

Up Front Stuff...

Hi, and thanks for signing up for Leap Con '95! Enclosed, you'll find a card confirming your registration and your registration number. **BRING THIS CARD TO THE CONVENTION WITH YOU** — it's your proof that you've pre-paid your registration.

This is the first of two Updates you'll be receiving about the con. Please take a few minutes to read it, as it contains answers to many of your questions, provides some valuable information about the con schedule, rules & regulations, and requests for info that we need from you! The second Update will be sent out sometime in December. **KEEP THIS FOR YOUR RECORDS. WE WILL NOT BE REPEATING THIS INFORMATION IN THE NEXT UPDATE.**

First of all, as a reminder, our address is:

**LEAP CON '95
P.O. BOX 16495
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91615-6495**

If you have an urgent question, you can reach us by FAX at (805) 272-6842 or (818) 902-1880. We hope to have a contact phone number available shortly. You can also listen to up-to-date con info on the IndyLeap Hotline, (317)SAM-0808.

As you know, Leap Con '95 will be held **Saturday and Sunday, February 18-19, 1995** at the **Burbank Airport Hilton in Burbank, California**. Early check-in will be held in the hotel's main lobby on Friday afternoon and evening, during hours to be announced in the next Update. Main check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. (Yes, we're really going to get up that early.) Programming hours for the con haven't been set yet; we'll give you that information in the next Update as well. We assume many fans will arrive in town on Friday (or earlier) but we've left Friday evening open, with no scheduled programming, so that everyone can get acquainted informally.

Seating in the auditorium is being assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Your seat is already confirmed as the number on your registration card.

If you have friends who haven't sent in their registrations yet, remind them to do so ASAP so they can be assured of a good seat for our full weekend of exciting programming!

Just a reminder, Leap Con '95 is run by fans and is a charity event. All proceeds (after operating expenses) will be donated to charity.

Registration

Registration for the full convention is \$40 per person, paid in advance, or \$50 at the door. Daily registrations will also be available at the door, at \$25 per person per day. Payment by check or money order (payable to LeapTime Inc.) or credit card (Visa or MasterCard) is acceptable. Please don't send cash, as we can't be responsible for its loss in the mail.

You'll receive a full registration packet when you arrive at the con, which will include your name badge, program, convention schedule and a variety of other "good stuff".

- * **TRANSFERRING OR CANCELLING REGISTRATIONS:** We understand that illness, work schedules, etc. sometimes prevent attendance at the Con. If this is the case, and you'd like to transfer your registration to a friend, we must

Guess Who's Comin'!*

We thought you might like to know who some of the early confirmations are:

Donald P. Bellisario, Creator/Executive Producer

Jon Koslowski, A.C.E., (editor)

Jim Thomson, (assistant editor)

Rich Whiteside, (Vietnam, A Leap for Lisa)

Ashley McConnell, Novelist

* Barring professional commitments

have a letter signed by you, giving the name of the transferee. This letter must be received by the Registration Committee no later than February 3, 1994. This is for your own protection!

- * **REFUNDS:** Will be granted on a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of the Board of Leap Con '95. A refund will not be granted in the event your registration is revoked by the Committee during the convention.

About Our Con Hotel

The **Burbank Airport Hilton** is a large, modern hotel and convention facility directly across the street from the Burbank Airport. We've reserved a block of rooms — with either one king-size bed or two double beds — for Leap Con '95 at the discount rate of **\$79 per night** (up to four people). A number of one-bedroom suites are also available, for **\$99 per night**. These rates are applicable from **Thursday, February 16 through Tuesday, February 21**. You must reserve your room by **February 1, 1995** to receive the special rate. Parking is available at \$3.00 per day for hotel guests, and \$5.00 per day for non-residents.

Interested in packing your bathing suit? There is a swimming pool at the Hilton, but it's outdoors and unless you're a member of the Polar Bear Club, you may want to check out the hotel's sauna and jacuzzi instead.

To make your reservation, call 1-800-HILTONS and be sure to mention that you're with Leap Con '95. You can also fax the Burbank Hilton directly at 1-818-842-8126.

Looking For Airfare?

We have made arrangements with United and Delta Airlines for discount rates. The valid dates of travel for the discount are February 15, 1995 through February 21, 1995 for United; and February 14, 1995 through February 22, 1995 for Delta. Both airlines

are offering 5% and 10% discounts depending upon the flight. Fares are subject to availability and change until the ticket is purchased. If you wish to take advantage of the discount fares or have any questions, you can call Jeanne Koenig at Caldwell Travel at 800-944-5997 or 317-885-9855.

