

# VEGAS FANDOM FANNILY

## Come to Las Vegas Fandom's Even Bigger Weekend!

The first general-interest science fiction convention in Las Vegas in a decade takes place this Saturday (4/30) and our local Fandom is gearing up for what promises to be an Even Bigger Weekend that the April 16-17 spree of fan activity.

For a few fans, things will get started on Friday evening. That's when a few fans will go to the local premiere of *Hitchhiker's Guide*.

The rest of Vegas Fandom swings into action at 10:30 Saturday morning. That's the kick-off for the First Annual Las Vegas Fantasy & Science Fiction Day.

It's jointly sponsored by the city's three major fan clubs, VSFA, SNAFFU and Las Vegrants. The convention will be held at the Clark County Library at 11 E. Flamingo Road, located at the corner of Escondido (1 block East of Maryland Pkwy).

Science Fiction and Fantasy author Steven Brust heads an all-star cast of leading fans and dynamic pros who'll keep attendees entertained with a lively series of panels and speeches and other activities.

The Las Vegas Fantasy & Science Fiction Day is free of charge and open to all. (See *the complete program on page 10.*)

The night, as always, belongs to Las Vegrants. Joyce & Arnie Katz — I like to see my name underlined occasionally, too — will host a Post-Con Open Party, starting at 7:30 and running as long as people have stamina.

It is open to all Vegas fans and we've hoping to have a



Steven Brust will keynote LV Fantasy & SF Day and join a panel about fans who have become professional writers.

lot of them come by to eat the food, burble Fannishly and celebrate the big day.

## Teeth & Eyes Haunt Las Vegas Fandom!

As the hours count down to the Fantasy & SF Day, it appears that Las Vegas Fandom is haunted by Teeth and Eyes. No, not the legen-



## Welcome to the Even Bigger Weekend!

This Saturday (4/30), Las Vegas Fandom takes its first step toward re-establishing the city as a site for general-interest science fiction conventions. Although the incredibly successful Corflu Blackjack was held here as recently as 2004, it has been about a decade since the fourth and last Silvercon.

The decline in local Fandom that began in the late 1990's saw the departure of three of the main couples who had helped build the Fandom of Good Cheer — Ken & Aileen Forman, Ben & Cathi Wilson and Tom & Tammy Springer — has stopped and, indeed, reversed. After a lull during which even most of the Vegrants kept a low profile. (hat's faanish for "talked a lot, but otherwise did nothing.")

Now the local fan scene crackles with life, swelled by the fresh enthusiasm of newcomers like Teresa Cochran, Kent Hastings, David Gordon, Mindy Hutchings, Ruth Davidson, Terry Wilsey and James & Kathryn Daugherty and the return of Ray & Marcie Waldie and Rebecca Hardin. There's even a rumor that Laurie Kunkel is contemplating an online personalzine!

Las Vegas fans are again looking beyond Clark County to the rest of Fandom. This weekend, Woody is leading us back to conventions with the Las Vegas Fantasy & Science Fiction Day (and the Vegrants will lead us to perdition at the Post-Con Open Party Saturday night.)

There are still hurdles to vault and obstacles to blast out of the way, but if Las Vegas Fandom continues to strengthen its community and explore the possibilities of Fandom, who knows what great things may be waiting for us a little down the road. — Arnie

dary movie comedy team; this time it's Bad Teeth and Infected Eyes.

Teeth struck first. Los Angeles-based Brad Linaweaver, whose name I have finally learned to spell, is suffering the tortures of a serious dental distress. A past visitor to Vegas and the co-author of *Anarquia* (with our own Kent Hastings), Brad reluctantly had to cancel his appearance at the convention.

Then came Eyes — and it was even worse! Novelist Elizabeth Bear (*Hammered*), also a speaker, notified chairman Woody Bernardi that keynote speaker Steve Brust had

checked into the hospital!

