, it's a little known fact that Muhammad Ali attended the first RiverCon. Well, actually, he was just having lunch in the hotel, but some RiverCon members did have the thrill of meeting The Greatest, and we'll take what we can get.)

We'd like to welcome everyone to

the 21st RiverCon, whether it's your 21st or first. We've attempted to put together a convention that will reflect the multi-faceted nature of sf and fantasy, and we hope you'll agree.

News Notes

Smoking Con Suite: The room for the smoking con suite has been changed to 475, rather than 375, the number listed in the program. The entire third floor of the hotel has been designated a non-smoking floor.

Ice: A limited amount of bagged ice will be available at no charge to individuals or groups throwing open room parties at RiverCon. See Judi Lundy in the con suite to make the arrangements.

Braille: A copy of the RiverCon program in Braille is available courtesy of Samanta Jeude/Electrical Eggs. Check with Sam at the EE table in the Huckster Room or go to the Information Desk.

Dance: We've moved the RiverCon Dance to Friday night this year, following the opening ceremonies and welcoming reception. A live DJ will play your favorite dance music from about 9:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m.

ATTN: Card Players

The Paisley and Tweed Rooms have been set aside for the exclusive use of card players of all kinds (er, that is, card *games* of all kinds). The Tweed Room is a smoking room, while the Paisley is for non-smokers. We expect that the rooms will be available on a first-come, first-served basis around the clock.

Wanted: Contestants for SF Jeopardy!

So you think you know a lot of science fiction trivia. Well, here's your chance to prove it. We're choosing nine contestants in a random drawing to participate in this year's SF Jeopardy tournament. All you need to do is enter your name in the drawing before 10:00 p.m. Friday for Saturday's preliminary matches at 12:00 noon in The Chapel. You can do this at the Information Desk in the main hallway opposite the Mary Room and next to Registration.

Contestants' names will be posted in the area Saturday morning and published in the Saturday issue of *The Packet*. We'll be choosing three contestants for each of the three preliminary rounds, plus one alternate for each round. The three winners will compete for the grand prize in the championship game at 10:00 a.m. Sunday. (This time may be changed to 11:00; watch for an announcement.)

As last year, the SF Jeopardy tournament is organized by Julee Johnson-Tate and Chris Tate, with able assistance from the staff of Evansville's Contact 14.

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PROGRAM NOTES

ADD: Hal Clement to *Ethics and Biotechnology* (10:00 a.m. Saturday, Shannon Room).

New Program Participants:

H. Robert Perry has sold several stories, most recently to *Tomorrow*. He has written for F&W Publications and formerly taught English at the University of Cincinnati.

Ron Sarti's first novel, *The Chronicles of Scar*, was published last year by Avon Books.

Extended Pool Hours

The Executive West swimming pool normally closes at 10:00 p.m., but we have made special arrangements for it to stay open until 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights. *This is for RiverCon members only*, and you may be required to show your membership badge to be admitted to the pool area.