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Calendar

(Money notations: \$ = U.S. dollars; SA = Australian dollars; £ = British Pounds Sterling; SC = Canadian dollars; SM = Mexican Pesos; SNZ = New Zealand dollars)

(I use Month/Day/Year for dates)

(Foreign phone numbers are given with the U.S. foreign direct dial code (011) and the country code.)

(Multiple activities on the same date(s) are listed in order of geographical proximity to the LASFS clubhouse, as closely as I can figure it out.)

Thursday, April 30th, 1998

LASFS meeting 3168 8 pm till ?; Preprogram: Serial: "The Green Hornet Strikes Again" Chapter 3 and Cartoon; Program: Whither LASFS? II + auction; Distribution of *De Profundis* 312; St. Larry Niven; *APA-L* 1720

Friday, May 1st, 1998

LASFS open house; 8 PM till ? at the clubhouse; Magic: The Gathering Tournament

Sunday, May 3rd, 1998

Los Angeles Comic Book and Science Fiction Convention; 10 am - 5 pm; Shrine Auditorium Expo Center, 700 W. 32nd St., Los Angeles, CA; Appearing in Person: Walter Koenig & Claudia Christian; Admission: \$5; Info: 818-954-8432

Saturday, May 2nd, 1998

clubhouse rented

Sunday, May 3rd, 1998

Los Angeles Costumers Guild at the clubhouse

May 1st-3rd, 1998

Demicon 9; The Inn at University, Des Moines, IA; GoHs: Spider & Jeanne Robinson; Artist GoH: W.J. Hodgson; Fan GoHs: Marshall & Dee Willis; TM: Rusty Hevelin; Memb: ; Info: P.O. Box 7572; Des Moines, IA 50322; Phone: 515-224-7654; E-Mail: <roth@netins.net>; URL: <<http://www.netins.net/showcase/dmfs/demicon9/>>

Rockon 22; Hilton Inn, Little Rock, AR; GoH: Jaimy Murray; Info: P.O. Box 24285, Little Rock, AR 72221; Phone: 501-224-8771; E-Mail: <mminlr@aol.com>

Marcon 33; Hyatt Regency Hotel, Columbus, OH; Author GoH: Lois McMaster Bujold; Artist GoH: Robin Wood; Comics GoH: Julius Schwartz; Science GoH: Tom Burns; Fantasy GoH: Joel Rosenberg; Costuming GoH: Melody Asplund-Faith; Filk GoH: Ookla the Mok; Memb: \$38 at the door; Info: (no postal address that I could find); Phone: 614-475-8181; E-Mail: <info@marcon.org>; URL: <<http://www.marcon.org/mar33.html>>

Magic Carpet Con 6; Radison Read House, Chattanooga, TN; GoHs: Elizabeth Moon, Larry Elmore, Holly Lisle, Sharon Green, and Brad Strickland; Memb: \$35; Info: 6482 B Stallion LN, Harrison, TN 37341-9527; Phone: 423-344-9465; E-Mail: <susanb14@aol.com>; URL: <<http://www.wincreek.com/MagicCarpet/>>

Tuesday, May 5th, 1998

clubhouse rented

Thursday, May 7th, 1998

LASFS meeting 3169 8 pm till ?; Preprogram: Serial: "The Green Hornet Strikes Again" Chapter 4 and Cartoon; Program: LASFS Salon; St. Bob Null; *APA-L* 1721

Friday, May 8th, 1998

LASFS open house; 8 PM till ? at the clubhouse

May 7th-10th, 1998

1998 World Horror Convention; Embassy Suites Hotel, Phoenix, AZ; Author GoH: Brian Lumley; Artist GoH: Bernie Wrightson; TM: Tim Powers; Info: Message/Voicemail: 602-941-3438; Person/Voicemail: 602-945-6890; E-Mail: <whc98@otsp.com>

Saturday, May 9th, 1998

clubhouse rented

Sunday, May 10th, 1998

Meeting of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society Board of Directors, 11 AM at the clubhouse

LASFS Second Sunday Open House 1 PM at the clubhouse

Thursday, May 14th, 1998

LASFS meeting 3170 8 pm till ?; Preprogram: Serial: "The Green Hornet Strikes Again" Chapter 5 and Cartoon; Program: Showing and discussion of "Triple Doubles" hosted by Charles Lee Jackson, II; St. Thomas G. Digby; *APA-L* 1722

Friday, May 15th, 1998

LASFS open house; 8 PM till ? at the clubhouse

Saturday, May 16th, 1998

clubhouse rented

Los Angeles Filkers Anonimous; Pooh Bear Lair (Harry, Mara, and Madeline Brenner), 325 Sharon Rd., Arcadia, CA 91006; Phone: 626-447-1664

Sunday, May 17th, 1998

Time Meddlers, 10 AM at the clubhouse

May 15th-17th, 1998

Anglicon 11; Best Western Inn, Fifi, WA; Memb: \$50 at the door; Info: P.O. Box

75536, Seattle, WA, 98125; Phone: 206-789-BRIT (2748); E-Mail:

<anglicon@rocketmail.com>; URL: <www.webwatch.com/anglicon>

V-Con 23 - Infestation!, Surrey Inn, 9850 King George Highway, Surrey, BC, Canada; GoH: David Gerrald; Art GoH: Mike Jackson; Memb: \$C35; Info: c/o Les Schewchuk, #316 - 4683 Arbutus St., Vancouver, BC V6J 4A3, Canada; Phone: 604-588-9511; E-Mail: <les@portal.ca>; URL: <spellbinder.bc.ca/bcsfa/cons.html>

Keycon 15; Ramada Marlborough, Winnipeg, MB, Canada; GoHs: Kristine Kathryn Rusch, Dean Wesley Smith, Frank Kelly Freas, Laura Brodian Freas, & Connie Lyon; Memb: \$C50 at the door; Info: Box 3178, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4E6, Canada

Cleveland /Akron Ohio Star Trek & Sci-Fi Expo; Holiday Inn Hudson Ohio (Cleveland / Akron Suburb); GoHs: Rene Auberjonois (Odo of DS9) and Marta Kristen (Judy Robinson of Lost In Space); Tickets: Ticket Master: (216) 241-5555 Cleveland (330) 945-9400 Akron; Info: Phone: (703) 858-1716; E-mail: <onetrek@juno.com>; URL: <http://members.aol.com/onetrek/>

Oasis 11; Radisson Plaza, Orlando FL; GoH: Larry Niven; Artist GoH: Mary Hanson-Roberts; Filk GoH: Tom Smith; Memb: \$25 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 940992, Maitland, FL 32794-0992; Voicemail: 407-263-5822; URL: <http://OASFiS.org>

Monday, May 18th, 1998

An Evening on Mars by Ray Bradbury at the Pasadena Playhouse. A reading featuring Barbara Beckley, Stan Freberg, Charlton Heston, Nichelle Nichols, Robert Picardo, John Rhys-Davies, Tim Russ, and more. Ray Bradbury will MC. Tickets: \$30, \$40, and \$50; call 626-793-5100 and ask for Linda Wong. There will also be a \$100 reception following the performance.

Proceeds will benefit the Planetary Society's Thomas O. Paine Memorial Award for the Advancement of Human Exploration of Mars. \$10 of the ticket price is tax-deductible.

Wednesday, May 20th, 1998
Fandom Universal Computer Club; 7 PM at the clubhouse

Thursday, May 21st, 1998

LASFS meeting 3170 8 pm till ?; Preprogram: Serial: "The Green Hornet Strikes Again" Chapter 6 and Cartoon; Program: Discussion of "Starship Troopers" (movie) and *Starship Troopers* (book) hosted by Leigh Strother-Vien; St. Dee Dee Lavender; **DEADLINE for DE PROFUNDIS 313; APA-L 1723**

Friday, May 22nd, 1998

LASFS open house; 8 PM till ? at the clubhouse

May 22nd-24th, 1998

AgamemCon II (B5); Burbank Airport Hilton, Burbank, CA; Guests: David Eagle, John Copeland, Stephen Furst, Bill Mummy, Richard Biggs, Jeff Conaway, Wayne Alexander, Ed Wasser, Joshua Cox, Jeffrey Willerth, David Gerrold, D.C. Fontana, Larry DiTillio, Ann Bruice Aling, Kim Holly, Terry Black, Tim Earls, MOJO, Alan Kobayashi, Bear Burge, Kim Ferry, Fiona Avery, Nancy Tarczynski, Matthew Plummer, Mark Altman, Joseph Cochran, John Gronquist, Richard Herd, Herb Jefferson Jr., Maria de Aragon, Arthur Loy Holcomb, Daryl F. Mallett, Dr. Franklin Ruehl, Ph.D., Booth Colman, & Eric Hoffman; Memb: \$45 at the door; Info: 24161-H Hollyoak, Laguna Hills, CA 92656; Phone: 714-643-8352; E-Mail: <orrock@in.netcom.com>; URL: <http://www.primenet.com/~shadocat/agamemcon.html>

Wiscon 22, Concorse Hotel, Madison, WI; GoHs: Sheri S. Tepper, Ellen Kushner, & Delia Sherman; Memb: \$50 at the door; Info: SF³ P.O. Box 1624, Madison, WI 53701; Phone: 608-233-8850; E-Mail: <wiscom.concom@lists.bets.com>; URL: <http://www.sf3.org/wiscon/>

Praxis: Tribute to the late Marc Lenard; Hidden Valley outside Pittsburgh, PA; GoHs: Robert and Catherine Felix (son-in-law and daughter), Walter Koenig, Robin Curtis, Mark Allen Sheperd (Morn), Paula Crist (Stunt woman), Carl Taliaferro (Professional Make Up Artist), Dr. Lawrence Shoen (Klingon Language Institute), Marc Okrand, and Four surprise Guests; Info: E-Mail: <QSERA@NB.NET>; URL:

<<http://www.nb.net/%7Eeqsera/praxis/praxis.html>>

Wednesday, May 27th, 1998

clubhouse rented

Thursday, May 28th, 1998

LASFS meeting 3171 8 pm till ?; Preprogram: Serial: "The Green Hornet Strikes Again" Chapter 7 and Cartoon; Program: Animation program hosted by Tom Safer and **Auction**; St. Ed Baker; Distribution of *De Profundis* 313; *APA-L* 1724

Friday, May 29th, 1998

LASFS open house; 8 PM till ? at the clubhouse

May 30th-31st, 1998

La Di Da Con; LASFS clubhouse; Writer GoH: John de Chancie; Special Guest: J. Michael Straczynski¹; Artist GoH: Kay Capella; Fan GoHs: Craig Miller & Genny Dazzo; Memb: \$12.12 presale; \$14.92 at the door; \$12 for con T-Shirt w/ art by Capella; Info: c/o LASFS, 11513 Burbank Blvd., N. Hollywood, CA 91601; Phone: 818-760-9234; E-Mail: <ladedda@lasfs.org>; URL: <<http://www.lasfs.org/events/cons/ladedda>>

Tuesday, June 2nd, 1998

clubhouse rented

May 30th - June 2nd, 1998

Queen's Birthday Weekend

Construction (New Zealand Natcon); West Plaza Hotel, Wellington New Zealand; GoH: Neil Gaiman; Fan GoH: Norman Gates; Memb: ; Info: P.O. Box 11559, Manners St., Wellington, New Zealand; Phone: 011-64-04-477-3300; E-Mail: <ross.temple@welcom.gen.nz>; URL:

<<http://www.vuw.ac.nz/~lloyd/con>>

Thursday, June 4th, 1998

LASFS meeting 3172 8 pm till ?; Preprogram: Serial: "The Green Hornet Strikes Again" Chapter 8

and Cartoon; Program: LASFS Salon; St. Jim Glass; *APA-L* 1725
Friday, June 5th, 1998

LASFS open house; 8 PM till ? at the clubhouse; Magic: The Gathering Tournament

Saturday, June 6th, 1998

clubhouse rented

Sunday, June 7th, 1998

Los Angeles Costumers Guild at the clubhouse

Los Angeles Comic Book and Science Fiction Convention; 10 am - 5 pm; Shrine Auditorium Expo Center, 700 W. 32nd St., Los Angeles, CA; Appearing in Person: Bob Will & Ahna Capri; Admission: \$5; Info: 818-954-8432

June 5th-7th, 1998

5C³ (ConComCon); Snoqualmie Summit Inn, Snoqualmie Summit, WA; Memb: \$25; Info: 9128-A Tolo Ct, NE, Olympia, WA 98516; URL: <<http://206.63.59.45/conleague.html>>

JurassiCon; Howard Johnson Midtown, Atlanta, GA; Media GoH: Ray Harryhausen; Science GoH: Dr. David Schwimmer; Writer GoH: J. Cameron Thyme; Artist GoHs: Craig Hamilton & Rick C. Spears; Memb: \$30 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 98308, Atlanta, GA 30359; Phone: 770-455-6995; E-Mail: <JurassiCon@juno.com>; URL: <<http://www.esosoft.com/evolution>>

Thylacon 2 (Australinan Natcon); Hadley's Hotel, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia; GoH: Leanne Frahm; Info: P.O. Box 55, Battery Point, Tasmania, 7004, Australia

Saturday, June 9th, 1998

Autograph party; Walter Koenig signing *Warped Factors: A Neurotic's Guide to the Universe*; Dangerous Visions, 13563 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423-3825; Phone: 818-986-6963; Fax: 818-341-7354; E-Mail: <dv@readsf.com>; URL: <<http://www.readsf.com>>; 2-4 pm

Saturday, June 13th, 1998

clubhouse rented

Sunday, June 14th, 1998

Meeting of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society Board of Directors, 11 AM at the clubhouse

