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eLOCs

Chris Garcia writes:

Cruisin' along with the SF/SF, issue six has come and it's easily the best yet. (and now you can see why I never became a songwriter)

One of the things that makes SF/SF so great is not only the hugely varying calendar but the wide-range of things that you cover. I'm sure that will bring more and more people to SF/SF as time goes by, and hopefully they can be turned into Staff Writers as well!

You know, I forgot to mention that Kevin also made Dr. Who fan films back in the day, I think while he was at college. That's a big deal for me to forget, as I'm a fan filmmaker myself and I should always remember to mention that when I'm writing about my fellow fools...I mean directors.

The SCA once had a serious grip on me, but that was back when I was in High School. I'm fairly decent with a boffer, though the few times I used actual swords, I got my butt handed to me. There are people who know me because of the fact that I once was wearing a helmet and a single blow from my pal Charles cracked it clear in half. My head, though, was only nominally destroyed.

Good to see Mike Deckinger talking about the Little Men. They were responsible for the 1953 WorldCon, though I'm not sure what role they played in the later BArea WorldCons. I know that my Dad attended some Little Men's meet-

ings, though probably not many.

Sounds like the *Lord of the Rings* thing was very fun. The Gusts are on one of the committees of the Computer History Museum and they are also fantastic costumers. Their costumes for the BayCon Masquerade were really great. All the costumes looked great in the photos, which isn't surprising since Lord of the Rings is one of the longest standing inspirations for costumes in fandom. The costumes for the Firefly folks were amazing too, especially that recreation of Kaylee's dress. The pink monstrosity may indeed have been shiny, but it was also God Awful and the single photo of it captured that completely.

Water Wars. The name alone sounds like an SF novel that David Brin would push out in the space of an hour or two. Of course, I'd also buy it and read it immediately. Sounds like a good time. Poor Augusta Ada with no points. Named after the

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patron saint of female programmers who actually had little to no effect on the art of programming. I think I was a member of the group at one point, too.

And according to the BASFA minutes, I'm on my own enemies list. It was bound to happen sooner or later.

You know, I can't remember Arnie Katz ever putting out a 42 page edition of Vegas Fandom Weekly. I can't even remember him doing a 20 page (which is the count once you take out the calendar). You'll probably lap him for page count soon!

Well, this issue is a bit shorter this time, but the calendar is still growing and I think I've managed to find a reasonably wide range of subject to cover.

Rich Berman writes:

Dear Jack,

Congratulations on the great zine! I don't live in the Bay Area, but it is very nice to see all of the great events that are available. As you know, the only fan activity around my stomping grounds consists of me watching the SciFi channel's Friday lineup, so it's nice to live vicariously a little through SF/SF.

Issue #6 was very good, with the highlight

of the issue for me being Jean P. Martin's superb article on the Browncoats. I was a fan of *Firefly* when it aired on FOX, and, naturally, was frustrated by the network's inability to air the episodes in the proper order. No wonder it didn't stand a chance. It's encouraging to see that the show has such a strong fan base. Jean Martin's article gave a good, basic summary of the show, explained why the fans believe so strongly in that universe, and revealed plenty of details of the Browncoats organization. It sounds like a very welcoming group.

I'm eagerly looking forward to the next issue!

Peter Sullivan writes:

A small (and possibly late) LoC for a large issue.

Re. Kevin Standlee. Travelling by train to conventions is more normal over here, even with the existence of cheap airlines these days. Before I could drive, it was my standard way of getting to UK games conventions, both of the main ones being conveniently located in Birmingham, the centre of the UK train network. I remember travelling to one of these with a group of friends, and we were able to start our own personal convention on the train, playing

Railway Rivals. Chosen not just because it was appropriate, but also because, being a pen-based game, there were fewer counters to go astray as we went round especially bumpy corners. Of course, train trips in the UK tend to be measured in hours rather than, as in the US, days.

Anyway, keep up the good work both with SFSF generally and with the listings. I personally would stick with doing the full listing each time, as it makes each issue comprehensive in itself, and in a bizarre way is probably easier for you than having to keep edit stuff up or down (a classic example of "more is less"). But what do I know? At least (unlike Chris Garcia) I don't need to feel guilty about all the good stuff going on nearby that I'm missing.

Not late, but rather just in time to help me fill in the last little bit of white space before I go to "press".

I've attended conventions by train before, I went to one con in San Jose a while back when I was living in Martinez, up the road from the Amtrak station, and it was a pleasant way to get there, even if it wasn't as fast as driving. I've also taken the train to Reno. One thing about the American passenger train system, Amtrak, is that the trains never run on time. I've never heard of a train actually arriving when it was supposed to.

Edinburgh Castle Pub Hosts a Tribute to Scotty and James Doohan

By Dr. Noe

On July 20, 2005, the world lost a great actor, made famous by portraying one of the greatest starship engineers and Scotsman (sorry William Wallace) ever.

Within the next month, The Edinburgh Castle Pub in San Francisco threw a tribute to one Montgomery “Scotty” Scott.

Included in the tribute to James Doohan’s most famous role were poetry tributes heralding some of the Scotsman’s finest moments, a Scotty impersonation contest, music from band Savage Curtain, a bagpiper, a video tribute to the man himself, and, of course, lots and lots of whiskey.

Costumes were encouraged, but few actually wore them.

Included in the video tribute were various snippets of Scotty saving his beloved ship, The Enterprise from certain doom. Of course, the most famous was his out drinking Tomar in “By Any Other Name.” Unfortunately missing was the fight scene on the K-7 Space Station from

“Trouble with Tribbles” and Scotty and Kirk talking about how the fight actually started.

But why would Scotty be given his own tribute? Sure he was on the main cast and saved the ship, but everyone loves Kirk, don’t they?

According to the Edinburgh’s Bar Manager Alan Black (who was dressed proudly in his Scotty uniform) Scotty was the epitome of a Scotsman, and when Black learned of Doohan’s death, he immediately began planning the tribute.

Black, himself Scottish, was a fan of the “intergalactic D.U.I.” since he was a child. Watching Star Trek was part of Black’s regular evening of watching TV. Scotty’s position on the ship also appealed to Black.

“He was the future representation of The Scottish,” he explains

who made quite an accomplishment. “To become the engineer of The Enterprise he had to be the top physicist in the world.”

“He was also a metaphor for being Scottish,” Black continues. “He drank a lot and saved the ship at the end (of the show). There he was, behind the scenes saving the ship.

And, as Black notes, “Doohan captured the Scottish essence in his character.”



Savage Curtain plays the Scotty Tribute

SCA Pitchfork War Pits Gryphonsgaurd against Shire of Teufelberg

By Jack Avery
Editor

The Pitchfork War, a Society for Creative Anachronism event held on August 20, featured classes on medieval technology, an archery tournament, battles between armored fighters and a feast that was probably better than anything actually served in the middle ages.

Sponsored by the Shire of Teufelberg and the Free Company of Griphonguard,

the event drew several dozen participants to the Camp Herms Boy Scout camp site in El Cerito. The Shire of Tuefelberg is an SCA regional group based in Contra Costa County, while Griphonguard



is a war band, a group of SCA members who share a common interest.

Classes were conducted in embroidery, including techniques used to create the Bayeux Tapestry; cooking, including what food and utensils looked like in the

middle ages and cooking for feasts; and middle eastern dance. Woodworking, sewing, dance, music, cooking.

SCA events in the jurisdiction of the Principality of the Mists, which covers the Bay Area, occur about three weekends out of four, according to Anastacia of Warwick, the Seneschal, or chief administrator, of the Principality.

While the weather was a bit overcast and cold for the non-combatants, the fighters benefited from the cooler weather, although many of the combats still took



place under shady trees.

On a break between fights, Alderan of Blackwood, Captain of the Free Company of Gryphonsguard, said the combat between armored opponents is a full contact martial art, with rules designed

to minimize injuries.

“We’re crazy, we’re not stupid,” Alderan said. “We use real armor and fake weapons.”

“Blades” are made out of rattan, which doesn’t splinter when it breaks. All

weapons must be larger than the largest allowed eye slits on the helmets used to protect against eye damage. No blows are allowed at the knee or below and the hands and wrists are not legal targets.

Even with the precautions, Anastacia of Warwick said several people each year do get hurt in the combats. Even without serious injuries, several participants in the battles at the Pitchfork War had withdrawn from the fighting by early afternoon because of minor injuries or because they were tired.

Winners of combat are determined on the honor system. The person being hit decides if the caliber of blow delivered would have been sufficient to penetrate armor had the weapons been real.

