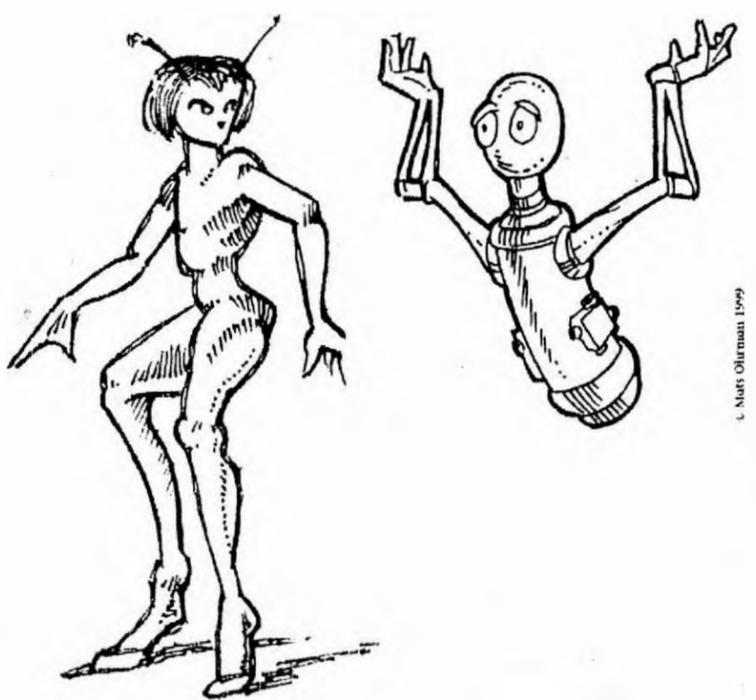


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Your editor has been Debra Stansbury. Next month's editor is the same. **Deadline is the 3rd Saturday of every month.** Contributions are always welcome, and may be sent to the PO Box above, or to the editor direct at porSFis@email.com or debstans@canada.com

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The SF/F and "Isn't It Cool?" Calendar of Events for November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 This space available	6	7	8	9	10	11 PorSFis Meeting 2pm, Smith Hall, PSU No Heather tonight
12 Last Orycon Meeting	13 Robert Jordan <i>Signing Only</i> Powell's in Beaverton, 7pm	14 Final Fantasy IX available in Stores Near You! ☺	15 Bassoon Brothers 6pm Bridgeport Brewpub, \$8 11/16 7:30pm → Simon Schama: A History of Britain Powell's City of Books	16 Delta 7320-10 SLC-2 VAFB EO- 1/SAC-C (NASA/Argentina) NASA/Boeing government civil launch 10:27:00 - 10:27:20 a.m. PDT	17 ORYCON ← 11/16 7pm In Search of Ancient Scotland Powell's Travel Store	18 ORYCON
19 ORYCON Heather Alexander Café Pacifica, Trad. After Orycon Performance \$5 cover	20	21 Ursula K. LeGuin's Birthday!	22	23 Anniversary of First Dr. Who Broadcast 1963 Thanksgiving Day	24 The Science of Toys--OMSI November 24 th thru December 3 rd	25 Poul Anderson's Birthday!
26 Aka Con Canadian Anime Convention November 26-27 th	27	28 SF/F Book Group at Barnes & Noble at Jantzen Beach, 7pm	29 11/30 7:30pm → Bad Girl's Guide to Getting What You Want Powell's on Hawthorne	30 Scheduled Launch of Space Shuttle Endeavor to the International Space Station! 7:48pm	1 AIA Meeting Lisa Brody, OSU Aphrodisias, Turkey 7:30 PM, 204 Neuberger Hall, PSU	2
3	4	5 This space available	6	7 Day of Infamy	8	9 PorSFis Meeting 2pm Smith Hall PSU

TIMELINE

PorSFis holds a formal meeting on the second Saturday of each month—usually these are structured and have a program. After the meeting we adjourn to a social place for snacks, drinks and socialization—called Afters (that's the gathering's name, not the restaurant. We tend to go to 10th & Market McMinnamins).

There is a social gathering in varying locations on the fourth Saturday, called alt.porsfis. Lately this has been a video party—by the way, if you want to be a host, please let us know...we can do this more than once a month...honest! And as always, everyone is welcome to everything PorSFis does.

November 11th Meeting

Let's Discuss Orycon! ☺

2pm Room 225 Smith Hall PSU
(free parking in PSU Parking structures after 2pm)

alt.porsfis Thanksgiving Weekend, 2000

TBA?

PRESIDENTS QUOTES:

First: Orycon Room Party!

Yay! Party!



Both Friday and Saturday Night, there will be a PorSFis Party at Orycon! Be there, or miss out on a whole lot of fun!

Look for the signs (of the time and place) located strategically about the con...

Second: Elections are approaching

Next month (December) is when we nominate people for Office. Remember, the nominee doesn't have to be a member when elected, but **must** be a member during the year they're in office (April to March).

If you want to vote, and you are not currently a member, \$20 will get you a one year's membership ☺

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Third: Christmas Time is Coming...

But some people can't afford a fat goose. Time to get in those donations for our Annual Christmas Family ☺ Let's make someone's holidays brighter!

Fourth: Members

Okay, the meetings are free...but we still want paying members. We have some lovely benefits...this newsletter, a beautiful blue membership card, discounts at four fine local stores, an annual picnic...

What should we be focusing on? Who is our target audience? Do we want to offer a special rate to the under 21 crowd? Like \$15 or so...to offset the fact that they can't go to Afters since we hold it in a Pub?