LASFS Second Sunday

Open House 1 PM at the clubhouse

June 12th-14th, 1998

B'hamacon 4 (DeepSouthCon 36); Ramada Inn Suites Hotel, Birmingham, AL; GoH: Michael Bishop; Artist GoHs: David & Lori Deitrick; Fan GoHs: Buck & Juanita Coulson; TM: Wilson "Bob" Tucker; Memb: \$35 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 94151, Birmingham, AL 35220-4151; URL: <<http://members.aol.com/xwings63/dscflyer.htm>>

Wednesday, June 17th, 1998

Fandom Universal Computer Club; 7 PM at the clubhouse

Saturday, June 20th, 1998

clubhouse rented

Los Angeles Filkers Anonimous; Terry Gibbons, 809 Lashburn, Sylmar, CA; Phone: 818-361-6737

Sunday, June 21st, 1998

Time Meddlers, 10 AM at the clubhouse

June 19th-21st, 1998

New Pacificon '98: An Earth2 Celebration; Holiday Inn Eastgate, Cincinnati, OH; Info: Earth2: Eden Advance, P.O. Box 1695, Des Plaines, IL 60017-1695; E-Mail: <NewPacificon@stargame.org>; URL: <<http://www.voicenet.com/~heckercw/pacificon/pacificon.html>>

June 24th-26, 1998

LibertyCon 12; Radisson Read House, Chattanooga, TN; Info: P.O. Box 695, Hixson, TN 37343-0695; E-Mail: <Libcon@cdc.net>

Wednesday, June 24th, 1998

clubhouse rented

Sunday, June 28th, 1998

Final Weekend Emperor's Movie Screening (FWEMS); The Emperor Salutes The Duke & *Dick Tracy* Chaps. 1, 2, & 3. Info: Contact Charlie Jackson at the clubhouse or 818-246-CLJ2 (2552)

July 2nd-5th, 1998

Concept 1998 (Westercon@ LI); Valley Mission Marriott Hotel, San Diego, CA; GoHs: Katherine Kurtz & Scott MacMillian; Artist GoH: Sue Dawe; Fan GoH: David Clark; Info: P.O. Box 15471, San Diego, CA 92175; Phone: 619-463-5737; URL: <www.westercon.org/51/>

Novacon 8 (Washington DC area); West Park Hotel, Tysons Corner,

¹Subject to production schedules

VA (Suburb of Washington DC); Guests: Roxann Dawson (Torres of Voyager), Marc Alaimo (GulDUkat of DS9), Dave McDonnell (Editor of Starlog Magazine), and a Surprise Guest; Tickets: Ticket Master: (202) 432-Seat; Info: SASE to: One Trek Mind Inc., P.O. Box 1124, Ashburn, VA 20146; Phone: (703) 858-1716; E-mail: <onetrek@juno.com>; URL:

<<http://members.aol.com/novacon97/>>

July 15th-18th, 1998

New Dates

C.S. Lewis: A Centenary Celebration (Mythcon XXIX); Wheaton Collage, Wheaton, IL; Memb: ; Info: c/o Lynn Maudlin, P.O. Box 394, Altadina, CA 91003

July 24th-26th, 1998

Diversicon 6; somewhere in the general vicinity of Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN; GoH: Karen Joy Fowler; Posthumous GoHs: James Tiptree, Jr. and Dr. Seuss; Memb: \$25 adult/\$20 child till 7/4/98; \$35/\$30 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 8036, Lake St. Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408

Sunday, July 26th, 1998

Final Weekend Emperor's Movie Screening (FWEMS); "First Contact"; Info: Contact Charlie Jackson at the clubhouse or 818-246-CLJ2 (2552)

July 31st - August 2nd, 1998

Rivercon XXIII; Executive West Hotel, Louisville, KY; GoH: Harry Turtledove; Fan GoHs: Julee Johnson-Tate & Chris Tate; Toastmaster: Hal Clement; Memb: \$25 till 7/15/98; \$35 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 58009, Louisville, KY 40268-0009; E-Mail: <RiverConSF@aol.com>; URL: <<http://members.aol.com/raroehm/rivercon.html>>

August 5th-9th, 1998

Bucconeer (Worldcon® 56); Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD, USA; GoHs: C.J. Cherryh, Milton A. Rothman, Stanley Schmidt, and Michael Whelan; TM: Charles Sheffield; Memb: \$110, Children \$55, Supporting \$30 till 9/30/97; Info: P.O. Box 314, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701; E-Mail:

<baltimore98@access.digex.net>; URL:

<<http://www.access.digex.net/~balt98>>

August the 21st to 24th 1998

Wrap Party; Raddison Edwardian Hotel, Heathrow, London, England, UK; GoHs: J. Michael Straczynski and Harlan Ellison; Memb: £75 till 7/98, £80 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 505, Reading, Berks RG1 7QZ, England; E-Mail:

<TheWrapParty@steamradio.com>;

URL:

<<http://www.steamradio.com/TheWrapParty>>

Sunday, August 30th, 1998

Final Weekend Emperor's Movie Screening (FWEMS); Star Wars Squat; Info: Contact Charlie Jackson at the clubhouse or 818-246-CLJ2 (2552)

August 28th-30th, 1998

Dragonflight 98; Seattle University, Seattle, WA; Memb: \$32 till 7/31/98; \$37 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 417, Seattle, WA 98111-0417; Phone: 206-781-0047; E-Mail:

<graham@eskimo.com>; URL:

<www.dragonflight.org/>

September 3rd-6th, 1998

Dragon*Con '98; Hyatt Regency Atlanta, and the Atlanta Apparel Mart, Atlanta, GA; GoHs: Harlan Ellison, Brian Lumley, C.J. Cherryh, James P. Hogan and many many more; Memb: ; Info: P.O. Box 47696, Atlanta, GA 30362-0696; Phone: 770-925-0115; Fax: 770-623-6321; E-Mail:

<dragoncon@dragoncon.org>; URL:

<<http://www.dragoncon.org>>

Sunday, September 27th, 1998

Final Weekend Emperor's Movie Screening (FWEMS); "The Big Easy"; Info: Contact Charlie Jackson at the clubhouse or 818-246-CLJ2 (2552)

September 25th-27th, 1998

inCONsequential; Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, Fredericton, NB, Canada; GoH: David Feintuch; Memb: ; Info: 403-527 Beaverbrook Court, Fredricton, NB E3B 1X6, Canada; Phone: 506-452-7479; E-Mail: <breeze@nbnet.nb.ca>; URL: <<http://www.surfcity.nb.ca/~breeze/incon.htm>>

September 29th - October 4th, 1998

Ottawa International Animation Festival/Festival International D'Animation Ottawa; National Arts

Center in Ottawa; Info: 2 Daly Ave., Suite 120, Ottawa, ON K1N 6E2, Canada; Phone: 613-232-8769; Fax: 613-232-6315; E-Mail:

<oiarf@ottawa.com>; URL:

<<http://www.awm.com/ottawa>>

October 2nd-4th, 1998

ConChord 13; Van Nuys Airtel Hotel, Van Nuys, CA; GoH: Mary Ellen Wessels; TM: Kathy Mar; Memb: \$30 till 9/25/98; \$35 at the door; Info: Zen Nine Productions, P.O. Box 61172, Pasadena, CA 91116; URL:

<<http://sundry.hsc.usc/conchord13.html>>

3rd Annual Teen Comic Art & Animation Festival; Los Angeles Central Library, 5th & Flower Sts.; 10 AM to 5:30 PM Saturday and 1 to 5 PM Sunday; Info: Phone: 213-228-7510

October 9th-11th, 1998

Albacon '98; Ramada Inn, Schenectady, NY; GoH: Esther Friesner; Art GoH: Jael; Fan GoH: Joe Mayhew; E. GoH: D. Cameron Caulkins; Memb: \$28 till 9/22/98; \$40 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 2085, Albany, NY 12220-0085; E-Mail:

<wonbat@sff.net>; URL:

<www.sff.net/people/rothman/albacon.htm>

Sunday, October 25th, 1998

Final Weekend Emperor's Movie Screening (FWEMS); "More Countries You Can't Visit" (Annual UNO Tribute); Info: Contact Charlie Jackson at the clubhouse or 818-246-CLJ2 (2552)

October 29 - November 1st 1998

World Fantasy Convention, Doubletree & Marriot Hotels, Monterey, CA; GoH: TBA; Special Guest: Frank M. Robinson; TM: Richard A. Lupoff; Memb: \$125/£85; Info: 555 Bryant St. #552, Palo Alto, CA 94301

November 12th-15th, 1998

Orycon 20; Doubletree Hotel Portland Columbia River, Rprtlnd, OR; GoH: Lois McMaster Bujold; Editor GoH: Ellen Asher; Special GoH: Robert Lionel Fanthorpe; Memb: ; Info: P.O. Box 5703, Portland, OR 97228; Phone: 503-283-0802; E-Mail:

<jlorentz@spiritone.com>; URL:

<www.tltport.com/~osfci/orycon20/>

Windycon XXV; Hyatt Regency Woodfield, Schaumburg, IL; Author

GoH: Allen Steele; Artist GoH: Phil Foglio; Fan GoHs: Barry & Marcy Lyn-Waitsman; TM: Christian Ready; ISFIC Guest: Joe Haldiman; Special Silver Guest: Fredrick Pohl; Memb: \$30 till 10/15/98; \$40 till 11/12/89; Info: P.O. Box 184, Palatine, IL 60078-0184; E-Mail: <windycon@windycon.org>; URL:

<<http://www.xnet.com/~pan/windyweb/>>

November 27th-30th, 1998

Loscon 25; Burbank Hilton & Towers; GoH: David Brin; Artist GoH: Sue Dawe; Fan GoH: Marjii Eilers; Media GoH: Memb: \$30 till 7/7/98; \$35 till 10/31/98; \$40 at the door; Info: c/o LASFS, 11513 Burbank Blvd., N. Hollywood, CA 91601, attn: Kim Marks; phone: 818-760-9234; E-Mail: <loscon25@lasfs.org>; URL:

<<http://www.lasfs.org/loscon25>>

March 1999

MidSouthCon 17; Info: P.O. Box 11446, Memphis, TN 38111; Phone: 901-358-9325 or 901-274-7355; E-Mail: <sjcox@netten.net>; URL:

<<http://www.watervalley.net/midsouthcon>>

Easter Weekend 1999

Conquest II (New Zealand Natcon), Auckland, New Zealand; GoHs: Tom Baker and Alan Dean Foster; Fan GoH: Mike Hansen; Memb: ; Info: P.O. Box 74013, Market Rd, Auckland, New Zealand; URL:

<<http://www.conquest.sf.org.nz/>>

July 1st-5th, 1999

Empire Con (Westercon® LII); Doubletree City Center, Spokane, WA; GoHs: C.J. Cherryh & Kristine Kathryn Rausch; Artist GoH: Alicia Austin; Fan GoH: Larry Baker; Toastmaster: Betty Bigelow; Memb: \$40 till sometime in the future; Info: P.O. Box 7477, Spokane, WA 99207; Phone: 509-482-5288; E-Mail: <dfred@jea.com>; URL: <www.webwatch.com/westerconspokane.html>

CONvergence; Radisson Hotel South, Bloomington, MN; Memb: \$20 till 1/1/99; \$25 till 5/1/99; \$40 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 13208, Dinkytown Station, Minneapolis, MN 55414; Phone:

612-996-9224; E-Mail:

<converge99@aol.com>; URL: <www.convergence-con.org> (under construction)

July 31st - August 1st, 1999

Deep South Con; Landmark Hotel, Metairie, LA

August 26th - 29th, 1999

Conucopia (1999 NASFiC®); Anaheim Marriott, 7000 W. Convention Way, Anaheim, CA; GoH: Jerry E. Pournelle; Fan GoHs: Richard & Nicki Lynch; Memb: ; \$70 till ? (discounts for various pre supporters and opposers that are too complicated to list here); Info: c/o S.C.I.F.I. Inc., P.O. Box 8442, Van Nuys, CA 91409; E-Mail: <info@99.nasfic.org>; URL: <www.99.nasfic.org>

September 2nd-6th, 1999

Aussiecon 3 (Worldcon® 57); Congress Center, Melbourne, VIC, Australia; GoHs: Gregory Benford, George Turner, & Bruce Gillespie; Memb: \$A175/\$140; Info: P.O. Box 266, Prospect Heights, IL 60070-0266, U.S.A.; or G.P.O. Box 1212K, Melbourne, VIC 3001, Australia; URL:

<<http://www.aussiecon3.worldcon.org>>

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Costume Con 18; Info: Costumers Guild West, P.O. Box 94538, Pasadena, CA 91109 (attn. Bridget Landry); Phone: 310-941-5669; Fax: 310-946-7777

June 1st-5th, 2000

King's (?) Birthday Weekend

Nogestovoner Con; Bentley's Hotel, St. Andrew St., Dunedin, New Zealand; GoHs: Pauline B Nicholson & Pauline L Meinung; Memb: \$NZ20; Info: P.O. Box 333, Dunedin, New Zealand

August 31st - September 4th, 2000

Chicon 2000 (Worldcon® 58); Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA; Author GoH: Ben Bova, Artist GoH: Bob Eggleton; Editor GoH: Jim Baen; Fan GoHs: Bob and Anne Passovoy; Toastmaster: Harry Turtledove; Memb: ; Info: P.O. Box 642057, Chicago, IL 60664; E-Mail: <chi2000@chicon.org>; URL: <<http://www.chicon.org>>

FANZINES RECEIVED

(To see the zines listed here, contact Bruce Pelz.)

