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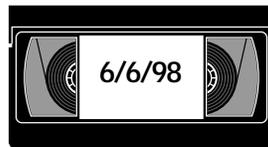
The members of Lambda Sci-Fi: DC Area Gaylaxians regretfully announce that they have recently learned of the passing of a good friend of the Gaylactic Network.

The following brief obituary was carried in the February 1998 issue of *Science Fiction Chronicle*:

"British fantasy fan Lester Simmons, member of the Tolkien Society, died of pneumonia on October 10th [1997]."

Lester had been associated with the Gaylactic Network for many years. He flew over from England to attend a number of Gaylaxicons and was noted for the elegant Renaissance costumes he frequently wore for the masquerades. (Lester even sat through some horrendous Network meetings, where he contributed the voice of Reason!) He was a kind soul, a gentle man; and he was always willing to lend a hand when work needed to get done. He'll be missed.

Nan & Kay's "Pre-Pride Video Potluck" Party



What better way to start off the DC Pride Day weekend than watching sci-fi/etc. videos with a bunch of like-minded les/bi/gay friends and stuffing yourself on delicious goodies? That seems to suit the gang here at Lambda Sci-Fi - and, fortunately, Nan and Kay have volunteered their new home out in Rockville as

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Julian's "Post-Pride Day Video Potluck" Party



Ah, but once is not enough! Yes, a "Pre-Pride Day Video Potluck" Party is a great idea; but the gang here at Lambda Sci-Fi cried out for a "Post-Pride Day" bash, too! So, ever ready to jump into the fray, Julian has once again volunteered to let us hold this event at his home out in Georgetown (site of numerous LSF "Video

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LSF Table at DC Pride Day Celebration



Once again, LSF will have a table at the DC Pride Day celebration - Sunday, June 7th. (We don't yet know *where* we'll be, but we know we'll be there *somewhere*!) At the table, there'll be club flyers, the (mostly) updated club scrapbooks, info and sign-up forms for the 2 upcoming Gaylaxicons, the "LSF Recommends" reading list, all kinds' a nifty giveaway bookmarks, etc.; and it'll feature the spiffy decorations that Tim & Rob created last year.

Tim, Mike, Rob, and Carl have volunteered to set things up "first thing Sunday morning." As in previous years, there's no schedule for staffing the table during the day. It's never been a problem finding LSFers to stand around and talk to

folks -- the table seems to attract scads of LSFers, including numerous "rare-sightings" of LSF old-timers we haven't seen in a while! We could probably use some help in taking things down at the end of the day, however. If you'd like to see about volunteering your services for anything (or if you'd like to find out any more details), contact Tim, Rob, Peter, Mike or Carl - or drop by the "Pre-Pride Video Potluck" Party at Nan & Kay's on Saturday night (June 6th). (See article beginning on page 1 of this newsletter.)

So, hunt up the LSF table on Pride Day! We look forward to seeing you there!

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June 6th "Pre-Pride" Party

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the venue for this gastro-cinematic bash! Here are the details:

WHEN?

Saturday, June 6th, 1:00 PM to ? (The BBQ grill starts at 1:30 PM; and movies start at 3:00 PM.)

WHERE?

Nan & Kay's place in Rockville, MD, 4 blocks from the Rockville Metro Station (Redline). Call (301) 762-7704 for specific directions, or check the LSF website:

<http://members.aol.com/lambdasf/home.html>

WHAT TO BRING?

Bring along your favorite genre videos (science fiction, fantasy, horror). The attendees will vote on which videos to watch; and there'll be different "tracks" of programming shown on each of three screens throughout the house.

The party will include a pot-luck meal, so bring along something scrumptious to eat. We're not pre-assigning categories of what food to bring, so everyone should just bring something from one (or more) of the following "basic food groups": appetizers (veggies, chips, etc.); a main course (enough to serve at least 4-5 people); dessert (of course!); non-alcoholic drinks (both diet and regular). There will be a grill, so feel free to bring goodies to barbecue. Remember: The grill starts at 1:30 PM; and movies start at 3:00 PM.

See you there!

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June 20th "Post-Pride" Party

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Madness" parties). Details are as follows:

WHEN TO BE THERE

Saturday, June 20th, 1:00 PM to ? (Get there as close to 1:00 PM as possible if your contribution to the potluck requires any "on-site fixin'". The videos will probably begin around 2:30 PM.)

