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**Zhaan
is
Coming!!!**
 an announcement
 from Alan,
 Gaylaxicon 2004
 ConChair



Figured I'd let you guys in on the coming announcement - Virginia Hey (Zhaan from *Farscape*) is going to be our Media Guest of Honor at Gaylaxicon 2004! She's straight, but after years in the entertainment/fashion/modeling industry, she considers herself quite the fag hag. :) I think she rounds out David Gerrold and Joe Phillips nicely to make a varied triumvirate of GoH's.

Thought you folks might like to know.

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**Next LSF Meeting
- April 18th -
Change of Date and Site**

PLEASE NOTE: The April 2004 meeting will take place on the **3RD Sunday** of the month - NOT the 2nd Sunday!!

Also, the meeting will NOT be held at the usual place, James Crutchfield's apartment. Due to scheduling conflicts, the meeting will be held at Peter & Rob's home, **1425 "S" St. NW** (for directions, call 202-483-6369) on **Sunday, April 18th**. The business meeting will begin at the usual time - 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!

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**LSFer Receives
Nomination
as Hero of Pride 2004**

The Rainbow History Project
Preserving Our Community's Memories

The Rainbow History Project has announced nominations for Hero of Pride 2004. The nominees include long-time LSFer James Crutchfield. Hero of Pride 2004 will be announced at Capital Pride 2004. Here's an excerpt from their official announcement of the nominees:

JAMES CRUTCHFIELD: Gay Community Center, GLAA, SMYAL, Capital Area Rainrowlers, Lambda Sci-Fi, Rainbow History

James Crutchfield is a commu-

nity builder, one of those hard-working community leaders who create and strengthen our community organizations. His contributions range from sustaining the Gay Community Center as president (1982 - 1988), to gay sports, social groups, youth services, gay veteran activities, neighborhood groups, and Capital Pride. He has been a member of GLAA since the 1970s, serving on education and police and crime committees and working as GLAA's office manager. He was a founding member of

SMYAL, served as president of Capital Area Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America, and also served on the board of Capital Pride and organized the Pride Art Show. He has long been involved in local gay bowling associations, serving as president of Capital Area Rainrowlers Association. For over fourteen years he has provided leadership and meeting space for Lambda Sci-Fi. He is a founding member of Rainbow History and serves on its board as well.

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Upcoming Gaylactic Network Events

reported by
Network Speaker Peter Knapp



I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know of several upcoming Gaylactic Network events.

First, in case you haven't heard, this year's Gaylaxicon will be held in San Diego, CA in two weeks. It's not too late to head to sunny San Diego and schmooze with like-minded fen.

For those at Gaylaxicon (or in the neighborhood), the Gaylactic Network will be holding its annual Board meeting at the convention. The meeting is open to all — everyone is welcome to attend. Discussions will include membership benefits, the relationship between the Gaylactic Network and Gaylaxicons, and the future of the Gaylactic Network.

Starting May 1, the election process for the Gaylactic Network begins. Five positions are up for election: the three officers (Speaker, Treasurer, and Secretary) and two Board Members (one member who must also be a member of an Affiliate and one "at large" member). Both the current Speaker and the current Treasurer have decided not to run for re-election to their respective positions.

Finally, it's not too early to start making plans to attend Gaylaxicon 2005, to be held during the 4th of July weekend next year in Boston, MA. The Guest of Honor has been selected and will be announced soon.

For more information about these four events, please see below. Thank you for your time.

Gaylaxicon 2004

www.gaylaxicon.org/2004
April 8-11, 2004
San Diego, CA

Gaylaxicon 2005

www.gaylaxicon.org/2005
July 1-4, 2005
Boston, MA

An LSF First! LSF at the Opera!! from Mike C.

And now, for something completely different... Join some LSFer's as we go to the opera!

The Maryland Opera Studio will be putting on a full production of Offenbach's immortal opera *Tales of Hoffman* (*Les Contes d'Hoffman*), at the Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Maryland. *Tales of Hoffman* is based on three stories by the 19th century fantasy author E.T.A. Hoffmann, and involves such genre content as robots, ghosts, and a woman who steals souls.