BCSFAzine: The Monthly Newsletter of the British Columbia Science Fiction Association 299b Apr.; Vol. 26, #4b; c/o 1855 W. 2nd Ave. Apt. 110, Vancouver, B.C., V6J 1J1, Canada; Editor: John C.H. Wong

DASFax, Apr. '98, Vol. 30, No. 4; monthly newsletter of the Denver Area Science Fiction Association, c/o Sourdough Jackson, 31 Rangeview Dr., Lakewood, CO 80215; Editor: Sourdough Jackson

Einblatt; Apr. '98: Newsletter of the Minnesota Science Fiction Society, Inc. (MinnStF), P.O. Box 8297, Lake St. Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408

Fosfax 190, Apr. '98; genzine of the Falls of the Ohio Science Fantasy and Fiction Association, P.O. Box 37281, Louisville, KY 40233-7281; Editor: Timothy Lane

The Geis Letter 46, Mar. '98; Richard E. Geis, P.O. Box 11408, Portland, OR 97211-0408

Instant Message 623, Apr. 8, '98: The NESFA Newsletter; NESFA, Inc., P.O. Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0203; 617-625-2311; <<http://www.nesfa.org>>

The Lunarians; newsletter of New York Science Fiction Society - The Lunarians, Inc., P.O. Box 3566, New York, NY 10008-3566

Memphen 242, Apr. '98; semi-official pub. of the Memphis SF Association, c/o Tim & Barbara Gatewood, 3125 S. Mendenhall #353, Memphis, TN 38115-2808; co-Editors Barbara & Tim Gatewood

Mythprint: The Monthly Bulletin of The Mythopoeic Society; Whole No. 193, Apr. '98, Vol. 35, No. 4; The Mythopoeic Society, 2750 Orange St., Riverside, CA 92501-2537; Editor: Eleanor M. Farrell

The NASFA Shuttle: Newsletter of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association, Inc. Vol. 18, No. 4, Apr. '98; P.O. Box 4857, Huntsville, AL 35815-4857; Editor: Mike Kennedy

Nova Express Vol. 4, No. 4, Winter/Spring '98; Genzine from "WhiteCar Publications" (Dwight Brown, Lawrence Person, and Richard Person). P.O. Box 27231 Austin, TX 78755-2231

OASFIS Event Horizon: Orlando Area Science Fiction Society Clubzine; Vol. 11, No. 4, Ish. 129, Apr. '98; P.O. Box 940992, Maitland, FL 32794-0992

The Orange Pulp: Newsletter of the Orange County Science Fiction Club; Ish. #69, Vol. 12, No. 2, Mar. '98; P.O. Box 9225, Fountain Valley, CA 92728-9225; Editor: Jeff Stein

Pablo Lennis July '97; per/genzine edited by John Thiel, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, IN 47904

Pulsar: The Newsletter of the Portland Science Fiction Society; Ish. 234, Apr. '98; P.O. Box 4602, Portland, OR 97208

PSFS News: The Newsletter of the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society, Apr. '98; P.O. Box 8303, Philadelphia, PA 19101; Editor: Rich Kabakjian

Thyme 120: The Australasian SF News Magazine; Mar. '98; c/o Alan Stewart, P.O. Box 222, World Trade Center, Melbourne, Victoria, 3065, Australia.

Tightbeam #210 Mar. '98; Editor: Janine Stinson, P.O. Box 430314, Big Pine Key, FL 33043-0314; Letterzine of the N3F

Westwind: The Magazine of the Northwest Science Fiction Society; Mar. '98, Ish. 227; P.O. Box 24207, Seattle, WA 98124; Editor: George Nyhen

Changes of Address

Bureau of Missing Persons

Worldcon® Bids

Minneapolis in '73; Post-Supporting -1¢; URL: <bid1973mpls.html>

Philadelphia in '01 (The Millennium Philcon); Presupporting \$10, Preopposing \$17.76, Phil-Kin (friends of the bid) \$40; Info: 402 Huntingdon Pike, Suite 2001, Rockledge, PA 19046; E-Mail: <phil2001@netaxs.com>; URL: <http://www.netaxs.com/~phil2001/>

Boston in '01; Presupporting \$8, Preopposing \$20; Info: MCFI/Boston in '01, P.O. Box 1010, Framingham, MA 01701-0205; e-mail: <info@mcfi.org>; URL: <http://world.std.com/~sbarsky/b2001.html>

Vatican City in 2001; E-Mail: <nutnchop@bronx.lcs.mit.edu>; URL: <bid2001vatican.html>

Hel, Norway in 2001 (Condemnation I); E-Mail: <cyohtee@tezcac.com>; URL: <http://www.tezcat.com/~cyohtee/hel.html>

Clavius Base in 2001; E-Mail: <silverag@earthlink.net>; URL: <http://www.sfsite.com/~silverag/clavius.html>

Anaheim, California in 2002 (It's A Small Worldcon); Info: E-Mail: <cyohtee@tezcac.com>; URL: <http://www.tezcat.com/~cyohtee/small.html>

San Francisco in 2002; Pre-Supporting: \$20.02; Pre-opposing: \$49; Friend of Bid: \$100; Info: P.O. Box 61363, Sunnyvale, CA 94088; E-Mail: <info@sfsf2002.sfsf.org>; URL: <http://www.sfsf.org/worldcon/>

Seattle in '02; Pre-Supporting: \$10.01; Pre-Opposing: \$20.02; Friend: \$100 (payable to "Group of Friends"); Info: P.O. Box 283, Seattle, WA 98111-0283; E-Mail: <Seattle2002@isomedia.com>; URL: <http://www.webwitch.com/seattle02/>

Cancun in 2003 (ConCancun); Presupporting: \$7; \$M50; Info: c/o David Thayer, P.O. Box 905, Euless, TX 76039-0905; E-Mail: <artemis@cyberramp.net>; URL: <http://world.std.com/~sbarsky/concancun.html>

Toronto in 2003; Pre- (TorCon III) supporting: \$15/\$C20.03; Info: P.O. Box 3, Station A, Toronto, Ontario, M5W 1A2, Canada; E-Mail: <info@torcon3.on.ca>; URL: <http://www.worldhouse.com/worldcon-2003>

Paris, France in 2003 (It's A Small Worldcon); Info: E-Mail: <cyohtee@tezcac.com>; URL: <http://www.tezcat.com/~cyohtee/small.html>

Berlin in 2003 (BaerCon); Info: E-Mail: <baercon@lynet.de>; URL: <http://www.lynet.de/~baercon/>

Orlando, Florida in 2004 (It's A Small Worldcon); Info: E-Mail: <cyohtee@tezcac.com>; URL: <http://www.tezcat.com/~cyohtee/small.html>

Tokyo, Japan in 2005 (It's A Small Worldcon); Info: E-Mail: <cyohtee@tezcac.com>; URL: <http://www.tezcat.com/~cyohtee/small.html>

UK in 2005; Info: E-Mail: <gokce@panix.com>; URL: <http://www.panix.com/~gokce/nextuk/>

Baltimore in 2007
Washington, DC in 2007

Southgate again in 2010

Chichén Itzá in 2012; E-Mail: <bungalow@radix.net>; URL: <http://www.radix.net/~bungalow/Chichen>

Moscow (Russia) in 2017; URL: <bid2017ru.html>

New York in '39: The Centennial Worldcon®

Tranquility Base in 2069; E-Mail: <lunatic@pobox.com>; URL: <http://www.pobox.com/~lunatic/TBin2069.html>

Babylon 5 in 2258 (InterWorldcon®); E-Mail: <rastb5mod@aol.com>; URL: <bid2258b5.html>

Zha'dum in 2258 [(Shadowcon)?]; E-Mail: <anna@zhadum.com>; URL: <bid2258zh.html>

Trantor in 23,309; URL: <bid23309trantor.html>

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Phoenix in 2000: (WesterColt 2000); Phoenix AZ, June 29 - July 2, 2000 Pre-Support: \$10.00, Pre-Oppose: \$20.00; Info: c/o Bruce Farr, 7002 N. 6th Ave., Phoenix AZ 85021, e-mail: <westercolt@farrsite.com>; URL: <bid2000az.html>

Hawaii in 2000 - Honolulu, HI, July 1-4, 2000; Pre-support: \$10.00, payable to Hawaii in 2000; Info: 42 Aekai Place, Lahaina HI 96761; email: <tropo@maui.net>; URL: <http://maui.net/~tropo/>; Sponsored by SFSFC, Inc.

Cheeko/Chico in 2001: A Velveeta Odyssey. Pre-supporting \$20.01, includes t-shirt; Info: PO Box 95, Sutter CA 95982-0095; E-mail: <standlee@lunacity.com> or <72377.3623@compuserve.com>

Loscon Bids

Loscon 27 (2000 AD) Ed Green, Bid Chair; Pre-Supporer \$6, Pre-Disposer \$6, Special Two-For-One Offer \$10.

NEWS (AND OTHER ITEMS) OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO LASFSIANS

(in no particular order)

Hugo Nominees

From Sci-Fi Wire -- <http://wire.scifi.com>

6:00 pm ET, 10-April-98

WSFS Announces Hugo Nominees

The World Science Fiction Society has announced the nominees for this year's Hugo Awards, which are given annually for achievements in science fiction. This year's winners--determined by a vote of WSFS members--will be awarded at Bucconeer, the 1998 World Science Fiction Convention, at a ceremony that will be held on Aug. 7 in Baltimore, Md. This year's nominees include:

BEST NOVEL:

- *Forever Peace, by Joe Haldeman (Ace)
- *Frameshift, by Robert J. Sawyer (Tor)
- *The Rise of Endymion, by Dan Simmons (Bantam Spectra)
- *Jack Faust, by Michael Swanwick (Avon)
- *City on Fire, by Walter Jon Williams (HarperPrism)

BEST NOVELLA:

- *"The Funeral March of the Marionettes," by Adam-Troy Castro (F&SF July 1997)
- *"Ecopoiesis," by Geoffrey A. Landis (SF Age May 1997)
- *"Loose Ends," by Paul Levinson (Analog May 1997)
- *"Marrow," by Robert Reed (SF Age July 1997)
- *"...Where Angels Fear To Tread," by Allen Steele (Asimov's Oct.-Nov. 1997)

BEST NOVELETTE:

- *"Moon Six," by Stephen Baxter (SF Age March 1997)
- *"Broken Symmetry," by Michael A. Burstein (Analog Feb. 1997)
- *"Three Hearings on the Existence of Snakes in the Human Bloodstream," by James Alan Gardner (Asimov's Feb. 1997)
- *"We Will Drink A Fish Together...," by Bill Johnson (Asimov's May 1997)
- *"The Undiscovered," by William Sanders (Asimov's March 1997)

BEST SHORT STORY:

- *"Beluthahatchie," by Andy Duncan (Asimov's March 1997)
- *"Standing Room Only," by Karen Joy Fowler (Asimov's Aug. 1997)
- *"Itsy Bitsy Spider," by James Patrick Kelly (Asimov's June 1997)
- *"The 43 Antarean Dynasties," by Mike Resnick (Asimov's Dec. 1997)
- *"The Hand You're Dealt," by Robert J. Sawyer (Free Space, Tor)

*"No Planets Strike," by Gene Wolfe (F&SF Jan. 1997)

(There are six items due to a tie for fifth place)

BEST RELATED BOOK:

- *Space Travel, by Ben Bova with Anthony R. Lewis (Writer's Digest Books)
- *The Encyclopedia of Fantasy, edited by John Clute & John Grant (St. Martin's Press)
- *Infinite Worlds, by Vincent DiFate (Penguin Studio)
- *Spectrum IV: The Best in Contemporary Fantastic Art, edited by Cathy Fenner & Arnie Fenner with Jim Locher (Underwood Books)
- *Reflections and Refractions: Thoughts on Science-Fiction, Science and Other
- *Matters, by Robert Silverberg (Underwood Books)

BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION:

- *Contact (Warner Bros./South Side Amusement Company)
- *The Fifth Element (Columbia Pictures/Gaumont)
- *Gattaca (Columbia Pictures Corporation/Jersey Films)
- *Men in Black (MacDonald-Parkes/Columbia Pictures Corporation/Amblin Entertainment)
- *Starship Troopers (TriStar Pictures/Big Bug Pictures/Touchstone Pictures)

BEST PROFESSIONAL EDITOR:

- *Gardner Dozois (Asimov's)
- *Scott Edelman (SF Age)
- *David Hartwell (Tor; Year's Best SF)
- *Stanley Schmidt (Analog)
- *Gordon Van Gelder (F&SF)

BEST PROFESSIONAL ARTIST:

- *Jim Burns
- *Thomas Canty
- *David Cherry
- *Bob Eggleton
- *Don Maitz
- *Michael Whelan

(There are six items due to a tie for fifth place)

BEST SEMIPROZINE:

- *Interzone, edited by David Pringle
- *Locus, edited by Charles N. Brown
- *The New York Review of Science Fiction, edited by Kathryn Cramer, Ariel Hameon, David G. Hartwell & Kevin Maroney
- *Science Fiction Chronicle, edited by Andrew I. Porter
- *Speculations, edited by Kent Brewster

BEST FANZINE:

- *Ansible, edited by Dave Langford
- *Attitude, edited by Michael Abbott, John Dallman & Pam Wells
- *File 770, edited by Mike Glyer
- *Mimosa, edited by Nicki & Richard Lynch
- *Tangent, edited by David Truesdale

BEST FAN WRITER:

- *Bob Devney
- *Mike Glyer
- *Andy Hooper

- *David Langford
- *Evelyn I.eeper
- *Joseph T. Major

(There are six nominees due to a tie for fifth place)

