

LEAP^{'96} CON

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HELLO AGAIN!

The holidays are over, we're into a new year, and it's only a month 'til LeapCon '96! Hard to believe it's already been a full Leap year since Dean got his star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame and the following day Leapers from around the world met for the very first Leap convention. Lots of things have changed since then — for Scott and Dean, for us, and for the world — but one thing stays the same: our affection for the show, its stars, crew and guest stars, and the messages it brought to us every week.

YOUR CONFIRMATION NUMBER

See the number at the upper right-hand corner of the mailing label on this Update? That's your confirmation number. Seats in the main auditorium will be assigned in order of confirmation number, although your seat number may not be the same as your confirmation number. The tickets you receive at Registration will have your seat number. The main auditorium this year is more of a square than the room we had last year, so even those fans sitting near the back will have a much better view of the stage.

SOME INFO FROM OUR CON HOTEL

Just a reminder that the cut-off date for receiving our special Leap Con rate for rooms at Beverly Garland's Holiday Inn (January 8) has come and gone. If you haven't already made your room reservation, you should do so immediately! The hotel staff tells us that from now until con weekend, if they have a lot of rooms available, you may still get the special rate of \$79 (\$90.06 including tax). However, if space begins to run out, the hotel has warned us that the room rate could go as high as \$89 to \$119. Do yourself a favor, save some money and make your reservation NOW. Call the hotel directly at (818) 980-8000 and ask for Julie in Reservations. Be sure to tell her you are with Leap Con '96.

If you've already made your reservation, you should have received a confirmation postcard from the hotel. If you haven't received a card, contact the hotel at (818) 980-8000, or call LeapCon hotel committee member Diane Glosson at (818) 556-6269.

Another reminder: Beverly Garland's Holiday Inn does

have free shuttle service to and from the Burbank airport. If you're arriving at Los Angeles International, you can take a taxi or shuttlebus to the hotel for approximately \$30.

HOW DO I GET THERE FROM HERE?

The hotel has furnished us with the following directions for anyone who's flying in to town and renting a car:

FROM BURBANK AIRPORT: Take Hollywood Way South (right) out of the airport to Burbank Boulevard. Turn right, and drive west to Vineland Avenue. Turn left, drive approximately 4 miles to Aqua Vista Street. The hotel is on the left hand side.

FROM L.A. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Airport signs will direct you to Interstate 405 (the San Diego Freeway). Drive north on the 405 approximately 18 miles, to State Highway 101 (the Ventura Freeway), marked "101 to Los Angeles." Drive south on the 101 to the Vineland Avenue exit (approximately 5 miles). Turn right coming off the freeway onto Vineland Avenue. Drive to Aqua Vista Street. The hotel is on the left hand side.

BEFORE & AFTER THE CON:

If you're staying in town for a few days either before or after LeapCon, there are a variety of places to visit in or near L.A. that are definitely worth the trip!

Beverly Garland's Holiday Inn offers free shuttle service to **Universal Studios**, every half hour during most of the day/evening. If you've never toured the Universal theme park, we recommend it! The shuttle tour, attractions and shops will easily keep you busy for a full afternoon or evening. You'll also enjoy **Universal's CityWalk**, a collection of unique shops and restaurants, including **Upstart Crow**, a bookstore/coffee shop that's been the site of many an L.A. Leaper get-together. And last but not least, there's a huge multiplex movie theater at Universal where you can catch all the latest hit movies.

If you're interested in seeing behind-the-scenes of some of your favorite movies and TV shows, both **Warner**

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Bros. Studios and NBC offer tours, as does Paramount Studios (which is certainly worth a visit if you're a Star Trek fan). A list of TV shows and movies doing location filming is available each weekday morning from the L.A. Permit Office — pick up a list and you can spend some time watching a production crew at work! You can also get free tickets for tapings of your favorite TV shows (ask us for more information if you'd like to do that).

