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Report of Professor T. Feather
Florida State Hospital for
the Clinically Insane

Case history: Necronomicon

Date: October 23-25, 2009

In the annals of psychiatric medicine, there has never been another case such as this. There are many examples of mass hysteria where large groups of people profess to see wildly fantastic things. But nowhere else is there a case where dozens of people, all of whom work on the same SF convention, go insane at the same time.

The root cause seems to be running the above-mentioned convention for the past 26 years! With this type of compulsive behavior, it's no wonder that they all cracked.

But it is the contagious nature of this madness that is the most perplexing. Even seemingly normal individuals who attend these conventions soon display symptoms akin to those of the organizers. Analyzing this phenomenon is key to finding a cure.

It is against the standard protocol of this facility, but the only hope of truly understanding said psychopathology is to investigate in situ. I will allow the "Staff" of the convention to hold Necronomicon here in the asylum. Under controlled conditions, they will reproduce the environment that drove sanity from their minds. Only then will I be able to help them! Only then will my brilliance be recognized! Let the experiment begin!

Rules of Conduct

All experiments must be conducted under controlled conditions. Therefore, all the “members” of Necronomicon must conform to the following rules. Failure to comply will result in removal from the “convention” followed by an extended program of shock treatment. For purely therapeutic purposes, of course.

1. No Smoking - The hotel, State of Florida, and Necronomicon have instituted a no smoking policy. The only places where con members may smoke are the bar, on designated smoking floors, and outside.
2. Weapons - No real weapons, bladed weapons, or simulated weapons that shoot a projectile are allowed. Also, if it looks like a real gun, it's not allowed. The only exception is for pre-approved Masquerade participants. All hall costume weapons/props must be approved by a member of Necronomicon staff.
3. Badges - ID badges must be worn prominently on the front of clothing and above the waist at all times. Anyone without a badge will be refused access. If you lose your badge, you must buy a new membership to get another one.
4. Behavior and costumes must adhere to Pinellas County decency laws.
5. Quiet time, except for the first floor, is 10pm. to 10am. For the comfort and convenience of all hotel guests, during these hours you are required to keep noise to a minimum on all sleeping floors.
6. Disorderly Conduct - No running in the hotel, yelling, damaging hotel and/or convention property, or fighting will be tolerated. Drunken or disorderly conduct in the Necronomicon function space will result in the member being escorted to his or her room or removed from the hotel.
7. Alcohol shall not be dispensed in public or function areas in the hotel except by authorized hotel staff.
8. Signs - There is no posting of signs except on convention bulletin boards. No signs may be posted in the elevators, on the walls, or on room doors. Bulletin boards and thumbtacks are available at the registration desk.

Damage to the hotel jeopardizes our ability to put on future conventions. To ensure that there will be another Necronomicon, please report any acts of vandalism to the hotel or convention staff.

GUESTS OF HONOR

Patricia Briggs

Patricia Briggs began writing in 1990, and published her first novel *Masques* in 1993. Her next book, *Steal the Dragon*, garnered better sales and found favorable editorial reviews. Her career showed steady increase in sales and readership over the next several books.



Photo by Hadnagy Photography

She next moved on to multiple book stories with *Dragon Bones* and *Dragon Blood* sharing both the same world and the same characters. *Raven's Shadow* and *Raven's Strike* are two books sharing the same storyline. Her editor invited her to write a trilogy in the Urban Fantasy genre and she began her famous Mercy Thompson Series. The first, *Moon Called*, hit the USA Today bestseller list. The second, *Blood Bound*, made the NY Times bestseller list and the third, *Iron Kissed* was a #1 New York Times bestseller.

At this time she has contracted for four more "Mercy Thompson" books, and has started a spin-off series based on the characters in *Alpha and Omega*.

A new comic book about Mercy Thompson has recently been released. The first issue of *Patricia Briggs's Mercy Thompson: Homecoming* was released on November 12th, 2008.

Catherine Asaro

Born in Oakland, California, Catherine Asaro grew up in El Cerrito, north of Berkeley. In her youth, the arts were her focus. She studied ballet from age of five, trained in classical piano, and spent hours curled up with books. She successfully pursued London's Royal Academy of Dance syllabus through the first professional level and enrolled at UCLA as a dance major. Then she discovered she loved math and science. She went on to earn a BS with Highest Honors from UCLA, a Masters in physics from Harvard, and a doctorate in chemical physics, also from Harvard.

