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AVENUE 5  
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Join us for classic board games in the Discord gaming-table channel. There was some debate about what to play which resulted in...Trouble. Sorry about the Scrabble. We're now playing updated versions of Risk, which mostly involves leaving your house, and Life, which mostly involves staying home. Meanwhile, Jeff Bezos is still playing Monopoly.

This is not the apocalypse you're looking for. Move along.

You can tell how much a teen reads by how they pronounce YA.

Unpopular opinion: I liked Podcasting a lot better when it was called Radio.



My Favorite Greg Broadmore Panel: My secret identity as Buck Rogers AND the Green Arrow



My Favorite George R.R. Martin Panel: Barn-Raising and Butter Churning: How to Survive the Winds of Winter



My Favorite Mercedes Lackey Panel: A Pirate's Life for Me: Why You Need a Parrot

If we talk about films that borrow ideas from "Plan 9 from Outer Space" in the Golden Age of SF Movies discussion, would that make it a faux Wood panel?

con-ops sincerely apologizes for the temporal filter preventing time travelers from landing in Wellington in this era. This has been implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to other times and places. Please consider arriving in Washington D.C. in 2021 or Chicago in 2022 and leaving messages there.

## Overheard at the first virtual Worldcon...

"Beep, boop, I am a bot!"

"I can't believe I'm here!"

"Where, in your living room?"

## More Award Winners

### Best Novel

Awarded to Coronavirus for COVID-19

### Best Dramatic Presentation

Awarded to people who are still complaining about not being able to use Discord

### Marvel's Avengers "Good Job, Hawkeye" Participation Award

Awarded to any nominee who also showed up. Good job!

## Worst Zoom Background

The non-Euclidean geometry of the beings of mythos from HP Lovecraft's Cthulhu Universe which results in instant insanity caused by the realization of the existence of monstrous malevolence and strange dimensions beyond the ability of the human mind to comprehend. Sadly, those who gaze upon this Zoom background will later go on to host a Worldcon.

## Message from our Convention Chairs



Too much sitting is bad for you. Stand up once in a while.

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### The Five Stages of Inebriation at a Con, in the form of a Dramatic Performance, Short Form

- 1. Watchmen:** You start out wearing a mask with good intentions, but knowing you have a shady past.
  - 2. The Expanse:** You open up and start talking too much, even when you're alone.
  - 3. The Good Place:** Welcome! Everything is fine.
  - 4. Doctor Who:** You leave with a man who tells you he's a doctor AND a pilot, but you never find out his name.
  - 5. The Mandalorian:** You can't show your face almost anywhere anymore, but, on the upside, you're going to have the cutest baby ever!
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### Added Sunday Panel: Is Everything a Conspiracy?

**What:** They won't let me say.  
**Where:** Reading Room 237  
**Who:** Session is full. This session has a maximum capacity of everyone except you.

## Tips for Enjoying Your First Virtual Worldcon

Remember to hydrate.

Try to stay up for 5 days straight so you don't miss anything. #FOMO. The struggle is real.

Use a moving Zoom background so processor intensive you always appear on camera at 10fps.

Know your spending limits for the dealer's room and art show. Take out a second mortgage now.

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### Also overheard at the first virtual Worldcon...

After seeing a cat on Zoom, "Who's the cat GOH?"

"What's the big deal with Flash Fiction? Batman stories have better villains."

"I'm so over Pluto. As far as I'm concerned, it's an exoplanet."

"Having problems with Grenadine? Add Rum."

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### Report from the Con floor:

"There's carpet down here."

"Thanks, Bob."

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This parody newsletter is dedicated to the staff, volunteers, and attendees of CoNZealand for coming together to create an unforgettable first-of-its-kind Worldcon. Thank You!

## A Fan Guide to New Zealand Slang

**Kia Ora:** A traditional NZ greeting that makes fans from outside NZ wonder why everyone greets each other by saying the name of their car.

Example Usage...

Kiwi: "Kia Ora"

Non-Kiwi: "Chevy Impala"

**Bring a plate:** The traditional battle cry when more than one person is creating consuite recipes.

**Bugged:** That sleepy feeling you get in the Arthropods panel.

**Jumper:** What you put on before you get your hokey pokey from the chilly bin.

**Hobbiton:** The amount of weight you gain from snacks while you binge-watch all of Peter Jackson's Lord of the Rings movies.

**Stubbie:** Bheer

**Stubbies:** What you wear below your respectable shirt on Zoom.

**Wop wop's:** When you're the only person who shows up for a panel.

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### Nominations for new Hugo Categories

Best Moderator Hat

Best Inaudible Live Stream

Best Surprise Reaction After an Unexpected Transition