

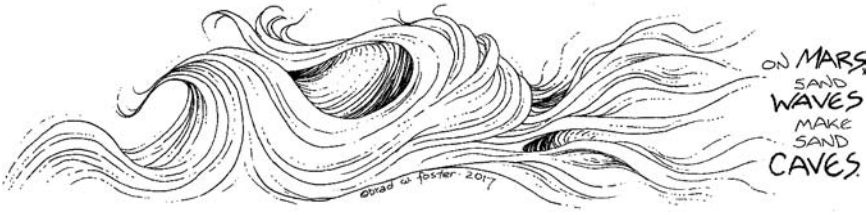
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This and Next Month in BCSFA

Friday 19 May:	Submission deadline for June <i>BCSFAzine</i> (ideally).
Sunday 14 May at 7 PM:	May BCSFA meeting—at Ray Seredin’s, 707 Hamilton Street (recreation room), New Westminster. <i>Note: one week earlier than usual.</i>
Friday 26 May:	June <i>BCSFAzine</i> production (theoretically).
Sunday 18 June at 6 PM:	June BCSFA meeting—at ABC Country Restaurant, 3580 Number Three Road, Richmond.
Friday 23 June:	Submission deadline for June <i>BCSFAzine</i> (ideally).
Friday 30 June:	July <i>BCSFAzine</i> production (theoretically).

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Letters of Comment

[Editor's responses in brackets.]

Dave Haren
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Wednesday 21 March 2018



Hi Felicity,

It is of interest to me that what is basically a public utility that grew out of the telephone companies has been transmuted by magic into something different by propaganda. It is similar to insisting that the roads used by horses have disappeared now that automobiles have arrived in use. There are people who want you to believe it. Most of them have hidden reasons for

wanting out from under previous laws and regulations. Nothing personal is implied by this. There are very few folks anywhere who can describe how the electrical power system gets from a power-plant to their wall outlet in any level of detail. Once you try the same thing for how a packet gets from your comp/phone to some remote location the thing turns out to be much more complex and less understood. The wizard-level explanations start using words like *automagical* to gloss over mundane things like fiber-optics and twisted pair (telephone) lines.

The current Ace double is *Danger from Vega*, a cracking good tale of gee whizz. Radiation-contaminated ship beat up in a space battle jury-rigs external controls for hyperdrive, finds a suitable planet, and crashes into the ocean to be rescued by naked girls who have lost their men to alien invaders. By John Rackham. The other tale is [by] Avram Davidson with the Aztec gods clashing with the Great Old Ones in a poverty-stricken section of Mexico.¹

*Space Trucker Bruce*² was the movie of the week. It turned out to be filmed in Alaska instead of the Vancouver hive of *sci-fi* movie greatness.

News in brief: “Priest Regrets Vow of Celibacy After Learning About Furrries.” From *Onion*.³

I have been listening to an NN Taleb audiobook of *The Black Swan*.⁴ I realized that I have been a black swan myself on a few occasions. That also explained why I have Tiresio Rael as a favourite character from SF literature. A creature who distorts probability by existing.

Links:

<https://leadplague.blogspot.com/2018/02/the-stripper-everyday-life-of.html>⁵

1 *Clash of Star-Kings* (1966).

2 (2014).

3 [Link](#).

4 *The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable* (2007).

5 [Lead Plague](#): “The Stripper—Everyday Life of an Oldhammerer.”

Worth a look if you paint miniatures. You can see why some of those paintjobs had to die a liquid death.

<http://www.sjgames.com/fantasytrip/>⁶

Here's the official website for *TFT*. I can't wait to see Liz Danforth do the new artwork.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fh6rfZQxLRs7>

Wilhelm Reich in Hel by RAW.

[*I have to admit I do not understand this. Its style reminds me of Second City's time-warp comedy Class of '86 (1986).*]

<https://warontherocks.com/2018/02/shock-of-the-mundane-the-dangerous-diffusion-of-basic-infantry-tactics/>⁸

The one glaring discrepancy here is comparing the M4 to the Springfield. The 30-06 was made to kill a cavalry horse when armies still had cavalries. In the hands of a master it can hit a man-sized target at 1200 yards. Its battle sight zero (bullet is plus and minus 11 inches in its flight path) is at 477 yards. The M4 is a marvellous squirrel or varmint gun or an area denial submachine gun (assault weapon). It is a lousy substitute for a main battle rifle like the Springfield.

<https://boingboing.net/2018/03/09/what-happens-when-helicopters.html>⁹

Too cheap to hire a yellowshirt (aviation boatswain's mate who handles where to put aircraft on a carrier). Result, enough costly aircraft is destroyed to pay for two yellowshirts. Part of the Cops Can Do No Wrong series of videos.

<https://theeckleblog.com/2018/02/27/a-chat-with-steve-jackson-game-wizard/>¹⁰

Himself.

[*I liked that Jackson's games had "the kind of humor and weirdness" "of a RAW novel or a Monty Python sketch" with "references to books, cult movies, nerd culture, and wild conspiracy theories." I hope I can do the same thing with my own work someday.*

[*I don't have the same preferences regarding "I wanted some tactical detail and complexity, not just 'I attack the orc.' 'Okay, roll some dice. You hit it.' " I want as little math as possible so I can get back to the story.*]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5iia9kdsuM>¹¹

Good interview.

[*Yes!*]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7SCFABUZio>¹²

Good movie if you like cats.

[*How so?*]

<http://www.rawillumination.net/2018/03/my-interview-with-ra-lafferty.html>¹³

RA himself!!