Woody did not panic. He marshaled his forces in preparations for a serious blow to the convention program. Fortunately, the worst case scenario proved unnecessary, so the planned kidnapping of Greg Benford has been postponed,

As it turns out, Steven Brust's replacement is — Steven Brust. Released from the hospital, Steve notified Woody that he *will* be at the convention, despite a vicious eye inflec-

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Reporters this issue: Roxanne Gibbs, Kent Hastings and Joyce Katz

VFW is free for the asking — and you may get it anyway. It can be downloaded at the SNAFFU and VSFA websites as well as at efanazines.com. No Aliens were harmed in the preparation of this fanzine.

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## Fannish Nicknames — Arnie Katz

While Las Vegas Fandom has more than the usual number of fans with nicknames of various sorts, quite a few have acquired nicknames or catchphrases. I thought I'd tell you about some of them. Perhaps they'll inspire some of you to create new bits of fannish legend.

Francis Towner Laney, whose incendiary memoriors *Ah, Sweet Idiocy!* is virtually a bible for modern Insurgents, was called The Stormy Petrel (and also Fran the Iconoclast). Charles Burbee, one of the greatest fans of all time and a staunch friend to Vegas Fandom was always "Burb," though he tried to foster the idea that he was also called "Sweet Old Burbee" or at least the initials. William Rotsler, the greatest cartoonist in fanhistory and a close collaborator with Las Vegrants (and a Silvercon Fan GoH), was dubbed "The amiable Bulldozer," when he towered over Laney and Burbee. Rounding out the LA Insurgents' big guns was Elmer Perdue, who was also known as "Ghod."

Many fans call Bob Tucker "Granddad," and a few call him "Father Tucker, bur his long-time buddy Bob Bloch acquired a much more colorful accessory. Fans who had nothing better to fill the odd fanzine line often wrote, "Pickle Bloch for Posterity."

Dean Grennell is a Ghood Man. I know it's true, because all truth is contained in fanzines — and I've read it about six million times. Chuch Harris was known as "The Number-One Fan Face," because he had a mirror with that slogan emblazoned on it. Forry Ackerman glories in the title "Mr. Sci Fi," while the late Sam Moskowitz was often called "Science Fiction's Historian."

Lee Hoffman, whose shyness and dry wit weren't always easy for worshipful young fans to fathom, earned the sobriquet, "The Good-Humored and Condescending BNF." Gina Ellis is the "Duchess of Canadian Fandom" (or "Dutch" for short) and our own Joyce Katz is "The High Priestess." Less flatteringly, GM Carr heard herself referred to as "Dirty Gertie" by her legion of admonishers. Linda Bushyager hung the nickname "The Klutz" on herself, but she has largely survived it. Inscrutably, Geri Sullivan was known as "The Geri Sullivan of the Nineties" during that decade.

Some nicknames may sound negative, but they actually indicated affection. Roy Tackett gloried in the name "HORT," which stood for Horrible Old Roy Tackett. Dian Girard Pelz Crayne, whose exotic, sensual beauty ensnared a generation of male fans, was known as "Sadista." after a cartoon character image of herself that she used in fanzines.

Arthur Thomson became "Atom," because he signed his cartoons that way. The same process gave Bill Kunkel the nickname "Potshot." Margaret Dominick signed so many illos for *Yandro* and other fanzines that she became better known as "DEA" than by her real name.

Bruce Pelz led Fandom's animal kingdom; his ample size gave him the nickname, "Elephant." Since he often served as the official editor of various apas, this sometimes came out OElephant. Ron Ellik was known as The Squirrel, with a mountain of Bjo Trimble cartoons to chronicle his adventures. And a con fan named Riva Smiley went through fanlife as "The Bat."

Bruce Pelz was also part of a rarity, a group nickname. He, Ted Johnstone and Jack Harness were collectively known as Arson, Rape & Bloody Murder. Harness drew many cartoons about the ARBM. Harness also drew many cartoons about the Cult, which became known as "The Nastiest Bastards in Fandom."