The Maryland Opera Studio is the University of Maryland's program for students seeking a Master's in Opera Performance. Their productions are low-priced but are popular for the chance to see emerging talent in professional-quality productions.

So, on with the details:

WHEN

Saturday, May 1st, 2004, 7:30pm (far in advance, I know, but it's good to get tickets early).

WHERE

Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University Blvd and Stadium Drive, College Park, MD. (A shuttle runs from the College Park Metro station.)



HOW MUCH

Tickets are \$20 each (a bargain for the opera!), and can be ordered by calling 301-405-ARTS or by visiting the center's box office in person.

The opera will be sung in French, with English surtitles. The Clarice Smith Center is casual, so you can leave your tuxedos and tiaras at home.

More info can be had at:

<http://www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu>

Information about the Maryland Opera Studio can be found at:

<http://www.music.umd.edu/mos/>

If you're going to go, please let me know by emailing me at:

Stenbock@aol.com

As we get closer to the date, I can organize a possible dinner before or after the performance.

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Gaylactic Network Annual Board Meeting

www.gaylactic-network.org/network
April 10, 2004 - San Diego, CA (at Gaylaxicon 2004)
Time and location TBA

Gaylactic Network Elections

www.gaylactic-network.org/network/Gaylactic_Network_Charter.pdf
www.gaylactic-network.org/network/officers.html
Nominations begin May 1, 2004
Voting begins by June 15, 2004 and closes June 30, 2004
Officer positions: Speaker, Treasurer, & Secretary
Board positions: one Open Board Member & one Affiliate Board Member



**Minutes of the
March LSF Meeting**
taken by Scott



Business Meeting:

The April 2004 LSF meeting will be held the 3rd Sunday of the month rather than the 2nd Sunday of the month, to avoid conflict with Gaylaxicon 2004 in San Diego.

No one has yet received information on the upcoming Capitol Pride festival (to be held on Sunday, June 13, 2004). LSF is a publicity sponsor for Youth Pride this year.

Social Meeting:

Carl passed around a copy of *The Escapist* comic book by Dark Horse. Remember "The Escapist" from Michael Chabon's *The Adventures of Kavalier and Klay*? Same character. Nice idea.

Michael M. reported that he recently attended an off-off-Broadway genre play called "Young Stowaways of Space," based on a children's book from the 1960's.

Carl commented about a 1933 film he'd recently seen on Turner Classic Movies channel, entitled *Gabriel Over the White House*. It's a genre film about the president of the United States who, after a car crash, starts making radical changes - "enlisting the unemployed into an 'army' to rebuild the country during a depression, using tanks and troops to stop racketeers and executing them in summary court martials, and mobilizing the American Navy and threatening war unless hypocritical European nations repay war debts." Sounds like a candidate for an LSF video party.

Gaylaxicon 2004 is coming up in less than a month. A handful of LSF members will be attending.

Movie news: Michael commented that perhaps Mel Gibson's *Passion of Christ* might be gorier than *the Halloween* or *Friday the 13th* movies. Previews of *Hellboy* indicate that it might be a good popcorn film,

the adventures of
Conboy
naive conventioneer



You had to ask "What is filking?"

reports Rob. The *Farscape* movie will reportedly be a four-hour TV mini-series. And, of course, there was much active discussion about the Academy Awards and *Lord of the Rings*!

Book news: *Fire Logic* by Laurie Marks (last year's Spectrum Award winner for Best Novel) now out in paperback. Marks' second novel in the series, *Earth Logic*, is now out in hardback. David Gerrold's new book, *Blood and Fire*, is now out. Rob reminded everyone that this month's LSF Book Club selection is Lian Hearn's *Across the Nightingale Floor*.

TV news: Rob reported that he likes the Disney Channel's animated series, *Dave the Barbarian*.

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Blessed are they who read books simply because they like to. They have the amateur spirit and they get one of the few pleasures an impure world affords.

— Bernard De Voto —
(1897 - 1955)

July 1-4, 2005

It's only a little more than a year away!
Don't miss out on all the fun!!!



