



# LAMBDA SCI-FI

DC Area Gaylaxians

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## Warning! Warning! Date Change for June LSF Meeting!! - June 1st -

Since we'll all be out at the Capital Pride Day event staffing the LSF table, the June Lambda Sci-Fi meeting will NOT be held on the usual "2nd Sunday of the month." Instead, it will be held on the FIRST Sunday -- June 1st. The site of the meeting (and the time) will be the same as usual: James Crutchfield's apartment (1414 17th St., NW, #413). The business meeting will begin at 1:30 PM; and the social meeting will begin at 2:00 PM. Please bring some munchies or soft drinks, if you can. See you there!



## Calendar of June LSF Events

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- June 1** (Sun., 1:30 PM) - Special date for LSF monthly meeting.
- June 8** (Sun.) - LSF table at Capital Pride Festival.
- June 14** (Sat., 4:00 PM) - Post-Pride "Video Madness" Party and pot-luck supper.
- June 26** (Thurs., 7:00 PM) - LSF Book Discussion Group discusses *Good Omens*, by Neil Gaiman & Terry Pratchett.

## LSF Post-Pride Day "Video Madness" Party



It's time for another dose of "video madness" – and the membership of Lambda Sci-Fi are once again hosting one of their beloved "video madness" parties on the weekend following the Capital Pride Day Celebration. Here are the details:

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 14, 2003 – 4:00 PM to Midnight.

**WHERE:** Julian's new home – 2462 Tunlaw Road (Georgetown), NW, Washington, DC.

**WHAT:** For those of you unfamiliar with the concept, a "video madness" party is a social event featuring science fiction/fantasy/horror videos, with a potluck meal thrown in for good measure. The videos will be shown on a couple of different screens in the

house; and attendees will vote on which films will be shown while enjoying all kinds of yummy goodies.

**WHAT TO BRING:** As with all previous LSF "video madness" parties, attendees should bring food to share: a main dish (enough to serve 4-5 people); or a side dish; or a dessert; and/or drinks (non-alcoholic). Attendees are also encouraged to bring along their favorite science fiction, fantasy, and/or horror films (VHS and/or DVD format).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Before the day of the party, call 202-483-6369; or, on the day of the party, call 202-306-1497. You can also request more information by e-mailing Peter at: [PeterKnapp@wavelengthsonline.com](mailto:PeterKnapp@wavelengthsonline.com)

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## Gaylaxicon 2004 Announces Guest of Honor and Host Hotel

Gaylaxicon 2004 - San Diego is pleased to announce that author David Gerrold has agreed to be a Guest of Honor at the convention, which will be held at the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel, April 8 - 11, 2004.

Mr. Gerrold is the Hugo, Nebula and Spectrum award-winning author of *The Martian Child*, the "War Against The Chtorr" series, *Jumping*

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## Minutes for the May 11th LSF Meeting

taken by Scott

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### Business Meeting

Two proposals previously submitted were voted on. **Both the proposal to hold an emergency vote and the proposal for LSF to participate in the June 2003 Capital Pride festival were passed.** Peter advised that 12 absentee ballots were submitted, all in support of both proposals. Rob reported that a check had been sent to the Capitol Pride group. Rob also asked for updates to the "LSF Recommends" reading list. He'd like to make available an updated reading list for distribution at Pride.

Another LSF video outing! This time, it's to see *Matrix Reloaded* at the Rockville Regal Cinemas - Rockville Center 13, for the 4:00 PM showing on Sunday, May 18. Buy your ticket online now.

**The June LSF meeting has been moved to the FIRST Sunday of the month: June 1, 2003.** Sunday, June 8th, is the Capitol Pride Festival, where LSF will have a table. LSF will also host a video party on Saturday, June 14, 2003, starting at 4:00 PM, at Julian's home (now with air conditioning!).

Peter reminded everyone about the availability of LSF T-shirts and polo shirts -- for sale in many colors!

Rob reported that he will be attending WisCon; and Carl reported that he will be attending Balticon. Both plan on distributing LSF and Gaylaxicon fliers at these cons.

Rob reported that **Gaylactic Network elections** are being held in June. Both Jack's and Wayne's positions are up for election. Peter advised that no nominations have been received to date.

