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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 29th, 1989, at 7pm. Fullerton Saving, 2400 East Chapman, Fullerton, a half mile West off the Orange Freeway.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 29TH

This will be an informal meeting to talk of upcoming events. For those who want to attend the 10th Annual Paperback Show & Sale at the Mission Hills (see article on page 3) maybe we can arrange car pooling. Another item for discussion is the upcoming WesterCon, in Anaheim over the 4th of July weekend. It would be fun to have some type of club activity there. We would like to hear any suggestions from club members as to excursions to special events, movies, or whatever.

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## APRIL 26TH MEETING

Our special guest will be Larry Ditillo host of KPFK-FM radio's Hour 25. Hour 25, Friday night from 10pm till midnight, is the only local program devoted to the world of science fiction. Larry likes to present a wide range of topics for the group mind's consideration; be it comics, social issues, or media. One of his best recent shows was a nostalgic look at that classic fantasy soap, "Dark Shadows". Recent guests on Larry's program have been Dean Koontz, Norman Spinrad and David Gerrold.

## JANUARY AND FEBRUARY MEETING

There were 5 or 6 people who brought books to sell and trade at the January meeting; included were a large selection of Star Trek and Star Wars paperbacks and some associated memorabilia.

February we saw the old Outer Limits classic, "Soldier", one of Harlan Ellison's best. It starred Michael Ansara, as the soldier from the future, and Lloyd Nolan as the psychiatrist. If you have recently watched "War of the Worlds", or "Hard Time on Planet Earth", you may wonder why they don't make them like that anymore.

## NON-FICTION BOOKS BY SCIENCE FICTION AUTHORS Compiled by Fred Cropper

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Poul Anderson     | A. Opus 100               |
| 2. Robert Silverberg | B. The Issue at Hand      |
| 3. L. Sprague DeCamp | C. The Ancient Engineers  |
| 4. Arthur C. Clarke  | D. The Outline of History |
| 5. Brian Aldiss      | E. In Search of Wonder    |
| 6. Frederick Pohl    | F. Heavenly Breakfast     |
| 7. Fletcher Pratt    | G. Empires in the Dust    |
| 8. Harlan Ellison    | H. Life Among the Savages |
| 9. Damon Knight      | I. Glide Path             |
| 10. Isaac Asimov     | J. Thermonuclear Warfare  |
| 11. James Blish      | K. The Billion Year Spree |
| 12. Samuel R. Delany | L. Ordeal by Fire         |
| 13. Shirley Jackson  | M. Memos From Purgatory   |

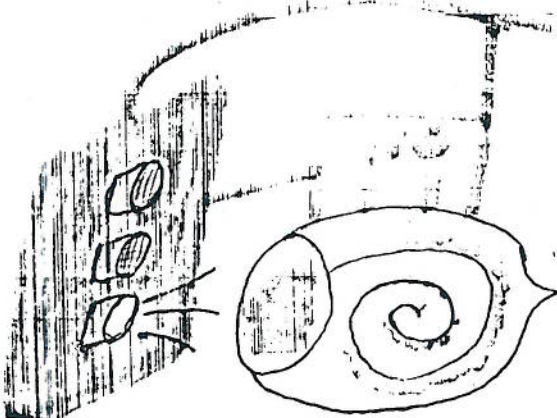
14. H.G. Wells

N. The Way the Future Was

(See page 5 for answers)

## TENTH ANNUAL PAPERBACK SALE & SHOW

Tom Lesser's annual paperback con will again be at the Mission Hills Inn, 10621 Sepulveda Blvd...off the 405 Freeway. The date is Sat. April 8th, from 9am till 4:30pm. Guests will be Robert Block, David Brin, Larry Niven and A.E. Van Vogt, so bring books to sign. Admission is \$2.



## HARD TIME ON PLANET EARTH

Reviewed by Dave Silva

On March 1st, CBS previewed another attempt to mass medialize science fiction with "Hard Time on Planet Earth". The premiere episode was produced and written by John and Jim Thomas...whoever they are. Since then I have seen three episodes.

Unbeknownst to Earthlings there is a vast galactic empire that has just wrapped up a rather nasty war. But now the war is over and one of their warriors, though he served them well in battle, is by his nature, too violent to live in their society. Our protagonist's sentence is to be bannished to the primitive planet Earth, there to mend his anti-social ways and do good deeds...if he is to earn a reprieve..and a ticket home to the enlightened society that was so eager to be rid of him. To monitor his rehabilitation they also send Control, a small, electro-sensitive creature that looks like a flying snail with one large eye. Control is like a guardian angel trying to win his wings, if the warrior, soon to take the name Jesse, succeeds so does he. This is a promising premise, but the treatment rapidly flounders. Why Earth? No reason is given. Jesse and Control are dumped on Earth with no knowledge of human society. This is a convenient vehicle for a "stranger in a strange land" social satire comedy. Jesse in human form is possessed of super-human strength (which often defys the laws of physics) and is like a Conan the barbarian in present day America.