“It’s the only sport I know of where your opponent decides if you win,” Alderan of Blackwood said. “When I strike a blow, it’s up to my opponent to decide if it’s good enough.

“Everybody plays fair.”

Not all blows are fatal, Alderan said. If a hard blow hits an arm or leg, the person hit loses the use of the arm or leg.

The El Cerito event was called a war because it was between two sides, with fighters from the Shire of Teufelberg on one side and fighters belonging to Gryphonsguard on the other. Tournaments



safety. Because the arrows do not hit with a lot of force, hits are often declared by visual evidence rather than how they feel upon impact.

At the same time as the combats were being conducted, other SCA members were taking part in an archery tournament, using normal bows and arrows, instead of the modified weapons used in combat.

In addition to competing to try to split a stake, and hit cards to make a poker hand, there was also a competition to hit a Barney doll. The archers were very enthusiastic about trying to hit this last target.

Alderan of Blackwood has been a member of the SCA since 1981, when he joined after seeing a demonstration at a

gaming convention.

“Shortly thereafter I was fighting and enjoying the chivalry of it,” he said.

But martial combat is not the only attraction to the SCA, he said. People join because of an interest in history, costuming, woodworking or other pursuits.

“There’s a lot of different aspects to the group,” he said. “It’s something me and my lady can do together.

Upcoming SCA events in the Bay Area include the October Crown Tournament in Petaluma, which is expected to draw about 1,000 participants. At that event, combat between fighters will determine who will reign as King and Queen of the Kingdom of Mists, the executive and ceremonial head of the local

have combats that take place between individuals.

In addition to even fights between the two sides, a small fort was constructed, allowing one side to lay siege and try to overcome the defenders. These tended to be long combats with archers trying to eliminate enough defenders from long range to allow for a successful charge.

There were a number of archers taking part in the combats. Arrows are tipped with hard rubber heads and have tails that are specially constructed for





group, for the next four months.

There are about 2,000 active members of the SCA in Northern California, according to Anastacia of Warwick, and more than 20,000 members world wide.



Further Confusion Annual Picnic Draws Large Crowd



Left, Further Confusion Vice Chair Squirrel, and Further Confusion Chair Loran Skunky enjoy the picnic at Lake Chabot.

By Melchar
Special to SF/SF

The annual Further Confusion picnic was held at Lake Chabot, August 20.

Roughly 150 fannish folk attended, happily eating all manner of picnic foods: hot dogs (both meat & vege-dogs), burgers, ribs, salads, cookies, chips, brownies, soda - and some adventurous souls picked wild blackberries of the thick hedge that bordered the entire picnic site.

During the fun, Empress Rhea and Omega presented long-time fan Smash with a sash of fannish merit badges that included badges for first aid, camping & night hiking.

There was also a FurryMUCK cribbage tournament, held live between Genevive and Hunter Kitty.

“I drove all the way from LA just to play cribbage and come to the picnic, of course,” Hunter said. “It sure was an expensive cribbage game.”

At the end, Genevive won the

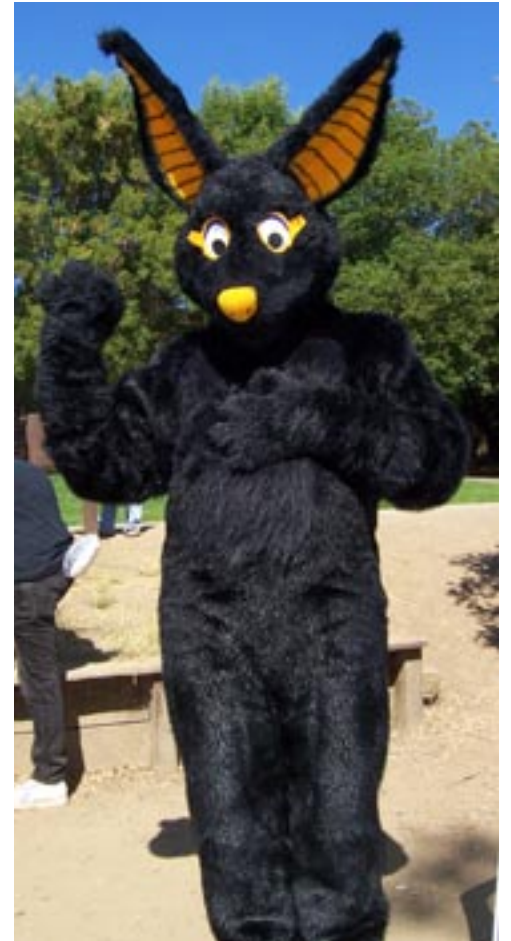
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match.

The day was hot, but thankfully there were deep pools of shade to hide with and watch fans play frisbee, run with their dogs, talk about costuming and watch as a few brave fans wore big mascot outfits. (It-was-a furry picnic, after all.)



BASFA Minutes: meeting 788

Aug 29, 2005

Trey Haddad, President

Nathan Slerm-r & Chris Garcia, Vice-President

Dave Gallaher, Treasurer

Galen Tripp, Sargent at Arms

Barbara Johnson-Haddad, Secretary

Began at 8:04 p.m.

14 people attended

Secretary's report: the minutes of meeting 787 were accepted as 'ewwww, thank you'.

Treasurer's report by phone-age was that last week we took in \$8.70.

VP reports = pre-eminent VP Nathan reported that he has a car full of boxes that need a new home & VP Chris was AWOL.

The President commented that Labor Day was coming up and to go attend conventions.

Announcements:

Dave G. announced by phone-age proxy that Kevin will have his board of inquiry at Cascadia Con - so go there.

Joanie announced they will be moving Sunday & would appreciate any help folks

could give them. (They are moving to downtown San Jose.)

Dierdre happily announced she will be gainfully unemployed tomorrow & she's looking for a software development position.

Dave C announced he heard bad monster movies will be hosted on KTEH on weekends real soon now.

Julie reminded us that 'Tapestry & Talent' is this weekend and we should attend it.

It was also announced that there are fanzines - so take them.

Reviews:

'Brothers Grimm' was reviewed as don't take small kids to it; it was visually stunning but had a muddled & disjointed plot; worth matinee.

Julie reviewed the Rasselon meeting as the new episodes look interesting but she doesn't like the new Tardis design & worth seeing it when you are able to so do.

Dave C. reviewed the Ultraman festival at the Castro Theatre - as he learned way too many Ultraman facts for his peace of mind & rates it as worth full price.

Mike couldn't remember his review.

Nathan reviewed the Santa Clara Toy

Show as getting there early is a must, there were lots of fannish goodies there - many of which he bought & worth full price; Julie follow-on'd that she meant to go there but was sucked into a computer surplus sale instead.

Trey reviewed 'Saint Vidicon to the Rescue' as a book he read 'so you don't have to' & that it had some rough edges - worth library.

Nathan admitted he likes the new Battlestar Galactica; Dierdre says it is well-written & Rick also likes the writing.

Dave C. reviewed 'Point of Honor' by Madeleine Robbins as pretty good & worth new in paperback.

Rick reviewed Glasgow cuisine as wild & wonderful - especially if you like everything fried & he survived eating haggis - it was worth every pound.

We auctioned off stuff: a Grinch musical stocking for \$2.00 and a calendar for \$0.50.

We adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

And the rumor of the week was "that Chris Garcia will exact a terrible revenge on himself for making his own enemy's list for 2 weeks straight".

The Bay Area Fannish Calendar

While some effort (OK, OK, damn little effort) is made to verify event listings, please check on events before attending as events are sometimes cancelled or times and locations changed.

New listings are in red.

Now through Sept. 11

Wicked

www.bestofbroadway-sf.com/goldengate

Golden Gate Theatre

1 Taylor St.

San Francisco

\$35-\$85

Broadway production based on the novel by Gregory Maguire.

See website for schedule.

Wednesday, August 31

Thor

The Lord Weird Slough Feg

www.12galaxies.com

12 Galaxies

2565 Mission Street

San Francisco

9 p.m.

\$10 at the door

Genre film actor and Heavy Metal God Thor performs his brand of metal. See September 14 for a showing of Thor's *Heavy Metal Nightmare*.

Wednesday, August 31

Bay Area Role-Playing Society

www.BayRPS.com

Go-Getter's Pizza

1489 Beach Park Boulevard

Foster City

6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Hosts a weekly game night. For club and game night details send email to: GM@BayRPS.com. (Not confirmed, check before attending.)

Thursday, September 1

Tsunami Anime Showing

WSQ 109

San Jose State University

San Jose

www.studiokyuu.com/tsunami

Free

7 p.m.

