



LAMBDA SCI-FI

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April Meeting Notes by Loree Cook-Daniels

First of all, I'm going to invoke writer's prerogative. Thanks for "electing" me First Speaker. I'll try to live up to the honor.

Seems to me this group is getting better and better connected. We began the April meeting with Peter passing around a bunch of flyers on various conventions and other doings. He also passed around a 25-page tome on Star Trek trivia, including such gems as guidelines for writing books and scripts, and where to send such manuscripts. Any writers out there?

More Star Trek Trivia

As always, LSFers had lot's to say about ST. As you'll see elsewhere in this newsletter, there is a campaign going on to get the ST producers to start recognizing that there are GAY PEOPLE in the Universe! (NO?! YES!!) They claim that sexuality is irrelevant in the 24th Century, and that even heterosexuality is not shown on ST:TNG. (NO?! YES!!) Amazing, isn't it, how people can deceive themselves? Anyway, we agreed to write and complain.

Other tidbits

Especially for the dyke fans, good news: Denise Crosby is reportedly signed up to do eight shows next season. I also wrote down that Guinan is supposed to resign in protest of Yar coming back. Does this make sense? Anyway . . . ST #6 (the movie) is supposed to resign in protest of Yar coming back. Does this make any sense? Rumor has it that Leonard Nimoy may be on the ST:TNG season finale. Paramount is planning to do a 2-hour special for the 25-year anniversary of ST. The actor who played Lt. Barclay



is supposedly being courted to appear regularly next season. We agreed that Lt. Savik is half Vulcan and half Romulan. We passed around an ad for the Star Trek chess set (Guess who's

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1st Annual (?) Garden Party by Peter Knapp

The next meeting of the club will be held in Mark's garden, so wear your white linen! As Mark's house is just a wee bit of a walk from the Metro, we will have shuttle service to and from the meeting for those who are taking public transportation. The meeting is on Mother's Day, Sunday May 12 at 2:00pm. If you want a ride, I'll be picking people up at the Takoma Metro stop (Red Line) at 1:30pm, 1:45pm, and 2:00pm. Take the escalator from the platform, exit the station, and look for me at the curb. I know there will be people driving to the meeting, so if you'd like a ride, give someone with a car (like me or Carl) a call and arrange something. Look for directions to Mark's house elsewhere in this newsletter. ▲

We've Moved Downtown! by Peter Knapp

After a year of slumming it in the suburbs, the club has finally moved closer to where the action is. Effective immediately, the club's post office box is in Washington, DC (Federal Triangle to be exact). Actually, the club is now in a position to have its own box. I'd like to thank Al very much for letting us use his box for the past year. We'll miss sharing space with all the other interesting mail he gets, but hey, you've got to spread your wings sometime. See the masthead for the new address. ▲

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**Pride Day Project:
2nd Notice
by Carl Cipra**

OK, everybody, Pride Day will be here soon (June 23rd); and I really need more input from y'all on the "Pride Day Project" discussed in last month's newsletter! In case you've forgotten, here's the details:

I'd like to see LSF have a freebie handout at our Pride Day table - a list of books (or a series, short stories, etc.) recommended by the members of Lambda Sci-Fi. The recommended books (etc.) should be works that deal positively with some aspect of alternate sexuality (bisexual, feminist, gay, lesbian, transsexual, etc.). Each entry should include the author's name, the title, and a short synopsis of the plot. (Give 'em a hint about why you're recommending it.) Here's an example:

"Cooke, John Peyton. Out for Blood. A gay leukemia victim is on the verge of death when he gets an offer he can't refuse: become a vampire and enjoy perpetual youth, health, and sexual encounters! Only gradually does he learn just how dangerous the life of a vampire can be! (The sex scenes in this book get pretty racy at times.)"

Your recommendations can be in any form (typed, handwritten, on a WordStar disk, on a cocktail napkin, whatever). See? Like I said before, it's easy and painless; and you'll be performing a service for the fantasy/sf readers of our Community! Please get your recommendations to me as soon as possible, so I can

put them on my word processor and get the handout ready for Pride Day. Either hand your recommendation list to me at the next meeting or mail it to me at my home address. (It's listed in our club directory.) Thanks! ▲

**Treasurer's Corner
by Peter Knapp**

April was a busy month financially for the club. We took in \$70.05 (4 renewals, 2 new memberships, plus five cents interest), and spent \$42.38 on stamps and a new post office box. This leaves a humongous balance of \$38.30.

