
La Estrella Solitaria *San Antonio, Texas*

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The Solitary Star

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Rumor Control

Our investigation of the rumor that microphones were taken out of the WorldCon Hoaxes panel to prevent Steven Silver from defending decisions made at ChiCon finds it to be not only false, but completely ineffectual.

In a related note: San Antonio Crime Scene Cleanup has assured us there are no blood stains remaining on the moderator's chair.

Costumers' Helpers!

Want to see the costumes for the Masquerade up close and personal? Want to earn some volunteer points and get a great t-shirt? Come visit the Masquerade Registration Desk in the Convention Center next to Convention Registration and volunteer on Thursday from 9 to 6, Friday 9 to 6, or Saturday 9 to noon. We need you to help the costumers in the Masquerade Green Room, to make sure they don't fall or fly off the stage, to help the Fan Photo area manager in the Fan Photo area, and to help seat the audience (where you can pick your own seat) as an usher on Saturday evening. Be sure to check in at the Masquerade Registration Desk or with Volunteers (or whatever they're calling themselves, please amend if needed) to get your slot reserved. We need you!

NASA Program

We are so thrilled to formally announce a programming track dedicated to NASA space science and exploration.

A team from NASA including scientists and engineers like Heather Paul and astronaut Cady Coleman.

Sixteen programming events occurring Saturday and Sunday will take place. Program topics will include near-Earth asteroid exploration, Mars exploration and what really happened with the Apollo missions.

The NASA team will also participate in children's programming on Saturday to teach, interact and inspire the next generation of science and science fiction fans.

We are deeply grateful for this partnership and excited to host them and our wonderful guests of honor: James Gunn, Norman Spinrad, the late Darrell K Sweet, Ellen Datlow and Willie Siros. Along with Toastmaster Paul Cornell and specials guests Joe R. Landsdale, and Leslie Fish.

Meg Totusek

Keep an eye out for the NASA program info. (printed on pink paper) in the red Newsletter racks and on tables in the hotel lobbies.

Program Updates

Please see the back page of this issue for program updates (pretend it's pink!).

Kaffeeklatsch Directions

The kaffeeklatsches are being held in the Riverview room which is in the Marriott Riverwalk. It's the hotel across from the convention center.

To get to the Riverwalk room, people need to take the elevator one flight down but they must take the elevator that says P1. (P1 stands for parking level one and there is only one bank of elevators to take you down to this level.)

When they exit the elevator, the room is around the corner towards the left.

Kiddie Corps

Childcare is available at the Marriott Rivercenter. For further information please visit the Information Desk.

Staff Box

Editor in chief: Michael Nelson. Issue editors: Jim Mowatt & Carrie Mowatt. Special thanks to Sam Lubell.

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PROGRAM CHANGES

Participants Withdrawn

Julie Oliver, Randy Smith and Bryan Espinoza.

Item Time Changes

Looper (moved from Saturday to Friday) to 103A(HBGCC) 18:00

The Hunger Games 103A (HBGCC) 20:00 (No change to time)

Doctor Who: The Snowmen has been moved to 202B (HGBCC) with a start time of 19:30

Cabin in the Woods has been moved to 202B HGBCC) (with a start time of 21:00)

Dropped Items

Chesleys Suggestions List (was Sunday at 15:00)

Almost Nominated-the Art Edition (was Monday at 14.00)

The Whole Wide World (was Friday at 20:00).

Heavy Metal (was Friday at midnight).

Due to disc incompatibilities, we are sadly cancelling the following anime items:

Sailor Moon: Sailor Mars

Sailor Moon: the Promise of the Rose

Bubblegum Crisis: Tokyo 2040

Birdy the Mighty

Gundam Wing: Endless Waltz

Tokyo Babylon 1

Room Correction

The Anime/Animation film program

Room is 202B not 202A and it's in the Convention Centre.

How to Build a Successful Book Launch Campaign (Friday at 20:00)

Room changed from 102A to 008B.

Item Room Changes

The New Era of Commercial Space (Saturday at 17:00)

Room changed from 103A to 008B.

Astrobiology and the Problem of the Fermi Paradox (Saturday at 18:00)

Room changed: from 103A to 008B.

Nanotechnology to Mine Asteroids (Saturday at 19:00)

Room changed from 103A to 008B.

Mars and/or Bust! (Sunday at 10:00)

Room changed: from 103A to 103B.

The Green Chemistry Movement (Sunday at 17:00)

Room changed from 103A to 008B

Items Added to Program

Rory and George Sign Together Saturday at 11:00 in Convention Center

Prefunction Ball Rm A, with Rory McCann and George R. R. Martin as Participants.

Helvetica Monday at 9:30 in Convention Center 204B

Take a second look at the thousands of words we see every day.

Timeless - XKCD Monday at 11:00 in Convention Center 204B

Participant Changes

Steampunk: Trend or Genre? (Friday at 13:00)

Added: Laurel Anne Hill

Pattern Basics (Friday at 14:00)

Added: Sharon Bass

Near-Future Energy (Friday at 19:00)
Added: Ramez Naam

The Doctor: Over the Years (Friday at 19:00)

Added: Nicki Lynch

Gender in SF (Saturday at 12:00)

Dropped: Lezli Robyn

Better Things The Life and Choices of Catherine Jones (Saturday at 19:00)

Added Robert K. Wiener

Dragon Sickness (Sunday at 13:00)

Added: Colin Harris

Game of Thrones: The Fourth Season (Sunday at 17:00)

Dropped: Rory McCann

Astrobiology and the Problem of the Fermi Paradox (Saturday at 18:00)

Added: Stanley Schmidt

SF as a Stealth Delivery

Platform(Thursday at 17:00)

Dropped: Jordin Kare

Participant Alphabetization

A few participants are not listed alphabetically in the Pocket Program listings. Please look for Darlene Marshall under 'A', Aurora Celeste under 'B', and Hagrid under 'S'. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Autographing Changes

Saturday at 15:00

Dropped: Richard Hescox

Monday at 12:00

Dropped: Hugh Howey

Monday at Noon:

Add: Hugh Howey