Cost cutting is only a stop-gap measure, what we need is a bigger constituency. If you have any suggestions or would like to get more involved, please contact either me, or John Bartley.

Fifth: Reviews Wanted

Anyone seen a good movie, rented a good video, read a good book lately? Or even a bad one? Submissions are welcome, in fact, they're encouraged!

L Sprague de Camp, Nov 27, 1907 - Nov 6, 2000

(reprinted from
<http://www.lspraguedecamp.com/newsletter/>)

L(yon) Sprague de Camp, noted science fiction and fantasy writer of the Golden Age, born in New York City on November 27, 1907, passed away on November 6, 2000 in Plano, Texas. Formerly a resident of Villanova, Pennsylvania, Sprague and his late wife Catherine called Plano, Texas their home since 1989. Catherine Crook de Camp, Sprague's wife of 60 years preceded him in death on April 9, 2000.

He is survived by his sons, Lyman Sprague de Camp and Gerard Beekman de Camp; and brother Lyman Lyon de Camp.

L. Sprague de Camp, who served as a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve during the Second World War, will be cremated; and his ashes, together with those of Catherine, will be laid to final rest at the Arlington National Cemetery.

L. Sprague de Camp was educated during his early years in New York City. He earned his BS in Aeronautical Engineering from the California Institute of Technology in 1930 and his MS in Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1933. Although he worked as an educator, lecturer, engineer, patent expert, and publicity writer, Sprague de Camp devoted most of the last-half century to writing over 100 science fiction, and fantasy novels.

His other work also includes historical novels; biographies of H.P. Lovecraft and Robert E. Howard; and recognized non-fiction pieces that include "The Ancient Engineers"; "The Day of the Dinosaur"; "Great Cities of the Ancient World"; and "The Great Monkey Trial" among others.

Many of Sprague's early works appeared in the science fiction magazines of the late 1930's and included the thinking bear series with "Johnny Black" in Astounding, and the "Gavagan's Bar" fantasy stories (written with the late Fletcher Pratt) in The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction.

Sprague de Camp edited and contributed to various stories about the life and adventures of a swashbuckling character, "Conan", originally created by the late Robert E. Howard; and went on to produce new Conan stories in collaboration with the late Lin Carter and others. Two theatrical movies have been released starring highly acclaimed actor Arnold Schwarzeneger as "Conan".

Sprague de Camp was a master of that rarity, "humorous fantasy." As a young writer collaborating with Fletcher Pratt, he set forth the world-hopping adventures of Harold Shea. These magical adventures of the classical world are still

available today in the omnibus volume, "The Complete Compleat Enchanter". In 1992, at the urging of Harold Shea's fans, Sprague de Camp and Christopher Stasheff collaborated on "The Enchanter Reborn" and the travel adventures continued.

Sprague de Camp's 1993 science fiction "Rivers of Time", a collection of nine stories about Reginald Rivers, a twenty-first century safari guide who takes clients back to the Paleozoic and Mesozoic period to hunt dinosaurs, was published by Baen books.

Perhaps Sprague's most loved science fiction on time travel is the classic, Lest Darkness Fall (1941), which is still in print today.

A world traveler with his collaborator wife Catherine and other colleagues, Sprague de Camp experienced many unusual events in his lifetime. He was chased by a hippopotamus in Uganda and a sea lion in the Galapagos Islands, watched tiger and rhinoceros from elephant back in India, and was bitten by a lizard in the jungles of northern Guatemala. He spoke several languages and was a member of many scholarly, professional, literary, and social organizations.

In the spring of 1994, Sprague de Camp spent Easter on Easter Island in the South Pacific doing research for his non-fiction book "The Ape-Man Within." In 1996 Donald M. Grant published Sprague's autobiography "Time and Chance." In 1997 "Time and Chance" received the HUGO Award for Best Non-fiction Work.

Sprague received the coveted GANDALF, the Grand Master Award for Lifetime Achievement in Fantasy; and the Science Fiction Writers of America's "GRAND MASTER NEBULA" Award in the 1970's. These and Sprague's numerous other awards were a source of honor from the profession to which he devoted himself since the 1930s.

In recent years health issues slowed him down and arthritis in his fingers made typing on his electric typewriter very difficult. None the less, he continued to keep up with his reading materials, always thinking about the next story.

Though the man is gone, the many works of L. Sprague de Camp still live on. "The Wheels of If," first published in 1940 was recently reprinted with two of Harry Turtledove's original novellas in DOWN IN THE BOTTLANDS (and other places)".

L. Sprague de Camp will be remembered and deeply missed by those who knew him and loved him.

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While wandering about the web, Carl Mork came across the site for this artist. To Carl's (and our) delight, he had posted permission to use his art as long as the copyright mark was kept and proper recognition given. Since it was in a style that suited the Pulsar, Carl decided to put together some covers.

So, without further ado:

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SCI FI Launches West Coast Feed

At 9 a.m. PT on Monday, October 23, the SCI FI Channel launched a West Coast feed in California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, and several other Western cable markets. The new feed means that most West Coast viewers can now watch SCI FI shows during their regularly scheduled times in both the Eastern and Pacific zones, eliminating the three-hour difference that used to exist. For instance, with the dual feed in place, *Babylon 5* can now be seen at 7 p.m. on both coasts. Prior to launching the dual feed, *Babylon 5* was seen at 7 p.m. ET on the East Coast and 4 p.m. PT on the West Coast.

Ellison Stories Land On Web

Venerable SF author Harlan Ellison has granted the Fictionwise.com <<http://www.fictionwise.com>> Web site the rights to market 35 of his short stories in eBook format. The works include award-winning Ellison stories, as well as works that are no longer in print and difficult to find, the site announced.

