

TO SAY NOTHING OF THE NEWS #4

Thursday Pre-Dawn Edition, 24 August 2006

64th Annual World Science Fiction Convention

The L.A.con IV Cross-Worlds Puzzle

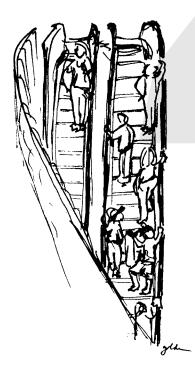
Extra copies are available at the Information Desk in Hall A, Convention Center. The Cross-Worlds Puzzle is a shared project. Based on the idea that "all knowledge is contained in fandom," you are encouraged to share information with everybody. If you see someone working on the Puzzle, see if they know stuff that you don't.

Freebies (available at the InfoDesk)

 $\cdot\,$ 10 free answers if you give blood at the con (or tried or gave blood recently)

• 1 free answer per hour volunteered

• 1 free answer per day for politely asking for information **NOTE:** anyone wearing a "Radium Brain" pin has <u>all</u> the answers! (That's the prize for completing the Puzzle!) Lex Nakashima



"Use the escalators, Luke!"

Escalator Etiquette

Please remember: 1) Walk left; stand right* and 2) Don't stop or cluster at the top or bottom of escalators, in either direction.

*Some folks are walking for that extra bit of exercise - others are trying to minimize time spent on escalators and maximize time at other parts of the convention. *Doug Faunt*

Winners of the Volunteer Raffle—Wed. PM

Noon raffle: Filthy Pierre, Migon Gardner, David Wolkund 2:00 pm raffle: Sonya Bleakly, Graham Kelly 3:00 pm raffle: Rob Powell, Mark Geary, Mark Irwin Please pick up your prize at the Volunteer Office (Gopher Hole). Anonymous

Minicon Mothership

L.A.con IV thanks the Minnesota Science Fiction Society for the arrival of the Minicon Mothership, which will be flying in the Space Port Lounge for the duration of the convention. Presuming it successfully fends off the invading armada, that is! *Geri Sullivan*

WOOF!

The Worldcon Order of Faneditors (WOOF) will be collating the annual Worldcon one-shot APA in the Fanzine Lounge (Huntington Room, 4th floor Hilton) at noon on Saturday. All are welcome to contribute (copy count 100). Please drop off contributions in the Fanzine Lounge by 6 pm Friday to be listed in the table of contents. *Anonymous*

Locks of Love

Lora (Trimble) Boehm and Cate Mauzo are cutting hair to make wigs for bald children on Friday and Saturday in the Quad, Cadet Central—all day. Anyone donating at least 10" of hair or at least \$5.00 toward wig-making expenses will get an exclusive LoL ribbon for their badge!

Bjo Trimble

Allergy Alert!

ATTENTION: Gentlefen!

Please refrain from using perfume sprays and hairsprays in public areas, e.g., Foyers, Public Restrooms, Con Rooms, etc. A. Losin

L.A.con IV Fan & Bid Tables

ATTENTION: Fan Groups & Conventioneers!

There are a small number of tables available for your group to inhabit for this weekend in the Exhibit Hall. Please leave a note at the Information Desk for Edward Hooper with your name, the name of your group, and a contact phone number. *Edward Hooper*

Move-in/Move-out Thank You

A big "Thank you!" to the folks with the move-in/move-out badges for all the help. We couldn't have set up L.A.con IV without you! With the start of the con, those badges no longer provide access to Hall A. Please remember to show the guards the front of your badge when asked.

Sharon Sbarsky

The Iron Poets Winners

Winner: Alasdair Mackintosh

Runners Up: Samantha Henderson, George Van Wagner Gay Haldeman



Steve Eley and Jonathan Sullivan. Photo by Ranger Craig

Instant contract; just add ink

During his Kaffeeklatsch this afternoon, Steve Eley buttonholed Jonathan Sullivan about a new story. When Jonathan agreed to sell, Steve whipped out a contract and a check and quickly signed him up for Escapepod.org at their new rate of \$100 per story. EscapePod.org publishes free science fiction audio; its sister podcast, Pseudopod.org, publishes free horror. Listen and subscribe at Escapepod.org and Pseudopod.org or through iTunes.

