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SILVER STREAK**

The Official Newsletter of BayCon's 25th Anniversary

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Changes**

- The **Factory of the Future** panel at **2:30 PM** has been canceled.
- **Alan Dean Foster** has been removed from the **Long Range Foundation** panel at **4:00 PM**.
- **Ctein** has been removed from **The Artistic Life** panel at **4:00 PM** and has been added to the **Global Warming** panel at **9:30 PM**.
- **Philip Gust** won't be participating in the **ClipArt** panel at **4:00 PM**.
- **Lorrie Wood** has joined the **Westria** panel at **5:30 PM**.
- A **Memorial Filk for Frank Gasperik** has been scheduled at **8:00 PM** in **Powell/Connect 3**.
- **Terry Bisson** will not be in the **Sputnik at 50** panel at **9:30 PM**.
- We are sorry to say that **Richard Lupoff** and **Howard Hendrix** will not be in attendance at this year's BayCon. In addition, **Linda Clements** and **John Crowley** will not be attending; **Tim Crowley** will replace them on some panels.

**Pre-Registration  
Membership****1,147***Submissions deadline  
for next issue:***2:00 PM****We, Who Are About to Write, Salute You!**

The BayCon 2007 Newsletter Staff, heretofore The Silver Streak, welcomes you to BayCon's 25th Anniversary - the con so big we had to put it in a **smaller** more intimate hotel. While some things have changed, our mission here has not. The Silver Streak will be here 6 more times over the course of the convention to make you aware of the events of note, document programming changes which alter the time, location, or noteworthiness of the events of note, and event reviews in case you didn't listen to us and attend the events of note. All of this will be done with our traditional **sarcasm snark** unique style of humor.

If you have something you think would look good in the newsletter, contact us in the super secret jackal lair, in room 2134, leave it in the drop box at ConOps, Registration, or the Info Desk, or e-mail it to **newsletter@baycon.org**. Space is limited so bribes are gleefully accepted. We recommend chocolate to go with our wine, or wine to go with our chocolate. Also scotch. Coffee's good, oh, and beer. But good beer.

**Let the Con Begin**

The ribbon cutting for BayCon's Silver Anniversary will be today at 2:00 PM in the Convene/ Golden Gate Ballroom. Chairwoman Caradwen 'Sabre' von Braskat will ring in the 25th annual BayCon with all of our Guests of Honor in attendance (check out the Meet the Guests article for the full list - please don't make me write them all down twice).

**Meet the Guests  
(now with more gambling!)**

To celebrate this special BayCon anniversary the Guest of Honor list has been super-sized! As a BayCon first, the Meet the Guests Reception has been generously sponsored by Google. Come to the Convene/ Golden Gate Ballroom at 8:00 PM to meet the BayCon 2007 Guests of Honor:

Science Fiction Writer: Alan Dean Foster

Fantasy Writer: Diane Paxson

Artist: Richard Hescoc

Toastmistress: Seanan McGuire

Fan: Linda 'Kitty' VonBraskat-Crowe

Special Guest: Ctein

Immediately following the reception for our guests will be the annual BayCon charity casino. Blackjack, roulette, and craps will be available for your gaming enjoyment, with all proceeds going to support this year's charity: the Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome Association.

## BCTV Schedule (Channel 36)

- 14:00 Sign On  
 15:00 Mystery Fandom Theater: Star Crash  
 17:00 Norwescon: Let's Make A Movie  
 17:50 Found  
 18:00 First World  
 18:30 Attack of the Giant Brine Shrimp  
 18:50 Chick Magnet  
 19:00 Stranger Things: Sins of the Mother  
 19:15 Starship Exeter: The Savage Empire

## Well-hung Pieces

This year's art show can be found in Engage/ Crystal Spring Room. Some old favorites will be displayed along with new pieces by undiscovered talents. The show can be viewed Friday from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Saturday from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, and Sunday from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Be sure to check it out for your chance to find a masterpiece. Sign up for a bidder number at the art show desk before you buy.

Sadly, due to space, Artist's Alley is taking a hiatus this year. But it will be back and better than ever next year.