### Social Meeting

Michael recommended the movie *Identity*. He said that it takes a drastic change in direction midway through the movie. He also reported on the upcoming genre movies: *Finding Nemo* (by Pixar), *Sinbad* (animated), *Pirates of the Caribbean* (from Disney), *Terminator III*, and *The Hulk*.

Rob reported that 11 people attended last week's *X-Men II* LSF movie outing in Alexandria. It appears that the movie ended with a number of plot lines open for future movies, including the "Dark Phoenix" saga.

**It was reported that LSF member Barrett B. is recovering well from his recent surgery.**

Michael M. brought some boxed video games for sale, to benefit the club.

Rob passed a flyer for Interaction: The 63rd World Science Fiction Convention, to be held in Glasgow, UK in August 2005.

Peter passed around a video CD of Ed Wood's *Glen or Glenda*. No one seemed eager to grab it.

Michael reported that he recently watched and enjoyed *Thief of Baghdad*, the 1924 silent movie starring Douglas Fairbanks. He also suggested that Disney's *Haunted Mansion* movie sounds corny.

TV News: Carl gleefully remarked that he has watched the first two new episodes of *Samurai Jack* on the Cartoon Network. It was noted that the Sci Fi Channel wants to have its own "reality TV" show. (Can people with weird lifestyles influence the one normal person living in the household?) We are all shuddering. Plus -- *Cleopatra 2525* is back on the Sci Fi Channel. (Armageddon cannot be far behind.) There are three new *Enterprise* episodes left for this season. (Some attendees enjoyed the recent Borg episode.) The series finale for *Buffy* is coming up. (Who will live and who will die?)

Book News: Rob reported that Tanya Huff's third "Summoning" book is now out.

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*Off The Planet* and *Bouncing Off The Moon*, *The Voyage Of The Star Wolf*, *The Man Who Folded Himself*, *When HARLIE Was One*, *In The Deadlands*, *Moonstar Odyssey*, *Space Skimmer*, and "The Trouble With Tribbles" episode of *Star Trek*.

Mr. Gerrold has been writing professionally since the sale of his first television script, "The Trouble With Tribbles," in 1967, which to this day remains the most popular episode of *Star Trek*. In addition to other episodes of *Star Trek*, he has written for over a dozen other television series, including *Star Trek: The Animated Series*, *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, *The Twilight Zone*, *Babylon 5*, *Sliders*, *Logan's Run*, and *Tales From The Darkside*; and he is

the creator of *Land of the Lost*. Mr. Gerrold has also published more than forty books, and has been nominated for or received Hugo, Nebula, Spectrum, Lambda Literary, *Locus* Readership Poll, Homer, Sturgeon, and Hal Clement "Golden Duck" Awards.

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Mr. Gerrold joins previously announced Guest of Honor artist Joe Phillips, the comic artist whose resumé includes work for DC Comics, Innovation Comics, and Wizards of the Coast, drawing such characters as Superman,

Spider-Man, Batman, Wonder Woman, Silver Surfer, Catwoman, Superboy, Green Lantern, and many others, and is the artist behind *Rage: Gay Crusader*, based on the comic seen in the Showtime series *Queer As Folk*.

We are also happy to announce that the convention will be held at the beautiful Red Lion Hanalei Hotel in Mission Valley, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego. This lush Hawaiian-themed hotel is conveniently located close to all the city's finest attractions, and is the perfect venue for Gaylaxicon 2004. Room rates for the convention are \$99.00 per night, and can be made any time by calling (800) 882-0858 or visiting their website at [www.hanaleihotel.com](http://www.hanaleihotel.com), and using the convention code "gaylaxicon."

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## **Rabid Transit** by The Ratbastards

(Velocity Press, 2002)  
http://www.taverners-koans.com/ratbastards  
a review by Colleen R. Cahill

At a recent convention I picked up a chapbook of four short stories. There was a good review of the work in *Locus* and the title, *Rabid Transit*, peaked my interest. But even more interesting was the group moniker for the four authors: The Ratbastards. Certainly, it was not a name one would soon forget. And this is also true of the stories. Each is an attempt to experiment with science fiction and fantasy and to bend the “rules”, seeking new literary territory.

Each story is by one author. “The Blue Egg”, by Christopher Barzak starts us off with a tale that seems familiar but quickly goes to unexpected places. Down-on-her-luck Mia finds a glowing, blue egg outside her apartment door. Such eggs are mysterious things that change the lives of people who find them. And it certainly changes Mia’s life and her dreams, as the egg invades her sleeping hours. It is an unsettling story with fascinating atmosphere: it brushes the edges of surreal but also captures the world we know, while looking at the differences between choice and fate.

