

# The Bozo Bus Tribune

Bozo Bus Tribune, Volume 29

Friday Afternoon April 1, 1994

## Ferret Found (Finally)

All of you who have been anxiously awaiting the denouement of last year's most heart-rending BBT story can now breathe a sigh of relief. Yes, Fodo the ferret, reported lost on the 14th floor in the final edition of Minicon 28's BBT, has been rescued and returned to his owners. More than a week after Fodo's heartbroken owners had reluctantly headed for home without their beloved pet, the little guy crept out of his hiding place in the bathroom wall and was apprehended by an alert hotel maid (who

was honored with the hotel's Employee of the Week award for her feat). What gave the hotel management palpitations over this episode was the fact that Fodo chose to reemerge in a currently occupied room—fortunately while the maid was there rather than the paying customer. Although the hotel management has apparently forgiven us for the incident, be aware that they are now enforcing their no-pets policy a lot more stringently than they have at past Minicons.

## Plastic Gun Alarms Hotel

The con hadn't even begun yet when an over-zealous hotel security guard mistook a peace-bonded plastic phaser for a Real Gun. Fortunately, he called the bridge rather than trying to handle it himself. In short order the phaser-wearer found himself converged on by the Ops-Head-on-Duty and 2 or 3 wary troubleshooters. Reports are that he stood up verrrry slowly, hands in plain sight, and then verrry gingerly removed the peace bonding and handed the "gun" over for inspection. All's well that ends well, though. The "weapon" was pronounced harmless and the con member went on his way with, we hope, no hard feelings. The good news is that Hotel Security cooperated with the Con exactly the way they are supposed to and trusted Ops to handle it in their usual efficient way. (The bad news is that there is at least one Hotel Security guy out there who obviously needs new glasses.)

## FAST FOOD FLASH

There is a new Burger King across the parking lot from the hotel! The bad news is, we were not able to convince them that it would be worth their while to stay open on Sunday. Maybe if several hundred people an hour pour in there asking eagerly if they will be open on Easter, they might consider it for next year!

## Registration Report

As registration opens on Friday afternoon, we have an astounding 3075 full pre-registrations!

## Freelance Reporters Sought

This paper is looking for fast-breaking news items, juicy gossip, interesting anecdotes, programming reviews, and of course the ever-popular out-of-context quotes. If you think you have something to contribute, write it up and drop it in the box on the Bridge (signed pieces are more likely to be used. Include room# if you have one in case we want to contact you to follow up on a story). If you'd rather report your story personally, or would like to volunteer for specific reporting assignments, look for Sharon Kahn in the Fanzine Room, around the Con, on the bridge or even in her room at the Radisson.

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## Programming Changes

### Friday

**new** 10-11 pm Laurel Winter Reads Atrium I

### Saturday

**change** 4-6 pm Ice Cream Social Garden Ct

**cancel** 10-11 pm Ask Dr. Mike

**add** 9-10 pm Legion of Super-Davids Edina Rm

Some people have moved from one item to another or have been dropped. Check the schedules by each room for the most up-to-date schedule of events.

## Flash!

Con buried in trash as 24 garbage cans arrive late!

## Dark Star

### Room 115

7:00 Smoking Brassire(sic)

8:00 Bowler Boys

9:00 Flash Girls

10:00 Steven Brust

11:00 Todd Menton & Stuart Martz

### Room 118

7:00 Peggy O'Neill

8:00 Sneaking Suspicion

9:00 Gallowglass

10:00 Bedlam Boys

11:00 Finnegan's Exhumation

12:00 Drum Jam (B.Y.O.D.)

## Parties

Friday 9:00-1:00 am Rm 514

Jointly sponsored by: Second Foundation, The Rivendell Group, The Minnesota Imaginative Fiction Writers' Alliance, the North Country Gaylaxians, Minn-Con/Arcana, Tales of the Unanticipated, and SF Minnesota/Diversicon. A party for readers and writers.

