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(The Songs of the Stars)
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WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM MISTY (MERCEDDES LACKEY) AND LARRY DIXON?
Here's what Larry has to say: "...WINDS OF CHANGE outline just finished. ... this one's a roller-coaster ride indeed. With a -hot- lovescene. Nufsed. Word from the Penguin rep we saw at the Booksource openhouse yesterday said that WINDS OF FATE was in its THIRD printing already. You heard it here first. Please be patient if you haven't gotten your copy yet. And word is also that JINX HIGH is #1 on the Locus paperback list. Hmm. ... Finished the first-edit on WHEELS OF FIRE today, hurrah! It's another fun one, SERRA Book #2, Mercedes Lackey and The Mighty Mark Shepherd.

"I do have some bad news, sort of, though: I passed on the cover for WHEELS to Larry Elmore, who is absolutely a wonderful artist and gentleman. The reason? Larry Elmore, simply put, can do a better commercially-successful cover than I, and it's more important for Mark to have a great cover on this book than to have one specifically by -me-. Also, the time it would take for me to render an Elmore-style cover would be prohibitive, since the entire High Flight schedule has been seriously accelerated. I'm turning down offers right-n-left to help get these books out to you all! So, anyway, no WHEELS cover by your loyal gryphon, but rest assured, there will be others.

"The new gas grill works wonderfully. Rodan's room will be roughed in this weekend. The back fence will be up, too. The Aerie continues to evolve! And I had the most wonderful visit from a prairie falcon today.

"All in all, things are going well. Thanks for checking in with us, everyone. Clear skies! ---Larry Dixon, your loyal gryphon "

Here are the projected release dates of some upcoming novels:
Due in early 1992 is BARDIC VOICES, BOOK ONE: THE LARK AND THE WREN -- a tale of Rune the Fiddler-girl! Price is \$4.99. Coming in March, 1992: BORN TO RUN by Mercedes Lackey and Larry Dixon, first book of the SERRated Edge series, Baen, \$4.99. If you can't find one of the books, beat the rush and order directly from FIREBIRD ARTS & MUSIC, INC., P. O. Box 14785 Portland, OR 97214, 1-800-752-0494. They usually manage to get books before they appear in retail outlets. You can place your order now and sit back and wait for it to arrive!

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Conventions where you can see Misty and Larry:

Misty will be Special Guest of Honor at Chattacon 17, January 17-19, 1992, Chattanooga, TN. For more info, send SASE to Chattacon 17, Box 23909, Chattanooga, TN 37422.

Misty is Guest of Honor, Larry Dixon is Artist Guest of Honor, and Doris Mager of Save Our American Raptors is a

SpecialGuest at CrackerCon, March 13-15, 1992. For info, send SASE to CrackerCon, ILnc., P. O. Box 1509, Orange Park, FL 32067-1509.

Boise Fantasy Arts Con, April 24-26, 1992; P. O. Box 8602, Boise, Idaho 83702; (208) 344-2774.

Name That Con 5, May 1-3, 1992. Write to SCSFFS, P. O. Box 575, Saint Charles, MO 63302.

Terry Pratchett and Misty Lackey are Guests of Honor at Key Con 9, May 15-17, 1992, in Winnipeg, Canada. Write to KeyCon, Box 3178, Winnipeg, MB, R3C 4E6, Canada. If writing from outside Canada, send an addressed envelope and an IRC.

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FIREBIRD/PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS:

Order your copy of DRUNKEN ANGEL, Michael Longcor's second album. He's backed up by none other than Tempest, Lief Sorbye's band. Price \$10.00. ## And after 3 years, Firebird has finally gotten the rights for Leslie Fish's very first album, which was produced back in 1976. It's FOLK SONGS FOR FOLK WHO AIM'T BEEN BORN YET, and it features the original DeHorn Crew. Price \$10.00. ## Coming soon is SEE YOU LATER by Portland jazz musician Shirley Nanette. This album will be released first on cassette, then on CD in December. Cassette price -- \$10.00. ## And don't forget to get your copy UNREAL ESTATE, a collection of space songs by various artists. Selections include "Unreal Estate," "Phantom Lover of the Star Drive," "The Light Ship," "Helva's Song," and a beautiful rendition of my "Honor the Dreamers" by Heather Alexander! Don't miss it! Price is \$10.00. ## Also new in stock is WALKABOUT, from live recordings of Julia Ecklar, performed at Bayfilk 4, March, 1988, and Conclave, October, 1990. The album was produced by Dodeka Records and costs \$10.00.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS!: SHADOWSTALKER, a tape based on the VANYEL series is due out in March, '92. Serious collectors take note! Note: Firebird can now take credit card orders over the phone. Call them at 1-800-752-0494 today and put your name on their mailing list if you haven't done so already.

