

# De Profundis #261

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De Profundis is the official newzine of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, and is available to active LASFS members, Patron Friends of the LASFS, voluntary active LASFS members, and in exchange for other fanzines (particularly clubzines). VAMs are available for \$10.00 a year (make checks payable to LASFS, Inc.).

We want any news you've got that's of interest to LASFS members, including announcements of open parties, birthdays, anniversaries, conventions, changes of address, book and film reviews, etc. Leave items for De Prof in the De Prof cubbyhole in the mail box next to the APA-L Room door or tell them to Tim Merrigan, who is usually in the APA-L room on Thursday nights and can be reached at 310-822-7716 on weekdays. The deadline to get anything into any month's De Prof is the penultimate Thursday of the preceding month. I can take stuff on disk (5.25 360K & 3.5 720K) in WordStar 3.30, MS-DOS 2.11, but don't have a modem.

I would like to thank LG for proofreading. This is NTP publication number 532. Last month's illo was by Linda Michaels.

## LASFS OFFICERS

Procedural Officers (Elective): **PRESIDENT:** Matthew B. Tepper; **VICE PRESIDENT:** Bob Null; **SCRIBE:** Ed Green; **REGISTRAR:** Beth O'Brien; **TREASURER:** Robbie Cantor & Rick Young; **LOSCON 20 CHAIRMAN:** Chocolate Moose (spokes-human, Elayne Pelz); **LOSCON 21 CHAIRMAN:** J. Shaun Lyon & Christian McGuire; (Appointive): **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Bruce E. Pelz, F.N. & Gary Louie; **De Profundis & APA-L Liaison:** Tim Merrigan; **Mimeo & Electro Stencil:** Robbie Cantor; **Film Coordination Committee, Handicapped Services, Public Relations, Records, Shangri L'Affaires, Tontine Committee & Video Coordination:** Charles Lee Jackson, II; **LASFS Film Festival Committee:** Liz Mortensen & Mike Donahue; **Caretaker:** Steve Marret; **Philatypus:** Matthew B. Tepper; **Hall Decoration & Key Committee:** Elayne F. Pelz; **Special Photographic Collection:** Mike Donahue; **Minister of Propaganda:** Mike Stern.

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## OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Procedural Officer election results:  
**President:** Matthew B. Tepper  
**Vice-President:** Merlyn R. (Bob) Null  
**Scribe:** Ed Green  
**Registrar:** Beth O'Brien

## CALENDAR

**Thursday, December 30th, 1993**  
LASFS meeting 2942; 8:00 pm 'til 7:  
Pre-Program: Cartoon and "Captain America" Chapter 2; St. Elayne Pelz; Distribution of De Profundis 261; Program: unscheduled; APA-L 1494

**Friday, December 31st, 1993**  
LASFS New Year's Eve Party at the clubhouse.

**Thursday, January 6th**  
LASFS meeting 2943; 8:00 pm 'til 7:  
Pre-Program: Cartoon and "Captain America" Chapter 3; St. Dan Alderson; Program: A dramatic reading, by Matthew B. Tepper, of a humorous science fiction story by a beloved departed writer to be announced; APA-L 1495

**Friday, January 7th**  
LASFS open house; 8:00 pm 'til 7

**January 7th-9th**  
TROPICON XII; Palm Beach Airport Hilton, 150 Australian Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33406; GoH: Judith Tarr; Fan GoH: Gail Bennett; Filk GoH: Tom Smith; Info: TROPICON XII c/o SFSFS, P.O. Box 70143, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33307-0143

**Sunday, January 9th**  
LASFAPA collation, 10:00 am at the clubhouse.

LASFS Board of Directors meeting: 11:00 am at the clubhouse.

LASFS Second Sunday Open House: 2:00 pm at the clubhouse.

Los Angeles Comic Book and SF Convention; Shrine Auditorium Expo Center, 700 W. 32nd St., L.A., CA (10 am - 5 pm); GoH: Burt Ward; Admission: \$5.00; Info: 818-954-8432

**Tuesday, January 11th**  
Autograph Party: Chelsea Quinn Yarbro (Better in the Dark (Tor)) at Dangerous Visions, 13563 Ventura Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423-3825

UCLA Film and Television Archive screening of "Masters of Illusion" (a 29 min film which traces movie special effects to the

Renaissance) 7:30 pm at the Melnitz Theater near UCLA Parking Lot 3, tickets \$5 (\$3 for students), parking \$5.

**Thursday, January 13th**  
LASFS meeting 2944; 8:00 pm 'til 7:  
Pre-Program: Cartoon and "Captain America" Chapter 4; St. Bruce Pelz; Program: Film: The 4 Marx Brothers in "Duck Soup", hosted by Charles Lee Jackson, II; APA-L 1496

**Friday, January 14th**  
LASFS open house; 8:00 pm 'til 7

**January 14th-16th**  
RuneQuest-Con; Columbia, Maryland; GoH: Greg Stafford, Sandy Petersen, Ken Rolston, Michael O'Brien, and David Hall; Info: David Cheng, 313 E. 85th St., Apt. 2C, NY, NY 10028; Phone: 212-472-7752; GEnie: D.CHENG; Internet: drcheng@salos.stern.nyu.edu

**Saturday, January 15th**  
Autograph Party: Steven Barnes (Fire Dances (Tor)) and Harry Turtledove (Case of the Toxic Spell Dump and Worldwar in the Balance (Del Ray)) at Dangerous Visions, 13563 Ventura Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423-3825; 2 'til 4 pm

**Saturday, January 15th**  
UCLA Film and Television Archive screening of "The Haunting" and "The Uninvited" 7:30 pm at the Melnitz Theater near UCLA Parking Lot 3, tickets \$5 (\$3 for students), parking \$5.

**Sunday, January 16th**  
Time Meddlers; 10:00 am at the clubhouse. Contact Shaun Lyon, 12439 Magnolia Blvd. #271, N. Hollywood, CA 91607, 818-769-2988  
UCLA Film and Television Archive screening of "The Brood" and "The Hand that Rocks the Cradle" 2 pm and "Dressed to Kill" and "Psycho" 7 pm at the Melnitz Theater near UCLA Parking Lot 3, tickets \$5 (\$3 for students), parking \$5.

**January 16th-22nd**  
HALF PRICE SALE: A & M Book Cellars, 19801 Vanowen St. #D, Canoga Park, CA 91306-3996; Phone: 818-716-6259; All books half price; Store hours for sale: Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 pm; Monday - Saturday: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, January 19th**  
Fandom Universal Computer Club, 7:00 pm at the clubhouse. Contact Bob Null, P.O. Box 9422, N. Hollywood, CA 91609-1422, 818-762-1429

**Thursday, January 20th**  
LASFS meeting 2945; 8:00 pm 'til 7:  
Pre-Program: Cartoon and "Captain America" Chapter 5; St. Jeff Siegel; Program: Big, big Winter Auction to benefit the LASFS. Auctioneer: Bruce E. Pelz, S.O.B., F.N., Suhl; DEADLINE for De Profundis 262; APA-L 1497

**Friday, January 21st**  
LASFS open house; 8:00 pm 'til 7

**January 21st-23rd**  
Arisia '94; Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers; GoHs: Spider and Jeanne Robinson; Artist GoH: Michael Whelan; FanGoH: David Kyle; Info: Arisia, Inc., 1 Kendall Sq., Suite 332, Cambridge, MA 02139

**Saturday, January 22nd**

UCLA Film and Television Archive screening of "The Exorcist" and "The Bad Seed" 7:30 pm at the Melnitz Theater near UCLA Parking Lot 3, tickets \$5 (\$3 for students), parking \$5.

**Sunday, January 23rd**

UCLA Film and Television Archive screening of "Aliens", "Attack of the 50 Foot Woman", and "Leech Woman" 7:30 pm at the Melnitz Theater near UCLA Parking Lot 3, tickets \$5 (\$3 for students), parking \$5.

**Thursday, January 27th**

LASFS meeting 2946; 8:00 pm 'til ?  
Pre-Program: Cartoon and "Captain America" Chapter 6; St. Rick Sneary; Program: Special program (perhaps author appearance?) planned by the Diamond Anniversary Committee. The first of several special events planned to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the LASFS; Distribution of De Profundis 262; APA-L 1498

UCLA Film and Television Archive screening of "The Hunger" and "Dracula's Daughter" 7:30 pm at the Melnitz Theater near UCLA Parking Lot 3, tickets \$5 (\$3 for students), parking \$5.

**Friday, January 28th**

LASFS open house; Literature Night: bring something short to read; 8:00 pm 'til ?

**Saturday, January 29th**

Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous; R&D Lab, Rick and Deborah Weiss, hosts. 13261 Donegal Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92644-2304; phone: 714-530-3546

UCLA Film and Television Archive Symposium on "Scary Women" movies 10 am to 5 pm; screening of "Bride of Frankenstein" and "Cat People" 7:30 pm at the Melnitz Theater near UCLA Parking Lot 3, tickets \$5 (\$3 for students), parking \$5.

**Sunday, January 30th**

UCLA Film and Television Archive screening of "Fatal Attraction" and "Play Misty for Me" 2 pm at the Melnitz Theater near UCLA Parking Lot 3, tickets \$5 (\$3 for students), parking \$5.

**January 29th-30th**

Creation Star Trek Convention; Airport Hilton at LAX, 5711 West Century Blvd.; GoH: William Shatner; Daily Tickets: \$15 plus \$2 service charge from 818-409-0960 (9 am - 3 pm PST) or plus Ticketmaster service charge from Ticketmaster in advance; \$18 at the door; info: 818-409-0960 PT Business Hours

**Tuesday, February 1st**

UCLA Film and Television Archive screening of "Carrie" and "Poison Ivy" 7:30 pm at the Melnitz Theater near UCLA Parking Lot 3, tickets \$5 (\$3 for students), parking \$5.

**Thursday, February 3rd**

LASFS meeting 2947; 8:00 pm 'til ?  
Pre-Program: Cartoon and "Captain America" Chapter 7; St. Mike Luwisch; Program: unscheduled; APA-L 1499

**Friday, February 4th**

LASFS open house; 8:00 pm 'til ?

**Sunday, February 13th**

LASFAPA collation, 10:00 am at the clubhouse.

LASFS Board of Directors meeting: 11:00 am at the clubhouse.