6 [Steve Jackson Games](#): *The Fantasy Trip*.

7 [YouTube](#): "*Wilhelm Reich in Hell: A Punk Rock Opera* by Robert Anton Wilson."

8 [War on the Rocks](#): "Shock of the Mundane: The Dangerous Diffusion of Basic Infantry Tactics."

9 [Boing Boing](#): "What Happens When Helicopters Land Too Close to One Another."

10 [The Eckleburg Project Blog](#): "A Chat with Steve Jackson, Game Wizard."

11 [YouTube](#): [Mixed Mental Arts](#): "Not So Austere—Mark Blyth."

12 *The Taking of Tiger Mountain* (2014).

13 [rawillumination.net](#): "My Interview with RA Lafferty."

<https://greatmingmilitary.blogspot.com/2015/08/myth-of-shan-wen-kia.html>¹⁴

And something different.

[*My theory: artistic license.*]

<https://www.currentaffairs.org/2018/03/the-intellectual-we-deserve>¹⁵

Blame Art (Cranky Old Fan) for this one. I will be unkind enough to point out that these loons (Chomsky and Peterson) touted as great intellectuals by post-modern chillun are not the sharpest spoons in the drawer by a large margin. They usually turn out to be what Taleb identifies as IYIs.

[*I like Noam Chomsky. It may help that I encountered his books in digest format, which summarized them.*

[*I loved the line (from a related article): "I'm hard-pressed to find a course on Chaucer that comes this close to promising to clear my thetans."*]

Well I better stop before I start tossing in Zygmunt Bauman quotes. I have always enjoyed his writings for their clarity but content isn't quite so easy to come to terms with.

The day after Hawking died I noticed my action figure had fallen over. Obviously a significant portent to one able to read the entrails.

Pictures are the latest steampunk paper ship and the zombie warriors known as Necromorphs from *Starguard* and the usual random mix of strangeness.

Warm regards,

Dave Haren



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Sunday 1 April 2018

Heya BCSFAns! Another ish, another dish of cool, refreshing Fruvous.

Not much new with me. Finally got around to getting an eye exam. The full battery of tests, which takes an hour and half, and left me tired in a way with which I am not familiar.

It was like some bizarre marathon.

Confession: It was my first eye exam since 2012. Which is pretty bad, seeing as us diabetics are supposed to get exams every year.

But that's not going to happen, because guess what, the province doesn't pay for my eye exams any more. I had to pony up \$67 of the money the province had just given me in order to get a medically necessary eye exam. Since when does anyone in BC get charged for medically necessary procedures? What, is sight considered a frivolous luxury that us disabled people were squandering the public's money on?

So that was a financial kick in the groin.

14 Great Ming Military: "The Myths of Shan Wen Kia."

15 Current Affairs: "The Intellectual We Deserve."



Other than that, I've been letting the days go by (water flowing under). Finally kicked my *Skyrim* (a video game) addiction. Now I actually have to figure out what to do with myself all day again.

It's going to take a fair bit of adjustment to get used to that again.

Anyhow, I suppose I should add some C to this L:

Re: Dave Haren and American hypocrisy:

Your point about America wanting to wall itself in when it still has troops all over the world is spot on. I had never thought of it that way before. There is a fundamental flaw in the American psyche that causes them to be super-protective of their own rights while also strenuously trying to tell everyone else what to do without having the slightest notion that there is a direct connection between the two.

It comes from being a headstrong people, I suppose. They don't accept restraint on their self-expression and that includes the right to tell everyone else what to do.

Re: Dave Haren and the Badass Bitches of Suffrage:

Love that story about the chick built like Jack Dempsey who wrestled with the beach cop and got naked in jail. That's a woman after my own heart because she knows the power of giving the authorities something they just can't handle, and by doing so, using their own closed-mindedness and prudery against them.

Like Paul Atreides said, "Look into that place where you afraid to look and you will find me staring back at you."

Or something like that.

Seeya next ish, folks!

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Tuesday 10 April 2018

Greetings, BCSFen!

I have here issue 527 of *BCSFazine*, and thank you for sending it to me, both paper and electronically. I am getting really caught up with responding to fanzines, so here goes with a fast one.

Dave Haren rips DT45 a new one, and good for him. I see Trump responsible for all of the nonsense that has come from the US in the last year and more. Few on this side of the world like Xi Jinping or Vladimir Putin, but both look relatively statesman-like compared to the Orange Fool. He couldn't have known what it was like to run the US; he just wanted naked power, and he got it, and he is quite abusing it through serial lying and utter conflict of interest.

[*My favourite recent leak was an anonymous Republican congressman describing Trump as "like Forrest Gump won the presidency, but an evil, really fucking stupid Forrest Gump."*]

Greetings to Michael Bertrand. Yvonne's final working day was December 20, and her Last Day of Work was the 31st. She did indeed use spare vacation days to make up the difference. There's little she has to do now, but I am the one at home right now. Yvonne and I want to return to England, so even though she is retired, she took a short-term job to take all her net salary and put it in the London account. She's not



happy with the assignment, but she is willing to take it to put a couple of thou in the bank. As for me, my job with the mystery shopper company ended at the end of March, and I was able to quickly get a two-week assignment with a high-tech health marketing company. But now, I am out of work, and the hunt starts anew. Michael, if mystery shopper work is something you might like, give it a try, at sqm.ca.