Catherine's short fiction has appeared in *Analog* magazine and various anthologies, including "Walk in Silence," "A Roll of the Dice," and "Aurora in Four Voices," which all won the Analog Readers Poll for best novella, and were nominated for both Nebula® and Hugo Awards. Her novella, "The Spacetime Pool" won the Nebula in 2008, and "Quantum Rose" won best Novel in 2001. Her writing blends space adventure, science, romance, and strong characterization into her stories. Her latest science fiction novel is *THE RUBY DICE* (Baen Books, April 2009), and her most recent fantasy is *THE NIGHT BIRD* (Luna, June 2008). She also writes thrillers, including *ALPHA* and *SUNRISE ALLEY*.



Catherine's 24th book—*DIAMOND STAR*, is about a rock star in the future. Working with the Baltimore rock band "Point Valid," she and the band recorded twelve original songs for a music CD that offers readers a soundtrack to the book.

In April 2009, Starflight Music will release the CD, also titled *Diamond Star*, performed by Point Valid—Hayim Ani, Adam Leve, and Max Vidaver—with Catherine as a guest artist. Catherine wrote the lyrics for most of the songs, and Hayim wrote the music with Point Valid.

You can hear her perform with guest musician Donald Wolcott on Friday at 9pm in St. Pete 3.

Donald Wolcott

At age five, Donald Wolcott started lessons in classical piano, but the young prodigy soon expanded his horizons beyond Beethoven and Mozart. When he joined his middle school's jazz band, he was exposed to the genre that dramatically reshaped his music.



In high school, Donald became the pianist for the jazz ensemble. A versatile musician, he branched out to rock and taught himself the bass, guitar, and drums. He formed the band “Three Easy Payments,” and performed with them over the next four years, singing lead vocals, playing bass and keyboards, and writing songs. He was also learning the business side of his career, serving as the producer and manager for the group.

In 2008, Donald accepted a scholarship to Towson University, where he currently majors in Jazz Performance. In the fourteen years he has been playing music, Donald has become an in-demand pianist in the Baltimore/Washington D.C. area.

In 2009, Donald joined author Catherine Asaro as her keyboard accompanist for the Diamond Star Project . Donald plays keyboard for Catherine to showcase the project with his exciting arrangements and delightfully jazzy style.



Richard Lee Byers

Richard Lee Byers is the author of over thirty fantasy and horror novels, including several set in the *Forgotten Realms* universe. His recent titles include *Dissolution*, *The Rage*, *The Rite*, *The Ruin*, *Unclean*, *Undead*, and *Unholy*. His short fiction has appeared in numerous magazines and anthologies.

Born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, Richard holds an M.A. in Psychology. He worked in an inpatient psychiatric facility for a number of

years, then left the mental health field to become a writer. He currently lives in the Tampa Bay area, the setting for much of his horror fiction, and spends his free time fencing, shooting pool, and playing poker. Visit him online at richardleebyers.com

Other Guests

The amount of effort it takes to plan, design, create, manufacture and assemble the parts of a convention is staggering. This could not have been done without the help of a dedicated group of innovators.

J. Allen Adams, Christina Barber, Chris Berman, Jeffrey Breslauer, Craig Caldwell, Tracy Cornett, Vince Courtney, George Ewing, Glenda Finkelstein, Tony Finkelstein, Lee Gimenez, Stokely Gittens, Robert Glick, Thomas Green, Louis Gutierrez, Lynne Hansen, William Hatfield, Chris Helton, Mark Helwig, Linton Herbert, Michael Hinman, Ed Howdershelt, Anne Jackson, Chris A. Jackson, Michael L. Joy, Eloy Lasanta, William R. Logan, Will Ludwigsen, Elissa Malcohn, Chris McCoy, Christina McCoy, Jeff Mitchell, Kendall D. Morris, Kendall F. Morris, Stanley Morrison, K.L. Nappier, Mike Pinsky, Jaime Rush, E. Rose Sabin, Bo Savino, Rubey Shea, Brandy Stark, Jeff Strand, Andrea Dean VanScoyoc, Paul Vincenti, Rick Wilber, Ross Winn, Ed Wysocki, John Zaner, and the Ubiquitous Timothy Zahn.

Experiment Locations: Various Wards

Various parts of the asylum will be designated as specific convention locations, where events will occur on an ongoing basis. Over the course of the weekend, observations undertaken at these sites should yield copious data.