A few minutes' drive "over the hill" will take you to Hollywood, where you can check out Dean's star on the Walk of Fame (in front of the parking garage that sits to the right of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel), Mann's Chinese Theater, the LaBrea Tar Pits and Museum Row (which includes the L.A. County Art Museum and the Peterson Automotive Museum). Head west from there and you can shop on world-famous Rodeo Drive before taking a look at some of the fabulous homes in Beverly Hills. Go a little further west and you'll reach Santa Monica and the beach! We can't make any promises about the weather on Presidents' Weekend, but you can enjoy a walk along the shore and visit Venice Beach, a long boardwalk lined with funky shops and places to eat.

And if you don't mind driving a little farther, you can spend a day at Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, the Movieland Wax Museum, or the Queen Mary, located at the port of Long Beach.

If that's not enough ideas, just ask one of the LeapCon committee members. (Although you might remember asking your mom during summer vacation, "What can I doooooo?" — and she'd usually put you to work! We may do the same thing!)

DID WE HEAR SOMEONE VOLUNTEER??

Again, a million thanks to those of you who've already volunteered to help out during con weekend! We'd never be able to get everything done without your very valuable assistance. Remember, there'll be an orientation meeting for all volunteers on Friday morning at 11 a.m. and Friday evening at 7 p.m.. We encourage you to attend one or the other, so that you can learn exactly what's expected of your assignment(s) during the weekend. If you haven't already volunteered, and you'd like to, please let us know! We're going to try our best to avoid indentured servitude for anybody (other than the con committee!!) and will keep each volunteer's "work shift" down to no more than 2-3 hours, so that you'll have

plenty of time to enjoy the con and visit with your friends. Of course, if you're bored and lonely (or you're just a little nuts) and you want to work the whole weekend...we can certainly use the help!

ARE YOU AN ORPHAN?

We've still got plenty of space available at the "orphan" tables in the Dealers' Room. If you've got some merchandise you'd like to sell — photos, zines you'd like to pass on, you can reserve up to half a table for only \$25. (Please note: the Board of LeapCon '96 reserves the right to say "no" to any merchandise it feels is inappropriate.) Regular dealers' tables are \$50 each — which is far less than tables at other cons we've visited. If you know someone who's a dealer and would like to participate at LeapCon '96, have them call Carol Davis at (310) 826-1774.

WHAT TIME IS IT?

Programming hours at LeapCon '96 are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. This may change slightly, depending on our guests. The Dealers' Room will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days. Pre-registration is available on Friday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. Saturday and 8:00 a.m. Sunday. LeapCon '96 registration will be located in the Cabrillo Room, across from the Beverly Garland Theater.

WHAT DO I WEAR?

Last year's weather came as a big surprise to those of us who live in L.A. Even though Southern California is well known for its mild climate, temperatures of 90+ in mid-February are unusual! Although February is often rainy, this "winter" has been mild and dry so far and we're hoping for a pleasant, non-rainy con weekend. Try tuning in to Weather Channel before you leave home for a better idea of what to pack. (It wouldn't hurt to bring your bathing suit and an umbrella, just in case to be fully prepared.)

YOU TOO CAN BE A WINNER!

Most of us would love to win that \$11 million that Dick Clark & Ed McMahon have been advertising on TV, but if your goals are a little smaller, you'll be glad to know that once again this year, we'll be raffling off some one-of-a-kind items, for the benefit of our designated

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charities. We realize that not everyone can afford to lay out \$100, \$500, or \$3,500 (!) at the charity auction — in the raffle, just \$1 may allow you to win something special.

MAIL ORDERS

Keep this in mind during your weekend at LeapCon: if you place a mail order with one of our dealers, or ask for reprints of photos from a fellow Leaper — or any other transaction where you don't immediately receive what you paid for — be SURE to write down the person's name, address, phone number, what you ordered, and the amount you paid. We've stressed to our dealers that they must fill all mail orders promptly, but you won't be able to follow up on anything you haven't received if you don't know who you ordered it from.

FOOD! FOOD! FOOD!

As we mentioned last time, Beverly Garland's Holiday Inn has an on-site restaurant which is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The menu is a little more "family oriented" and a little less pricey than last year's. You can get a bowl of soup, a burger, or a sandwich for just a few dollars. Even a big meal with dessert won't run you any more than \$15. You can also buy light food from the con concession stand, or order in a pizza or some Chinese food. Since our motto seems to be "We Leap, therefore we eat," we certainly won't let you go hungry during the weekend.