WHAT TO BRING

Bring along your favorite genre videos (science fiction, fantasy, horror). The attendees will vote on which videos to watch; and there'll be different "tracks" of programming shown on each of three screens throughout the house.

The party will include a pot-luck meal, so bring along something scrumptious to eat from one (or more) of the following "basic food groups": appetizers (veggies, chips, etc.); a main course (enough to serve at least 4-5 people); dessert (of course!); non-alcoholic drinks (both diet and regular).

HOW TO GET THERE

The party will be held at Julian's home in Georgetown (site of numerous LSF "Video Madness" parties in the past). It's located at 1928 37th St., NW, several blocks west of Wisconsin Ave.

By Metrorail/Metrobus: Take the Red line to Dupont Circle. Exit at either side of the station; then head for the part of P Street west of the Circle. (That's the part with all the bars, restaurants, etc.). Go to the 2nd Metrobus shelter from the Circle (across the street from Oasis Deli and Pan Asian Restaurant) - NOT the first one, which is in front of the old public restrooms. Take the D2 Metrobus, which will stop just up the street from Julian's house. Or, you can take the D4 and get off at R & 37th streets (about 5 blocks from

Julian's). For the bus schedule, call Metro information at (202) 637-7000.

Driving, from the North: Going south on Wisconsin (from the direction of National Cathedral), you'll pass Mass. Ave. Just after Calvert St., 37th St. splits off to the right from Wisconsin (as Wisconsin swerves to the left). In about a half mile, 37th St. passes through Whitehaven Park and intersects White Haven Parkway. Julian's place is just beyond White Haven Parkway, on your right.

Driving, from the South: Going north on Wisconsin (from the direction of "M" St.), you'll need to take a left on some street to get to 37th St. If you turn left on Reservoir Rd. or on "R" St., you'll need to turn right on 37th St., and Julian's place will be a ways on your left. If you go further up Wisconsin to White Haven Parkway (near the "social Safeway"), you'll turn left on White Haven Pkwy. and then left again on 37th St. Julian's home will be on your right.

Where to Park: Your best bet for parking is either along White Haven Parkway or along "T" St.

If you need further information, you can call **(202) 338-6228 on the day of the party** (June 20th), or call (202) 232-3141 before the day of the party.

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The LSF "Lusty Month of May" Minutes

by Rob Gates

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Once again, the ravaging hordes of LSF gathered to plan, plot, and scheme for the coming months. Our first order of business was to take care of numerous items regarding the Gaylactic Network. After much tooth-yanking, the Network Speaker (Carl) has managed to garner votes from enough affiliated chapters to complete several items of Network busi-

ness. That means: Richard Mandrachio (Golden Gate Gaylaxians) is now officially the "Listener" (vice-pres.) of the Network; Planet Lambda (the Southern Calif. chapter) is now officially a full affiliate of the Network; the Network will officially be sharing a full page ad with Gaylaxicon 1999 in this year's Worldcon program book; and the Network Awards Proposal

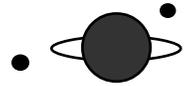
has officially passed. In new Network business, the Awards Committee chair (me!) is looking for volunteers for both polishing up the award procedures and putting together a list of venues for announcing the award. Also, Robert Gowan (Great Lakes Gaylaxians) is resigning his position as Network Charter Committee

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Update of LSF Booklist and Creation of New "Viewing" List

by Rob Gates



That's right - Lambda Sci-Fi is in the process of updating our renowned "Lambda Sci-Fi Recommends" booklist. Although we're always on the lookout for new titles to add to this list, we're currently in the process of updating the list before our next paper printing (to be handed out at Pride Day).

The "Lambda Sci-Fi Recommends" booklist is a compilation of recommendations by LSF members of science fiction, fantasy, and horror books that deal positively with themes of alternate sexuality. This list is updated regularly in its on-line version and periodically in hard-copy form. If you have a book that you'd like to recommend, please let us know by sending us the following infor-

mation: author's name, title(s), and a short description (1-2 sentences). [Ed. note: If you'd like to see the format we're talking about, refer to previous versions of the booklist, either on-line or hard-copy.]

In addition to an update of "Lambda Sci-Fi Recommends," the club is planning to produce its first "Recommended Viewing List." Like the reading list, the viewing list will include recommendations by LSF members of science fiction, fantasy, and horror movies and television shows that deal positively with themes of alternative sexuality. This list will also be produced in both paper and on-line form. If you have a movie or TV show you'd like to recommend, please let

us know by sending us the following information: title, director (if known), main stars (if known), and a short description (1-2 sentences).

