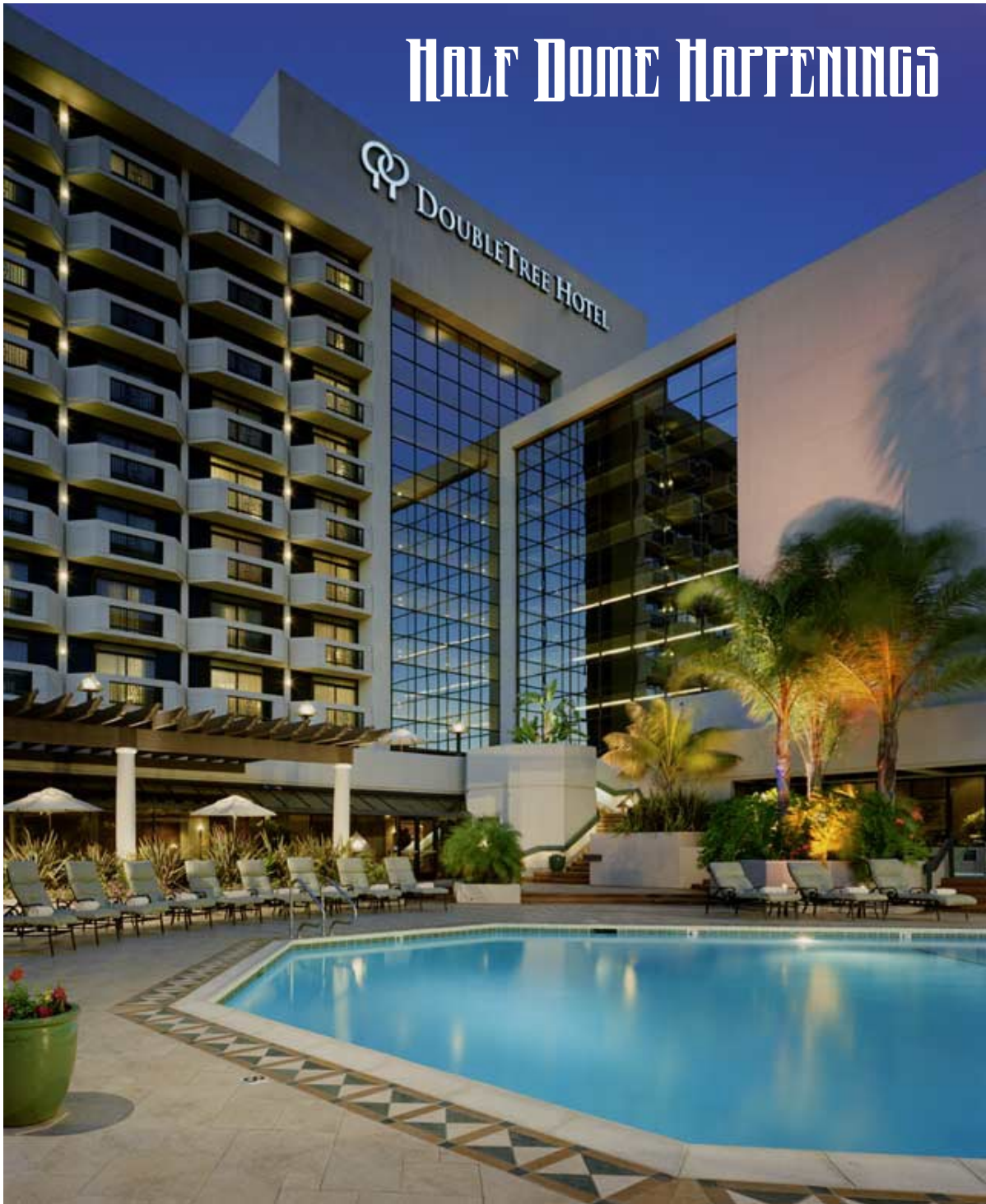


HALF DOME HAPPENINGS



***AHWAHNEECON MOVES
TO SAN JOSE DOUBLETREE!!!***

Well, after exhausting Yosemite Valley, The High Country, The Buzzed Country and all points in-between, there was only one choice: The DoubleTree San Jose! It's had it's share of cons before, has enough rooms for all the expected fans and is free that weekend...unless some conspiracy comes to pass.

The virtues of the San Jose DoubleTree are varied and many. There's the blank wall which is perfect for projecting videos on. There's the second floor suites

which provide the ideal situation for people foolish enough to bid for major cons! There's ample Acorn storage in the various first floor conference rooms. Plus, if you like completely average food served slowly by completely average waitstaff, have we got the Coffee Garden for you! It's all right next to an airport and we can almost guarantee there will be no bears (guarantee dependant on proximity to San Jose's Pride Parade weekend).

There's so much to be said about the Good ol' DoubleTree, but let's remember this is still AhwahneeCon and a few things will have to be done to make sure the Ahwahneechee experience lives. First, there'll be a sweat lodge installed in the poolside area (and Rule 6 will be ignored in the Lodge). There'll also be deer imported to the hotel. We'll do our best to prevent bringing deer who have ticks carrying Lyme Disease, but if you want the full experience, you gotta take a little risk. Also, Japanese and German tourists will be imported and will clog up all concession stands everytime you want to get a snack.

In addition, Firefalls will be reenacted, and free of the National Park Service's tyranny, we'll use real fire! Without the Bureau of Indian Affairs on our tails, we can bring back the planned Vision Quests we were going to do at the Ahwahneechee Village. And we'll be bringing the pioneer spirit by putting mouldering tents in each room! It'll be as authentic as Disneyland, that's for darn sure! AhwahneeCon will not disappoint with the promised Yosemite-like experience!



Plus there's more! Our programming team has scheduled several events ahead of time to make your decision easy. First, there'll be a camp fire and sing-a-long at the fireplace in front of Spencers. It's BYOSticks and Marshmallows! There'll be a release of pollens into the air conditioning system to make sure you get your required allergy attack. Like fishing? Well, we're stocking the pool with brook trout and you can even have the sushi masters prepare them for you! We'll have it all.

I hear you asking, 'How can I be a part of such a wonderful thing?' and we tell you Support AhwahneeCon! Come by the party on Saturday night at Westercon or by the Fanzine Lounge to become a member. Then you should vote for us by writing in AhwahneeCon in the write-in section of your Westercon Site Selection Ballot. We can win this thing!!!

And so the sun sets on Half Dome Happenings! We'll see you when it's time for AhwahneeCon: The 2009 Westercon!!!