"Watching all the blue-sky IPO Web sites come and go, promising the riches of Araby, but delivering ashes and excuses, functioning only as sucking black holes draining off investment capital, it is some small miracle--in my view--the way *Fictionwise.com* operates with calm, determined professionalism to put the work out there on the Web," Ellison said in a statement. "If one needs a metaphor for their way of doing business, for their attention to detail and quality, their scrupulous honesty and respect for the creative talent in the milieu that is lousy with hot-air hustlers, adolescent hacker-thieves and just plain inept buffoons, try this: the 300 Spartans who took on all of Xerxes' vast and endless armies. Here's wishing *Fictionwise.com* a long and smooth highway."

Ellison's stories are available in the most popular eBook formats for handheld devices and personal computers, including Acrobat, Rocket, Palm and Microsoft Reader. Most *Fictionwise.com* eBooks retail for between 39 cents to \$2.

WB Mulls New *Electra Woman*

The WB network is considering a remake of the Sid and Marty Krofft series *Electra Woman and Dyna Girl*, about a pair of magazine reporters who battle crime as superheroes, according to *The Hollywood Reporter*. The original 1976 series was part of the *Krofft Supershow* Saturday morning lineup on ABC.

Writers Elisa Bell and Jeff Kline, along with Randy Pope of Sid & Marty Krofft Pictures, are developing a new treatment of the show for The WB. The original show starred Deidre Hall and Judy Strangis.



Sorbo Happy Here's Done

Kevin Sorbo, star of the syndicated TV series *Gene Roddenberry's Andromeda*, told the *Los Angeles Times* that he's glad to have left his old persona from *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys* behind. "I dropped 20 pounds and cut 8 inches of hair," Sorbo told the newspaper. "It was definitely time to get rid of the hair."

Sorbo added, "When I look at [*Andromeda*], I see a completely different guy. I think when people watch it, they won't even remember me as Hercules. I don't want people to forget. ... But I had to progress."

Sorbo plays Capt. Dylan Hunt in the SF series, which has a 44-episode commitment from Tribune Entertainment. Hunt, a starship military commander for a galaxy-wide republic, is released from suspended animation 300 years after his republic has collapsed and enlists an unlikely band

of spacefarers to help him rebuild it. In the pilot episode, there is a comment that Hunt looks like a "Greek god"--a humorous reference to Sorbo's previous role.

"What's good about [Hunt] is he's not Hercules," Sorbo said. "When he fights, he's not going to win every time. With Herc, you knew he was going to win; you just had to make it funny. ... This character is emotional. He has so much more going on. ... Hunt is more accessible; people can relate to him more. He isn't half-god. He isn't the strongest person in the world. He is just somebody with strong moral beliefs and standards he sets for himself, and he's in a universe that's totally against that. It'd be like a Republican in the Democratic world of Hollywood. As *Hercules*, as great as that was, that character can only save the world. I can save the universe now."



Andromeda Finding Stride

Robert Hewitt Wolfe, head writer and co-executive producer of the syndicated TV show *Gene Roddenberry's Andromeda*, told *Space.com* that the series is on track to be the No. 1 new show in syndication. *Andromeda* is entering its fourth week, and "overall, the numbers have been great," Wolfe told the site. "We deal within a lot of markets from one week to another, so obviously the people out there who are watching it are digging it, because they're coming back for more."

Wolfe was philosophical about the critical reaction to the show, which is based on notes and ideas of the late creator of *Star Trek*. "Well, it's been a little bit mixed," Wolfe said. "I think there's been a lot of positive response. I think that there's been some negative response. Mainstream critics have been a little tough, but then, that's not unexpected with a syndicated sci-fi show--a genre show in general. They tend not to get them for a while."

Wolfe added, "I think a lot of people who might have come in expecting something very, very much like *Star Trek*, for example, or had preconceived notions about what they thought the show should be, have probably been disappointed, because it's definitely a different dish. We get a lot of complaints about our tech being inaccurate, because we don't use things like tractor beams, transporters, phasers and force fields. So that's kind of funny."

John Bartley is **GEEKING FOR DOLLARS**. He is offering to perform computer consulting and related services—and to donate the proceeds (when referred by a PorSFis member) to PorSFis. TFN, of course. (Til Further Notice) Phone is 503-424-8136, or email johnbartley@email.com

Rose Red Actor Dukes Dies

David Dukes, the veteran actor who was to appear in Stephen King's upcoming miniseries *Rose Red*, collapsed and died on the Washington state film set, according to the Associated Press. He was 55.

Dukes succumbed to apparent cardiovascular disease, the wire service reported. Dukes was starring in *Rose Red*, which is slated to air on ABC in spring 2002.

Dukes appeared in more than 35 movies, including the critically acclaimed 1998 film *Gods and Monsters*, about *Frankenstein* director James Whale.

Dimension Enlists *Alien Legion*

Dimension Films has bought the feature-film rights to Carl Potts' SF/action comic book series *Alien Legion* and hired J.D. Zeik (*Ronin*) to adapt the comic for the big screen, according to *The Hollywood Reporter*. The series is described as "the French Foreign Legion in outer space" and tells the story of a young man disowned by his wealthy family who joins up with the "Alien Legion" to prove himself.

Potts will co-produce and Zeik will executive produce the film. *Alien Legion* is being developed as a live-action feature that will use both computer and physical effects, sources told the trade paper.

