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FROM THE CHIEF

We had another planned meeting and again very few people showed up. Before the film was released, in New Jersey, classes were over filled with BBI's. We enjoyed a large following and the Banzai Institute prospered. Soon after the film was released we heard that California had many people interested in becoming BBI's. We felt that California had much to offer for our survival courses and that our different culture would be easily accepted. We may have made a mistake in trying to move our institute out here.

Our first meetings were meant to find out what you would like to do and what you could do. If you have faced problems coming to meetings we had hoped you might call or write and explain. If you have suggestions; write to us. If you want to be an inactive member, tell us. If the Bay Area Banzai Institute is going to succeed we need the cooperation of all the BBI's. We hope to hear from you soon.

Arigato,

B. Banzai April 12, 1987

CALIFORNIA WEAPONS CODE

I have noticed that many of you are interested in martial arts and it's weapons, (nunchuku, shaken, shuriken, ect.). If you are considering obtaining any of these personal weapons you should know the California laws governing them.

S12020-Blackjacks, ect.; manufacture, sale or possession; concealed explosive or dagger; offense; punishment; exceptions:

a) Any person in this state who manufactures or causes to be manufactured, imports into the state, or offers or exposes for sale, or who gives, lends, or possesses any cane gun or wallet gun, any firearm which is not immediately recognizable as a firearm, any ammunition which contains or consists of any flechette dart, any bullet containing or carrying an explosive agent, or any instrument or weapon of the kind commonly known as a blackjack, sling shot, billy, nunchaku, sandbag, sawed-off shotgun, or metal knuckles, or who carries concealed upon his person any explosive substance, other than fixed ammunition or who carries concealed upon his person any dirk or dagger, is guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be punishable by imprisonment in the count jail not exceeding one year...







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b) Subdivision (a) shall not apply to any of the following:(2) The possession of a nunchaku on the premises of a school which holds a regulatory or business license and teaches the art of self-defense.

(3) The manufacturer of a nunchaku for sale to, or the sale of a nunchaku to, a school which holds regulatory or business license and teaches the art of self-defense. ...As used in this section, a "nunchaku" means an instrument consisting of two or more sticks, clubs, bars or rods to be used as handles, connected by a rope, cord, wire or chain, in...connection with practice...self-defense.

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SUMMER MOVIE ROUND-UP

Several stars of TAOBB have new film projects being released this year. They include Billy Vera in BLIND DATE, Christopher Lloyd in BOBO THE DOG BOY and Clancy Brown in Walter Hill's EXTREME PREJUDICE. This month we will highlight ROBOCOP starring Peter Weller.

ROBOCOP is a \$10 million action thriller set in the not too distant future. Detroit has become a violent and frightening city with an extremily high rate of crime. In order to help battle the warring gansters and criminals, automaton's are built to offset the trouble. The first such robot, ED-209, is defective and soon falls into criminal hands. That is when the plan to build a half human/half machine comes to mind

Peter Weller plays Murphy, the cop who is murdered and then resurrected as Robocop. Dan O'Herilthy and Ronny Cox play the head of the corporation that builds the automatons. Nancy Allen plays Lewis, Murphy's former partner.

The film is being directed by Dutch filmaker Paul Verhoeven and the stop motion effects are being executed by Phil Tippett. The film was lensed on location in Detroit and Dallas and is being produced by Tobor Pictures Ltd. Although no date has been set, Orion Pictures plans to release ROBOCOP sometime this summer.

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May 1 7:00 pm 41568 Apricot Lane Fremont

More information on this meeting will follow.

May 22,23,24,25 BAYCON Red Lion Inn, San Jose

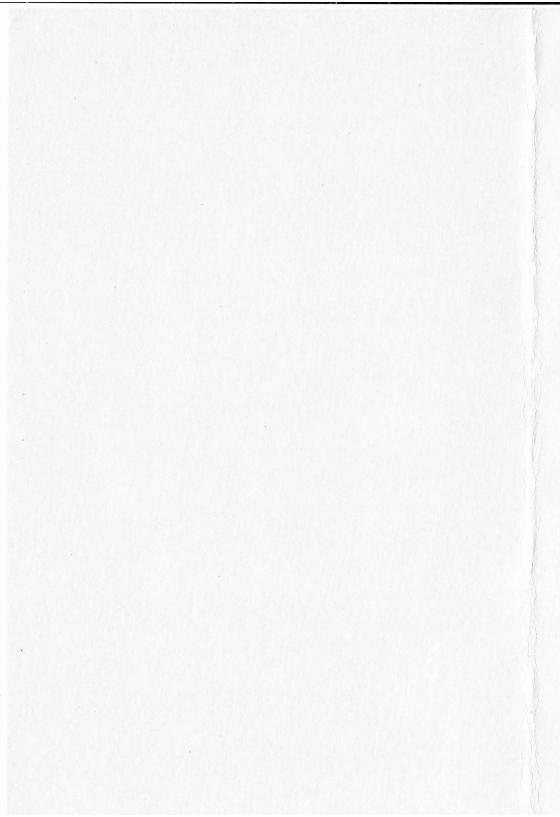
Scheduled events planned for Baycon:

On Friday the 22nd, a tenatively planned midnight screening of TAOBB, to be held at a local theatre. On Saturday the 23rd, a BBI party at the Red Lion Inn, to be held after the masquerade. More information on Baycon and these events will

be forthcoming.

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OUR SPECIAL BAYCON ISSUE!





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