## Anime Schedule

- 08:00 PM Haibane-Renmei 1-2  
 08:55 PM KamiChu! 1-2  
 09:45 PM Strawberry Marshmallow (Ichigo Mashimaro) 1-2  
 10:40 PM Elemental Gelade 1-2  
 11:50 PM Read Or Die 1-3  
 01:20 AM Madlax 1-2  
 02:15 AM Trinity Blood 1-3  
 03:30 AM Gravitation 1-2  
 04:20 AM Genshiken 1-4  
 05:00 AM Le Portrait de Petite Cossette

## We Want Your Blood!

A BayCon tradition continues when the Stanford Blood Center brings the blood mobile to the hotel parking lot on Saturday starting at 10:00 AM and going until 5:00 PM. The BayCon blood drive will be happy to remove any excess fluid that you don't need. Before you volunteer to get your life force drained there are some requirements to keep in mind:

1. You must be between 17 and 74 years of age. 16 year olds may donate with parental consent. Those 75 and older may give blood with a doctor's written consent.
2. You must weigh at least 110 lbs.
3. You must be in good health.
4. Please eat prior to donating (see article on available food)
5. Please bring photo ID.

## The Few, the Proud, the Registered

Congratulations, you made it to the Con. Now what? If you're not already registered to be here, do so now. All guest registration can be found in the first floor lobby.

Friday's hours are from noon to 9:00 PM.  
 Saturday from 9:30 AM to 9:00 PM.  
 Sunday from 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM.  
 Monday from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

Please note that these are shorter hours than previous years, so plan accordingly. Hours of operation are also subject to change. Don't say we didn't warn you.

## Party Time!

What if there was a party and nobody came? Publicize your party in The Silver Streak. Give us the who, what, when, where, and why and bring it by Room 2134 or leave it in a drop box for inclusion in future issues. Then we'll also review your party so all will know what they missed.

*“What's BayCon?”*

## The Masquerade: New Ballroom, Same Great Taste!

The hotly anticipated BayCon Masquerade will be taking place Saturday night at 8:00 PM in the Convene/ Golden Gate Ballroom. Masquerade is when all the costumers burst forth from their wardrobes to display their hard work and dedication to accuracy.