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Los Angeles Comic Book and SF Convention; Shrine Auditorium Expo Center, 700 W. 3rd St., L.A., CA (10 am - 5 pm); GoHs: Larry Houston, Eric Lewald, Frank Brunner, and Wolverine; Admission: \$5.00; Info: 818-954-8432

**February 17th-21st**

A Fifth of Gallifrey One; Glendale Red Lion, Glendale, CA; Guests: Terrance Dicks, Barry Letts, Jean-Marc Lotticer, John Levene, Eric Hoffman, and Larry Stewart; Info: Gallifrey Conventions, P.O. Box 3021, N. Hollywood, CA 91609; Phone: Robbie Cantor 818-752-8378

**February 18th-20th**

Boskone 21; Sheraton-Tara, Framingham, MA; GoHs: Emma Bull & Will Shetterly; Special Guests: Patrick & Teresa Nielsen Hayden; Guest Artist: Nicholas Jainschigg; Featured Filk Performer: Cecilia Eng; Memb: \$30 'til 1/15; Info: Boskone 31, P.O. Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701

**February 18th-21st**

Costume Con 12; Santa Clara Marriott, Santa Clara, CA; Memb: \$45 (International Costumers Guild members), \$55 (others) 'til Dec. 31, '93, \$50 & \$60 Jan. 1, through at the door, \$20 supporting; Info: Jana Keeler, Chair, 223 Addison St., SF, CA 94131

**February 19th-21st**

ElfCon IV: Colloquium on the Languages of Middle-earth; Bill Weldon and Jo Wilcox Weldon's, 961 Lundy Lane, Los Altos CA 94024; Memb: \$50; Info: phone: 415-948-9243

**Saturday, February 26th**

Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous; Brandyhall, Lee and Barry Gold, hosts. 3035 Alla Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90066; phone: 310-306-7456

**March 3rd-6th**

World Horror Convention; Fountain Suites Hotel, 2577 W. Greenway Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85023; GoHs: Charles Grant and Dan Simmons; Artist GoH: Gahan Wilson; TM: Edward Bryant; Memb: \$65 'til 12/31/93, \$75 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 60008, Phoenix, AZ 85062-0008; Phone: 602-841-5133 or 602-945-6890

**March 4th-6th**

Con-Dor, Town and Country Hotel, 500 Hotel Circle, San Diego, CA 92108; GoHs: Jerry Pournelle & Rick Sternbach; Memb: \$25 'til 12/31/93; \$30 'til 2/10; \$35 at the door (under 12, in tow, Free); Info: P.O. Box 15771, San Diego, CA 92175; phone: 619-447-6311

**March 11th-13th**

Space Access '94: Space Access Society's annual conference; Safari Resort, Scottsdale, AZ; Memb: \$70 'til 2/15; higher at the door; \$10 discount for SAS members; Info: Space Access Society, 4855 E Warner Rd #24-150, Phoenix, AZ 85044; phone: 602-431-9283

**March 16th-20th**

International Conference on the Fantastic 15; Fort Lauderdale, FL; GoH: Roger Zelazny; Info: International Assn. for the Fantastic in the Arts, College of Humanities, 500 NW 20th HU-50 B-9, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL 33431

**March 25th-27th**

MidSouthCon 13; The Best Western Airport Hotel, Airways and Democrat, Memphis, TN; GoH: Barbara Hambly; Artist GoH: Larry

Elmore; Fan GoH: Ken Moore; Special Media Guest: Robin Curtis; Memb: \$25 'til 5/1, \$30 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 22749, Memphis, TN 38122; phone: 901-274-7355 or 901-763-3629

**March 31st-April 3rd**

Phil & Ed's Excellent Convention; Burbank Hilton Hotel, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA; GoHs: John Varley, Chris Achilleos, Andy Probert, Shusei Nagaoka, Stan Sakai, Leslie Fish; Memb: \$35 'til 2/1; \$40 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 1064, Lomita, CA 90717-0646; GENIE: SFRT3 Category 24 Topic 4

**April 1st-3rd**

Minicon XXIX; Radisson Hotel South, Bloomington, MN; Author GoH: Jack Williamson; FanGoH: Rusty Hevelin; Publisher GoH: Tom Doherty; Memb: Adult: \$22; Under 12: \$10 'til 2/20; Adult: \$55; Under 12: \$15 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 8297, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408-8297; In Canada: P.O. Box 1445, Winnipeg, MB, R3C 2Z4, CANADA

**April 8th-10th**

SilverCon III; Jackie Gaughn's Plaza Hotel-Casino, #1 Main St., Las Vegas, NV; Pro GoH: Gregory Benford; Fan GoH: Ted White; Filk GoHs: Barry & Sally Childs Helton; Memb: \$15 'til 3/1; \$25 at the door; Info: SNAFFU, SilverCon III, P.O. Box 95941, Las Vegas, NV 89193-5941

**April 15th-17th**

I-Con XIII; S.U.N.Y. at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794-3218; Author GoH: Harlan Ellison; Horror GoH: Clive Barker; Science and Technology GoH: Gregory Benford; Gallun Award recipient: Elsie Wollheim; Memb: \$7 (12 or under), \$12 (student, with valid ID), \$22 (non-student) 'til 1/31; \$10, \$15, & \$28 at the door; Info: I-Con XIII, P.O. Box 550, Stony Brook, NY 11790; Phone: 516-632-6045

**April 22nd-24th**

Fantasy Worlds Festival '94; Berkeley Marina Marriott; GoHs: Mercedes Lackey & Larry Dyxon; Memb: \$30 'til 1/1, \$35 'til 4/1, \$40 at the door; make checks payable to Marian Zimmer Bradley, Ltd., P.O. Box 72, Berkeley, CA 94701

AmigoCon 9; Quality Inn Airport, El Paso, TX; Author GoH: Roger Zelazny, Artist GoH: Dell Harris; Memb: \$10 'til 12/31/93; \$15 'til 4/15; Info: P.O. Box 3177, El Paso, TX 79923; phone: Richard Brandt 915-542-0443

**May 13th-15th**

Marcon 29; Hyatt Regency, Columbus, OH; GoH: Barbara Hambly; Memb: \$26 'til 4/1, \$30 at the door; Info: Box 211101, Columbus, OH 43221

CONduit 4: King CONduit; Quality Inn City Center, Salt Lake City, UT; Special Guests: C.J. Cherryh, Dave Nielson, Kathy Mar, & Cat Faber; Memb: \$19 'til 2/15; Info: c/o Dave Powell, 2566 Blaine Ave., SLC, UT 84108-3359

**May 20th-22nd**

Corfu NoVA (Corflu 11); Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202; Memb: \$37 advance, \$42 at the door; Info: c/o 4030 8th St. S., Arlington, VA 22204

Lepruscon 20; Holiday Inn Corporate Center, Phoenix, AZ; Special Guests: Vernor Vinge,

artist Ingrid Neilson, and fan Nancy Strowger; Memb: \$20; Info: P.O. Box 26665, Tempe AZ 85285

May 27th-29th

OmniCon I; Red Lion Inn, Jantzen Beach [WA?]; Featuring: Robert O'Reilly (Gowron on ST:NG), A.C. Crispin, Ellen Guon, Captain Dan Roper (CO, USS Enterprise, CVN-65), Jody Lynn Nye, Michael Capobianco; Special Fan GoH: Bjo Trimble; Art GoH: Cindy Glenn; Fan GoH: Betty Bigelow; Filk GoH: Heather Alexander; Memb: \$30 'til 2/28; \$35 at the door; Info: Starship Ingram, P.O. Box 6251, Vancouver, WA 98668; phone: Ken Waid 503-648-1042; Internet: pip@pro-freedom.van.wa.us

May 27th-30th

BayCon '94; Red Lion Hotel, 2050 Gateway Pl, San Jose, CA 95110; Fan GoH: Ray Nelson; SF Writer GoH: Diane Duane; Fantasy Writer GoH: Peter Morwood; Artist GoH: Rick Sternbach; TM: Laura Brodian Freas; Memb: \$35 'til 2/21; \$40 'til 5/13; \$45 at the door; Info: BayCon '94, P.O. Box 10367, San Jose, CA 95157

June 17th-19th

HezaCon 4: Gaming Convention; Mesa Sheraton & Centennial Hall, Mesa, AZ; Memb: \$10 'til 1/31; Info: P.O. Box 62613, Phoenix, AZ 85082-2613; phone: 602-954-0374

July 1st-4th

Con O Zoc (Westercon XLVII); Los Angeles Airport Hilton & Towers, Los Angeles; GoH: George R.R. Martin; Fan GoH: William Rotsler; Artist GoH: Real Musgrave; Memb: \$45 'til 12/31/93; Info: c/o SCIFI, PO Box 8442, Van Nuys, CA 91409

Anime Expo '94; Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA

July 7th-10th

Science Fiction Research Association Annual Conference; Woodfield Hilton, Arlington Heights, IL; GoHs: Sheri S. Tepper, Octavia Butler; Memb: \$115; send paper proposals to: Elizabeth Anne Hull, Liberal Arts Division, William Rainey Harper College, Palatine, IL 60067

July 8th-10th

Readercon 7; Marriott Hotel, Worcester, MA; GoHs: Ursula K. Le Guin, Terri Winding; Memb: \$32 'til 6/1; \$40 afterwards; Info: Box 381246, Cambridge, MA 02238

Tunnelcon 3: Beauty & the Beast con; Stardust Hotel, Las Vegas, NV; Memb: \$85; Info: Barbara Hix, 1521 Everett St., Las Vegas, NV 89101

July 15th-17th

Dragon-Con & Atlanta Comics Expo; Atlanta Hilton & Towers, Westin Peachtree, and Atlanta Civic Center, Atlanta, GA; Memb: \$35 'til 3/15, \$40 'til 6/15, \$45 at the door, banquet: \$24, Eternal Memberships: \$250; Info: P.O. Box 47696, Atlanta, GA 30362-0696; Phone: 404-925-0115 (8:30 am to 5:00 pm ET)

July 17th-23rd

HALF PRICE SALE: A & M Book Cellars, 19801 Vanowen St. #D, Canoga Park, CA 91306-3996; Phone: 818-716-6259; All books half price; Store hours for sale: Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 pm; Monday - Saturday: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