Printed versions of the new lists are planned for completion by the DC Pride Day celebration, so please get recommendations in ASAP. If your recommendations aren't received in time for the upcoming paper printings, they'll be included in the on-line versions and any subsequent paper printings. Recommendations can be sent via postal mail the LSF P.O. Box (listed on newsletter masthead) or via e-mail to: LAMBDASF@AOL.COM

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chair and is seeking volunteers for that post. As his last order of business, Robert has also recommended some changes to the language of the Network Charter - including deletion of all references to Gaylaxians International (now dissolved) and to a "Network newsletter" (which doesn't exist). LSF voted to approve Robert's recommended changes.

In the area of LSF new business, Rob (me!) proposed designating half of LSF's revenues from our Amazon.Com arrangements as a donation towards the Network Awards. After some discussion, the club voted "yes" to set aside those funds, with a proviso that we'll have an opportunity to opt for a larger donation in future.

With the heavy-duty work completed, we moved on to the *usually* more laid-back part of the meeting. After a chaotic "introductory name circle," we opened discussions on LSF's plans for Pride Day. Nan & Kay had already volunteered to host a video party on Saturday, June 6th (see elsewhere in this issue for details) - so that part was easy. Rob and Peter offered to talk with Julian about hosting a post-Pride Day video party. (It has subsequently been arranged for Saturday, June 20th - see elsewhere in this issue for details.) Finally, we got to LSF's

Pride Day activities. After a *very* long discussion, we finally settled on doing pretty much what we've always done (flyers, newsletters, bookmarks, and the like at the table). The biggest change will be that this year, as well as gathering e-mail addresses, we'll attempt to gather other forms of contact information as well. Various people volunteered to produce various flyers and such; and others volunteered to handle booth set-up. Everyone else simply agreed that they'd be showing up during the day to help. We're also likely to be giving away some goodies at the post-Pride Day video party, including our "Xena" posters (and more).

Then we settled back to easier things. Peter filled people in on the status of this year's Worldcon activities, and he asked for volunteers to assist the ConComm with their ConSuite. We're still waiting for confirmation of the status of our request for a party suite for the Gaylactic Network, as well as for word on Network programming participants. People also passed around numerous con flyers and newsletters from both the Niagara Falls and the San Francisco Gaylaxian chapters.

Finally, Tim passed around details for the "Godzilla Film Fest" Party he'll be hosting on Saturday, May 23rd (in honor of the release of the new *Godzilla* film). The party will include showings of

a couple of original *Godzilla* flicks; and attendees will finalize plans for an outing to see the new *Godzilla* the next day (Sunday, May 24th). (Note: The party and movie outing were great! Expect a write-up soon...)

And that was all. Tune in next time for another great adventure of...

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OK, SO DEVLIN & EMMERICH DIDN'T HIRE ME TO PLAY GODZILLA! BUT I DIDN'T EVEN GET A PART IN THAT PIECE OF #\$\$@ GARGANTUA ON FOX!!! DOES ANYONE KNOW OF ANY OTHER MONSTER FLICKS I CAN TRY OUT FOR?



An Embarrassment of Riches

reported by Carl Cipra

Argh! It's a literary avalanche! So *many* of my favorite authors have had new books hit the stores recently that I find it *very* difficult to figure out just where to begin on my "read it now" list! All of the following works will (I have no doubt) provide me with hours of excellent, enjoyable reading. (And, since many of them - unfortunately - are only out in hardback at present, they're also doing quite a number on my bank account!) In no particular order, here's a listing of my faves:

I just finished reading Mary Doria Russell's *Children of God*, the sequel to her previous best-seller, *The Sparrow*. Both these novels were reviewed in last month's newsletter. Suffice it to say that they're both great!

Not long ago, I read Harry Turtledove's excellent alternate history novel, *How Few Remain* (now out in paperback, by the way). It's a "novel of the 2nd War Between the States," some 20 years after the Civil War of our own history. Now Turtledove is continuing the action of this timeline in *The Great War: American Front*. It's an alternate WWI novel, in which the USA (under Pres. Teddy Roosevelt) enters the war on the side of the Kaiser's Germany and the Confederacy (under Pres. Woodrow Wilson) enters on the side of its old allies England and France.