Saturday 9:00-1:00 am Rm 514

SF Minnesota - a multicultural, multimedia organization dedicated to improving contacts among groups and individual interested in speculative fiction. SF spoken here!

## Foolish Fan Forgets

A longtime Minicon attendee (who wishes to remain anonymous to cloak her shame) discovered this year that even the habit of many years is not enough to guarantee a trouble-free arrival at the con. Imagine her shock when she showed up for the Thursday night party and discovered that she had forgotten to pre-register! Don't let this happen to you! Pre-register for Minicon 30 right now for \$20 while you're thinking of it, and SAVE SAVE SAVE! With the new 3-tiered rate structure, membership rates make their first jump right after Halloween (to \$25).

## Fridge Fiascos

For the curious and critical who have been wondering about that silly-looking pile of dorm fridges in the ConCom Lounge off the bridge—they weren't exactly planned that way. Parties rented a few coolers/refrigerators for various locations throughout the con, including at least one 6x2x3 "chest cooler." When the cooler was delivered, it became immediately obvious that whatever units the rental agency was using to express the dimensions, it wasn't feet! The thing was the size of a horse trailer! After frantic negotiations with the rental company to deliver the correctly sized items on Friday (today), and equally frantic negotiations with the hotel to provide us SOMETHING to store our perishables during the interim, we ended up with piles of little square fridges in awkward locations. It's supposed to get better today.

## Personals

Matt, I love you. Leslie

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

BUNDTCAKE!

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Please, no jihads at the counsuite. Love, a BBSer

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Ladies & gents - Neil Gaiman  
has left the building.

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Saturday Morning...April 2, 1994

## A PERSONAL JOURNEY

*What to do when you have to be on stage in front of thousands of your best friends playing the title character in a major radio play...and you can't talk*

by David E Romm, Producer, *Shockwave*

- 1) Don't panic. You've done 15 Opening Ceremonies and 13 Shockwave Stage Shows. Even if this one gets screwed up, you still have your memories.
- 2) Know your people. Longtime Shockwave co-producer Jerry Stearns is very good at this sort of thing. He can take up any slack. Longtime Shockwave Riders Brian Westley, Kara Dalkey and Jane Yolen are pros and can handle any disaster, up to and including you producing the show.
- 3) Minicon attendees are the greatest in the world. When in doubt, ask around and a problem will be solved. With only a little coaxing, volunteers I'd never met came out of the woodwork, and people who I hadn't met until last year, when two original cast member got sick at the last minute, volunteered again.
- 4) Don't believe in miracles: Rely on them. Mn-Stf President Ed Eastman, in several previous Shockwave Stage Shows, had been pulled in too many directions to commit to doing the show. Fortunately, he was available when crunch time came. The Bridge handled several unorthodox requests. The ADH Productions, the sound and lighting crew, were terrific even though you have to troop back to the soundboard to tell them anything.
- 5) Your strength is as a writer, not an actor, anyway. You wrote the script. Sure, it could have gone through another revision or three, but it was still pretty strong. Go for it.
- 6) You're among friends...if not sane people.
- 7) You're co-editor of the *Bozo Bus Tribune*, so you get the last word.

## LATE-BREAKING NEWS DOESN'T: INSTEAD GOES "SQUISH"

### SATURDAY PROGRAMMING CHANGES

ITEM#	CHANGE	DESCRIPTION
--	Added	<i>Star Trek Filk &amp; Folk</i> . 12:00, Atrium IV.
56	Time	<i>Jack Williamson Interview</i> . From 14:00 to 12:00.
76	Time/place	<i>Finding the Info Highway</i> . From 19:00 Bloomington to 21:00 Edina.
86	Cancelled	<i>John M. Ford Reads</i> .
98	Cancelled	<i>Ask Dr. Mike</i> .