Scheduled shows:

Initial D 4th Stage 10

Full Metal Alchemist 36

Jinki: Extend 1

Air 1

Marimite 1

School Rumble 12

For directions, see the website.

Thursday - Monday, September 1-5

The Las Vegas-nauts

New Langton Arts

1246 Folsom Street (between 8th and 9th streets)

San Francisco

Doors: 7:30 p.m.

\$17- \$20 sliding scale

The Thunderbird Theatre Company's comedy featuring the Swiss Mafia, super heroes and mutant villains. Set in Las Vegas, it of course features an Elvis impersonator, "E" the last son of Graceland.

Friday, September 2

Anime Style Drawing and Animation Techniques

Frank Bette Center for the Arts

www.frankbettecenter.org/

1601 Paru Street

Alameda, CA 94501

510-523-6957

4 p.m – 6 p.m.

\$10 teens per session

\$35 adults per session

Professional illustrator and fine artist Ken McGhee helps participants develop the skills they need to draw characters, taking the class on a journey through the process and techniques of manga. Drop-in class, all skill levels welcome. (not verified, check before attending)

Friday, September 2

SF Games

vax.hanford.org/dk/games

Muddy's Coffeeshouse

1304 Valencia Street near 24th

San Francisco

7:00 p.m. to midnight

Free

SF Games is a collective name for a bunch of people who get together and play board games and card games every week. Also has a cards night on Tuesdays at Café Macondo, 3159 16th Street between

Guerrero and Valencia.

Friday, September 2

Spider-Man 2

Fruitvale Outdoor Cinema

Fruitvale Village

Corner of 34th Ave. and E. 12th St.

Oakland

8 p.m.

Free

Shown in English with Spanish subtitles.

Friday-Monday, September 2-5

ConquestSF

SF Airport Marriott

1800 Old Bayshore Hwy.

Burlingame

www.conquestsf.com

\$40 before Aug. 20

Gaming convention. ConQuest features many different kinds of games, including miniatures games, role playing games (RPGs), board games, collectible card games (CCGs), and live action role playing games (LARPs).

Saturday, September 3

Beefbowl Anime Showing

Albany Library Community Center

1247 Marin Ave.

Albany

www.beefbowl.org

Free

12:15 ish -4:15 ish

Scheduled shows:

Rurouni Kenshin : TV # 47

R.O.D : TV # 23

One Piece : TV # 32

Naruto : TV # 33

Prince Of Tennis : TV # 33

Hikaru No Go : TV # 33

Yakitate Japan : TV # 8

Project D : TV # 10

Fafner In The Azure : TV # 5

Saturday, September 3

The Three Musketeers Ball

A 17th Century Tavern Dance

PEERS Event

www.peers.org

Masonic Lodge of San Mateo

Doors Open: 6:15 p.m.

Dance Lesson: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Dancing begins: 8:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$15.00 in advance (by August 27)

At the door: \$20.00

Advance tickets may be ordered by sending a check or money order to:

PEERS

2144 B Buena Vista Ave

Alameda CA 94501

You may also purchase tickets until August 27 with a credit card using the

PayPal system.

From their website:

It's One for All and All for One at this swashbuckling early 17th century ball set at the Musketeers' favorite inn, Le Cerf Agile. Bangers & Mash - the Bay Area's premiere country dance band - plays elegant and dashing English and French country dances and a number of gorgeous, if anachronistic, waltzes.

Don't know anything about 17th century dance? Never fear. All set and country dances will be briefly taught or called at the ball, and there will be a pre-ball dance class starting at 630 p.m. with Mr. Alan Winston, dance master of the Bay Area English Regency Society and a popular caller with the Bay Area English Country Dance Society. At the pre-ball class, Mr. Winston will teach the basic footwork and patterns of early English Country Dance along with several of the dances on the program. You'll be dancing these dances with elegance, grace and confidence in no time!

17th century costume (any class) is admired, but not required, at the ball. Yes, most of your Renaissance Faire garb would also be perfectly appropriate for the ball, and generic swashbuckler costume, peasant attire, or modern evening dress is just fine (Please note that there is no dress code for

the ball).

Entertainment includes displays of Baroque courtly and country dance and there will indeed be a no host (cash) bar as well as a light snack buffet. Your potluck contributions to the buffet will, as usual, be welcomed at the kitchen.

Gorgeous Baroque music and dancing, beautiful waltzes, swordplay, tight bodices, and a great bar - what mortal could ask for more?

Saturday, September 3

Blood Bucket Ballyhoo

www.hypnodrome.com

At The Hypnodrome

575 10th Street, SF

"A Grand Guignol tripple terror stage show"

8 p.m.

Tickets \$18-\$69

Held over for six more performances, each Saturday at 8 p.m. through Sept. 24.

From their website:

"The world's only Grand Guignol triple terror stage show is back! Following the spectacular success of last fall's wildly popular Welcome to the Hypnodrome (a Halloween treat held over till Christmas!) Thrillpeddlers, veteran purveyors of perverse stage shenanigans, return with an even more elaborate evening of hospitable horror

- Blood Bucket Ballyhoo!

Also returning are the Hypnodrome's notorious "Shock Boxes" - devilishly renovated - in which audience members will actually feel the effects of bizarre mind control, rat catcher's poisonous gas and Blood Bucket Ballyhoo's electro-magnetic lights-out finale! (Patrons who book these private "Shock Box" seats for two are advised to bring someone they enjoy clutching in terror.)"

If anybody goes to see this, I'd love a review.

Saturday, September 3

Rocky Horror Picture Show

www.picturepubpizza.com

Parkway Speakeasy Theater

1834 Park Blvd.

Oakland

\$6

Midnight

Barely Legal Productions presents the classic midnight movie every Saturday night. No one under 17 admitted.

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Sunday, September 4

Sacramento Comic Book Show

www.sacramentocomics.com

Scottish Rite Center

6151 H. Street

Sacramento

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

\$5 (\$4 with coupon from website)

Comic book convention with anime viewing room, dealers, cosplay contest at 2 p.m. For a report on the February show, see Don't Shake Me at www.efanzines.com.

Special guest: Mark Waid.

Sunday, September 4

Foothills Anime Showing

Room 1500

Foothills College

12345 El Monte Road

Los Altos Hills

foothill.anime.net

12 Noon -

Free

Schedule:

Space Cruiser Yamato #2 (sub)

2X2 = Shinobuden #12 (sub)

My:Hime #17-18 (sub)

Monster #29-30 (sub)

Tsubasa #3-4 (sub)

Hale Nochi Guu Final #13-14 (sub)

Beck #17-18 (sub)

Beat-to-Death Angel Dokuro-chan #5-

6 (sub)

*Ebichu Minds the House #5-6** (sub)*

** Not for children 18+ only.

Monday September 5

Bay Area Science Fiction Association

The Original Hick'ry Pit

980 E. Campbell Ave.

Campbell

8 p.m.

Free

www.basfa.org.

Tuesday-Thursday, September 6-8

Howl's Castle

Red Vic Movie House

1727 Haight Street

San Francisco

Miyazaki's (*Spirited Away*, *My Neighbor Totoro*) latest movie is based on an English fantasy novel by Diana Winn Jones.

Wednesday, September 7

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www.BayRPS.com

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Foster City

6pm to 10pm

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before attending.)

Wednesday, September 7

Them

Panic in the Year Zero

www.castrotheater.com

Castro Theater

429 Castro Street

San Francisco

Double feature as part of the cold war film series.

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SFinSF@gmail.com

September 7- September 18

The Werewolf

San Francisco Fringe Theater Festival

EXIT Theater

156 Eddy Street

\$9

Denis is the last in a long line of intelligent wolves living unnoticed in woods north of Paris. But when he is bitten by a werewolf he wakes on the day of the next full moon to find that he has become human. How will he survive the world of men? Boris Vian's surreal fairy tale translated and adapted by John Rackham and performed by an international cast.

Schedule:

Wednesday, Sept. 7, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 10, 10 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept 16, 10 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 18, 8:30 p.m.

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Friday- Saturday, September 9-10

Brazil

Red Vic Movie House

1727 Haight Street

San Francisco

Friday, September 9

USS Northern Lights Meeting

Starfleet Chapter

www.usnothernlights.org

Great Mall Foot Court

Great Mall

Milpitas

Free

7 p.m.

Saturday, September 10

Sonoma County Book Festival

/www.sonomacountybookfair.org/index.html

Courthouse Square (Mendocino Ave.

between Third and Fourth Streets. Take the downtown exit off of 101 and go under the mall.)