July 29th-31st

Anime America '94; The San Jose Red Lion Inn; GoH: Go Nagai; Memb: \$40 'til 3/20; \$45 'til 7/1; \$50 at the door; Info: Anime America, 298 4th Ave. Suite 472-SD, San Francisco, CA 94118; Voice Mail: 415-241-8823

August 4th-7th

San Diego ComicCon; San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA

August 5th-8th

Mythcon XXV: 25th annual Mythopoeic Conference; American University, Washington, DC; Theme: The Language of Myth; GoHs: Madeleine L'Engle, Verlyn Flieger (Tolkien Scholar), and Judith Mitchell (fantasy artist); Memb: \$45/£26; \$55/£32 at the door; U.S.\$ checks payable to "Mythcon", U.K.f cheques payable to "Wendell Wagner"; Info: Irv Koch, 5465 N. Morgan St. #106, Alexandria, VA 22312

August 12th-14th

Diverticon II, The Radisson South Hotel, 7800 Normandale Blvd., Bloomington, MN 55439; GoH: Paul Park; Special Guest: Sybil Smith; Memb: \$20 adult/ \$15 child 'til 1/10; \$25/ \$20 'til 7/15; \$35/ \$30 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 8036, Lake St. Station, Mpls, MN 55408; or Eric M Heideman 612-825-9353

September 1st-5th

Conadian (Worldcon 52); Winnipeg Convention Center, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; GoHs: Anne McCaffrey, George Barr, and Barry B. Longyear; FGoH: Robert Runt; Memb: \$75 Attending, \$25 Supporting; Info: P.O. Box 2430, Winnipeg, MB, Canada, R3C 4A7

October 6th-9th

Bouchercon XXV: World Mystery Convention; Stouffer Madison Hotel, Seattle, WA; GoH: Marcia Muller; FGoH: Art Scott; TM: George C. Chesboro; Memb: \$75 'til 7/1; \$90 'til at the door Attending; \$25 Supporting; Info: P.O. Box 75684, Seattle, WA 98125-0684

November 4th-6th

Contradiction 14; Days Inn Fallview, 201 Rainbow Blvd., Niagara Falls, NY; GoH: Mike Resnick; Special Guest: Janet Kagan; FanGoH: Andy Hooper; Memb: \$17 'til 7/31, \$21 'til 10/15, \$25 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 100, Bridge Station, Niagara Falls, NY 14305-0100

November 25th-27th

Loscon 21; GoH: Lois McMaster Bujold; FanGoH: Robbie Cantor; Editor GoH: Kristine Kathryn Rusch; Artist GoH: Alicia Austin; Info: J. Shaun Lyon or Christian McGuire, c/o LASFS, 11513 Burbank Blvd., N. Hollywood, CA 91601; Phone: 818-760-9234

June 30th-July 3rd, 1995

Westercon XLVIII; Red Lion/Jantzen Beach, Portland, OR; Writer GoH: Vernor Vinge; Fan GoH: Elayne Pelz; Memb: \$30 'til 12/31; Info: P.O. Box 5703, Portland, OR 97228

July 13th-16th, 1995

NASFiC (North American Science Fiction Convention); Atlanta, Georgia; Honored Guests: Bjo Trimble, Timothy Zahn, Michael Whelan, Orson Scott Card, & George Alec Effinger; Memb: \$35 'til 3/15, \$40 'til 6/15, \$45 'til 9/15, GoH Banquet: \$26; Info: P.O. Box 47696, Atlanta, GA 30362; Phone: 404-925-2813

July 28th-31st, 1995

Mythcon XXVI: 26th Annual Mythopoeic Conference; The Clark Kerr Campus, Berkeley, CA; Theme: Fairies in the Garden, Monsters at the Mall; Fantasy in the World Around Us; GoH: Tim Powers; Memb: \$35 'til 7/94; Info: c/o Eric & Bonnie Rauscher, 2231 Tenth St., Berkeley, CA 94710

August 24th-28th, 1995

Intersection (Worldcon 53); Scottish Exhibition and Conference Center, and Moat House Hotel, Glasgow, Scotland; GoHs: Samuel R. Delany and Gerry Anderson; Info: Theresa Rener, Box 15430, Washington, DC 20003

September 28th-October 1st, 1995

Bouchercon XXVI; The Royal Center, Nottingham, England; GoHs: Colin Dexter and James Elroy; Info: Broadway Media Center, 14 Broad St., Nottingham, NG1 3AL, England; Phone: 011-44-602-526600; Fax: 011-44-602-526622

September 5th-9th, 1996

LACon III (Worldcon 54); Anaheim Convention Center; WriterGoH: James White; Media GoH: Roger Corman; FanGoHs: Takumi & Sachiko Shibano; Special Guest: Connie Willis; TM: Elsie Wollheim; Info: c/o SCIFI, P.O. Box 8442, Van Nuys, CA 91409

**MIKE HODEL'S HOUR 25**  
KPFK 90.7 FM, Fri 10-12 pm

**FANZINES RECEIVED**  
(to see the fanzines listed here, contact Bruce Pelz)

242 East Third: The Newsletter of Richard Kyle, Books; Dec. '93; Editor: Richard Kyle and Leclair Pearson

Astromancer Quarterly, Vol. II, No. 4, Nov. '93; genzine of the Niagara Falls Science Fiction Association, P.O. Box 500, Bridge Station, Niagara Falls, NY 14305-0500; Editor: Joe Maragiino

BCSFAzine #s 246 & 247, Nov. & Dec. '93; Pubbed monthly by the British Columbia SF Association; c/o P.O. Box 48478 Bentall Center, Vancouver, BC V7X 1A2, Canada; Editor: R. Graeme Cameron

Bouchercon 25, PR 2; P.O. Box 75684, Seattle, WA 98125-0684; Editors: Stu Shiffman, Steve Berry, & Andi Shechter

ConNotations: The Quarterly Science Fiction, Fantasy, & Convention Magazine, Vol. 3, Iss. 3; Pubbed by Central Arizona Speculative Fiction Society, Inc., P.O. Box 62613, Phoenix, AZ 85082-2613; Editors: Matthew Frederick & Margaret Grady

DASFAX, Dec. '93, Vol. 25, No. 12; monthly newsletter of the Denver Area Science Fiction Association, c/o Fred Cleaver, 153 W. Ellsworth Ave., Denver, CO 80223-1623; Editors: Fred Cleaver and Rose Beetem

Derogatory Reference 76: Arthur D. Hlavaty's quarterly perzine; 206 Valentine St., Yonkers, NY 10704-1814

Diversicon II, PR 1; P.O. Box 8036, Lake St. Station, Mpls, MN 55408

Fictions 5: A collection of short fiction by the BCSFA Writers' Workshop, P.O. Box 48478 Bentall Center, Vancouver, BC V7X 1A2,

## Canada

The Filking Times, Oct./Nov. '93, Ish. 36: Filk newsletter edited and pubbed by Rick and Deborah Weiss, 13261 Donegal Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92644-2304

Fofax 166, Oct./Nov. '93; Genzine of the Falls of the Ohio Science Fiction Association, P.O. Box 37281, Louisville, KY 40233-7281; Editor: Timothy Lane and Elizabeth Garrett  
Instant Message 539, 23 Nov. '93; The NESFA Newsletter; NESFA, Inc., P.O. Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0203

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

The Mobius Strip; Nov. '93, Vol. 10, No. 11: pubbed by the El Paso Science Fiction & Fantasy Alliance, P.O. Box 3177, El Paso, TX 79923; Editor: Roy M. Anthony

Mythprint: The Monthly Bulletin of the Mythopoeic Society; Whole No. 159, Dec. '93, Vol. 30, No. 12; P.O. Box 28427, San Jose, CA 95159; Editor: David Bratman

The NASFA Shuttle: Newsletter of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association, Inc. Vol. 13, No. 11, Nov. '93; P.O. Box 4857, Huntsville, AL 35815-4857; Editor: Mike Kennedy

OASFIS Event Horizon Vol. 6, No. 12, Ish. 79, Dec. '93; Pubbed monthly by the Orlando Area Science Fiction Society, P.O. Box 940992, Maitland, FL 32794-0992; Editor: Curt Harmon

The Orange Pulp: Newsletter of the Orange County Science Fiction Club, Ish. #43, Vol. 7, No. 6, Nov. '93; 5727 E. Stillwater Av. #9, Orange, CA 92669; Editor: Jeff (Don't call me chief) Stein; Looking at the types of activities listed in this zine I am reminded of the reminiscences of older LASFSians talking about the days when LASFS was a much smaller club, and did more things as a group.

P.S.F.S. News: The Newsletter of the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society, Nov./Dec. '93; P.O. Box 8303, Philadelphia, PA 19101; Editor: Rich Kabaljian

Pulsar: The Newsletter of the Portland Science Fiction Society, Dec. '93, Ish No. 182; P.O. Box 4602, Portland, OR 97208; Editor: Linda Pilcher

Robots & Roadrunners Vol. 8, No. 2, Nov. '93: The occasional genzine of Urna Major, the Science Fiction Literary Association of Bexar County; P.O. Box 691448, San Antonio, TX 78269-1448; Editor: Lynn "Mouse" Garcia (this is the "Jurassic Art" ish.)

Sage Lore Productions; by Gamers, For Gamers: Promotional Mailing & Distribution Prices; 4401 76th Ave. W #12, Tacoma, WA 98466

SFSFS Shuttle #108, Dec. '93; clubzine of the South Florida Science Fiction Society, P.O. Box 70143, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307-0143; Editor: Shirleene Anasayo

Situation Normal?? Vol. 3, No. 12, Dec. '93: The official newsletter of the Southern Nevada Area Fantasy & Fiction Union; P.O. Box 95941, Las Vegas, NV 89193-5941; Editor: Rebecca Hardin

Space-Time Continuum; Ejo Trimble's STrek and other media Newzine; P.O. Box 6838, Kingwood, TX 77325-6838; This time Ejo

sent a letter to explain why she wasn't sending out the Nov/Dec ish, along with a readers' survey and a flyer for OmniCon I (a STrek con in Vancouver, Washington (see May 27th-29th in calendar)).