The comic book series was created by Potts and published between 1984 and 1992 by Epic Comics, the creator-owned arm of Marvel Comics. Potts was executive editor at Marvel Comics and editor-in-chief of the Epic Comics imprint.

Spectrum Awards Announced

The Gaylactic Network announced the winners of the 2000 Spectrum Awards <<http://www.lambdasf.org/spectrum/>>, honoring SF, fantasy and horror works that deal positively with gay characters, themes and issues. The Gaylactic Network is an organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender fans of SF and genre entertainment.

The awards were presented for works originally released in 1999. Hall of Fame awards recognize works created before 1998. A full list of winners follows.

Best Novel (Two Winners)

- *The Gumshoe, The Witch And The Virtual Corpse* by Keith Hartman
- *The Wild Swans* by Peg Kerr

Best Short Fiction

- "Dapple" by Eleanor Arnason

Best Other Work

- *Being John Malkovich*, a film directed by Spike Jonze

Hall of Fame Media

- *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*
- *Quantum Leap*, "Running for Honor"

Hall of Fame (Three Winners)

- *Slow River* by Nicola Griffith
- *Swordspoint* by Ellen Kushner
- *The World Well Lost* by Theodore Sturgeon

People's Choice Award

- *The Gumshoe, The Witch And The Virtual Corpse* by Keith Hartman

FCC Blasts Fox Over *Angel*

FCC chairman William Kennard blasted Fox's decision to air the premiere of *Dark Angel* in lieu of the first presidential debate, according to *The Hollywood Reporter*. "To my mind, this disregard for the American democratic process is unacceptable," Kennard said in a speech at the Museum of Television and Radio in New York.

"When we've reached the point where the networks feel they can show baseball and sci-fi flicks in lieu of critical presidential debates, then I believe it's high time that we rethink the terms of broadcasters' compact with the American people," Kennard said.

Fox aired the two-hour premiere of James Cameron's SF drama at 9 p.m. Oct. 3, replacing the debate in much of the country. NBC aired a baseball game. "We reached a new low last week, when two of the four major networks--NBC and Fox--chose to pre-empt the first debate of the most hotly contested presidential election in four decades for sports and entertainment programming," Kennard said.

Rings Extras Exploited?

Extras working on Peter Jackson's upcoming film trilogy *The Lord of the Rings* are being paid substandard wages, according to a report in the New Zealand newspaper *The Press*. Hollywood-based film consultant Anna Wilding told the newspaper that the mainly Kiwi extras are being treated like "slave labor."

Extras hired to ride horses in the movie were receiving daily rates of \$200 and meals, but would be paid at least \$500 plus allowances if the films were being made in America, the newspaper reported. Wilding added that many riders were being paid as extras, when under U.S. conditions they would be classed as stunt people and paid up to \$1,500 a day, *The Press* reported.

Film company publicist Claire Raskind told the newspaper that the riders were only too happy to be on the set. They were provided with three meals

a day, showers, toilets and movies at night. Raskind also said the production's horse coordinator, Steve Old, believed people would pay to have the same experience and conditions.

Rings, based on J.R.R. Tolkien's three novels of the same name, recently marked the one-year anniversary of its production in New Zealand.

(editor's note--would you work for that to be in this movie? Would you pay for the privilege?)

Fandom Awards Presented

The First Fandom Hall of Fame Awards were presented at the Archon 24 convention in Collinsville, Ill., on Sept. 30, according to a report on the *Science-Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America* Web site. The First Fandom Hall of Fame Award is presented annually for contributions to the field of SF as a fan, writer, editor, artist, agent or any combination of these. A complete list of winners follows.

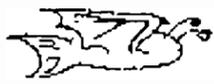
2000 Hall of Fame Award

•Marty Greenberg, co-founder of Gnome Press
Posthumous Recipients

•Theodore R. Cogswell, writer and academic
•Mark Schulzinger, former secretary/treasurer of First Fandom

The Moskowitz Archive Award

•Ray Beam



Miller To Pen *Batman: Year One*

Frank Miller told *Comic Shop News* that he will partner with director Darren Aronofsky on the script for *Batman: Year One*, the upcoming movie based on Miller's graphic novel of the same name, according to a report on the Eon <<http://www.eonmagazine.com/index-NS.htm>> magazine Web site. "Darren and I had a lot of fun working together on the *Ronin* movie project. We make a good team, I think. ... Darren in particular wanted to make *Year One*."

Miller added, "The movie business is wild. There's so much money involved, and so many people, that anything can happen. Maybe Darren and I will set the world on fire. Maybe our script will wind up sitting next to all the other could-have-beens that litter the shelves of studio execs. I'm certain we can do a good job--but anybody who isn't financing his own movie himself is foolish to predict his fate--or his involvement in it.

"I expect to have a lot of fun with *Year One*," Miller said. "From the get-go, I see many things that need changing--but ultimately, even if the movie gets made, mine will only be one of many voices calling the shots. I'll bring my very best efforts to the script. I won't write a single line I don't believe in."

TNT Orders *Witchblade* Series

Based on the success of its two-hour *Witchblade* original movie in August, TNT has ordered 11 episodes of a new series based on the Top Cow comic series of the same name, the network announced. *Witchblade*, starring Yancy Butler, is slated to premiere in the summer of 2001. The *Witchblade* movie was the No. 1 original movie among adults 18-49 and 25-54 for the year to date, TNT reported. It was also the top movie for the week of Aug. 21-27, earning a 4.5 rating (3,491,000 households) and was the top movie among adults 18-49 (3,157,000) and among adults 25-54 (3,631,000).

