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 meetings, 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
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
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 Griphonsgaurd, the event drew several dozen participants to the Camp Herms Boy Scout camp site in El Cerrito. The Shire of Teufelberg is an SCA regional group based in Contra Costa County, while Griphonsgaurd 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
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 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
group, for the next four months.

There are about 2,000 active members of the SCA in Northern California, according to Anastasia of Warwick, and more than 20,000 members world wide.
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
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.)
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
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 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, 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 6:30 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 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, 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

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
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.)

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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Send your items for inclusion in our calendar section to:
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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**Thursday - Monday, September 8-12**
*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, superheroes and mutant villians. Set in Las Vegas, it of course features an Elvis impersonator, “E” the last son of Graceland.

**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.ussonorthernlights.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).

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. Shaman'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

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.

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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.dimensionsinetime.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
More Events Next Page
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 villain. 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 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
Northern California Mars Society
San Jose Public Library
San Jose
1 p.m.
Free

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SFinSF@gmail.com

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.
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
University 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

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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SFinSF@gmail.com
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.

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 Hypodrome
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.

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

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).

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September 30, October 1-2
*Crown Tournament*
Sonoma-Marin 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
Centenial Hall
22292 Foothill Blvd.
Hayward
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$5
  Dealer’s room. Guests: Marshall Rogers, Alex Suviak, 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
  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.

More Events Next Page
Monday, October 3  
Cal Animage Alpha  
Location TBA  
University of California Berkeley  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Free  
Schedule:  
 Eyeshield 21

Monday, October 3  
Bay Area Science Fiction Association  
The Original Hick'ry Pit  
980 E. Campbell Ave.  
Campbell  
8 p.m.  
Free  

Tuesday, October 4  
Stanford Newtype Anime Club  
www.stanford.edu/group/newtype  
Location TBD  
Palo Alto  
8 p.m.  
Free

October 7-9  
Silicon 2005  
www.siliconconventions.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.

Friday, 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
University 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

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
University 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

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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.

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**Saturday, October 22**  
*Chris Ware signing*  
Kepler's Books  
1010 El Camino Real  
Menlo Park  
5 p.m.  
Free

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**Saturday, October 22**  
*Flashlight Tour*  
Winchester Mystery House  
www.winchestermysteryhouse.com

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**Monday, October 24**  
*Cal Animage Alpha*  
Location TBA  
University of California  
Berkeley  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Free  
Schedule:  
Glass Mask

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**Thursday, October 25**  
*Clive Barker*  
Stacey's Books  
581 Market Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
415-421-4687  
Noon

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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 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

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
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 31
Cal Animage Alpha
Location TBA
University 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

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  
University of California Berkeley  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Free  
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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  

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 Francisco  
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
University of California
Berkeley
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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
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 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

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More Events Next Page
Monday, November 21
*Cal Animage Alpha*
Location TBA
University of California
Berkeley
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Free
Schedule:
Sosei no Aquarion

Monday, November 21
*Bay Area Science Fiction Association*
The Original Hick'ry Pit
980 E. Campbell Ave.
Campbell
8 p.m.
Free

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
University of California
Berkeley
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Free
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Monday, November 28
*Bay Area Science Fiction Association*
The Original Hick'ry Pit
980 E. Campbell Ave.
Campbell
8 p.m.
Free

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

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
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.

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

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.

Monday, December 26
Bay Area Science Fiction Association
The Original Hick'ry Pit
980 E. Campbell Ave.
Campbell
8 p.m.
Free

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
Memhips: $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

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.