Santa Rosa

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Free

Join Borderlands Books and dozens of other vendors in Santa Rosa's Courthouse Square for this sixth annual celebration of the literary arts. There will be author appearances, panels, readings, special events for kids, and much, much more! (Note: this is a general book festival, not genre specific)

September 10 – Oct 16

(Saturdays and Sundays)

Northern California Ren Faire

http://www.norcalrenfaire.org

Pacheco Pass Highway

Hollister

10 am. to 6 p.m.

\$15 in advance

\$20 at gate

Saturday, September 10

Bard of The Mists Competition

Society for Creative Anachronism Event

santiagosmagic.com/bardic/

Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto

505 East Charleston Road

Palo Alto

11 a.m. – 9:30

\$15

Feast plus a multi-round competition to determine successor as Bard of The Mists. Only 100 seats available.

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Saturday, September 10

SF Browncoats

sfbrowncoats.com

Cafe Murano

San Francisco

Noon

Free

Serenity/Firefly fan group. Meets every second Saturday of each month.

Join the yahoo group from the link on their website for schedule updates.

Saturday, September 10

No Name Anime Showing

Saratoga Library

13650 Saratoga Ave.

Saratoga

12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. or so

Free

Saturday, September 10

Michael Blumlein appearance

Cover to Cover

307 Castro Street

San Francisco

7 p.m.

Free

Signing by local author Michael Blumlein (*The Healer*).

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Shire of Teufelberg Anniversary Tournament SCA Event

www.phmoms.com/shiretourney

Camp Hermes

El Cerrito

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

\$6 - \$9

Fighter tournament, target archery (loaned gear available), javelyn throw, games, more. Potluck lunch at 1 p.m.

Sunday, September 11

Terry Pratchett appearance

Kepler's Books

1010 El Camino Real

Menlo Park

Noon

Free

Sunday, September 11

Robin Hobb appearance

Borderlands Books

www.borderlands-books.com

866 Valencia St.

San Francisco

3 p.m.

Free

From the Borderlands newsletter: Borderlands is delighted to welcome the prolific and talented Robin Hobb, author of the beloved *Farseer* books. *Shaman's Crossing* is the first in a brand-new series, The Soldier Son Trilogy. *Haman's Crossing* is dedicated “To Caffeine and Sugar - my companions through many a long night of writing.” We know you're going to love Robin Hobb! Check out her thoroughly entertaining website here: (<http://www.robinhobb.com/>)

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Sunday, September 11

Gay Men's Science Fiction Book Club

Borderlands Books

www.borderlands-books.com

866 Valencia St.

San Francisco

5 p.m.

Free

This month's book is *Inversions* by Ian M. Banks.

Please contact the group leader, Christopher Rodriguez, at cobalt555@earthlink.net, for more information.

Sunday, September 11

Speculative Fiction Book Club

Kepler's Books

1010 El Camino Real

Menlo Park

7 p.m.

Free

This month's book is *Solaris* by Stanislaw Lem.

Monday, September 12

Susanna Clarke in conversation.

Commonwealth Club of San Francisco

595 Market St., 2nd floor

Corner of Market and Second Street

San Francisco

Free for members

\$18 for non members

5:45 p.m. wine and cheese reception

6:30 p.m. program

The Hugo-award winning author of *Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell* in conversation with Barbara Lane.

Monday, September 12

Cal Animage Alpha

Location TBA

University of California

Berkeley

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Free

Schedule: TBA

Monday September 12

Bay Area Science Fiction Association

The Original Hick'ry Pit

980 E. Campbell Ave.

Campbell

8 p.m.

Free

www.basfa.org.

Tuesday, September 13

Susanna Clarke Signing

A Clean Well Lighted Place For Books

601 Van Ness Avenue

San Francisco

noon

Free

Signing by the Hugo-award winning

author of *Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell*.

September 13-14

Spirited Away

Red Vic Movie House

1727 Haight Street

San Francisco

Tuesday, September 13

Sci-Fi Book Club Book Group

Barnes & Noble

3501 McHenry Avenue, Suite E

Modesto

209-521-1118

7:00 p.m.

Free

Wednesday, September 14

Michael Blumlein appearance

UC Bookstore

500 Parnassus

San Francisco

Noon

Free

Local author Michael Blumlein (*The Healer*) signing.

More Events Next Page

Wednesday, September 14

Rock and Roll Nightmare

www.ybca.org

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

700 Howard Street

San Francisco

\$8

7:30 p.m.

I have no idea why anyone would want to see this movie, but wannabe Heavy Metal God Thor battles Satan in this very low budget horror movie, thus qualifying it as speculative fiction.

Showing as part of the Heavy Metal Cinema: Rock, Shock and Schlock program.

I guess this covers the Schlock portion of the program.

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Group

Barnes & Noble

Creekside Town Center

1256 Galleria Boulevard

Roseville

916-788-4320

7:00 p.m.

Free

September 16-18

Principality of the Mists Fall Coronet

Society for Creative Anachronism Event

mists.westkingdom.org/2005FallCoronet.

html#party

22855 Moscow Road

Duncan Mills

Noon Friday to 4 p.m. Sunday

\$12-\$15

Tourney to determine successor for the Principality of the Mists. Camping event along the Russian River. Equestrian demonstration Saturday morning, arts and sciences competitions, archery and hurley allowed, war practice Sunday, Russian-theme party.

Saturday, September 17

Pokemon Rocks America

www.pokemon.com

San Jose McEnery Convention Center

150 San Carlos St.

San Jose

Free

Saturday, September 17

Kevin Murphy appearance and reading

Dimensions in Time Grand Opening

www.dimensionsintime.com

4235 Arden Way

Sacramento

Free

Noon - 4 p.m.

Kevin Murphy (Mystery Science Theater 3000's Tom Servo and Professor Bobo) will be signing memorabilia and copies of

his book *A Year At The Movies - One Man's Filmgoing Odyssey*.

Saturday, September 17

Brian Keene appearance

Phil Nutman appearance

Borderlands Books

www.borderlands-books.com

866 Valencia St.

San Francisco

4 p.m.

Free

From the Borderlands newsletter:

We're pleased to welcome Brian and Phil for a zombie double-header! Brian Keene (*City of the Dead, Terminal*) is the charismatic author of THE RISING, and many, many forthcoming books. Philip Nutman (*Wet Work*) is a novelist, short story writer, comic book scriptwriter, and screenwriter. Join us for a whole afternoon of the living dead!

Saturday, September 17

Manga Otaku Book Group (Graphic Novel)

Barnes & Noble Booksellers

Weberstown Mall

4950 Pacific Avenue, Space 319

Stockton

209-472-1885

6 p.m.

Free

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Thursday - Saturday, September 15-17

The Las Vegas-nauts

New Langton Arts

1246 Folsom Street (between 8th and 9th streets)

San Francisco

Doors: 7:30 p.m.

\$17- \$20 sliding scale

The Thunderbird Theatre Company's comedy featuring the Swiss Mafia, super heroes and mutant villains. Set in Las Vegas, it of course features an Elvis impersonator, "E" the last son of Graceland.

Friday, September 16

Christopher Paolini signing

Maria Carrillo High School Auditorium

6975 Montecito Blvd.

Santa Rosa

707-823-2618

Receive one ticket with purchase of *Eldest* at Copperfield's Books

\$10 for additional tickets

7 p.m.

Saturday, September 17

Christopher Paolini

San Ramon Valley High School

140 Love Lane

Danville

925-837-7337

Ticket with purchase of *Eldest* at Rakestraw Books

6 p.m.

Saturday, September 17

Blood Bucket Ballyhoo

www.hypnodrome.com

At The Hypnodrome

575 10th Street, SF

"A Grand Guignol tripple terror stage show"

8 p.m.

Tickets \$18-\$69

Held over for six more performances, each Saturday at 8 p.m. through Sept. 24.

Sunday, September 18

Northern California Mars Society

San Jose Public Library

San Jose

1 p.m.

Free

Sunday, September 18

David Morell appearance

Borderlands Books

www.borderlands-books.com

866 Valencia St.

San Francisco

3 p.m.

Free

Signing in support of his new novel *Creepers*.

Note corrected day and time

Sunday, September 18

Science Fiction Book Club

Borderlands Books

www.borderlands-books.com

866 Valencia St.

San Francisco

6 p.m.

Free

This month's book is *Red Shift* edited by Al Sarantonio. Please contact Jude at jfeldman@borderlands-books.com for more information.