My LOC...I gather some Yuri's Nights have already taken place, which is just more confusing, especially with the announced April 12 date. Trump re-election campaign...now there's a group with a tough job.

As much as I agree with Steve Green re the direction of new *Trek*, I thought the Abrams movies were okay (never saw the third movie), and I quite enjoyed *Discovery*. But I do agree that with any other *Trek* that may come our way in the future, I would prefer something post-*Voyager*. We don't ask "What happened back then?", we ask, "What happens next?" Let's carry on into the future and create canon.

Important dates coming up for us...on June 2, I turn 59 years old, and on May 28, Yvonne and I celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary.

Seeing the meeting minutes were for March 2017, did John Barrowman ever move to BC? The Passages section is as unfortunately depressing as the similar section in newszines like *Ansible*. When I write to Dave Langford, I usually say that our hobby, our interest is disintegrating, one interesting and creative person at a time. I remember Nanette Fabray as being on the *Hollywood Squares* game show. Ursula K. Le Guin and Kate Wilhelm are now both regrettably gone. I do feel very old, and soon, I may feel very alone.

I got the page!, so off it all goes. Thank you for this issue, and keep them coming.

Yours,
Lloyd Penney

We Also Heard From: Nic Farey, Cathy Palmer-Lister.

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"WEIRD AL" YANKOVIC--"MR. POPEIL"
STYROFOAM FLYING GLIDERS--MITSUBISHI ZERO
STACEY'S FURNITURE WORLD--"THIS IS A FURNITURE EMERGENCY!"
"TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES"--NEUTRINOS
VITTORIO FOR BOBOLI PIZZA CRUSTS

Calendar

Note to print readers: underlined events have an associated URL. Links are included in the PDF version at <http://www.efanzines.com/BCSFA/>.—Julian Castle

Recurring

10 and 24 May and 7 and 21 June 2017 (*alternate Wednesdays*): Kitsilano Board Games: Wednesday Is the New Monday!, 7–8 PM at Cuppa Joy, 2083 Alma Street, Vancouver.—Keith Lim

3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 May and 7, 14, 21, and 28 June 2017 (*Wednesdays*): Cloudscape Comics Weekly Meeting, 7:30–11:30 PM at top floor of Memorial South Park's Fieldhouse, located inside the park at 5955 Ross Street (at 41st Avenue), Vancouver.—Keith Lim/Julian Castle

4, 11, 18, and 25 May and 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 June 2017 (*Thursdays*): Thursday Hobby Build Nights, 6–9 PM at Ages Three and Up Gundam, 226–9855 Austin Road, Burnaby.—A3U Gundam

4 May and 1 June 2017 (*first Thursday*): Drop-In Drawing for Adults: Pick Up a Pencil, 6–9 PM at Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond Cultural Centre, 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond. [*No Drop-In Drawing in July.*]

4 May and 1 June 2017 (*first Thursday*): Wordplay: A Free Writing Prompt Group with Facilitator Alan Girling, 7–9 PM at the Network Hub, #205–810 Quayside Drive, New Westminster.—Alan Girling

5, 12, 19, and 26 May and 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 June 2017 (*Fridays*): Magic: The Gathering Friday Night Games, 5:30–9 PM at Imperial Hobbies, Unit #115–6080 Russ Baker Way, Richmond.

5, 12, 19, and 26 May and 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 June 2017 (*Fridays*): Board Gamers: Friday Night Magic, 6:30–9:30 PM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster.—Keith Lim

5, 12, 19, and 26 May and 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 June 2017 (*Fridays*): Friday Board Game Night—Drexoll Games, 7–11 PM at Drexoll Games, 2880 West 4th Avenue, Vancouver.—Keith Lim

6, 13, 20, and 27 May and 3, 10, 17, and 24 June 2017 (*Saturdays*): Board Gamers: Saturday Afternoon Gaming, 12–7 PM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster.—Keith Lim

6, 13, 20, and 27 May and 3, 10, 17, and 24 June 2017 (*Saturdays*): Saturday Jam at the Brownsville Pub, 5:30–9:30 PM at the Brownsville Pub, 11940 Old Yale Road, Surrey.—Greg Cairns

7, 14, 21, and 28 May and 4, 11, 18, and 25 June 2017 (*Sundays*): Kitsilano Board Games: Lazy Sundays, 2–3 PM at Cuppa Joy, #295–2083 Alma Street, Vancouver.—Keith Lim

1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 May and 5, 12, 19, and 26 June 2017 (*Mondays*): Board Gamers: Painting Miniatures, 5–9 PM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster.—Keith Lim

1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 May and 5, 12, 19, and 26 June 2017 (*Mondays*): Vancouver Hack Space Craft Night, 7:30–10:30 PM at 270 East 1st Avenue, Vancouver.—Julian Castle

2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 May and 6, 13, 20, and 27 June 2017 (*Tuesdays*): Board Gamers: Tuesday Night Board Gaming, 5–10 PM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster.—Keith Lim

2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 May and 6, 13, 20, and 27 June 2017 (*Tuesdays*): Vancouver Hack Space Open House, 7:30–10:30 PM at 270 East 1st Avenue, Vancouver.—Julian Castle

2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 May and 6, 13, 20, and 27 June 2017 (*Tuesdays*): Hot Improv Tuesdays at Café Deux Soleils!, 8 PM at Café Deux Soleils, 2096 Commercial Drive, Vancouver.—The Fictionals Comedy Co.