SATURDAY NIGHT, SATURDAY NIGHT

Want a party? We've got one! We've set aside one of the con rooms (see your Reg packet for location) so that our convention-goers can get together after programming ends on Saturday, to mingle, get acquainted, and, um, eat. There may be a minimal charge (less than \$5) for admission to cover the cost of the munchies, but we hope you'll attend! It'll be the con committee's chance to relax a little, too, and get to know some of you who've come in to L.A. from places we've never visited. We're looking forward to it!

THE SUGGESTION BOX IS OPEN...

Remember, this is YOUR con! If there's something you'd like to see, tell us! We feel badly if someone goes home from the con murmuring "I wish they'd had...(fill in the blank)..." We've been working since February of last year to put together the best weekend of programming we can, so that you'll feel your trip was worthwhile. But it's

certainly possible that there's something we didn't think of. Let us know! If it's something we can manage, you'll definitely see it at LeapCon '96!

On the other side of the coin, if a problem arises during the con (you've lost something, you can't find your friend(s), or you just plain ain't happy with something), please come to the Registration desk and tell us. We can't help you solve the problem if we don't know it exists. Those of us on the con committee realize that you've shelled out a big chunk of your savings to be with us in L.A., and we do believe it's our responsibility to help you enjoy yourself! So if you need a hand, tell us!

AND OF COURSE, EVERYONE'S FAVORITE QUESTION... "ARE SCOTT AND DEAN COMING TO THE CON?"

Here's the answer (again). We don't know yet. Really! Truly! If we had any other information, you'd be the first to know. But our fingers are firmly crossed. The guys have attended all of the previous Leap conventions, and all of us would love to see them make it five in a row. And we know you have heard this before, but we must say it again. If they do attend, please keep a couple of things in mind: *keep your questions discreet*. Scott and Dean have said numerous times that they're very fond of their fans and have found us to be polite, friendly and interesting to talk to. Let's keep our good reputation! Also — there'll be hundreds of people in the auditorium, all of whom would love to receive a kiss, a hug, a handshake or an autograph. Please be fair to your fellow fans and don't ask for any of the above. (And please don't hand your kids up onto the stage — it's a safety hazard.)

BE THERE, OR YOU'LL MISS IT!

Remember...YOU are the best publicist we've got! Our Publicity Committee has worked night and day to spread the word about LeapCon by every method we can think of. But we still need that little bit of extra help from you! Tell your friends! Bring someone who's never attended a con before, so that they can be part of the fun. We look forward to seeing EVERYONE next month!!

And there's more.....