For more details, see the Con Calendar on page 6, or check out:

www.gaylaxicon.org/2005

Awards, Awards, Awards

from Rob



[Ed. Note: Continued from the March newsletter, because we ran out of room last month!]

Nominations for the International Horror Guild's annual awards (recognizing outstanding achievements in the field of horror and dark fantasy from the year 2003) were also announced. Venue and date of the award ceremony have not been finalized.

Novel

- *The Good House*, by Tananarive Due (Atria)
- *The Dark Tower V: Wolves of the Calla*, by Stephen King (Donald M. Grant; Scribner)
- *The Night Country*, by Stewart O'Nan (Farrar Straus & Giroux)
- *Crawlers*, by John Shirley (Del Rey)
- *lostboy lostgirl*, by Peter Straub (Random House)
- *The Book of Days*, by Steve Rasnic Tem (Subterranean Press)

First Novel

- *The Etched City*, by K.J. Bishop (Prime Books)
- *Jinn*, by Matthew B.J. Delaney (St. Martin's)
- *Tropic of Night*, by Michael Gruber (William Morrow)
- *The Dante Club*, by Matthew Pearl (Random House)
- *Echo & Narcissus*, by Mark Siegal (Aardwolf Press)
- *Veniss Underground*, by Jeff VanderMeer (Prime Books)

Collection

- *Told by The Dead*, by Ramsey Campbell (PS Publishing)
- *Bibliomancy*, by Elizabeth Hand (PS Publishing)
- *The Two Sams: Ghost Stories*, by Glen Hirshberg (Carroll & Graf)
- *GRRM: A RRetrospective*, by George R.R. Martin (Subterranean Press)
- *The Dreams of Cardinal Vittorini*, by Reggie Oliver (Haunted River)
- *More Tomorrow & Other Stories*, by Michael Marshall Smith (Earthling Publications)

Anthology

- *Gathering the Bones*, edited by Ramsey Campbell, Jack Dann and Dennis Etchison (HarperCollins-Voyager; Tor)
- *Southern Blood: New Australian Tales of the Supernatural*, edited by Bill Congreve (Sandglass Enterprises)
- *The Dark: New Ghost Stories*, edited by Ellen Datlow (Tor)
- *By Moonlight Only*, edited by Stephen Jones (PS Publishing)
- *Borderlands 5*, edited by Elizabeth and Thomas Monteleone (Borderlands)
- *The Thackery T. Lambshead Pocket Guide to Eccentric & Discredited Diseases*, edited by Jeff VanderMeer and Mark Roberts (Night Shade Books)

Long Fiction

- *The Time That Time Forgot*, by Jack Cady (Ghosts of Yesterday)
- *Rape: A Love Story*, by Joyce Carol Oates (Carroll & Graf)
- *Rock Breaks Scissors Cut*, by David Schow (Subterranean Press)
- *Louisiana Breakdown*, by Lucius Shepard (Golden Gryphon)
- *Floater*, by Lucius Shepard (PS Publishing)

Medium Fiction

- "The Census Taker," by Dale Bailey (*The Resurrection Man's Legacy and Other Stories*)
- "Dancing Men," by Glen Hirshberg (*The Dark*)
- "Vandoise and the Bone Monster," by Alex Irvine (*The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*, January 2003)
- "The Last Horror Show," by David Prill (*Dating Secrets of the Dead*)
- "La Sentinelle," by Lucy Sussex (*Southern Blood*)

Short Fiction

- "Old Virginia," by Laird Barron (*The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*, February 2003)

- "The Trentino Kid," by Jeffery Ford (*The Dark*)
- "With Acknowledgments to Sun Tzu," by Brian Hodge (*The Third Alternative* #33)
- "Cell Call," by Marc Laidlaw (*By Moonlight Only*)
- "The Bereavement Photographer," by Steve Rasnic Tem (*13 Horrors*)
- "The Goddess of Cruelty," by Thomas Tessier (*Cemetery Dance* #46)
- "The Mezzotint," by Lisa Tuttle (*Gathering the Bones*)