4 and 18 May and 1, 15, and 29 June 2017 (*alternate Thursdays*): Burnaby Sci-Fi Writers' Group, 7–9 PM at Metrotown Public Library, 6100 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, in Program Room or Connections Lounge.—Allan Lowson (on Richmond Writers Network Facebook Group)

11 May and 8 June 2017 (*second Thursday*): Vancouver Astronomy Monthly Meetup, 7:30–8:30 PM. [*No location given.*]—Keith Lim

11 May and 8 June 2017 (*second Thursday*): Fraser Valley Model Club Monthly Meeting, 7:30–9:30 PM at Kariton House Gallery, 2387 Ware Street, Abbotsford.—Keith Lim

13 May and 10 June 2017 (*second Saturday*): Teen Manga and Anime Group (former name: Teen Manga Advisory Group), 3:30–5:30 PM at Harvey Southam Room, Lower Level, Vancouver Public Library Central Branch, 350 West Georgia Street, Vancouver. Free.—Julian Castle

9 May and 13 June 2017 (*second Tuesday*): Meeting of Automotive Model Builders Vancouver, 7 PM at Burnaby Lions Club, 7420 Mulberry Place, Burnaby.

9 May and 13 June 2017 (*second Tuesday*): Monthly Steampunk Coffee Klatch, 7:30–9 PM at Waves Coffee House—large private room, #100–900 Howe Street (@ Smithe), Vancouver.—Keith Lim

17 May and 21 June 2017 (*third Wednesday*): Richmond BC Writers’ Club Critique Night, 7–8:30 PM at Richmond Public Library, Ironwood Branch, Unit 8200, 11688 Steveston Highway, Richmond.—Richmond BC Writers’ Club

19 May and 16 June 2017 (*third Friday*): IPMS Vancouver Monthly Meeting, 7–9:30 PM at Bonsor Recreation Complex, second floor “Arts Room,” 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby.—Keith Lim

20 May and 17 June 2017 (*third Saturday*): Vancouver Comic Jam, 8 PM–late (sometimes ends when Wallflower closes at 1 AM) at the Wallflower Modern Diner, 2420 Main Street, Vancouver.—Keith Lim

21 May and 18 June 2017 (*third Sunday*): Board Game Swap Meetup, 11 AM–1 PM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster.—Keith Lim

27 May and 24 June 2017 (*last Saturday*): Board Gamers: 12 Hours of Gaming, 12 PM–12 AM at Board Game Warriors, 708 Clarkson Street, New Westminster.—Keith Lim



May 2017

2 May 2017: **Martin Hunger**’s birthday.

4 May 2017: *Star Wars* Day.

5 May 2017: Space Day. Premiere of film *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2* (superhero/SF; Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista, Vin Diesel, Bradley Cooper, Michael Rooker, Sylvester Stallone, Kurt Russell, Jimmy Urine, Rob Zombie, Seth Green, Michael Rosenbaum, Stan Lee, David Hasselhoff, Gregg Henry, Ving Rhames, Michelle Yeoh, Miley Cyrus, Jeff Goldblum, Don Johnson).

6 May 2017: Free Comic Book Day.

9 May 2017: **Ty Templeton**’s birthday.

11 May 2017: Twilight Zone Day.

12 May 2017: Premiere of film *King Arthur: Legend of the Sword* (fantasy; Jude Law, Djimon Honsou, Eric Bana).

13 May 2017: Leprechaun Day.

14 May 2017: Vancouver Comicon, 11 AM–5 PM at Heritage Hall, 3102 Main Street, Vancouver. Admission: \$4; kids under 14: free. Special guests: James Stokoe (*Aliens: Dead Orbit*, *Godzilla: Half Century War*, *Orc Stain*), Marley Zarcone (*Shade the Changing Girl*, *Effigy*), Dawson Ross.

18 May 2017: **William Honeywill**'s birthday.

19 May 2017: **Michael Bertrand**'s birthday. Premiere of film *Alien: Covenant* (SF/horror; Michael Fassbender, Billy Crudup, Danny McBride, James Franco, Guy Pearce).

20 May 2017: **Julian Castle**'s birthday.

20–21 May 2017: VanCAF (Vancouver Comic Arts Festival), 10 AM–5 PM at the Roundhouse, 181 Roundhouse Mews, Vancouver.—Julian Castle

21 May 2017: **Gina Lynn Post**'s birthday.



22 May 2017: World Goth Day.

23 May 2017: **Sorelle Culshaw**'s birthday.

24 May 2017: Incite: Jillian Tamaki & Guy Delisle, 7:30–9 PM in Alice MacKay Room, lower level of VPL Central Branch, 350 West Georgia Street, Vancouver.—Julian Castle

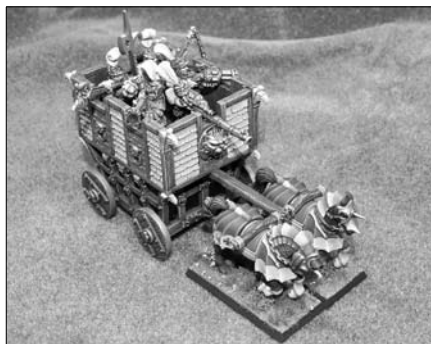
25 May 2017: National Towel Day.

26 May 2017: Premiere of film *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales* (fantasy; Johnny Depp, Javier Bardem, Geoffrey Rush, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Paul McCartney).

June 2017

2 June 2017: **Lloyd Penney**'s birthday. Premiere of films *Wonder Woman* (superhero; Gal Gadot, Chris Pine, Robin Wright, David Thewlis) and *Captain Underpants* (computer animation; Kevin Hart, Ed Helms, Nick Kroll, Jordan Peele, Kristen Schaal, Brian Posehn, Chris Miller).