Things to Do While You are in Town:

The Burbank Hilton runs a shuttle to the Media City mall in Burbank, where you can shop at Bullock's, Sears, Mervyn's and a number of smaller stores, or see a movie at the AMC Theaters. If you're interested in renting a car during your stay in L.A., please note that our con hotel has a special arrangement with DOLLAR RENT-A-CAR.

Within a few minutes' drive of our con hotel: Warner Brothers Studios, which offers a behind-the-scenes tour, and at which you can attend tapings of several popular TV shows, including "Murphy Brown." Universal Studios is also nearby — well worth a visit if you haven't been there before. Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Hollywood, Griffith Park, Malibu, and a variety of other popular tourist attractions can be reached in less than an hour by car. If you need help planning side trips, or have questions about a particular place you'd like to visit, send an SASE to the Travel Committee and we'll be glad to offer suggestions.

Answers to a Few of Your Most Important Questions:

HOW DO I GET THERE FROM HERE? Several of the major U.S. airlines offer flights directly into the Burbank Airport (which is smaller and far less hectic than L.A. International). As we mentioned

above, the con hotel is right across the street, so flying into Burbank would save you the expense of having to taxi or shuttle up from LAX. Please note when scheduling your flight home: allow 30-45 minutes travel time from the hotel down to LAX (or 60 minutes if you travel during "Rush Hour").

WHERE DO I EAT DURING THE CON? The hotel has a lovely restaurant, Lou's, open from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., with dinner entree prices ranging from \$6.95 to \$16.95 and a buffet special for \$8.95.

I'M COMING TO THE CON ALONE AND WOULD LIKE TO FIND A ROOMMATE. CAN YOU HELP ME? We'd be happy to. Just send us a note (with "Roommate Needed" marked on the envelope) including what you're looking for in a roomie: Scott/Dean fan, smoker/non-smoker, early/late riser, and so on. We'll do our best to match you up with someone. (We hear IndyLeap received a request for a roomie about 6' tall, hazel eyes, brown hair with a white streak...)

CAN I BRING MY KIDS? Sure. We're planning a family event that'll be fun for all ages. But please note: children must be registered attendees, and there are no "junior discounts" (sorry). **Children must be supervised by their parents at all times.** If children cause a continuing disturbance, or create a safety hazard for themselves or other con attendees, their and their parents' con registrations will be immediately revoked.

I BELONG TO A QL FAN CLUB (OR OTHER GROUP) THAT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A GET-TOGETHER DURING THE CON. CAN YOU HELP US ARRANGE SOMETHING? Just send us the pertinent info: the name of your group, how many people are involved, and what kind of gathering you'd like to arrange.

I'D LIKE TO BRING MY VCR WITH ME SO THAT I CAN WATCH MY LEAP VIDEOS WITH FRIENDS. WILL I BE ABLE TO HOOK IT UP IN MY ROOM? At this time, we are working out the details. Most likely, there won't be any problem. We'll keep you posted.

MOST OTHER CONS SAY "NO VIDEOTAPING ALLOWED"! IS VIDEOTAPING PERMITTED DURING LEAP CON '95? Absolutely. So is regular photography, and audio taping — in fact, we encourage you to take as many pictures, and as much video, as you like — **as long as it's done from your seat. Under the fire laws, we can't allow anyone to stand in the aisles to take photos or video.** Also, videotaping is allowed of the **LIVE PROGRAMMING ONLY.** We can't allow videotaping of videos and slides because of the copyrights involved. You may be asked to sign a waiver if you are video taping the convention. We will give you more information about this in the next update.

(Another note: in case your camera happens to self-destruct during the con, copies of photos taken by our Staff Photographers will be available after the convention at a nominal cost. Further information will be available at the con.)

And of course, the most important question on everyone's minds (including ours): **ARE SCOTT AND DEAN COMING TO THE CON?** The answer is...we don't know yet. They've both been informed about the con and seem enthused about it, and have indicated recently that they'll "certainly try" to attend. But this depends on their work schedules, which have been very, very full lately (this is especially true of Scott). As was the case in 1994, we may not know until the last minute whether or not Scott and Dean will be able to join us.

As you may have seen on the front page of this update, Don Bellisario, Jon Koslowski, A.C.E., Jim Thomson, Rich Whiteside and Ashley McConnell have accepted the invitation to attend the convention barring any professional commitments. As of yet, we do not have any other confirmations — but we plan to bring in as wide a variety as possible, from the QL roster of guest stars and the production team, including the producers, writers and crew. If

there's anyone special from the world of QL that you'd like to see, let us know!

