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Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 29, 1993, 7:30 PM at The Usual Place, 2400 East Chapman, Fullerton, a half mile west off the Orange Freeway. (SE corner of Chapman and St. College in Fullerton)

The Reading Orbit Discussion Novel: Steel Beach
by John Varley

From the PULPit (rantings on orange paper)

Well, we're back from ConFrancisco and everything is back to normal or something like normal. A good review of the Con would take a publication much larger than this one to do properly. There were all the usual things one would find at a science fiction convention and a few unconventional things like a dead Guest of Honor (Mark Twain) running around the place. One of the important things that happened for us Orange Co. people is that LA won the bid for the 1996 worldcon (which wasn't too hard, since it was the only bid on the ballot). That means that the 1996 worldcon will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center starting on the Thursday following our Wednesday night August meeting in 1996 (that's about 32 meetings from now, as the crow flies).

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Dear Not The Chief

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Sheepless in Anaheim

Dear Sheepless,

OK, you win, I did write the letter, now am I on the road to recovery?

Ed

Here we go again folks...

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Send your letter, short story, article, or other items for publication consideration to:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Sept | 26 | USS Spruance general meeting |
| | 29 | Orange County Science Fiction Club 7:30 |
| Oct | 13 | OCSFC Movie Night |
| | 17 | USS Spruance general meeting |
| | 17 | Jedi Knights Regular Meeting |
| | 27 | Orange County Science Fiction Club 7:30 |
| Nov | 6 | UNICON, Heritage Park, Irvine - It's FREE, Be there! |
| | 10 | OCSFC Movie Night |
| | 21 | Jedi Knights Regular Meeting |
| | 24 | Orange County Science Fiction Club 7:30 |
| | 26-28 | Loscon 20, The Burbank Airport Hilton |

For Jedi Knights information call (714) 826-5625 (NEW NUMBER!)

For Movie Night information call the Galactic Archives (714) 693-0673

For SFO information (formerly STAI) call (714) 557-1975 meetings will resume later this year

For OCSFC information call (714) 552-4925

USS Spruance (909) 860-5067

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

July

In July, we had the honor of having Dr. Gregory Benford as our guest speaker. Dr. Benford is one of our local Orange Co. authors. He has a new book out titled *Chiller*. It is a story concerning cryogenics and it was prompted by a cryogenics organization in this area. He wrote the book under the pseudonym Sterling Blake so that he could reach a greater audience and also so the book would not automatically be placed in the Science Fiction section of the bookstores. Greg Benford told us about another book due out next year named *Long Ball* concerning baseball and some science that seems to be available today.

August

Although, not a practicing magician. John Cannon collects books on magic and magicians. For his August talk John showed us some rare old books on magic and showed some slides of older and rarer books. He then showed us a film from several episodes of the old show *You Asked For It* documenting some of the great magicians of the past. John Cannon comes to us from Aladdin Books.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Until I get some further information, all I know is that there will be a program about Japanese Animation and that there will be video.

Meeting after the meeting

Due to the dismal failure of last month's experiment, we will probably go back to the old place after the meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Our October meeting for this year will feature Marcia. This time her topic will be UFO's and theories thereof. When we identify these "UFO's" will we still call them "UFO's" ? Will the theory still be a "theory"? (remember relativity theory and music theory)

Our final meeting for the year will be in November. This will be, as usual. (and in theory) a general year end meeting and book trading meeting. So bring all those paperbacks you've been dying to get rid of and prepare to buy someone else's paperbacks that they've been dying to get rid of.

MOVIE NIGHTS

August

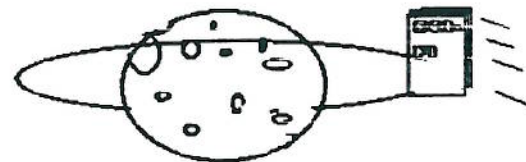
We went to see "The Fugitive" this month, yes, I know it isn't Science Fiction, but it was a great movie anyway! If you insist on SF then imagine the one armed man as coming from a planet where the inhabitants normally have 3 arms.

September Review by Marcia Starke

The Fortress is a science fiction stew involving a break out in a corporate owned super prison in the near future. Christopher Lambert grimaces his way through this gut filled frolic. This is a low budget filmed in Australia and is mildly diverting, and you can even choke a few laughs about it. Watch out for those intestigators! After seeing this one you'll certainly get a medal of commendation for intestinal fortitude. This movie may prepare us for that other blitzkrieg Demolition Man! -30-

The club movie night is usually the second Wednesday of each month, but due to film schedules and our schedules it has become very tentative. It is important to call ahead if you want to attend the movie with us.

THE READING ORBIT



July

Our book for July was *The Trikon Deception* by Ben Bova and Bill Pogue. This was a great hard science fiction book.

August

This time we read a short story, *Fire Watch* by Connie Willis. This story seems to set up the near future situation for Ms. Willis' Nebula and Hugo winning novel *The Doomsday Book*. I was able to meet the author at ConFrancisco and I asked her if she was planning on writing the novel when she first wrote the short story. She replied, "No, not at all"

For our September meeting the book will be *Steel Beach* by John Varley this is a Hugo nominee and it should be reasonably easy to find in paperback. I (your editor) will also discuss reading novels on computer as my copy of *Steel Beach* is on the CD ROM of Hugo and Nebula nominees.

Our October book will be *Glory Season* by David Brin and in November our last book of the year will be an older one *Wolves of Memory* by George Alec Effinger.

MORE STUFF CONVENTIONS

We have a whole slew of local science fiction conventions to tell you about this time.