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SFinSF@gmail.com

Sunday, September 18

Bad Movie Night: Sheena

The Dark Room Theatre

2263 Mission St.

San Francisco

Between 19th and 18th streets, between the pawn shop and the laundromat

415-401-7987

www.darkroomsf.com

8 p.m.

\$5

With Patrick Simms, Stoo Odom and Jim Fourniadis. Pirate cat radio night.

From their website:

We've taken all the guess work out of the age ole question, "Will this movie suck?"

It will suck.

And we'll have a slew of hosts to point that out. Every Sunday for a measly 5\$ you can put your feet up, enjoy a crummy movie, scarf down popcorn, listen to the hilarious ravings of our special guests and yes, you too can yell at the movie screen.

We will have rotating hosts chosen from the brilliant comedic flock of freaks circling our fair city. Guaranteed bad movies. Byob. Free popcorn. Feet on the furniture. What more could you ask for of a Sunday night. We promise to have you in bed by 11pm.

Monday, September 19

Cal Animage Alpha

Location TBA

Univeristy of California

Berkeley

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Free

Schedule:

Full Metal Panic! The Second Raid

Monday September 19

Bay Area Science Fiction Association

The Original Hick'ry Pit

980 E. Campbell Ave.

Campbell

8 p.m.

Free

www.basfa.org.

Wednesday, September 21

Terry Pratchett appearance

Cody's

2454 Telegraph Avenue

Berkeley CA, US,

7:30 p.m.

Free

Diskworld creator Terry Pratchett (*Thud*) signing.

September 22 - September 24

The Werewolf

The Dark Room Theater

8 p.m.

Denis is the last in a long line of intelligent wolves living unnoticed in woods north of Paris. But when he is bitten by a werewolf he wakes on the day of the next full moon to find that he has become human. How will he survive the world of men? Boris Vian's surreal fairy tale translated and adapted by John Rackham and performed by an international cast.

Thursday, September 22

Terry Pratchett Reading

Park Branch Library

1833 Page Street

San Francisco

Booksmith-sponsored event

7 p.m.

Pratchett will read from his new Discworld novel *Thud*.

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Friday, September 23

Legion of Rassilon
Doctor Who fan group
Carl's Junior
2551 N. First Street
San Jose
7:30 p.m.
Free

Showing episodes of the new Dr. Who series, news, discussion of recent movies and a raffle.

Saturday, September 24

USS Augusta Ada Meeting
Starfleet Chapter
trek.starshine.org
Round Table Pizza
5160 Geary Blvd
San Francisco
Free
1 p.m.

Saturday, September 24

Tachyon Publications Anniversary Party
Borderlands Books
www.borderlands-books.com
866 Valencia St.
San Francisco
2 p.m.
Free

Saturday, September 24

Blood Bucket Ballyhoo
www.hypnodrome.com
At The Hypnodrome
575 10th Street, SF
“A Grand Guignol tripple terror stage show”
8 p.m.

Tickets \$18-\$69
Held over for six more performances, each Saturday at 8 p.m. through Sept. 24.

Monday, September 26

Cal Animage Alpha
Location TBA
Univeristy of California
Berkeley
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Free

Schedule:
Tsubasa Chronicle

Monday, September 26

Bay Area Science Fiction Association
The Original Hick'ry Pit
980 E. Campbell Ave.
Campbell
8 p.m.
Free
www.basfa.org.

Tuesday, September 27

Japanimation Book Group (Graphic Novel)
Barnes & Noble Booksellers
6111 Sunrise Blvd.
Citrus Heights
916-853-1511
7 p.m.
Free

Tuesday, September 27

Mr. Cleaver
www.picturepubpizza.com
Parkway Speakeasy Theater
1834 Park Blvd.
Oakland
\$5
Slasher movie made by local slasher fans.

Wednesday, September 28

Neil Gaiman appearance
Kepler's Books
1010 El Camino Real
Menlo Park
7:30 p.m.
Free
At this event, Gaiman will sign as many copies of *Anansi Boys* as are purchased and up to two other items per customer.

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Thursday, September 29

Michael Chabon and Neil Gaiman in Conversation

Book Passage
51 Tamal Vista Blvd.
Corte Madera
7 p.m.
Free

Friday, September 30

Sci-Fi / Fantasy Book Group

Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Weberstown Mall
4950 Pacific Avenue, Space 319
Stockton
209-472-1885
6:30 p.m.
Free

Friday, September 30

Neil Gaiman appearance

First Congregational Church
Berkeley
7 p.m.
(hosted by Cody's Books; ticketed event)

Neil Gaiman (*Anansi Boys*) reads and signs.

From the Cody's Books website:

Tickets are required; they'll be available beginning September 20 with the purchase of *Anansi Boys* at any Cody's location (Berkeley and San Francisco).

September 30, October 1-2

Crown Tournament

Westkingdom.org/calendar/OctCrown2005.php
Sonoma-Marín County Fairgrounds
Petaluma
Noon Friday – 4 p.m. Sunday
\$12-\$15

Tourney to determine successor for the Kingdom of the West.

September 30-October 5

Mirrormask

www.calfilm.org
Rafael Film Center
1118 Fourth Street
San Rafael
415-454-1222
\$9.25

Limited engagement run of the new movie by Neil Gaiman and Dave McKean.

Saturday, October 1

Hayward Comic Con

www.borderlands-books.com

Centennial Hall
22292 Foothill Blvd.

Hayward

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

\$5

Dealer's room. Guests: Marshall Rogers, Alex Suvia, Tony DeZuniga, Chris Mar-

rinan, Tim Vigil, Joe Vigil, Nate Watson.

Saturday, October 1

Ellen Steiber appearance

Borderlands Books
www.borderlands-books.com

866 Valencia St.

San Francisco

2 p.m.

Free

Saturday, October 1

Ellen Steiber reading and signing

The Other Change of Hobbit

2020 Shattuck Ave.

Berkeley

5 p.m.

Free

The author will read from and sign her first adult fantasy novel *A Rumor of Gems*.

Saturday, October 1

Terry Pratchett appearance

The Booksmith

1644 Haight Street

San Francisco

7 p.m.

Free

Terry Pratchett (*Thud*) reads and signs.

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Monday, October 3

Cal Animage Alpha

Location TBA

Univeristy of California

Berkeley

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Free

Schedule:

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Monday, October 3

Bay Area Science Fiction Association

The Original Hick'ry Pit

980 E. Campbell Ave.

Campbell

8 p.m.

Free

www.basfa.org.

Tuesday, October 4

Stanford Newtype Anime Club

www.stanford.edu/group/newtype

Loction TBD

Palo Alto

8 p.m.

Free

October 7-9

Silicon 2005

www.siliconventions.com

Doubletree Hotel

San Jose

A small general science fiction convention. Anime track, dealers room, programing track.

Saturday, October 8

Lord of the Rings Feast

Greater Bay Area Costumers Guild Event

GBACG \$39.50

Non-members \$44.50

Sequoia Lodge, Oakland Hills. Come to the House of Elrond in Rivendell, whether you like food or story-telling or singing or a pleasant mixture of them all. The evening will be filled with the faint scent of trees and flowers, as if summer still lingers in Elrond's gardens. . GBACG members may purchase tickets Aug. 12-31. Tickets go on sale to the General Public September 1.

October 8

5th Annual Metreon Festival of Anime

Metreon

101 4th Street

San Francisco

11 a.m. -

Free or ?

This is usually a small, but nice event. The price is free since most of it is held in the public areas of the Metreon, but if you want to watch the anime being shown or be eligible for a prize in the costume contest, you have to buy a membership.

Saturday, October 8

SF Browncoats

sfbrowncoats.com

Cafe Murano

San Francisco

Noon

Free

Serenity/Firefly fan group. Meets every second Saturday of each month.

Join the yahoo group from the link on their website for schedule updates.

Saturday, October 8

Fiona Avery appearance

Borderlands Books

www.borderlands-books.com

866 Valencia St.

San Francisco

2 p.m.

Free

Author of *The Crown Rose* will sign.

Saturday, October 8

John Ringo appearance

Borderlands Books

www.borderlands-books.com

866 Valencia St.

San Francisco

4 p.m.

Free

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Sunday, October 9

Speculative Fiction Book Club

Kepler's Books

1010 El Camino Real

Menlo Park

7 p.m.

Free

This month's book is *Alphabet of Thorn* by Patricia McKillip.

Monday, October 10

Cal Animage Alpha

Location TBA

Univeristy of California

Berkeley

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Free

Schedule:

Loveless

Monday, October 10

Bay Area Science Fiction Association

The Original Hick'ry Pit

980 E. Campbell Ave.

Campbell

8 p.m.