The 70-80 fans of the nebulous Virtual Fan Club of fannish fans are sometimes collectively called "The Ted White Group Mind." And, of course, Las Vegas is often termed, "The Fandom of Good Cheer."

— Arnie

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tion that has him checking into the hospital for two-hour sessions morning and night to receive intravenous medications to fight the infection. To ease the burden on Steve, David Gordon will lend his expertise to interview the popular author, who will also participate in the Fans into Pros panel.

A few other locals won't be there, either, though the reasons are more prosaic. James & Kathryn Daugherty are on the road, Ross Chamberlain will be selling electronics at Fry's and John & Karla Hardin had their moving date advanced by two weeks and will be boxing and carrying rather than fanning this weekend.

### VSFA Names Secretary! — and VFW Bungles The Announcement!

Some fans were surprised at the announcement in *VFW #22* that the

Vegas Science Fiction Association has named a Secretary. No one was more surprised, in

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Rob Hansen, Britain's top fanhistorian has done a terrific photo compilation on CD. It features the photo albums of two all-time great UK Big Name Fans, Vincent Clarke and Ethel Lindsay. Rob encouraged me to distribute, so all it'll cost you is a blank, CD-R disk (or \$1).

## SNAFFU (4/22) Meeting Report — Kent Hastings

The east side meeting of SNAFFU convened inside Borders Books at Stephanie and Sunset. Dick Pelletier, Lori Forbes, Teresa Cochran, Shane Roth, Darmon Thornton, Ruth Davidson (and daughter Hazel), JoHn Hardin (and daughter Colette), Mindy Hutchings, Rebecca Hardin (no relation to JoHn), James Taylor, Rachel Mainz, Woody Bernardi, Melonie Medellin, Kent Hastings and Michael Bernstein attending.

President Michael Bernstein brought the meeting out of the formless void to within an order of magnitude of 8 pm. The birthdays of April Reckling (April 19th) and Natasha Moore (age 20, April 25th) were noted.

An extra SNAFFU meeting on Friday, April 29, proposed by fangod (or at least fanpope) Arnie Katz, was placed on the floor where everyone danced La Cucaracha on it for various reasons, including not knowing the location to choose without disrupting the succession that has prevented all-out war for a thousand generations.

So Michael found a mysterious "kibosh" and crowned the proposal with it. There was a scream, a brilliant flash of light, and then it was gone. Michael then called for volunteers for the April 30th "Fantasy \* Science Fiction Day" at the Flamingo branch of the Clark County Library. The recruits will set up and take down furniture, greet guests, put up flyers--and surgically remove valuable internal organs from stragglers to be sold on eBay. Then Michael reminded us that the topic for the evening was "Furry Fandom" and that the topic for the west side meeting (Friday, May 13) is to be "The Singularity."

Michael described the first SNAPS collation and distribution and reminded us that the next distribution will occur at the west side meeting as well. He also described *Vegas Fandom Weekly* as Arnie Katz's tour de force. He also solicited movie and book reviews for the SNAFFU website.

The final part of the old and new business portion was Michael's two-item science report. First, a woman was cured of type 1 diabetes via a transplant of cells from her mother into the islets of Langerhans. Finally, an ideal location for the moonbase G.W. Bush wants America to establish as a prison for liberals is being investigated near the moon's north pole. It may have a constant amount of sunlight for modest heat and power as well as water ice inside nearby craters. So perhaps a settlement could be established without requiring massive supplies hoisted from the Earth.

Woody announced creating a list of desirable flyer locations for the "One Day Event" (available online for volunteers) and that he had submitted a press release to local media. He also reminded us of the *Firefly* viewing party at his house the next day from 11am to 3 pm. Lori Forbes reminded us of the SNAFFU library committee meeting to be held Saturday, too, but not starting until 4pm at Arnie and Joyce's house.