BEST FAN ARTIST:

- *Brad Foster
- *Ian Gunn
- *Teddy Harvia
- *Joe Mayhew
- *Peggy Ranson

JOHN W. CAMPBELL AWARD FOR BEST NEW WRITER OF 1996 OR 1997:

- (Sponsored by Dell Magazines)
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 - *Andy Duncan (2nd year of eligibility)
 - *Richard Garfinkle (2nd year of eligibility)
 - *Susan R. Matthews (2th year of eligibility)
 - *Mary Doria Russell (2th year of eligibility)

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Menace of the LASFS #3024

July 27, 1995

President: Ed Green
Scribe: Alex Pournelle

Menace of the LASFS #3025

August 3, 1995

President: Ed Green
Scribe: Alex Pournelle

**Minutes of the Los Angeles
Science Fantasy Society, Inc.,**

Board of Directors
August 13, 1995
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Menace of the LASFS #3046

December 28, 1995

President: Ed Green
Scribe: Alex Pournelle

Menace of the LASFS #3084

September 19, 1996

President: Christian McGuire
Sergeant Scribe: Ed Green

Menace of the LASFS #3085

September 26, 1996

President: Christian McGuire
Sergeant Scribe: Ed Green

Menace of the LASFS #3086

October 3, 1996

President: Christian McGuire
Sergeant Scribe: Ed Green

Menace of the LASFS #3127

July 17, 1997

President: Matthew B. Tepper
Scribe: Beth O'Brian and/or Mike Glyer

Menace of the LASFS #3128

July 24, 1997

President: Matthew B. Tepper
Scribe: Beth O'Brian and/or Mike Glyer

Menace of the LASFS #3129

July 31, 1997

President: Matthew B. Tepper
Scribe: Beth O'Brian and/or Mike Glyer

Menace of the LASFS #3130

August 7, 1997

President: Matthew B. Tepper
Scribe: Beth O'Brian and/or Mike Glyer

**LOS ANGELES SCIENCE
FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.**

Meeting 3144

November 13, 1997

President: Matthew B. Tepper
Scribe: Mike Glyer or Beth O'Brian.

**LOS ANGELES SCIENCE
FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.**

Meeting 3146

November 27, 1997

President: Matthew B. Tepper
Scribe: Mike Glyer or Beth O'Brian.

**LOS ANGELES SCIENCE
FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.**

Meeting 3147

December 4, 1997

President: Matthew B. Tepper
Scribe: Mike Glycer or Beth O'Brian.

LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3158

February 19, 1998

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Scribe: Mike Glycer

LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3159

February 26, 1998

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Scribe: Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary.

Before the meeting, that angelic vision, Marjii Ellers, walked in, head wreathed in gold tinsel, and announced, "I'm here for my three cheers." Mike Galloway led the 30 fans present in three lusty cheers.

As Matthew began the meeting he said drily, "Thank you, President Scratch. If everyone will stick around, we will replay those three cheers later." Marjii asked him what was going on when she arrived. Matthew answered by starting the meeting, announcing her as tonight's Patron Saint, and leading us in three more cheers. Rob Cole concluded, "Now would be a good time to move to adjourn." He was right, but we never learn.

Special Order of Business: Charlie announced the passing of three personalities of interest to fans: (1) Antonio Prohias, *Mad Magazine's* "Spy vs. Spy" cartoonist; (2) Philip Abbot, an actor whose most interesting role was playing the father of *The Invisible Boy*, and (3) Henny Youngman, the comedian known for the line, "Take my wife, please."

Menace: Glycer read the Menace, then people chimed in with ideas for how to approve them. For reasons too difficult to explain but not too obtuse to be minuted, Matthew said, "It's not nearly a thrid [sic] but I'll give it a yid -- approved as moiled."

Timebound Announcements: Matthew shared a sample of something the gift shop at the Museum of Tolerance was considering carrying: "100% Pupik Polish, Oil of Oy Vay." He read its hilarious instructions, then in response to a question said, "I don't see a circle-U on it, so it's probably not for internal consumption." Mark Poliner chimed in about another product: "He-Brew, the Chosen Beer" put out by "Schmaltz Brewery." This made George Mulligan fondly remember stacks of generic beer at the supermarket and the ad campaign, "Beer: Ask for it by name!"

Calendar Lady Lucy Stern made several announcements, including that Con*Dor would take place in San Diego this weekend.

Charlie Jackson 2 said the February issue of *Amazing Adventures* contained a new "Brontosaurus and Toad" comic. Mulligan loudly cheered, "Hooray for B&T!" But little did he suspect that the Archeology Police are investigating why the name of the comic has not been changed to the more politically-correct "Brachiasaurus and Toad."

Bruce Briant reported there would be a meeting of the LA Costumers Guild at LASFS on May 31 at 1 p.m. Look for information about the group at Con*Dor.

Mike Thorsen reminded us about the March 28, quarterly LASFS Cleaning Day. All are invited from Noon to 6 p.m. to help maintain, rebuild, or build from the ground up.

Mark Poliner advertised a Westwood Brewery beer tasting on Sunday, but for those in immediate need of refreshment, Christian McGuire said there were food and munchies on a side table.

Auction: Ed Green auctioned off some posters, none of which was the "rare, nude Beethoven" sought by Mulligan. Tonight the bidding was especially incomprehensible as people created hybrids from existing terms. Matthew set this to music, singing, "I love you, a Thorsen and a Scratch..." Lucy scoffed, "He's trying to be a filker."

Appointive Committee Reports: Registrar Allan Rothstein found no first time guests. But one was returning after too long an absence -- Marjii Ellers. Marjii said, "I'm available to answer questions after the meeting."

Matthew reminded that next week there will be presentations by two committees bidding for the 1999 Loscon, one headed by Liz Mortensen, the other by "myself." Voting will take place the week after that.

Charlie Jackson 2 continued on with the list of other programs, including, also next week, the LASFS Q&A Session. There will be questions about our weird traditions, the meaning of auction bids, etc.

Charlie talked about FWEMS, mentioning there will be no May session because the clubhouse will be taken over that weekend by "some other event." Weekly serials will soon resume, with *Dangers of the Canadian Mounted*. This is a 6-chapter version of the serial, with cliffhangers in the middle. Finally, Charlie told us the magic number is 48.

Mike Stern inveighed us, "Go to the web site!" Then he invited us to participate in a special LASFS project, typing into word processing files the quotations compiled by Bill Rotsler having to do with months of the year. Many volunteered. Mike asked people to get their disks back in by the first meeting in May.

Christian McGuire ebbed and flowed as he introduced Mike Donahue. Then Donahue announced LaDiDa Con for May 30-31 at the clubhouse. Guests will include John DeChancie, J. Michael Straczynski, Ray Capella, Craig Miller and Genny Dazzo. Over the weekend there will be a Roman toga party, with role-playing. Allan Rothstein enthused, "All the stuffed rats you can eat!"

Fannish Committee Reports: Joe Zeff was proud that they've made spamming expensive at Earthlink -- one customer got whacked \$244 for his four hours of abruptly-ended service.

Mark Poliner's reference to the new Scientology billboard slogan, "Think for yourself" roused skeptical laughter and applause.

Ed Green shared a letter to the editor in the LA Times inspired by its illustration of an article on the Gulf crisis with a picture of a very obsolete bomber. Tongue-in-cheek, the letter writer assured everyone that if America planned to send B-58's

against Saddam Hussein, he and his 60-70 year-old crewmates could still do the job.

Mike Stern had been crogged to see achieve spelled "ACHEIVE."

Allan Rothstein teaches a course for new probation officers, all qualified college graduates. They were invited to write comments on the back of the final: several said it's the best course they ever took. Allan said that without exception, whenever the word "course" was used, it was spelled "coarse." That's rough.

Rick Foss reported about the Hong Kong housebreaker who left behind more money at his second victim's house than he stole, because he forgot to pick up the proceeds of his first robbery when he left.

Rick also recommended to us a CD of music created based on feedback from focus groups and surveys about what people like and don't like in music. The first piece is the ultimately bland formula pop song, based on what they like. According to surveys, what people don't like are instruments like the bagpipe, banjo, accordion, tuba and synthesizer. Those instruments star on the second piece, which is 22 Menace long (people hate long songs), and applies two unpopular styles, opera and rap, to hated country/western subject matter, as well as the equally loathed forms of holiday music and advertising jingles. The title of the CD is *The People's Choice Music: The Most Unwanted Song*. Rick said it's one of the funniest things he's ever heard in his life. In trying to create something based on everything Americans hate, it creates a really powerful impression of America.

Joe Fekete thanked Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle for last week's program. He said it's the kind of thing he really likes -- impromptu. Charlie Jackson acidly replied, "We'll achieve more of what he likes by promptly cancelling all scheduled programs."

Reviews: Mike Stern reviewed the new issue of *Amazing Adventures*, particularly "B&T Comics." Glycer insisted, "No spoilers!" Stern simply said, "We get to find out the truth about Greg the Boll Weasel."

Frank Waller, leaning on the Lex Files (the new file cabinet donated by Lex Nakashima), urged us to keep watching *Babylon 5* on Wednesday nights. Others chorushly misunderstood that as a command to stop watching it on any other night. Now play nice!

Miscellaneous: Charlie said that since he's so vocal about excoriating the MTA, when it did something good (for the second time in his life) he felt compelled to acknowledge it. The new 603 route provides service from the street corner near his apartment to the Galleria, Red Line, Blue Line and the original Tommy's.

That reminded Greg Barrett that the Federal court-appointed special master who oversees compliance with the consent decree in a suit against MTA is really hitting them for outbacks that affect poor workers. He was tickled that an LA Times editorial on the subject said the MTA should experiment with smaller shuttles, or even give out taxi vouchers, if the traffic of late workers doesn't justify assigning a regular bus to a route.

Then Charlie introduced the program -- Fred Patten's discussion of the World's Animation Celebration -- and sent us on our way.

LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3160

March 5, 1998

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Scribe: Mike Glycer, the Once and Future
Secretary.

Matthew looked up from his Popeye's Chicken, cannibalistically clucked the meeting to order. "That doesn't sound like a duck," Lucy Stern said suspiciously. Matthew said, "It pays to learn a foreign language."

There was a flurry of activity as the members voted to call chicken duck. When they were finished, Charlie Jackson 2 asked, "If you have 5 ducks and 5 chickens in the yard, and you call the chickens ducks, how many ducks do you have?" Matthew answered, "Five," promptly passing his Mississippi voters registration test.

Menace: Glycer read the Menace, then the members had their say. Charlie said that, paleontologically speaking, the brontosaurus of B&W Comics is an *apatosaurus*. When Daniel Saur's ancestors came into this country from Ellis Island, the authorities changes his name, and he's sticking with it. (Charlie added with a smirk that he's been holding this answer in reserve since 1972 to plug the skeptics.) Sometime during Charlie's explanation Matthew wheezed his beverage through his nose, and Karl Lembke advised, "Let it not be minuted that Matthew was snorting Coke." Joe Zell moved that the Menace be approved as *toe boik*. There was a voice vote nay, and Matthew refused to allow a division of the house over how to approve the Menace, so they were approved as *toe boik*. (No, Matthew doesn't know what it means, either.)

Auction: Ed Green auctioned off three books by Don Callander. Matthew commented, "The only three books coming out this year not by Kara Dalkey. --Have you seen how many books she has coming out this year?" Ed also auctioned Matthew's leftover Popeye's biscuit. When Joe Fekete bid 75 cents to give the biscuit back to him, Matthew protested, "I'm being fed by a homeless person!" (Which was humorous because it was true.)

Matthew bid in a couple of items for himself, then concluded, "Rubber pigs and a video -- a blissful weekend ahead." While Ed auctioned some other things, Matthew juggled his pigs. Ed interrupted, "I was wrong, you **are** a perfect idiot."

Timebound Announcements: Calendar Lady Lucy Stern led off with a short announcement. Glycer officially introduced the *File 770 20th Anniversary* cake which members had already been enjoying for the last hour. Ed Green moved a round of applause for the anniversary.

Frank Waller said he had very good kosher stuff and kosher Easter stuff. Charlie had one remaining copy of the February *Amazing Adventures*: no report whether it was kosher. Bruce Pelz offered for sale three copies of the 1975 Algor Press chapbook *Dreams Must Explain Themselves* by Ursula K. LeGuin.

Francis Hamit said the government issued a year 2000 report and it expects 37% noncompliance. Francis added the kicker -- "You now have 666 days til the year 2000."

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Appointed Committee Reports:

Rebecca filled in as registrar for Allan Rothstein, but there were no guests to introduce.

New Business: Then Matthew recused himself and chairman of the board, Bruce Pelz, presided over the presentation of bids for Loscon 1999. The theme of Matthew's bid is "Music of the Spheres." He talked about how the theme could be condensed into a promise to be boringly conservative, delivering the things people liked before. Joe Fekete asked if his bid planned a regular or alternative masquerade. Matthew said he expected to have something else, based on the success of the experiment at last year's Loscon.

Liz Mortensen, in a Civil Defense warden's helmet, presented her bid theme, "The End of the World." Said she was wearing the silly hat because it's fun, and was bidding for Loscon because it's fun. (Something here about fun defined as the sensation when you stop hitting your helmet against a brick wall.) She promised a con as good as Loscon 24, even if the world doesn't end on schedule. In answer to Joe's question, Liz said she also intended to have an alternate costume event because participation in a regular masquerade isn't very great.

More Appointed Committee Reports:

Mike Stern announced tomorrow night's Magic Tournament. He pleaded for people to come in and play and stop the Jeff Stansfield Steamroller.