The second story, “The Psalm of Big Galahad”, by Barth Anderson, is the most science fictional of all the works. A group of dark riders looks to save the Body from a virus. In a mix of the Holy Grail and microbiology, the riders fight an infection that can turn any of them into the enemy. This story has fantasy and science fiction elements combined with both lyric and hard-edged language, giving us interesting characters and plot twists.

The most experimental of the stories is “A Number of Hooves” by Alan DeNiro. Structured as a series of numbered sentences that follow several storylines, it begins with “A girl fell in love with a centaur.” This is part story and part poetry, showing different sides and views, like a kaleidoscope. It took more than one reading for me to wrap my

## The LSF Book Discussion Group



If you’re interested in lively discussions of F&SF books (with an emphasis on elements of interest to the LBGT community), we invite you to join the LSF Book Discussion Group. Each month, we conduct fascinating roundtable discussions of works by significant F&SF authors.

The LSF Book Discussion Group generally meets on the 4th Thursday of every month, starting at 7:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on June 26th (at Peter & Rob’s house, 1425 “S” St., NW -- for directions or more details, call 202-483-6369).

Here’s the schedule for the next couple of months:

– **June 26th** - *Good Omens*, by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett; moderator: Michael M.

-- **July 24th** - *Nightmare*, by Steven Harper; moderator: Carl.

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## I cannot live without books.

**Thomas Jefferson  
(Letter to John Adams,  
1815)**

mind around this one, and I am sure there are parts for me to explore further.

Finally, Kristin Livdahl gives us the warmest story with “Even a Worm Will Turn”. Tori buys an old house in a run-down neighborhood because she longs for a garden and it is the only area she can avoid. Through hard work and love, she transforms the yard from a urban trash dump into a green Eden. The effect goes beyond her property and local kids begin to help her change the landscape. But the transformation is not just to the land and the neighborhood, but also on the people and in more ways than just brightening their day.

There is a limited outlet for



**Anne Gwynne**  
1918 - 2003

Anne Gwynne starred in numerous science fiction and horror films. She first gained attention as a model for Catalina swimsuits. Ms. Gwynne died March 31st at a hospital in Woodland Hills, CA, after a stroke.

Ms. Gwynne’s film credits include: *The Black Cat* (1934, with Karloff and Lugosi), the 1940 serial *Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe*, *Black Friday* (1940), *The Strange Case of Doctor Rx* (1942), *House of Frankenstein* (1944), *Weird Woman* (1944, based on Fritz Leiber’s *Conjure Wife*), *Murder in the Blue Room* (1944), and *Dick Tracy Meets Gruesome* (1947).

Among her favorite films were *The Black Cat* and two Westerns: *Ride ‘Em Cowboy* (1942, with Abbott and Costello) and *Men of Texas* (1942, with Robert Stack and Broderick Crawford).

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short stories, and the market is often rigid in what it defines as “publishable”. Fortunately, small presses allow for more unusual pieces to reach us; and the Ratbastards are one of the gems of this source. The four stories in *Rabid Transit* have succeeded in their goal of stretching the literature of fantasy and science fiction. A fusion of many styles, they are quirky, original, emotional and very good reads. You may have to search a bit for a copy of *Rabid Transit*, but you will find it worth the effort.

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## Saturn Awards

info passed along by Carl

The Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy & Horror Films was founded in 1972 by Dr. Donald A. Reed to honor and recognize the quality of genre entertainment. Toward that end, the organization annually votes the Saturn Awards, one of the genre's most respected groups. The Academy has the support of such industry giants as Steven Spielberg, Roger Corman, Sherry Lansing, William Friedkin, Douglas Wick, Bryan Singer, James Cameron, Frank Marshall, Kathleen Kennedy, and George Pal.

On March 5, 2003, *Cinescape* and The Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Films announced the nominees for the 2003 Saturn Awards ceremony. (The winners will be presented in June 2003 in Los Angeles.) Leading the pack in the feature film category with a whopping 10 nominations each are: *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* and *Minority Report*, followed closely behind by *Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones* (6 nominations), *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (5 nominations) and



*Spider-Man* (5 nominations).

