Peter Sullivan writes from Great Britain:

Dear Jack,

Just a quick note to thank you for the efforts you are putting into SFSF, and to let you know that they are appreciated, even by people (like me) who are unlikely to ever go to San Francisco more than once a lifetime.

I get the impression that the level of Science Fiction activity in the Bay Area is much higher as a ratio (“per 100,000 inhabitants”?) than in most other places. Here of course I’m using the wider definition of SF activity — as in “things of interest to SF fans, no matter how much or little they have to do with SF”.

But since this is pretty much the same definition of SF activity that every SF genzine has ever used, I think that is fair enough.

Do you that this higher level of activity is real, or is it just a perception from my end? If just my perception, I guess that would make it a reflection of your success in rooting out events and whatnot for the listings, so maybe you ought to say yes!

If it really is the case that San Francisco and the Bay Area generally are more “SF-active,” I guess this just reflects the link between Science Fiction and the counter-culture generally. For all that SF has moved away (in the public perception) from being “that crazy Buck Rodgers stuff,” there’s still a sense in which it falls out with the normal (dare one say “mundane”?) range of middle-class, middle-England-approved activities. Or maybe this is just me, with my middle-class, middle-England-approved lifestyle trying to convince myself I’m still a rad cool dude for as long as I keep reading Philip K. Dick.

Of course, if I were to do a similar listing of SF events for the Sunderland area, it would pretty much be a blank piece of paper. About all I could come up with over the last month would have been the midnight queue for “that book” at the local Ottakers bookshop (renamed “Potterkers” for the night). There may be an SF society at the local university, but even if there is, they will all be on holiday at the moment.

So, to finish where we started, SFSF is worthwhile, even to fen like me who are far away from the Bay Area, in that it allows us to do “vicarious fanac” even if our links to our own local fandoms are non-existent. Keep up the good work!

Best wishes,

Peter:

Thanks for your eLOC. For some reason,
my fanzines always attract more letters of comment from outside the U.S. I wonder why. I guess it’s a benefit of the international distribution made easy by the internet.

I’m not sure that I can say that SF activity is higher here, but it could very well be. I think there is merit to your counter culture/SF connection theory. For example I think a lot of the people who participated in the Zombie Mob would be surprised to find that they took part in a science fiction event. Most of them probably just thought it was a fun idea.

On the other hand, I’m trolling a very wide area. San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose are all large enough metropolitan areas by themselves to support a robust fandom base. I’m also cheating by casting my net as far north as Duncan Mills and as far south as Santa Cruz. Not to mention as far east as Sacramento, Citrus Heights and Modesto which are all properly in the Central Valley rather than the Bay Area. Mostly I’m just trying to shame some local folks into action. If Modesto, Stockton and Roseville can have an SF book club or Citrus Heights can have a Japanimation book club, why aren’t there any in Oakland, Berkeley, San Francisco, Walnut Creek, or San Rafael? All of those cities have Barnes and Nobles or Borders or both that could be a meeting place, and all of those areas have enough of a population to compete with the town of Roseville.

I don’t know how large of an area you consider local but the events in the calendar this issue take place in an area 150 miles north to south and 100 miles east to west. That’s a pretty big “local” area. Probably bigger than I really should be covering, but I’d rather err on the side of including events.

I concentrated on expanding our event schedule this time. I think I ended up adding more than 60 items to the list. So I guess there really are plenty of activities and groups for local fans.

I’m hoping that by promoting sf events and groups, that fans will find and support them, making them more successful, leading to more events and groups and a more connected, robust local fan community.

Lloyd Penney writes from Canada
1706-24 Eva Rd.
Etobicoke, ON
CANADA M9C 2B2

Dear Jack:

I’ve downloaded issues 3 and 4 of SF/SF, and it’s looking pretty good. I’m making notes, believe me…time for some comments, and let’s see who can we blame for what this time?

3…Oh, what the heck, Chris Garcia and Arnie Katz are convenient…they’re blamable. They’ve set a torrid pace that few can match, or would want to match. I’ve quickly fallen behind in my responses to Vegas Fandom Weekly and The Drink Tank, so catch up time is coming shortly. I do produce that newsletter for our local pubnight, and I do wonder who’s reading it, if anyone. Perhaps I should look for a larger audience. Like I said in my loc, I am thinking of a newsletter, perhaps a focal point for Canadian fandom, and if I upset someone over it, they need not subscribe. Hey, Chris, can’t loc every issue!