My best friend Chris (not a member) wrote a dBase program that will automatically generate renewal letters every month. The May renewals will be the first group using this new system. If all goes smoothly, I'll be using the program to generate other kinds of correspondence such as membership directory verification letters.

Speaking of the directory, the next edition will include Lee L. and Wayne B., our two newest members. Lee is helping us find a hotel for next year's con (thank's Lee!). Wayne appeared at the March meeting with some "illuminated topographical maps". He's shown a lot of enthusiasm for the club by joining for two years. Please welcome both of them to the club! ▲



**Balticon 25
by Peter Knapp**

I interviewed various members of the club who attended or visited Balticon 25 (a science fiction convention in Baltimore), and this is what they had to say about the convention and/or the party we threw for Gay fandom:

Carl's impressions:

- It was an excellent art show.
- The party went really well.
- There were a bunch of nice people who showed up.
- I don't know if we'll get any new members out of it, but it was a good first impression for fandom.

Chris' impressions:

- It was very crowded (a billion people!).
- Tristan dominated the conversation at my end of the room.
- There was a nice mix of male and female people at the party (more than the group).
- There was too much food. Way too much.
- It would have been nice if more people from the group had shown up.
- Chopping vegetables in the bathroom was interesting.
- I did a Norman Bate's impression.
- We had a nice, manageable, tame crowd.
- It was hot.
- It was fun.

Jaime's impressions:

- There were a lot of lengthy interesting conversations going on in different places (we had an intelligent crowd).
- It was real comfortable.
- Michael and I psychoanalyzed everyone.

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the queen?); and Noel noted that for only \$125 you too can have your very own Franklin Mint 25-Year Anniversary Star Trek WATCH.

Other Things to Buy and Do

Someone passed around a flyer for a new Rockville roleplaying group called "Starship Dark Flame." For more information, send a SASE to: The Starship Dark Flame, P.O. Box 480, Rockville, MD 20848-0480. Dues are \$10/year.

Sylvia passed around the newest Intergalactic Catalog; and someone else passed around a catalog of Dark Shadows videos. (There are 100 episodes of the show; and they sell them in 4-packs for \$79.98.)

The Gay and Lesbian Information Bureau (GLIB) may be starting a science fiction "special interest group" (SIG), which is a special section of the computer board devoted to conversations and notices on a special topic. If you would like more information about GLIB, write to: P.O. Box 636, Arlington, VA 22216; or use your computer modem to call (703) 578-GLIB.

Conventions!

We heard a report that the LSF party at Balticon went over really well. This led us right into talking about Gaylaxicon '91 -- lots of us are going -- and Gaylaxicon '92, which we're co-sponsoring with Philly. (By the way, for those of you planning to attend Gaylaxicon '91, Carl swore he would talk to no one who

participated in the "Love Boat" live roleplaying game, so be forewarned!) Plans for Gaylaxicon '92 are going well, with Noel, Jamie, Carl, and Peter being our primary organizers. They're negotiating with three hotels in Philadelphia and will go up there the first weekend of May to check them out in person. (They dropped the Hilton from the list after they said we could come if there were no "PDAs"---Public Displays of Affection.) They're still looking for Guests of Honor and encourage anyone who knows any lesbian/gay sf/fantasy artists or authors to contact one of the members of the organizing committee. By the way, we'll need to commit to using 100 hotel rooms, so start talking up this convention!

Other Stuff

20/20 broadcast a live exorcisms recently: our exorcism critic said "The Exorcist" was better.

The Gift, a gay vampire novel by Scott Edelmann, has been nominated for a Lammy award.

Linton passed around a book called The Faces of Science Fiction, which had a large photo and one-page bio of lots and lots of sf authors. The photos were taken by Patti Perret; and the book was published by Bluejay Books, Inc. It's really gorgeous!

The 1992 BBC production schedule does NOT include "Dr. Who".

Finally, we briefly discussed K/S literature (stories and drawings of Kirk and Spock as lovers)

and then watched a video of Joan Rivers doing a perfectly horrible (in this reviewer's opinion) interview of Leonard Nimoy. See what you all miss when you don't come to meetings?

Our next meeting (May 12th) will be held at the home of Mark Stephens, 411 Boyd Avenue, Takoma Park, MD.