Stone Hill Launch Times; Oct., Nov., & Dec. '93; P.O. Box 2076, Riverview, FL 33569; Editor: Ann Morris (perline somehow connected with the Stone Hill science fiction club)

Tightbeam 184, Nov. '93; N3F's letterzine; Editor: Diane Miller, 5311 Chestnut St., Grand Forks, ND 58201-8007; Pubber: Howard DeVore, 4705 Werdel St., Dearborn, MI 48125

WARP 26; Nov. '93, Vol. 7, No. 4; The Official Newsletter of the Montreal Science Fiction & Fantasy Association, P.O. Box 1186, Place du Parc, Montreal, Quebec H2W 2P4, Canada; Editor: Keith Braithwaite  
West Wind: Clubzine of the Northwest Science Fiction Society, Dec. '93, No. 183; P.O. Box 24207, Seattle, WA 98124; Editor: George Nyhen

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

If your address in the LASFS Directory, or on your De Prof mailing label, is incorrect, give the correction to Elayne Peiz.

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310-399-2360 (behind the Sidewalk Cafe on the Venice Boardwalk). They expanded their SF section after A Change of Hobbit closed.

## NEWS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO LASFSIANS (in no particular order)

Joe Fekete has published a *Fantasy Coloring Book*, made up of 12 drawings by Ray Capella, which he is selling for \$2.00.

FOREST-Freedom Organisation for the Right to Enjoy Smoking Tobacco, (2 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0DH, England) announces a short story competition: 2,500 words or less of "mind opening sceptical science fiction, fantasy and humor of any kind on the theme of 'Health and Freedom'". Entrants must be over 18. Entries must be submitted typed double spaced, single sided on A4 paper (standard metric paper) with name, address, phone #, and age on the first page and posted to FOREST Story Competition at the above address. Prizes are 1st: £100; 2nd: £75; 3rd: £50; and two runners up of £25 each. Deadline is 16th January 1994. Phone Marjorie Nicholson at 011-44-071-823-6550 (office) or 011-44-081-851-6450 (home) for further information.

## UCLA Extension Presents New Programs on Dinosaurs

From the record-breaking success of "Jurassic Park" to the perennial popularity of dinosaur exhibits, amusement rides and books, dinosaurs have long held an amazing fascination for adults and children alike.

On Saturday, January 29, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., UCLA Extension presents "Dinosaurs in Fact and Fancy", a new one-day program featuring six illustrated lectures that explore the remarkable world of the "Terrible Lizard" in science, myth and legend.

For those with a desire for further

knowledge, Extension joins with the UCLA Center for the Study of Evolution and the Origin of Life (CSEOL) to present a follow-up program, "Dinosaur Fossil Workshop", meeting on four Tuesday evenings starting February 1. Including a field trip to the L.A. County Museum of Natural History, this course explores the biology, evolution and extinction of dinosaurs through the study of their fossil remains.

The "Dinosaurs in Fact and Fancy" program on January 26 covers such topics and the origin of dinosaurs, the reasons for their disappearance, and recent research on dinosaur intelligence, social behavior and ecological habits. Led by CSEOL Education Coordinator John Bragin, who presents an introductory talk as well as a lecture on the ways that dinosaurs have been depicted in films through the years, the program features the following discussions:

--"Origin and Evolution of the Dinosaurs", Charles Marshall, PhD, associate professor, paleobiology, UCLA Dept. of Earth and Space Science;

--"Dinosaurs and other Beasts: Exploring the Nature of Our Fantasies and Fears", Allen Koehn, PhD, Jungian analyst in private practice;

--"Extinction of the Dinosaurs", Charles Marshall, PhD; and

--"The Millennial Dinosaur and Its Relatives in Myth, Literature and World Culture", George Sussner, PhD, professor, comparative literature, curator, Eaton Collection, UC Riverside.

This program meets in Room 1178 Franz Hall, UCLA, for a fee of \$55 (\$25 for students).

The follow-up "Dinosaur Fossil Workshop" meets on Tuesdays, February 1-22, 7-10 p.m., in room 5644 Geology, UCLA, for a fee of \$185, including entrance to the "Dinosaurs in Fact and Fancy" program.

For complete details, call the UCLA Extension Division of Science 310-825-7093

## LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING, 14 November 1993

Dan Deckert, Chairman

Matthew B. Tepper, Substituting for

Mike Glycer, Secretary

Present: (Board) Dan Deckert, Merlin R. Null, Gary Louis, Robbie Cantor, Leigh Strother-Vien, Ed Green, Fang A. Van Toot, Matthew B. Tepper. (Others) Charles Lee Jackson, II, Greg Bilan, Mike Donahue, Michael Thoresen, Tim Merrigan, Joe Zeff, Steve Merritt, Francis Hamit, Jim Shaun Lyon, Elizabeth O'Brien, Ulrika O'Brien, Hal O'Brien, Christian Bainbridge McGuire, Charles Matheny, Galea A. Tripp, Louis Elver Warren Gray, Nola Frame-Gray, Barisdale Halea, Phil Broad, Ed Zamora, Maureen Lake, Roxanne Smith, Greg Cass. Absent Board Members: Bruce E. Peiz (excused, at Orycon), Drew Sanders (excused, at Philona), Mike Glycer (excused, at Windycan).

The meeting was called to order at 11:13. In the absence of Board Secretary Mike Glycer,

Chairman Deckert appointed a familiar substitute. Over had sent minutes on ahead, however, and these were read to an audience more attentive than usual, since there was only the one copy. There was only one change, namely, the proper framing of Nola's surname. The Treasurer's Report showed total assets of \$17,441.40, divided amongst \$16,723.40 in the Building Fund, \$3.89 in the Treasury, \$230.28 Library Fund, Keys \$320.00, Video \$68.83, Winter Holiday Party \$5.00, Ackerman Half-Toning \$40.00, Showcase \$50.00.

Membership Applications: Applications were on hand from Robert J. Williams and Tim Hobbs. Separate consideration was suggested for no particular reason, but in the end the applications were passed by voice vote without objection.

Convention Delegates: Gavin Claypool had sent a request to be named a delegate to Tucson, and he got what he asked for. Joe Zeff wanted the absent Drew Sanders to be made a delegate to everything, but he didn't get what he asked for. Gary Louis was named a delegate to SMOPcon.

Construction: Bob Null said there was a ballast light out in the Computer Room and another one needed to be installed in the Library. Chairman Deckert observed the costs were well within the Treasurer's discretionary limit, despite "LASPS policy to keep as many people in the dark as possible." Robbie Cantor said some leakage from the well had gotten in, but the roofers fixed it and the recent rainstorm hadn't caused us any problems. Tim Merrigan said it was real nice to finally have a speaker in the Aps L room, but it would be even nicer if it were actually attached to something. Robbie said the Time Meddler could probably do it, but Bob warned against mismatching the impedance. Leigh Strother-Vien wanted to know if the line between the buildings had been fixed. Bob said it hadn't, and that we should call the DWP. Gary Louis noted that many tools had turned up missing, and that most of them were the property of individual members. Deckert suggested this issue be raised at one of the regular Thursday meetings. Ed Green said a few wasps had been sighted outside the buildings. Shaun Lyon conveyed thanks from the Time Meddlers for the eradication of the wasps. Mike Donahue thought we should discuss the magazine and display racks at our January meeting. Gary wanted to know when the comfy seating would finally show up. Mike Donahue said that B.G. Workman hoped to have the job done for us by January.

Debugging: Bob said the yellowjacket nest was found in the rafters near the back building restroom. He added that he made his assault on the nest the same night Boris Yeltain moved against the Communist hard-liners. Somebody had complained about roaches a couple of weeks ago, and a bug bomb was too successful, leaving the bathroom full of dead roaches. Deckert recalled the early days of the present clubhouse, when you would open the door and see swarms of roaches scuttling about. Several lunch dates were immediately cancelled. Some further exterminating methods were discussed. Ed liked the idea of bombing the room

Thursday night at around 8:00 p.m. Note that he didn't say "bug bomb," just "bomb." Charlie Jackson liked the way the timing would make it take place after the serial chapter. Deckert asked if there was anything more that needed to be said about bugs. Hal O'Brien offered, "Yngvi is a louse?"

Library: Leigh Strother-Vien said that Heather Stern has moved to Oregon and is therefore now Librarian-At-Arms. Heather is expected to install the new-and-improved software soon and update the Library databases. Leigh also had an offer of a donation from Frank and Laura Kelly-Freas of Kelly's file copies of books and magazines containing his art, as a "semi-permanent loan." Kelly and Laura are still checking with other possible beneficiaries, however. There was discussion of many issues raised by this offer. First was the amount of room the collection would take up, and Leigh thought the new-and-improved Library would be able to contain it all. There were differing opinions as to whether these items would be allowed to circulate, with Leigh initially reminding us that the Library was founded with the specific mission of being a lending library. Ed and Matthew mentioned the idea of a Special Collection. Deckert inferred a consensus that we would accept the donation offer, and find such storage space as necessary. It was put to a voice vote and passed.

Leigh also had had another offer, from a woman she had met at ConFrancisco who wanted to donate her specialized collection of a few authors' works, and get a tax writeoff for it. Leigh promised to get more details, though Ulrika O'Brien mentioned UC Riverside as another possible donation site and Mike Donahue mentioned UC Santa Cruz. There was some discussion of how to get this collection down from the Bay Area, but the consensus was that we would make it happen somehow. Mike Donahue wanted to have a work party to get stuff out of Monstro and into the Library. He also wanted to know if the Library would like to have some CD-ROMs. Leigh said, "Why not?" She had also heard an offer to sell a run of some prozine called variously Quantitas and Thruet. Gary said she should talk to Bruce Peiz about it.

Children's Literature Committee Recommended Reading List: Galea Tripp said the list had been updated in October, and 500 copies had been printed, which he hoped would last a year. Requests are up slightly with the beginning of the school year.

Emergency Preparedness Committee: Ed Green wants copies of our Library holdings, financial records and such by the end of January. He will publish a new phone tree at that time, once we know who the Board members, and Board and Procedural officers are. Bob Null said that a fire-proof safe wasn't absolute guarantee of the safety of its contents, as witness some safes that survived the recent firestorms but had charred contents. Francis Hamit was somewhat less pessimistic, saying that the type of fire we were likely to have on our premises would not get quite as hot as the fires in Malibu and elsewhere. CL suggested an



outside wall as the place to keep the safe safe. Ed said he would take these various suggestions into account.