I fully agree, I would want to include as much as possible in my listings, if I were to do such a newsletter…conventions, special events, ren faires, plays, parties, pubnights, etc., etc. Fans have a lot on their collective plates, and something you may include may pique the interests of the esoteric.

The only convention hotel in Toronto that I might suggest as a truly fannish hotel is closed for renovations right now, the Regal Constellation Hotel. It had an enormous amount of function space, two sectional ballrooms, several other smaller rooms, and dozens of boardrooms and special use rooms that the local mediacon, Toronto Trek, population 3500 at the time, could fill, but with some effort and imagination.

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It is under extensive renovation, and will be divided into two hotels, which will share the function space. The Constellation was the only 1-star hotel in town, which meant it was nothing great, but gave you all the function space you could eat, and cheap rooms to store you luggage in the day time, and your weary carcass at night. George Takei is a great guest, and such a friendly man. He used to come to Toronto lots; he has or had an aunt that lived here.

Rule 6 sucks! If the cons I've been to ever enforced Rule 6, I think I would have gafiated long ago. Some human contact is vital to my weekend, and long, full-body hugs from long-time female friends are something I look forward to. You're not going to stop me from that, and pull my badge. Rule 6 must be the product of someone's maiden aunt somehow getting onto the committee.

4…Chris Garcia, I am putting you on notice…I do plan to put out a newsletter. Only thing is, I am thinking of a Canadian fandom newsletter, not just Toronto, and I think I'd put it out every six to eight weeks, fairly irregularly. I've got to settle on what it would contain, and create a mailing list. I want to see a newsletter that will foster a sense of national community, but I also don't want it to run my life. I've got plenty of other commitments to handle, like loccing fanzines, for instance. Speaking of which, I got all issues of The Pork Authority, from Chris and Cheryl Morgan, and I must make commentary on those, too.

Many thanks, all…Yvonne and I have decided we're out to grab something from our favorite burger joint, and go to the lakeshore to cool down. Got to get out of this hot apartment. Many thanks, Jack, for your hard work on this, and as said, I am making notes. I am looking at getting a trial issue of my own fannish newsletter out by the start of 2006. I intend to take my time, find out who my good sources are, and assemble a good product to inflict upon an unsuspecting Canadian fannish public. Some will cry out, others may say well done, better you than me, and most will yawn and ignore it like the usual spam. I will find out for sure if there is still the desire for a fannish newsletter in this country.

Yours, Lloyd Penney.

Lloyd:

I hope that you do start up a Canadian zine. An every 6 to 8 week publishing schedule sounds like heaven. I'd like to take a week off just to regroup and tighten the wheels on this operation before they fall off. I'd love a chance to step back and look at the big picture of what I'm doing. I'm committed to doing at least 12 issues on a weekly schedule though, so no vacation for me.

And finally, Chris Garcia writes from the south bay:

Just got around to fully reading SF/SF 4 and it's still damn good. I'm gonna print out a few copies and take them to BASFA, that's how much I love it!

As a film festival guy, I can say I've heard nothing but good things about the Asian Film Festival, but I've never been. There's a lot of overlap between Cinequest (where I do Shorts Selection and all sorts of other fun things) and the Asian Fest. I know that they used to have screenings at the Camera 3 in San Jose and Nathan Louie, a legendary greeter at various theatres, worked for them.

Araban sounds like my type of flick. I loved Shaolin Soccer and the series of films about the TV volleyball team. I may have to search it out, though I understand that there's already talk of giving it a release through the CineArts theatres. R-Point is a film I know I've heard about and some were speaking of it in the same way they talked about Ringu back in the day. I'm hopeful that I'll get to see it. Kamekaze Girls has Continued next page
tons of buzz right now. I've heard more than one person who traditionally hates Japanese film say that they thought it was the best thing they've seen in ages.

*Chinese Ghost Story* is dated and the effects are weak, but it's so much fun, I can over-look both of those facts. I've seen it so many times that I can't even spot the mistakes in the sub-titling anymore. They just seem so natural and right!