---Summary graciously submitted by the First Speaker ▲

Horror Movie Title Trivia
by Noel Welch

What movies do the following descriptions evoke:

- 1) 1922 Vampire Movie remade in 1979.
- 2) Fess Parker Movie co-starring giant insects.
- 3) Another giant bug movie, featuring Clint Eastwood.
- 4) Audience participation movie starring Vincent Price.
- 5) Movie that made "pea soup" famous.
- 6) Musical remake of a Jack Nicholson classic.
- 7) Universal's 1954 3-D classic that spawned two sequels.
- 8) This 1975 movie had a lame 3-D follow-up that lacked the originals "bite".
- 9) Abbott and Costello met him in 1948, but 37 years earlier he had the title role.
- 10) "HERE'S JOHNNY!"
- 11) Jessica Lange starred in the remake of this RKO classic.
- 12) This movie so embarrassed its star, Michael Landon, that he tried to buy all copies of it.
- 13) Two movies starring rats. ▲

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Michael's impressions:

- It was fun but weird.
- Jaime and I psychoanalyzed everyone.
- I liked Carl's shorts (Thanks for the peep show Carl!).
- The food was wonderful.
- I felt like a fish out of water -- I looked preppie and everyone else was more casually attired.
- The music was great (of course I supplied it).
- Lots and lots of interesting people!
- I am glad I went there first before going to Gaylaxicon (now I know what to expect)!
- One of the artists would not shut up, and claimed to be a vampire...well, isn't that special.
- All I remember Carl saying was, "If you leave hungry it's your own fault."
- The group (especially Tristan) wrecked this poor straight man who was looking "for a friend"!?!
- That is all I can talk about.

Noel's impressions:

- It was interesting.
- There was varied group of people.
- I experienced déjà vu when I spied a "woman" with a five o'clock shadow from across the room and was reminded of a young woman from my high school days.
- I had a "fascinating" conversation with a guest who had a most interesting personality.
- On the whole, I found the festivities to be quite enlightening, despite the unfortunate adventure to and from the parking lot.

Peter's impressions:

- There were so many people from Lambda Sci-Fi at the

party and so much food it felt like a regular monthly meeting.

- Brian assaulted arrivals with Norman's chocolate chip cookies (which were exquisite).
- Carl bounced the boozing teeny-boppers from the room.
- I enjoyed rubbing elbows with potential Gaylaxicon guests.
- I took lots of pictures much to Brian's displeasure.
- I stayed out of the POOL!
- I really enjoyed myself and felt we had a good party.

The best review of our party came from someone who wasn't even at it. I'll let Michael explain:

"As we arrived with the food, people commented and joked about us being the floating party. While we were trying to figure out where the room was, a couple of people asked which party it was for. We avoided a direct answer so they asked for a room number. They then consulted their "Black Book" and cross referenced the room number with the group providing the party. One of the gentlemen commented, "Oh, that group!" He then leaned forward toward me and said, "Between you and me, your group always has the best party and the best food at these things." ▲

**Gaylaxians Make
National News**
by Peter Knapp

The April 22, 1991 issue of Newsweek included an article in the Lifestyle section called "The Adoration of the Elvii," by Ned Zeman. It is a rather lighthearted discussion of the fan club phenomenon in the U.S. After talking about such

clubs as the Mr. Ed Fan Club (2,000 members) and the Arthur Kent Fan Club (1,400 members), the article mentions a certain club in Michigan. Let me quote it.

"... But many clubs are more ambitious, even to the point of abstraction. The Great Lakes Gaylaxians are gay fans who gather monthly in Royal Oak, Mich., to worship at the altar of science fiction, thus filling a sort of it's-a-floor-cleaner-and-a-dessert-topping void in this burgeoning American fan club movement (sample Gaylaxian lecture: 'Screaming Queens: Gays and Lesbians and Horror'). Gaylaxians, say member Cecil Young, are adults 'talking about gnomes, owls, elves, rockets, comic books and skin-tight tights for superhereos.' Read: people helping people."