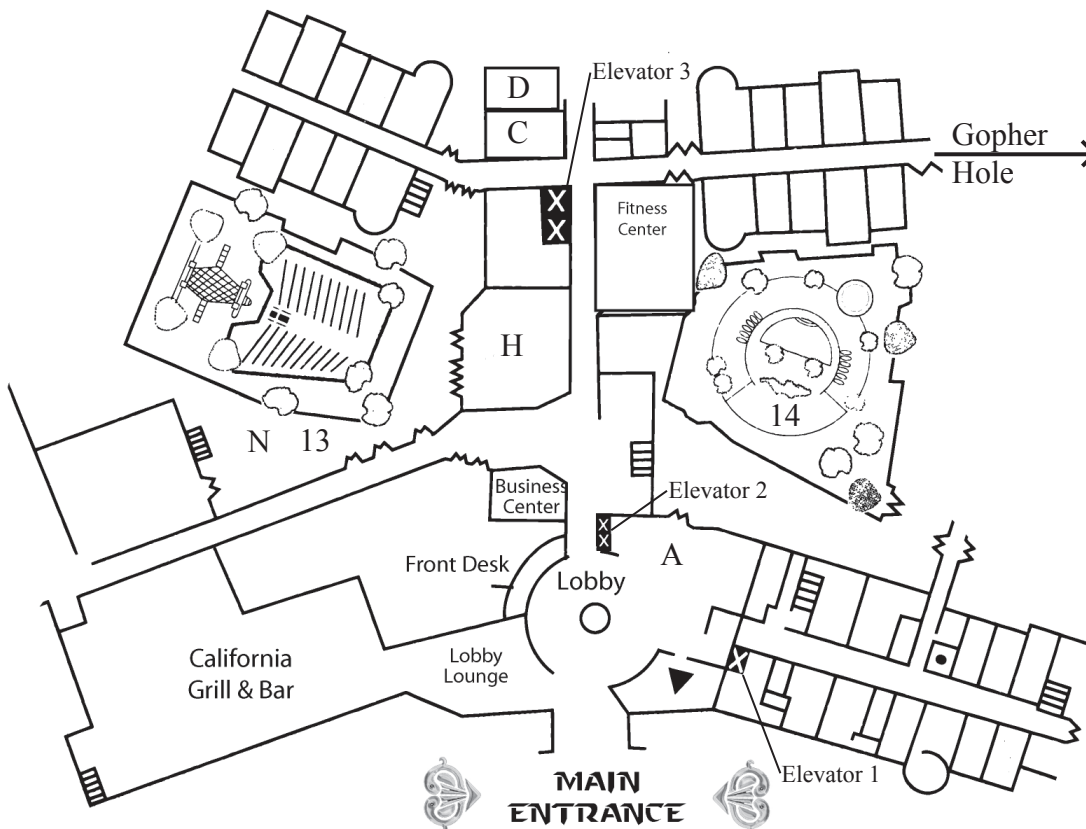
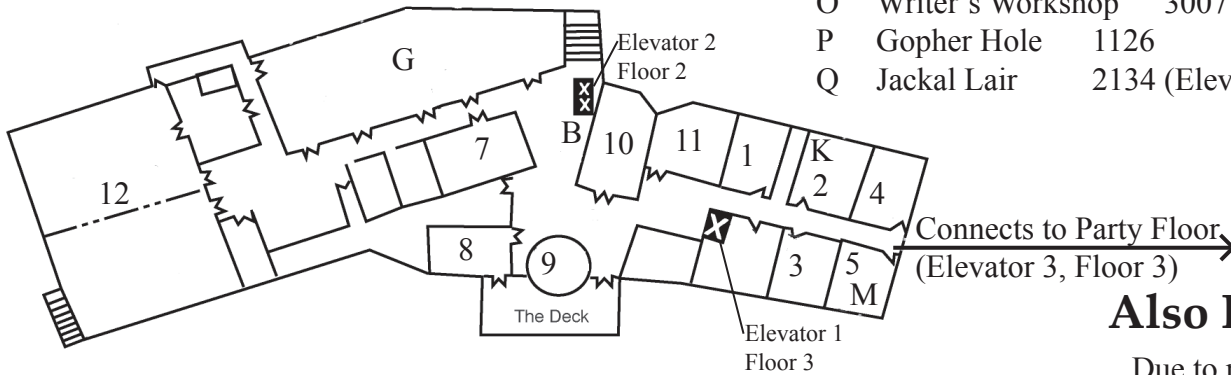
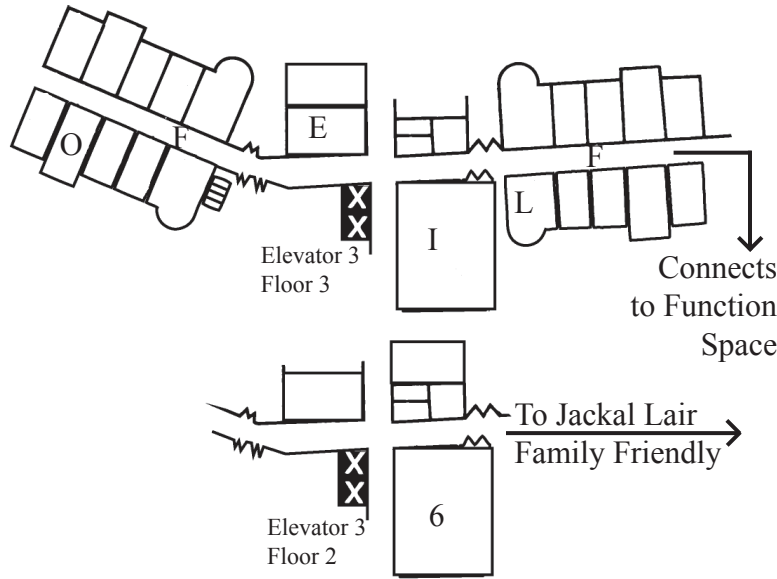
If you would like to participate in the Masquerade, see the Program Book for rules and entry requirements. Please note that all participants are required to attend the panel on Saturday at 1:00 PM in the Synergy 2/ Marina Room.

Due to the limited space available this year, seating passes, in the form of wristbands, will be given out in advance. Wrist bands will be available at the Masquerade table, located outside of the Collaborate 3/ North Beach Room, starting at noon on Saturday and continuing until they are gone. You will be told when to arrive for the Masquerade when you pick up your wristband. First come, first served. For more information see page 24 of the Program Book.

