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CONAGERIE

It's A Jungle Out There

But it is WESTERCON 55 PR2 in here.
*Any resemblance 'twixt this PR and a jungle is purely,
I say purely, coincidental (it sez here).*

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reserve your hotel room NOW!**

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FROM THE RINGMASTER

So, what's been going on with Conagerie recently? Not a huge amount -- we're sort of in a holding pattern for a few months. Most everyone is wandering around trying to realize that the next performance -- a mere seven months or so away -- is ours.

The Ringmaster has misplaced his whip -- and it isn't! either! Licorice, as a couple of the committee have hinted! Isn't! Isn't! Isn't! It's around here somewhere, and I'll find it before I actually have need to use it. Really.

The Lion has decided he needs to hibernate for a while. I told him Bears hibernate, not Lions, but he put on a new button nose, tied a new ribbon around his neck, and put up a sign in front of his cave that says, "Don't disturb until March." Properly Prepared Putative Program Participants should be ready to feed the Lion early next Spring.

The Spryngbok has been busy filing papers, keeping track of memberships, and managing the bank account. She'd rather be even busier at these tasks, of course, so if you can send some more new members around, it will surely make her happier. There's still lots of filing space on at least one of those spiral horns. Our industrious Lizard has been at work on the web site, making it better looking, and more informative. Drop by -- <http://www.westercon.org/55/> -- and see The New Site. Electronically rattle a few cages, maybe, while you're there. Only some of the animals bite.

The Owl keeps asking "WHO? Is actually coming to the con? WHO?? is taking rooms at the hotel? WHO?? WHO??" I've been telling her that the Hotel form hasn't been distributed yet, but since it will be sent along with this second Progress Report, I won't be able to use that excuse much longer. Please send in the form so there will be some actual information for the Owl.

What I write here, in October, you will read (I hope) in November, and things can change so quickly there's no telling what the Conagerie situation will be by your Reading Time -- or the months that follow it, between then and Progress Report 3 in April. So check the web site, or talk to us in person at Loscon, ConDor, and Baycon or by e-mail whenever you need information. In the meantime, it wouldn't hurt to read Progress Report Two, too. Ta-ta.

Bruce Pelz,
Ringmaster

BLOOD DRIVE

The vampire bats of Conagerie (with the help of the American Red Cross) would like to take some of your blood at the:

ROBERT A. HEINLEIN
"PAY IT FORWARD"
BLOOD DRIVE
More details in PR3

- -Mike Sheffield

WEAPONS POLICY

It is the policy of Conagerie that no real or realistic projectile weapons may be carried anywhere within the convention except during the masquerade or specially approved events. The use of a weapon during the Masquerade or during a programming event must be approved by the Masquerade Director or the Programming Coordinator respectively. No weapon of any kind may be drawn or wielded in any area of the hotel or convention space.

Conagerie defines a weapon as any object designed to cause damage, or any replica of such an object, or any object that the Committee determines to pose a risk to the safety of others or to personal or hotel property. The Committee reserves the right to alter or amend this definition and the right to impound weapons for the duration of Conagerie. Failure to put a weapon away in your hotel room or car (or check it with Ops until you leave the convention for the day, if not staying at the hotel) is grounds for immediate revocation of membership without refund and expulsion from the convention.

Dealers who sell weapons must securely wrap each item at the point of sale and provide each customer with a printed copy of these rules.

We at Conagerie know that most people who would like to carry weapons are sensible and careful individuals. However, we must keep in mind liability, legal issues, and our relationship with the hotel. The safety of you, the members, must outweigh any other consideration and it is with this in mind that these policies have been formed.