I've been told that *Natural City* is the film that I should see if I'm looking for good, imaginative and different SF. It was even recommended to me over *2048* (or whatever that movie by the director of *Chungking Express* is called). It's been called the Korean *Blade Runner*. I heard one critic, who I usually trust and who once in a while writes for *Giant Robot*, describe it as The Last CyberPunk film. That's an interesting take, but I'm hoping that I'll get to see it.

I see that Michael Blumlein read this past weekend. I did a Writers with Drinks reading of my first article that popped up in Other Magazine with Michael. Nice guy, good novelist, but sadly the movie they made from his novel *X,Y* was butchered by a director who didn't know any better.

Again, major props on the calendar. SO many things that I must do and now I no longer have the excuse that I hadn't heard! I'm certainly excited for the Sonoma Book Fest. I love Sonoma, spend a lot of time there, and I can't quite wait to get up there when books are on the menu. Plus, it gives me an excuse to hit Mary's Pizza Shack for those meatballs that are bigger than a doll's head. I wish they would open a Mary's down these parts.

Great stuff, as usual

Chris

*I'll recommend Natural City as a film worth a look. I'm planning on getting down the city Wednesday night for Arahan and R-Point. One beef I have with the Asian Film Festival is the scheduling of genre movies. It seems that every movie that I really want to see is only playing during the week, often in the afternoon. I really wanted to see some Asian films last weekend, but there was only one playing that looked interesting and that wasn't enough to get me down there. What we need is an Asian fantasy film festival like the one they have in Toronto. This sounds like a project for that Chris Garcia guy. I bet he could put together a wonderful film festival program. May I suggest a U.S. premier of *Cashern*? Then that list of movies I ran last time that I wished they had shown at the Asian Film Festival. A nice program of classic films would be cool, perhaps a double feature of both of the Zu movies, and a showing of the impossible to find A Terra Cotta Warrior, one of my personal favorites. Let me know when you get it set up.

Blumlein is signing again this Sunday at Borderlands and has at least one or two more signings in the near future. Borderlands had a nice display of his books when I stopped in Monday. I hadn't realized he'd written that many books.

Personally I'm not that excited about the Sonoma Book Fest. It's not nearly as big as the San Francisco event and it's all new books. I'm a big used book guy, the stuff I want to read is mostly out of print. Also there will only be a couple of genre related booths if that. Borderlands is showing up. But most of the rest will be wine country books and such. Of course if you are interested in that or in new mysteries by local authors (or other books my north bay authors) it may be worth the drive. Ah, Mary's Pizza. Mary's is responsible for at least some of my faanish physique.

We have a short issue this week, as last weekend was pretty light on fan events. Next issue we should have much more.

I need coverage of the LOTR showing, the David Drake signing and the Furry picnic. If you attending these or any other fan event, please send me photos and reports. Thanks.
Aug 15, 2005

Trey Haddad, President
Nathan Slern-r & Chris Garcia, Vice-President
Dave Gallaher, Treasurer
Galen Tripp, Sargent at Arms
Barbara Johnson-Haddad, Secretary

Began at 8:00 p.m.
18 people attended.

Secretary’s report: the minutes of meeting 785 were accepted as ‘behind us’ & the minutes from Worldcon, dubbed meeting 784.5 were accepted as ‘evidence of entropy’.

No Treasurer; but last week we took in $7.00.

VP reports = pre-eminent VP Nathan was not present; then Chris reported that he actually WAS here this week, that he has fanzines to give away - he passed them out and that he loves his new T-shirt.

The President [quietly levitated 4 inches above the ground] and reported he had nothing fannish to report.

We said ‘hi’ to Jack Avery, SF/SF fanzine editor who stopped by to say ‘hi’ to us. He told us SFSF is available at efanzines.com, is interested in Worldcon reports, con reports in general, letters to the editor & notices of fan events to come.

Announcements:
I announced that the Further Confusion annual picnic is this Saturday at Lake Chabot at noon - and is open to any fan interested in attending.

Julie announced that on Aug 18 the Presidio Theatre will show all 3 ‘Lord of the Rings’ movies.

Jack announced that David Drake will be signing at Borderlands at 7p.m. Wednesday & there will be a wake for Scotty on Thursday at the Edinburgh Castle.

Chris announced that the short he helped make will be shown at the Basement in SF & that Frank Wu is in the short.