Free

www.basfa.org.

Tuesday, October 11

Sci-Fi Book Club

Barnes & Noble Booksellers

3501 McHenry Avenue, Suite E

Modesto

209-521-1118

7 p.m.

Free

Thursday, October 13

Thrillville's Horror Host Palooza 2005!

Dracula vs. Frankenstein

Astro Zombies

www.picturepubpizza.com

Parkway Speakeasy Theater

1834 Park Blvd.

Oakland

\$10

7:30 p.m.

Will the Thrill and Tiki Gossess Monica present a double feature of *Dracula vs. Frankenstein* and *Astro Zombies* with live theremin by Robert Silverman, and guest appearances by horror hosts John Stanley, Doctor Goulfinger, Mr. Lobo, Ms. Monster, Rock 'n' Roll Ray and Son of Ghoul.

Saturday, October 15

Manga Otaku Book Group

Barnes & Noble Booksellers

Weberstown Mall

4950 Pacific Avenue, Space 319

Stockton

209-472-1885

6 p.m.

Free

Sunday, October 16

Science Fiction Book Club

Borderlands Books

www.borderlands-books.com

866 Valencia St.

San Francisco

6 p.m.

Free

This month's book is *Bloodsucking Fiends* by Christopher Moore.

Monday, October 17

Cal Animage Alpha

Location TBA

Univeristy of California

Berkeley

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Free

Schedule:

Law of Ueki

Monday, October 17

Bay Area Science Fiction Association

The Original Hick'ry Pit

980 E. Campbell Ave.

Campbell

8 p.m.

Free

www.basfa.org.

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Tuesday, October 18

Nightmare in Blood

www.picturepubpizza.com

Parkway Speakeasy Theater

1834 Park Blvd.

Oakland

\$5

9:15 p.m.

Director and local horror host legend John Stanley will appear at this showing of a locally-filmed but rarely seen vampire movie.

Wednesday, October 19

Gregory Maguire appearance

Books Inc.

2275 Market Street

San Francisco

7:30 p.m.

Free

Gregory Maguire, the best selling author of *Wicked*, will introduce his new book, *Son of a Witch*.

Thursday, October 20

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Group

Barnes & Noble Booksellers

Creekside Town Center

1256 Galleria Boulevard

Roseville

916-788-4320

7 p.m.

Free

Thursday, October 20

The Chainsaw Mafia 2005 Indie Horror Film Festival

www.picturepubpizza.com

www.thechainsawmafia.com

Parkway Speakeasy Theater

1834 Park Blvd.

Oakland

\$6

The Chainsaw Mafia is now accepting entries for this festival of short horror films, science fiction and cult films also considered if they have horror elements. Films may include nudity, gore and violence “and, please, lots of it.”

The showing will be hosted by Shannon Lark and her Zombie Dancing Girls.

October 20-26

Zombie Honeymoon

Red Vic Movie House

1727 Haight Street

San Francisco

San Francisco premiere of this zombie movie.

Friday, October 21

William Winckler’s Frankenstein vs. The Creature From Blood Cove

www.bayareafilmevents.com

Hyatt Theater

Highway 101 Broadway Overpass

Burlingame

Time: TBA

Cost: TBA

The Northern California premiere of this horror movie tribute to the great horror movies of the past. Filmed in black and white, and featuring not only Frankenstein’s monster and the Creature, but also a werewolf.

This event will be hosted by legendary horror movie host The Ghoul. Cast and crew will also be present. Question and answer session with director William Winckler. Plus horror shorts.

Friday, October 21

Futurist Salon Book Group

Barnes & Noble Booksellers

Hillsdale Shopping Center

11 West Hillsdale Blvd.

San Mateo

650-341-5560

7:30 p.m.

Free

Friday, October 21

Chris Ware appearance

The Booksmith

1644 Haight Street

San Francisco

Time: TBD

Free

Saturday, October 22

William Winckler's Frankenstein vs. The Creature From Blood Cove

www.bayareafilmevents.com

Auctions by the Bay

Alameda

Time: TBA

Cost: TBA

A second Northern California showing of this horror movie tribute to the great horror movies of the past. Filmed in black and white, and featuring not only Frankenstein's monster and the Creature, but also a werewolf.

This event will be hosted by legendary horror movie host The Ghoul. Cast and crew will also be present. Question and answer session with director William Winckler. Plus horror shorts.

Saturday, October 22

Chris Ware signing

Kepler's Books

1010 El Camino Real

Menlo Park

5 p.m.

Free

Saturday, October 22

Flashlight Tour

Winchester Mystery House

www.winchestermysteryhouse.com

525 South Winchester Boulevard

San Jose

6 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

\$31

October 22-30

Monster Movie Marathon

www.castrotheater.com

Castro Theater

429 Castro Street

San Francisco

From the Castro website:

Everybody's favorites: Frankenstein, the Mummy, Wolf Man, Dracula, Night Of The Living Dead spooktacular! and dare I say, Get HAMMERED at the Castro, if you know what I mean, scares, frights, chills and thrills for nine spooky nights.

Tuesday, October 25

Night of the Comet

www.picturepubpizza.com

Parkway Speakeasy Theater

1834 Park Blvd.

Oakland

Free

9:15 p.m.

No that's not a typo, this is showing as part of their audience appreciation nights.

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Monday, October 24

Cal Animage Alpha

Location TBA

Univeristy of California

Berkeley

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Free

Schedule:

Glass Mask

Monday, October 24

Bay Area Science Fiction Association

The Original Hick'ry Pit

980 E. Campbell Ave.

Campbell

8 p.m.

Free

www.basfa.org.

Tuesday, October 25

Clive Barker

Stacey's Books

581 Market Street

San Francisco, CA 94105

415-421-4687

Noon

Send your reviews, reports and notes about Bay Area fans and fan activities to:

SFinSF@gmail.com.

Tuesday, October 25

The Planets

Dava Sobel lecture

Mechanic's Institute

Mechanic's Institute Library

57 Post Street

San Francisco

12:30 pm

Members free;

Public \$7

The best-selling author of *Longitude* and *Galileo's Daughter*, presents a luminous exploration of our solar system. Weaving cosmic history with up-to-the-minute science discoveries, Sobel describes the planets as objects of beauty, sources of legends and myths, inspirations for poems, paintings and science fiction, and the cause of social revolutions.

Dava Sobel is an award-winning former science writer for *The New York Times*. Her work has also appeared in *Audubon*, *Discover*, *Life*, and *The New Yorker*.

Tuesday, October 25

Clive Barker

Booksmith

1644 Haight Street

San Francisco

415-863-8688

7 p.m.

Free

Tuesday, October 25

Japanimation Book Group (Graphic Novel)

Barnes & Noble Booksellers

6111 Sunrise Blvd.

Citrus Heights

916-853-1511

7 p.m.

Free

Tuesday, October 25

Clive Barker appearance

The Booksmith

1644 Haight Street

San Francisco

Time: TBD

Free

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Robert Jordan appearance

Cody's Stockton Street

2 Stockton Street

San Francisco

7:30 p.m.

Free

Thursday, October 27, 2005

R. A. Salvatore appearance

Barnes & Noble Booksellers

3600 Stevens Creek Blvd

San Jose

408-984-3495

7:00 p.m.

Free

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Robert Jordan appearance

Bay Book Co.

Strawflower Shopping Center

80 F. Cabrillo Hwy.

Half Moon Bay

7:00 p.m.

Free

Thursday, October 27

Lost Boys

www.picturepubpizza.com

Parkway Speakeasy Theater

1834 Park Blvd.

Oakland

\$6

9:15 p.m.

Trivia, prizes, contests.

October 28-30

Yaoicon 5

www.yaoicon.com

The Westin San Francisco Airport

1 Old Bayshore Highway

Millbrae

A celebration of male beauty and passion in anime and manga. Dealers room, programming, cosplay contest, bishi auction. Must be 18 years of age or older to attend.

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Friday, October 28, 2005

Sci-Fi / Fantasy Book Group
Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Weberstown Mall
4950 Pacific Avenue, Space 319
Stockton, CA 95207
209-472-1885
6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 28, 2005

Robert Jordan appearance
Barnes & Noble Booksellers
3600 Stevens Creek Blvd
San Jose
408-984-3495
7:00 p.m.
Free

Friday, October 28

R. A. Salvatore Q and A, signing
The Other Change of Hobbit
2020 Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley
7 p.m.
Free

The author will hold a question and answer session and sign his latest forgotten Realms novel *Promise of the Witch-King*.