Witchblade tells the the story of New York detective Sara Pezzini (Butler), who has acquired a mysterious ancient gauntlet that confers supernatural powers. She uses it to battle the forces of evil. J.D. Zeik wrote the movie.

Witchblade is produced by Top Cow Productions and Halsted Pictures, in association with Warner Bros. Television. Ralph Hemecker (*Millennium*, *The X-Files*) will again direct, with Dan Halsted

executive producing for Halsted Pictures and Marc Silvestri executive producing for Top Cow Productions.

Producer Previews New *Witchblade*

Brad Foxhoven, director of TNT's *Witchblade* pilot, told the *Comics Continuum* Web site that the upcoming series will feature both long and short storylines. "A comparison would be *The X-Files* as a limited series, with *Witchblade*--like the [Top Cow] comic book [on which it is based]--having one main story arc with many various subplots intertwined throughout the show," Foxhoven told the *Continuum*.

Foxhoven added, "Without the scripts being complete at this time, TNT is using this as a guide for how this first season will be structured." TNT announced that it has ordered 11 episodes of a *Witchblade* series, to premiere in the summer of 2001.

"I'm obviously very happy to see the *Witchblade* movie continue on into a regular series," Foxhoven said. "The reaction to the movie was so strong, it just makes sense to expand the story and really explore the world that was initially created in the comic book."

Top Cow's David Wohl, a *Witchblade* comics writer and a producer on the movie, told the *Continuum* that he looks forward to being involved in the series as well. "I believe we will be involved in the creative process of the series more than we were on the two-hour [movie]," Wohl said. "But what that involvement will entail remains to be seen."

Smith Says *MIB* Gang Is Back

Will Smith told *TV Guide Online* that there will be some familiar faces in the upcoming *Men in Black 2*, the sequel to his 1997 hit *Men in Black*. "The whole gang is back!" Smith told the site, referring to co-stars Tommy Lee Jones and Linda Fiorentino. "Oh and how they bring Tommy's character back! ... I can't let it out, but it's so brilliant." Jones' representative confirmed to *TV Guide Online* that the actor has signed on for the sequel.

Smith added, "It's great when a sequel can have a better script, because it is so rare that the second film is better than the first one. But this one is ridiculous! ... [Director] Barry Sonnenfeld has the script and is working on it now, but the [threatened actors' union] strike is kind of holding things up."

Smith said things are less certain for a follow-up to his 1996 blockbuster *Independence Day*. "We've been talking about it," Smith said, referring to *ID4* writer Dean Devlin and director/writer Roland Emmerich. But, he added, "when you've got a movie that made that kind of money, rest assured somebody is talking about a sequel."

New E.T. Toys Coming

Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment and Universal Studios announced a three-year deal with retailer Toys R Us to roll out a line of toys marking the spring 2002 release of the 20th anniversary edition of Spielberg's E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, *Variety* reported. The toy chain will release its first line of E.T. products in September, timed with the opening of its 100,000-square-foot Times Square megastore, the trade paper reported.

Spielberg and the retailer have been working on the designs of the new toys and other products, which will include games, puzzles, sporting goods, apparel, accessories, gifts, collectibles, party goods, school supplies and electronics.

The 20th anniversary edition of E.T. will include previously unseen footage, new computer-generated enhancements and a digitally remixed soundtrack, *Variety* reported.

Phantastik Winners Announced

Organizers announced the winners of the German Phantastik Award for 2000, based on an e-mail poll of 574 readers of the German-language SF Web site Phantastik.de. The winners were honored

Oct. 21 at the BuchmesseCon convention in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. A full list of winners follows.

Best German Novel 1999

•Krieg der Engel by Wolfgang and Heike Hohlbein

Best Foreign Novel 1999

•Hearts in Atlantis by Stephen King

Best German Story 1999

•"Wiedergänger" by Michael Marrak

Best Anthology 1999

•Der Agnostische Saal 2

Best German Serial 1999

•Prof. Zamorra

Author of the Year 1999

•J.K. Rowling

Best Translation 1999

•Uwe Anton, Seize the Night by Dean Koontz

Best Feature 1999

•The Matrix

Best TV Series 1999

•Star Trek: Deep Space Nine

Best Actress 1999

•Gillian Anderson, The X-Files

Best Actor 1999

•Keanu Reeves, The Matrix

Best German Web Site 1999

•SF Radio

Honor Award 1999

•The Matrix

Flop of the Year 1999

•Star Wars: Episode I

Fantasy IX Release Set

Square Electronic Arts announced that Final Fantasy IX, designed for the PlayStation game console, will hit U.S. store shelves on Nov. 14. Final Fantasy IX is the latest installment of the popular video game series.

The new edition will offer new 3-D environments and cutting-edge graphic technology, the company said. Final Fantasy IX will feature a storyline centering on the evil queen's desire to dominate the world.

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ADV Plans Sailor Moon Videos

ADV Films announced it has acquired the home video rights to the Sailor Moon television anime series, which is currently being broadcast as part of the Cartoon Network's Toonami programming block. The 82-episode series will be released on VHS beginning Nov. 21, with four episodes per tape.

ADV plans to release Sailor Moon dubbed in English; there are as yet no plans for either a subtitled or a DVD version.

Sailor Moon tells the story of junior high school student Serena, who discovers she has mystical powers and is destined to protect the world from the evil Queen Beryl and her Negaverse.

Serena assembles the Sailor Scouts and, with the help of Luna, they battle evil in the name of Queen Serenity.