3 June 2017: **Karl Johanson**'s birthday.



4 June 2017: Hug Your Cat Day.

5 June 2017: **Alyssa Foote**'s birthday.

7 June 2017: VCR Day.

8 June 2017: **Ian Boothby**'s birthday.

9 June 2017: Premiere of films *The Mummy* (fantasy; Tom Cruise, Russell Crowe, Courtney B. Vance) and *It Comes at Night* (horror).

11 June 2017: **Ray Seredin** and **Kathleen Moore**'s birthdays.

13 June 2017: **Bobbi Schneider**'s birthday.

15 June 2017: **Jay Demetrick**'s birthday.

16 June 2017: Premiere of film *Cars 3* (computer animation; Owen Wilson, Chris Cooper, Nathan Fillion, Larry the Cable Guy, Tony Shalhoub, Bonnie Hunt, Lea DeLaria, Bob Costas, Darrell Waltrip, John Ratzenberger, Kyle Petty, Paul Newman, Cheech Marin, Humpy Wheeler, Katherine Helmond, Paul Dooley, Jenifer Lewis, Jeff Gordon, Richard Petty).

17 June 2017: Free RPG Day.

21 June 2017: Worldwide Party Day.

23 June 2017: **Amos Iu**'s birthday. Premiere of films *Transformers: The Last Knight* (action/SF/unnecessary reimagining; Mark Wahlberg, Anthony Hopkins, Stanley Tucci, Glenn Morshower, John Turturro, Tony Hale, John Burke, Mitch Pileggi, Peter Cullen, Frank Welker, John Goodman, Ken Watanabe, Steve Buscemi, John DiMaggio, Tom Kenny, Jess Harnell) and *The Bad Batch* (horror/"SF"; Jason Momoa, Keanu Reeves, Jim Carrey, Giovanni Ribisi).

25 June 2017: **Ed Beauregard**'s birthday.

26 June 2017: **Todd Bussey**'s birthday.

28 June 2017: **Toren Atkinson**'s birthday.

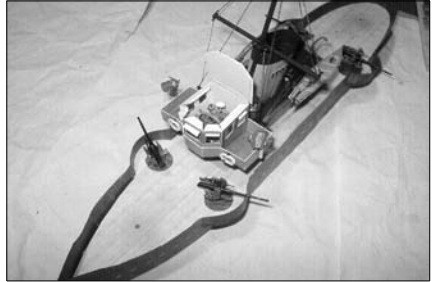
29 June 2017: **Leonard Wong**'s birthday.

30 June 2017: Meteor Watch Day. Premiere of film *Despicable Me 3* (computer animation; Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig, Trey Parker, Steve Coogan, Julie Andrews, Jenny Slate, Michael Beattie, Carlos Alazraqui, Bob Bergen, Gregg Berger, Danny Mann, Jess Harnell, John Kassir, Laraine Newman, Mindy Sterling, Tara Strong, Jim Ward).

News-Like Matter

Notes from April 2017 BCSFA Meeting

In attendance were Barb Dryer (secretary), Kathleen Moore (treasurer), Ray Seredin (host), Felicity Walker (editor), Michael “Fruvous” Bertrand, Julian Castle, Joe Devoy, and Teresa “T-Cat” Spanics.



The May meeting is set for the 14th, one week earlier than usual, because Ray has to help at a train convention on the third Sunday.

I said that I liked the Laura Secord eggs with the marzipan-like butter-cream centres—the big ones, though, not the mini ones.

For a second, Ray’s voice sounded like Archie Bunker’s voice.

I asked Joe about the *X-Files* episode “Fire”: did Cecil L’Ively survive the episode (as he did in the comic adaptation I’d just re-read)? Joe said yes, and he may have been abducted by Cigarette Smoking Man (hence the cigarette scene at the end). We never saw him again—or Phoebe Green (Amanda Pays), Mulder’s “old flame” from Oxford. Mulder’s other old flame, played by Mimi Rogers, got more of a story arc.

I asked why we never hear about stem cells any more. Joe and Fru replied that they’re at the boring in-between part between being a new discovery and the next new breakthrough, which “doesn’t sell newspapers.” Ray said that newspaper reporters are accepting lower pay to get their jobs back—but their bosses also gave themselves pay cuts. Everyone said that newspapers are dying. What does sell newspapers? Someone said “Newspapers dying.” T-Cat said “Going digital.” I wondered whether anyone would pay to read newspapers online. Profit margins are thinner, reporters are paid less, and there’s less budget to investigate to keep the elites honest. On the plus side, YouTube has the Young Turks. And cat videos.

Someone said that if Ray got a cat and brought it to meetings, we’d have to keep it away from the snack tables.

People were talking about animals mutated by Chernobyl. Fru said “There’s the origin for a furry comic.” I said “*Childish Chernobyl Chungking Chipmunks*.” Someone said “*Childish Chernobyl Chito-Rye Chipmunks as Chia Pets*” (I’m not sure if that’s right—I can’t read my writing).

I said that I missed bookstores having cats. T-Cat said they keep away mice, and there are also cats in bodegas. Julian said that there's a bookstore on West 4th Avenue (near the Comic Shop) that has a cat.

Felicity Walker
Sunday 16 April 2017



Passages: April 2017

☞ **Gary Austin** (18 October 1941–1 April 2017). Improvisational theatre teacher, writer, director, and performer, comedian, actor, and stage manager. Genre work includes *THX 1138* (1971).