I didn't know we talked about skin-tight tights. Shall we bring it up at the next meeting? ▲

**Gay Lesbian Bisexual & Other
Deviant Vets Picnic!**
by Wayne B.

Sorry for the Rain on April 20th (for those few of you who were notified). Rain Date is the Saturday after our Takoma Park Outing, ie: MAY 18th @ High Noon on the Mall, in the Grove of Trees between the Lincoln & Veterans Memorials and the Reflecting Pool. If this is unclear, call me. Bring your Magic Alphabetical Food, and Yourself, and a Vet (No Rain, Thank You). ▲



Con Calendar
by Carl, Peter, and Noel

July 12 - 14, 1991 **SHORE LEAVE XIII:** Marriot's Hunt Valley Inn (Hunt Valley, MD), room rate is \$72/night; Guests of Honor: George Takei ("Sulu"), Michael Dorn ("Worf"), Michael Okuda (Scenic Art Supervisor/Tech Consultant, ST:TNG); cost is \$30 until May 30th (\$35 thereafter) - checks payable to "Shore Leave" and send to: Shore Leave, P.O. Box 6809, Towson, MD 21285-6809. (NOTE: This is a convention devoted exclusively to Star Trek and ST:TNG.)

Nov. 29 - Dec. 1, 1991 **DARKOVER GRAND COUNCIL MEETING XIV:** Holiday Inn, Timonium (Timonium, MD), room rate is \$59/night for up to four people; Special Guests: Marion Zimmer Bradley (health permitting) and Katherine Kurtz; cost is \$24 until Nov. 1st (\$28 thereafter) - checks payable to "Armida Council" and send to: Armida Council, P.O. Box 7203, Silver Spring, MD 20907. (NOTE: This convention typically has very high gay/lesbian participation; and all the straights are friendly.)

May 24 - 27, 1991 **DISCLAVE 1991:** Sheraton Greenbelt Hotel (New Carrollton, MD), room rate is \$82/night for up to four people; Guest of Honor: Lew Shiner; Artist Guest of Honor: Alicia Austin; cost is \$25 until Apr. 30th (\$30 at the door) - checks payable to "Disclave '91" and send to: John T. Sapienza, Jr. (Registrar), PO Box 677, Washington, D.C. 20044-0677.

July 5 - 7, 1991 **CASTLECON 4:** Holiday Inn Crown Plaza, Crystal City, VA; cost is \$15 until April 1, \$20 until June 15, \$25 at the door. Send money to: Fan Tek, 1607 Thomas Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744.

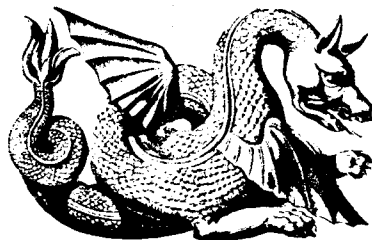
July 19 - 21, 1991 **GAYLAXICON '91:** Tewksbury, MASS; Guest of Honor: Samuel R. Delany; Artist Guest of Honor: Hannah Shapero; Special Artist Guest: Tristan Alexander. Cost: \$15 until Feb. 1st, \$20 until May 1st, \$25 until June 30th; checks payable to "G.S.F.S." and send to: Gaylaxicon '91, PO Box 1052, Lowell, MA 01854.

October 4 - 6, 1991 **ROVACON 16:** Salem Civic Center, Roanoke, VA; cost is \$10 until Apr. 15th, \$12 until July 15th, \$20 at the door; Guests: Don Mathison ("Land of the Giants"), Roger Zelazny, Hal Clement, Spice Williams (muscular Klingon woman from "Star Trek 5"). Call 703/389-9400 after 5:00 PM (no collect calls) for information.

**Gaylaxicon '91 and '92
Updates**
by Peter Knapp

To date 95 people have pre-registered for this year's con. This is good as fandom has a tendency to do everything at the last minute. You've got less the three months to mail your registration in. Do it today! Dealers will be located in a "Huckster's Row" of second floor, near the art show and con suite. A professional DJ has been hired for the Masquerade. Finally, the tentative con hours are Friday, 4:00pm through Sunday, 3:00pm.


We are negotiating with three hotels in Philadelphia for next year's con. A few committee members will be touring the hotels early this month to help make a decision. The last two weekends in July seem to be the choice times to hold the con. I'll have more details next month. ▲



