

The World-Tribune Insider

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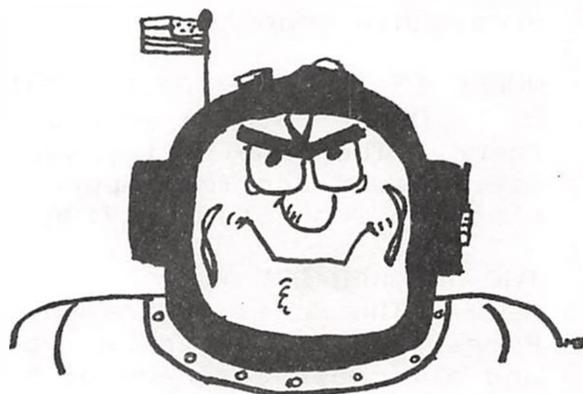
THE WORLD-TRIBUNE INSIDER is the daily newsletter of Westercon 41, Phoenix, AZ. Issue #1, Friday, July 1, 1988. Edited by Bruce D. Arthurs. Opinions expressed herein do not necessarily reflect the views of the convention, its committee members, its attendees, or anyone that does or does not walk in off the street, including the editor. (That should cover all eventualities.) Illo by Mike Bracken.

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WELCOME TO WESTERCON 41

You are attending the 41st Westercon. The 41st Westercon is being held in Phoenix, Arizona from July 1st thru 4th, 1988. The Guests of Honor are (Pro) Robert Silverberg, (Artist) Real Musgrave, and (Fan) Craig Miller. There is lots of stuff going on here.

You are reading the first issue of the convention daily newsletter, THE WORLD-TRIBUNE INSIDER. Do you wish to continue reading, or do you wish to drop this newsletter in the trash? If you want to continue reading, go to the next paragraph. If you wish to drop it in the trash, see the editor of this newsletter and he will tell you where to go.



INSIDER INFO

Headquarters of THE WORLD-TRIBUNE INSIDER (TWTI for short) (and no, TWTI is not "twit" spelled sideways) are in the glamorous Cassidy Room of the Phoenix Hyatt. Following tradition, this places the newsletter office as far from Con Ops as possible and still be in the same hotel.

If you have anything to submit to TWTI, here are directions: Go to the Hyatt's first floor lobby. Head north. Go past the concierge. Go past the elevators. Go past the Sundance Room. Go past the car rental booth. Just past the car rental, a corridor goes off to the left, with a sign directing you to the Cassidy Room. Go down this corridor. The Cassidy Room will be just past the skeleton of the Maytag Repairman.

What would the editor (also known as "I") like to see submitted for publication in TWTI? Announcements of all kinds, most importantly. Schedule changes. Party announcements and times. Masquerade and art show winners. Policy pronouncements. Social news.

Space permitting, I'd also like to see the members of Westercon contributing to this newsletter. If you have comments on the convention, write a letter to the editor. If you have a "good story" from the convention, or a "good line" you've overheard or made, write it up for TWTI. (Briefly, please.) A "Second-Hand Con", if you will.

CLASSIFIED ADS. For the modest fee of 50 cents per 72-character line, you can offer to sell or buy items, ask/offer ride space, seek romantic partners, or whatever other idea occurs to you. (TWTI's editor reserves the right to reject questionable or objectionable classifieds.)

Daily deadline for material is 10:00 AM. The newsletter should be printed and distributed no later than 1:00 PM daily. Material and information should be dropped off at the Cassidy Room (slide it under the door if I'm not there) or in the TWTI Box in Con Operations.

Remember, folks (attendees and staff), if you don't get the info to

me, you won't be reading it here.

PROGRAM ADDITIONS - for Friday, July 1st

10-10:30 PM, Phoenix A/B -- Kim Farr will present clips and a short trailer of a new movie with Walter Koenig.

10:30 PM-Midnight, Phoenix -- "The REAL Ghostbusters", J. Michael Straczynski. (This is not a rescheduling of the identically-named event at 8:30 PM Saturday; it has been stretched over two nights of thrills and chills.)

PARTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

"The Oreo Gang presents a joint Leprecon/Coppercon party in Room 539 of the Phoenix Sheraton, Friday, July 1st from 9:00 PM to whenever. Come and enjoy Oreo cookies, chocolate fondue, and other treats," Terry Birmingham reports.

WHERE IS THE HOSPITALITY SUITE?

Don't look in your pocket program; the room's too big to fit in there. The hospitality suite is located in the Phoenix Sheraton, Room 510. Hours are from approximately 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, closed for cleaning from 6:45 to 9:00 PM, then open from 9:00 until whenever.

THE SPEAKER SPEAKS

"The Press Department of Westercon (in particular the Speaker to Press) would like to ask your cooperation in helping us track down any and all media coverage of the Con. So, if you see a newspaper article, or hear a radio or TV announcement, please let us know. If you can get us a clipping, or (if you're local and have a tape recorder or VCR) audio or video copy, we would REALLY appreciate it. Please bring any and all information to the Press Table in Con Ops. Thank you!" -- Karen Boehler, Speaker To Press

MZB'S FANTASY MAGAZINE TO PREMIERE AT WESTERCON

The first issue of MARION ZIMMER BRADLEY'S FANTASY MAGAZINE will be available at Westercon, hot off the presses. The first issue contains fiction and articles by Poul Anderson, Bruce D. Arthurs, Dorothy J. Heydt, Nina Hoffman, Millea Kenin, Rachel Cosgrove Payes, and others. Cover by George Barr. (Modesty forbids TWTI's editor from mentioning whose story the cover illustrates.) Further details as available.

WESTERCON WANTS YOU!

Yes, you. Volunteers can sign up in the Con Operations room (Russell A in the Hyatt); see Ken Lemons or Terry Birmingham. For just a few hours of your time, you can help the convention operate smoothly, get to see how senior staff act when they're uncaged, gain new experiences, and sleep well in the knowledge that you are a worthy human being. If you work at least four hours, you also get fed in the staff lounge.

LAST MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) There will be maps of the hotels in tomorrow's TWTI.
- 2) Babysitting has moved to rooms 325 & 326 in the Hyatt.
- 3) The Masquerade will be at 8:00 Saturday.
- 4) SFWA members - SFWA Suite opens at 4:00; check with Green Room.

CLOSING WORDS

This first issue of TWTI, barring last minute additions, will finish off at two pages. We're budgeted for four pages per issue, however, so don't hesitate to drop off your news, information and comments either at TWTI Central (the Cassidy Room) or in the TWTI box in Con Ops.