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Gaming Party

What: A Gaming Party
(and Norman's Birthday Celebration)

When: Saturday, September 29

Time: 1:00pm till the cows go home

Where: The home of Mikey - 22258 Waterberry Terrace, Ashburn, VA 20148.

What to Bring: Games (card, board, etc.) and snacks and non-alcoholic drinks to share. Dinner will be provided, but please let me know if you have any special needs (i.e. food allergies, vegetarian, etc.).

During the party we will take a break to wish Norman a Happy Birthday!!

Directions by Car: Take I-495 to VA-267 (toll road). Travel down the toll road; through the Dulles Greenway and take exit-6.

At the end of the off ramp, turn left onto Ashburn Village Blvd. Turn left onto Old Ryan Road, and then take the 3rd right at Croson Lane. Take the first left at Mooreview parkway in Amberleigh. (There are kids like to play around the trails; please be alert). Turn right onto Amberleigh Farms and make your first right onto Waterberry Terrace. I'm the first corner unit on the right.



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 science fantasy, fantasy, and horror authors.

The LSF Book Discussion Group generally meets on the 4th Thursday of every month, starting at 7:00pm, at Peter & Rob's home: 1425 S Street, NW. Directions at: <http://lambdasf.org/lsf/club/PeterRob.html>. For more details, call 202-483-6369. The next meeting will be held on October 25th.

Here are the details on the next several book discussion meetings:

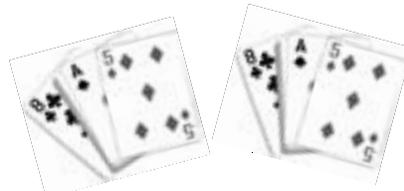
September 27 - "Vellum" by Hal Duncan's, moderator: Krista.

October 25 - "Smoke and Ashes" by Tanya Huff; moderator: Bob A.

December 6 (NOTE: combined November./December meeting) - "Stardust" by Neil Gaiman; moderator: Greg. **Λ Ψ Φ**

If You Don't Have a Car: Please let me know if and we'll see what we can arrange to get you out here!!

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October LSF Meeting

The next Lambda Sci-Fi meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 14**, at James Crutchfield's apartment (1414 17th Street, NW #413). The business meeting will begin at 1:30pm, and the social meeting will begin at 2:00pm.

Please bring munchies or soft drinks, if you can. See you there! **Λ Ψ Φ**



Halloween Video Potluck Party

What: A science fiction/fantasy/horror video and potluck party. Bring DVDs and videos to view. We will watch the movies that receive the most votes.

When: Saturday, October 27

Where: The home of Julian, 2462 Tunlaw Road, NW, Washington, DC
(Directions at: <http://lambdasf.org/lsf/club/Julian.html>)

Time: 3:00pm - ??



What to Bring: Bring science fiction, fantasy, and horror DVDs and videos to watch and snacks, dinner food, and/or non-alcoholic drinks to share.

For More Information: Contact Peter at PeterKnapp@wavelengthsonline.com or call him at 202-483-6369. On the day of the party, call Julian at 202-306-1497. **Λ Ψ Φ**



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RIP Madeleine L'Engle

(adapted from an AP story
by Cara Rubinsky)

Author Madeleine L'Engle, whose novel "A Wrinkle in Time" has captivated generations of school children and adults since the 1960s, died Septem-



ber 6, 2007 at a nursing home in Litchfield, CT. She was 88.

The Newbery Medal winner wrote more than 60 books, including fantasies, poetry and memoirs, often highlighting spiritual themes and her Christian faith.

Although L'Engle was often labeled a children's author, she disliked that classification. In a 1993 Associated Press interview, she said she did not write down to children.

"A Wrinkle in Time" — which L'Engle said was rejected repeatedly before it found a publisher in 1962 — won the American Library Association's 1963 Newbery Medal for best American children's book. Her "A Ring of Endless Light" was a Newbery Honor Book, or medal runner-up, in 1981. In 2004, President Bush awarded her a National Humanities Medal.

"Wrinkle" tells the story of adolescent Meg Murry, her genius little brother Charles Wallace, and their battle against evil as they search across the universe for their missing father, a scientist.

The brother and sister, helped by a young neighbor, Calvin, and some supernatural spirits, must pass through a time travel corridor (the "wrinkle in time")

LSF Meeting Minutes Sunday, September 9, 2007

by Scott Roberts

Business Portion

Peter reminded everyone that there would be a call for LSF officer nominations at the October meeting with the election at the December meeting. **Jack let people know he would not be running for Speaker. Please consider running for this position**, which involves running the regular LSF Meeting and sending out a reminder of the upcoming meeting to the LSF lists.