### PICKING PERFECT PARTIES

There is an *Open Room Parties* handout on red paper available at the Info table. Note that the following parties should not be on the around-the-clock list:

- TICC Party (Room 1606) begins after the Masquerade on Saturday night.
- The Minnesota Dairy Goat & Fantasy Party was Friday night only (Sorry!).

Some feel that having to let you in at all times is an easy route to an early doom.

### DR. WHOOPIE SAYS, "PLAY SAFE!"

Condoms are available in the Con Suite. You may also obtain these "Minicon Raincoats" from the costumed condom fairies or those "very nice rubber ladies."

### LONG AWAITED RETURN OF THE LEGION OF SUPER DAVIDS

by Jeff Schalles

In the time-bound depths of the 1970's Minneapolis SF fan gestalt a sign of cosmic synchronicity revealed itself. There were many Davids. Though somewhat mysterious, this was eventually found to be good. *The Legion of Super Davids* formed from the chaos, solidifying this beachhead of fannish trueness. Photographs were taken to confirm the historical perspective. A Chief David arose, David S. Cargo himself. After a long absence, the Chief David has agreed that it is time for a new gathering, a cosmic renewal, or at least another photo session. At 9:00 PM Saturday night in the Edina Room. All Davids old and new are invited, as are interested photographers with wide-angle lenses. There are, indeed, many Davids.

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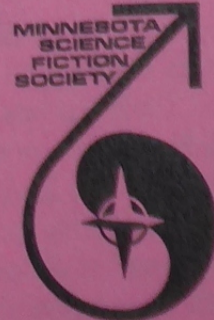
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# TALES FROM THE POOLSIDE

Reports from April Fool's Day at MinIcon

## OPENING LINES

The fans at opening ceremonies seemed to like these remarks:

*Jack Williamson:* "This is the second time I have been to Minicon. The first time was 20 years ago, and when I got off the airplane, the temperature was 7 below. I'd like to thank this year's committee for the improved weather."

*Charles Piehl:* "Why me?"

*Joel Rosenberg:* "Sorry, folks. I don't have any more announcements."

## SHOCKWAVE

What's purple, reptilian, and keeps on going and going? The Energizer Barney. What's radio and funny and keeps on going on at Minicon? Shockwave! From ads for Hypothetical Products, Inc., to an ion storm of sound effects, the actors kept their fans laughing.

The new main programming holds twice as many seats, so more were able to enjoy this year's performance. The rest of you will have to be content with the *broadcast* of the adventures of orbital bungee jumping Jason Rainbeaux and his temporally-challenged sidekicks (April 30th on KFAI Fresh Air Radio).

## A BELLY-FULL OF ORIENTAL DELIGHT

With a rhythmic pulse and a cry to all, the Dancers of the Desert Moon transformed an hour of Minicon into a slice of the Middle East. An unstoppable beat, dancers swirling...a good time was had by all.

**MINICON TELEGRAM**  
TO: Our Radisson sales manager, who is on a Caribbean cruise  
DEAR JOLENE STOP HOTEL HAS STRUCK  
ICEBERG STOP WISH YOU WERE HERE  
STOP LOVE US STOP

## EDITORIAL

# VIVA KRUSHENKO'S!

by Eric M. Heideman

Krushenko's was an eleven-year Minicon tradition (1983-1993). This year, the decision was made not to have it, with its future as an official part of Minicon dependent on the amount of positive feedback the Minicon committee gets from you folks.

I've heard the opinion expressed that the success of the Dark Star Cafe makes Krushenko's unnecessary. I believe this is based on a misconception. Dark Star was designed and is being promoted primarily as a non-smoking music room. Krushenko's was designed and has always been promoted as a 24-hour room where people can get together and talk about science fiction and fantasy—sometimes formally, through scheduled program discussions, sometimes informally and spontaneously. Both rooms serve an important function in building community within Minicon; neither is a substitute for the other.

