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**Panel overflow space:** Panelists who want to continue a discussion with their audience past the 75 minutes allotted for their panels should feel free to use Conference Room #5, on the second floor, for overflow space.

**Tiptree T-Shirts:** Only 25 of these fabulous Tiptree t-shirts, designed by collage artist extraordinaire Freddie Baer, are available. If you want to buy one, you have to fill out a Tiptree t-shirt form and drop it into the Tiptree t-shirt box in the Art Show/Tiptree Display room (University AB). Chances to buy these t-shirts will be raffled off during the convention, and winners' names will be posted outside the Art Show/Tiptree Display Room.

**Can't Find Anyplace to Park?** If you are an overnight guest at the Concourse but can't find space in the parking lot beneath the hotel, please use the city parking ramp on Dayton and Carroll (less than a block away from the hotel). If you are uncomfortable parking there at night, drive up to the hotel and your car will be valet-parked in the city lot. Whether you park yourself or take advantage of valet parking, your parking fee will be reimbursed by the hotel. (Just remember to bring them your receipt.)

**Panel Moderators:** Please remember to pick up the name tents for yourself and your fellow panelists in the Green Room (Room 623) before your panel. You are welcome in the Green Room at any time to meet and plan with your panelists, or simply to relax with a cup of coffee or tea. There are a few extra copies of the moderator tip sheets in the Green Room, as well.

**Fantastic Madison Walking Tour:** If you want to join Andy Hooper and Carrie Root on a 4-mile walking tour of Madison, make sure you sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board near the registration desk. We need an early head count to make sure we have enough bag lunches and return bus tickets for everyone. The walking tour will leave the hotel lobby on the first floor at 11:30 am Saturday. (Rain date: 11:30 a.m. Sunday)

**Program changes:**

Katherine Kerr has pneumonia and has had to cancel her trip to WisCon. Her participation on panels has been cancelled:

*Friday*

The Fracture of the Fabulous (Friday, 2:30 pm, Assembly). Jennifer Stevenson will take over as moderator from Laurie Marks, who you should expect to dash in, out of breath, straight from the airport, a few moments late. Katherine Kerr will be replaced by Ann Tonsor Zeddies.

Lit crit for dummies. (Friday 4 pm, Assembly) Katherine Kerr will not be on this panel.

Author signings 1 (Friday 8:30 pm, Capital AB) Katharine Kerr will not sign.

*Saturday*

Rushwash tea, (Saturday 2:30 pm, Madison Ballroom) Katherine Kerr will be replaced by Joan Vinge

