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Whirlwind social event of the first Saturday after Easter was the surprise wedding of Katie"call me a Trekkie and die" Chafen and Malcolm "no that's her Teddy Bear over there" Davies.

Other attendees from 191 The Heights were Mike the rent collector, Cathy the india rubber girl and Bernie the Peke all of whom were instructed "don't let the groom leg it". Your friendly Small Mammal correspondent doubled as best man and single handedly set a fashion in creased trouser knees.

After a short pause for a mammoth repast at the reception the wedding party adjourned to a house of ill repute, run by one Roger Perkins where a group of unsuspecting fans were attempting to hide in the shadows, under the impression that they had been invited to a surprise party for the best man. The entry of the secretly married couple in the middle of the singing of happy birthday caused many a strong jaw to drop to the floor (those in doubt may inspect Dave Rowe's for bruises). Ingestion of much alcohol was necessary before who had double crossed who and how could be calculated,after which the bride and groom retired to bed to the strains of the William Tell Overture.

In general the whole day went off in a way befiting the auspicious date.

EVENT HORIZON
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14'th April - Friday- Talk on Science Fiction at the Parish Hall, Grove Rd, Windsor at 8 pm. This event is a prelude to the Windsor Arts Centre science fiction festival in June.

FRIDAYS - During the Summer the Stanhope Institute evening class on science fiction returns to its regular abode at the Cock tavern in Dinah place off Great Portland St (behind the Xerox building). The place is rarely totally devoid of fans on a friday.

SKYCON
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The Heathrow hotel say that the security staff would have been much friendlier if someone hadn't stolen ~~xxxx~~ their Kojack ice lollies.

Seriously folks, Many thanks to the con committee for their good organization and bravery under fire.

FILMS AND THINGS
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SPIDERMAN - reviewed - Special effects were much better than I expected and most of the characters had been transferred to the screen fairly intact, except for a depressingly healthy aunt May. The script however made little use of the opportunity and distinctly lacked the pace and wisecrack humour of the original comic series. Apparently a follow up TV series is in the works so perhaps we can hope for better things.

Other characters to get the big screen treatment are; the Hulk, the Human Torch, the Sub-mariner and Dr Strange. From the tone of their articles the producers seem to be having trouble simplifying American adolescent comics enough to make them intelligible to the TV audience.

The STAR TREK film goes on to new heights of confusion this month with simultaneous rumours that it has been restarted (a) with a completely new cast or (b) with a completely different cast.

CONVENTION UPDATE
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Sat 10'th June. WINDSOR SCIENCE FICTION FESTIVAL on Windsor racecourse from 1pm. Writers, bookstalls, films, Dr Who and the Daleks, SF inflatables and environments, Forkbeard Fantasy, H.G.Wells society, BBC radiophonic workshop, the battle of Earthquake, 5 a side interplanetary football, plays, music, SF Illustrators and artists, UFD information (sic), refreshments, free car parking..£1 adults... 50p OAPs and children.

9-10-11 June BENELUXCON 6 in EINDHOVEN, Holland. Guest of Honour Chris Priest.

21-23 July FAIRCON. Guest of Honour James White. Location is the Ingram Hotel, Glasgow. Details from Bob Shaw, top flat left, 11 Barrington Dri, Kelvinbridge, Glasgow, G4.

2-3 September INTERCON (wait for it) Star Trek con with accomodation at THE HEATHROW Hotel and convention hall in the convention centre Slough. Heathrow roomrate will be £4 more than for SKYCON. Voices have been heard to murmur that this may not be a good idea.

GAMES WORKSHOP
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Games Workshop opened their new shop at 1 Dalling Rd, Hammersmith (nr Ravenscourt Pk Tube) on April 1'st. Bargains on sale on the first day included one set of EMPIRE OF THE PETAL THRONE for £1, (usual price £17.50) and one intrepid soul was seen queuing outside through the small hours of the night to get this.

New ADVANCED D&D rules are expected to be released. A new magic system is promised with extra spells as well as revision of character'sx hit dice.

Most successful of the new SF games seems to be COSMIC ENCOUNTER. to capitalise on this the manufacturers have produced two expansion kits with new aliens and extra rules.

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