Misc. Author Signings

Ranger Craig

EDGE Science Fiction and Fantasy Publishing will be featuring the following authors on Thursday at their booth:

11 am - 1 pm	K. A. Bedford
1 pm - 2 pm	Rebecca Rowe
2 pm - 3 pm	Lynda Williams
3 pm - 4 pm	R. J. Sawyer
4 pm - 5 pm	Heidi Lampieth
5 pm - 6 pm	Rebecca Rowe
Complete the daily challenge and enter for your chance to	
win an iPod Nano	. Janice Shoults, EDGE SF & F Pub

Space Port Lounge Schedule

Go into the Exhibits Area and turn right to reach the Space Port Lounae.

Thursday, August 24th 12 Noon: Loch David Crane, magician 3 pm: John DeChancie, piano 4 pm: Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance, Gotta Fnargle. 5 pm: Emmet Chapman, stringed synthesizer Friday, August 25th 12 Noon: John deChancie, piano 1 pm: Lynn Maudlin, singer/songwriter 2 pm: Kathy Mar, folk 3 pm: The Prancing Pony Players 4 pm: Jeff and Maya Bohnhoff Saturday, August 26th 11 am: F.I.R.S.T. Robotics demo 12 Noon: Kung Fu Femmes! 12:30 pm: Loch David Crane, magician 1 pm: Moira Stern, harpist extraordinaire 2 pm: James Lee Stanley, singer/songwriter 3 pm: A brief wedding ceremony of a fannish nature 4 pm: The Worldcon Art Auction Sunday, August 27th 11 am: The Return of the Prancing Pony Players 12 Noon: The Patchwork Players, storytellers 1 pm: Lynn Gold, musician

HUFA Auction

The Hypoglycemics United to Foster Awareness auction brought in \$242. Thanks to all who generously participated. Benita Gagne

Kids! The Adventurer's Club wants you!

If you're between the ages of 5 and 12, the Adventurer's Club invites you to join us for your own special programming, crafts, games and fun stuff to find throughout the con. Meet fellow Adventurers such as Captain Jack Sparrow, Gandalf the Grey and Belle. Then, with their help, become a full member of the AC! Join us every day from 10 am to 6 pm in the El Capitan Room, Hilton Hotel, 4th floor.

Dana Ginsberg, Adv. Club

Wednesday Night's Buffy Sing Along

There was standing room only at the Buffy Sing Along. Obviously, many already knew the episode and the songs by heart. Segments that were entertaining before were amplified as a throng of voices sang each number from Once More With Feeling. When Giles and the sing-along crowd finished the song "Standing," Buffy said, "Did you say something?" to much laughter from the attendees. Willow mentioned not being much into the butch to which the crowd responded "Not yet!" When Dawn sings "Does anybody care," the response was "No, we don't." Needless to say, the Buffy Sing Along was reminiscent of the crowds at The Rocky Horror Picture Show. All that was lacking was a live cast in costume. darcee and Sean Cashman



Fans leaving Babel Conference Ambassadorial Reception Photo by Chaz Boston Baden

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Pan-Galactic Express Couriers can be found at Hilton ext. 3080. Team includes: Pearl Newton, Ben Massoglia, Maria Rodriguez, Chaos Savitzky, Nicholas Hipp, Scott Hipp, Connor Foss, and Roadkill.

Art by darcee cashman ("Use the Escalator, Luke!").

Cut-off for the Thursday evening edition is noon; deadline for morning editions is usually 9 pm the previous night. Drop off news items at Palisades Room (Hilton 4th floor) or at any newsboard that has a submission envelope. Please sign your contributions. We reserve the right to ignore anonymous notes.