



Rigging in the new ballroom, the MSI crew is Donald Ethridge, Paul Magellan, Gary McIntyre, and Pat Borovicka.

SDCC Expansion Nears Completion

The construction that will nearly double the size of the San Diego Convention Center is proceeding on schedule. The overall project is 85% complete and is still on track for official opening in September. Active construction began on the project on August 26, 1998.

The expansion will add 40 meeting rooms totaling 100,333 sq. ft. on the Upper Level, including a new upscale 40,706 sq. ft. ballroom. All of the meeting rooms are accessible via a glass interior walkway, bathed in natural sunlight. When complete, total meeting space will be 204,114 sq. ft. (total of 72 meeting rooms), including two 40,000 sq. ft. ballrooms.

MSI is in the unique position of being the current and continuing in-house provider of audio-visual services. In that capacity, a proactive approach to rigging in the new ballroom is being taken. MSI is installing rigging points during construction of the ballroom. The team of **Pat Borovicka**, **Donald Ethridge**, **Paul Magellan**, and **Gary McIntyre** are hanging over 240 permanent points in the new ballroom at an average beam height of 42 feet above the floor.



Paul Magellan rigs a new point in the new ballroom.



Donald Ethridge is high above the watchful eyes of Gary and Pat.

SDCC Expansion Facts

The expansion will add 276,363 sq. ft. of exhibit space to the Ground Floor of the Convention Center. When the expansion is complete, total exhibit space will be 525,701 sq. ft.

In the fully expanded Center, one hall will be divisible into seven halls: Hall A, Hall B, and Hall C (existing Center), and Hall D, Hall E, Hall F and Halls G/H (expansion). Each is of varying size and will be divided by soundproof air walls.



The hardest part is keeping your hat on.

There will be an industry-standard trade show floor featuring utility boxes on 30' centers. Floor boxes will contain electrical, gas, air, telecommunications including fiber optic cable, water and drains.

Streamlined columns, located next to the air walls in some of the exhibit halls, provide column-free space in selected halls.

The ceiling height in Halls D & E is 27'4".

The ceiling height in Halls F, G and H is 37'4".

Floor loading capacity is 350 lbs./sq. ft.

Irish Toasts



May the grass grow long on the road to hell for want of use.

May the road rise up to meet you; May the wind be always at your back, the sun shine warm upon your face, The rain fall soft upon your fields, And until we meet again May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and the road downhill all the way to your door.

May you live to be a hundred years, with one extra year to repent.

May you be in heaven 1/2 hour before the devil knows you're dead.

I drink to your health when I'm with you,
I drink to your health when I'm alone,
I drink to your health so often,
I'm starting to worry about my own

As you slide down the banisters of life may the splinters never point the wrong way.

May the wind at your back always be your own.

All words and names in this puzzle are related to Ireland.

