



Capricious Says:
"PICK IT UP, OR YOU MIGHT STEP IN IT!"

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Goat Droppings

Our Intrepid Adventurers Reach the Midway Point...

The quest for an Amazing Adventure continued long into the night on Friday!

First of all, we would once again like to thank the excellent staff of the Westin for all their hard work this weekend, creating a great location and atmosphere for our adventures. If you see a Westin staff member, be sure to take a moment to smile and say thanks!

Where will you go next?

Visiting the fan tables

Settlers of Catan tournament

Guest of Honor events

The fan groups were out in force today—stop by on Saturday, say hello, and find out what other cool fannish things are happening out there.

The Settlers of Catan tournament was extremely successful. We are delighted to announce that 11 people who have never come to Capricon before came to play in the tournament, and we hear they had quite a lot of fun in the rest of the con as well!

Did you miss Cory Doctorow's reading? He

read from his new novel, *Homeland*. Come to the Art Auction tonight to bid on a copy in the charity auction!

At The Middleman live commentary panel, we learned about how the Jim Henson gorilla did tai chi. You probably should have been there.

What will you do next?

Go to the dance.

Go to parties.

Both are excellent choices with happy endings!

Our 80's Winter Formal, DJ'd by former GoH John Scalzi, was a huge hit. One dancer commented that it was "the antithesis of suck!" This writer concurs, and hopes the rumor that he will return again is true...

The parties were fabulous this evening! We would really like to thank all the attendees for going, and would really like to thank you all for having a great time without causing any significant problems for the concom or hotel. You're the best adventurers ever!

Stay tuned for tomorrow!

May We Suggest—Saturday

You will never have a more Amazing Adventure than you will today at Capricon!

Join Hugo Award winners James Bacon and Lynne Thomas for a discussion of potential Hugo Award nominees. Discuss *Little Brother* at the Phandemonium bookclub.

Don't miss Les McClaine's Docent tour of the art show at 11:30am, or Cory Doctorow's Keynote address at 1pm. Fan GoH Steven H Silver, also Vice Chair for Chicon 7, updates us at 2:30pm on what's happening in the planning for the 2012 Worldcon here in Chicago. He will also take us on a tour of the History of SF/

F in Chicago at 4pm. Javier Grillo-Marxuach takes you through the production of an episode of *Lost*. Former GoH Gene Wolfe has a reading at 3pm.

The second *Settlers of Catan* pre-qualifier is today at 4pm. Participate in the gaming adventure of life-size *Kill Dr Lucky*.

Come buy art and support our charity at the Art Auction tonight. Sing your heart out at Klingon Karaoke. Go all in at the second euchre tournament. Visit our 17 parties!

There's so much more, but we're out of room!

PROGRAMMING CHANGES

Remember: The Pocket Program trumps the Program Book. *Goat Droppings* trumps the Pocket Program.

The Anime schedule can be found at Registration and Info Desk. Anime is not in the Pocket Program this year.

Due to illness, Phyllis and Alex Eisenstein will be unable to attend.

Deirdre Murphy's 10am reading is in the Café (River C), not Ravinia C.

The 2nd Euchre Tournament is tonight at 11pm in the 16th Floor Lounge.

Saturday evening when Teen Lounge opens, all teens are invited to join Robin Silver (daughter of Fan GoH Steven Silver) for her birthday celebration. There will be cake!

Win a chance to have dinner with Artist GoH Les McClaine and Special Guest Javier Grillo-Marxuach! Come to the Art Auction tonight and bid on the DVD of *The Middleman* being auctioned for charity. If you are the highest bidder, not only do you get the DVD, but you and a guest will be treated for a late night dinner by Les and Javi!

Interview with the GoH: Cory Doctorow, Author Guest of Honor

What is your funniest (yet fit to print) convention memory?

Goodness! It was probably Scott Edelman, working for Craig Engler at the Sci-Fi channel. Craig couldn't come to Worldcon, so Scott went around and had everyone flip him the bird and took a picture. So I'm in a series of pictures of everyone giving him the finger.