Charlie commented on upcoming programs, and FWEMS themes. The committee that dares not speak its name was up to number 61. Charlie explained that meant we passed the interim magic number, 60, so tonight was the last night to enter the pool. "Wealth beyond the dreams of avarice," cooed Matthew. Then we somehow free-associated to a subject that fitted Matthew's next comment: "My brother has five horses. That makes five-and-a-half horses living there."

Ed Green presented Loscon 24's financial report: The con will be turning over \$9,500 to the club coffers. "That does it," said Matthew, "I'm voting for them!"

Bob Null alerted the members to the results of the recent termite inspection. The meeting room and small shed are clean. The front building attic had some termite droppings. The inspector cleaned them up and will return in a month to see if there's an active infestation. But, Bob insisted, we won't be spending the Loscon money on that -- our insurance covers termite damage.

Tim Merrigan announced a new issue of *De Profundis*. Mike Thorsen asked members to come on March 28 and clean the clubhouse. Charlie said this week he started showing the new serial, *Dangers of the Canadian Mounted*. Matthew hawked old chairs, three for \$10.

Fannish Committee Reports: Matthew couldn't find anyone present to review *Dark City*, though Charlie passed along Gulen Tripp's secondhand recommendation of it as the finest sf movie he's seen in years.

Mike Stern said he would be posting the Benford article published in yesterday's LA Times. Stern had other news, too. A Japanese company is issuing a talking refrigerator that issues such warnings as, "Be careful not to stuff in too much food." Tadao Tomamatsu excused himself, "I'm sorry, I can't do that right now." Stern also told about

an inventors festival with such products as remote-controlled heated toilet seats.

Mike Thorsen regaled members with an account of medical advice given to his father about incontinence by the Veterans' Administration. The three treatments they outlined suggested the VA didn't know the difference between incontinence and impotence.

The meeting closed as Lucy Stern told about a young crook who used a cab while doing his stealing. He had the cabbie wait as he broke into places, but the police had been following and stopped the cab. The cabbie was ecstatic because he was being stiffed for his fare. Well, all I can say it's a good thing the crook wasn't a patient at the VA or the cabbie might have been worse than stiffed...

LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3161

March 12, 1998

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Scribe: Mike Glycer, the Once and Future
Secretary.

"Yee hah," said Matthew, pulling his Stetson over his furrowed brow. He rapped out "Shave-and-a-haircut" and all the Toons in the room leaped from their hiding place, answering, "Two bits!" And you wonder why LASFS meetings are so animated.

Special Order of Business: Animated, never reanimated, although Charlie Jackson 2 told us, "More famous people have died since I was born than all of recorded history to that point." Rumors of mass celebrity suicides are hotly denied.

Tonight's Special Order of Business was to mark the passing of Lloyd Bridges, whose sf/fantasy connections included piloting the celestial airplane in the movie *Here Comes Mr. Jordan*, and roles in *Airplane, Hot Shots!*, and the tv series *Sea Hunt*.

Matthew asked us to observe another passing, from opera, another world of fantasy, of Leonie Rysanek. She played Salome in the oil-mentioned, highly decadent production of the same name he saw in 1974.

Menace: Glycer confessed he'd forgotten to bring the Menace. Matthew also had a confession: he hadn't called for three cheers for last week's Patron Saint, Dave Fox. Glycer seized on that to excuse himself, because last meeting must not have ended and so the Menace were not really late. Matthew led three tardy cheers for Dave Fox, admonishing us that they'd have to be loud to be heard where he is. After the cheers, Charlie's coda was, "And a blessed beast with an iceberg. June Mollatt reminded us that Dave coined the term Patron Saint (as it applies to LASFS).

Instead of his own Menace, Glycer read the March 11, 1948 Menace by Arthur Jean Cox, which were accepted as declaimed.

Timebound Announcements: Bob Null said there has been an additional printing of the LASFS Directory, so more copies are available.

And Matthew made sure he led three cheers for tonight's Patron Saint, Gavin Claypool.

Auction: Ed Green conducted the auction wearing his Civil Defense helmet as an unabashed plug of Liz Mortensen's Loscon bid, though he said,

"You don't know how much this thing itches." Charlie greeted Ed as, "A hail fellow hell-met." This, or something, unsettled Ed enough that when he tossed an officially blank video to the high bidder he bounced it off Betty Knight's head. Helmets for the house!

More Timebound Announcements:

Calendar Lady Lucy Stern stayed safely in the back of the room and read her calendar: recording the actual content of the announcements is left as an exercise for those who heard them.

Larry Niven showed off the sample cover of *The Best of All Possible Wars*, which he described as "The best of the *Man-Kzin War* stories that couldn't be bound into fix-up novels and sold that way." Bruce Pelz added that it's a July release. Contact your nearest Verip Book dealer for details.

Karl Lembke told us 3/14 is pi day (being the first three numbers of pi, of course.) Betty Knight added that the meeting of the National Pi Society is scheduled 3/14 at 1:59 p.m.

Karl also clipped a *Daily News* article whose cheerful lead was, "An asteroid is likely to pass within 30,000 miles of Earth on Thursday, October 28, 2028 and might even hit the Earth..." Karl recognized this would be the date of a LASFS meeting: the article didn't say what time the asteroid will hit, so it's hard to say if we'll get the meeting in. Charlie commented *sub rosa*, "If the earth is destroyed in 2028, Joe DiMaggio has a big refund coming."

Matthew kept us apprised that *Babylon 5's* Saturday afternoon repeat has been moved to 8 a.m. Ed Green approved, "Finally, good kids programming on Saturday morning."

Alice Massoglia announced an annual paperback book sale at the Mission Hills Inn on March 29.

Charlie Jackson 2 had announced the death of Archie Goodwin a week ago, and he added that donations in lieu of flowers are requested for the Visual Arts Foundation.

Appointed Committee Reports:

Mike Stern said Bruce Hillman won last week's Magic tournament, though Jeff Stansfield did finish second.

Tim Merrigan said the *De Profundis* deadline is next week.

Acting Registrar David Lathram announced two guests, Cera Kruger and Sherry Dansie.

Charlie reviewed upcoming programming, including April 16's reset *Slam* discussion, and May 21's *Hoka* stories discussion. Then Charlie asked that anyone if someone has checked out a video from the LASFS collection, hasn't returned, and he hasn't come to nail them yet, it's because of the club's 18th century computer system. (The Fan on the Iron Disk.) But he wants people to bring the tapes back anyway. He ended his run of announcements with tonight's magic number: 64.

Bob Null announced on behalf of the committee to sell chairs, they're sold. Mike Dumlau asked people to buy tickets to LaDiDaCon.

Loscon 24 Selection: Chairman of the Board Bruce Pelz took over the meeting, and said he would allow 5 Menace of questions to the bidders. Marty Massoglia asked both bidders if they were planning to have Empirecon. Matthew said Empirecon would not receive any less resources than it gets currently. Liz said she didn't know yet. Jerry

Pournelle asked both bidders, "Have you bought any tickets to foreign countries?" There were no more questions after that.

In the voting, Mortensen's and Tepper's bids tied at 38 votes; there was one blank ballot. Jerry Pournelle moved that the club deem both bids qualified. This motion passed by voice vote unopposed. Bruce Pelz reviewed the bylaws and found the Loscon section made no provisions for a tie. Glycer and Pelz checked the ballots to make sure all had the authenticating stamp, which they did.

Bruce opened to discussion the question of how to resolve the tie. Jerry Pournelle moved for an immediate second vote. Matthew felt this would unfairly disenfranchise a couple of voters who had been present earlier and left, one of whom was ill. Sandy Cohen said it would be fairest to advertise in *De Profundis* a new meeting where there would be a new vote. Beth O'Brien argued that people who leave before the meeting ends and the issue is resolved have to live with their decision.

Christian McGuire checked that both bid chairs were willing to delay the second vote for a month, and they were. Ed Green contended that under the by-laws a decision had to be made tonight, although Matthew pointed out that tonight's vote had been scheduled by agreement of the bidders, not set by any requirement in the by-laws. Betty Knight quietly wished the committees would merge and work together.

Bruce called for a vote by hand on Jerry Pournelle's motion: the members were overwhelmingly opposed to an immediate vote. After further discussion about dates, Christian McGuire moved that the Loscon bid vote be set for the meeting of April 16 and announced in *De Profundis*. The motion passed by voice vote.

Reviews: Sandy Cohen recommended

Dark City as "extremely unique. It is visually stunning -- though some of the effects don't work, others are stunning." He said you could drive trucks through the holes in the plot. Anyway, it's a film that must be seen on the big screen to be fully appreciated. Sandy concluded, "I wish I could say I like it more, but I like it a lot." Beth O'Brien added, "It's very interesting to see *film noir* done in color with today's technical effects."

Mike Stern commented about conflicting estimates about how close the asteroid will pass the earth in 2028. First they estimated 30,000 miles, then a million miles -- a big difference. They compare it with the dinosaur killer, but no fooling Mike, who said, "Fortunately, we're not dinosaurs."

Lucy Stern had an observation about weird things happening with dinosaurs that are already dead, specifically, Jiffy Lube's ads for "Oil of L.A."

Kyla brought up the subject of the new chips made with fake fat, and the dire (not to mention, diarrhea) consequences they've had on some people's digestion. Matthew claimed he had no problem with the sample bag, and then after eating a regular bag all in one night he still had no trouble. Charlie asked, "But how did your neighbors do?" Matthew insisted, "Fine, after the screaming died down."

Bret Achorn repeated an Internet joke about Bill Gates, without either hand on a computer. Then Matthew asked for a motion to Solley's, or a motion to Denny's. He didn't get either, so he simply hit the eject button and adjourned the meeting.

Menace of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc.

Meeting 3162

March 19, 1998

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Scribe: Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary

Matthew was having a hard time deciding whether to start. "We seem to be having so much fun hubbubbing tonight," he noticed, "Talking about grommets and radishes."

"And chocolate-covered warheads," Marty Cantor added. "And 48 hours of strenuous axe-murdering," Matthew replied, looking for his pincaron.

As he was about to start, Matthew rapped the table in rhythm. Mark Poliner moved to adjourn. Matthew insisted, "I haven't even started the meeting yet! This is meeting number --- Shut up!" Francis Hamit corrected, "Shut up! is not number." Matthew sighed to himself, "We seem to be caught in slow glass."

Menace: Speaking of the carefully preserved past, we had the next best thing, Glycer reading two sets of Menace. Then scads of corrections. It was Mike Stern who had moved to approve a previous set of Menace as "toe boit." But it wasn't him who said, "We're not dinosaurs." Kyla complained that her joke had been left out, and refreshed our recollection as to what it had been. Someone moved that the Menace be approved as promulgated (notice the Scribe's caution retreat into anonymity about these things). Matthew thought the second set "missed it by that much", so they were approved as "Omax!"

Timcbond Doodah: Calendar Lady Lucy Stern reminded us about BayCon on Memorial Day Weekend in San Jose.

Elizabeth Workman came up to announce the delivery of Girl Scout cookies the members had ordered. She paused just long enough before speaking that Scratch Galloway assumed it was shyness and he gallantly leaped in with a shout of, "Ladies and gentlemen! Boys and girls!" And while the entire crowd on Main Street at Disneyland immediately snapped to attention, Scratch's voice having penetrated that far, there seemed to be neither ladies nor gentlemen present at tonight's meeting given the continued...hubbub. Scratch finished the announcement anyway, while Sandy Cohen heckled, "Did she fill out a guest card?" Scratch defended, "She's a member!"

David Lathram announced that a bookstore on Beverly Blvd. would be showing Brothers Hildebrandt *Star Wars* art March 21-April 16.

Francis Hamit had planned to give a seminar in May at Learning Tree University about how to be a freelance writer. But he won't sign the work-for-hire contract they sent him that would give them copyright to his presentation. Stay tuned: if the contract problem is solved, the seminar may go on.

Frank Waller had chips and goodies. Mike Thorson said it was T-minus-8 days and counting until the cleaning party. Hare Hobbs corrected his announcement last week: the *Babylon 5* exhibit was at Northridge, which is in the Bay Area, not Northridge. He had not misread it, the

mistake was on the printout. Anyway, the same exhibit will be coming to the Glendale Galleria.

This reminded Matthew to talk about the changing air schedule for *Babylon 5* repeats, which he suspected had something to do with basketball on TNT.

Auction: During the auction there was a bid for Ed to paraphrase the original title of an "officially blank video." He resisted and resisted, then when the price got high enough he relented and gave his translation (drum roll please): "Adult video."

Jerry Pournelle, still impressed by how much Niven galley proofs sold for last week, offered to print out some of his own for auction.

Appointed Committee Reports:

Matthew noted that this evening's program was to have been a discussion of *Starship Troopers*, led by Leigh Strother-Vien. Francis Hamit explained that Leigh's visit to Texas left her behind in her schoolwork. She was catching up, meantime, her chronic fatigue syndrome rendered her too tired to come to the meeting.

Mike Stern mentioned the project to enter into word processing files the contents of Rotsler's 12 scrapbooks of collected quotes for each month of the year. Mike announced that Karl Lembke was the first volunteer to turn in his disk.

Ed Green asked members to help us keep better track of who's donating what to the auction so people can be properly credited. They want to start logging in the donations. When things are simply thrown on the front table they often don't know where they came from. Fans can still do that, but it's their call as to whether they want the Building Fund credit.

Registrar Allan Rothstein mourned his broken beanie propeller blade, apparently damaged while in use by a substitute. (Allan denied rumors it got broken while he was standing on his hands, using his head as a wheelwhacker.) Allan introduced guests Earl Hubbell, and Martin Jay Trutt. Allan also volunteered to sign any of the artifacts Jerry might create for the auction.