☞ **Rhubarb Jones (Warren Jones)** (9 August 1951–2 April 2017). Professional wrestling ring announcer, radio DJ, and actor.

☞ **Steve Sandor** (27 October 1937–5 April 2017). Actor. Genre work includes *Star Trek* (1966),¹⁶ *The Six Million Dollar Man* (1974), *Tales of the Unexpected* (1977), *Knight Rider* (1982), *Fire and Ice* (1983), *Stryker* (1983), and *Superman* (1996).

☞ **Don Rickles** (8 May 1926–6 April 2017). Comedian, actor, and writer. Genre work includes *The Twilight Zone* (1959), *X: The Man with the X-Ray Eyes* (1963), *The Addams Family* (1964), *Pajama Party* (1964), *The Munsters* (1964), *The Wild Wild West* (1965), *I Dream of Jeannie* (1965), *Tales from the Crypt* (1989), *Innocent Blood* (1992), *Toy Story* (1995), *Redux Riding Hood* (1997), *The Magic Sword: Quest for Camelot* (1998), *Toy Story 2* (1999), *Toy Story Midway Mania!* (2008), *Toy Story 3* (2010), *Toy Story Toons: Hawaiian Vacation* (2011), *Zookeeper* (2011), *Toy Story Toons: Small Fry* (2011), *Toy Story Toons: Partysaurus Rex* (2012), *Toy Story of Terror* (2013), and *Toy Story That Time Forgot* (2014). Also appeared in comic series *Superman's Pal, Jimmy Olsen* (1954), written and drawn by Jack Kirby.

☞ **Tim Pigott-Smith** (13 May 1946–7 April 2017). Actor and writer. Genre work includes *Doctor Who* (1963),¹⁷ *Clash of the Titans* (1981), *Ghosts* (1995), *Dr. Terrible's House of Horrible* (2001), *V for Vendetta* (2005), *Alice in Wonderland* (2010), *Jupiter Ascending* (2015), and *The Little Vampire 3D* (2017).

☞ **Fishman (José Ángel Najera Sánchez)** (6 January 1951–8 April 2017). Professional wrestler. AKA Goliath Reyes and Titán.

☞ **Cal Bellini (Khalid Ibrahim)** (9 June 1935–9 April 2017). Actor. Genre work includes *Project UFO* (1978).

16 Episode “The Gamesters of Triskelion” (5 January 1968), as Lars.

17 Episodes “The Claws of Axos” (13 March–3 April 1971), as Captain Harker, and “The Masque of Mandragora” (4–25 September 1976), as Marco.

🐉 **Peter Hansen** (5 December 1921–9 April 2017). Actor. Genre work includes *Space Patrol* (1950), *When Worlds Collide* (1951), *Brigadoon* (1954), *Science Fiction Theatre* (1955), *Men Into Space* (1959), *The Outer Limits* (1963), *The Man Who Wasn't There* (1983), *Starman* (1986), and *Dragonfly* (2002).



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🐉 **Margarita Isabel (Margarita Isabel Morales y González)** (25 July 1941–9 April 2017). Actress. Genre work includes *Cronos* (1993).

🐉 **Linda Hopkins** (14 December 1924–10 April 2017). Singer and actress. Genre work includes *Leprechaun 2* (1994) and *Cool Cat Saves the Kids* (2015).

🐉 **Larry Sharpe (Larry Weil)** (26 June 1951–10 April 2017). Professional wrestler, manager, and trainer. AKA “Pretty Boy” Larry Sharpe.

🐉 **Margaret Towner** (1 October 1920–10 April 2017). Actress. Genre work includes *The Wolves of Kromer* (1998) and *Star Wars: Episode I—The Phantom Menace* (1999).

🐉 **Michael Ballhaus** (5 August 1935–12 April 2017). Cinematographer, actor, director, writer, and film festival juror. Genre work includes *World on a Wire* (1973),¹⁸ *Bram Stoker's Dracula* (1992), *Wild Wild West* (1999), *What Planet Are You From?* (2000), and *The Legend of Bagger Vance* (2000).

🐉 **Charlie Murphy** (12 July 1959–12 April 2017). Actor, comedian, and writer. Genre work includes *Vampire in Brooklyn* (1995), *Night at the Museum* (2006), *Mattie Fresno and the Holoflux Universe* (2007), *Universal Remote* (2007), *Unearthed* (2007), *Frankenhod* (2009), *Nite Tales: The Series* (2009), and *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* (2012).

🐉 **Eric Pringle** (June 1935–13 April 2017). Writer. Genre work includes *Doctor Who* (1963)¹⁹ and the *Big George* novels.