Dave announced that SFSFC will hold a party TBA to court-martial Kevin ‘real soon now’

Remember that Kevin is also the NAS-FIC fan-GOH

Reviews:
Worldcon was exhaustively reviewed - Kevin told us that about 4100 attended, that as Captain of the WSFS ‘Armadillo’ he voluntarily wore a tie, the major events happened on time, where they were supposed to & went well - that he was photographed numerous times but that all pictures he has seen of himself are blurry - he vamped well when necessary & hopes he never has to work that hard again; Dave C reviewed it that he KNEW it would be successful when he went to the Frank Wu panel on Thursday afternoon and found the room packed; Frank thought it was a lot of fun, well run & felt it was like many other conventions held in other places, except the potato chips are called ‘crisps’ and come in really weird flavors & that the money was odd [[examples of this were displayed]] & his panels went fabulously well; fun with Scottish money was mentioned & that apparently for some con rooms air conditioning was lacking [‘it wasn’t the heat, it was the humanity’].

Chris commented that English fanzine writers get it right.

Ed is obsessive about ‘Settlers of Catan’.

Dave C reviewed England as it made him feel wistful for real food, mixed drinks, real soda, guide books written in the last decade & stop signs; he saw 2 stage plays = ‘Guys & Dolls’ as excellent, worth full price & ‘Theatre of Blood’, a comedy, as worth full price & on his short list for dramatic
Because of an editorial error last issue, we ran the schedule for the August No Name Anime showing on the September meeting date.

While some 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 17**

Bay Area Role-Playing Society
www.BayRPS.com

Go-Getter’s Pizza
1489 Beach Park Boulevard
Foster City
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.)

**Thursday, August 18**

*Lord of the Rings:*
The Fellowship of the Ring
The Two Towers
The Return of the King
Presidio Theater
2340 Chestnut Street
San Francisco
415.776.2388
www.sftrilogy.org
11 a.m.-Midnight
$50 for general seating or $100 for VIP seating.
All three films back to back to back as a benefit for the non-profit organization Cure Autism Now (C.A.N.).
Raffles, costume contests and door prizes during the event. Costume contest. Costumes encouraged.
The VIP tickets come with an Alan Lee T-shirt designed for this event.
Prizes include Sideshow/WETA donated years! David hasn’t been out to the Bay Area in about thirty years, so don’t miss the rare opportunity to meet this talented and versatile author.

**Wednesday, August 17**

*David Drake appearance*
Borderlands Books
www.borderlands-books.com
866 Valencia St.
San Francisco
7 p.m.
Free

From the Borderlands newsletter:
Borderlands is incredibly excited to host science fiction great David Drake! While he is best known for his military science fiction including the much-lauded *Hammer’s Slammers* books, Mr. Drake has written everything from humor (*All the Way to the Gallows*) to space opera (*With the Lightnings*) to high fantasy (*Lord of the Isles*), and those are just in the last several
Shelob, Elrond and Ocrs sculptures, a Master Replicas donated Saurons Gold “One Ring” and Creation Entertainment donated plaques and LOTR ceramic tiles. Other prizes include an autographed copy of Sean Astin’s (Sam) book There and Back Again, autographed event T-shirts and photographs from John Rhys Davis (Gimli), a portfolio of photographs of New Zealand film locations, action figures, key rings.

The costume contest will occur between the showings of the second and third movies. There will be four classes in the costume contest: Child ages 0 to 8 years old; Youth ages 9 to 16 years old; Adult Novice 17+ years; Adult Experienced 17+ years. Costumes must relate to the world of The Lord of the Rings.

Thursday, August 18
Tribute to Scotty (James Doohan)
Edinburgh Castle Pub
950 Geary St.
San Francisco
http://www.castlenews.com/
8 p.m.
415.885.4074
Open 5pm - 2am, daily
A musical, visual, verbal and whisky soaked tribute to the greatest Scotsman ever.