Resident Evil Fans Angry

Fans are upset that the upcoming feature-film version of the Resident Evil video game series will differ significantly from the games and are mounting an Internet petition to preserve the games' storyline and characters. The fans are reacting to a purported casting call for the film obtained by the VideoGames.net fan Web site, which says that director Paul Anderson's movie will tell the story of a commando team trapped in a laboratory where it must battle a homicidal computer and an army of the living dead.

That story differs completely from the Capcom game series' narrative, in which the nefarious Umbrella Corporation has destroyed Raccoon City and the mysterious t-virus has unleashed an army of zombies. More than 100 fans have posted messages to the petition threatening to boycott the film.

Fifth Potter Title Revealed

J.K. Rowling, author of the best-selling Harry Potter series of children's novels, told the Today show that the fifth book will be called Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, the Associated Press reported. "I kept saying I wouldn't tell anyone, but then this cute boy, about 8, asked me, and I knew it would make him so happy," Rowling reportedly said.

Rowling has said previously that the fifth book will be ready within two years. "Although book five is underway, I really haven't got that far with it yet," she told the Today show. "I'd like to ensure that I really like the writing. ... I would like to take my time."

Rowling's British publisher, Bloomsbury, meanwhile, will be forced to reprint millions of copies of the fourth book, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, after readers noted a typographical error deep in the text of the first edition, the BBC reported.

Bloomsbury said its was bombarded with letters and e-mails from readers who noticed that Fudge, the minister of magic, suddenly changes to Crouch, a villain who disappeared earlier in the story, on one page.

World Fantasy Awards Presented

The 2000 World Fantasy Awards were presented at the World Fantasy Convention held in Corpus Christi, Texas, Oct. 29, according to the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America Web site. The awards recognize works published in 1999. A full list of winners follows.

Best Novel

•Thraxas by Martin Scott

Best Novella (Tie)

•"The Transformation of Martin Lake" by Jeff VanderMeer

•"Sky Eyes" by Laurel Winter

Best Short Fiction

•"The Chop Girl" by Ian R. MacLeod

Best Anthology

•Silver Birch Blood Moon, Ellen Datlow and Terri Windling, eds. (Datlow edits SCIFI.COM's SCI FICTION site.)

Best Collection (Tie)

•Moonlight and Vines by Charles de Lint

•Reave the Just and Other Tales by Stephen R. Donaldson

Best Artist

•Jason Van Hollander

Special Award, Professional

•Gordon Van Gelder for editing

Special Award, Non-Professional

•The British Fantasy Society

The Geffen Award

Dune: House Atreides by Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson won the Geffen Award for best science fiction book, and Stardust by Neil Gaiman won the Geffen for best fantasy book. The awards are named for Amos Geffen, the co-founder of the Israeli Society for Science Fiction and Fantasy, and were presented Oct. 19 at the fourth Israeli SF&F convention.

Wheel Of Time RPG Coming

Wizards of the Coast announced that it has acquired the rights to produce role-playing games, miniatures and other merchandise based on Robert Jordan's best-selling Wheel of Time series of fantasy novels. The company will produce a Wheel of Time role-playing game based on the engine that drives the latest edition of Dungeons & Dragons, the company said. The hardcover core rulebook of The Wheel of Time RPG will contain background information on the geography, organization and history of Jordan's world.

Steven Long, Charles Ryan and Christian Moore of Wizards of the Coast are designing the game for a summer 2001 release. The first product will include all-new character classes, races, skills and feats.

Pocket Books Launches DS9 Series

Pocket Books will launch a series of novels based on the defunct television series *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, [Cinescape Online](http://www.cinescape.com) <<http://www.cinescape.com/>> reported. The series takes off in 2001.

"We're moving beyond the series' conclusion on television," editor Marco Palmieri told *Cinescape* contributors Gregory Norris and Laura Van Vleet. "The book picks up three months after 'What You Leave Behind' [the DS9 series finale], and because of the departures of Capt. Sisko, Chief O'Brien, Worf and Odo in the finale, we had some empty slots to fill. So we decided to create four new faces who will shake things up a bit."

Palmieri said that each of the newcomers belongs to a different species--one of them a race that has been seen in the *Trek* universe before. Readers may also learn what some of the departed characters have been up to from time to time. The book series opens in May with the two-part *Avatar*, written by S.D. Perry, *Cinescape* reported.

Star Wars Fan Film Site Due

[AtomFilms](http://www.atomfilms.com/) <<http://www.atomfilms.com/>> has joined forces with the official *Star Wars* Web site to launch the *Star Wars Fan Film Network*, which will give fans an official outlet for their parodies, documentaries and other *Star Wars*-themed films. *AtomFilms* is now accepting submissions of *Star Wars* fan films for consideration to be showcased on the site.

The *Star Wars Fan Film Network* will launch later this year. Participants in the *Star Wars Fan Film Network* will have access to a library of sanctioned audio clips--from Darth Vader's breathing to the lightsaber wave and rebel blaster fire--to incorporate into their own original works. As an added incentive to submit their short films for consideration, fan filmmakers whose short films are selected for the network will receive royalty payments based on the advertising and sponsorship revenues generated from the site.

The Stanley Kubrick Britannia Award

Steven Spielberg received Great Britain's first Stanley Kubrick Britannia Award, the top honor of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, the Associated Press reported.

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The deadline is the third Saturday of the month (the week after the meeting) Hopefully this will enable me to get the newsletter out in a more timely manner ☺

Suggestions Wanted for PorSFis's Recommended Reading List

Please, send in your suggestions! PO Box 4602 Portland, OR 97208 or porsfis@email.com Your opinion is wanted!!