Social Portion

Both Rob and Britannia raved about Stardust.

Peter and Rob, while driving around rural Virginia, stopped by Dinosaur Land (www.dinosaurland.com), which does not appear to have been updated since the 1950's. Rob suggested a possible LSF outing, since it is such a bizarre place.

Rob reported that this year's National Book Festival (www.loc.gov/bookfest) appears to be fantasy-centric, with many known genre authors.

Peter passed around the current issue of Sigma, the newsletter of PARSEC (www.parsec-sff.org) the Pittsburgh Sci-Fi group.

Michael mentioned that the AFI Theater (www.afi.com) in Silver Spring would be showing some horror films in October, including Nosferatu with the live performed music.

Rob announced that season one of Torchwood (the Doctor Who spinoff) has begun airing on BBC America.

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and overcome the ruling powers on a planet with a totalitarian government reminiscent of George Orwell's "1984."

"A Wrinkle in Time" exposes readers to the words of great thinkers, as its characters quote Shakespeare, Euripides, Dante and others. **Λ Ψ Φ**



RIP Robert Jordan

(adapted from an article on Yahoo!)

Author Robert Jordan, whose "Wheel of Time" series of fantasy novels sold millions of copies, died September 16,



2007 of a rare blood disease. He was 58.

Jordan, whose real name was James Oliver Rigney Jr., died at the Medical University of South Carolina of complications from primary amyloidosis with cardiomyopathy, his personal assistant, Maria Simons, said.

He wrote a trilogy of historical novels set in Charleston under the pen name Reagan O'Neal in the early 1980s. Then he turned his attention to fantasy and the first volume in his Wheel of Time epic, "The Eye of the World," was published in 1990 under the name Robert Jordan.

Jordan's books tells of Rand al'Thor, who is destined to become the champion who will battle ultimate evil in a mythical land.

Book 11, "Knife of Dreams," came out in 2005; there was also a prequel, "New Spring: The Novel," in 2004. The other titles in the series include "The Great Hunt," "Lord of Chaos," and "The Path of Daggers." Jordan was working on a 12th volume at the time of his death, Simons said. He is survived by his wife, Harriet McDougal Rigney. **Λ Ψ Φ**



Robert Heinlein's Online Archive

adapted from an article by Lisa M. Krieger, Mercury News

The complete archive of renowned American science-fiction writer Robert Heinlein will be made available online, thanks to an unusual partnership of the University of California-Santa Cruz and the Heinlein Prize Trust.

Heinlein, who lived in Santa Cruz for two decades, was one of the grand masters of science fiction [Ed. note: That is a point of debate by some members of LSF]. He became a pop icon in the 1960s with the publication of "Stranger In A Strange Land," one of the most successful science-fiction novels ever published. He died in 1988.

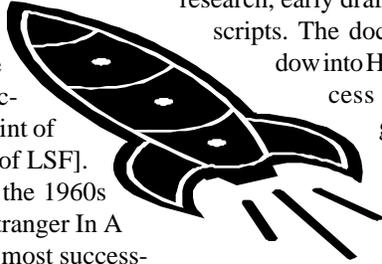
The entire contents of the Robert A. and Virginia Heinlein Archive - housed in the UC-Santa Cruz Library's Special Collections since 1968 - have been scanned in an effort to preserve the contents digitally while making the collection easily available to both academics and the general public. The digitization project

was the brainchild of Art Dula, director of the Heinlein Prize Trust.

The first collection released includes 106,000 pages, consisting of Heinlein's complete manuscripts - including files of all his published works, notes, research, early drafts and edits of manuscripts. The documents offer a window into Heinlein's creative process and provide background and context for his work.

Other collections soon to be added to the online archive will feature Robert and Virginia Heinlein's business and personal correspondence, scrapbooks, photo albums, and unpublished works, including communications with Heinlein's editor and agent.

The archive is located here:
www.heinleinarchives.net/upload/ ΛΨΦ



LSF Meeting Minutes

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(www.bbcamerica.com/content/262/index.jsp) Ha! It was noted that BBC America is now closed captioning some programming for Americans.

New and returning genre TV shows (<http://www.sftv.org/sftv/sftvschd.txt>):

Heroes - after this next season, there will be a six-week mini series starring a cast that is not from the regular series of other people discovering their superpowers. The audience gets to select the "winner" and that person gets to join the regular Heroes show as a cast member.

Bionic Woman, Journeyman (Quantum Leap knock off), Pushing Daisies, Reapers, Chuck, Blood Ties, Moonlight, New Amsterdam ("really, it's not Highlander!"), Battlestar Galactica (final season), Lost (starting in February).

