

# VEGAS FANDOM WEEKLY

Las Vegas Fandom's Sorta Weekly Newszine

## Welcome to *Vegas Fandom Weekly*

Once upon a time, and it wasn't really more than a few years ago, Las Vegas boasted one of the most active local fan scenes in the country. Now, there seems to be less happening and less communication among the fans of Glitter City.

***Vegas Fandom Weekly*** hopes to put Vegas fans in better touch with each other by spreading the news of upcoming events and reporting on the ones which have taken place. It probably won't *really* come out weekly, but I liked the name.

## One (Christmas) Tree Hill

The rest of America may be waiting for the tree lighting in New York City's Rockefeller Center, but Las Vegas fans are getting ready for *their* tradition — the set-up of the tree that will be the focus of the annual SNAFFU-Vegrants Christmas Party.

Arnie and Joyce Katz will host a tree trim party at their home the Launch Pad (909 Eugene Cernan Street) on Saturday, November 27 beginning at noon. Members of SNAFFU, Las Vegrants and maybe even VSFA will set up and decorate the tree while eating everything in sight and browsing our artifact-laden shelves.

It's a friendly, low-key afternoon that helps local fans ease into the season. If

you'd like to attend, please call Joyce Katz (648-5677) and let her know you are coming so she has some idea of how many will be coming through the door next Saturday. Gifts of food to pacify the tree-doers are welcome, but not necessary.

The editor of This Very Fanzine has expressed his intention to Lay About and Observe Benignly — and would welcome a few fellow wastrels to make his sloth less conspicuous.

## Vegas Fan to Speak at Loscon

Las Vegas Fandom will be much in evidence at this year's LosCon, which takes place the weekend after Thanksgiving.

Kathryn & James Daugherty, who relocated to Las Vegas some time back, are the Fan Guests of Honor at one of the nation's best regional conventions.

Kent Hastings, whose first science fiction novel is now available, will be sharing his wisdom with attendees of LosCon on several panels.

LosCon 31, Escape to LA, sponsored by the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, will take place November 26-28 at the LAX Marriott. Tim Powers is the author Guest of Honor, Wendy Pini is Artist Guest of Honor, David Gerrold is the Special LASFS Guest of Honor.

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**VFW is free for the asking to anyone who requests it — and you may get it anyway. Members (and Co-Past Presidents, 2003): fwa. Supporter: AFAL.**

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A number of Vegas fans will be there to cheer them on and enjoy the program and numerous special events planned for Loscon this year. Besides Kent and the co-Fan Go-Hes, Teresa Cochran is definite and locals including Woody Bernardi are mulling it.

You can get details at: <http://www.loscon.org/loscon/31>,

### **Whites Safe after Car Crash**

A hit and run driver gave Alan and DeDee White a heart-in-mouth scare on the way home from the December 6 meeting of Las Vegrants. They were cruising through the night when a crazed driver banged into their car and took off for Parts Unknown.

The Whites are all right and did not suffer so much as a severe scratch. Their car, on the other hand, ended up in sickbay for more than a week to repair the damage.

The hit-and-run driver remains at large.

### **The Yucaipa Report**

*Yucaipa, CA, may be a longish drive across a state line from Las Vegas, but it is also home to a cabal of former Vegas Fandom stalwarts. Accordingly, VFW will periodically update everyone on the doings of Ken & Aileen Forman, Ben & Cathi Wilson (and their genius daughter Megan) and Karl and Alison Kreder.*

The Wilsons, who have been staying with the Formans for some time, have found a home of their own. It's less than a mile away from Ken and Aileen's place, so the Fab Four will remain more or less intact.

The job situation has changed quite a bit in the last month or two. Ken has changed companies and now has more responsibility (and salary) in a work environment he likes a lot better than the one he left.

Cathi has gone back into fast food management. After a brief apprenticeship, the company put her in charge of a brand new mall location.

Aileen still roves the Inland Empire as a columnist and observer, but she has assumed quite a bit of editorial responsibility. The money is a bit better and it has cut down on some of the weekend assignments.

Ben completed a high-pressure "boot camp" to improve his credentials as an IT professional. He's currently working on the next level of Microsoft certification and casing the job market in California and elsewhere.

Call with your news. See you next week!

— Arnie

## Club Calendar

**SNAFFU** November 26 8:00 PM  
Borders (Stephanie & Sunset), Henderson.  
This formal SF club meets on the second and fourth Friday's of each month.

**Las Vegrants** December 4 7:30 PM  
An informal invitational club primarily, but not exclusively, for fanzine fans.

**VSFA** December 6 7:30 PM  
This formal SF club meets at the Clark County Library on the first Monday of each month.