What S / F book(s) have you read so many times that the binding fell apart?

A bunch of Daniel Pinkwater, particularly *Alan Mendelsohn, the Boy from Mars*. I was very pleased to get the chance to blurb a couple Pinkwater books.

You're well known for your distinctive eyeglasses. Have you always worn heavy framed glasses, or was there something in particular that set you down this sartorial path?

I don't remember why I started wearing them. It might have been after I read *Buddy Holly Is Alive and Well on Ganymede*. I was a teenager.

What's your favorite thing about being a father?

The best part is the totally emotional very sweet moments when she sits on my lap and kisses my cheek and says "I love you Daddy". There are other great things, but those are the special moments.

As a lecturer and scholar at universities, what do you enjoy most about teaching?

It's the good students, obviously. The hard part is the students who don't know why they're there. What's always exciting is getting the student who hears something you say, runs with it, and does something more amazing than you could have imagined. You get to take some vicarious pride in that.

You're walking along the path, and come to a fork in the road. Do you go left or right, and why?

Having been raised by Marxists, I think I'm duty bound to go left.

What do you see as the most important political issue currently facing the world?

I would say it's the undue and corrupting influence of money in politics. It's the thing that Citizens United made explicit, but it goes much further than C.U. It's what Larry Lessig's group Rootstrikers is constituted to do something about.

Do you read comics? What are some of your favorites?

Yeah! I follow *Walking Dead*, *Fables*, and *Sweet Tooth*. I'm not sure I follow any others now. I'll read anything Warren Ellis is working on. I'm lugging around this big fat Moebius one, *The Incal*, a European comics classic.

You're a prolific writer of both fiction and non-fiction. What is easier to write? What is more fun?

Non-fiction is vastly easier to write, and fiction is more fun.

What is the most amazing adventure you have yet to experience?

Death? I suppose, death. Or given that I don't believe in an afterlife, dying I suppose. I expect those last minutes are pretty intense, depending on how much notice you get.

Editors Note: This interview was conducted live with Cory Doctorow. We would like to thank all our Guests for their participation in the interview process, be it in person or via email.

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Parties!

Still haven't had enough? We've got more!

Please note two really important rules: First, **no alcohol off the party floors (15 and 16)**. Second, **wear your badge**, please, and **be prepared to show photo ID as well to prove you're over 21**.

Don't forget to vote! Ballot boxes are on 15 and 16 in the evenings, and in Operations during the day.

Saturday Night Parties

- 1501 MIB / Pirates
- 1509 Sir Lance's
- 1514 Farscape / Chicago Scapers
- 1515 GT
- 1520 Con Misfits: Airship *Surrender to Sin*
- 1525 Goat Head Homebrewers Guild
- 1534 U.B.S. Abandon / Barfleet
- 1601 London in 2014
- 1607 Musecon
- 1610 Spokane in 2015
- 1612 Moderation 23rd Anniversary Party
- 1613 Conamazoo's 20th Anniversary Party
- 1616 Minions of Chaos
- 1623 DucKon
- 1624 CONvergence
- 1627 Turntabling.net
- 1634 Cow Asylum

Out of CON-text

"Scalzi's measure of length would be a whole different thing."
- Liz Gilio

"I believe that was an inflatable walrus." - Anonymous

"There's a Cory Doctorow reading coming up and I need to get scissors first." - Roxanne

"I can't believe I'm chasing tails at a con." - T.J. Ramsey

"Kills my dance boner. It's a purely metaphorical boner."
- Javier Grillo-Marxuach

"Some of these people are so white!" - John Scalzi

"Sondra, do you want some dates? We have them ready."
- Tammy Coxen

"Checking the rocket is not a euphemism." - Helen Montgomery

"John Scalzi, Caffeine Counselor." - Peter Heltzer

"Stick some gears on it and call it Steampunk." - Deb Kosiba

"It was just a small fire." - Jason Robinson

"I'm losing my toilet seat." - Ciggy