If you want Krushenko's back in 1995, please sign your name and badge number on a *Bring Back Krushenko's* petition either (1) on the wall across from the Info table, to the right of the message board, or (2) in room 514's Saturday night party.

## TICC™ TALK, TICC™ TALK, TICC™ TALK....

The Trans Iowa Canal Company™ planned to build a waterway across Iowa, but the feds built I-80 instead. TICC West, the Des Moines branch, in hopes of being "normal," travelled 90° from other out-of-town gigs (from Iowa City to Lincoln NE), up I-35 to Minicon.

TICC delighted 300 or more fans with authentic Klingon dialogue (translated with increasing inaccuracy by disgruntled translators), and humorous commercial breaks.

By a little-known law of physics, the distance from Des Moines to Minneapolis is of the same order of magnitude as the distance from Minneapolis to the next performance of TICC West at Demicon (April 22).

## TREK CONVERSATION

"Living on the Enterprise is a lot like being at Minicon" (in reference to Next Generation youth who seem to have the run of the ship).

Regarding Klingon food & philosophy: "Gaak is dead." (I guess Nietzsche is Klingon).

## MICROPROGRAMMING R US

Has something surreal happened to you today? Some of the ConCom felt that way.

"Cooler man," the fellow with the black fingers, paid a visit to the ConCom lounge, leaving little steaming cups of dry ice in his wake. "The hot water makes it that much more active," he chortled as he scurried away. Watch for him, and report other microprogramming events to the *Bozo Bus Tribune*.

## PERSONALS

**Klingons Unite!** Invade Minicon and drink Bhlog!—Khairava Rudra

**Oh honey!** —Amy

**A close personal friend** of Michael Dorn's was heard to mutter, "Who are all these people? And where is Michael?"

**SWM seeks party** of 12 or more for ego trip and mutual character bashing. Immortality a plus. —BRH

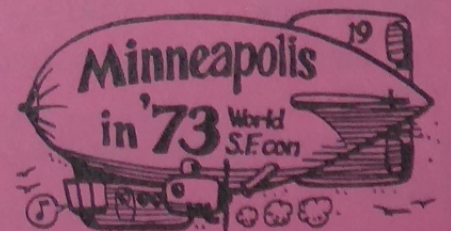
**Looking for** that special someone. Vapid, handsome, and more than just a little drunk. Meet me on the Bridge Sunday afternoon. —Shirley

**SWM** —Eric Electric

**Jeff!** Stop it! —RSI

**Lost:** one left-handed frammisjat. —KM

**Tip:** The fanzine lounge is a great place to get acquainted with the creative writing side of fandom. Browse through fanzines (fan magazines), pick up freebies, talk with fun folks. Cheap xerox rates. Here's your chance to communicate with your fellow fans!



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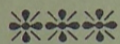
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## SKORKERS UNITE

### Unofficial Anti-Skorking Policy Backfires on Con Com

The Bridge has received many complaints about the Skorking Policy. The World Skorking Society, establishing a cultural presence at Minicon for the first time since the infamous Bathtub Incident of Minicon 27, has questioned the recent rise of skorking intolerance at this con. They have noted the prevalence of anti-skorking sentiment demonstrated by the posting of "No Skorking" signs in all of Minicon's public areas. Dr. Sila Friday, speaking on condition of anonymity, called skorking both a phenomenon and an expression of human nature.

"It's one thing to expect people to go for days on too little sleep and a



### ANOTHER ROUND OF THE USUAL: PROGRAMMING CHANGES

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90	Moved	<i>Comics as Business, Comics as Art</i> moved to the Edina Room.
98	Cancelled	<i>Ask Dr. Mike.</i>



### NOT DANA SIEGAL'S PARTY REPORT

- The bourbon-tasting wins our vote as having best food: Bob's hand-made venison-jalapeño meat balls, smoked fish, and the usual exquisite collection of treatsies.
- Unusually reliable sources state that all the other parties were boring, except the ones they weren't admitted to.
- San Antonio attendees wonder why they didn't get any of the promised chili.
- Easter eggs were freely available everywhere, but the chocolate bunnies have been MIA since Thursday.
- The only bid party worth attending was New York in '95, where the fannish good cheer outlasted the attendees.