WILL THERE BE AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS?

Probably, with most of our guest stars. (We'll have more information in the next Update.) Whether Scott and Dean would be able to sign any autographs if they attend, we don't know yet. We'll let you know.

WHICH BRINGS US TO...A FEW REQUESTS!

If Scott and Dean do attend: PLEASE be considerate of your fellow fans. While everyone at Leap Con '95 would love to have that "special moment" with their favorite guy, time constraints simply don't allow for it. So do enjoy the time the guys are on stage. Ask a question or two. Take lots of pictures. Applaud till your hands drop off! But please stay in your seat. Don't ask for a kiss, a hug, or a handshake, or to deliver a gift. Don't hand your very cute kids up onto the stage so they can get a hug and a kiss. We understand that everyone wants to get "up close and personal". We're fans too! But we're doing our best to make sure the situation is fair to all the fans in attendance, as well as to Scott and Dean. THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

If you have a gift for Scott and/or Dean: PLEASE bring it to the registration desk, clearly marked who it's for. Whether or not they attend Leap Con, the Con staff will make absolutely, positively, 100% sure that it reaches Scott and Dean. We promise!

OTHER STUFF_

The Con Committee is still very much open to suggestions as to what YOU'D like to see on the program, and what kind of merchandise you'd like to see in the Dealers' Room. Let us know! There's space available in the questionnaire on page 5 where you can give us your thoughts. Remember, this is YOUR convention, so let us know what you're interested in!!

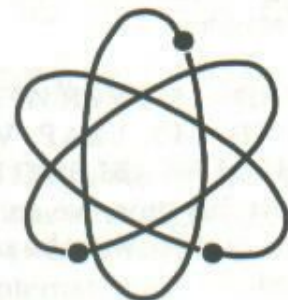
We're also looking for volunteers to help at the Registration desk, as runners, and for various other

duties during the con weekend. If you'd like to pitch in, let us know.

ONE LAST NOTE: Please tell all your friends, loved ones, co-workers, people on line at the supermarket, and anyone else who'll listen, about Leap Con '95!! We need all the publicity we can get, in order to make the con a success. If you have any publicity/advertising suggestions, send 'em in or call Adina Ringler at 818-763-6269! In addition, ask your local science fiction book store if they would display fliers for the convention. If they agree, let us know and we will send a supply to them. Also, if you are attending any conventions in your area and would like to put some fliers out for us, let us know and we will send some fliers to you!

ANY ORPHANS OUT THERE?

We will have an "orphan" merchandise table as part of its dealers' room. The table will include fanzines and general merchandise. If you are interested in having your merchandise at the Leap Con '95 "orphan table" and cannot attend, contact Cathy A'Hearn at 213-259-4260 (days) or 818-508-4769 (evenings), or Carol Davis at 310-826-1774 (evenings). Leap Con '95 does reserve the right to reject anything it deems inappropriate. We will have more information on the orphan table in the next update.



Help us to Help You!

If you wish to give us your input, please fill out this questionnaire and return it to:

Leap Con '95, P.O. Box 16495, North Hollywood, CA 91615-6495

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

REGISTRATION #: _____ PHONE: _____

DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS? YES PLEASE SPECIFY:

WILL YOU BE VIDEO TAPING THE CON? YES NO

PROGRAMMING I'D LIKE TO SEE AT THE CON (OTHER THAN SCOTT AND DEAN):

I'D LIKE TO SEE THE FOLLOWING KINDS OF MERCHANDISE IN THE DEALER'S ROOM:

- I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A BANQUET (FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE) AT THE CON HOTEL ON SATURDAY NIGHT.
- YES! I'D LIKE TO WORK AS A VOLUNTEER DURING THE CON (if you have already notified us by checking the volunteer box on the registration slip on the flier, you need not fill this part out). Please contact me. I THINK I WOULD BE GOOD AT:
- I'M INTERESTED IN HAVING A DEALER'S TABLE AT THE CON. PLEASE SEND ME MORE INFORMATION.
- I HAVE AN ITEM(S) TO DONATE TO THE CHARITY AUCTION. Please contact me.
- I'M INTERESTED IN AN AD IN THE PROGRAM BOOK. Please send me more information.
- IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED, WHAT TYPE OF FOOD/FAST FOOD WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE AVAILABLE BETWEEN CONVENTION ACTIVITIES?
 - Hamburgers/Hotdogs Tacos/Burritos Cold Sandwiches Pizza/Pasta
 - Other (please specify): _____