Big news! Melissa Scott's newest novel has just hit the stands! It's entitled *The Shapes of Their Hearts*. The multiple-Lammy-winning author appears to be carrying on her exploration of things "cyber" with a story about some sort of cyber-God. If you've read any of Melissa Scott's works over the past few years, you know you can't afford to miss this one!

Mike Resnick has always been a favorite author of mine. His latest novel, *A Hunger in the Soul*, is another of his explorations (via space opera) of African history themes. This time it looks like an SF version of the Stanley & Livingstone story.

I haven't even gotten around to reading Jack McDevitt's *Eternity Road* (a

Skin, by Kathe Koja

reviewed by Rob Gates

At the end of the 1980's, horror was a dying genre. Stuck in neutral with tired old plots and lifeless stories, it just seemed to be waiting for someone to pull the plug. But like the terrifying beasts of old, the horror genre fought back; and it did so with people like Kathe Koja. The power of the reborn horror movement was in the acknowledgement that blood did not scare us any more, monsters didn't scare us anymore - what scared us was ourselves and the things we could do and think. Sure, the weird and macabre unknown, the world of vampires and beasties, has its place in horror; but for horror to come alive again it had to be infused with emotion - the emotion of people. The biggest purveyor of this new breed of horror was Dell's "Abyss" line of books (long since faded away). Abyss gave rise to a bevy of new and powerful writers who could scare the bejezuz out of us - not with blood and gore, but with the mind. Kathe Koja was one of their biggest breakout stars. Her first novel, *The Cipher*, stormed the horror establishment; and she was well on her way to remaking the genre into not only a scary one, but a literary one, too. She continued with *Bad Brains* and followed that with *Strange Angels*. *Skin*

post-Apocalyptic novel) and *now* he's got another new book out - *Moonfall*. It deals with what has become a very popular storyline recently - a cometary collision. But this time "ground zero" is the Moon.

Kim Newman (of *Anno Dracula* fame) teamed up with Eugene Byrne to write *Back in the USSA*. It's an alternate history novel where "the Revolution of 1917" *didn't* happen in Czarist Russia - it happened here in the good old US of A!

A fairly new favorite author of mine is Michael Flynn. His most recent novel, *Rogue Star*, is a dynamite follow-up to his *Firestar*. Together (along with a 3rd novel in the works) they form a panoramic near-future series about one woman's drive to save Earth from a possible future collision with any NEO (near-Earth object). She's literally trying to get

is her fourth novel, and the experience shows.

Skin is the story of two female artists - one a metalsmith and the other a dancer-cum-performance artist. Both are seeking perfection through their chosen art; and their collaboration leads to obsession and beyond. Together they create a horrific mix of humanity and machine, in a new form of performance art that brings them both to the brink, testing the boundaries of art. Inevitably, their shared passion for expression leads them to a physical relationship; and this relationship only serves to push one of the two into darker realms of body modification, pain, and oblivion.

As with all of her stories, Koja creeps quietly into the back of our minds, teasing us with images and actions that each take us one step further along a dark path - until we suddenly realize that (like our fascination with accident scenes) we can't turn away, despite the discomfort. And the reader is made to feel uncomfortable because, after all, there's only a fine line separating us from *Skin's* two protagonists; and that thin line's edges are blurry. Rating: 8.5 out of 10

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the world to change its wasteful ways so humanity can concentrate on saving itself.

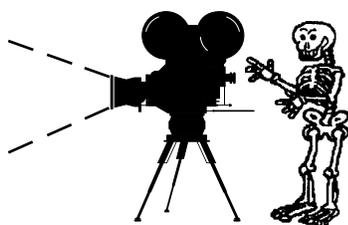
Fortunately, there are a few *paperbacks* in the list, too:

Tanya Huff (author of the terrific "Victory Nelson" novels) has a new stand-alone contemporary fantasy novel out - *Summon the Keeper*. It's a "felines and fantasy" novel. Tanya's partner, Fiona Patton, has her second big "high fantasy" novel on the stands. *The Painter Knight* takes place in the same universe as her first novel, *The Stone Prince*, although *Painter* seems to take place in a previous generation. Finally, for those of you "military SF" fans out there, there's *More Than Honor*. It's a collection of three new adventures of "Honor Harrington," SF's female version of Horatio Hornblower, as

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Summer Movies... And Some Are Not

by Michael Cornett



Here's a look at some upcoming genre and gay-related films from *Entertainment Weekly's* "Summer Movie Preview" issue. (Scheduled release dates, if known, are shown in parentheses.)