Wardroom of Dealers

The right side of the Grand Bay wardroom will serve as the Dealer's Room for the duration of the experiment. Hours of operation will be Friday 12pm to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 6pm, and Sunday 10am to 4pm. Here we can monitor patients as they exchange various doodads and trinkets that they are "selling"

to each other. Note to self: Observe Schizophrenics to see which personalities get the best deals.

The TV Ward

Patients may obtain "quiet time" in the Pier and Skyway rooms. Here they can watch movies, TV shows and Anime away from the hectic activities in the other Wards. Meanwhile, we will be conducting behavior modification research via advanced resonant frequency timing subliminal messages. One room will serve as the control, while the other administers the experimental stimuli. Double-blind procedures are in place to insure that no one will know which room is which.



The Gaming Ward

At the far end of the hallway is the Gaming Ward, an area reserved for patients with savant-like characteristics that aid in problem solving, on the game board if not elsewhere. The record-setting number of games provided should yield abundant data on a variety of pathologies, including those with obsessive-compulsive, dissociative, delusional, and multiple-personality characteristics. There are at least five Journal articles begging to be written about this group.

The “Sweet” Ward

The primary subjects of the experiment insist on providing snacks, drinks, and food. Although this represents a drain on the asylum’s budget, from an experimental standpoint, it is actually fortunate. Large quantities of caffeine-laced drinks and sugary snacks should provide the necessary energy levels to ensure sleep deprivation.

This snack dispensary, the so-called “Con Suite,” will be located on the 15th floor, specifically, in Room 1501. This somewhat isolated site was chosen to test the subjects’ resolve and/or compulsions to acquire these “munchies.” To avoid cross-contamination with other experimental areas, food and drinks may NOT be removed from this Ward.



The Artists Ward

Art is a window into the human id, and the Artists Ward is a fertile source of insights into the twisted minds of our more creative patients. Visiting times are: Friday 12 to 7
Saturday 9 to 6
Sunday 9 to 4

Visitors are encouraged to bid

on their favorite nightmarish canvas or cutesy unicorn. There will be no auction this year, since, during the pilot study, we accidentally sold a matching pair of orderlies. (We wish them well and hope they’re enjoying their new lives in Mogadishu.) Proceeds from sales go to the artists to help defray the cost of their paint, canvas, and pharmaceuticals. Note to self: Have an orderly pick up another work by Alan M. Clark.

Experiments

The stage is set for our little...experiment. The following is a list of manipulations devised to push sanity to the edge and a bit beyond. For it is only by pushing the mind to its limits that we can find the faults and stress points. This weekend offers the chance to essay things that a more timid researcher wouldn't dare! This will show them! Show them all!



The Third Annual Cthulhu Memorial Ice Cream Social

A wise man once said, "A riot is an ungly thing... undt I tink that it is chust about time ve had vun!" Such being the case, we've scheduled it for Friday night at 7pm in the St. Pete Ballroom. Start with several hundred unstable members just getting revved up for the weekend, then offer FREE ICE CREAM. No sane person would dare to stand between the two. But will there be enough? That's the question, and we shall see what happens. Note to self: Cut ice cream ration by 20%, just to be sure.

The Igor/Ygor Party

Consumption of fermented spirits: Normal. Consumption of fermented spirits while asserting the delusional belief that you are a hunchbacked lab assistant with an identity crisis: abnormal. The shouting will commence at 10pm on Friday in the Con Suite during a sampling of gourmet beers. I was going to add psychotropic chemicals, but I think that would be gilding the lily. Note to self: Verify that all members are over 21 before serving.

You Can Lead a Fan to a Dance....

Social interaction amongst the subset of humanity known as "fans" is problematic at best. In this test we will attempt to promote interactions such as "dancing." On Saturday at 9:30 (following Masquerade cleanup) we will offer the NecronomiProm. The event will incorporate the theme of "Enchantment Under The Sea" as seen in a popular movie, although the researcher in charge advises me it also draws inspiration from sunken R'lyeh. She even insists that Great Cthulhu will rise from his stygian depths and pose with costumed prom-goers for pictures. The King and Queen of the Prom will be chosen by audience acclamation. Note to self: Check stability of Prom Organizer. Definitely shy some sanity points.



A Masquerade Of Phobias

The annual convention Masquerade offers unique opportunities for study. Though the contestants manifest more psychosis than you can shake a butterfly net at, they are not the subjects of the experiment. The audience is.