BLARNEY

SHILLELAGH

TIPPERARY

CABBAGE

SINEAD

WATERFORD

CELTIC

TARA

WHISKEY

CORK

CORNEDBEEF

DONAL

DUBLIN

K W V

O B P

EIRE

Z M H W T E

J J L U X V R

EMERALD

A I E P S E A M U S U I K P N R Z

GAELIC

G Y N U W Y H E P E C P H S I R I J

GLOCCAMORRA

A L S H A M R O C K R K D L O W L W

GREEN

F Z O M S Q T A E P C A B B A G E J

HIBERNIAN

L A C E H B X R I M U L P K Q Q B

IRELAND

G S C K T Q R E D Y A D E W N

IRISH

T H A K E L M P Z N X G Y

ISLE

I B V

R I M E E X C P A N

K N A

KILKENNY

I S X I X A L I L O P O G J I I E T Q N N V G

KILLARNEY

A S L T Y W L L N R L R A O O N T D K B J X C U C

LACE

D V S E O T A T O P Q N E R G X R A U G L P T V B B Z

LEPRECHAUN

I R Y P A R E Y X D E L C L A S E C X R A I D R E G V

LIMERICK

X V Z N N Z I N D I B H U A N B K R T R G K R V Z

LUCK

O E Q F V A B C X V A S I G I Z R M N N I K Q

PATRICK

I Y W Z C L E I C J D U S S G H I S N E E R G U V

PEAT

G V X X N E E Z I N O N N A H S C S D B Y O B U K F U

POTATOES

W A T E R F O R D N M B C Y E K S I H W C V T M Y K E

SEAMUS

B C I T L E C A P B G Y O S J Y C U F D F T O

SEAN

U S I Q Z L C G J J S Z E N R H E N L M

SHAMROCK

F X L H R

M H

O U T J O W

SHANNON

V H R

March Events

Town & Country

University of Oklahoma	3-9
Inter-Services Agreement	5-8
CA League Middle Schools	7-12
Texas A&M Tennis vs USD	8-12
Rural Community Assistance	10-15
U. of AZ Women's Softball	11-12
Brassring/Westech Career	11-15
6th Marine Division Reunion	11-15
NCAA Division 1 Men's Basketball Championship Year 2001	13-17
CA Assoc. for the Education of Young Children	13-17
CSUS-Dept. Health Services	18-21
Bureau of Indian Affairs School Reform Meeting	19-24
The Society for Adolescent Medicine 2001 Conf.	19-25
Center for Neuro Skills National Marketing Meeting	20-22
Nat. School Boards Assoc.	21-29
University of CO Track	3/26-4/1
American Bar Assoc.	3/26-4/1
American Institute of Baking	26-29
AM Council on Rural Special Education - 2001 Natl. Conf.	27-31
American Chemical Society Spring National Meeting	3/28-4/8
AVID Center	30-31
Issaquah Senior Center	3/31-4/3
Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians	3/31-4/8

SDCC

Intertechshows.com	2-4
GITA	4-8
Alliant Food Service Show	7
SDSU Lessons in Leadership	8
Latino Book & Family Festival	10-11
Friars Dance	10
American Woodworkers Show	16-18
2001 Lamp Meeting	17-20
Brian Tracey Seminar	16-17
Nat. School Boards Assoc.	24-26

Production

La Valencia Hotel	5-7
Midnight at the Oasis	8-11
San Diego Diocese	10-11
Abbot Labs	10-16
AMR	12-13
Talent Show	14-15
Adams & Assoc.	15-18
Kendall Jackson	19
Mary Kay	22-26
SEI Investment Advisor	26
NSA	3/28-4/1
Earth, Wind and Fire	3/30-4/2
Avon	3/31-4/5

Birthdays

Ken York	3/4
A.J. Reeder	3/5
Yvonne Acosta-Degracia	3/14
April Gonzalez	3/28
Ed LaFever	3/30
Jay Cumbey	3/30

Anniversaries

Andrew Dolled	3/26/96
Juan Borrero	3/31/97
Steve Burnett	3/1/98
Doug Mote	3/2/98
Scott Gould	3/4/98
A.J. Reeder	3/16/98
Justin Orr	3/8/99
Juan Gutierrez	3/20/00



New Arrivals

Jim Roth Production Sales Manager

HR Update...

- ◆ Congratulations to all of our employees for working safely. We have been injury free for five months. There were no work comp injuries from October thru February! Keep up the good work!
- ◆ Meeting Services, Inc. would like to welcome **Jim Roth** to our Production Sales Team. Jim has nearly 20 years of experience in our industry with the last 10+ years being at San Diego Stage and Lighting. Please take the time to welcome Jim to our staff!
- ◆ A limited number of Gulls tickets for March are still available, free! See April.
- ◆ See April also for discounted Knott's Berry Farm tickets.

Safety Tip Reminder

- Safety Tip – Practice Good Housekeeping
 - Keep your work area clean and orderly.
 - Clean up or report spills or leaks immediately.
 - Place trash, waste, and scrap in proper containers.
 - Keep walkways clear.