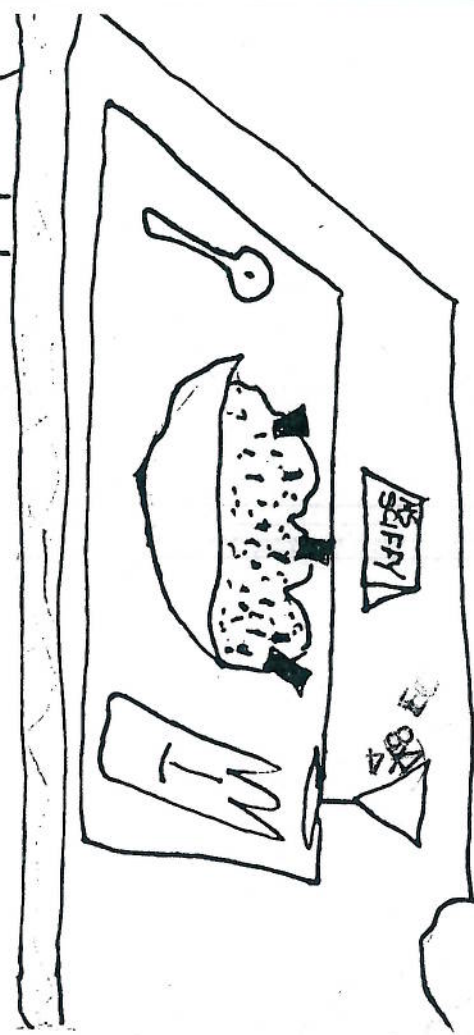


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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Sept. 26th, 1990, at 7pm. Fullerton Saving, 2400 East Chapman, Fullerton, a half mile West off the Orange Freeway.

SEPTEMBER 26TH MEETING

Elizabeth Chater, who taught creative writing at the University of San Diego for many years, will be our special guest at the next meeting. She was a professional writer and has had a number of prominent science fiction writers as students, including Greg Bear.

Marcia will bring her TV for those who want to see Star Trek the Next Generation at 9pm. As you recall this is supposed to be the resolution to last season's cliff-hanger. Can Picard find true happiness as a Borg? Will Riker get his own command? Can Roddenbury survive another season with a mutinous crew? Stay tuned.

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OCTOBER 31ST MEETING

This will be an open meeting. Coincidentally, this meeting falls on Halloween, so if you want to dress for the occasion go for it. We'll discuss this at the September meeting. We will also talk about the upcoming Loscon, which will be held in Orange County.

1990 NASFIC

by Marcia Starke

Yes, there was a convention in San Diego. But, it didn't feel much like the last NASFIC in Phoenix. It was more like a San Diego con. Olde Fan Julius Schwartz said it was "too relaxed." I've no idea what attendance was...seemed like ?1000. Some people probably stayed home thinking it wouldn't come off at all.

There were lots of panels, but I think it's time for some fresh topics. The panel that asked, "How do you do research for your stories?" was well attended. Harry Turtledove was on the panel, and it got me to reading some of his novels and stories. On more than one panel I attended, the topic of concern that kept coming up was the current trend in censorship, in both the media and written word.

San Diego itself, is a good place for a big convention. You have a well endowed shopping center, hotel prices in every range, cheap eats, tourist activities, etc. I would advise you to bring a bicycle, because downtown is congested, and confusing with one-way streets. The trolley system took Jeff Stein and I on a brief side trip to Tiajuana. Tiajuana is still the same. Couldn't find any science fiction there. Saturday night, seven of us got together for a Mandarin feast at the Panda Inn at Horton Plaza. The luxurious Omni Hotel (the con hotel) had a weird fountain in the court in front of the hotel. It was a large circular fountain, rimmed in brilliant blue sea-waves. There were fiberglass pelicans on the rim, with a brilliant blue obelisk in the center. Seemed kind of San Diego gone Hollywood.

The people who hosted this convention (whoever they were...they made themselves scarce) should have called for some help in planning and co-ordinating this con. It could have been better, especially from what was heard in regards to

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scheduling guests on panels. A lot of panels and activities were cancelled or limped along with the help of the audience. Nonetheless, I think the majority did have a good time.

MATCH THE S-F SCREENPLAY, TELEPLAY OR NOVELIZATION WITH ITS AUTHOR

Compiled by Fred Cropper

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| 1. Invasion of the Body Snatchers | A. Ray Bradbury |
| 2. The Starlost | B. Arthur C. Clarke |
| 3. Nightfall | C. John Wyndham |
| 4. Demonseed | D. Daniel Keyes |
| 5. Total Recall | E. Harry Harrison |
| 6. Star Wars | F. Richard Matheson |
| 7. Icarus Montgolfier Wright | G. Harlan Ellison |
| 8. Soylent Green | H. Philip K. Dick |
| 9. Charly | I. John Christopher |
| 10. Somewhere in Time | J. Alan Dean Foster |
| 11. Day of the Triffids | K. Isaac Asimov |
| 12. 2001: A Space Odyssey | L. Dean R. Koontz |
| 13. The Thing (from another world) | M. Jack Finney |
| 14. No Blade of Grass | N. John W. Campbell |

(See last page for answers)

ORANGE WEDDING BELLS

Cupid loosened his arrow again at OCSFC, as Benita Riggins and Roland Gagne tied the knot on August 29th. The daring duo kicked it off with a day at Magic Mountain, taking on all the hair raising roller coasters, including the infamous Viper. Ken and Estelle Williams were, of course, the first Orange Coasters to get married.

Both Roland and Benita are what I call "real" science fiction fans. Our very best to both of them.

A couple of notes on Jedi Knights activities. On Oct 27th, Patrick Stewart will be a narrator with the Garden Grove Symphony. The Jedi Knights will attend as a group. Also, there will be a Jedi Knights room party at Loscon, on Friday night, right after the ice cream social.

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SOME NOTES ON NASFIC PANELS

by Dave Silva

Most of the panels I attended were good to excellent. There's a certain chemistry that makes a good panel. Sometimes there are too many panalists and only one mike; this happened at the "What After the Fall of Communism" panel. Sometimes a panel works because the guests hit it off right away, and sometime it's good because they are worlds apart in their views. Sometimes a panal works because that particular audience feels passionately about the subject and the panel lets them go with it.

Science Fiction and TV: Apart from Star Trek, Does it Work? They are bringing "V" back to TV. You might ask yourself, Why? Michael Cassutt, from The Twilight Zone, will be in charge, and he has revamped the premise. Instead of the aleins coming to steal our water, Earth is in a buffer zone between two warring alein empires, and its support is coveted by both sides. It might be pretty good. Of course, they talked about STTNG...and the word is, that after going through 17 writers in two years, no professional writer will work for Roddenbury. And they are looking at scripts from amateurs.

Current Trends in SF Ben Bova, Karen Joy Fowler and Gene Wolfe. The fledgling science of virtual reality has become a hot topic for new stories. Quantum mechanics is also popular.

Linda Woeltjan joined Stephen Donaldson and William Wu in a very good panel on Writing Short Stories. Rhondi Salsitz was also at NASFIC and autographed books. She has a new one out from DAW under the Ingrid byline. Sand Wars #6: Challenge Met. Recent OCSFC guest, Terry Black, was also at the con.

Answers: 1-M, 2-G, 3-K, 4-L, 5-H, 6-J, 7-A, 8-E,
9-D, 10-F, 11-C, 12-B, 13-N, 14-I