Here are the nominees for some of the Saturn Award categories.

**Best Science Fiction Film:** *Men in Black 2* (Sony); *Minority Report* (20th Century Fox); *Signs* (Buena Vista); *Solaris* (20th Century Fox); *Star Trek: Nemesis* (Paramount); *Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones* (20th Century Fox/Lucasfilm).

**Best Fantasy Film:** *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (Warner Bros.); *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* (New Line Cinema); *Reign of*

*Fire* (Buena Vista); *The Santa Clause 2* (Buena Vista); *The Scorpion King* (Universal); *Spider-Man* (Sony).

**Best Horror Film:** *Blade 2* (New Line Cinema); *Eight-Legged Freaks* (Warner Bros.); *Frailty* (Lions Gate); *Queen of the Damned* (Warner Bros.); *Resident Evil* (Screen Gems); *The Ring* (Dreamworks SKG).

**Best Action/Adventure/Thriller Film:** *The Bourne Identity* (Universal); *Die Another Day* (MGM/UA); *One Hour Photo* (Fox Searchlight); *Red Dragon* (Universal); *Road to Perdition* (Dreamworks SKG); *XXX* (Sony / Revolution).

**Best Animated Film:** *Ice Age* (20th Century Fox); *Lilo & Stitch* (Buena Vista); *Spirited Away* (Buena Vista); *Treasure Planet* (Buena Vista).

**Best Syndicated/Cable Television Series:** *Andromeda* (Alliance Atlantis); *Dead Zone* (USA); *Farscape* (The Henson Co./Sci Fi Network); *Jeremiah* (MGM/Showtime); *Mutant X* (Tribune); *Stargate SG-1* (MGM/Sci Fi Channel).

For more information and a complete list of all Saturn Award categories and nominees, go to their website: [www.saturnawards.org](http://www.saturnawards.org)

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We invite everyone to visit our newly redesigned and updated website at [www.gaylaxicon.org/2004](http://www.gaylaxicon.org/2004). There you can find more information on the convention, including how to register for the convention, news and updates, daytime programming, evening events, vacationing in San Diego, our Guests of Honor, our host hotel, gaming, art show, dealers room, volunteering and more. Check back often for progress reports, more guest and programming announcements, and other updates.

The dates of the convention will be April 8 to 11, 2004. Attending memberships are available for \$40 until July 31, 2003; \$45 until December 31, 2003; \$50 until February 29, 2004; and \$60 at the door. Supporting memberships are also available at \$25 any time.

Anyone interested in Gaylaxicon 2004 will be able to find us promoting at

several upcoming fan conventions, including Baycon (May 23-26, San Francisco), Westercon (July 3-6, Seattle), Comic-Con (July 17-20, San Diego), the San Diego LGBT Pride Festival (July 26-27, San Diego), Worldcon (August 28-September 1, Toronto, Canada), and other area conventions in and around Southern California and the West Coast.



David Gerrold



Joe Phillips

Gaylaxicon, the annual national gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and friends science fiction, fantasy, horror, comics and gaming convention, is coming to the west coast for the first

time in 2004, and will mark its twelfth occurrence. Planned activities include author, artist and media guests, panel discussions, book signings, readings, a Masquerade, dance, "Gaylactic Jeopardy," gaming, costuming, an art show and a dealers room. For more information on the convention, please visit our website at:

[www.gaylaxicon.org/2004](http://www.gaylaxicon.org/2004)  
or join our e-mail list at:

[groups.yahoo.com/group/gaylaxiconsandiego](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gaylaxiconsandiego)

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[Gaylaxicon2004@aol.com](mailto:Gaylaxicon2004@aol.com)

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1010 University Ave., PMB #946  
San Diego, CA, 92103-3395

Gaylaxicon 2004 - San Diego is presented in cooperation with The Gaylactic Network and Planet Lambda ([www.gaylactic-network.org](http://www.gaylactic-network.org)).



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

**Lambda Sci-Fi: DC Area Gaylaxians** (LSF) is an organization for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered (GLBT) people, and their friends who are interested in science fiction, fantasy, horror and related genres in all forms (SF/F/H). LSF's primary goals are to have fun, to provide a community, and to:

- promote SF/F/H, with particular attention to materials of interest to GLBT people and their friends;
- provide forums for GLBT people and their friends to share their interest in SF/F/H;
- promote the presence of GLBT elements within SF/F/H and within fandom; and
- promote SF/F/H within the GLBT community.