### FERRET LEGACY

The ferret's owners report that the missing mammal from last year surrendered itself to the authorities on the sole condition that its name be changed to "Podo." We apologize for your inconvenience.

potato chip diet, quite another to expect them not to skork as well," she explained. "Many prominent fen skorked at their first cons, and it's not a tradition we can expect them to give up."

Indeed. Carl Brandon, prominent BArea fan attending his first Minicon, expressed outrage. "On the West Coast, skorking is very common, although it's rarely seen at the publisher's parties. In two states, it's required by law."

To protest this climate of social intolerance, the World Skorking Society invites you to a Skorking Event tonight from 2:00 until 3:00 AM in the soon-to-be-declared Skorking ConSuite in room 117, the Dark Star Cafe. Phil Foglio has been invited and is scheduled to speak on this vital subject at 2:30.

Con members planning to attend should bring their "Skorking Permitted" signs and all requisite paraphernalia. Remember: Skorking Prevents Forest Fires.

The World Skorking Society is not affiliated with Amalgamated Spleen.

### WARM BODY COUNT

Greg Cotton, our Head of Registration, reports as of 4 PM Saturday that 3240 warm bodies are at Minicon 29. According to Glycer's Law, this number cannot be accurate.

### WHAT PART OF "NO SMOKING" DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

*Take Back the Minicon Air — an editorial by Jeff Schalles*

Folks, the facts are this: The Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act clearly states that the public interior spaces of this hotel are non-smoking areas. I am sorry, but when you light up in a hallway, stairwell, meeting room or elevator, you are breaking the law. Minicon and the Radisson have overlooked this for many years, but not any more. On page 4 of your program book you will find the specific wording. You may smoke in the hotel bar, in the northeast portion of the first floor Atrium, and in the smoking rooms on the west side of the Consuite. And in your private room, if on a smoking floor. If you are smoking, you are an adult. If you are an adult, you should be ready to accept this. We appreciate your cooperation.

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# TALES FROM THE POOLSIDE

More of the what you read the Tribune for

## A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

"Oobleck? What's oobleck?"

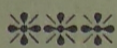
## EARLY REPORTS FROM THE MASQUERADE

The Great Hall foyer is currently buzzing with a swirl of sentient hominids, ladies in waiting, future history cyber-punks and cavemen, all of whom are hoping to secure their places in Minicon history by winning big in the costume competition. While at this writing, most of the judging has not taken place, we do have results from the Young Fan category.

Chris Tweit, wearing "Terminator," won first place among Young Fans.

Brandon Lengkeek, wearing "Looking for Mario," was given the Judge's Award.

Congratulations to both of you, and to all the Masquerade winners. A complete listing of all the winners will appear in the next *Bozo Bus Tribune*.



## BLOOD DONORS' REPORT

We heard from a reliable source (and immediately forgot the exact number, even as she told me) 31 people gave the ultimate gift at the Robert A. Heinlein Memorial Blood Drive on Friday. Thank you all.

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## PUZZLE PAGE

BY CURTIS GIBSON AND ALICE ABLEMAN

How to tell if you may be a fan:

Is most of your wardrobe convention t-shirts?

Are the four basic food groups salt, bheer, chocolate and caffeine?

Have you ever shared a hotel single with more than eleven people?

Do you own more bookshelves than any other type of furniture, yet still can't shelve all your books?

Is lime your favorite Jello flavor, and you don't even like the way it tastes?

Do you wear your personal philosophy on buttons?

Do you know the recipe for Blog?

Has your mother stopped complaining that you're never home for Easter?

Do you celebrate Roscoe's birthday?