**Plaques:** Gary said the plaque for the Evans-Freehafer Award has gone in time for Loscon. He still needs the list of names of the construction crew. Leigh and Donahue said they will review the list. Shaun volunteered to do the necessary legwork to get the Forry Award in time for the con. Gary added that there are still some plaques in the Library which could go up on the wall.

**Computers:** Bob Null said that Jerry Pournelle had donated lots of stuff, including Microsoft Word 6.0 and CorelDraw! 3.0. These were now installed on Bookie Monster. FrankNStein would be going to Loscon. Charlie said that the miscellaneous computer parts that hadn't sold had been brought to the curb and had, as expected, been vanished by the neighbors. Ed Green muttered, "Andruschak will find you responsible for that!" Gary said that our copy of Ventura Publisher had been upgraded to version 3.0, but that this had somehow erased a font directory and a bunch of style sheets, and otherwise caused havoc in various ways. Several people said, "ouch," or the moral equivalent.

**BBS Committee:** Fang Van Took had had a printed report ready for some time. Having written up his proposal, he introduced the following written motion:

Moved that the LASFS set up and run a Bulletin Board System, to provide an electronic meeting place for fandom and to aid in running conventions that are under the auspices of either LASFS or SCIFI (who [sic] has granted seed money for this project). This BBS will be initially set up and run by the current LASFS/SCIFI BBS committee and in particular under the guidance of Fang, as head of that committee. [Signed] Fang A. Van Took, Merlin R. Null, Matthew B. Tepper, Joseph Zeff.

Fang said the computer for the BBS could be set up in the cupboards in the back of the Apa L room. We could probably set things up so one could log onto the BBS through one of the computers in the Computer Room. Nola Frame-Gray wanted to know if we'd need a new phone line. Robbie Cantor said we would. Fang expressed the hope that the BBS would not only be useful, but would generate income for the club from the fees from people outside of LASFS and SCIFI. Passed by voice vote without opposition, but with Gary Louie abstaining.

**Loscon 20:** Shaun said, "It is a go." Work parties were planned for the following Sunday and the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The Program books were being done even as he spoke. He also had a pleasant surprise in the news that Vonda McIntyre expected to be living in Los Angeles for a year, and might even pop over to LASFS occasionally. Bob said the missing equipment had included an ice chest, so we need one. Christian McGuire said it had not been borrowed from Kim Marks, as had been rumored. Shaun volunteered the use of the Time Meddlers' ice chest. Charlie said he had been getting lots of questions for Loscon for which he didn't have the answers, and needs to coordinate with other people to get match the questions with the answers. Dan Deckert said he felt the financial condition of the con

was good. Robbie wasn't so sure, but then that is a Treasurer's prerogative.

**Loscon 21:** Shaun said, "If somebody signs the contracts, we're settled into the Burbank Airport Hilton." Leigh said her understanding was that the Board would have some sort of meeting at the con to confirm (or deny) our continued association with the Hilton. Deckert said he would probably just sort of wander around and make himself available to talk to Board members at the con as he saw them. Shaun had some slight concern over the small ballrooms. Nola and CL addressed the issue of bus access.

**Showcase:** Ulrika apologized for her not having been able to clear the dates, since a renter had the use of the clubhouse for the intended date and apparently did not answer calls. Dan thanked her for the work that she had done on the project.

**Digby-Jackson-Tepper Amendment:** Matthew B. Tepper said the twin motions to move BoD elections to the Thursday before Thanksgiving had passed overwhelmingly, by a vote of "everyone else in the room to Carol Ann Cranston." He added that Carol Ann had stated objection only to the clause allowing Board candidates to give their statement of intent through an intermediary. He also thanked Charlie Jackson for his work on drafting the specific language to the changes to the Standing Rules and the By-Laws. The amendments also move the nominating meeting to the week before the election. Leigh added that Board attendance records are probably available through Bruce Pelz.

**Old Bit of New Business:** Ed said that the LASFS Gift Exchange had been scheduled for 17 December, to be hosted by himself with the assistance of Bob Null and Joe Zeff, who had each agreed to bring five random-number lists.

**New Bit of Old Business:** Ed reminded us that next year marks the 60th anniversary of the founding of the LASFS. He had received a letter from Lew Wolkoff of the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society, which was founded in the same year and wanted to do some special celebrations to mark the fact. The PSFS wanted to know if we'd like to coordinate with them on some activities, such as putting on a con. Beth O'Brien wanted to put on a joint con in St. Louis. Ed proposed a four-person committee, including himself, CL, Fang, and one of the dinosaurs' older members, and chaired by somebody other than himself, to be empanelled to work on our official celebration. He liked Charlie's idea of a yearlong celebration culminating in something real big. Shaun said that Loscon was taking the anniversary into account. Charlie noted that that falls a month after our Diamond Jubilee, but note that he didn't object to it. There was a bit of discussion, with Mike Donahue added to make it a five-person committee, and names such as Bruce Pelz and Len Moffatt suggested for designated dinosaur. Dan Deckert asked Charles Lee Jackson, II if he would like to chair the committee. His reply: "I would be delighted."

**Miscellaneous:** Bob said the concrete bumpers in the parking spaces were nagging,

and one had already been totaled and in need of replacement. Robbie pointed out that the Treasury was depleted, so we'd just have to wait until after Loscon, and hope that people don't drive into the building. Dan said we should determine the costs and discuss it after Loscon.

Leigh said there were some concerns raised at the last Second Sunday. It seems that the regulars had chipped in, as it were, to buy some charcoal and firestarters for the barbecue, and that some of this had been "borrowed" by persons unknown. There was much discussion, but no real answers. Bob wanted to know if we really needed the smaller of the two barbecues, which apparently doesn't get used much out of season and just takes up storage space. It belongs to Dale Heles, who agreed to take it home for the winter at Gary's suggestion. Deckert suggested that the charcoal and firestarters should be labeled specifically as "not open stock."

Charlie Jackson said the Autumn Holiday Party, held on 31 October, had gone pretty well, and had been funded entirely by member donations, matching funds from his two pocket organizations, and the take from some auction items supplied by Greg Bilan. He thanked the following for their assistance: Joyce Sperling, Mike Thorsen, Steve Merritt, and Greg Bilan. The Winter Holiday Party already had a good start on donations.

For the last business of the meeting, Dan introduced Phil Broad and Ed Zamora of "Phil & Ed's Excellent Convention." Phil & Ed at first denied any knowledge of the missing charcoal. But they were really here to invite LASFS members to attend their con, and offered the club a table so we can promote our cons. Dan said we would graciously accept this offer. Phil & Ed said they will host room parties on Friday and Saturday nights at Loscon. Shaun added that Phil & Ed had already taken out a two-page ad in the Loscon program book. The mood of the meeting was that Phil & Ed are "good neighbors," and that friendly cross-promoting would probably be good for both our houses.

Adjournment was at 1300. Next meeting: 11:00 a.m., 12 December 1993.

## MENACE OF THE LASFS, MEETING #2936, 18 NOVEMBER 1993

By Matthew B. Tepper, Mini-Scribe

Amazing! Astounding! Fantastic! Thrilling Wonder! For once we started at 2008 as President Ssg Edward L. Green did the honors: Gavel, table; table, gavel. Ed said we'd be flying on Agenda Superlite due to the Board of Directors elections and the choice of the winner for this year's Forry Award. But first, a special order of business: Mike Donahue had had some of his tools go missing while they were on loan to the club. Their immediate return is requested, no questions asked.

The next bit wasn't quite so forgiving: Menace of the previous week. These were read and approved as "written hard and put away wet." I hope that refers to the ink. A Treasurers' Report said we had money. There

was a new entry in the Most Memorable Fan/Fanac Contest: LASFS Auctions, which led by \$21 to Andruschak's \$2 and \$1 each for Busted Dupers and Merkins. We honored patronizing, ~~essentially~~ Patron Saint Mill Stevens with three cheers and a reading of his Miranda rights.\* Upcoming programs were run down in the bright lights of the LASFS (if any); after the traditional Turkey Shoot would come presidential nominations, coupled with 1943 trailers hosted by Charles Lee Jackson, II.

Now, remember the idea that the Board elections were so grody that we didn't want to have to subject guests to them? Guess what; we had guests! Jeff Lang of Clovis CA, and Dwayne and Ronald Garcia of North Hollywood showed up to give us the wave; shall we ever see their likes again?

At this point, Ed passed the gavel (ouch!) to Chairman of the Bored Dan Deckert, who limped and quacked his way to the front of the room. Dan explained his reasons for not standing to the BoD again, which were simply that his happy domestic life has too many demands for him to keep being LASFS' guidance counselor, for now at least. Mike Glycer tried to start a "draft Deckert movement"; another voice from the crowd said, "But Danise hasn't been around in a while." Dan odified the audience with his explanation of the Australian ballot. Along with your humble Mini-Scribe's tally, the combo was completed by Drew "Zoot Suit" Sanders on paper and Charlie "Jazbo" Jackson on the whiteboard.

As noted the previous week, the candidates were: Fang Van Took; Leigh Strother-Vien; Joe Zeff; Mike Stern; Gary Louie; Jim Shaun Lyon; and Greg Bilan.

The first count was, as they say, too close to call. It got down to three top vote-getters: Leigh Strother-Vien with 20, and Fang Van Took and Gary Louie with 18 each. Now, ordinarily we would eliminate the low vote, but there were some suggestions from the crowd. There were lots of suggestions. A trial count was taken to see which way the election would go if each 18-vote candidate were eliminated, but that wasn't very helpful; if we eliminated Fang, Leigh would win, but if we eliminated Gary, Fang would win. Glycer wanted to have the club show hands to decide which to eliminate. Sandy Cohen wanted to acclaim all three winners. Drew wanted to acclaim two winners, and then choose numbers three and four in the runoff. Tom Digby, bless his heart, suggested eliminating the top vote-getter to see which of the runners-up would win. And jovial George Mulligan liked the idea of trial by combat. But it was former Chairman Craig Miller who suggested that both Gary and Fang were "last place" for the purposes of this count. Dan thought this a mahvelous idea, and Madam Librarian was noted as having been returned to the Board for a further three-year term.