The Truman Show. Peter Weir directs Jim Carey in a futuristic satire about a man who discovers his life is really a television show being broadcast worldwide. (6/5)

High Art. Ally Sheedy attempts a comeback as a heroin-addicted lesbian photographer involved in some destructive relationships. Writer/director Lisa Cholodenko picked up a "best screenplay" prize at the Sundance Film Festival. (6/12)

The X-Files. Mulder and Scully leap to the big screen, in what promises to reveal the alien conspiracy! The show's regulars appear, plus Martin Landau and Blythe Danner. (6/19)

Mulan. Disney's animated version of a Chinese myth of a girl who disguises herself as a man and joins the army. With the voices of Eddie Murphy, Donny Osmond, and Harvey Feirstein. (6/19)

Gone with the Wind. Drag queens everywhere will drag out their hoop skirts for this digitally-remastered release. (sometime in June)

Armageddon. Bruce Willis saves the world from an asteroid the size of Texas. No thanks, Bruce; I'll take my chances with the rock. With Billy Bob Thornton, Ben Affleck, and Steve Buscemi. (7/1)

Small Soldiers. Joe Dante's tale of military action figures that come to life and battle each other...and nearby humans. Sound familiar? (7/10)

Mask of Zorro. Antonio Banderas in a mask and black cape - hubba, hubba! (And Anthony Hopkins as a Spaniard?) (7/17)

Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss. A gay love story that got good reviews at Sundance. (7/24)

BASEketball. "South Park" creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone star in a sports comedy. Will it live longer than Kenny? (7/31)

Preaching to the Perverted. Great title, huh? Chronicles a crusade to shut down London S&M clubs. (7/?)

East Palace, West Palace. A Chinese import. Tells the tale of a police officer and the gay man he interrogates. (7/?)

Full Tilt Boogie. A documentary about the filming of Robert Rodriguez's campy vampire classic, *From Dusk Till Dawn*. (7/?)

54. A fictionalized tale of the famous disco, Studio 54, with oodles of drugs, debauchery, and gay men in tiny shorts. With Mike Myers (in a serious role), Salma Hayek, Neve Campbell, and Sela Ward. (8/7)

The Avengers. Another 60's TV show comes to life. Ralph Fiennes in a bowler; Sean Connery taking over the world; Uma Thurman in black leather. Who could ask for anything more? (8/14)

Virus. Jamie Lee Curtis battling an energy-based alien on a stranded ship. Based on a graphic novel. (8/14)

Disturbing Behavior. A *Scream*-type cast and an *X-Files*-like story, as high school rebels suddenly turn into zombie-like goody-two-shoes. (8/21)

Divine Trash. John Waters fans will want to see this documentary about the late, great Divine. (8/?)

Like It Is. A tale of gay life, from Great Britain. (8/?)

The Empty Mirror. A view of an alternate history and a character study of an Adolf Hitler who survives WWII. (8/?)

Out of the Past. An hour-long documentary about gay sexuality in American history. (8/?)

Blade. Wesley Snipes as the Marvel comics vampire-fighter, battling nasty Stephen Dorff. One sniffs tragedy in the making here, not only for the late-summer release of an action flick (when most movie-goers go into "action burn-out"), but also the sorry performance of other comics-based films in recent years. (*Judge Dredd*, *Tank Girl*, and *Batman and Robin* were all major box office flops.) (late Aug.)

And a postscript: *Entertainment Weekly* also talked about 10 notorious flops. Included among such notorious bombs as *Cutthroat Island*, *Howard the Duck*, and *Hudson Hawk* was the recent Costner bomb, *The Postman*. Apparently the \$150-million *Waterworld* actually managed to break even in worldwide release; but the more modest *Postman* (\$100 million) only made \$18 million domestically and not much more overseas. Jeez, Kevin, give it up.

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written by three of the most accomplished authors of "military SF" around: David Drake, S.M. Stirling, and creator David Weber himself. (It'll just have to tide me over until Weber's next full-length "Honor Harrington" novel comes out.) And then there's that recent paperback reprint of Johnston McCulley's 1924 classic, *The Mark of Zorro* -- gotta get ready for the Antonio Banderas movie coming out this summer, you know!

For me, this is truly an "embarassment of riches." So many good books by so many favorite authors all at once! I guess I'll just have to look at it this way: no matter which one I pick up off the stack next, I can't lose!