Friday, October 28

Legion of Rassilon
Doctor Who fan group
Carl's Junior
2551 N. First Street
San Jose
7:30 p.m.
Free

Showing episodes of the new Dr. Who series, news, discussion of recent movies and a raffle.

Saturday, October 29, 2005

Robert Jordan appearance
Borders Books & Music
1200 Pacific Ave., Suite 100
Santa Cruz
4:00 p.m.
Free

Saturday, October 29

Ghost Train
www.roaringcamp.com
Roaring Camp
Felton

\$20 adults
\$15 Children

Ride to Bear Mountain through a haunted redwood forest as the Legend of Sleepy Hollow is portrayed. Reservations required. 1-888-25-EVENTS for tickets.

Saturday, October 29

Flashlight Tour
Winchester Mystery House
www.winchestermysteryhouse.com
525 South Winchester Boulevard
San Jose
6 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
\$31

Monday, October 31

Flashlight Tour
Winchester Mystery House
www.winchestermysteryhouse.com
525 South Winchester Boulevard
San Jose
6 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
\$31

Monday, October 24

Cal Animage Alpha
Location TBA
Univeristy of California
Berkeley
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Free

Schedule:
Glass Mask

Monday, October 31

Bay Area Science Fiction Association

The Original Hick'ry Pit

980 E. Campbell Ave.

Campbell

8 p.m.

Free

www.basfa.org.

November 4-6

Bascon

Embassy Suites

250 Gateway Boulevard

South San Francisco

Memberships: \$70 to 10/31/05 or until sold out

Information: BASCon, P.O. Box 282197, San Francisco, CA 94128-2197

Email: info@BASCon.org

The fifth Bay Area Slash Convention. Open to those 18 years or older.

Dealers' room, art show, panels, video show, con suite.

November 5

AnimeDestiny 2005

www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~animage/animed/

University of California Berkeley

Berkeley

\$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

Members of Cal-Animage Alpha get in free.

9 a.m. – 11 p.m.

The second year for this very fun one-day convention sponsored by one of the oldest anime clubs in the U.S.

Anime track, programming, concert by j-rock group Beautiful Losers, cosplay contest, dealers, swap meet.

Saturday, November 5

Le Bal Des Vampires

PEERS (The Period Events & Entertainments Re-Creation Society) Event

www.peers.org

The Lake Merritt Dance Center

At The Oakland Veterans' Memorial Hall

200 Grand Ave., Oakland, CA

Waltz the night away in a romantic ballroom with the San Francisco Bay Area's most glamorous Undead at the 12th Annual Le Bal des Vampires.

The evening will, as usual, feature truly haunting 18th, 19th, and 20th century ballroom dance music by Brazen Hussey, one of the most exciting dance bands around, equally at home playing classical music, vintage dance music, Celtic fusion, Swing, blues and hard rock. While the program, as usual, has a strong waltz bias, the program includes everything from elegant 18th century country and set dances to Viennese waltzes, polkas and

mazurkas, to cool blues fox trot and tango to early Swing and classic Rock at this very eclectic Gathering of Kindred. As usual, all set dances will be taught or called at the ball.

Suggested costume is evening dress or dress uniform from the century and country of your "rebirth," or modern evening dress. While there is no dress code for the ball (and we certainly don't expect Spike to dress up for the occasion!), you will see some of the most gorgeously costumed guests of the social season at this ball.

The ball's half-time show will be another cutting edge performance by Le Theatre des Vampires, the most feared theater company on the West Coast. Not recommended for the faint of heart.

For those wishing to learn or practice the dances before the ball, there will be an optional pre-ball dance workshop (details TBA).

Monday, November 7

Lemony Snicket appearance

The Booksmith

1644 Haight Street

San Francisco

Time: TBD

Free

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Monday, November 7

Cal Animage Alpha

Location TBA

Univeristy of California

Berkeley

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Free

Schedule:

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Monday, November 7

Bay Area Science Fiction Association

The Original Hick'ry Pit

980 E. Campbell Ave.

Campbell

8 p.m.

Free

www.basfa.org.

Thursday, November 10

Charles Burns

Diesel, A Bookstore

5433 College Avenue

Oakland

510-653-9965

7:30 p.m.

Free

Friday, November 11

Charles Burns appearance

The Booksmith

1644 Haight Street

San Francisco

Time: TBD

Free

Friday and Saturday, November 11-12

Mermaid Meat

Eugene & Elinor Friend Center for the

Arts

Kanbar Hall

Jewish Community Center of San Fran-

cisco

3200 California Street

San Francisco

Tickets: (415) 29201233, www.jccsf.org/

arts

Group Discounts: (415) 346-7805

\$25

Brenda Wong Aoki and Mark Izu present Mermaid Meat: The Secret to Immortality and other Japanese ghost stories.

I can't recommend this highly enough. See my review in issue two of the performance of Black Hair at the SF Theater Festival. In addition to the title story and Black Hair, they will also be performing The Bell of Dojoji, Dancing in California and a new work.

Aoki is a wonderful performer, using her voice and acting skills to bring to life traditional Japanese ghost stories with Izu providing musical accompaniment.

I suspect that Mermaid Meat is based on

the same traditional story that Rumiko Takahashi used as the basis for her *Mermaid Forest* manga so anime fans might be particularly interested in this show.

Saturday, November 12

SF Browncoats

sfbrowncoats.com

Cafe Murano

San Francisco

Noon

Free

Serenity/Firefly fan group. Meets every second Saturday of each month.

Join the yahoo group from the link on their website for schedule updates.

Saturday, November 12

No Name Anime Showing

Saratoga Library

13650 Saratoga Ave.

Saratoga

12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. or so

Free

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Saturday – Sunday, November 12-13

Robot Fighting League 2005 National Championship

www.botleague.com

combots.net/index

Herbst Pavilion, Fort Mason Center

San Francisco

\$20

Noon – 11 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, November 12-13

Creation's Salute to Sci-Fi TV

Wyndham San Jose

1350 N. First Street

San Jose

Sunday, November 13

Speculative Fiction Book Club

Kepler's Books

1010 El Camino Real

Menlo Park

7 p.m.

Free

This month's book is *Gun With Occasional Music* by Johnathan Lethem.

Monday, November 14

Cal Animage Alpha

Location TBA

Univeristy of California

Berkeley

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Free

Schedule:

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Monday, November 14

Bay Area Science Fiction Association

The Original Hick'ry Pit

980 E. Campbell Ave.

Campbell

8 p.m.

Free

www.basfa.org.

Wednesday, November 16

George R. R. Martin Appearance

Copperfield's Books

140 Kentucky St.

Petaluma

7 p.m.

Free

Thursday, November 17

George R. R. Martin Appearance

Stacy's Books

581 Market Street

San Francisco

12:30 p.m.

Free

Friday, November 18

George R. R. Martin Appearance

Kepler's Books

1010 El Camino Real

Menlo Park

Noon

Free

Friday, November 18

George R. R. Martin Appearance

Bay Book Co.

Half Moon Bay

7:00 p.m.

Free

Sunday, November 20

Science Fiction Book Club

Borderlands Books

www.borderlands-books.com

866 Valencia St.

San Francisco

6 p.m.

Free

This month's book is *Tamsin* by Peter Beagle. The author will visit. Please contact Jude at jfeldman@borderlands-books.com for more information.

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Monday, November 21

Cal Animage Alpha

Location TBA

Univeristy of California

Berkeley

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Free

Schedule:

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Monday, November 21

Bay Area Science Fiction Association

The Original Hick'ry Pit

980 E. Campbell Ave.

Campbell

8 p.m.

Free

www.basfa.org.

Friday, November 25

Legion of Rassilon

Doctor Who fan group

Carl's Junior

2551 N. First Street

San Jose

7:30 p.m.

Free

Showing episodes of the new Dr. Who series, news, discussion of recent movies and a raffle.

Monday, November 28

Cal Animage Alpha

Location TBA

Univeristy of California

Berkeley

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Free

Schedule:

Initial D: The 4th Stage

Monday, November 28

Bay Area Science Fiction Association

The Original Hick'ry Pit

980 E. Campbell Ave.

Campbell

8 p.m.

Free

www.basfa.org.

Tuesday, November 29

A Zathura Science Spectacular with the Mad Scientists

Kepler's Books

1010 El Camino Real

Menlo Park

5 p.m.

Free

Mad Science's Zathura event offers children a spectacular exploration of space science in honor of Chris Van Allsburg's classic book and the November release of the *Zathura* movie! In this 45-minute

event, Mad Science's specially trained instructors will present a host of interactive demonstrations designed to introduce young spectators to science.