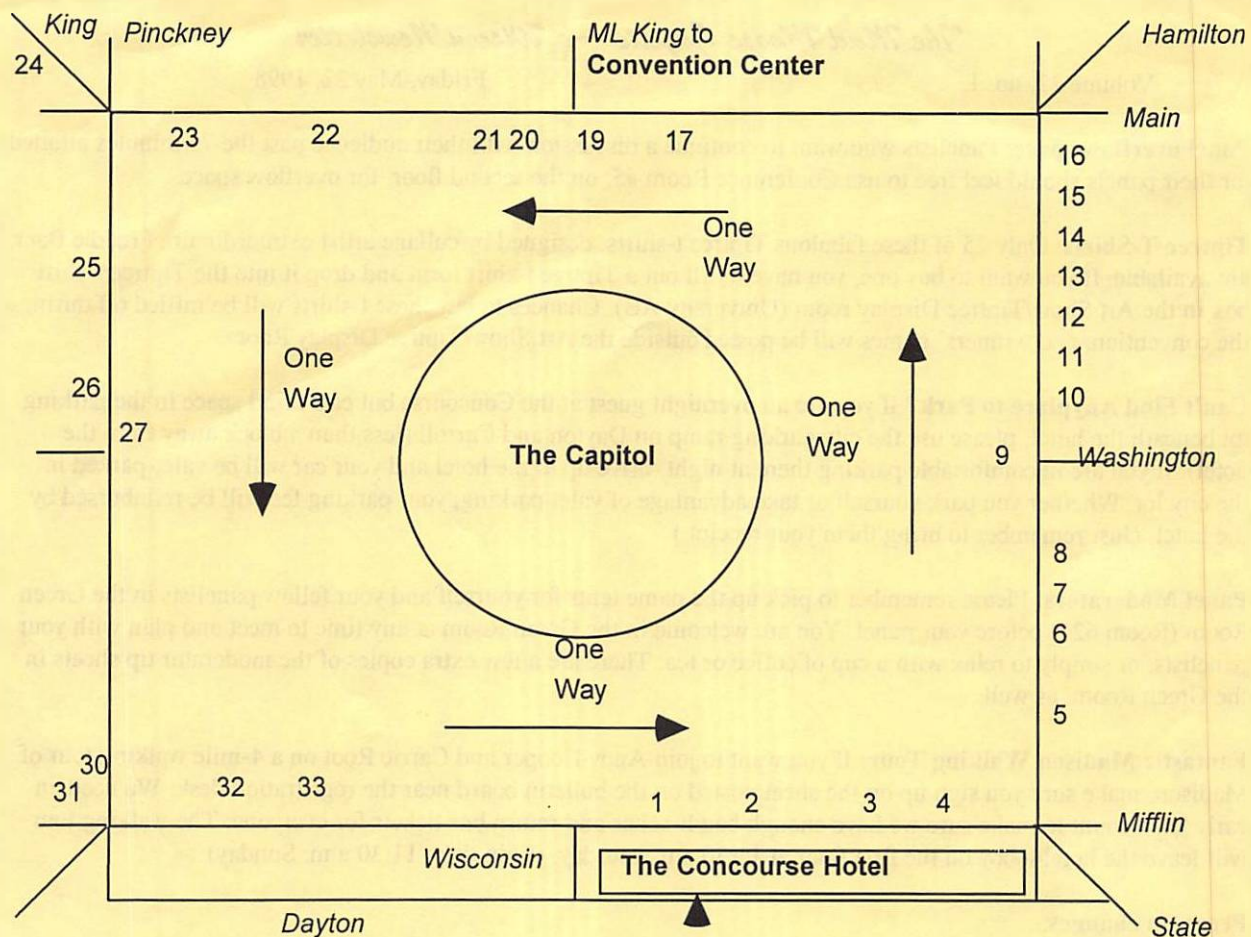
What happened to the good, old witches of yesteryear? (Saturday 4 pm, Senate B) Katherine Kerr will be replaced by Ann Tonsor Zeddies.

The schedule for the **Tiptree Bake Sale** and the **afternoon tea** has been changed. The bake sale will be open all afternoon on Saturday, from 12:30 to 4:30, so you have plenty of time to support the Tiptree Award. Cookies, brownies, muffins, shortbread, and other delights await you.

Assam, Darjeeling, Oolong, Earl Grey, Yin Hao Jasmine: mysterious and intriguing, or old friends? Refresh yourself with afternoon tea between panels or readings. We even have herbal infusions for the caffeine-averse. A cup of tea is a perfect accompaniment to those Tiptree Bake Sale goodies. Proper attire optional.

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# Olivia Picklejar's Guide to the Farmer's Market



It's been such a warm spring that there are lots of early items, though some of the really early ones (like ramps) are gone. If you want to get plants or flowers, you have many, many choices. If you just want baked goods and a chance to see abundant greenery, you'll have a great time. Check out the market's huckster room in the first block of State Street, wander around, have fun. Vendors open about 6:30 am, and most are around until about noon. If the weather's good, it will be crowded by 8:00. Here are some of the interesting vendors, with several of our favorites marked in **boldface**. Some vendors move around from week to week, some only show up infrequently, so use your own judgment.