It works like this: We will influence each contestant to wear a costume capable of inspiring deep-seated fear. (We hope to exert this influence subtly and benignly, but of course will not swerve in our commitment to the cause of Science.) Using reliable behavioral measures, observer teams will then estimate the fluctuating levels of terror experienced by the viewers. (I personally am shooting for at least three cases of terror-induced catatonia.) Contestants must sign up at the Information Desk by 5pm Saturday. Audience seating begins at 7:30, and the actual experiment begins at 8pm.

Costuming For Those With Topophobia

In the past, Hall Costume awards were given to those who, appropriately enough, wore costumes while shambling through the halls. I find this method inefficient and lacking in experimental rigor. Therefore, the judges will convene in the ballroom during the NecronomiProm. This will have the additional benefit of encouraging more subjects to attend the dance. Note to self: It also increases the chances of two patients, each costumed as the Joker, each with his own ego submerged in the Clown Prince of Crime's homicidal narcissism, coming face to face. Delightful.



IQ Evaluation As Trivia Contests

Some of the most vicious serial killers have been found to have very high IQs. (The nice ones, not so much.) The clear implication is that we can screen for extreme dangerousness (which is to say, identify cases where the most radical intervention is warranted) through simple intelligence testing. In this study, said testing will take the form of the following Trivia Contests:

1. Friday at 9pm in St Pete 1: Movie One Liners. Contestants on stage hear quotes read by the audience and compete for beads. Those reading the questions receive candy as Pavlovian conditioning to reinforce group participation.
2. Saturday at 1pm in St. Pete 3: A special Anime Trivia Contest. Fans of Japanese animation can compete against others of their ilk.
3. Saturday at 2pm in St. Pete 2: The Main Trivia Contest. This will consist of team play in a game show-style environment. Prize money will be offered to encourage subjects to participate. The rules and sign-up sheet will be posted in the Information Booth. Note to self: Can buzzer be rigged for electric shock on wrong answers? Or better still, right answers?
4. Saturday at 10pm in the Harborview Room: SF Name That Tune. Obscure music from TV and movies will bewilder the patients, and we will monitor the resulting deleterious effect on their feelings of self-confidence and self-worth. Note to self: Make sure to return any confiscated belts and shoelaces prior to this event.

Songs Which Man Was Not Meant To Know

In a padded cell, wrapped tight in a straightjacket, a madman once spoke to me. He told me of strange songs and voices raised in a maniacal chorus of sound. Music that was almost familiar, but twisted in ways too alien to comprehend. He called this ritual "Filking." Interestingly, some of our patients suffer from this same obsession, and we will permit them to indulge it on Friday at 10pm in the Harborview Ward, and again on Saturday at 11pm in the same room. For once, I have no working hypothesis as to the potential effect on either the participants or those who simply chance to overhear them. But that's a chance I'm willing to take. Note to self: In the interests of safely, equip all researchers with ear plugs and tasers.



Kids & Canines Prove That Pavlov Was An Amateur.

I have to take my hat off to a local organization that does an amazing job of behavior modification. Kid & Canines teaches at-risk high school students to train service dogs. The work enhances the students' social skills and academic performance, and the dogs go on to assist the disabled with their daily needs. Who is actually training whom is a question awaiting further study. In any case, Necronomicon is proud to sponsor this organization, and donates a portion of its proceeds to help support them. We will also raffle a fabulous prize for this purpose during the Cthulhu Memorial Ice Cream social. Note to self: See if any of these highly intelligent canines possesses the specialized skill set I require in an assistant.



Penny Jacob

*Dear Friend of Necronomicon,
and Stone Hill,*

*You will be missed,
and Remembered.*

1967 - 2009

*"Pullin' weeds and pickin' stones We are made of dreams and bones
Need a place to call my own 'Cause the time is close at hand"
from David Mallett's Garden Song*

Special Events

Throughout the weekend, a number of my colleagues will conduct experiments cloaked in the guises of Special Events and Workshops. I assume no responsibility for these, but my associates assure me that many subjects will emerge relatively intact. And since that's the same high ethical standard to which I hold myself, their word is good enough for me.

Catherine Asaro's Friday Night Concert

Friday 9pm in St Pete 3 -

Guest of Honor Catherine Asaro will share some of her Diamond Star project with us. Her keyboardist is special music guest Donald Wolcott, and our own Paul Vincenti, Florida artist and rock opera guy extraordinaire, will help out on drums.