The count for the second Board seat was nice and clean-cut, finding Gary Louie elected once again. The count for what we thought was going to be the third seat seemed headed for another series of silly ties. In fact, it ended with

an exact numerical tie between Fang Van Took and Jim Shaun Lyon, suggesting an outcome that was anything but straight. I mean, direct. But then, mused Dan, the great preponderance of votes for Fang and Shaun left it pretty obvious that these were our two choices for the third and fourth seats, and with that happy deduction we were through with this business for another year. Whew!

Forry Award for Lifetime Achievement: Previous nominations were: Stanley Schmidt; Roger Zelazny; C.J. Cherry; Anne McCaffrey; Harry Turtledove; Madeleine L'Engle; Harry Harrison; Mercedes Lackey; George Lucas; Robert Asprin; Lois McMaster Bujold; Robert Wise; Leonard Nimoy; Forrest J Ackerman; Joe Shuster; A. Bertram Chandler; Stan Lee; Chuck Jones; Brent Spiner; Gene Roddenberry; Rene Auberjonois; and Michael Okuda.

First, we had a bit of clarification from the previous week. At that time, Ed Green had suggested a railroad to give the award to Forrest J Ackerman himself, but on further consideration this idea was not as good as at first blush. As Fang and CL had separately noted, the Forry Award is given by the LASFS essentially in Forry's name, so giving it to Forry is kind of like Forry giving an award to himself. And while self-promotion is not entirely unknown in fandom, perhaps it isn't the best idea in this instance. Beth O'Brien thought such an award might be too easily misinterpreted. Glycer wondered if Hugo Gernsback had ever won a Hugo, and Bruce Pelz said that he had received a special award, and as we all know, "Special awards are not Hugos."

Dan took a straw poll of the membership as to whether Forry's name might be withdrawn without prejudice from the list of nominees; this passed, but the consensus was that we still like Forry a whole bunch. "After all," Leigh pointed out, "we have named a building for him." Merlin R. "Bob" Null, who had been the nominator, pointed out that the reason he nominated Forry was "to expand the category," which it certainly did. Ed Green apologized for the railroad idea, and Dan said something about impeachment until he realized that a real punishment would be to make Ed serve another term as president.

After all this, we added a few more nominees to the list: Charles Lee Jackson, II; John Brunner; Jack Kirby; Stephen Hawking; and Galen A. Tripp. Then came the fun part, with the membership first getting five votes a person to cut the field to something manageable, followed by three votes per entity to arrive at a short slate, two votes each to bring it down to a pair of finalists, and finally one being, one vote to finish the job. The winnah: Roger Zelazny, who would (as luck would have it) be present at Loscon 20 the following week. And so the voting frenzy was put to rest... for a while.

Timebound Announcements: Charlie Jackson had *Amazing Adventures #15*, a big issue at \$2 the each, and also held up the lantern to attract jack as donations to the Winter Holiday Party. Leigh Strother-Vien had word of someone selling a videotape about the

making of "The Time Machine." Allan Rothstein asked anyone who had put in for a dealer's table at Loscon to see him; apparently the database needs a little bit of fine-tuning. Mike Glycer was looking for The Answer, or at least answers for his quiz show, "Brain the Size of a Planet." Gentle Kate Halleron was attending her last meeting before moving to the center of the universe (at least according to CNN), and had books and other mathoms free to good homes. George Mulligan knew of an available six-month-old, purring, meowing mathom.

Shaun said the Loscon truck-loading would take place at the clubhouse 7:00 p.m. Wednesday. Semi-Vice President Mike Korp officially declared that LASFS would be closed on Friday 26 November. Bruce Pelz said Loscon's host hotel, the Burbank Airport Hilton, still had rooms available, and make sure you tell them you're with the con. Bill Green said one coincidental item not on the official program was a total eclipse of the Moon, totality occurring around 2200 PST on Sunday 28 November. President Green reiterated the scheduling of the LASFS Gift Exchange for Friday 17 December. Also, there looked to be a LASFS theater party to "The Three Musketeers" on 3 December; see Robbie if you want to go with. There was, regrettably, no time for sergeants Reviews or Committee Reports, but who knows what the future may bring? We adjourned at 2140 to whatever silliness awaited us in our separate lives.

Happy anniversary, Frederik and Gallup Pohl!

## MENACE OF THE LASFS, MEETING #2937, 25 NOVEMBER 1993

By Matthew B. Tepper, Mini-Scribe

Gobble gobble! It was 2013 of a Thanksgiving as Registrardad Mike Stern commenced what he called the 56th Annual LASFS Turkey Chute. Attendance was light, but we did eventually find more than fifteen members, so we could have done some naughty stuff without the rest of you, so there. But we didn't. About the naughtiest thing was a reading of previous week's Menace. Even though there was no line for the restroom, these were approved as "p'd and q'd," with a loud "quack" from Noia Frame-Gray. There was no Treasurers' Report, the Treasurers being reported having absconded to Burbank to have a wonderful time with our money.

Timebound Announcements: Professor Lynn Maners announced the retirement of his fainting goat noise, now that Kate Halleron, his B.A. (bleating assistant) has departed for Georgian climes. Mike Stern noted, "It's now a dead goat." But Charles Lee Jackson, II warned: "Wait until you hear the replacement noise." As though in response, Tim Merrigan announced that De Profundis was available from boxes at the side of the room. Several people mentioned the death of actor Bill Bixby, which was well enough known that it didn't actually get announced, but it should be noted that Bixby had starred in a couple of fantasy

and science fiction television series.

Lucy Stern said there was some convention called Loscon 20 that was going to begin the next day. Tom Digby said there were some hotel reservation cards on the Treasurers' desk, and suggested one get them in really fast. Patron Saint Jim Tannenbaum was saluted with three cheers "and a synch/pop editor." We had neither old nor new business.

**Appointive Committee Reports:** CL reported that the Board of Directors had established a Diamond Anniversary Committee to plan a series of celebratory activities by the club over calendar year 1994. This would culminate with the actual 60th anniversary of the founding of the LASFS in October. As Film Committee, he said that the following week's program (following Presidential nominations) would be a showing of "Cliffhangers of 1943."

**Faanish Committee Reports:** (D'you remember Faanish Committee Reports?) When last heard from, Mike Stern had a sequel to the graffiti artist whose work bore a copyright symbol. It seems a scrawl went up on a nearby wall, this time accompanied by the symbol for trademark. Some of the membership predicted such future notations as "Reg. US Pat. Off" and "Reg. Penna. Dept. Agr." (Hearing this the following week, President Sg Edward L. Green said he was waiting for a graffiti to be marked "kosher.") Matthew had been saving up a couple of putridity reports. One was the irony that Bravo had shown "1984" and had censored it. The other was that, he had sold an article to be included in, of all things, an economics textbook. Now yes, I admit, this is surprising, on account of my well-known belief that economics is a phony science, and all its practitioners are charlatans and frauds -- but hey, I need the money!

It may have been Thanksgiving, but we had a couple of guests, and Lucy Stern brought them forth: Chao Herrere (SunBear) of Oceano CA and Starwalker Bluewolf (Lonny Bracken) of Nipomo CA.

**Miscellaneous:** Fred Patten said Yarfl #26 was available for sale, as well as some back issues of the same magazine for furry devotees. Tim said that one of the wooden tables had disappeared from the Apa L room, presumably in the direction of Burbank, and wished the Menace to note his complaint. Charlie Jackson said that \$20 will buy a subscription to his publication, *Amazing Adventures*, for all twelve issues of 1994. Marji Holt told about a funny sign she had seen. Jim Dennis and Heather Stern, visiting from their new digs in Oregon, were glad to be in town again. Said Jim, "It's really cold in Eugene right now." Heather added, "When it drizzles, it bounces." And as faanish comradery reigned supreme, we adjourned at 2042.

Happy anniversary, Dow and John Paul Jones!

## MENACE OF THE LASFS, MEETING #2938, 2 DECEMBER 1993

By Matthew B. Tepper, Mini-Scribe

It was 2012 and the meeting began just a little later than usual, because we were having a bit of trouble with our equipment. The microphone, I mean. Eventually President Sg Edward L. Green banged the gavel and Rob Cole moved to adjourn. Ed ignored him, and moved on to a special order of business. Nope, nobody had died, but Loscon 20 had presented a check for \$2,000 to the club. There was much rejoicing. In order that the throng might not die from too much pleasure, the wily Sg ordered the reading of the Menace, which were thereupon approved as not kosher, and followed with many comments in Yiddish. Ed began to rethink Rob's motion.

We hadn't had an auction in a while, so we had a fairly big and wild one. Christian Bainbridge McGuire was the latest student from the Scratch Galloway School of Self-Competitive Bidding. When the parking spaces were auctioned, he tried to bid on one "to give to the Moffatts, if they don't have one already." When, finally, a motorized candy sucker came up for bid, it was purchased by Alliah Rothstein "to give to the Moffatts, if they don't have one already." Something tells me they don't.

The Fanac Contest was as rank as ever: LASFS Auctions, Merkins, Andruschak and Busted Dupers. Patron Saint Frank Gasperik got hollered three cheers "and a shot in the foot -- the other one so they'll match."

Remember all that trouble we went to in order to move the Board of Directors elections away from this meetings so as not to scare away all the guests? Well, said Registrarmom Lucy Stern, we had one guest, Walter Hibbert of Sherman Oaks. Hope he comes back!

**Old Business:** It was time to prick that twice-annual blister, nominations for President of the LASFS. Ed Green read the description of the job and its responsibilities so that the crowd (and the potential nominees) would be fairly warned. Charles Lee Jackson, II made a brief statement about the important character traits of reason and common sense. It was the individuals who possessed said qualities who declined nomination: Sg Edward L. Green, Allan Rothstein, Jim Shaun Lyon & Christian Bainbridge McGuire, Galen A. Tripp, Mike Glycer, Bruce E. Pelz, S.O.B., F.N., SUHT, Leigh Strother-Vien, Edwin Ogilvie Buchman, Jim Shaun Lyon, Joyce Sperling, Gary Louie, Sanford J. Cohen, Joe Zeff, Bill Rotsler, Lynn Maners, Ky Moffet, and Robbie Cantor. Perhaps a blessed few were really sensible, because they got to decline twice: Charles Lee Jackson, II, Mike Stern and Larry Niven.