Periodical

- *All Hallows: The Journal of the Ghost Story Society* (The Ghost Story Society)
- *Cemetery Dance* (Cemetery Dance Publications)
- *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction* (Spilogale, Inc.)
- *The Third Alternative* (TTA Press)
- *Video Watchdog* (Video Watchdog)

Illustrated Narrative

- *Endless Nights: The Sandman, Book 11*, words by Neil Gaiman; art by Glenn Fabry, Milo Manara, Miguelanxo Prado, Frank Quitely, P. Craig Russell, Bill Sienkiewicz, & Barron Storey (DC/Vertigo)
- *The Wolves in the Walls*, words by Neil Gaiman; art by Dave McKean
- *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, Volume II*, words by Alan Moore; art by Kevin O'Neil (DC)
- *Dark Days* (Six-Issue Mini-Series), words by Steve Niles; art by Ben Templesmith (IDW)
- *The Goon*, Issues 1-4, words and art by Eric Powell (Dark Horse)

Non-Fiction

- *H.P. Lovecraft: Selected Letters to Alfred Galpin*, edited by S.T. Joshi and David E. Schultz (Hippocampus Press)

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Awards, Awards, Awards

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- *The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America*, by Erik Larson (Crown)
- *Hollywood's Stephen King*, by Tony Magistrale (Palgrave Macmillan)
- *Heroes & Monsters: The Unofficial Companion to the League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*, by Jess Nevins (Monkeybrain)
- *The Selected Letters of Clark Ashton Smith*, edited by David E. Schultz and Scott Connors (Arkham House)

Art

- Caniglia
- Dave McKean
- "Edward Miller" (aka Les Edwards)
- Todd Schorr
- Bernie Wrightson

Film

- *28 Days Later*, directed by Danny Boyle, screenplay by Alex Garland
- *Bubba Ho-Tep*, directed by Don Coscarelli, screenplay by Don Coscarelli, based on a story by Joe R. Lansdale
- *Identity*, directed by James Mangold, screenplay by Michael Cooney
- *Monster*, directed by Patty Jenkins, screenplay by Patty Jenkins
- *Mystic River*, directed by Clint Eastwood, screenplay by Brian Koppelman, based on a novel by Dennis Lehane
- *Spider*, directed by David Cronenberg, screenplay by Patrick McGrath, based on his novel

Television

- *Angel*, created by Joss Whedon (The WB Television Network)
- *Carnivale*, created by Daniel Knauf (Home Box Office)
- *Dead Like Me*, created by Bryan Fuller (Showtime Network)
- *Six Feet Under*, created by Alan Ball (Home Box Office)
- *The Dead Zone*, created by Michael Piller and Shawn Piller (SciFi Channel)

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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 April 22nd.

REMINDER: Now that renovations at Rob & Peter's house have been completed (Hooray!), the LSF Book Discussion Group is once again being held there: **1425 "S" St., NW** -- for directions or more details, call 202-483-6369.

Here's the schedule for the next few months:

- **April 22nd** - *Solitaire* by Kelley Eskridge; moderator: Krista.
- **May 20th** (NOTE: date change to 3rd Thursday, due to Memorial Day Weekend) - *Perdido Street Station* by China Mieville; moderator: Michael M.
- **June 24th** - *Fire Logic* by Laurie Marks; moderator: Rob.

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An excerpt from
"Science Fiction Fans Are (Stub)Born"
by Forrest J Ackerman
from *En Garde!* (Midpacifcon)
and *Pacifcon Combozine* (1946),
displayed at Torcon, Worldcon 2003

"Science fiction: The time machine to Tomoro. Fantasy: The navigator to never-neverland. Weird fiction? Well, I like weird fiction, too, to a certain extent, tho I have never been able to content myself that it is as laudable a facet of fiction as scientification. In the trinity of science fiction, fantasy & the supernatural; weird fiction I perhaps regard as the wrong angle in the otherwise righteous triangle. But this is dangerous ground and not germane to the main theme of this paper."