## THIS JUST IN

Laramie Sasseville will be singing (and making other noises) at the Dark Star Cafe at 5 pm Saturday. Alera Brust will make a special guest appearance as her signing accompanist.

## IMMINENT DEATH OF THE NET PREDICTED

.gif at 23:00.

## WEST COAST NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Californians Mike Ward and Karen Schaffer told us that, yes, Jerry Garcia did get married on Valentine's Day, and yes, BArea fannish band Anwynn really did play at the wedding dance.

## RADIO NET EAVESDROPPING

"Dry ice has NOT been thrown into the jacuzzi." (We wonder if Microprogramming has gone to dinner.)

"A fan is at the hotel desk with a piece of the hotel which has fallen off." Reminds us of the button: "Nice hotel you have here; be a shame if something were to Happen to it."

## MICROPROGRAMMING R US

Our roving reporter was particularly impressed with the creativity demonstrated by the folks seen in the North Tower Atrium. They were holding bubble wands in front of an electric fan. Having declared this activity a retroactive microprogramming event, let us applaud the people whose Minicon wouldn't be complete without doing something weird for total strangers.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

**MURPHY:** Take that **LAW** of yours and hit the road. Leif Pihl

Shirley: You were looking wonderful last night. I especially adored the licorice whip necklace. See you Sunday. Ken

LOST (Again!): One Minn-stF mug (tall type), inside: a receipt, two Minn-stf buttons, and one goldenrod t-shirt, large. Please return to the Bridge if you find them this time.

Miaow/Meyow/Maiow — I love you.....Woof.

Mike — let's be careful out there. — your fans .

To the really young, sort of obnoxious, incoherent and inconsiderate noisy jerks in the ConSuite on Thursday night, Grow Up. (Consider the alternative.)

Jolene, please come back. All is forgiven. — Us.

Ken: Meet me in the ConSuite at 2:30 — Shirley.

Minicon's longest surviving lost-and-found item has finally, after three years been returned. And there was much rejoicing.

"Skorking? I'm in favor!" — Alice Bentley

Looking for SFF 12-16 mos, likes fruit and balloons. Contact Marty in the Fan Lounge.

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## Art Show Winners

### Popular Vote

Best of Show	Lubov	Summer Dream
Best SF	E.A. Reck	Cthulu Watch
Best Fantasy	Beth Hansen	Crystal Morning
Best Horror	John Holland	Fade to Black
Best Humor	David E. Martin	Peanuts, the Next Generation
Best Color Use	Erin McKee	Their Spirits Soared
Best B&W	Dave Matheny	Knight & Lion
Best 3D	Nevenah Smith	Oolong
Best Mixed Media	Jeff Gonner	When Monsters Were Real

### Peer Vote

Best of Show	John Holland	Gulfs
Best SF	E.A. Reck	Wish Upon a Falling Star
Best Fantasy	Dave Matheny	Four Friends
Best Horror	John Holland	Fade to Black
Best Humor	Allan Fix	The Trekkie Horror Pic Show
Best Color Use	Lubov	Mermaid
Best B&W	Dave Matheny	Knight & Lion
Best 3D	Nevenah Smith	Homage to Hokusai II
Best Mixed Media	Jeff Gonner	You Soda Seen the One

Best Artist Phil Foglio

## News Flashes

Saturday 9:45 pm. The big ol' balloon [known to some as King Condom. ed] is inflated in the pool. Willy denies responsibility.

Sunday 3:00 a.m. (Bridge). Kevin Matheny reports that the Keeper Beeper, which had been working just fine an hour ago, is now waking up a nurse in the Sofitel (who insists she does **not** have the keys to Secure Storage!).

The missing hour has been found. It was not asleep in the lobby as had been previously believed, but has been located at World Fantasy Con.

Despite (okay, let's be frank here) a record number of emergencies of one kind or another (all handled with frightening efficiency by Operations), the Concom is proud to announce that as of 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning there has not been **one** reported incident of violence here in Minicon city since the con began.