🐉 **Norio Shioyama** (塩山 紀生) (28 March 1940–13 April 2017). Animator, illustrator, character designer, and director. Genre work includes *Tiger Mask* (1969), *Tiger Mask: Fukumen League-Sen* (1970), *Science Ninja Team Gatchaman* (1972),²⁰ *Casshan* (1973), *Brave Raideen* (1975), *Tekkaman: The Space Knight* (1975), *Combatler V* (1976), *Voltes V* (1977), *Daimos* (1978), *Invincible Steel Man Daitarn 3* (1978),²¹ *Daltanius* (1979), *Trider G7* (1980), *Saikyō Robo: Daijō* (1981), *Fang of the Sun Dougram* (1981), *Armored Trooper Votoms* (1983),²² *Document: Fang of the Sun Dougram* (1983), *Fang of the Sun Dougram 1* (1983), *Panzer World Galient* (1984), *Fang of the Sun Dougram 2* (1984), *Armored Trooper Votoms: The Last Red Shoulder* (1985), *Armored Troopers Votoms Vol. I: Stories of the ATVotoms* (1985), *Armored Troopers Votoms Vol. II: Highlights of the ATVotoms* (1985), *Armored Troopers Votoms: Big Battle* (1986), *Armored Troopers Votoms: Kumen* (1986), *Ar-*

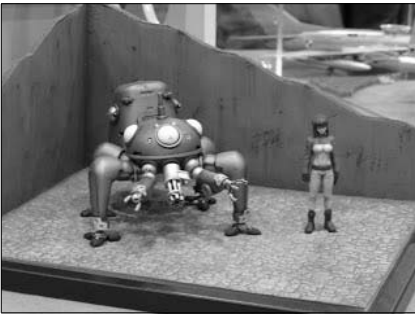
18 AKA *Welt am Draht* (original title).

19 Episode “The Awakening” (19–20 January 1984).

20 AKA *Kagaku Ninja Tai Gatchaman* (original title).

21 AKA *Muteki Kōjin Daitān 3* (original title).

22 AKA *Sōkō Kihei Votomusu* (original title).



mored Troopers Votoms: Udo (1986), *Panzer World Galient Part I: Earth Chapter* (1986), *Panzer World Galient Part II: Sky Chapter* (1986), *Panzer World Galient Part III: Iron Crest* (1986), *Arion* (1986),²³ *The Centurions* (1987), *Metal Armor Dragonar* (1987), *Yoroiden Samurai Troopers* (1988), *Armored Troopers Votoms: Kuento* (1988), *Armored Troopers Votoms: The Red Shoulder Document: Roots of Ambition*

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🐼 **Clifton James** (29 May 1920–15 April 2017). Actor. Genre work includes *The Werewolf of Washington* (1973), *The Six Million Dollar Man* (1974), *Superman II* (1980), *Highway to Heaven* (1984), and *Monsters* (1988). Notable non-genre work includes *Live and Let Die* (1973), *The Man with the Golden Gun* (1974), and *The A-Team* (1983). One-time *Murder, She Wrote* (1984) guest-star.

🐼 **Rosey (Matthew Tapunu'u Anoa'i)** (7 April 1970–17 April 2017). Professional wrestler. AKA Kimo, Mack Daddy Kane, Matt Anoa'i, Matty Samu, Matty Smalls, and RO-Z.

🐼 **Sean Scanlan** (18 August 1948–17 April 2017). Actor. Genre work includes *Star Cops* (1987) and *I, Lovett* (1989).

🐼 **Yvonne Monlaur** (15 December 1939–18 April 2017). Actress. Genre work includes *The Brides of Dracula* (1960).

23 AKA *Neo Heroic Fantasia Arion*.

24 AKA *Kidō Senshi Gundam F91* (original title).

🐼 **JC Spink** (25 February 1972–18 April 2017). Producer and actor. Genre work includes *Cats & Dogs* (2001), *The Ring* (2002), *The Butterfly Effect* (2004), *The Ring Two* (2005), *The Butterfly Effect 2* (2006), *The Butterfly Effect 3* (2009), *The Hole* (2009), *I Am Number Four* (2011), *Zombeavers* (2014), and *Rings* (2017).

🐼 **Trustin Howard** (18 December 1923–20 April 2017). Actor, comedian, writer, and singer/songwriter. Genre work includes *The Atomic Kid* (1954), *The Bride and the Beast* (1958), *Invasion of the Star Creatures* (1962), and *Philbert (Three's a Crowd)* (1963).

🐼 **Sandy Gallin (Albert Samuel Gallin)** (27 May 1940–21 April 2017). Producer and manager. Genre work includes *The Paul Lynde Halloween Special* (1976), *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* (1992), *Unlikely Angel* (1996), *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* (1996), *Angel* (1999), and *The Pooch and the Pauper* (2000).

🐼 **William Hjortsberg** (23 February 1941–22 April 2017). Writer. Genre work includes *Falling Angel* (1978), *Legend* (1985), and *Angel Heart* (1987).

🐼 **Erin Moran** (18 October 1960–22 April 2017). Actress. Genre work includes *The Humpbacked Horse* (1975),²⁵ *Galaxy of Terror* (1981), and *Not Another B Movie* (2010). One-time *Murder, She Wrote* (1984) guest-star. Previously reported by Steve Green in *BCSFAzine* #522.

🐼 **Gustavo Rojo (Gustavo Adolfo Krefeld Sarandí Rojo y Pinto)** (5 September 1923–22 April 2017). Actor. Genre work includes *The Evil Forest* (1951),²⁶ *The Death Ray of Dr. Mabuse* (1964),²⁷ *No Survivors, Please* (1964),²⁸ and *A Witch Without a Broom* (1967).

🐼 **Leo Baxendale** (27 October 1930–23 April 2017). Cartoonist and publisher.

🐼 **Kathleen Crowley** (26 December 1929–23 April 2017). Actress. Genre work includes *Target Earth* (1954), *The Flame Barrier* (1958), *Curse of the Undead* (1959), *Thriller* (1960), and *Batman* (1966).

🐼 **Glory Annen (Glory Anne Cliberry)** (5 September 1952–24 April 2017). Actress. Genre work includes *Spaced Out* (1979)²⁹ and *Supergirl* (1984).