As you might expect, that left those without reason or common sense: Matthew B. Tepper, Scratch Galloway, Fang A. Van Took, Merlin R. "Bob" Null, Mike Donahue, Elizabeth "just please make it Beth" O'Brien, George Mulligan, Christian Bainbridge McGuire and Harold "Hare" Hobbs. Nominations were then closed for a week to allow people to try to talk

the sense out of their favorite declined nominees.

**Timebound Announcements:** President Green said that the 1993 Evans-Frechafer Award, for meritorious service to the LASFS, had been awarded at Loscon to Mike Donahue, for his leadership and effort on the Building 4SF remodeling. There was much cheering. Thanks were also due to Gary Louie, for his work carpetbagging -- or rather, for getting fresh carpeting for the clubhouse floors.

Wesley Kawato had a box o' books to go. Joe Fekete had a box o' romance novels to go. Bill Rotsler had a 16'x16' modular building to go. Sam Frank said that KNX would be broadcasting Norman Corwin's radio drama "The Plot to Overthrow Christmas." Shaun said that the soundtracks to all three "Star Wars" movies were now available in a 4-CD set, which was hard to find, but he'd gotten his at the Virgin Megastore. Christian said that Kate Wilhelm's "Forever Anna" was being made into a movie; there were gasps of pleasure from the crowd, mercifully forgetting what usually happens when a fantasy/SF work by a major author gets made into a movie. Mike Thorsen had word of an open call for "Arsenic and Old Lace." And George Mulligan showed off the new carpeting to a roomful of fans going "Ooh!"

**Appointive Committee Reports:** As usual, Ed called first upon Charlie Jackson. But the Emperor thought for a moment, and gasped, "I've just gone blank!" Ed declared, "Proof that it is the end of the world!" Shaun said that the Loscon 21 dealers' room was already sold out. Nola Frame-Gray expressed the hope that there would be more dealers selling books this time. Leigh Strother-Vien said the Library now had a subscription to *The Fractal*, published by George Mason University. CL recovered from his earlier lapse, and said that the Diamond Anniversary Committee, consisting of himself, Ed Green, Mike Donahue, Fang Van Took and Mike Glycer, would be planning celebratory events throughout 1994, and that the Grand Marshall of the celebration would be none other than Forrest J Ackerman. Fang said that the club is closer to setting up its own computer bulletin board, and said that further suggestions and comments should go to him.

**Reviews:** Evan Sayer thought Kim Stanley Robinson's *Red Mars* was "quite good, what Ben Bova's *Mars* should have been." Planned are two sequels: *Green Mars* and *Blue Mars*, making RGB in all. James P. Hogan's *Out of Time*, on the other hand, was okay but not really worth the whole cost of the book. Lynn Maners recommended *Bart Simpson's Guide to Life* by Matt Groening. Mistie Joyce said she had greatly enjoyed the consults at Loscon 20, due to the fact that it wasn't just a room with a bowl of potato chips, but a suite where you could expect all manner of unexpected events, including a piñata, a potatohead contest and a lounge singer. Eric Simonsen thought S.N. Lewitt's *Songs of Chaos* had "nice ideas, but no stories." Mike Stern liked Harry Turtledove's *Toxic Spellcamp*, a fantasy/spy/mystery. Alex Pournelle had warm words for Ian Banks' *The Player of Games*, enjoyable despite some problems. Misty Johnstone thought Loscon



20's newsletter, *The Plush Pile*, was "an interesting read every time."

**Faanish Committee Reports:** Joe Zeff said that the recipient of an, er, marital implant had corrected the overly modest surgeon: "No, it's my pleasure," said the patient. Loren Wilton had what I hope was a joke about turning an East German bunker into an amusement park.

**Miscellaneous:** Evan Sayer thanked Loscon staff for rescheduling LASFS Literature Night for Saturday and making it work in the different time slot. CL once again showed off the Lantern to Attract Jack for donations to the Winter Holiday Party, reminding us that his satellite organizations will match donations a total of 75¢ on the dollar. Greg Bilan offered for sale a ticket to Patrick Stewart's reading of "A Christmas Carol." You mean the guy has time to do something besides commercial voice-overs? Chaz Baden apologized to anyone who thought he had been overly officious as editor of *The Plush Pile*, and solicited further suggestions and comments on the newsletter. Bruce E. Peiz said he would probably be selling off his collection of miniature hooch bottles, so if you're interested, start arranging the financing. Ed showed that the club had somehow gotten mail addressed to "The Bob Residence," and you don't have to be a subgenius to figure that one out.

Around 2128 the Mini-Scribe's ball-point pen ran out of ink, and we were declared ~~DOA~~ adjourned to the program.

Happy anniversary, Fredric, Father and Sweet Georgia Brown!

### MENACE OF THE LASFS, MEETING #2939, 9 DECEMBER 1993

By Matthew B. Tepper, Mini-Scribe

You know it's going to be a weird meeting when Mike Donahue does an impression of Rob Cole doing his impression of Marty Cantor. And indeed it was, as our favorite non-com, President Ssg Edward L. Green, pounded the gavel at 2007. Quoth the sergeant, "Agenda Lite," due to Procedural Elections which could be expected to expand whatever time was allotted for them. But that's another story. Previous week's Menace were read and approved as "opera, duck." Seeing the names of the nominees on the front whiteboard, Dr. Jerry Pournelle seized a marker and caused Ed Green's name to be writ first, leading all the rest, like Abou Ben Adhem. The modest Ssg deferred -- but more of that later.

Registrarmom Lucy Stern brought forth one guest, Chuck Forward of Sunland. He knew not what was in store. We saluted Patron Saint Marty Massoglia with three cheers "and another book sale Real Soon Now." And Dr. Pournelle, who could not contain himself, led off a catalogue for Sotheby's impending auction of ex-Soviet space paraphernalia. "You can't believe all the stuff in here!" he crowed, exulting at the chance to buy Korolev's slide rule. Ed Green explained to the crowd what a slide rule is.

Old Business: We had some, namely, Procedural Elections for Front Half 1994. The

previous week's presidential nominations had yielded the following lunatics: Matthew B. Tepper, Scratch Galloway, Fang A. Van Took, Merlin R. "Bob" Null, Mike Donahue, Elizabeth "just please make it Beth" O'Brien, George Mulligan, Christian Bainbridge McGuire and Harold "Hare" Hobbs. There were several further attempts to nominate Ssg Green, who declined repeatedly despite his overwhelming popularity with the masses. Also declining were Jerry Pournelle and Gary Louie (again).

As usual, the ballots were pastel 3"x5" cards distributed by the Treasurers to eligible voting members. As usual we had an auction for the right to select the ballot color. Mike Donahue paid \$10 to say his choice was green! There was a spirited round of ballot-counting in which Ed Green received many write-in votes, which met with all the tact and grace of a man who spent several months sleeping in barracks with a bunch of choirboys. Although Christian McGuire, Beth O'Brien and Mike Donahue achieved particularly honorable counts, the vote went to Matthew B. Tepper over Bob Null by 34-25. The president-elect made a brief statement: "Be afraid. Be very afraid." Mike Stern sagely pointed out that the next few months would be duck season. Matthew's victory speech suddenly took on an entirely new and different meaning.

Vice President: Reacting calmly were: Fang Van Took, Ed Green, George Mulligan, Beth O'Brien, Jerry Pournelle, Joe Zeff, and Mike Stern, all of whom declined. Reacting otherwise were Bob Null, and a tag-team of Joe Zeff with Steve Merritt. One ballot declared itself to be a vote "for sale to the highest bidder," and Christian paid \$8 for the privilege of voting for Ed Green. The jovial GI showed more of the same of this kind of popularity, accepting it with the same humility and gratitude as he had his write-in votes for president, but the balloting went to Bob Null over the tag-team by 49-14.

Scribe: There were lots of non-takers for this job, too: Ulrika O'Brien, Michael Mason, Nola Frame-Gray, Scratch Galloway, Christian McGuire, Jack Harness, Greg Bilan, Francis Hamit, Ky Moffet, Leigh Strother-Vien, Gary Louie, Steve Merritt, Galen A. Tripp, Lynn Maners, and Jerry Pournelle. Out of their wits were Mike Geyer, Gavin Claypool, George Mulligan ... and Ed Green, who when nominated seem to think it over for just a moment, and said, "Aw, hell, why not?" Jack Harness, noting the initial common among the candidates, thought he detected a "G-string." You'll note I said that Ed thought it over for just a moment, because when the ballots had been counted, Ed was shocked to see that he had squeaked past Mike Geyer, 33-31. So as you can see, the composition of the Dais Duo will be somewhat different for this term!

Registrar: Declining were The Stern Rabbie, Ed Green, Jim Shaun Lyon & Christian Bainbridge McGuire, Tom Digby, Mike Korp, George Mulligan, Mae Englert, Nola Frame-Gray, Robbie Cantor, Scratch Galloway, Joe Zeff & Steve Merritt, Alex Pournelle, Fang Van Took, Kimberlee Marks,

and Joe Fekete. Running were Elizabeth O'Brien, Lucy Stern, a tag-team of the aforementioned O'Brien and Stern, Greg Bilan, and Steve Merritt. Beth O'Brien had run a campaign based on motherhood and apple pie, and had spent the evening passing out apple pastries with Kim Marks and daughter-in-law Ulrika. This tart approach must have helped propel her to a 38-20 win over the tag-team.

Timebound Announcements: We had some. Ed Green said the official LASFS Gift Exchange would be held on Friday 17 December, with partying beginning at 1900 and the exchange itself starting at 2000. Charles Lee Jackson, II led a moment of silence for Don Ameche, whose Oscar was for his lead role in "Cocoon." CL also displayed the jack-o-lantern for donations for the Winter Holiday Party. Matthew noted that the auctions for ballot card colors had brought in a total of \$47. Lynn Maners had a card he was going to send to Kate Halleron in Atlanta, and invited her friends to sign it. Greg Bilan still had that Patrick Stewart ticket for sale. Joe Fekete announced his publication party for *Star+Quest*. And Greg Barrett had another nominee for the Fan/Fanac of the Year Contest: This particular round of LASFS Procedural Elections. And who would want to listen to such a fanac, so we adjourned at 2141 to escape into the open air.

Happy anniversary, Grace and Hobo Kelly!