Friday, August 19
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, August 19
SF Games
vax.hanford.org/dk/games
Muddy’s Coffeehouse
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, August 19
Futurist Salon Book Group
Barnes & Noble
Hillsdale Shopping Center
11 West Hillsdale Blvd.
San Mateo
650-341-5560
7:30 p.m.
Free

August 19
Brazil
www.cameracinemas.com
Camera 7 Pruneyard
1875 S. Bascom Avenue
Campbell
Midnight
$7
Saturday and Sunday August 20 and 21

**Pericles**
reservations@sanleandroplayers.org
SanLeandroPlayers.org
Chabot Park
End of Estudillo Ave.
San Leandro
$5-$10
4 p.m.

Shakespeare’s *Pericles* performed by the San Leandro Players.

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**Saturday, August 20**

**No-Name Anime Showing**
Saratoga Library
13650 Saratoga Ave.
Saratoga
www.nnanime.com
Free
12:30 ish - 5:30 ish

Schedule:
- Master Keaton #18 “Faker’s Miscalculation.”
- Mermaid’s Forest #8* “The Final Face, part 1”
- R.O.D. TV #14* “Paper Leaf Wood”
- Giant Robo #6* “Crime and Punishment: Everything for Big Fire”
- Ghost in the Shell: SAC #11*
- “Pontritz.”
- Chrno Crusade #14*”Prayer”
- Dokkoida! #2*

*May not be suitable for children.

One of the larger and better organized anime showings in the Bay Area.

**Saturday, August 20**

**SCA Event: The Pitchfork War**
www.phmoms.com/pitchforkwar
Camp Hermens Boy Scout Camp
El Cerito
9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
$10.00

Full day of fighting, including missile combat. Scenarios include bridge and castle battles, target archery with prize shoots, A&S classes, family-style BBQ. Hosted by the Shire of Teufelberg and the Free Company of Gryphons Guard.

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**Saturday August 20**

**Satan’s Three-Ring Circus of Hell Signing**
Borderlands Books
www.borderlands-books.com
866 Valencia St.
San Francisco
3 p.m.
Free

From the Borderlands newsletter:


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**Saturday August 20**

**PenSFA Meeting/Party**
Redwood City
6:30 p.m. - midnight
Free

The Peninsula Science Fantasy Association will hold a backyard BBQ party/meeting. For location and details, contact PenSFA Commander Rich McAllister at commander@pensfa.org.

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Saturday, August 20
**Manga Otaku Book Group (Graphic novels)**
Barnes & Noble
Weberstown Mall
4950 Pacific Avenue, Space 319
Stockton
209-472-1885
6:00 p.m.
Free

**Further Confusion Annual Summer Picnic/Campout**
Lake Chabot
Willow Picnic Area
www.furtherconfusion.org
Free
11 a.m. -4 p.m.
Furry fandom. Overnight camping available Friday and Saturday night. BBQ. Tent for changing into costumes.

Saturday, August 20
**Blood Bucket Ballyhoo**
www.hypnodrome.com
At The Hypnodrome
575 10th Street, SF
“A Grand Guignol triple 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, August 20
**Brazil**
www.cameracinemas.com
Camera 12
201 South Second Street
San Jose
Midnight
$7

Sunday, August 21
**Michael Blumlein signing**
Borderlands Books
www.borderlands-books.com
866 Valencia St.
San Francisco
2 p.m.
Free

From the Borderlands newsletter:
Borderlands is pleased to welcome Michael Blumlein, the author of *The Movement of Mountains*, and *X,Y*, as well as the award-winning story collection *The Brain of Rats*. He has been nominated twice for the World Fantasy Award and twice for the Bram Stoker Award. In addition to writing, Dr. Blumlein practices and teaches medicine at the University of California at San Francisco. Now Blumlein brings his experience as a practicing physician to bear in his novel *The Healer*, which subtly and beautifully examines the ways in which society both revere and fears members of the medical profession. *The Healer* is a story of human life and death, human rites and rituals, seen through the eyes of an outsider, one who knows humans better, perhaps, than they know themselves. Join us to meet this fascinating author!

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Sunday, August 21
Science Fiction Book Club
Borderlands Books
www.borderlands-books.com
866 Valencia St.
San Francisco
6 p.m.
Free
This month’s book is *American Gods* by Neil Gaiman. Please contact Jude at jfeldman@borderlands-books.com for more information.