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**** INFORMATION ABOUT LAMBDA SCI-FI: DC AREA GAYLAXIANS ****

Lambda Sci-Fi is a Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror fan club for Gay people and their friends. Annual membership fees are \$15, for which you will receive this monthly newsletter and a membership directory. Newsletter submissions are always welcome.

Meetings are generally held on the second Sunday of each month at a private residence. The next Lambda Sci-Fi meeting will be held on Sunday, June 14th, at James Crutchfield's apartment: 1414 17th St., NW, Apt. 413 (near Dupont Circle) - 1:30PM for business meeting; 2:00 PM for social meeting. Please bring some munchies or soft drinks if you can. Hope to see you there!

Lambda Sci-Fi: DC Area Gaylaxians is an affiliate of the Gaylactic Network, an international organization for gay people and their friends who are interested in science-fiction and fantasy.



Con Calendar

by Carl, Peter, and James



June 26-28, 1998 **SHORE LEAVE 20**. Marriotts Hunt Valley Inn (Hunt Valley, MD). Guests: Robert Duncan McNeill (ST:V's "Tom Paris"), Bill Mumy (B5's "Lennier"). Hotel rooms: \$89/night (call 410-785-7000 for reservations. Membership: \$45 at the door (deadline for mail-in registration - 5/31/98). Make checks payable to "Shore Leave" and send to: Shore Leave 20, P.O. Box 6809, Towson, MD 21285-6809 (include 2 SASE's).

E-mail: ShoreLeave@aol.com

Website: <http://members.aol.com/shoreleave>

July 3-5, 1998 **GAYLAXICON 8**. Troy Marriott Hotel (Troy, Michigan). Guest of Honor: Anne Harris; Artist Guests of Honor: Kurt Erichsen, Frank Gembeck, Jr. Hotel rooms: \$75/night (call 800/228-9290 for reservations & *make sure to mention Gaylaxicon 8!*). Membership: \$35. Make checks payable to "Gaylaxicon 8" and send to: Gaylaxicon 8, PO Box 700392, Plymouth, MI 48170.

E-mail: Gaylaxicon8@aol.com

July 17-19, 1998 **CASTLECON 11**. Holiday Inn Holidome & Conference Center (Frederick, MD). "Science Fiction, Fantasy, Games." Membership: \$25 until July 1st. Make checks payable to "Fan Tek" and send to: Fan Tek, 1607 Thomas Road, Friendly, MD 20744. E-mail: bruce@fantek.org Website: WWW.FANTEK.ORG

Aug. 5-9, 1998 **BUCCONEER (the 56th World Science Fiction Convention)**. Baltimore Convention Center & surrounding hotels. Guests of Honor: C.J. Cherryh, Stanley Schmidt, Michael Whelan. Attnedng membership: \$130 thru 6/15/98 (higher at the door). Make checks payable to "Bucconeer" and send to: Bucconeer, Post Office Box 314, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

E-Mail: baltimore98@access.digex.net

Web page: <http://www.access.digex.net/~balt98>

November 6-8, 1998 **SCI-CON 20**. Holiday Inn Executive Center (Virginia Beach, VA). Guests: Will Shetterly (GoH) & Emma Bull (Special GoH), Coleen Doran (Artist GoH). Hotel rooms: \$66/night (sgl. or dbl.) - for reservations (deadline 10/17/98) call 757-499-4400 or 1-800-HOLIDAY (*Ask for Sci-Con rate*). Membership: \$30 from 5/1 to 10/31/98, \$35 at the door. Make checks payable to "Sci-Con 20" and send to: Sci-Con 20, P.O. Box 9434, Hampton, VA 23670. E-mail: ghnat@aol.com -or- tgray@norfolk.infi.net Website: <http://www.scicon.org>

October 8-11, 1999 **GAYLAXICON 1999: THE 10TH GAYLAXICON**. Washington, DC. Guest of Honor: Diane Duane; Artist GoH: Nancy Janda. Membership: \$40 until July 5, 1998, then \$50 until Sept. 1, 1999, \$60 at the door. (No mail-in registrations after Sept. 1, 1999.) Make checks payable to "Gaylaxicon 1999" and send to: Gaylaxicon 1999, c/o Lambda Sci-Fi, PO Box 656, Washington, DC 20044. For more information, call 202/232-3141. Send e-mail to: lambdasf@aol.com

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