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THE QUEEN'S OWN is an international fan club dedicated to the writings of Mercedes Lackey(TM). There is an informative newsletter, and annual dues of \$8.00 for 10 issues. Gifts of cash or stamps are always welcomed to offset expenses (subtle hint #23), and members who volunteer to help with some aspect of putting together the newsletter and/or running the fan club are given extra credit toward becoming a Herald. For info, send an S.A.S.E. to Judith Louvis, The Queen's Own, P. O. Box 43143, Upper Montclair, New Jersey 07043, or call (at a reasonable hour! -- get your timezones straight, gang!) (201) 744-8575.

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UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

BOISE FANTASY ARTS CON, April 24-26, 1992, P. O. Box 8602, Boise, Idaho 83702, (208) 344-2774. Guests of Honor: Mercedes Lackey, Larry Dixon, and Simon Hawke. Pre-registration from 11/1/91-

4/1/92-\$18.50; At the Door-\$20.00. Write for more info.

MARCON 27, May 22-25, 1992, Columbus, Ohio; Membership: \$24 till 31 December 1991; \$28 till 1 May 1992, At the door--TBA. A special 4-day convention on Memorial Day weekend, 1992 in celebration of the quinquacentennial of Columbus finding those funny islands in the Carribean. GoHs: Gregory Benford, Orson Scott Card, and Roger Zelazny. MARCON 27 will be focusing on the themes of exploration and discovery in fantasy and science fiction. MARCON will be at the Hyatt Ohio Center in beautiful downtown Columbus, Ohio. Phone: (614) 463-1234. Room rate: \$79.00 flat. For info, write to: MARCON 27, PO Box 211101, Columbus, OH 43221.

MAGICON, September 3-7, 1992, Orlando, FL. Attending Memberships \$95.00 until 3/31/92; \$110.00 until 7/15/92; \$135.00 at the door; supporting-\$25.00. For Info, write to: MAGICON, P. O. Box 621992, Orlando, FL 32862-1992, (407) 859-8421.

CONFRANCISCO, September 2-6, 1992 (expanded to five days!). Hotel: Parc Party Five & Le Meridien. For info, write: CONFRANCISCO, P. O. Box 22097, San Francisco, CA 94122 (SASE please!).

PRODUCTS, ETC.

QUICKSILVER FANTASIES, Pat Apodaca, P. O. Box 1660, Post Falls, ID 83854. Large catalogue of filk and folk music, a variety of SF/F gift items. Quite a bit of "period" folk and Native American music. Many items you won't find with other dealers, including Earth stickers and Amber Essence. NEW OFFERINGS include: Roger Fountain & Leatherwoods \$9.00; Songs as Old as the Hills \$9.00; More Ose than Not \$10.00; Plain Brown Wrapper \$10.00; Morning has Broken \$10.00; Hammerin' On \$9.00; Stone County Dulcimer \$9.00; Ozark Mountain Dulcimer \$9.00; Potpourri \$10.00; Lost Treasure Legends of the Ozarks: Video \$29.95.

RANDOM FACTORS, c/o John and Mary Creasey, 3754 W. 170th Street, Torrance, CA 90504-1204, (310)* 329-6772. (*Note: Area code is new, effective 11/2/91) Convention retailers of a variety of music, including filk and folk, songbooks, the music of PDQ Bach and Tom Lehrer, instruments (some eclectic), and gift items that defy description, such as the DARWIN'S FISH automobile applique (you have to see it to believe it)! For those of you who can't make it to cons, a catalogue is available upon request.

Visit WALDENBOOKS in the Ward Warehouse, 1050 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, Hawaii 96814, (808) 533-2711, for the latest in Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror books. Colleen Lashway, our own resident book expert and world convention traveller extraordinaire, will be happy to help you find whatever you need!

SPACE OPERA HOUSE, c/o Barry & Sally Childs-Helton, 5271 Primrose

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Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46220, (317) 251-8099.

WAIL SONGS, P. O. Box 29888, Oakland, CA 94604.

TALES FROM THE WHITE HART, Kathy Sands, 3360 Greenmount Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21218, (301) 889-0099. SF/F bookstore which also carries a variety of Filk and Folk music, including some of the newest selections from Firebird Arts and Music, as well as some hard to find Off Centaur selections. Look for them at various conventions.

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