Sunday, August 21
Bad Movie Night:
*Killer Clowns From Outer Space*
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.
$5
With hosts Hal Robbins, Geekboy and Jim Fourniadis.
From their website:
We’ve taken all the guess work out of the age ole question, “Will this movie suck?” It will suck.
And we’ll have a slew of hosts to point that out. Every Sunday for a measly 5$ 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 Aug. 22
Bay Area Science Fiction Association
The Original Hick'ry Pit
980 E. Campbell Ave.
Campbell
8 p.m.
Free

Tuesday, August 23
Japanimation Book Group (Graphic novels)
Barnes & Noble
6111 Sunrise Blvd.
Citrus Heights
916-853-1511
7:00 p.m.
Free

Wednesday – Thursday, August 24-25
Barbarella
Red Vic Movie House
1727 Haight Street
San Francisco
Who can save the universe? Cosmically-clad Barbarella can! In this kinky tale of a comic book style heroine of the future, she finds herself caught up in all kinds of space-age adventures - sexual and otherwise; a camp classic.

Friday-Saturday, August 26-27
Ultraman Festival
Castro Theater
www.bayareafilmevents.com
Put on by the folks who did the Godzilla Festival earlier this year. There will be dealers upstairs, a live Ultraman Stunt Show on Saturday, prize drawings, and lots of Ultraman on the screen.

Friday, August 26
Sci-Fi / Fantasy Book Group
Barnes & Noble
Weberstown Mall
4950 Pacific Avenue, Space 319
Stockton
209-472-1885
6:30 p.m.
Free

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Friday, August 26
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.
This week is episodes nine and ten.
Please note: the date is corrected from earlier calendars.
Join the yahoo group at legion_of_rassilon for more information.

Friday, August 26
Raiders of the Lost Ark
www.cameracinemas.com
Camera 7 Pruneyard
1875 S. Bascom Avenue
Campbell
Midnight
$7

Saturday, August 27
Toy Show
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road
San Jose
Early Bird 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Admission: $5.00
Kids Under 12: $2.50
Early Bird: $15.00

Saturday, August 27 - Sunday, August 28
San Francisco Ren Faire
www.sffaire.com
Speedway Meadow
Golden Gate Park
San Francisco, CA
10am-6pm Saturday
10am-5pm Sunday
$15.00 For adults
$10.00 for seniors, military, and ages 13-17
$5.00 for children 6-12
under six free.

Saturday, August 27
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 # 46
R.O.D : TV # 22
One Piece : TV # 31
Naruto : TV # 32
Prince Of Tennis : TV # 32
Hikaru No Go : TV # 32
Yakitate Japan : TV # 7
Project D : TV # 9
Fafner In The Azure : TV # 4

While this group revels in a bad-boy reputation, the showings I've attended have been much the same as those of any other group. The only downside is the regulars sometimes talk about computers in the back while the anime is being shown.

Europe. Come and experience the best of live theater and shows aplenty; jousting, singing, dancing, storytelling, comedy acts, feasts, merchants and re-creations of sword fighting, and battles.

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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
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.

Sunday, September 4
Sacramento Comic Book Show
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.

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
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.

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.

Friday- Saturday, September 9-10
Brazil
Red Vic Movie House
1727 Haight Street
San Francisco

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)

More Events Next Page
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.

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).

Saturday, September 10
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 11
Terry Pratchett appearance
Kepler’s Books
1010 El Camino Real
Menlo Park
Noon
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.

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.

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
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
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.

More Events Next Page
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

Saturday, September 17
Blood Bucket Ballyhoo
www.hypnodrome.com
At The Hypnodrome
575 10th Street, SF
“A Grand Guignol triple 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
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.

Sunday, September 18
Bad Movie Night: Battlefield Earth
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.

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.*

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  
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.

Tuesday, September 27  
Japanimation Book Group (Graphic Novel)  
Barnes & Noble Booksellers  
6111 Sunrise Blvd.  
Citrus Heights  
916-853-1511  
7 p.m.  
Free

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.

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  
Wes tking d o.m / o r g / c a l e n d a r / OctCrown2005.php  
Sonoma-Marin County Fairgrounds  
Petaluma  
Noon Friday – 4 p.m. Sunday  
$12-$15  
Tourney to determine successor for the Kingdom of the West.

More Events Next Page
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
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.

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.

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.

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.