Patron Saint: Matthew reminded us tonight's Patron Saint had moved to Iowa. He led three real Iowa-stubborn cheers for Dan Deckert.

Fannish Committee Reports: Joe Zeff, technical support, related the sad case of the lady who understood that she had to click on the mouse button before she could type, but didn't understand that she had to let go of the mouse button first.

Mark Poliner announced that *Titanic* has officially passed *Star Wars* as the highest grossing picture. Our only solace is that the *Titanic* is unlikely to strike back, or return...

Allan Rothstein had missed two LASFS meetings, one due to illness, the other in order to pose to be on the cover of *Batman's Shadow of the Bat*.

He also reported that Isaac Asimov's son, David, was arrested upon being discovered with a house full of kiddie porn. Jerry Pournelle elaborated that David had taken his computer in for repair, and the tech discovered some of the images. Police visited David's house and found it was a center for duplicating and distributing kiddie porn.

Matthew Tepper told us about the latest Stupid Crook. A London man's pager was stolen. So the victim called the pager number, left a message notifying the caller that the victim had won a cash

prize that must be picked up in person. When the crook showed up to claim the prize, police welcomed him with open handcuffs.

Eylat had heard that two robbers held up a record shop. The first said, "Don't anybody move, or I'll shoot." The second robber move -- so his partner shot him. Matthew was convinced he heard this story five years ago. Jerry Pournelle guessed, "It probably took him five years to find another partner."

Frank Waller said he's now on the air with Frazier Smith nightly on KLOS.

Reviews: Hare Hobbs described the psychedelic experience of watching *Babylon 5* on a defective home video. Mark Poliner reviewed Greg Egan's new novel. Mike Stern said his daughter Heather had her 30th birthday last Friday. "Stop lying to this club!" Allan Rothstein demanded.

Eylat loves her new job working as an administrative assistant to a salesperson.

Mike Thorson asked if anyone sees a green and yellow lemonwood staff wandering down the street, return it to him.

Hare Hobbs said that Boeing at the old Rocketdyne facility is trying to staff up. He had info about job openings, and said his mother could get a finder's fee if someone she contacted was hired.

Jerry Pournelle offered to talk about the 2028 asteroid. So Matthew adjourned the meeting and let Jerry go right into the program.

MINUTES OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3163

March 26, 1998

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Scribe: Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary

Due to technical problems, Matthew resorted to his naturally curly voice to announce, "We're going to try this with only one Mike." But Mike Thorson felt the more mikes the merrier, and he made the microphone work again.

Special Order of Business: Francis Hamit let us know that Leigh Strother-Vien was flying back to Texas because her mother died during chemo treatment. Her mother's cancer came as a shock, not yet being discovered as recently as Leigh's recent visit when her brother passed away. Francis said he wasn't asking for a moment of silence because Leigh's mother wasn't a fan, and "might not even approve of you all." Glycer agreed, "We don't approve of us all."

Janice Olson did ask for a moment of silence for public safety workers who have died in the line of duty, in particular the helicopter crew and paramedics who died in the crash at Griffith Park during a rescue mission.

Special Order of Show Business: Matthew bragged, "How many people saw my boss pick up an Oscar on Monday?" Rabbi Hier is with the organization that produced *The Long Way Home*, a winning documentary. Matthew wasn't working at the Wiesenthal Center when the film was made, although another member of LASFS who was, Ken Rudolph, did the animation.

Menace: Glycer read the minutes, then mopped up the corrections. Joe Zeff had a correction to a correction: Mike Stern did not move that the

minutes be accepted as "too boit." Frank Waller said he's with the KLSF broadcast 9-12 Saturday of "Off the Streets and Into the Radio Station Where I Belong."

Then we all rinsed our brains with a reading of the March 28, 1948 meeting minutes by Arthur Jean Cox. Rick Foss enjoyed them so much he urged the Scribe to follow Cox's precedent of reading the names of all the attending members. Glycer threatened if he did it would come out sounding, "Huey, Duey, Gary Louie, Grumpy, Dopey and Liz." Bruce Pelz footnoted the old minutes by saying that Daugherty really did send copies of FAPA to the UCLA library, as reported: they were still in the collection in the 1960s. Then Matthew declared the old minutes accepted as undertoned, and the new ones as overtuned.

Timebound Stuff: Registrar Allan Rothstein said, "I give blanket permission to anyone to dedicate a book to me." (Referring to the old minutes' report that Forry Ackerman claimed he would sue Van Vogt for dedicating a book to him that had already gone to press before Van asked Forry's permission.) Then Allan introduced guest Cynthia Allingham.

Calendar Lady Lucy Stern said this weekend is the 20th Assemblée of the Regency Dance in the BArea. Then Ed Green held an auction.

Treasurer Liz Mortensen said tonight was the deadline to finish paying annual dues. She also asked members to donate \$307.95 to make up for the treasury having covered that much of the video projector's cost. Matthew generously offered, "Put me down for the \$7.95 part."

De Profundis was available. David Voit told us about the Griffith Observatory show. Sandy Cohen advertised a chocolate event at El Camino College.

Mike Donahue urged people to come to the work party this Saturday. He and Bob Null had bought paint and needed people who can use rollers. Lord High Janitor Mike Thorson promised that when people got sick and tired of paint cans, if they came inside he would give them something relaxing to do.

Christian McGuire asked rhetorically, "What can you get for \$12.12 right now?" Swaying himself, if not popular opinion, he answered, "Tickets to LaDiDaCon!" What do you get? "J. Michael Straczynski, who's never been here before!" Phil Castora demurred, "At least this week." Christian added, "JMS always brings something special because he really likes the LASFS. We don't know why..."

Rick Foss told those who'd been asking that the Renaissance Faire auditions and workshops are this weekend. Tom Safer advertised the musical, "Ruthless."

Matthew expressed his disgust with the latest *Babylon 5* schedule. He will write to TNT telling them that he will only watch B5, and since he tapes the episodes, he will take his revenge by fast forwarding through the commercials. What's more, he won't watch any more of the retellings of the Civil War that Ted Turner will keep doing over and over until the South finally wins. (So why doesn't he just option *Guns of the South* and be done with it?)

Appointed Committee Reports: Mike Stern reported on the Rotsler project. He said today Bruce Pelz handed him a new book containing the reasons why Bill put it together, and additional

information on the months and dates. He wants a volunteer to type in this material, too.

Matthew introduced tonight's program as video, to be announced. Tom Safer filled in that it was his program, "An Evening with Tex Avery", featuring Avery's first four and last four cartoons.

Matthew listed what he knew of the forthcoming program schedule, largely TBA or MIA (at least for the week Leigh Strother-Vien had planned to lead a discussion). Phil Castora thought by now we should stop pretending there was no elephant in the room: he asked why Charlie Jackson 2 was not making committee reports. The elephant in the room, Mr. Pelz, explained, "He's busy."

Old Business: Bruce recalled that three weeks ago last year's Loscon committee announced there would be a large amount of money coming to LASFS. When he verified that the money wouldn't be turned over by the end of March, Bruce moved that for the LASFS, the month of March would have 61 days. He accepted Mike Stern's amendment that April would run concurrently. Sandy Cohen asked, "What about people who have paid meeting dues for March?" Bruce interpreted, "They'll have to pay April dues concurrently." Ed Green wiped the dazed expression off his face long enough to add, "As the chairman of the Loscon affected -- works for me." Marty Massoglia asked Bruce to shorten March to 60 days so that April would have one day of its own. (Probably the first, Marty's favorite holiday.) His suggestion was ignored, and the motion was railroaded.

Obedient souls that we are, the members at no time asked why we were doing this or what effect it would have on anything.

Fannish Committee Reports: Joe Zeff told an officially blank computer story. Mike Stern told a PG-13 story, taken from the Chicago *Sun-Times*, that British scientists are using technology, including laser interferometry, to design bras. Mike suggested in the future male admiration will be expressed in lines such as, "Did you see the Doppler shift on that one?"

Mike Glycer read an excerpt from Robert Sawyer's novel, *Illegal Alien*, about the LASFS. *Illegal Alien* involves an O.J. Simpson-like trial in Los Angeles of an extraterrestrial, and LASFS gets asked for help in formulating questions designed to disqualify sf fans and space buffs as jurors. The clipping came from Martin Morse Wooster, which reminded Matthew that when Wooster had worked at a radio station in Wisconsin he once dedicated to Matthew a two-night marathon of all 15 Shostakovich symphonies.

Phil Castora, the Committee to Paint Orange County A Different Color, said he was feeling blue.

Tom Safer, another famous LASFS computer genius, explained how he was called for help by someone whose screen didn't work. Tom solved the difficult problem by pushing on the power button.

Reviews: Sandy Cohen began his review of *Wild Things* by raving about the drop-dead gorgeous actress he'd previously seen in *Starship Troopers*, who can't act in this movie either but looks real good. The movie itself is well made and the music is exceptional. Sandy promised, "This is not a movie where anything you expect to happen is going to happen."

Mike Thorson enjoyed the new movie, *Man in the Iron Mask*. He'd also seen *Mr. Nice Guy*, a hilarious martial arts film which he described as a live-action version of Japanimation.

Patron Saint: Matthew reminded us that tonight's saint, Sue Haseltine, was a former club librarian and *De Profundis* editor. He added that another good thing she did for the club was give us money! Matthew led three cheers, then we adjourned, until someone gave us more money.

MINUTES OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3164

April 2, 1998

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Scribe: Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary.

When Matthew looked in the dictionary he did not see our picture, so he equivocated, "By the LASFS definition of 'ready' I am going to call this meeting to -- haha! -- 'order.'" Rob Cole, not wanting to be caught in a disorderly house, immediately moved to adjourn. Matthew said in another hour he'd consider motions to adjourn, showing his own network mogul tendencies by rescheduling things to a later time, the way Ted Turner does with *B5*.

Menace: There being no special orders of business, Matthew looked to the minutes to provide the first tragedy of the night. They did not disappoint, as Liz quickly corrected the minutes' figure of the amount needed to pay for the video projector: the right number was \$307.95. Matthew heard several suggestions for how to accept the minutes, and chose to accept them as "calendarized." Ed Green said, "How about *nolo contendere*?"

Timebound Stuff: Registrar Allan Rothstein introduced guest Megan Dean Francis, from Anaheim. Matthew quizzed, "Is it faster to Anaheim, or by car?" Allan said Megan's guest card had all the special interest boxes checked, including other, which listed that interest as "Sleep." Allan pronounced, "You belong here."

Calendar Lady Lucy Stern knew about a *Lost in Space* collectibles shown this weekend. Also, Friday-Sunday in Pasadena will be *Star Trek Grand Slam VI*, tickets \$38 in advance. You can see all four captains from the various *Star Trek* series. (Or if you prefer to think of it another way, you'll be seeing T.J. Hooker, Ishmael, Mrs. Columbo and Hawk.) Over at the Glendale Galleria you can see the *Babylon 5 Experience* Saturday and Sunday, 12-2 p.m. It includes props from *Thirdspace*.

Liz Mortensen has a listing of LaDiDaCon members. She urged them to buy a t-shirt.

Len and June Moffatt had just come from a library in Sherman Oaks where they helped put up a display of rare Sherlock Holmes books. (Did it include the rare rock'n-roll editions, including "Gladys Knight and the Five Orange Pips", or "You Ain't Nothin' But A Hound of the Baskervilles"?)

Allan Rothstein said next Wednesday's *B5* episode is the 100th episode, and will show at 8 p.m. instead of the regular time. (Whatever that is, eh Ted?) Lucy Stern said the HBO showing of *From the Earth to the Moon* is Sunday.

Larry Niven popped in to tell us: "*Dark City*: you've got to see it. It's perfect 50's and 60's sf. It's got everything. Really!" Everything but a screen to be seen on: the movie seems to have disappeared from theaters after one week in release.

Greg Bilan told us Golden Apple is having a premier party for a new magazine. There will be stars signing.

Mike Sheffield was celebrating Rhonda's birthday tonight, providing a chocolate cake on the side of the room. Jerry Pournelle led members in a rendering of the Volga boatman version of "Happy Birthday." Another good reason we stopped tape recording these meetings.

Matthew showed all the stuff the *Species* publicity department sent to give away at the LASFS: large t-shirts, posters, caps bearing the logo "Don't mate on the first date." The entire lot disappeared in about 12 seconds.

Brett Achorn, who announced the movie *Quest for Camelot* is on the way -- "Forty-two days remaining, and I'm in the credits."

Liz Mortensen encouraged people to vote for the *Star Trek* choice in the Postal Service's new poll to decide the thematic 60's stamps.

Ed Green vigorously auctioned for 20 minutes, then left the rest for tonight's auction program.

Mike Stern was still looking for volunteers to enter in electronic form Bill Rotzler's quote collections for the months of the year. And another month having clicked over in our year, it was time for the first Friday Magic: The Gathering tournament. No prize this time, but a great deal of egoboo.

Matthew Tepper thanked the people who joined Mike Thorson and Mike Donahue at the work party: Bob Null, Liz Mortensen, Matthew Tepper, Gary Louie, Ed Green, Mike Donahue, Joe Zeff, Christian McGuire, Rebecca Torroll.

Tim Merrigan had copies of *De Profundis* in the back. The next deadline is April 23. Or as that wag Mike Stern put it, the 52nd of March.

Matthew noticed that Liz must have gotten tired of the old curtains and made some white ones with the LASFS logo pattern. (She ironed on a bunch of the old t-shirt transfers to create the effect.)