Annual membership fees are \$10, for which you will receive an e-mailed this monthly newsletter and a membership directory. (Hard copies of the newsletter cost an additional \$15 per year.) Newsletter submissions are always welcome.

Meetings are *usually* held on the second Sunday of each month at a private residence. *However, due to the Capital Pride Day festivities on June 8th, the June Lambda Sci-Fi meeting will be held on the **first Sunday, June 1st**, at James Crutchfield's home: 1414 17th St., NW, #413 (near DuPont Circle) - 1:30 PM 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 Rob



July 11-13, 2003 **SHORE LEAVE 25**. Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn (Hunt Valley, MD). Guests include: John Rhys Davies (*LoTR's* Gimli, *Indiana Jones's* Sallah); Marina Sirtis (*ST: TNG's* Deanna Troi); Andrea Thompson (*B5's* Talia Winters); Marc Singer (*Beastmaster*). Membership: \$50 until 6/31/03 (higher at the door). Make checks payable to "Shore Leave" and send (with 2 SASE's) to: Shore Leave 25, PO Box 6809, Towson, MD 21285-6809.

E-mail: [information@shore-leave.com](mailto:information@shore-leave.com)

Website: [www.shore-leave.com](http://www.shore-leave.com)

Aug. 28 - Sept. 1, 2003 **TORCON 3 (The 61st World Science Fiction Convention)**. Metro Toronto Convention Centre & surrounding hotels (Toronto, Ontario, Canada). Guests of Honor: George R.R. Martin (author), Frank Kelly Freas (artist), Mike Slyer (fan), Spider Robinson (Toastmaster). Membership: \$185 US for attending adults (valid as of 1/16/2003 -- will go up!). Make checks payable to "Torcon 3" and send to: Torcon 3, PO Box 3, Station A, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5W 1A2.

E-mail: [info@torcon3.on.ca](mailto:info@torcon3.on.ca)

Website: [www.torcon3.on.ca](http://www.torcon3.on.ca)

Oct. 30 - Nov. 2, 2003 **THE 29TH ANNUAL WORLD FANTASY CONVENTION**. Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill (Washington, DC). Author GoHs: Brian Lumley & Jack Williamson; Artist GoH: Allen Koszowski. Membership: \$120 until 7/31/03. Make checks payable to "World Fantasy Convention 2003" and send to: WFC 2003 Registration c/o Jerry Crutcher, PO Box 1096, Rockville, MD 20849-1096.

Website: [www.worldfantasy2003.org](http://www.worldfantasy2003.org)

Nov. 21-23, 2003 **CAPCLAVE 2003**. Hilton Silver Spring (Silver Spring, MD). Guest of Honor: William Tenn. Membership: \$30 thru 8/1/2003; \$35 thru 9/5/03; \$40 at the door. Make checks payable to "Capclave" and send to: Capclave 2003 Registration, c/o Cathy Green, 3003 Van Ness St. NW, Apt. W527, Washington, DC 20008.

E-mail: [info@capclave.org](mailto:info@capclave.org)

Website: [www.capclave.org](http://www.capclave.org)

Dec. 12-14, 2003 **PHILCON 2003**. Marriott City Center (Philadelphia). Guest of Honor: Jack McDevitt; Artist Guests of Honor: Greg & Tim Hildebrandt; Special Guest: Peter David. Membership: \$40 until 1/31/2003 (will go up). More details to follow. Website: [www.philcon.org](http://www.philcon.org)

April 8 - 11, 2004 **GAYLAXICON 2004 - SAN DIEGO**. The annual national GLBT science-fiction/fantasy/horror/comics/gaming convention. Red Lion Hanalei Hotel (San Diego, CA). Author Guest of Honor: David Gerrold; Artist Guest of Honor: Joe Phillips. Membership: \$40 until 7/31/2003; then \$45 until 12/21/2003; then \$50 until 2/29/2004; and \$60 at the door. Make checks payable to "Gaylaxicon 2004 - San Diego" and send to: Gaylaxicon 2004 - San Diego, 1010 University Ave., PMB #946, San Diego, CA, 92103-3395. Membership forms available on-line.

Information at: [www.gaylaxicon.org/2004](http://www.gaylaxicon.org/2004)

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