Adult Scavenger Hunt

Friday 10:30pm in St Pete 1 - This game is for the over-18 crowd. (Younger players will be allowed as long as parents give their consent to Scavenger Hunt Mistress Stacy.) Players will hunt in teams of four, and the winning team will receive a prize worth \$100. The rules are posted at the Information Booth.

Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog - The Sing-Along:

Friday Midnight in St. Pete Ballroom - This Emmy Award-winning Webcast created by Joss Whedon presented complete with a live cast performing for your amusement (or bitter loathing.) Songbooks and sticker will be available until they run out.

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International Space Station Slide Show

Saturday Noon in St. Pete 2 - Jeff Mitchell presents this slide show update on the International Space Station. There is a lot of news and plenty of new slides to see.

Steampunk/Lolita Jewelry Making Workshop

Saturday 10am in Harborview - This is a workshop for 20 pre-registered members with jewelry artist Rubey Shea. Others are welcome to observe. She will demonstrate the craft of making Steampunk style jewelry and variations.

Medieval Martial Arts Workshops

Saturday Noon and Sunday Noon in Harborview - T. Devon Sharkey and his team of martial arts experts from Tampa Fechtschule will once again provide two full hours of hands-on medieval combat instruction. Come in loose, comfortable clothes and shoes with good traction. This is a participatory event.

SEMINARS, DISCUSSIONS AND GROUP THERAPY

Friday

1:00 PM

Harborview

Playing the Game with the Big Boys - How to get into the business end of gaming and even make money. - LaSanta, Helton, Chris McCoy, Chrissy McCoy - H: Winn

2:00 PM

Harborview

Comics & SF as Pop Cultural Phenomenons - Panelists discuss how comics and SF have moved into view of mainstream media and audiences. - Stark, Pinsky, Green, Hatfield - H: Breslauer

3:00 PM

Harborview

“You Say ‘Self-Pub’ Like It’s A Bad Thing: Ways To Use It So It’s Not.” - Experienced writers and publishers talk about using self publishing methods to further their careers. - Van Scoyoc, Helton, Chris McCoy, G. Finkelstein - H: Nappier

4:00 PM

Harborview

Working with Small Presses - Things to know about the pluses and minuses of being published by a small press. - Strand, Barber, Logan, Helwig - H: Wilber

5:00 PM

Harborview

Chasing Dreams: How I Came to be a Writer - Our guests of honor tell you about the events that took them from reader to writer and on to a career. - Asaro, Briggs, Byers - H: Malcohn

6:00 PM

Harborview

It Was a Dark and Scary Night... - How to put the horror into your horror fiction. - Hansen, Van Scoyoc, Strand - H: Barber

7:00 PM

Ballroom

Eye Scream Social - Eat ice cream, socialize, and check out our charity "Yard Sale."

8:00 PM

Harborview

You Say You Want to be an Actor... - The panel gives you the skinny on what an acting life is really like and how you can have one. - Breslauer, G. Finkelstein, T. Finkelstein, J. Adams - H: Green

9:00 PM

Harborview

Meanwhile: Day Jobs for Writers, Round One - Compatible ways to write and put food on the table - Courtney, Briggs, Wilber, Hatfield - H: Shea

St. Pete 1

Movie 1 Liners - Think you know movie trivia? Test your knowledge in our annual movie trivia game. - H: S. Lung

St. Pete 3

Catherine Asaro Concert - Catherine Asaro and Friends Live Concert event. - Asaro, Wolcott, Vincenti, MacDougal

Williams

The Sailing Writer - Chris Jackson presents a slide show about following his two dreams: writing & sailing. - Jackson

10:00 PM

Harborview

Got Filk? - Like to sing? Like SF themed songs? Open filk is for you. - Bruns

Williams

How to Grab Your Reader: Scene Tension - G.o.H. Patricia Briggs & last year's G.o.H. Rick Wilber talk about how to make your novel or story a page turner. - Briggs, Wilber

10:30 PM

St. Pete 1

Adult Scavenger Hunt - This scavenger hunt takes place all in one room and yet takes you on great fun adventures. - H: S. Lung

11:00 PM

Williams

All the Good Single Guys Seem to be Imaginary - This one is the daydream/MarySue panel where you get to dish about the characters that make your heart beat faster. - Stark, Monroe, A. Morris - H: Caldwell

12:00 AM

Ballroom

Dr. Horrible SingAlong - Dr. Horrible just gets bigger and better, and our singalong is the same. - H: Dryer

Williams

Gay Issues in Fandom - Panelists and fans talk about the issues that gays face in fandom and in fiction. - Dagneau, Hinman, Callen, Powers