1. Shittake mushrooms (but there may be morels)
2. Plants in bags. Good. Trust us.
3. **Stella's bakery**. Try a spicy cheese empanada or a rhubarb turnover, or just talk like a duck.
4. **Renaissance Farm** – pesto, and cinnamon roles
5. **Bleu Mont dairy**, our favorite cheeses
6. Homemade doughnuts
7. Cheesecake. Bring some back to share
8. Incense and medicinal herbs
9. Our second favorite Honey (and a real beehive)
10. Sugar River Bakery. Macaroons.
11. Our favorite **smoked trout** vendor
12. Nature's Bakery Organic baked goods
13. Good cut flowers

14. Fantome **goat cheeses** and spreads
15. Out of our Gourd -- **peppers and chili oil** (and free samples). Hot!!!
16. Oak House bakery. There are crowds, but it's not our favorite. More sugar than taste.
17. Summer Kitchen **jams & jellies**. Alphabetical order.
19. Forgotten Valley. The second best cheese
20. **Maple Syrup**. Try the grade A dark or grade B
21. **Honey**, our favorite (Marsden's)
22. The **best cut flowers** – brighten up the convention
23. **RP's Pasta**. There are lots of cool kinds.
24. **Ancora Coffee Roasters**. A few doors down the block, but the best coffee at the market
25. **Real Popcorn**. Try some of the black.
26. Venison. It's Bambil! (Thumper's at another stand)
27. Berries, berry plants, and juices.
30. **Buffalo. Sausage, meats, jerky**. The best.
31. **L'Etoile's croissants**. Our pick of the market for baked goods. Definitely worth crossing the street.
32. Fruit syrups
33. **Harmony Valley Farm**. We get 37 boxes of vegetables from them a year. We like them.
35. The Capitol dome is under construction. Come back next year. But you may want to walk down ML King and check out Madison's new Convention Center.

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**Tiptree t-shirts:** We have a limited number of Tiptree t-shirts for sale. If you want to buy one, fill out a form (available in the Art Show) and put it in the box in the art show by 6:00 Saturday. Then, on Sunday, check the posted list to see if you can buy a shirt. If you're on the list, buy your shirt (\$15-\$20, sliding scale). Any shirts that aren't picked up will go to future Tiptree auctions or to Readercon.

**Opening Ceremonies** lived up to Wiscon's high standards: Delia Sherman explained con etiquette and what to say to pros, despite many interruptions from concom members who tried to buy her drinks. After Delia had attempted to wave away champagne, beer, tea, soda, and cookies, Ellen Klages auctioned off the bottle of champagne. Ellen also warned us "Don't shave your head, this is what happens." as she modeled a fetching blonde wig. Later in the ceremonies, Tom Becker explained that "If you're wondering what's going on, I'm the elevator."

**Overheard:** "That Sheri Tepper really knows how to push a man's buttons." — Tom Becker

## Party changes and additional details:

### Saturday (tonight):

- San Francisco in 2002, 9:00, Monona Room.
- Magicon 2: Orlando in 2001, 9:30, room 634.

### Sunday (tomorrow):

- Julianne Chattelain and Joyce Scrivner have canceled their parties. In their place...
- Minneapolis in '73/Minicon 34 party, Room 607.
- MadMedia con 5, Room 611.

We have one party parlor left on Sunday night. Contact Scott Custis if you'd like to use it. (He can most often be found working in the Art

Show/Tiptree Display room, University AB.) The space is free; you supply beverages and/or treats.

**Breakfast at the Concourse** on Sunday morning: the hotel puts on a splendid brunch on Sunday morning, but if you prefer to grab a quick breakfast from the menu, the Concourse's Dayton Street Cafe will accommodate you until 9:30 a.m. For the rest of the morning, they will only serve brunch. Sandwiches can be purchased at the bar after 11:00 a.m.

Of course, you can also run up to the Consuite on the sixth floor and get some coffee, juice, and a bagel.

**Variety Show cast additions:** As part of Saturday night's Variety Show (which will be at 8 p.m.), the following singers and musicians will perform excerpts from the world-famous Finnish spoof *Midwest Side Story*: Andrew Bertke, Melinda Melin, Thorin Tatge, Amber Tatge, and Katja Amyx. Also, Richard Tatge will provide a light show. Don't miss the Variety Show!