October 11
Sci-Fi Book Club
Barnes & Noble Booksellers
3501 McHenry Avenue, Suite E
Modesto
209-521-1118
7 p.m.
Free
October 15
Manga Otaku Book Group
Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Weberstown Mall
4950 Pacific Avenue, Space 319
Stockton
209-472-1885
6 p.m.
Free

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.

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.

October 20
Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Group
Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Creekside Town Center
1256 Galleria Boulevard
Roseville
916-788-4320
7 p.m.
Free

October 20-26
Zombie Honeymoon
Red Vic Movie House
1727 Haight Street
San Francisco
San Francisco premiere of this zombie movie.

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

October 22
Chris Ware appearance
The Booksmith
1644 Haight Street
San Francisco
Time: TBD
Free

October 22
Chris Ware signing
Kepler’s Books
1010 El Camino Real
Menlo Park
5 p.m.
Free

October 22
Flashlight Tour
Winchester Mystery House
www.winchestermysteryhouse.com
525 South Winchester Boulevard
San Jose
6 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
$31

Send your reviews, reports and notes about Bay Area fans and fan activities to:
SFinSF@gmail.com.

More Events Next Page
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
The Planets
Dava Sobel lecture
Mechanic’s Institute
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.

October 25
Japanimation Book Group (Graphic Novel)
Barnes & Noble Booksellers
6111 Sunrise Blvd.
Citrus Heights
916-853-1511
7 p.m.
Free

October 25
Clive Barker appearance
The Booksmith
1644 Haight Street
San Francisco
Time: TBD
Free

October 26, 2005
Robert Jordan appearance
Cody’s Stockton Street
2 Stockton Street
San Francisco
7:30 p.m.
Free

October 27, 2005
R. A. Salvatore appearance
Barnes & Noble Booksellers
3600 Stevens Creek Blvd
San Jose
408-984-3495
7:00 p.m.
Free

October 27, 2005
Robert Jordan appearance
Bay Book Co.
Strawflower Shopping Center
80 F. Cabrillo Hwy.
Half Moon Bay
7:00 p.m.
Free

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.

More Events Next Page
Oct 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.

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.

October 29, 2005
Robert Jordan appearance
Borders Books & Music
1200 Pacific Ave., Suite 100
Santa Cruz
4:00 p.m.
Free

October 29
Flashlight Tour
Winchester Mystery House
www.winchestermysteryhouse.com
525 South Winchester Boulevard
San Jose
6 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
$31

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

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.

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.
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).

November 7
Lemony Snicket appearance
The Booksmith
1644 Haight Street
San Francisco
Time: TBD
Free

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 Francisco
3200 California Street
San Francisco
Tickets: (415) 292-0123, 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 – 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.

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.

November 16
George R. R. Martin Appearance
Copperfield’s Books
140 Kentucky St.
Petaluma
7 p.m.
Free

November 17
George R. R. Martin Appearance
Stacy’s Books
581 Market Street
San Francisco
12:30 p.m.
Free

November 18
George R. R. Martin Appearance
Kepler’s Books
1010 El Camino Real
Menlo Park
Noon
Free

November 18
George R. R. Martin Appearance
Bay Book Co.
Half Moon Bay
7:00 p.m.
Free

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.

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.
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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Desti-

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.

More Events Next Page
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
Consonace 2006
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.

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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.threeddollarbill.com/3DBcon
Three Dollar Bill Cafe1800 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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Ongoing:

**Bay Area Science Fiction Association**
The Original Hick'ry Pit
980 E. Campbell Ave.
Campbell
Mondays at 8 p.m.
Free

**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 Coffeehouse
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.

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Ken McGhee reviewed the sleeper car from Glasgow as a hidden treasure - it takes all night - is pricey but you don't have to pay for a hotel room that night.

We auctioned off stuff = a book for $0.25, a book & a fan for $0.25, a book for $1.25, a cardboard C3PO & a fan for $1.00 & a book for $2.50.

We adjourned at = 9:42 pm
And the rumor of the week was 'that Frank Wu is the Scary Spice of life'.

Local Fan Notes:

**Chris Garcia** has pubbed issue 38 of The Drink Tank. It can be downloaded at www.efanzines.com.

**Cheryl Morgan** and **Chris Garcia** have pubbed several issues of The Pork Authority. They can be downloaded at www.efanzines.com

Send your items for inclusion in our calendar section to:
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