# The San Mateo Marriott: Home of BayCon 2007

## Function Room Locations

A	Registration	Lobby
B	Info Desk	Synergy Lobby
C	ConOps	1063
D	F.L.A.R.E	1065
E	ConSuite	3063
F	Party Floor	3001-3010 and 3093-3102
G	Dealer's Room	Inspire/ Bay Bridge
H	Art Show	Engage/ Crystal Spring
I	Gaming	Collaborate 3/ North Beach
J	Family Friendly	2153 (Elevator 1, Floor 2)
K	Filk Lounge	Connect 3/ Powell
L	Fanzine Lounge	3093
M	Anime Room	Connect 6/ Geary
N	Boffers	Gazebo Courtyard
O	Writer's Workshop	3007
P	Gopher Hole	1126
Q	Jackal Lair	2134 (Elevator 1, Floor 2)



## Also Known As

Due to recent changes to room names most events are listed under two room names. Here's a quick list of the old and new names:

- 1 Connect 1 = Nob Hill
- 2 Connect 3 = Powell
- 3 Connect 4 = Stockton
- 4 Connect 5 = Post
- 5 Connect 6 = Geary
- 6 Collaborate 2 = Embarcadero
- 7 Synergy 1 = Cannery
- 8 Synergy 2 = Marina
- 9 Synergy 3 = Boardroom
- 10 Synergy 4 = Lombard
- 11 Synergy = Presidio
- 12 Convene 1/2 = Golden Gate A/B
- 13 The Courtyard = Gazebo Courtyard
- 14 Patio = Pool Courtyard

## This Day in History

In honor of our 25th Anniversary, the staff of The Silver Streak will be running a series of articles highlighting some of the memorable moments in BayCon History. Submit your suggestions, with a description of the event, including the date, why you think it was important, and your at-con contact information, to the Jackal Lair or a Newsletter drop box. Selected participants will receive a limited edition ribbon.

The first BayCon was Thanksgiving weekend in 1982. Exactly 30 years ago today, *Star Wars*, a new space epic, with amazing and novel special effects was released in theatres.

## Mmmmm...Unexplained Bacon

A variety of options exist for your edible enjoyment and continued survival. We here at The Silver Streak highly recommend that regular food consumption be part of your schedule. To that end the lovely people at the Marriott have provided the following sustenance-obtaining locations. The California Grill will be open from 6:00 AM-2:00 AM Friday through Sunday and 6:00 AM-12:00 AM Monday. This includes a daily breakfast buffet from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM and a lunch/dinner buffet from 12:30 PM-10:00 PM. The a la carte BBQ will be available daily from 11:00 AM-7:00 PM. The cash cart (including hot dogs, chips, drinks and other quick fuel items) will be available on Friday from 2:00 PM-10:00 PM, on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 AM-10:00 PM and on Monday from 11:00 AM-7:00 PM. For the agoraphobic, room service is available daily from 6:00 AM-12:00 AM.

Did we forget anything? Oh yeah, coffee! The Marketplace, which serves Starbucks, is open daily from 6:00 AM-10:00 PM.

### “Dang! I know it’s here somewhere...”

GPS tracker not at the proper coordinates? Cthulhu stuffie shambled off? Not sure who you are now that your membership badge is gone? You may have dropped it, misplaced it, attached it poorly or otherwise just don’t know where it went. Chances are, it may have made its way to Convention Operations (ConOps), which is handily headquartered in room 1063 (down the main hall from the lobby and a left turn after the second set of elevators).

By the same token, if you find something interesting and likely to be missed that is not obviously trash (sorry, the empty Starbucks cup is NOT a cleverly disguised Portkey), please bring it by ConOps so we may keep it cozy in case the rightful owner appears.

When seeking items, please be prepared to describe them in as much detail as possible (“It’s round” ain’t gonna cut it). Items not claimed by the end of Monday will be bagged, tagged and handed over to the hotel front desk on Tuesday.

-Erik Bigglestone  
Head of ConOps

### Get Ready to Match the Stars!

*Match Game SF*, the game where you fill in the \_\_\_\_\_ to win prizes, will be part of the BayCon Masquerade half-time and post-show this year. Contestants will try and guess how our panelists will complete fill-in-the-blank questions, such as “Captain Kirk has the biggest \_\_\_\_\_ in Starfleet!” The winner of each game will go on to the Bonus Round to try and win a fabulous prize. To be a contestant on *Match Game SF*, sign up at the Info Desk, then come back to the Info Desk at 5:00 PM Saturday for a contestant briefing and selection of finalists.

-Kevin Standlee



#### OVERHEARD IN THE JACKAL LAIR

“Did we have any  
good quotes today?”

<chirp, chirp>

“Apparently Not.”

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