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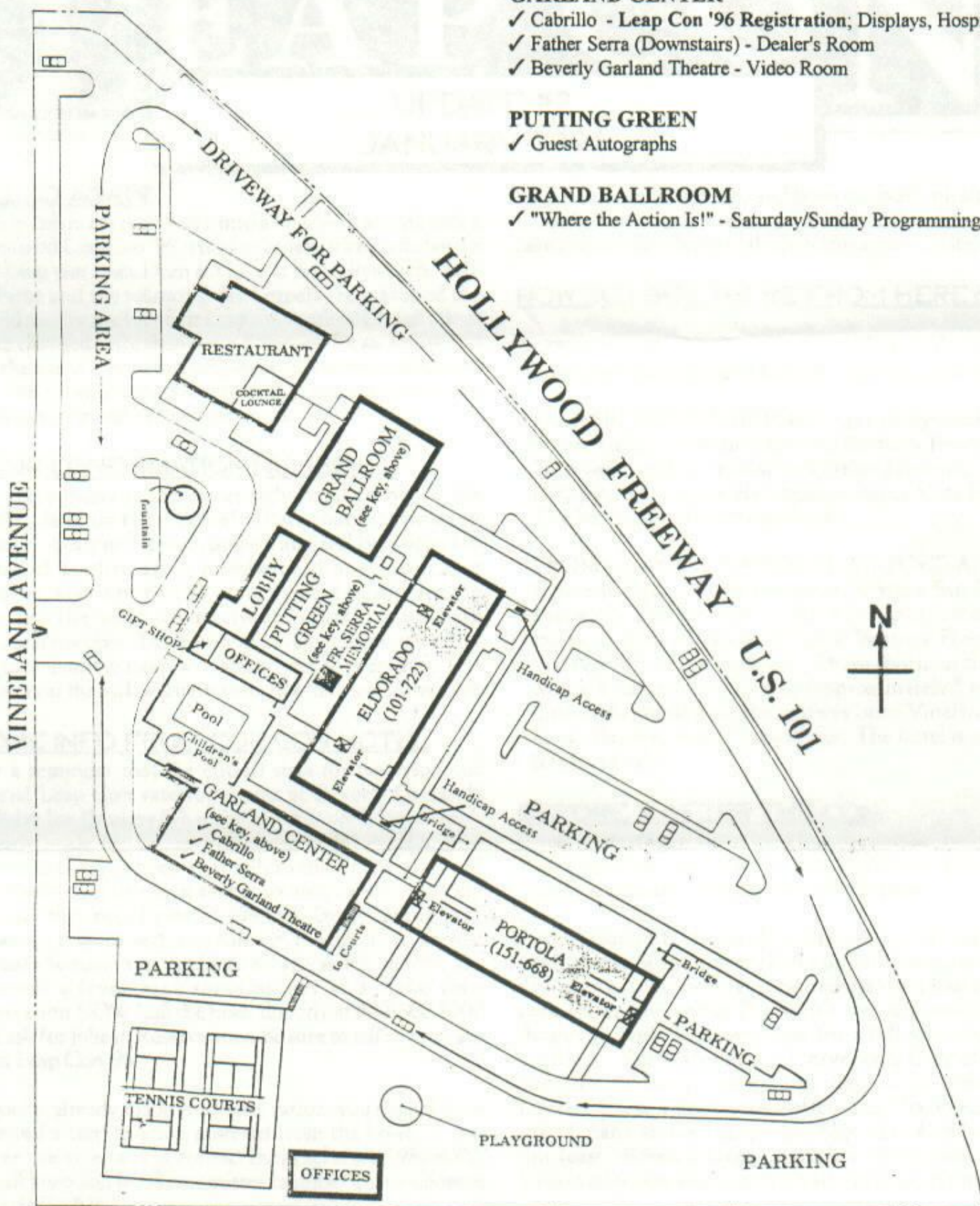
- ✓ Cabrillo - Leap Con '96 Registration; Displays, Hospitality
- ✓ Father Serra (Downstairs) - Dealer's Room
- ✓ Beverly Garland Theatre - Video Room

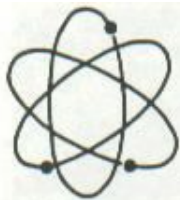
PUTTING GREEN

- ✓ Guest Autographs

GRAND BALLROOM

- ✓ "Where the Action Is!" - Saturday/Sunday Programming





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Look Who's Comin'!*

John D'Aquino (Jimmy, Deliver Us From Evil, Mirror Image)
Richard Herd (*Future Boy*, Mirror Image)
Michael Genovesi (*Double Identity*, Mirror Image)
Brad Silverman (Jimmy, Deliver us From Evil, Mirror Image)
Mary Gordon Murray (*Trilogy*)
Marjorie Monaghan (*One Strobe Over the Line*)
Rich Whiteside (*Leap Home Pt. 2, A Leap For Lisa*)
Sami Chester (*Black on White on Fire*)
Doren Clark (*Permanent Wave*)
Ryan McWhorter (*Jimmy, Deliver Us From Evil*)
Dan Roebuck (*The Play's The Thing*)
Michael Watkins (Director, Cinemetographer)
Tommy Thompson (Writer, Producer)
Gillian Horvath (Writer)
Harriet Margulies (Executive Assistant)
Mark Banning (Producer, Quantum Leap CD)
Ginjer Buchanan (Editor, Quantum Leap novels)
Ashley McConnell (Author, Quantum Leap novels)
Julie Barrett (Author, Quantum Leap A-Z)

* Barring professional commitments