UNICON 5

Saturday, November 6, 1993, 10AM to 4PM at the Youth Services Center 14301 Yale Ave, Irvine, CA (Heritage Park). GOH Steve Sansweet, author of *Star Wars: From Concept to Movie to Collectable*. There will be a masquerade, art show, dealers room, videos, and speakers/panels. There will also be a "swap room" where you can actually swap the items you are collecting, no money changes hands. Best of all it's FREE ADMISSION, FREE PARKING. Take the 5 freeway south to Culver, turn right, turn left on Walnut, turn left on Yale. Then enter the parking lot and follow it around (there should be some signs to guide you).

Dealer's tables are available, call (714) 724-6750 for information.

Loscon 20

November 26-28, 1993 at The Burbank Airport Hilton. Guest of Honor Roger Zelazny. \$30 to November 1, 1993, \$35 thereafter. Address: Loscon, 11513 Burbank Bl., N. Hollywood, CA 91609.

Con-Dor

February 25-27, 1994 at the Town & Country, 500 Hotel Circle, San Diego, CA. GOH: Jerry Pournelle. \$25 till 12/31/93, \$30 till 2/10/94, \$35 at the door. PO Box 15771, San Diego, CA 92175 (619) 447-6311. We had a great time at Con-Dor last year, these people really have their act together.

Westercon 47

July 1-4, 1994, Los Angeles Airport Hilton & Towers. GOH George R.R. Martin. \$45 until 12/31/93. Westercon 47, C/O S.C.I.F.I., P.O. box 8442 Van Nuys, CA 91409

L.A. Con III

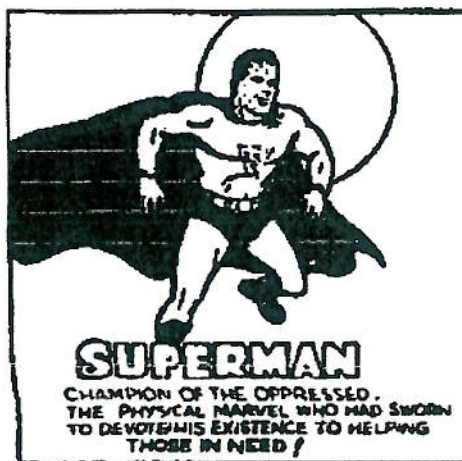
Aug 29 - Sep 2, 1996, Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim Hilton, Anaheim Marriott. I admit, this one's a few years away but it's a World Con in our own backyard! \$75 till Aug '94. L.A. con III, C/O S.C.I.F.I. P.O. Box 8442, Van Nuys, CA 91409. Presupporters should write for their prices.

LOIS AND CLARK: SUPERMAN IS ALIVE AND FLYING HIGH

reviewed by
Dave Silva

I was never a big Superman fan. Sure, I read the comic books when I was a kid, but back then I read every comic I got my hands on. Besides being much too super for my taste, I found the man of steel as lacking in personality as his alter ego, Clark Kent. I didn't like the old TV show either, which seemed a badly cast caricature of the comic book. However, I found it disturbing that the ultimate super-hero should be killed off in the comics. In all fairness, it seems like he should have been allowed to collect his social security pension in some lazy, sun drenched retirement community.

In "LOIS AND CLARK": THE NEW ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN", which aired Sunday, Sept. 12th on ABC, the shows creator, Deborah Joy LeVine got it right. Lois, played by Terri Hatcher, is a sexy, ambitious, tell-it-like-it-is reporter, with a



real edge to her. Clark, played by Dean Cain, is a real person too. He's a nice guy who's trying hard to fit in as a normal person. Of course, Clark is crazy about Lois, and Lois is the only girl in the office that doesn't think Clark is anything special. This show is more a romantic comedy than a super-hero action series. LeVine's vision of "Lois and Clark", (I think of Lewis & Clarke every time I hear the title) is like "Moonlighting: If Bruce Willis could fly".

There's a lot of sharp, funny dialog in the hour-and-a-half opening episode and the supporting cast gives it a well rounded feel. A complete remake was done on the Jimmy Olson character; no longer the brainless kid always saying "Gosh", he's a very today kind of guy. Perry White (Lane Smith) provides a lot of comic relief, as the much beleaguered Editor of the Daily Planet. Also, well cast are John Shea, who plays Lex Luthor as sort of a Donald Trump gone mad, and Tracy Scoggins as Cat Grant, the seductive gossip columnist for the Daily Planet.

One of the funniest scenes was Clark's mother trying to make a superman costume for him, in which you get to see all the costumes that didn't quite work out. In another scene Lois and Clark are working late and he tells her he knows a good Chinese take-out place, so he flies to China and gets back while the Dim Sum is still hot. One thing that hasn't changed is that Superman still routinely violates the laws of physics. But for us science fiction purists it's a small price to pay for what promises to be one of the best new shows of the season.

Author's note: This is also a religious allegory if you care to read it that way.

FATHER FIGURE

by Fred Cropper

Well, here I was on Altair 8 chasing another dream. I had been on his trail for several months but to no avail and now here I was climbing Mount Ararat on the far side of the Solar System looking for the Earthside Colony.

I stopped to eat some bread and drink some wine. After a few minutes I felt revived. Onward, I thought, the colony is supposed to be nearby.

All of a sudden I came to a flat clear area. I caught my breath. There were spire-like buildings, each looked to be cut out of a single gem stone: ruby, amethyst, diamond....

As I walked forward I saw a solitary figure coming toward me. The gait seemed familiar. Could it be possible? I yelled. FATHER! It was.

THE END