

WorldCon and the Gene Wolfe convention circuit future

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 02 Aug 2002, 18:48

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Josh Geller — 02 Aug 2002, 22:38 · follows Michael Andre-Driussi

I'll definitely be there.

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