## Masquerade Winners

Novice 1st Place	Undead University Pep Squad
Novice Judges Award	Tarna the Taracian
Journeyman 1st Place	Puss in Boots
Journeyman Judges	Tortured Soul
Master 1st Place	Eos Goddess of the Dawn
Master Judges Award	Captain Hook
Recreation 1st place	Coming Next Issue
Recreation Judges	World eater Chaos Space Marine

Best of Show	Gamera vs Mechagamera
Best Special Effects	Tortured Soul
Best Use of Materials	World Eater Chaos Space Marine
Best Use of Foam & Life	
Threatening Materials	Gamera and Mechagamera
Best Attention to Detail	Coming Next Issue
Best Workmanship	Eos Goddess of the Dawn

## Registration Report

At press time, the warm body count was..... 3180 ± 175. Which is to say, about what we reported last ish, with a different way of stating Glycer's Law.

## Burger King Update

Unconfirmed press-time has it that rumor the new B.K. across the parking lot from the Rad has decided to stay open on Easter Sunday



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## Art Auction Audience Reduced to Tears

Your roving reporter was honored to see a shining example of magnanimity in action last night. Ten-year-old Andrew Cross of Minneapolis was bidding at his first art auction on a fine dragon painting, at all of \$16. As is normal at an auction, someone else wanted the piece, and immediately he was overbid. The audience was rooting for the young man, but he had no money to go past \$21. Someone passed him a dollar so he could go higher. His opponent outbid him, and someone else passed the young man a few more dollars. So it went until at least ten people passed the kid ones and fives. Every bid by the opponent was booed, and every bid by the kid was cheered. As he shook, with a wad of money grasped in his hand, not knowing what to say, the opponent bid \$55. The auctioneer was heard to say, "You can't win—someone just handed him a Visa Gold." The young man offered the final bid of \$60. The crowd held its breath until "Sold!" was heard. Cheers and tears abounded. The young man went to the front of the room and bowed to the audience, a gentleman to the end.

After he had picked up his art, he told me he had \$62 and he had donated the extra \$2 to the Literacy Fund. He said he had a lot of thank you letters to write. So to all the unknown fen who donated money, thank you from Andrew!

—Sergeant Bilko of Saint Paul

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Sunday 2:30 a.m. Fan-on-the-street unsolicited testimonial: "From the consumer point of view, it's been a great convention - smooth as silk!"

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### Panels We'd Like to See

There will be food at the Behaviorists' Panel, if you can find it.

The Recursion Panel will be discussing the location of the Recursion Panel.

Schroedinger's Panel: Before you open the door, there both is and isn't a panel going on.

The Interlinos Panel will meet between Rooms 201 and 202.

The Procrastination in SF Panel has been postponed to Sunday afternoon.

## David Shortage Imperils Minicon

Despite heroic efforts on the part of Kay D., honorary David, the latest gathering of the Super-Davids was something of a flop. To start with, the room scheduled for the event turned out to be already occupied by another programming item. An unidentified David refused to join the Super-Davids for the photo session on the grounds that he was already participating in a panel at the time. Official photographer Jeff "Davidbrother" Schalles was heard to comment, "I've seen pictures with as many as 40 Davids, and today we can't get more than 5 to stand still for one picture!" Some experts feel that we will be seeing a continuing shortage of Davids, possibly accompanied by a Bob glut, as the millenium approaches. In the words of David Emerson, "Minicon will never be the same."

### Microprogramming Reports

One of our roving reporters witnesses this charming bit of guerilla micro-programming in the Plaza Tower about noon on Saturday. A young lady was fishing off the second floor balcony, using a real fishing pole baited with a Tootsie Roll. She got a lot of double-takes from passersby on the ground floor, and eventually she actually got a bite! Our reporter watched, fascinated, as a passing fan stalked the bobbing Tootsie Roll across the floor, grabbing at it with his teeth. And eventually he caught it. Unfortunately, the Tootsie Roll wrapper ripped before the fisherwoman could reel him in.