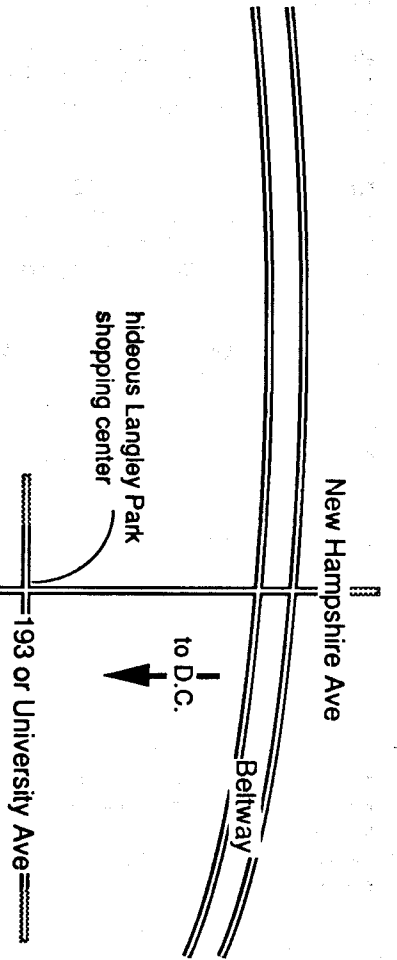
Et Cetera
by Peter Knapp

Chris F. and Paul W. have moved. If you need their addresses or phone numbers, ask me. The same holds true for Lee and Wayne's addresses and phone numbers.

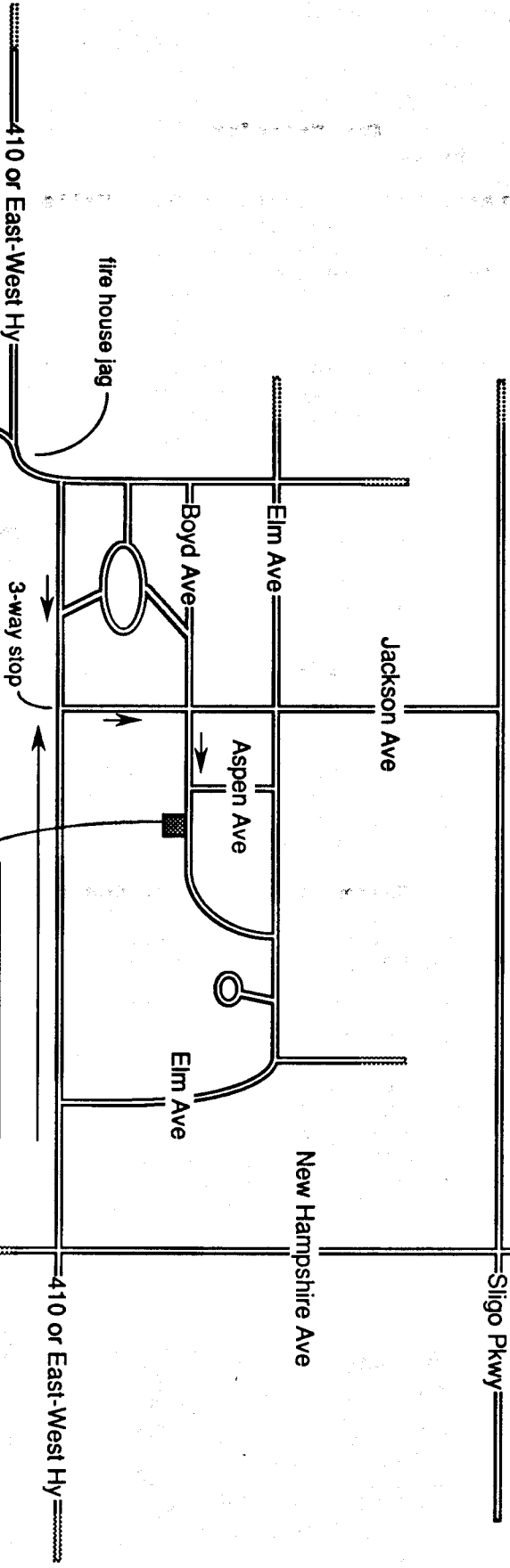
Many thanks to Carl, Norman, and Wayne for helping me compose this newsletter. Many, many, thanks to Bruce and Norman for letting me take over their computer. I am now publishing the newsletter, so please send all submissions to me at the PO Box or my home. Thanks! ▲



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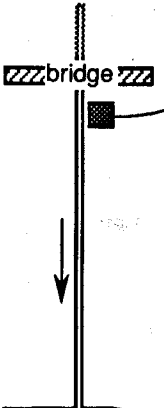


hideous Langley Park shopping center



Metro, Red Line
Takoma stop

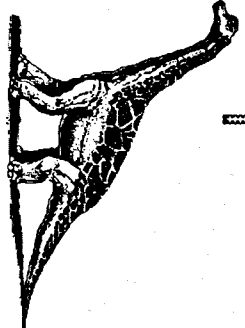
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Metro to 411 Boyd is a 15min walk



411 Boyd Ave



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