Sunday, November 30. 2003

46664

Just saw the 46664 - concert for the Nelson Mandela Foundation (fighting against Aids in Africa) on TV. Nice concept for a good purpose, and I really hope, it helps to raise a lot of money. Very interesting: Not only do the merchandising-shirts look good they are also completely sweatshop-free and therefore ethically all right.
I think i'm going to order myself one.
By the way: Arte has a cool series of documentations on music and politics at the moment. It is called "get up, stand up", next episode is aired on tuesday (2.12.) at 22:55).

Posted by julian in music at 02:23

Thursday, November 20. 2003

Why Linus Sleeps better than Bill

I just found this article via Slashdot. Very nice, easy to understand for everybody knowing a bit about free software and totally agreeable.

Posted by julian in computers at 02:49

Monday, November 17. 2003

Back from ESF Part II

Well, now I am actually ready to write something; After 18 hours(!) of sleep...

This year's ESF was fascinating, interesting, exhausting and sometimes even annoying. But let's start from the beginning:

While Florence last year had nearly all events in one place (Fortezza da Basso), the Paris ESF was divided into 5 places: St Denis, Bobigny, La Villette, Ivry and Central Paris. Accomodation-places were also very "distributed", being even further away from the rest. Quite positive effect: There wasn't a central place and therefore no opportunity for all the trotzkist groups to appear too present. (Their demonstration and presence was - to me - one of the annoying things in Florence.)

I myself went to several different Seminars: on the World Summit on Information Society in Geneva (which was a bit disappointing, as the only question discussed was how to bring africa to the internet), on media concentration and the commercialization of knowledge (very interesting), on global warming (very good, but nothing all-too-new for me) and on intellectual property (which was okay, but i missed a lot due to a 90 minutes-journey through paris).

Really wonderful - again - was the spirit of all this: tens of thousands of people from all over europe getting together for mainly the same reason, discussing, debating and sometimes just hanging out together. In fact, the european spirit was very strong: I felt, really everybody accepted all the others just as people, the only borders were language and everybody tried to communicate somehow.
I for my part will try to find out, if I am talented for real-time translation and - if so - take part in the european translators network "babels" next year. On the other hand, next year is very far away, so lets just wait and see...

Posted by julian in politics at 22:21

Sunday, November 16. 2003

Back from ESF

Just came back from the European Social Forum in Paris. Somehow I am far too tired to write about all the wonderful, strange and sometimes annoying things that happened there. More to come later (includeing photos)

Posted by julian in politics at 13:59

Monday, November 10. 2003

Babylon 5

Whew. Laura and I watched 16 Hours of Babylon 5 this weekend, as the Season 3 DVD Box was released last thursday. What makes all this really hard for me is that I never watched the Series when it was on TV. Now I will have to wait for probably another 4 or 5 months 'till I'll know how this brilliant series will continue (and probably till next summer until i'll know how it will end.
Well, never mind: my fault. I should have listened to my friend Johannes who always preached me to watch B5 even though i laughed at it it because its awful FX.

Posted by julian in film at 00:49