Saturday

10:00 AM

Harborview

Steampunk/Lolita, Teen/Tween Jewelry - Artist Rubey Shea hosts this workshop where you can make yourself a shiny accessory for your Steampunk costume. - H: Shea

St. Pete 1

What is Art's Place in Society? - The panel talks about how art fits into society and what the future of art in society may be. - Cornett, Helwig, Malcohn, MacDougal - H: Nappier

St. Pete 2

Guests of Honor Q&A - Come find out everything you wanted to know about our guests of honor. The moderator will be taking questions from the audience. - Asaro, Byers, Briggs - H: Green

St. Pete 3

Magazine from Start to Finish - Ever wanted to create your own magazine? Find out how to do just that. - Van Scoyoc, Gittens

11:00 AM

St. Pete 1

Cyborgs, Supermen, & Constructs — Oh My! - What can science & medicine do for us to give us "super" powers? What can they do to give us powers that we've lost? Our science guys tell you. - Caldwell, KF Morris, KD Morris, A. Jackson - H: MacDougal

St. Pete 2

Asara/Wolcott: Diamond Star Project - Catherine Asaro and Donald Wolcott dish about the Diamond Star Project from start to finish. - Asaro, Wolcott

St. Pete 3

E-Book formats & DRM Methods - Find out what E-books and DRM methods have to offer the aspiring writer, editor, publisher. - Howdershelt, Helton, Malcohn, M. Briggs - H: Gimenez

12:00 PM

Harborview

Medieval Martial Arts Workshop, part one - Our annual hands on workshop in medieval combat. Wear shoes with traction and be ready to participate. Everyone is welcome. - Sharkey

St. Pete 1

Urban Fantasy - Faeries, wizards, gnomes, and yetis living in a modern world. Learn how writers get the reader to suspend disbelief. - Cornett, Byers, Barber, Sabin - H: Nappier

St. Pete 2

International Space Station Slide Show - Jeff Mitchell brings us news about the ISS, with pictures! - Mitchell

St. Pete 3

Chibis, Round Eyes and Short Pants: What Does it Mean? - Don't know what the big deal is about anime? Our panel discusses its origins and its appeal. - Stark, Dmuchowski, Hollingsworth - H: T. Morris



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1:00 PM

St. Pete 1

Working for a Living in the Entertainment Industry - Our guests tell you how it's done outside of the big H. - Breslauer, Green, Hinman, J. Adams - H: Rev. Wyrdsli

St. Pete 2

Digital Comics - Brandy Stark presents her slide show detailing the rise and popularity of digital comics. - Stark

St. Pete 3

Anime Trivia - Think you know anime? Come vie with fellow fans for prizes in our all anime trivia. - Sanmiguel, A. Morris

2:00 PM

Harborview

Seven Biggest Mistakes Writers Make - Professional writers tell you the things not to do if you want to be published. - Courtney, Rush, Gittens, LaSanta - H: Barber

St. Pete 1

How to Break into the Field: Art - Want to be a professional artist? Learn how to get started from our panel of professional artists. - Vincenti, Morrison, Shea, Cornett - H: T. Morris

St. Pete 2

Trivia - This is our annual super duper fantastic trivia quiz. See If you've got the stuff to take home the prizes. Sign up at the Info Desk. - H: Jones, Dryer, Zahn & Zahn

St. Pete 3

Horror, Fantasy and Sci-Fi: Anime vs. Western Media - What are the differences between western comics, TV, & film and Manga, anime and J-film? Find out here & add your 2 yen worth too. - Dmuchowski, Harms, Hollingsworth - H: Caldwell

3:00 PM

Main Hall
Harborview

Autographing: Briggs & Asaro - Asaro, Briggs
Necronomicon Green Challenge - Brainstorm with our science guests about how we can live leaner and greener. Come up with some ideas about how Necronomicon can be a green convention. - K.D. Morris, A. Jackson, Mitchell, MacDougal - H: Caldwell

St. Pete 3

Dude Looks Like a Lady - Gender identity in anime seem a bit blurred to you? Join fellow fans in discussing this characteristic of anime and manga. - Sanford, Meredith - H: Hollingsworth

4:00 PM

Harborview

Music & SF/F - If you love music and you love SF&F, you'll want to join our guests in discussing the place of music in the genre. - Asaro, Green, Wolcott, Vincenti - H: Monroe