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Sunday, about 1:00 a.m. in the lobby. Persons waiting for a bus were organized for a 1st Annual Minicon "Hands Across the Lobby." —Marshall Hoegfeldt

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An ever-growing number of fans serenaded the Dark Star Screamearly, early Sunday morning. Songs loosely adapted ranged from The Monkees ("Last Train to Screamsville") to old folkies ("If I had a scree...eam, I'd scream in the morn...orn...ning") to Lou Reed (memory mercifully escapes me). But the screamingest song was a dream, started at least seven times. In a word, the whole thing was a scream. All I want to do is screeeee...eam of you.

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Saturday night: A red weather balloon was suspended in the North Atrium Lobby to the height of 7 stories. It was brought down not by small-arms fire.—Marshall Hoegfeldt

### Personals

Happy Birthday, Peter! Now you're three cubed - that is important!

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To the person who cut me off from that last parking place then gave me the finger: you left your car's lights on. I hope you get this message in time.

# The Bozo Bus Tribune

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## Brust Assassimates Eastman, Con Wombat Performs Resurrection

Minn-stf President Ed Eastman, daring to live dangerously, appeared on stage at Closing Ceremonies. "My Lords and Ladies," he boomed, in his finest RennFest voice.

Executive Vice President Steve Brust came out and asked, "Ed, where are you?"

"Minicon."

"Right. You're not at the Renaissance Festival. You can say 'My Lords,' but say it in Minnesota Nice."

Ed tried several times, but choked each time as he attempted to lower his voice. Finally, he collapsed and died from the strain. Charles tried to revive him for a

second term, saying, "If you don't come back to be president, we'll make you run Minicon next year." No response. "We'll make you run child care." Only a quiver.

Drawing on special con chair knowledge, Charles announced, "Hey, watch me pull a president back from the dead."

"BUT THAT TRICK NEVER WORKS!" Or so the audience said, spontaneously.

"Nothing up my sleeve," Charles responded. Then, to Ed, "If you come back to life, you'll be President and you won't have to do anything."

Ed revived.

## Oobleck Sighted!

*Spotters posted in hotel parking lots*

Oobleck was sighted on the 22nd floor Saturday night. How much oobleck? A sloppy reporter might be tempted to say "200 pounds," but that would be imprecise. When you add water, significantly more oobleck results.

This reporter is happy to inform readers that while recycling of glass, metal, paper, styrofoam, and other products seems to have fallen by the wayside this year, Minicon Microprogramming did recycle the oobleck. It is expected to make a re-appearance somewhere tonight. And yes, you can dance on it.

## Stew the Rabbit...

The Easter Bunny was spotted the the Kaffe Stuga Sunday afternoon, just one hour before Steve Glennon and crew started serving rabbit stew in the Minneapolis in '73 suite. Coincidence?

Glenn Tenhoff asked in passing, "Hey big bunny, wanna come upstairs to a party?"

## Lost & Found Update

Dave Romm's voice turned up Sunday afternoon in time for him to appear on a single program item. One item? That's not too many... just ask Dan Jansen.

## Shirley You Jest

Ten Shirleys had been turned into the Bridge as of 4 pm Sunday. One Shirley had been turned into a Klingon, a naked Shirley hung from the ceiling, and yet another Shirley was decapitated. (But no one on the Bridge noticed that her arms were on backwards.)

When the American Swill Shirley was turned into the Bridge, the Comm Officer on Duty wailed, "What are these? What is this all about?"

## Parties Past

The Body Modification Party Saturday night was a great success with nearly three times the attendees expected. The Piercing/Tattoo contest had about two dozen entrants, with prizes provided by DreamHaven Books. A bigger and better fete is planned for next year, so plan accordingly.

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