Fannish Committee Reports: Mike Stern had read the results of an *Orange County Register* poll about the most influential women of the 20th century. Voters ranked Barbie number 19. (Mother Theresa was number 1.)

Tadao Tomomatsu dramatically re-enacted what he saw at the reshoot of a Japanese commercial filmed locally. The original shoot had a 6'2" bad guy dressed in black who ran through a small Japanese street market a grabbed someone's bag. A 6' blonde undercover officer (who must be related to Lamont Cranston if he can blend in with the crowd there) jumps out of a restaurant, flashes his credit card, takes an apple, rolls it to trip up the crook, then presents his card to pay for the fruit. In the reshoot the actual celebrity turned out to be Leonardo DeCaprio, in his first fruit roll.

Miscellaneous: Lauraine Tutihasi announced "An Evening on Mars", a reading of Ray Bradbury material by various celebrities at the Pasadena Playhouse.

Frank Waller had extremely discounted Easter goodies in the truck. It's late! It's late! To sell very important freight!

Patron Saint: Matthew said he envisioned tonight's Patron Saint in far off lands saving lives and romancing respiratory therapists. He led three cheers for Chuck Donahue.

Reviews: Bruce Pelz recommended Christopher Miller's third book, *Bloodsucking Fiends: A Love Story*. And Bruce's favorite line in the book was uttered by a vampiric Emperor Norton, who said, "It could be worse -- I could be emperor of Oakland."

Deciding it was time to end the meeting, Matthew conveniently remembered Rob Cole wanted to make a motion an hour ago. Being contrary, Mr. Cole said, "Actually, I was going to open the meeting." So we had to rewind the it. Paul is dead. Paul is dead. I am the walrus....

MENACE OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3165
April 9, 1998

President: Matthew B. Tepper
Scribe: Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary.

Matthew was reading the news when the meeting started. Smack in the middle of the Valley College *Star*, there was Lucy Stern, neither listing to port, nor listing to starboard, but listing to Dean. Much applause and many joyous shouts of "Fix! Fix!" greeted this development.

Still on the subject of greetings, Matthew wished people Happy Easter and several other holidays in the appropriate native tongue, plus a simple "Hi there!" to Tadao.

Menace: If Glycer had followed Matthew's example and read the minutes in several other languages, hardly any corrections would have been needed. Instead, Mike Stern wondered why the minutes said Brett Achorn was in the credits for *Species*, when he's really in the credits of *Quest for Camelot*. Mike also said Barbie was #19 in the poll. Ed Green moved that the minutes be approved as revolting -- "Revolution Number 19", the old Beatles tune, get it? "Number nineteen, number nineteen...." I am the eggplant....

Auction: Matthew Tepper found a real bargain, bidding \$1.50 for a 2-liter bottle of Coca Cola made kosher for passover having been sweetened with sugar, the real thing. Matthew knew this was a bargain because it was his own auction donation, originally purchased for \$1.59.

Timebound Stuff: Calendar Lady Lucy Stern announced they'll be showing *The 6000 Fingers of Dr. T* at the Beverly. Several asked had the film's title had been adjusted for inflation? Meanwhile, Joe Fekete had tracked down *Dark City* at the Odeplex on Fairfax.

Doug Crepeau revived an urban legend by reading a lengthy e-mail he'd received warning that people are being drugged while in bars, and waking up in ice-filled bathtubs minus important organs. Ed Green skeptically dismissed the report as something that's been floating around since 1967, and denied its claim that the military has received warnings about this crime ring. (When anyone in the military loses kidney function, it's not the fault of organleggers. Haven't you seen *Mister Roberts*?)

Eric Hoffman told us about the *Red Dwarf* 10th anniversary celebrations -- a tricky accomplishment for a series that lasted only seven seasons.

Scratch Galloway had cornered the market on giant aloe vera plants. A lady wanted the bushes removed from her property so she can plant a lemon tree. Scratch thought somebody would want them.

Brett Achorn reminded us 35 days remain until *Quest for Camelot*.

Treasurer Liz Mortensen has produced lists showing building fund donations to date, and the 1997 donation totals. Her appearance reminded Matthew that next week is the revote on their 1999 Loscon bids.

New Business: A motion had been submitted in writing by several of the great minds of the LASFS. They moved that all the club's clocks be set permanently to Greenwich Mean Time. Matthew promptly informed them GMT was dispensed with as a colonial relic several years ago, replaced by "Zulu Time." Glycer wanted to amend the motion by changing GMT to "Babylon 5" time, so it'll keep changing. Ed Green wanted the clocks reset to Royal Saudi Arabian time, which apparently requires resetting the clocks every midnight. (It being Saudi Arabia, there would be no need to worry about drunks not knowing when to go home.)

Ed Green moved to table all these motions until the LASFS has an atomic clock. And moved that we immediately start a fund to buy it, to which no one might donate more than a penny a year. Glycer feebly moved to have those donations counted toward the video projector fund. Phil Castora contradicted Ed by moving that all motions be passed.

Then, reminiscent of a scene from *Alien*, we gasped and asked what was that horrible thing bursting forth from Sandy Cohen's chest? -- It was his voice, explaining the parliamentary procedure of the situation! Run away!

This inspired Frank Waller to offer a hostile amendment. Gary Louie moved to object to consideration, which passed by voice.

Ed Green moved that an environmental impact survey be conducted because when he acquire the atomic clock we will be bringing nuclear material onto the premises. Mike Stern asked if the clock will use U-235 or weapons grade plutonium? Ed cheerfully answered: "Weapons grade!"

Sandy Cohen once again explained the precedence of the various under parliamentary procedure: (1) Appoint a committee to do an environmental survey; (2) The committee will be Ed Green in perpetuity; (3) Any member may donate up to 1 penny per year to a fund to buy the atomic clock; (4) The donations will be kept in the video projector fund; (5) If we get the clock, then we will take off the table the main motion to reset the time. A vote was held. Matthew declared the motion carried, and would be minuted and forgotten after next week.

Appointed Committee Reports: Ed Green said, "The Environmental Impact Committee wishes to report there is no impact at this time." Matthew knew how to fix that: "Everyone who had a radium-dial watch bring it in next week." And when Liz declared she was accepting pennies, there was a stampede to her table to donate to the fund.

Mike Stern is still waiting for volunteer typists to turn in their Rotsler quote diskettes. He

needs more people to help. He almost helped himself at last week's Magic tournament, rallying to finish second behind the legendary Jeff Stansfield.

Acting Registrar Rebecca Torroll, in a borrowed propeller beanie, introduced guest "Childe Brown." Gary Louie said the guest's special interests are eating, sleeping and other mysterious bodily functions.

Matthew said tonight's scheduled program had been a talk by an unspecified author. Unless someone stepped forward to be the program, we would adjourn and talk to each other. And the odds are we would still be talking to somebody who had written *something*.

Fannish Committee Reports: Beth O'Brien has set a date for her retirement, May 17. But she's effectively retired now, as she uses up her leave. Somewhat balancing the books, Rebecca Torroll had gone to work at Disney in a long-coveted job.

Reviews: Sandy Cohen recommended the first segment of *From the Earth to the Moon* as "A spectacular piece of television." It's a star-studded history of the space program. Sandy had also seen that alternate history of the space program, *Lost in Space* -- both the original tv episodes on laser disk, and the movie. He said both begin in surprisingly similar ways, then quickly diverge. The movie shifts away from camp to become a serious "effects movie." Since they wrote themselves into a corner, he couldn't wholeheartedly recommend the movie.

Ed Green continued in the same theme, adding that considering the source material, the makers of *Lost in Space* showed what you can do with television sf if it's taken seriously. He appreciated the way the movie threw in concepts that really hit him afterwards.

Karl Lembke concurred with the positive things being said about the film. He thought it was nice to see Dr. Smith played as someone really evil, and not as comic relief. The movie left lots of room for a sequel, or a continuing tv series. Not wanting to spoil anything, Karl simply ended with a benediction that "What happens to Dr. Smith couldn't happen to a nicer guy."

Betty Knight agreed wholeheartedly it is a good film. She was surprised, having gone mainly as a nostalgia thing. Stan said there was a good explanation for why the Jupiter II got lost. Sandy Cohen said the explanation almost mimics the original tv episode. Stan noticed cameos by several performers from the original series. Rebecca said she had a problem with the monkey. Sandy said it's not a monkey. Matthew wondered, "A flat cat?"

Lucy Stern gave high marks to the cast of *The Man in the Iron Mask* except for Leonard DiCaprio. Joe Fekete saw *Dark City*, based on Larry Niven's recommendation, and now asked if somebody could explain the movie to him. Joe said, "Some of the things on the screen were spectacular, but I really missed the story."

Matthew could find no one who had seen *City of Angels*. Sandy Cohen, obviously an aficionado of horrible things bursting from people's chests, eagerly noted that *Species 2* opens tomorrow.

Mike Stern turned the meeting in a radically unfamiliar new direction by reviewing -- a book! He was the latest to rave about S.M. Stirling's *Island in the Sea of Time*, the time-travel, alternate

history novel about Nantucket being thrown 3000 years into the past. Stern said this is a great book. He stayed up well past his bedtime reading it -- as confirmed by Lucy, who yelled from the back of the room, "I know!" Matthew saw that the jacket blurb by Harry Turtledove called it, "One of the best time travel, alternate history stories I've ever read." Sort of like the pot calling the kettle solid gold.

Rob Cole reviewed a video from the LASFS Library. Frank Waller said LASFS might get some internet contact from France, because while he was in the Glendale Galleria he'd talked to some French tv people about the club.

(And that was even before we raised our international consciousness by trying to reset the clocks to Saudi Arabian time...) The whole clock discussion reminded Brett Achorn that at work they have a system to synchronize all the clocks: so now the clocks all run nine minutes fast. (If they all ran on time, would his boss be getting internet contact from right-wing Italians?)

George Mulligan, availing himself of the LASFS psycho-friends hotline, asked anyone in communication with Carol Ann Cranston to let her know that he's moving at the end of the month, so she needs to let George know what to do with her stuff. Matthew asked about LASFS archives stuff Carol might still have. George said if he found any it would be returned to the club.

Matthew reminded us the Board of Directors meet on Sunday.

Patron Saint: Brett Achorn asked who was tonight's Patron Saint. Matthew said he always thinks of tonight's saint during this season when he thinks of matzo and Chateau Weinstein. Before leading three cheers, Matthew explained tonight's saint did three big things: he married a beautiful lady, became a doctor, and stopped showing up at the club. May we all be so fortunate. Adding a tagline to the last cheer -- "Turn your head and cough!" -- Matthew took the first step by adjourning the meeting. Only eleven steps left!

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"The Funeral March of the Marionettes" by

Adam-Troy Castro (F&SF July 1997)

"Ecopoiesis" by Geoffrey A. Landis (SF Age May 1997)

"Loose Ends" by Paul Levinson (Analog May 1997)

"Marrow" by Robert Reed (SF Age July 1997)

"...Where Angels Fear To Tread" by Allen Steele

(Asimov's October-November 1997)

BEST NOVELETTE

"Moon Six" by Stephen Baxter (SF Age March 1997)

"Broken Symmetry" by Michael A. Burstein (Analog February 1997)

"Three Hearings on the Existence of Snakes in the Human Bloodstream" by

James Alan Gardner (Asimov's February 1997)

"We Will Drink A Fish Together..." by Bill Johnson (Asimov's May 1997)

"The Undiscovered" by William Sanders (Asimov's March 1997)

BEST SHORT STORY

"Beluthahatchie" by Andy Duncan (Asimov's March 1997)

"Standing Room Only" by Karen Joy Fowler (Asimov's August 1997)

"Itsy Bitsy Spider" by James Patrick Kelly (Asimov's June 1997)

"The 43 Antarean Dynasties" by Mike Resnick (Asimov's December 1997)

"The Hand You're Dealt" by Robert J. Sawyer (Free Space, Tor)

"No Planets Strike" by Gene Wolfe (F&SF January 1997)

(There are six items due to a tie for fifth place)

BEST RELATED BOOK

Space Travel by Ben Bova with Anthony R. Lewis (Writer's Digest Books)

The Encyclopedia of Fantasy edited by John Clute & John Grant (St. Martin's Press)

Infinite Worlds by Vincent DiFate (Penguin Studio)

Spectrum IV: The Best in Contemporary Fantastic Art edited by Cathy Fenner & Arnie Fenner with Jim Loehr (Underwood Books)

Reflections and Refractions: Thoughts on Science-Fiction, Science and Other Matters by Robert Silverberg (Underwood Books)

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"Contact" (Warner Bros./South Side Amusement Company) Directed by Robert Zemeckis; Story by Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan; Screenplay by James V. Hart and Michael Goldenberg; Produced by Steve Starkey and Robert Zemeckis.

"The Fifth Element" (Columbia Pictures/Gaumont) Directed by Luc Besson; Story by Luc Besson; Screenplay by Luc Besson & Robert Mark Kamen; Produced by Patrice Ledoux.

"Gattaca" (Columbia Pictures Corporation/Jersey Films) Directed by Andrew M. Niccol; Written by Andrew M. Niccol; Produced by Danny DeVito, Michael Shamberg, & Stacey Sher.

"Men in Black" (MacDonald-Parkes/Columbia Pictures Corporation/Amblin Entertainment) Directed by Barry Sonnenfeld; Screenplay by Ed Solomon, Laurie MacDonald and Walter F. Parkes; Executive Producer: Steven Spielberg.

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Gardner Dozois (Asimov's)

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MENACE OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3166

April 16, 1998

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Scribe: Mike Glyer, the Once and Future Secretary.