Top 10 Bestselling SF Books

Source: Amazon.com 10/18/00

1. The Amber Spyglass
2. Winter's Heart (Wheel of Time) Robert Jordan
3. Dune: House Harkonnen
4. D & D Third Edition Monster Manual Wizards of the Coast
5. A Storm of Swords
6. D & D Dungeon Master's Guide Wizards of the Coast
7. D & D Third Edition Handbook Wizards of the Coast
8. A Kiss of Shadows
9. Faith of the Fallen
10. The Voyage of the Jerle Shannara Terry Brooks

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based on notes by Sam Butler

20 wonderful people were in attendance, how many were present, is a matter of conjecture.

A number of websites were presented on the display board while we waited for Debra to show up.

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PorSFis party call for help notes:

Need "Flashers" from Logitech Mouse boxes
Food, beverages, money still needed for the room party!

There will be a raffle at the party - Sunday get email addresses - prize **Galaxy Quest** tape

Christmas family adoption donation - VOA time - send to post office box

[sfbookclubs@barnes & noble](mailto:sfbookclubs@barnes&noble.com) - need a volunteer to go to these meetings and propagandize

Guest Callie Hills, one half of Echo's Children was the guest

Help Unfold the Mystery (submitted by John Bartley)

<<http://www.stanford.edu/group/pandegroup/Cosm/>> is the home page of a new distributed computing project which needs volunteers with PCs (Windows & Linux) (Mac coming soon) to unfold one of biochemistry's important mysteries; how proteins fold and unfold. Jerry Pournelle, curmudgeon-at-large, thought this adequately important to add to his website.

Diseases such as Alzheimer's disease, cystic fibrosis, Mad Cow disease, an inherited form of emphysema, and even many cancers are believed to result from protein misfolding, and understanding protein unfolding is also important to AIDS and other infectious disease research.

If you join the project, you download software which runs when your PC is otherwise idle. It grinds away (with or without a screen saver) and occasionally passes completed data sets up to Stanford, then picks up new data sets and computers those.

Should you join, please, when you install the software, would you consider putting '(Portland SF Society)' {omit the quotes, please} after your name? A little publicity never hurts..... and this is important research to which we can all contribute.

For more details, see:

<<http://slashdot.org/science/00/09/26/2111216.shtml>>

<<http://www.wired.com/news/technology/0,1282,39035,00.html>>

<<http://search.npr.org/cf/cmn/cmnpd01fm.cfm?PrqDate=09/27/2000&PrqID=2>>

> (scroll down to the SuperComputer story - requires RealAudio on your system)

The Archeology Institute of America

(submitted by Helen Umberger)

As some of you know I am on the Board for the AIA - so I like to promote the yearly lecture series. The first lecture is this Thursday. This is the committed schedule so far, there are probably at least 3 more lectures in 2001, and we usually get a special deal with the Portland Art Museum (this year the Ottoman collection) which usually is discount tickets, private tour and reception.

If you are interested let me know, or just show up at the lectures. (I noticed a lot of crossover from this group and OryCon with the lectures last year - nothing like a lecture on pirates or the middle ages to bring this group out)

Friday, December 1 Lisa Brody, OSU Aphrodisias, Turkey 7:30 PM, 204 Neuberger Hall, PSU

Thursday, January 18 Joel Walker, University of Wash "In Search of St. Theodore: Archaeology and History in Late Roman Turkey"

Parking is free in the PSU parking structures after 7:00 pm. As usual, all AIA lectures are free and open to the public. If you would like to have dinner with the speaker before the lecture, call 503-725-5472 or email carrk@pdx.edu.

(for up-to-date info check out our WWW site at <http://www.history.pdx.edu/AIA.htm>)

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Robert Jordan Booksigning

Monday the 13th, 7 pm POWELL'S BOOKS IN BEAVERTON

Robert Jordan returns for the release of book nine of his Wheel of Time series: Winter's Heart, the eagerly awaited sequel to The Path of Daggers. The Chicago Sun-Times calls The Wheel of Time series "A fantasy seldom equalled and still more seldom surpassed in English." Please note: This is a booksigning and not a reading. Jordan will be signing hardcover books in the Wheel of Time series only.

In Search of Ancient Scotland

Thursday the 16th, 7 pm POWELL'S TRAVEL STORE

Walk the moors with Scotland's prehistoric people, climb its crumbling castle walls, stand on its battlefields alongside its greatest heroes, and feel the presence of its ghosts held tightly in images spun by ancient Celts. In Search of Ancient Scotland: A Guide for the Independent Traveler transports armchair travelers or active explorers of all ages back in time to a Scotland most visitors never see. In this friendly, lively book, Gerald and Dorothy Ruzicki guide readers to more than 200 ancient monuments to uncover unusual features, legends, and history.

Simon Schama: A History of Britain

Thursday the 16th, 7:30 pm POWELL'S CITY OF BOOKS

Simon Schama is one of the most popular and celebrated historians of our day, and in this magnificent work he brings the history of Britain to dramatic life with a wealth of vivid, colorfully detailed stories, reanimating familiar figures and events and drawing them skillfully into a powerful and compelling narrative. A History of Britain is the first in Schama's two-part epic history. The broadcast of the first seven episodes of the television series, A History of Britain, written and presented by Schama, was shown on The History Channel in October. This event is co-sponsored by Portland Arts & Lectures.

Bad Girl's Guide to Getting What You Want Thursday the 30th, 7:30 pm POWELL'S BOOKS ON HAWTHORNE

Cameron Tuttle's The Bad Girl's Guide to Getting What You Want is the hilarious follow-up to the wildly popular The Bad Girl's Guide to the Open Road This is the ultimate guide for getting it - anything and everything - in Bad Girl style.