Krista attended the Maryland Renaissance Festival (<http://www.rennfest.com/>) and had fun.

The club's Doctor Who total devotee, Peter ["I'm not alone in my

devotedness!" says Peter], reported that Doctor Who season two has just begun on BBC America before Torchwood. Over in the UK, there will be the traditional Doctor Who Christmas Day special, followed by season four in 2008, three one hour specials in 2009, and a full fifth season in 2010. The Martha Jones companion character will be appearing on both Doctor Who (season three) and Torchwood (season two). The Sarah Jane Adventures will be its first season in the UK on September 24.

Peter invited the meeting attendees to make plans to attend next year's Gaylaxicon 2008 (www.gaylaxicon2008.org).

Rob reviewed the upcoming LSF events:

Book Discussion Thursday, September 27, on Hal Duncan's "Vellum."

Gaming Party Saturday, September 29, at Mike Felder's house on in Ashburn, Virginia.

Book Discussion Thursday, October 25, on Tanya Huff's "Smoke and

Gaming Party

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Games that I Have:

Killer Bunnies
Risk 2010 AD
Monsters
Magic the Gathering
Console System : PS3 & xbox



Please RSVP: so I can plan accordingly. This will be my first party at my new place. Hope to see yah!!!

For More Information: Contact Mike by email: michael.felder@gmail.com or cell phone: 202-664-0907. ΛΨΦ



Ashes."

Video Party Saturday, October 27, at Julian's house in Georgetown.

Book Discussion Thursday, December 6, Neil Gaiman's "Stardust."

Krista cheerfully reported that Card Game Flux is coming out with a zombie version.

After Portion

After the formal portion of the meeting was over, people broke into groups and chatted. Many members welcomed Alex, who recently moved to DC. He's a gamer and anime fan. Watch for his contributions to the LSF discussion list.

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**It's almost here!!
Don't miss out on
all the fun!!
Join now!!
(See Con Calendar
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for details.)**

****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. The next Lambda Sci-Fi meeting will be held on the **Sunday, October 14**, at James Crutchfield's apartment (1414 17th Street, NW #413). The business meeting will begin at 1:30pm, and the social meeting will begin at 2:00pm. 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

October 5 - 8, 2007 **GAYLAXICON 2007**. Sheraton Midtown Atlanta at Colony Square (Atlanta, GA). Publisher GoH: Steph Pagel; Author GoH: TBA. Membership: \$60 after Labor Day 2007; memberships available online via PayPal. Website: <http://gaylaxicon2007.org/>

October 12 - 14, 2007 **CAPCLAVE 007** ("Dodo Noir, Neo-Pulp"). Hilton Silver Spring (Silver Spring, MD). Author GoH Jeffrey Ford; Editor GoH: Ellen Datlow Membership: \$50 from 7/1 to 9/30/07. Make checks payable to "Capclave 2007" and send to: Capclave 2007 c/o Barry Newton, PO Box 153, Sandy Spring, MD 20860-0153. Website: <http://www.capclave.org>

November 23 - 26, 2007 **DARKOVER GRAND COUNCIL MEETING**. Holiday Inn Select Baltimore-North (Timonium, MD). "A very GLBT-friendly con." Guest of Honor: Esther Friesner; Artist GoH: TBA; Special Guest: Katherine Kurtz. Membership: \$45 until 11/1/2007; \$50 thereafter & at the door. Make checks payable to "Armida Council" and send to: Armida Council, PO Box 7203, Silver Spring, MD 20907 Website: www.darkovercon.com Info at: jaelle@darkovercon.com

November 16 - 18, 2007 **PHILCON 2007**. Sheraton Philadelphia Center City Hotel (Phila., PA). Principal Speaker: Eric Flint; Artist GoH: Sue Dawe; Costuming Special Guest: Kevin Roche. Membership: \$45 until 10/31/2007; \$50 after that & at the door. Download PDF membership from their website. Website: WWW.PHILCON.ORG e-mail: registration2007@philcon.org

August 6 - 10, 2008 **DENVENTION 3 (The 66th WorldCon)**. Colorado Convention Center & nearby hotels (Denver, CO). Guest of Honor: Lois McMaster Bujold; Artist GoH: Rick Sternback. \$130 thru 05/31/2007 (will go UP after that!). Make checks payable to "Denvention 3" and send to: Denvention 3, PO Box 1349, Denver, CO 80201 Website: <http://denvention.org> Information at: info@denvention.org

October 10 - 13, 2008 **GAYLAXICON 2008**. Hotel: to be announced (Washington DC area). Membership: \$60 at present. Guest of Honor: Geoff Ryman. Artist Guest of Honor: Alicia Austin. Information at: www.gaylaxicon2008.org