Ah, the chill of the night, what music they make! Members fled inside to escape the Ed, Mike Stern and David Latham's ghastly kazoo trio, instruments furnished by the Maestro Tepper for Loscon Chairman political machine.

To start the meeting President Tepper asked, "Are you ready, Gridley?" The reaction ranged from a simple, "No!" to a brash, "I was born ready!" As Matthew rapped the gavel, the Not Ready for LASFS Player, Rob Cole, said "I move not to

adjourn." His reverse psychology failed, because no form of psychology can succeed on subjects who have no brain function.

Menace: Glycer read the minutes and let the corrections flow. Mike Stern said Nantucket gets thrown 3000 years into the past; perhaps what somebody said was 1200 BC, not 1200 years. Joe Fekete said the clock program at Brett Achorn's workplace synchronized all the clocks nine minutes fast, which had been the whole point of the story. Everything set straight, the minutes were approved as alienated.

Timebound Doohickeys: Calendar Lady Lucy Stern had two main announcements. First, there's a *Babylon 5* event at the Shrine Auditorium the first weekend in May. Second, Alison is now gainfully employed.

Rebecca Torroll let us know that Selina Phanara, the club's vice-president, went into the hospital Saturday night with pneumonia. She's doing well, getting that stuff out now.

Ulrika O'Brien had returned from her triumphal TAFF march through the United Kingdom, having met one-ten-thousandth of the men in England who'll do no work today. She reminded us there's a TAFF election closing April 25 to pick the next UK-to-N.Am. delegate.

Bruce Briant announced a meeting of the Los Angeles Costumers' Guild, May 3 at the clubhouse at 1 p.m. The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of the Loscon Masquerade will try to find new and better solutions to the event's deficiencies.

Fred Patten touted the C/FO meeting of Japanimation enthusiasts in Sun Valley this weekend: guests welcome.

Barry Gold announced a filkers meeting. He added that he and Lee have been dragged kicking and screaming into the 90s -- they now have a copier in their kitchen, and are getting rid of four mimeos.

Greg Bilan mentioned a book fair happening in Westwood, which Matthew promised would be a parking nightmare. Matthew's other nightmare was a 5-week hiatus in original episodes of *Babylon 5*, while the basketball playoffs transpire.

Patron Saint: Eyeing the crowd here to vote on Loscon, Matthew ironically noted that everyone was here except the Patron Saint, Stan Burns. He led three *in absentia* cheers for St. Staniel, plus a wishful tag "...and a broken Nikon."

Auction: There was one. Be funnier next time.

More Timebound Stuff: Matthew had a printout of the Hugo nominees. He noted two nominations of interest, at least to Glycer. He read several other categories, including Best Dramatic Presentation which was startlingly devoid of *Babylon 5* episodes.

Matthew reminded people to pick up their ballots. Kyla stood in back waving a campaign sign that read, "The end is nigh, and I feel fine."

Registrar Allan Rothstein was back tonight wearing a fully-functional beanie, for which he thanked Matthew. Allan said there were a couple of guests too young to fill out cards, so they just peed on them. "They're not the first," said Glycer. This reminded Allan that at the old clubhouse Ed Buchman claimed someone outside offered him a golden shower, to which he responded, "Well, I say piss on 'em!"

Where were we. Oh, yes. Tonight's guests were Kathryn Kazmer, Timothy Allen and Craig Casteneda. Matthew welcomed them with his motto, "I don't think this is a typical meeting."

Liz Mortensen said she wished we had an election every week: she was raking in the dues. But she'd gotten up to announce that we no longer had a video projector fund -- the last \$193.98 was paid off by Jordan Brown. (Wild cheering.)

Ed Green's committee reported: "No impact!"

Leigh Strother-Vien explained that she had not prepared tonight's program due to deaths in her family, and the related trips to Texas. She said she was willing to try to lead the discussion, but she was not really prepared. Fred Patten had a Japanese video with him which he volunteered for the program.

Miko Stern asked for more help typing in Rotsler quotes. The May deadline is coming. Matthew endorsed the project, saying, "What's in those books is incredible!"

Tim Merrigan announced next week's *De Profundis* deadline.

Loscon Chair Selection: Chairman of the Board Bruce Pelz took over the meeting, beaming as he declared his dictatorial solution to any repeat of the previous tie vote. In the case of a tie, there would be an immediate second vote (if anyone left, tough). If there was another tie, the decision would be turned back to the Board. If the Board could not get a 2/3 vote to select a bidder, then the whole bidding process would be reopened.

First, there was a commercial moment while Bruce auctioned off the color of the fluorescent green ballot. Someone bid \$10 to shut the fuck up. Ed Green chirped, "That's a bargain!" Bruce answered, "That depends upon whether the fuck wants to shut up!" (During this gracious repartee, members passed and signed a get-well card for Selina.)

Sandy Cohen said if all the people who voted actually went to Loscon, it would be the biggest one yet. As Sandy pawed through the pile of ballots, the green glare reflecting on his skin made him look like a living Kelly Freas magazine cover.

There were 122 ballots out. The final result was Liz 85, Matthew 35, 1 dead ballot, and 1 blank that Bruce pulled from his pocket at the very end. What he planned to do with it is an exercise left for the reader.

Liz celebrated her victory by drawing the winning number among the tickets that had been attached to Civil Defense crackers her crew distributed before the meeting. An MRE (meal ready-to-eat) was given to the winner (loosely defined.)

Ed Green chair of last year's Loscon, turned over to the club a \$9,566.00 check for the convention's surplus funds. He thanked people for all the fun of doing Loscon 24.

Announcements: Scratch Galloway still had a small quantity of aloe vera plants looking for new homes. (These are not related to Mexican Ents, so Scratch supplies transportation.)

Frank Waller had leftover Passover and Easter goodies for sale. And a new batch of stuff for Mother's Day.

Laurraine Tutihasi had brought in a question for an internet correspondent trying to find out whatever happened to that flying-saucer-shaped

attraction someone planned to build. Mike Stern thought it was supposed to be built in Ventura a couple of years ago.

David Voit heard that Kim Stanley Robinson's Mars trilogy is being produced. Joe Zeff had just paid nine-years' back donations to the atomic clock fund -- a Thorson-esque nine cents.

Brett Achorn passed along a story about a street robber who gave back busfare for his victims to get home.

Tadao Tomomatsu had worked on the *Lethal Weapon 4* shooting at the Bradbury Building. He demonstrated his trick foot, rotating it 180 degrees to the stupefied amazement of stars Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci and Chris Rock. Tadao didn't make it into the movie, but he is making it into the behind-the-scenes documentary for freaking out the four stars.

To end the meeting, members approved a motion to animate. Fred Patten's last words were, "This one is dubbed!"

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- 03 David S. Cargo, Sam Frank, Louise Hitchcock
- 04 Ernie Wheatley, Glen Blankenship
- 05 Dave Locke, Nicolai Shapero, Jason Ray
- 06 Dave Pollard, Tombeck, Ross Schacher
- 07 Walt Liebscher, Mike McQuown, Frank Olynyk, Mark Anderson
- 08 Gary Rowin, Roy Tackett, Jane Roberts
- 09 Kris Neville, Richard Cowper, Gail Whiskin, Ron Thomas, James A. Davis
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- 11 Michael Walsh, Alice Naomi Lewis
- 12 Philip Wylie, Doris Quinn, Buck Coulson, Mark Merlino, Carol Anndy
- 13 Roger Zelazny, Alexis Walsler, Carol Kennedy, Galen Peoples, Jim Hershberg
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- 16 Ulrika O'Brien

- 18 Fred Saberhagen, Diane Lee (Momcat) Myers, R. Laurraine Tutthasi, Charles Curley
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- 31 Tom Collins, Ian Slater

Reviews

Letters

Mr. Robert Coulson
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3/25/98

Dear Assorted Profundi,

On 304 - My sciatica was short-lived, being replaced by an infected ankle, which gave a lot of trouble -- and expense -- and is now pretty well, healed, but still hurts.

308 - Nothing to say.

309 - I remember *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.* fondly, but then Gene DeWeese and I collaborated on writing 2 of the books. (Anyone remember that the most prolific -- and best -- author of the UNCLE books was California fan Ted Johnstone? And a couple of other California fans collaborated on writing one of the books.)

The gerbil article in 310 was fascinating. If it appeared anywhere else I'd tend to doubt the factuality, but everyone knows that Angelinos are nuts. (Non-fan Angelinos, I hasten to add -- though one or two of the fans might also qualify.) Anyway, it's the best thing I've seen in a fanzine in years.

Hmm. I thought I had more to say. Well, to fill out the sheet, Juanita and I have been to two conventions on consecutive weekends, one in southern

Indiana and one in southern Ohio. At the Indiana con, I was on a panel where we had 5 panelists and no audience, so we sat around telling of our funnier experiences in writing. I mentioned having co-authored a book with Piers Anthony that Piers didn't know about until the book appeared. One of the other panelists asked, "Are you the guy that Piers wrote all that stuff about?" I said I was, and he stuck out his hand and said, "I've always wanted to meet you!" He was still chuckling over the event the next day.

The Ohio con featured Hal Clement and Mike Resnick; I was on a panel with them and I performed dismally, but one fan afterwards said he appreciated my mentioning a certain author whom he didn't feel was getting sufficient recognition.

Otherwise the late winter-early spring here is warm and wet. One sinks into the yard while walking across it, even though the yard has a normally sufficient supply of grass. I should be doing taxes, but I feel more like going back to sleep until the sun comes out, perhaps in May.

Buck

Harry Warner, Jr.
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Hagerstown, MD 21740

April 9, 1998

Dear Tim:

Before the raptures involved in locating the two most recent *De Profundises* cause me to forget it, I think I can supply the address for one of your missing fans. The latest SAPS roster shows Leigh Edmonds at 6 Elvira Street, Palmyra, Western Australia 6157, Australia. Of course, you're aware of Heisenberg's Uncerfanty Principle which proves that fans are constantly in motion and the only certainty is that motion, not the direction or the distance of it. Velma isn't a SAPS member, but I assume that she is still with Leigh, wherever that may be.

Nothing Bill Rotsler did should surprise me, because he was such a fabulous person. But I would never have

dreamed that he had filled all those notebooks with quotations of assembled such a superior collection of books needed in writing, or written a Joan-Chachi novel. If only he had written an autobiography!

I wouldn't venture a guess on the reason *De Profundis* seems singled out by the postal system for dissection. Perhaps the North Hollywood post office is particularly skilled in the delicate art of destroying all pages of a fanzine except the two that were the last ones. My copies have been coming through in pretty good shape since the time a year or two ago when I got only that final sheet in a transparent body bag. But I'm growing very suspicious of a tear in one corner of many fanzines that arrive in envelopes, both letter-size and larger ones. It doesn't happen to mail from established firms that have their return address on the envelope, so I assume I'm on a suspect list for getting drugs through the mail and anything from fans is being partially opened so it can be sniffed by a dog or a machine. And I'm practically the only fan who is a complete advocate of no legal or illegal drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and everything else except headache pills and soothing syrup for the belly. [Caffeine and/or sugar? --- TPM]

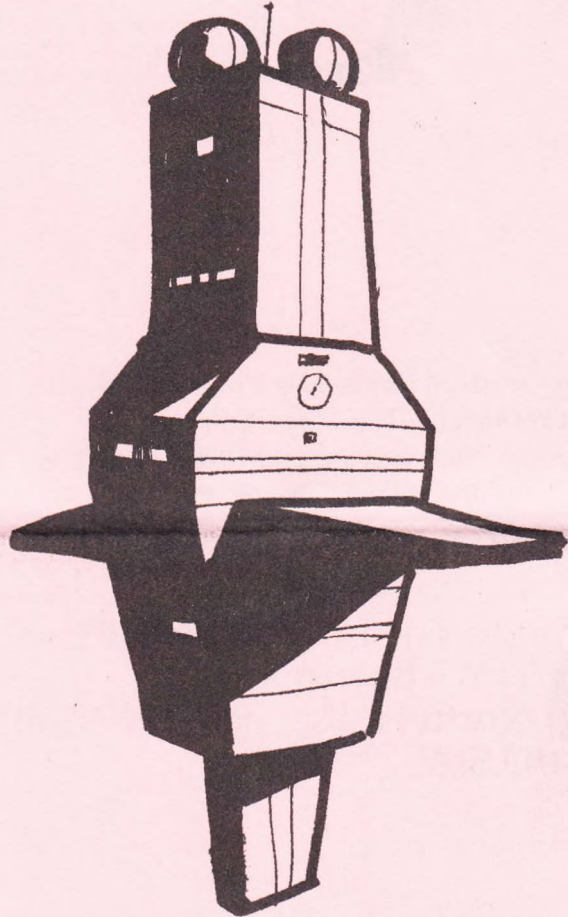
Your club's video library ought to have a of the Teresa Stratas version of *Salome*, the Strauss opera. Anyone who is prejudiced against Southern Baptists should be told that John in the opera isn't one, just a Baptist. You will need a VCR with the ability to advance frame by frame to be sure if Teresa takes it all off at the end of her *Dance of the Seven Veils*.

I didn't know there were any Gestetner supplies in existence to be delivered or not delivered. Now all I need to do is remember the identity of the fan who was wondering in some fanzine on other recently where he could find information on how to get the stuff needed to run is old Gestetner. I feel even older than usual when I contemplate the fact that in my first years of fandom, nobody had ever heard of a Gestetner in the United States and now I've lasted long enough to experience complaints of their near-obsolence.

And I do believe that's all the comments I can scrounge up tonight. I'll try to run off at the fingers at greater

length the next time, if I should live so long.

Yrs., &c.,
Harry Warner, Jr.





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