Lori announced the formation of a "postmodern" book meeting on the inter-SNAFFU Friday of May 12th, where the book of honor will be *On The Road*. Rachel Mainz announced a science fiction book club for children age 8-13 at the Malcolm branch of the Henderson Library and at her Gibson branch, too. One or both is the third Thursday of each month. Call the branches for actual dates and times. Kent Hastings noted book donations for SNAFFU from Ken Forman and JoHn Hardin. The donated books will be stamped (but not pushed, filed or debriefed) with SNAFFU contact information and given away at the con.

Darmon Thornton was the only one who would admit being immersed in furry fandom at one time, so he lead the discussion of the topic. But first he warmed up the group with famous birthdays including Aaron Spelling, who surprisingly had many genre films to his credit before he hit the big time with TV's BH 90210, Melrose & etc. Darmon answered the question "What is a Furry?" by describing collectors of anthropomorphic character publications. While furry characters are popular (think Bugs and Daffy), the recent subculture has been mocked in a notorious episode of *CSI*. Darmon brought samples of great, engaging comics (according to Mindy Hutchings and many of us) like *Bone* and *Usagi Yojimbo*, fanzines such as *Paw Prints* and *Huzzah*, and a pile of other cool things .

Shane Roth mentioned the generations raised on Saturday morning cartoons, Rachel Mainz reminded us of Greek and Roman mythology and Egyptian and Aztec gods, and Darmon listed some interesting works: *Fritz the Cat*, *Secret of NIMH*, *Watership Down*, *The Incredible Journey*, and muppets. I (Kent) mentioned Disney ice shows. Melonie Medellin threw neopets into the discussion, but they weren't harmed.

Ruth Davidson stated that the Furry reputation is extreme fetishism. Teresa Cochran mentioned some other groups that get extreme taint. Mindy Hutchings said that media is attracted to odd groups. Woody Bernardi complained about biased media coverage of gay events. Oddly enough, the Wikipedia entry describes a "gay invasion" of Furry that further alienated its fandom. And Michael Bernstein should get an award for mentioning the term "Furvert."

Before adjournment, a majority voted for the cafe inside Sunset Station as the location for the after meeting, but Lori Forbes led a rebel force of dissidents including Rachel Mainz, Darmon Thornton and even our President. Et tu, Bernstein-us? The legitimate after meeting group denounced the splinter group traitors for deviationism and swore bloody revenge. Then we had pie. — Kent Hastings

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fact, than Rebecca Hardin, whom I somehow drafted into the job.

So, *Vegas Fandom Weekly* (which never, ever makes a mistake) is pleasant and proud to announce that the new VSFA Secretary is Mindy Hutchings. I look forward to your meeting reports.

Although a recent arrival on the local fan scene, Mindy has parlayed a charming personality and plates of delicious, home-baked chocolate chip cookies into a glowing reputation. Now she's taking on her first substantial activity, a big step for any neofan. Mindy has proven to be a fine addition to local Fandom and there's little doubt that she will do a great job as Secretary.

### **SNAFFU Library Committee Postpones First Work Session!**

The fans were enthusiastic and willing, but the first work session of the Library Committee wrecked on the jagged rocks of Circumstance.

Everything looked fine at noon on Saturday (4/21) for the scheduled session to begin clearing out the Launch Pad's garage, the new home of the SNAFFU Library. Then things started to happen:

\* Joyce had a heart episode brought on by a severely strained muscle in her rib cage and could do no more than sit quietly on the couch.

\* Lori Forbes couldn't get permission to leave her job early.

### **The Vegas Fandom Ear — Roxanne Gibbs**

Charles Fuller, a transplant from Los Angeles and the Science Fiction club LASFS, has been living in Las Vegas and has been a member of SNAFFU for several years now. He has been missing in action for quite some time, conspicuously so whenever it is another member's birthday since he always leads a rousing rendition of the *Barbarian Birthday Song*.

Recently I have had the pleasure of Charles joining me frequently for afternoon tea. Yes, this gun-toting, fireworks-blasting (he makes his own), Flint Knapping, serious Science Fiction Fan is (gasp) a tea-totaler.