Monday, December 5

Bay Area Science Fiction Association

The Original Hick'ry Pit

980 E. Campbell Ave.

Campbell

8 p.m.

Free

www.basfa.org.

Saturday, December 10

Wintershoppingland

Hayward Centennial Hall

22292 Foothill Blvd.

Hayward

www.wintershoppingland.com

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

\$2 (Free 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

This is an anime event organized by the group that puts on Yaoi Con and Tales of Anime. Costume contest, dealers room, programming to be announced.

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Saturday, December 10

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sfbrowncoats.com

Cafe Murano

San Francisco

Noon

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Monday, December 12

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8 p.m.

Free

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Saturday and Sunday, December 17-18

Japantown Anime Faire 3

Japantown

San Francisco

www.jtaf.com

6 p.m.

Fun local anime convention with anime showings, dealer's room, costume contest, panels.

Sunday, December 18

Science Fiction Book Club

Borderlands Books

www.borderlands-books.com

866 Valencia St.

San Francisco

6 p.m.

Free

This month's book is *Cat's Cradle* by Kurt Vonegut. Please contact Jude at jfeldman@borderlands-books.com for more information.

Monday, December 19

Bay Area Science Fiction Association

The Original Hick'ry Pit

980 E. Campbell Ave.

Campbell

8 p.m.

Free

www.basfa.org.

Monday, December 26

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The Original Hick'ry Pit

980 E. Campbell Ave.

Campbell

8 p.m.

Free

www.basfa.org.

Sunday, January 15, 2006

Science Fiction Book Club

Borderlands Books

www.borderlands-books.com

866 Valencia St.

San Francisco

6 p.m.

Free

This month's book is *The Stars My Destination* by Alfred Bester. Please contact Jude at jfeldman@borderlands-books.com for more information.

January 19-23, 2006

Further Confusion

San Jose Doubletree

www.furtherconfusion.org

\$40

Furry convention.

February 10-12 2006

Wondercon

The Moscone Center

San Francisco

Comic book convention with anime, summer movie previews, panels, dealers, costume contest, more.

February 17-20, 2006

Dundracon

San Ramon Marriott

2600 Bishop Drive

San Ramon

www.dundracon.com

\$?

Gaming convention.

February 17-20, 2006

PantheaCon

San Jose Doubletree

Pagan convention. Workshops, lectures, performances, rituals, vendors, drumming, dancing, costume contest.

February 19, 2006

Science Fiction Book Club

Borderlands Books

www.borderlands-books.com

866 Valencia St.

San Francisco

6 p.m.

Free

This month's book is *Wonderland* by Joyce Carol Oates. Please contact Jude at jfeldman@borderlands-books.com for more information.

March 3-5 2006

Consonance 2006

www.consonance.org/

Crowne Plaza Silicon Valley

777 Bellew Drive

Milpitas

Memberships: \$35 to 10/31/05, \$40 to 2/18/06, \$45 at door

Filk convention. Guests: Bill & Gretchen Roper, Marty Coady Fabish, Puzzlebox, Chris Conway

Saturday, March 4, 2006

The Phantom of the Opera Ball

PEERS Event

Masonic Lodge of San Mateo

Doors Open: 7:00 p.m.

Dance lesson: 7:15 p.m.

Dancing begins: 8:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$15.00 in advance (by February 28)

At the door: \$20.00

Don't let those wild rumors of an Opera Ghost keep you from attending the social event of the season, the Opera Ball of the Paris Opera Populaire. This is destined to be the most spectacular of all our masquerade balls and Management assures you that "Everything is under control."

Our special guests - Monsieur Frank Beau Davis, that American trumpet virtuoso and his brilliant Brassworks Band

from San Francisco, will play an evening of opera and ballet tunes arranged for ballroom dancing and brilliant Viennese Waltzes, polkas, mazurkas, schottisches, reels, and quadrilles. All set dances will be taught or called and there will a pre-ball dance class to help you brush up on your mid-Victorian dance skills. And, of course, they will play those perennial favorites, "The Congress of Vienna Waltz" and "Sir Roger de Coverley" (with a distinctly Wagnerian edge).

Suggested costume for this gala event is Victorian evening or ball dress (circa 1860's-80's), period fancy dress, or modern evening dress. Masks are strongly suggested.

The fashionable young gentlemen of the Jockey Club will be pleased to know that evening's entertainment includes operatic and ballet excerpts by the company, including the premiere of the ballet from the controversial new opera "Sappho," choreographed by the celebrated Mme. Giry for the Peerless Ballet.

Refreshments will be served throughout the evening (Since we lack the catering budget of the Paris Opera Populaire, your potluck contributions will be deeply appreciated).

March 19, 2006

Science Fiction Book Club
Borderlands Books
www.borderlands-books.com
866 Valencia St.
San Francisco
6 p.m.
Free

This month's book is *Declare* by Tim Powers. Please contact Jude at jfeldman@borderlands-books.com for more information.

April 16, 2006

Science Fiction Book Club
Borderlands Books
www.borderlands-books.com
866 Valencia St.
San Francisco
6 p.m.
Free

This month's book is *Dark Beyond The Stars* by local author Frank Robinson. Author will visit. Please contact Jude at jfeldman@borderlands-books.com for more information.

Sunday, April 24, 2006

3DB Con
www.threedollarbill.com/3DBcon
Three Dollar Bill Cafe 1800 Market Street
San Francisco
10:00 AM-10:00 PM
\$10
Game Convention.

Saturday, May 6, 2006

The Fairy Tale Masquerade Ball
Masonic Lodge of San Mateo
Doors Open: 7:00 p.m.
Dance lesson: 7:15 p.m.
Dancing begins: 8:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$15.00 in advance (by April 29, 2006)
At the door: \$20.00

May 11-14, 2006

World Horror Con 2006
Gateway Holiday Inn
www.whc2006.org
The world horror con comes to the bay area.

May 21, 2006

Science Fiction Book Club
Borderlands Books
www.borderlands-books.com
866 Valencia St.
San Francisco
6 p.m.
Free

This month's book is the graphic novel *Watchmen* by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons. Please contact Jude at jfeldman@borderlands-books.com for more information.

May 26-29

Fanime Con
San Jose Convention Center
San Jose
www.fanime.com
Price

The largest annual anime convention in the Bay Area. Dealer's room, panels, costume contest, multiple tracks of anime, Asian films, J-pop concert, much more.

May 26-29

Baycon

San Jose Doubletree Inn

San Jose

www.baycon.org

\$45 until August 31

The largest annual general SF convention in the Bay area. Dealer's room, panels, costume contest, anime room, much more.

August 4-6 2006

Anime Overdose 2006

www.animeod.com

San Francisco

\$30 to ?, \$45 at door

Anime convention.

Saturday, September 2, 2006

Captain Morgan's Privateers (We Ain't Pirates No More) Ball

PEERS Event

Masonic Lodge of San Mateo

Doors Open: 7:00 p.m.

Dance Lesson: 7:15 p.m.

Dancing begins: 8:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$15.00 in advance (by August 26, 2006)

Tickets: \$20.00 at the door

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Campbell

Mondays at 8 p.m.

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www.basfa.org.

Legion of Rassilon

Doctor Who fan group

Carl's Junior

2551 N. First Street

San Jose

Meets every fourth Friday at 7:30 p.m.

(No December meeting)

Free

Showing episodes of the new Dr. Who series, news, discussion of recent movies and a raffle.

Anime Style Drawing and Animation Techniques

Frank Bette Center for the Arts

www.frankbettecenter.org/

1601 Paru Street

Alameda, CA 94501

510-523-6957

Fridays 4 p.m – 6 p.m.

\$10 teens per session

\$35 adults per session

Professional illustrator and fine artist

Ken McGhee helps participants develop the skills they need to draw characters, taking the class on a journey through the process and techniques of manga. Drop-in class, all skill levels welcome.

Bay Area Role-Playing Society

www.BayRPS.com

Go-Getter's Pizza

1489 Beach Park Boulevard

Foster City

Wednesdays from 6pm to 10pm

Hosts a weekly game night. For club and game night details send email to: GM@BayRPS.com. (Not confirmed, check before attending.)

SF Games

vax.hanford.org/dk/games

Muddy's Coffeeshouse

1304 Valencia Street near 24th

San Francisco

7:00 p.m. to midnight

Free

SF Games is a collective name for a bunch of people who get together and play board games and card games every week. Also has a cards night on Tuesdays at Café Macondo, 3159 16th Street between Guerrero and Valencia.