Delayed gratification is a thing of the past in this inspired collection of tips and tricks for scoring love, fame, money, power, parking spaces, and other essentials. But spin and strategy are just the beginning. Racy bad-girl confessions and edgy illustrations make this indispensable volume even dishier.



From The Science Fiction Writers of America website www.sfwaweb.org

Frederick S. Clarke (1948 - 2000)

Frederick S. Clarke, owner and publisher of Cinefantastique magazine died on Tuesday, October 17, 2000, at the age of 51. He is survived by his wife, Celeste Clarke; by his children, Whitney and Caitlin; by his step-children, Drew and Anna Sikula; and by his brothers George and Charles.

Funeral services were held Monday at Ascension Church in Oak Park, Illinois and contributions may be sent to the Ascension Church Building Fund, 815 S. East Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60304.

The following message comes from his assistant, Lisa Coduto:

In addition to his loving family, he left behind an office staff of seven, not including the many writers that also worked for him. We will miss him very much, and will continue his work just as he did, (there will not be any additions or changes in his staff) with no exceptions.

Cinefantastique will remain the great magazine that Fred strived so hard for. Your sympathy is very much appreciated.

On November 3, the LA times reported that Clarke committed suicide

<http://www.latimes.com/news/state/20001103/t000105321.html>.

Late Breaking news from SCIFI.COM

Manga Readies Street Fighter Zero

Manga Entertainment has allied with video game producer Capcom to release the new animated movie *Street Fighter Alpha (Street Fighter Zero in Japan)*, which is scheduled to hit video stores on Jan. 30. According to Manga, the movie will be released in both VHS and DVD format, with interviews, a "making of" documentary and trailers on the DVD.

The *Street Fighter Zero* movie is based on the popular game franchise *Street Fighter II* and serves as a sequel to the television series *Street Fighter II V*, also released by Manga. It follows street fighters Ken and Ryu--reunited by the death of their master--as Ryu begins to accumulate the energies of the Dark Hadou. Things are complicated with the sudden appearance of Shun--who claims to be Ryu's long-lost brother--and Akuma, the vicious lord of the Dark Hadou himself.

Atwood Wins Booker Prize

Canadian novelist Margaret Atwood, a sometime SF author, won Britain's prestigious Booker literary prize for her non-SF epic novel *The Blind Assassin*, the Reuters news service reported.

Atwood also won the equivalent of \$29,980 for the book, one of whose characters is an SF author. Atwood was picked from more than 120 entries from Britain, Ireland and the Commonwealth. Among SF aficionados, Atwood is best known for her 1985 dystopian novel *The Handmaid's Tale*, winner of the Governor General's Award of Canada and the first Arthur C. Clarke Award in 1986. The book was turned into a 1990 film of the same name.

Ford Separates From Wife

Star Wars and *Indiana Jones* star Harrison Ford has separated from his wife of 17 years, screenwriter Melissa Mathison (*E.T.*), *E! Online* reported. "We have been living apart for the past month," Ford, 58, and Mathison, 49, said in a brief statement. "We sincerely hope that we can work out our differences."

The couple added, "We would appreciate it if the media and the public would respect this as a very painful time for both of us and consider this a private matter henceforth." Ford and Mathison married in 1983 and have two children, Malcolm and Georgia.

Apes Worker Dies

Cal/OSHA is investigating a fatal accident that occurred during pre-production of Fox's upcoming SF movie *Planet of the Apes*, according to *The Hollywood Reporter*. Paul Trachtenberg, 42, a scenic artist who was painting a floor-to-ceiling backdrop for the film's set, was killed Oct. 30 when he fell off a platform that had been raised about 20 feet above the floor of the Los Angeles Center Studios, the trade paper reported. Trachtenberg was rushed to a local trauma center, where he died of his injuries. Dean Fryer, a spokesman for the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health, told *The Hollywood Reporter* that the agency would investigate such issues as training and proper operation of the lift on which Trachtenberg was working.

Lucas Plans No Post-Jedi Films

George Lucas doesn't have plans for any *Star Wars* movies that would pick up the saga after the destruction of the Death Star in *Return of the Jedi*, a Lucasfilm spokesman said on the official *Star Wars* Web site. "At one point early on, George Lucas talked of possibly needing nine movies to tell his tale of the Skywalker family," said Steve Sansweet, director of content management and fan relations in Lucasfilm's marketing department. "But as he actually worked through the storyline, he realized long ago that the story he wanted to tell could naturally be told in six two-hour films." Sansweet added, "The nine-episode mantra, however, refuses to die ... and, we realize, never will. But George says that the story he has to tell will be complete in the six films, which can then be viewed as one epic saga. He says that he honestly has no story to tell now beyond the destruction of the second Death Star."

More X-Men Scenes Planned?

X-Men director Bryan Singer told the *New York Post* that he'd like to shoot additional scenes to incorporate on a future DVD edition of the film. A DVD of the movie will be released on Nov. 21 and will include five scenes that were deleted from the theatrical release, but not the new footage Singer wants to film, the newspaper reported. "Twentieth Century Fox has committed to doing a second *X-Men* DVD, in which I would use a slightly longer version, including two new scenes which I'd like to shoot, a commentary track and at least a dozen outtakes," Singer told the newspaper. "I would also include hundreds of hours of videocamera footage of the shooting of *X-Men*, chronicling the experience, which was inspired by *Heart of Darkness*, the documentary about the making of *Apocalypse Now*." In the upcoming DVD release, "There are certain scenes that take away from the theatrical movie which, when you see them on the DVD, you will understand why," Singer said.