After hearing Jean-Luc Picard order "Tea, Earl Grey, hot." in an episode of *Star Trek the Next Generation* he gave it a try and loved it. Charles shared with me recently that it was his work schedule that is interfering with his attending the SNAFFU meetings and he is hoping that in the near future he will have Friday evenings off again. As a gun-enthusiast he has written many articles related to gun collecting. He has also been a guest on KNPR discussing a wide range of subjects.

During his most recent visit, I shared the first edition of SNAPS with him and he read it in 24 hours. With very little encouragement he decided to join in. Since I have had the privilege of reading his writings on various topics I can assure you that you will find him an interesting scrivener.

Karla Hardin was seen about town Monday evening, she looked great and was glowing with health. She was surprised I knew about her recently taking a position at Sunrise Hospital as a newborn photographer and I shared with her that I had read it here in *VFW*. Karla went on to say that she loves her new job and she and JoHn are very busy preparing to move in the next few weeks. All the little Hardin's are also well.

After a recent mention in *VFW*, Natasha Moore decided her life needed a little change since "I didn't do anything, I have been right here the whole time. I swear" was not what she wanted to be known for. Therefore, Natasha has taken a job at her favorite bakery of all time: Freed's Bakery on the SE side of town. She is trying to get her license so she will be able to attend fannish events around town again. Natasha is also working on her writing and I hope she will be encouraged to participate in SNAPS. Monday April 25 was her 20th birthday. Happy Birthday Natasha!

I still have not figured out what drinks go well with bon-bons, so I have given them up. I will now relax and lay around the house eating watermelon and slurping down as much Diet Mountain Dew Code Red as I can get away with. I need the caffeine to keep me on track for my world domination plans. – Roxanne Givvs



\* Woody Bernardi still had his arm in a sling from a shoulder injury that had incapacitated him earlier in the week.

\* Darmon Thorton called a little after 4 to say that he'd fallen asleep and only just awakened.

I sized up the situation and then, with the no power invested in me, I surrendered to the situation and told a still-sleepy-sounding Darmon that we would reschedule.

Woody Bernardi, Kent Hastings and JoHn Hardin had already arrived by that time, so Woody called Lori to update her and, I believe, Lori got in touch with Rachel Mainz just to make sure that she wasn't on her way to the session. (She wasn't.)

So that it wouldn't be a total loss, we all ate the snacks prepared for the Library Committee and, uniting our slant-like brains, figured out the answers to all the problems currently plaguing Fankind, both in Las Vegas and the world in general.

We may not have had the work session,

which is now set for the first Saturday in May, but don't you feel better knowing that Kent, Woody, JoHn, Joyce and I were watching over Las Vegas Fandom, keeping it safe and secure on a strange Saturday? (Fandom is expected to recover with no lingering ill effects.)

### **Joyce Set for Surgery!**

In the wake of the abortive stress test, Joyce met with another cardiac specialist. Dr. John Lee recommended that she have an angiogram, which is now scheduled for May 13.

The angiogram will be the only procedure done on that date. Dr. Lee will analyze the results and confer with Joyce at the end of May about what additional heart-related procedures are necessary.

This will, of course, further delay the fusion of her right ankle and a cataract operation on her left eye.

I inquired about the possibility of putting her up on a rack and having all the doctors work on her simultaneously, but was informed that this works better for cars than for people. I have also floated the idea of the Bill Rotsler Mammorial Breast Enhancement Surgery — you know, put a little something in all this medical hijinks for me — but that might be like bringing colas to Corflu in light of her present dimensions.

### **'Firefly' Soars at Casa Cosmo!**

Five fans spent an enjoyable Saturday (4/23) at the home of Woody Bernardi glorying in "Firefly," the short-lived Fox science fiction series that garnered a lot of praise from fans despite its firefly-length lifespan on the air.

The showing began with the two-part pilot, which was shown out of order when the program was originally broadcast. Woody followed up with three of the one-hour episodes to complete the five-hour excursion into this space opera universe.