Paul Winfield

1941 - 2004

Paul Winfield, the veteran actor who appeared as both Captain Terrell in *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* and as Captain Dathon in the *Star Trek: The Next Generation* episode "Darmok," has died at the age of 62 of a heart attack.

Winfield had a long and varied career. He was discovered by Sidney Poitier and cast in *The Lost Man*. He played roles as diverse as Don King in *Tyson* and the police chief in *Dennis the Menace*. Winfield received an Oscar nomination for his role as Nathan Lee Morgan in *Southern Comfort*, and he also earned Emmy nominations for the title role in the 1978 miniseries *King* and for *Roots: The Next Generations*. He won an Emmy in 1995 for a role on *Picket Fences* as a federal judge.

Actor and author Jack Larson, a friend, told Advocate.com that Winfield, who was openly gay in his life if not in the media, had been distraught over the past two years following the death of his longtime companion, Chuck Gillian. Larson produced the 1984 drama *Mike's Murder*, written and directed by gay film-maker James Bridges, in which Winfield gave one of his finest performances as a gay man distraught over the death of his onetime lover.

Winfield is survived by his sister, Patricia Wilson, of Las Vegas. (Sources: www.trektoday.com and www.advocate.com)

--- Peter Knapp

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**** 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, the April 2004 Lambda Sci-Fi meeting will be held on the 3rd Sunday, April 18th*, at Peter & Rob's home: **1425 "S" St. NW** -- for directions, call 202-483-6369 -- 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



April 8 - 11, 2004 **GAYLAXICON 2004 - SANDIEGO**. 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: \$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

E-mail: Gaylaxicon2004@aol.com

May 28-31, 2004 **BALTICON 38**. Wyndham Baltimore Inner Harbor (Baltimore). Guest of Honor: Lois McMaster Bujold; Artist Guest of Honor: David Seeley; 2003 Compton Crook Award Winner: Patricia Bray. Membership: \$42 until 2/28/04; \$47 from 3/1 thru 4/30/04; \$52 thereafter & at the door. Make checks payable to "Balticon 38" and send to: Balticon 38, PO Box 686, Baltimore, MD 21203-0686

Website: www.balticon.org

E-mail: balticoninfo@balticon.org

July 9-11, 2004 **SHORE LEAVE 26**. Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn (Hunt Valley, MD). Guest include: Cirroc ("Jake Sisko") Lofton, Thom ("Hawk") Christopher, Brian ("Lt. Klag") Thompson. Membership: \$50 (higher at the door). Make checks payable to "Shore Leave" (and enclosed 2 SASE's) and send to: Shore Leave 26, PO Box 6809, Towson, MD 21285-6809

Email: information@shore-leave.com

Website: www.shore-leave.com

December 10-12, 2004 **PHILCON 2004**. Marriott City Center Philadelphia (Phila., PA). Principal Speaker: Brian Aldiss; Artist GoH: TBA; Special Guests: Kevin J. Anderson & Rebecca Moesta, Tom Purdom. Membership: \$40 "until at least 3/31/04." Make checks payable to "Philadelphia Science Fiction Society" and send to: Philcon 2004 Registration, PO Box 3, Oreland, PA 19075

Website: www.philcon.org

Email: info@philcon.org

July 1-4, 2005 **GAYLAXICON 2005**. Hyatt Regency Cambridge (Boston, MA). Membership: currently \$40 (will go up!). Make checks payable to "Gaylaxicon 2005" and send to: Gaylaxicon 2005, PO Box 1059, Boston, MA 02103. (More information as it becomes available.)

Website: www.gaylaxicon.org

Sept. 3-6, 2005 **CASCADIA CON (NASFiC 2005)**. SeaTac Airport Hilton (Seattle, WA). Author GoH: Fred Saberhagen; Artist GoH: Liz Danforth; Editor GoH: Toni Weisskopf. Membership: \$75 until 4/30/04 (will go up after that). Make checks payable to "Seattle NASFiC" and send to: Seattle NASFiC, Box 1066, Seattle, WA 98111. URL: www.CascadiaCon.org