St. Pete 1

Future Economy: Can We Move to All Electronic Currency? - The panel speculates on how a paperless economy may function in the future. - Caldwell, Ewing, Berman, Zahn - H: Winn

St. Pete 2

Ask the Science Guys - Want to know more about infectious diseases, cloning, life on mars? Come and ask our science panel all your burning questions. - MacDougal, A. Jackson, Mitchell, K.D. Morris - H: Herbert

St. Pete 3

Genre Jumping: Round One - Writers discuss the pros and cons of writing in more than one genre. - Barber, Sabin, G. Finkelstein, Logan - H: Van Scoyoc

5:00 PM

Harborview

Likenesses and Differences in F & SF - What makes SF, SF? What makes fantasy, fantasy? Where do the two meet? - Briggs, Byers, Asaro - H: Schlabach

St. Pete 1

Women in SF/F - Is SF still a male dominated genre? Are women treated equally to men? Hear what our guests have to say on the subject. - G. Finkelstein, Hatfield, Barber, Rush - H: Howdershelt

5:00 PM

St. Pete 2

Genre Radio - Find out about the great stuff that's on the airwaves and streaming toward your computer. - Gutierrez

5:00 PM

St. Pete 3

Meanwhile: Day Jobs for Writers, Round Two - Compatible ways to write and put food on the table - Ewing, Ludwigsen, Joy, Jackson - H: Mitchell

7:00 PM

Harborview

Costume Contest Line-Up

7:30 PM

Ballroom

Costume Contest Seating Begins

8:00 PM

Ballroom

Costume Contest - Caldwell, Podolak, T. Morris, Wilber - H: A. Morris/Byers

9:00 PM

Williams

Introduction to Meditation - Nurse Robert Glick helps you get started meditating and relaxing. - Glick

9:30 PM

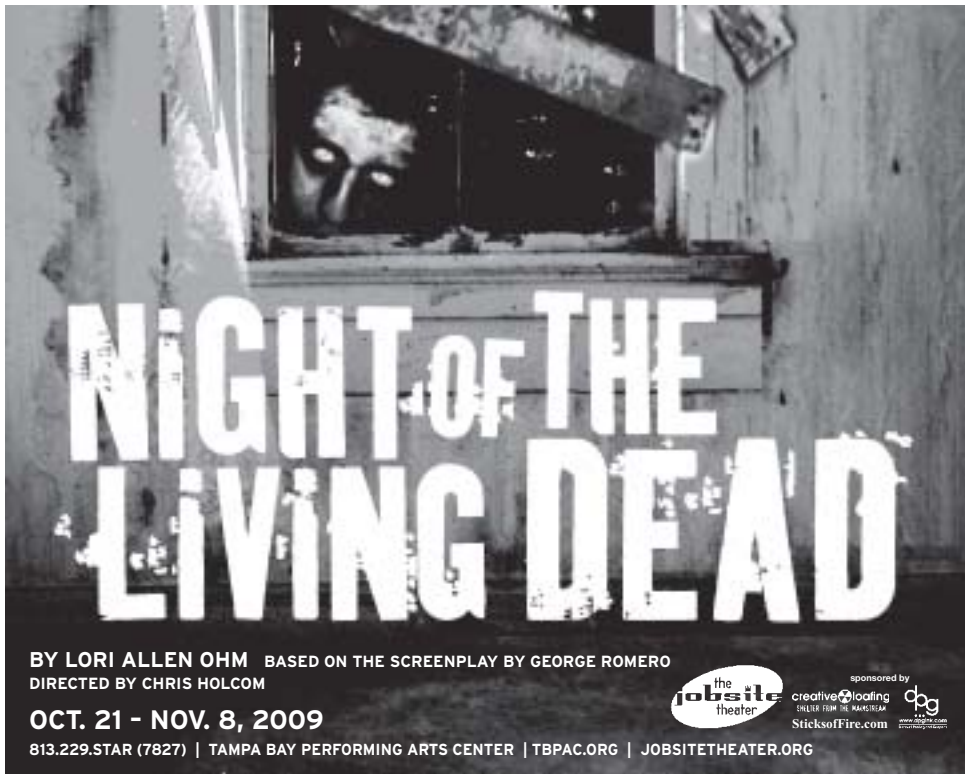
Ballroom

Necronomi-Prom - This year's prom theme is Psycho Sock Hop. Come in your formalwear or costume and join in the fun. Hall costume awards will be given at the prom. - Sears, Stubkjaer, Meredith, Hollingsworth