Woody promises that this is only the first of several *Firefly* marathons until he's shown the whole series.. If you'd like to be part of the next *Firefly* event, send an email to Woody ([woodybernardi@yahoo.com](mailto:woodybernardi@yahoo.com)). Seating is

## Las Vegas Fan Event Calendar

### **Las Vegas Fantasy & SF Day**

April 30 10:30 AM-6:00 PM

A free, one-day convention for all Vegas fans. Woody Bernardi is chairman.

### **Las Vegrants Post-Con Open Party** April 30 7:30 PM

The informal club invites all fans to an Open Party at Arnie and Joyce Katz's home.

### **VSFA** May 2 7:30 PM

This formal club meets at the Clark County Library on the first Monday of each month.

### **SNAFFU** May 13 8:00 PM

This formal SF club meets the second and fourth Friday's of each month. This time, it will be held at Borders bookstore on Sahara.

### **Las Vegas Futurists** May 13 7:00 PM

This discussion group looks to the world of tomorrow on the second Friday of each month at Borders bookstore (2190 N. Rainbow Blvd.) The featured speaker is Ted Kaehler.

### **Sunday Social** May 15 2 PM

VSFA is sponsoring this event, open to all Las Vegas fans, at The Tap House. The theme this time is science fiction and fannish art.

Open, but limited, so letting him know you want to attend makes sense.

### **Heard Around Fandom...**

When Bill Bowers died on April 16 of a lingering illness, he left one ambition unrealized. He always intended to do "one more issue" of his popular genzine *Outworlds*. A consortium of fans has decided to remedy that by producing a posthumous issue. We'll have details of the fanzine, expected to be distributed primarily online, as they develop...

Ken & Aileen Forman are visiting northern California this week. The couple is looking for a place to relocate in case job acquisition forces them to leave Yucaipa...

Richard Brandt, always a popular visitor to Las Vegas (and a member of Las Vegrants) will be coming to town toward the end of May. Hopefully, this trip will allow Vegas Fandom's "new generation" to meet this Big Name Fan.

Laurie Kunkel's fight to obtain just disabil-

ity compensation suffered another reverse when the state rejected the appeal on the original ruling. The good news is that both Nevada Senators have shown concern about her case and it is hoped that the upcoming hearing will see justice triumph.

### **Chatback**

*It's time to open the digital mailbag and see what's inside. Let's hope it's not Alan White's Fan Snake (see page 1).*

*Here's a good one from a first-timer in the letter column. See how nice I am to him; it won't hurt you to write, either.*

### **Jack Calvert**

I started this letter shortly after receiving *VFW 18* and now you're up to 22. I'm struggling to keep up, but the issues have been fun to read.

It's good to hear that Bruce enjoyed his trip and that he is safely back down under. I surely don't envy him that fourteen hour flight.

I admire the airworthiness of the Australian fans who visit this part of the world regularly. I don't think I could make that trip until someone invents the "cold sleep" used in some old SF stories: load the passengers in the cargo space and wake them up when they get there.

Before Corflu 21, I hadn't flown for a decade or two. Yet I am starting to get the con bug a bit, so the next interval may be shorter.

I *was* in the running for best new fan of 2003 (much to my pleasure and surprise), however, I should point out that the actual winnah was Pete Young.

Your offer of the spare room was most kind and generous, and faanish, sir. And I'll keep it in mind, but, as I mentioned above, I do not travel well. I've long wanted to go to one of the East Coast conventions, and I'm kind of gathering my energies for that.

Good piece about hoaxes in issue 20. I've long felt a certain affinity to Carl Brandon. He putatively lived above a drugstore on Bosworth Street in the Glen Park neighborhood of San Francisco, not far from where I went to grammar school.

The drugstore was likely the same one where I bought my first SF magazine. I can easily imagine him sitting at a table in the Glen Park Library, engrossed in a copy of "Men Against the Stars," while drawing nervous looks from the librarian, who wasn't used to seeing "Negroes" in there.