🐼 **Don Gordon (Donald Walter Guadagno)** (13 November 1926–24 April 2017). Actor. Genre work includes *Space Patrol* (1950), *The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms* (1953), *The Twilight Zone* (1959), *The Outer Limits* (1963), *Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea* (1964), *The Invaders* (1967), *ZPG* (1972), *The Bionic Woman* (1976), *The Final Conflict* (1981), *The Beast Within* (1982), *The Powers of Matthew Star* (1982), *Knight Rider* (1982), *Automan* (1983), *Airwolf* (1984), *The Exorcist III* (1990), *The Borrower* (1991), and *Legion* (2016).



25 AKA *Konyok-Gorbunok* (original title).

26 AKA *Parsifal* (original title).

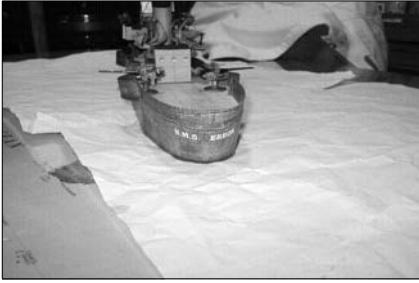
27 AKA *Die Todesstrahlen des Dr. Mabuse* (original title).

28 AKA *Der Chef Wünscht Keine Zeugen* (original title).

29 AKA *Outer Touch* (original title).

☞ **Jonathan Demme** (22 February 1944–26 April 2017). Director, writer, producer, and actor. Genre work includes *The Incredible Melting Man* (1974).

☞ **Brazo de Oro (Jesús Alvarado Nieves)** (7 October 1959–28 April 2017). Professional wrestler. AKA El Hombre del Brazo de Oro.



☞ **Anna Lee Carroll** (7 October 1930–30 April 2017). Actress. Genre work includes *Son of Sinbad* (1955), *Not of This Earth* (1957), and *One Step Beyond* (1959).

☞ **Lorna Gray (Virginia Pound/Adrian Booth)** (26 July 1917–30 April 2017). Actress. Genre work includes *Captain America* (1944) and *Valley of the Zombies* (1946).

☞ **Jidéhem (Jean De Mesmaeker)** (21 December 1935–30 April 2017). Cartoonist.

Felicity Walker

Monday 1 May 2017

Erwin C. Dietrich (1930–2018)

Fresh news, so still trying to ascertain the actual date...

Erwin C. Dietrich (1930–2018): Swiss film producer, aged 87. Specialised in sexploitation cinema, but genre releases include Jesus Franco's *Jack the Ripper* (1976) and the horror-comedy *Killer Condom* (1996).

Steve Green

Sunday 25 March 2018

Bill Maynard (1928–2018)

Bill Maynard (1928–2018): British actor, died 30 March, aged 89. Genre appearances: *You Too Can Have a Body* (1960), *The Boy with Two Heads* (all seven episodes, 1974), [and] *Zodiac* (one episode, 1974).

Steve Green

Friday 30 March 2018

Alex Beckett (1982–2018)

Alex Beckett (1982–2018): Welsh actor, death announced 12 April, aged 35. Appearances include *Spark Ark* (2014) [and] *The Aliens* (two episodes, 2016).

Steve Green

Thursday 12 April 2018

Turncoat

Taral Wayne

That little shit, Harper...

I've wanted to start a sentence with that for quite a while now, but Harper hasn't really given me cause since his retirement from office. Instead, he's only given the usual bland, winding-down statement on which most politicians end their careers after they've been Prime Ministers, and you gradually feel that they were, perhaps, not so bad after all.

Except that I knew Harper really *was* a little shit.

Today Harper essentially shot Canada in the foot, by making a press statement criticizing the Liberal government of Justin Trudeau, because they created obstacles in the way of Donald Trump's NAFTA "reform." Harper's remarks were fundamentally craven, saying that we should agree to Trump's demands, because "any" free-trade agreement with Trump was bound to be better than sticking to negotiating points that Trump would surely refuse. This might sound like advice that was sincerely meant...but only if the sole option for Canada was total compliance with terms dictated by the White House.

But it doesn't sound very good coming from Harper, who has always championed the NAFTA because he himself hoped for a more American economic and political environment for Canada. For him to now be promoting the Republican agenda to gain more traction in Canada, is unseemly in the extreme—not only because of Harper's views, but because he has undermined our country's entire bargaining position!



How are we to stand up for our environment, for labour, for managed resources and other issues, if our ex-Prime Minister has just gone on record as saying he would trade it all away to placate the White House? Especially if Harper said he is willing to agree to *anything*, sign *anything*, however disadvantageous it is? Just how bad will it be to get Trump to sign, if he has already said he doesn't want NAFTA?

Harper's advice can't even be viewed as a desperate attempt to save NAFTA, whatever the cost. Trump has said again and again he didn't want to save NAFTA. At best, he has only said he *might* save NAFTA—assuming he gets everything he wants, and doesn't think of something more to demand. But he has said repeatedly that he doesn't want to save it, and in almost the same words that he will kill the free-trade agreement, no matter what the other side goes to the bargaining table with.

Meanwhile, Harper has crawled at Trump's feet, pleading for Canada to concede to any agreement at all, regardless of what we have to give away, and even if we have to sell out the Mexicans.

God help us if we don't have as many guts as the Mexicans in defending their interests.

I spit on the portrait of the man where it hangs in Parliament.



Taral Wayne
 Tuesday 5 December 2017

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