**Gaming:** Paul Wiesner has organized an official Babylon 5 CCG demo in the Open Gaming Room on Sunday from 10 a.m. until noon. He has cards for two players; if you have your own cards, please bring them. Otherwise, the first two players will get those decks. Free promotional cards will be available to participants.

**Overheard:** "Don't they have leather in Boston?"

**Vegetarians Eat Quiche:** As advertised, there are two entrees at the WisCon brunch: (1) ham, egg, and cheese muffins; or (2) vegetarian quiche. There will be a limited amount of quiche available, and we ask your cooperation in making sure that vegetarians, and people who do not care for the muffin combo, get the quiche. Thank you.

**Numbers:** as of 2:30 Saturday, there were 586 Wiscon memberships sold, and 550 people actually here.

**Wiscon Uncovers 4-D Structure of Thiotimeline!** The Wiscon 22 Science Division is proud to announce that one of the great mysteries of science,

the four-dimensional structure of thiotimoline, has at last been solved! Thiotimoline, first described by Dr. Isaac Asimov, of Boston University, has one bond rotated slightly into the future. Thus, for example, it dissolves before solvent hits it, because it knows it will have been dissolved.

Determination of the structure was made possible by the pioneering tesseract work of G. Rihn, which led to the key to the unlocking of the structure by G. Schnobrich and T. Voros (shown with their model).



We congratulate these scientists on their achievement. Unfortunately, shortly after the structure was determined, Rihn, Schnobrich, and Voros appeared to dissolve. The Science Division is investigating.

**Hotel Courtesy Van:** The hotel offers free van transportation to and from Dane County Municipal Airport. Remember to reserve a seat on the van for your trip back to the airport.

**Volunteer and Panelist Refunds:** All volunteers who have worked at least six hours, and all panelists, will automatically be sent a \$20 refund within a month after WisCon 22. However, if you prefer to donate your refund to Wiscon or to the Tiptree Award, please tell us. You can jot a note on your refund form if you are a volunteer, or you can sign the donation form in the Green Room if you are a panelist. (Ask the Green Room staff person in charge and they will help you do this.)

**Exploring Party Returns Safely:** Expatriate Madisonians Andy Hooper and Carrie Root led a large party of fans on a walking tour of Madison, featuring historical and geological sites of interest. Your intrepid reporter stopped to smell all the flowers, and then ran to catch up with the group. Ms. Root managed to arrange perfect weather for the occasion, as we walked from an old cornfield, past Fourth Lake, an old railroad station, and numerous attractive houses, to Orton Park for a picnic lunch. After lunch, Mr. Hooper told us about the Black Hawk War before we returned to the hotel by bus. In the course of the tour, we enriched the local economy in the form of a lemonade stand being run by two girls, and explained to a genial stranger "Don't worry, we're reading your building."

**Verisimilitude:** the panel on the bladderless baby explored ways of using everyday detail to move the plot along and to make the story more convincing. Debbie Notkin reminded us that "If there's a magic ring in the first scene, it must go off by the end of the play" and Nalo Hopkinson advised everyone "Never write an action-adventure where your character is breastfeeding." Recommended reading included Diana Wynn Jones's *The Tough Guide to Fantasyland*.

**That which was lost is found.** Thank you to all the people who helped look.

**Restaurants:** there are plenty of good choices in easy walking distance. Your editor would like to recommend Ton-Ton (half a block from the front entrance), where the sushi was both tasty and served fairly quickly (cooked food, oddly, took longer), and Dotty Dumpling's Dowry, which does not serve dumplings but where variations on the hamburger include tuna steak and interesting sausage, and which had fresh peach pie Friday.

**More Food News:** The Tiptree Bake Sale supplied a variety of tasty snacks and raised money for our favorite cause. (Your reporter is particularly partial to the chocolate chip cookies, and is surprised to note that people actually ate the "kitty litter cake," apparently a sort of spice cake-vanilla wafer-tootsie roll mix.) In the same room, Janet Lafler, Matthew Austern, and Karen Schaffer served a variety of teas to tired and thirsty con-goers, a much-appreciated act of kindness and generosity.