10:00 PM

Harborview

SF Name That Tune - Think you can name that tune in three notes? Test yourself at our annual SF music trivia contest. - Harben



10:00 PM

Williams

You Don't Have to Be Screwed Up to Be a Writer...But It Helps - Are writers a little bit crazy? How thinking outside the box works for our authors. - Joy, Hansen, Strand, Jackson - H: Ludwigsen

11:00 PM

Harborview
Williams

Got Filk? - Like to sing? Like SF themed songs? Open filk is for you. - Bruns
So, What Are Your Thoughts on Yaoi?": Yaoi, Yuri, Hentai, Oh My! - Anime is not all round eyes and short pants, there's a lot of "adult" material there, and our panel takes this subject on and runs with it. - Dmuchowski, Hollingsworth - H: Caldwell

12:00 AM

Williams

Slash Panel - Do you like your fan-fic focusing on two yummy guys? If so, this is the panel for you. - S. Powers, Hollingsworth, Meredith - H: Hicks

Sunday

10:00 AM

Harborview

Bad Magic/Bad Science in F & SF - How do you avoid magic that is too silly and science that isn't science? Learn from our panel of experts. - Berman, Chrissy McCoy, C. Jackson, Joy - H: Nappier

St. Pete 1

Soul Food: Stories That Make Spirits Soar - Want to read something that leaves you inspired? The panelists talk about stories they love and how you can write a soul touching story. - G. Finkelstein, Gittens, Byers, Barber - H: Ludwigsen

Sunday

10:00 AM (continued)

- St. Pete 2 **Voice Acting Workshop** - Actor Jeffrey Breslauer gives you the chance to learn and practice voice acting and voice over techniques. - Breslauer
- St. Pete 3 **How to Go from Amateur to Pro: Game Creation** - Taking your work from hobby to vocation. - Helton, LaSanta, Chris McCoy - H: Winn

11:00 AM

- Harborview **The Future of NASA** - What's next for NASA and how will the agency fare in the coming years? - Mitchell, Berman, Caldwell, MacDougal - H: Faber
- St. Pete 1 **Genre Jumping, Round Two** - Writers discuss the pros and cons of writing in more than one genre. - Wilber, Byers, Malcoln, Gimenez - H: Schlabach
- St. Pete 3 **Fun in Fiction with Quantum Physics** - Do fiction and quantum physics mix? Of course they do. Find out how. - Asaro, MacDougal, Caldwell - H: Sabin

12:00 PM

- Harborview **Medieval Martial Arts Workshop, part two** - Our annual hands on workshop in medieval combat. Wear shoes with traction and be ready to participate. Everyone is welcome. - Sharkey
- St. Pete 1 **Using Traditional Media in a Digital Age** - Artists talk about using oils & brushes while others flock to computer generation of art. - Vincenti, Shea, Morrison, Helwig - H: Caldwell
- St. Pete 2 **"Astronomy: Where Amateurs Make the Big Discoveries."** - Amateur astronomer Craig MacDougal presents this slide show focusing on the noteworthy finds made by amateurs in the field of astronomy. - MacDougal
- St. Pete 3 **Urban Fantasy, Round Two** - Faeries, wizards, gnomes, and yetis living in a modern world. Learn how writers get the reader to suspend disbelief. - Briggs, Joy, Wilber, Gittens - H: Pinsky

1:00 PM

- St. Pete 1 **Fandom is Making Exceptions: Things We Love for No Good Reason** - Many pro writers are also fans. Our panel dishes about the things they love that we sometimes call "guilty pleasures." - Ludwigsen, Briggs, Byers, Wilber - H: Nappier
- St. Pete 2 **Exobiology: Why There are No Aliens Here** - Linton Herbert presents biological evidence for why there are no aliens among us and why they cannot be among us. - Herbert
- St. Pete 3 **Social Media: Twitter, Facebook, MySpace...** - How some writers use the social networks for fun and profit. - Jackson, Pinsky, Joy, Hansen - H: Helton

2:00 PM

- St. Pete 1 **Self Marketing and Promotion of Art, Jewelry, Costumes and Writing** - How to get the word out about your art and how to get customers for it. - Shea, Cornett, Vincenti, Morrison - H: Winn
- St. Pete 3 **Living in a Virtual World** - The virtues and pitfalls of having a virtual persona on a social network. - Helton, Chris McCoy, Chrissy McCoy, Caldwell - H: Shea



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