I also enjoyed the article on fannish religions. Some of this I knew, but a lot I didn't. When asked about my religion, I am often tempted to respond that I am a member of the Roscoe-ite branch of the Reformed Foofoolists.

Then I bite my tongue.

And 22 was the best issue yet. Now that VFW is old enough to drink, smoke, and carry on, it is really rolling. Your exposition of fannish mathematics was a grabber. It seems that in a way science fiction has taken over the world-- but I think that a hundred people who know something about the history, cus-

toms, and mores of fandom is a pretty good number. (I guessed three hundred as I was reading, based on nothing in particular.) I suspect that this is the same number that it always was, except perhaps in the very early days, when it was lower.

I'm glad to hear that Joyce gets to skip the stress test. It seems that she has been stressed enough over the last year.

*Arnie: I want to assure you, as well as all my other lazy friends, that I don't expect you to write anything like every issue. I love to hear from everyone, but I'm a realist.*

*I will grant that Pete Young may have won the 2003 FAAn Award as "Best New Fan," but I voted for you and this is my fanzine. Pete is a terrific fanzine editor and a great guy, but he has yet to send me a letter of comment. I might be very pissed if I had ever sent him a copy of VFW. So until Pete writes that LoC, you'll reign as Best New Fan here at Vegas Fandom's Sorta Weekly Newszine.*

*And here's one of VFW's first loccers, back with comment on the last issue.*

### **Linda Bushyager**

Just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed the last couple of issues of VFW. I really enjoy the fan history bits that you include such as Fannish Religions. Also the photos have been very good and some quite surprising (like young Alan White with Sybil Danning).

Every once in awhile you have a funny that really makes me laugh - like "They want to change the future. We want to party in it."

Hope to hear some good news for Joyce!!

*Arnie: So, the pic of Alan with Sybil Danning, not the one of the naked nun with N3F buttons covering her nipples, surprised you. You know, it surprised me more, too. Guess we've been fans a lo-o-ong time.*

### **Last Call for Issue #23**

Since the program for the convention is on page 10, this is my final chance to wish you an enjoyable con — and invite you back next week.

— Arnie Katz

# Las Vegas Fantasy & Science Fiction Day

April 30, 2005

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| <b>10:15 am-10:30 am</b> | <b>Opening Festivities</b><br>Introduction of Author Guests and any Fan guests (who will be participating in program items)                     |
| <b>10:30 am-11:00 am</b> | <b>Las Vegas in Fantasy &amp; Science Fiction</b><br>Linda Bushyager; leading discussion (Moderator).<br>This panel is open to the Fans present |
| <b>11:15 am-12:00 pm</b> | <b>Plausible futures</b><br>Elizabeth Bear<br>J. Kent Hastings<br>Dick Pelitier (Moderator)   |
| <b>12 noon-2:00 pm</b>   | <b>Lunch</b><br>During Lunch, Filk Music, including<br>"Woad Warrior" (Filk CD recorded live at SilverCon)                                      |
| <b>2:00 pm-2:45 pm</b>   | <b>Fans into Pros</b><br>Steven Brust<br>Arnie Katz<br>Joyce Katz   |
| <b>3:00 pm-3:10 pm</b>   | <b>Steven Brust Introduction</b><br>David Gordon  |
| <b>3:10 pm-3:30 pm</b>   | Steven Brust GoH Speech   |
| <b>3:45 pm-4:30 pm</b>   | <b>Print Meets Media</b><br>Neil Schulman<br>JoHn Hardin<br>James Hudnall   |
| <b>4:45 pm-5:30 pm</b>   | <b>Fifty years of Las Vegas Fandom</b><br>Woody Bernardi<br>Arnie Katz (Moderator)]<br>Joyce Katz<br>Teresa Cochran                             |

Brad Linaweaver has had to cancel due to some emergency dental surgery he needs to have done this week