Soon the police are chasing Jesse all ove L.A. There is a long, boring chase scene along the L.A. river basin, where they are careful not to run up production costs by wrecking

any cars. Aside from trite dialogue and stock plot devices, the major problem is you never believe either Jesse, or Control, are really aliens. Control refers to a car as "A primitive human transportation device," but basically his outlook and motives are very human. Possibly this series was launched on the success of movies like "Short Circuit", and "Batteries Not Included." I sometimes wonder what goes on in the minds of TV producers. Nearly every SF show to come on network TV is written and produced by people who don't understand SF. They try to put a science fiction veneer on some juvenile, action adventure, because sci-fi is popular, and it invariably flops. "Hard Time on Planet Earth" is amusing enough if all you're looking for is light-weight entertainment.

## GRAHAM VOLKER'S TOP TEN

- 1) ENDER'S GAME.....Orson Scott Card
- 2) TO YOUR SCATTERED BODIES GO.....Philip Jose Farmer
- 3) THE MOON IS A HARSH MISTRESS.....Robert Heinlein
- 4) DR. ADDER.....K.W. Jeter
- 5) THE DISPOSSESSED.....Ursula K. LeGuin
- 6) PROTECTOR.....Larry Niven
- 7) GATEWAY.....Frederick Pohl
- 8) MORE THAN HUMAN.....Theodore Sturgeon
- 9) THE DYING EARTH.....Jack Vance
- 10) HOSPITAL STATION.....James White

## ROLAND GAGNE'S RECOMENDED READING

Alphabetical by author, no preferential ranking.

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|--|-------------------------|
| THE FOUNDATION TRILOGY.....                        | I. Asimov               |
| THE ROBOT NOVELS- CAVES OF STEEL/ THE NAKED SUN... | Asimov                  |
| HEART OF THE COMET.....                            | G. Benford & D. Brin    |
| STARWOLF.....                                      | E. Hamilton             |
| TUF VOYAGING.....                                  | G. R. R. Martin         |
| THE SHIP WHO SANG.....                             | A. McCaffrey            |
| CYBERNETIC SAMURAI.....                            | V. Milan                |
| SANTIAGO.....                                      | M. Resnick              |
| EARTH ABIDES.....                                  | G. Stewart              |
| WARDAY.....  | W. Strieber & J. Kuneta |

## KEN WILLIAM'S FAVORITE FOURTEEN

CITY.....Clifford Simak  
THE DREAMING JEWELS.....Teodore Sturgeon  
ENDER'S GAME.....Orson Scott Card  
WAY STATION.....Clifford Simak  
THE WINDS OF TIME.....Chad Oliver  
THE TIME MACHINE.....H.G. Wells  
THE MOTE IN GOD'S EYE.....Niven & Pournelle  
TO YOUR SCATTERED BODIES GO.....Philip Jose Farmer  
CHILDHOOD'S END.....Arthur C. Clarke  
THE STARS MY DESTINATION.....Alfred Bester  
THE POWER.....Frank Robinson  
THE THIRD LEVEL.....Jack Finney  
ADVENTURES IN TIME & SPACE.....Healy and McComas  
THE DEMOLISHED MAN.....Alfred Bester

### JEFF STEIN'S TOP TEN

In no particular order.

<u>JOB: A Comedy of Justice</u>	<u>Heinlein</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Heinlein</u>
<u>Lucifer's Hammer</u>	<u>Niven &amp; Pournelle</u>
<u>Radio Free Albemuth</u>	<u>Dick</u>
<u>Ringworld</u>	<u>Niven</u>
<u>The Humanoids</u>	<u>Williamson</u>
<u>The World Inside</u>	<u>Silverberg</u>
<u>Gateway</u>	<u>Pohl</u>
<u>Bill, the Galactic Hero</u>	<u>Harrison</u>
<u>Clay's Ark</u>	<u>Butler</u>

Answers to non-fiction quiz: 1-J, 2-G, 3-C, 4-I, 5-K, 6-N, 7-L, 8-M, 9-E, 10-A, 11-B, 12-F, 13-H, 14-D