### MENACE OF THE LASFS, MEETING #2940, 16 DECEMBER 1993

By Matthew B. Tepper, Mini-Scribe

This is the city, Los Angeles. Well, actually, it's North Hollywood. My name is Friday. Well, not really, but we meet on Thursdays. I carry a badge. Well, that's not really true, either. When there's a crime, we're on the scene. Close enough! It was 2010 when President Ssg Edward L. Green called the meeting to order with a special order of business. Two items had been left behind by our renters. One was a set of jumper cables, and the other was a garment described by onlookers as an "officially blank leather sling." If neither of these were claimed by their true owners in the next few weeks, chances are they would show up in a LASFS auction coming soon to a meeting near you.

And speaking of which, Ed said, "we got a bunch of auctioning." Bruce E. Peiz, S.O.B., F.N., SUHI did the honors, and displayed a couple of hard-to-get science fiction books that exemplified what would be showing up in the ceremonies in times to come. The present lots included many boxes o' kipple, some inspiring George Mulligan and Christian McGuire to spirited bidding, each offering to give the item to the other. Glenn Glazer had donated gift certificates totalling \$80 toward a Christmas tree, but after much fussing and discussing among the members these also wound up in the auction, raising \$7 for the club from Mitic Joyce to donate them to a women's shelter.

Patron Saint Fred Patten was honored with three cheers "and an infinite supply of comic

books you can't read at a price you can't afford," though George wanted to cheer him with "Banzai!" Programming for the evening, interestingly enough, would be a showing of some Japanese animation hosted by the same Fred Patten. Programs to take us to the end of the year would include a cartoon collection from Tom Safer. President-Elect Matthew B. Tepper already had programming done for January: Himself reading a story by a departed science fiction writer; a showing of the Four Marx Bros. in "Duck Soup," the big January auction, and the first special program from the Diamond Anniversary Committee.

Guests: Registrar-Elect Beth O'Brien got an early start on her job by introducing us to Will Culpepper of Hawthorne, Greg Niles of Santa Monica, and Jeron Lapre of Hermosa Beach, all acquaintances of Larry Niven and/or Steve Barnes to some degree. Ed Green said the ranking (very) of the Most Memorable Fan/Fanac Contest held steady at Auctions, Merkins, Andruschak, Busted Dupers, and December 1993 Procedural Elections.

We had no Old Business. "Yay," said the throng, like the crowd in a Jay Ward cartoon. We had some New Business of sorts, namely a petition to impeach Scribe-Elect Sgt Edward L. Green on the grounds of proto-feasance. The signatures on the petition were all those of LASFS members taking noms-de-plume of various world leaders (quick and dead), but in the end the motion was tabled for the traditional 99 years.

Timebound Announcements: The next evening, saith Ed, would be the LASFS Gift Exchange, run under the usual silly rules we tend to associate with such an event. Tim Merrigan said the De Profundis deadline was next week. Outgoing Semi-Vice President Fang Van Took said that LASFS Literature Night, last Fridays of every month, would be continued in 1994. Again with the "Yay." Jim Shaun Lyon said that Loscon 21 membership would be going from \$20 to \$25 in a matter of hours. Outgoing Semi-Vice President Mike Korp said the clubhouse would be open more or less per usual the evening of 24 December, and Leigh Strother-Vien said she hoped there would be at least three other Mah Jongg players. Rick Foss said the Los Angeles Reader had something of interest, namely his review of the infamous Eye of Argon.

Appointive Committee Reports: Charles Lee Jackson, II was pleased to say that the Serial Sub-Committee had wrapped up the showing of "The Masked Marvel," and would follow up with "Captain America," which isn't faithful to the comic, but lots of fun anyway. There would be no FWEMS this month, but the Winter Holiday Party on 25 December would more than make up for that. Leigh Strother-Vien said that there would be an official party at the LASFS Clubhouse on 31 December, hosted by The Chimera (Matthew, Bob Null and Leigh), starting at sevenish. Noting that the party had no name, the crowd ambled toward an auction to select the name. Mike Stern paid \$6.50 to name the party "Ed." Gee, it looks just like him!

Reviews: Evan Sayer liked To Save the Sun

by Ben Bova and A.J. Austin, saying it reminded him a bit of Foundation. Beth O'Brien said Greg Bear's Eon was "very interesting, but it kept my attention." Several people wondered if it took an eon to read, but she recommended it anyway. Mike Thorsen waved the paperback edition of *The Gripping Hand*, by a pair of guys named Nivem and Prell or somesuch, and said he thought it was "a gripping novel." Someone looked to see if Ed Buchman was in the room, but alas, he missed the cue. Shaun said the new "Star Wars" novel was not well-written, but note that he read it anyway after a number of false starts. Mike Stern had gotten the giggles from *The Crouton Interface* by John DeChancie, about a world of slime molds who have all gone to law school. He must have met my brother. Rick Foss said that *Demon Drums* by Carol Severance was part of a series that had changed in midstream from hard SF to fantasy. He couldn't imagine why this had happened, until Jerry Pournelle pointed out, "because fantasy sells much better than science fiction." Hare Hobbs thought "The Adventures of Brisco County, Jr." was getting wittier and more sfnal. Charlie Jackson said "The Attack of the 50' Woman," a knock-off of bad '50s SF cinema, was "like nine or ten interesting films cut up and jammed together without making sense." Many people thought the original was much better, but George thought the remake "had a certain funky charm to it." Ed Green reviewed *Mortal Error* by Berger (?), a book postulating that John F. Kennedy was killed in error by one of his own Secret Service agents. Oops!

Faanish Committee Reports: Francis Hamit had gotten a chuckle from a David Letterman stunt, where he pretended to work at a McDonald's, told a customer that they were out of onions, and asked the mark to go out and buy them some. Would you believe he did? Joe Zeff reviewed Rick Foss' review of *Eye of Argon* as "better written than the book." Rick responded that he certainly got paid better. Dr. Pournelle wondered about the reviewed edition of the timeless classic: "Is it being reproduced in all its glory, with all the mistakes?" It certainly was. Joe Zeff told how a trick-or-treater handed a woman a check she had written to a male stripper who had no convenient place to put it. Mike Stern told of *Cliche Brought to Life*, namely a dog (named "Dog") which accidentally shot its master. Evan told of an obscure requirement that some ATMs carry instructions in Braille, and one bank's decision to put these in the drive-through lane. David Something was aghast that his company jacket was 5% comprised of unknown material. Eric Simonsen said the new issue of *Final Frontier* had the DCX on the cover.

Miscellaneous: The Emperor said that subscriptions for *Amazing Adventures* for calendar year 1994 were \$20 for 12 issues, with a pro-rated money-back guarantee should he stop publishing. Say, Charlie, it's too bad you didn't get named editor of *Galaxy*! And the Lantern of Jack for the Winter Holiday Party plus his matching funds and Greg Bilan's auction items had taken in \$150.30 -- at least, as

George Mulligan tossed in a further bill. Frank Waller said he had gift packs of tasty comestibles, perfect for seasonal giving. And when the room of fruitcakes had run out of things to say, we adjourned to the program at 2120.

Happy anniversary, Lucille and Rubber Ball!

### January Birthdays

(These names and dates are from the 3rd edition of Bruce Pelz's *Fan Birthday Calendar* dated 1983. So if you have joined the club or changed your name or birthdate since then please let me know. --- TPM)

- 1 Seabury Quinn, Ella Parker, Cal Johnson
- 2 Patrick Nielson-Hayden, Isaac Asimov, Bill Broxon
- 3 Doris Pitkin Buck
- 4 Sherwood (Woody) Dodge, Mark Owings, Viken
- 5 Thom Digby
- 6 Eric Frank Russell, Larry W. Fontenot
- 7 Barbi Johnson, Graham Stone, Diana Louise Myers
- 8 Ellie Thompson
- 9 Greg Ketter, Barney Bernard, Algis Budrys, Terry Welden, Maco Tojima
- 11 Jerome Bixby, Jim Pillsbury, Donald Bacon
- 12 Joyce Jumper, Geoffrey Hoyle, Paula Lieberman, Mike Rogers
- 13 Ron Goulart, Lynne Norwood, Brian Forbes
- 14 Arthur Byron Cover, Arthur Kimes
- 15 Bill Bakewell, Ron Bounds
- 16 Karen Ben Ari
- 17 Dean W. Dickensheet, Anna Sinclair, Alva Rogers, Peter Edick
- 18 Eddie Jones
- 19 Adrienne Martine Barnes
- 20 Louis Charbonneau, George Jumper
- 22 Katherine MacLean, Sheldon Linker, Patrice Cook
- 23 Walter Miller, Craig Miller
- 24 Keith Hauer-Lowe, C.L. Moore, Jerry Kidd, David Gerrold, Mike Ward
- 25 Kathy Stevens, Teresa (Tezra) Reitan
- 26 Russ Hodgkins, Philip Jose Farmer, Dwight Decker
- 28 Ron Willson, Charles Fuller
- 29 Kathy Good, Greg Shaw, Bob Hollander
- 30 George Barr, Rick Weiss, Edith Ogutsch, Greg Benford, Jim Benford
- 31 Gail Selinger

### REVIEWS

I would like other fans to review movies/videos, records/tapes/cds, fanzines, comics, books, etc.

### BOOKS

reviewed by Michael Mason

*The Memory of Earth*  
by Orson Scott Card  
Series: Homecoming; Volume 1  
Tor HB 292 pgs \$21.95  
March 1992  
ISBN # 0-312-93036-4

This month I have found two very different books that I can recommend highly. The first, by Orson Scott Card, is the first of a new five book series about a planet that has been kept under strict control by a computer. The computer makes people not think about things that would lead them to technology. This has been going on for almost forty million years and would have continued indefinitely but the master computer discovered that it was no longer able to do the job to which it had been assigned. The computer, known as the Oversoul, decides that the only way to protect its charges is to send people back to Earth to get answers as to how to continue its mission. The book is the first of a five book series and with fully developed characters it should have been nominated for the Hugo. As it was, not enough people noticed it and the book went by without the fanfare due it.

**The Forever King**  
by Molly Cochran and Warren Murphy  
Tor HB 364 pgs \$21.95  
June 1992  
ISBN # 0-312-85227-4

The second book this month is a retelling of the story of King Arthur, but with one major twist. Most stories about Arthur talk about how he will return one day to lead mankind to peace and prosperity. But like Christ that is a prophecy that hasn't happened. Well in this book Arthur has returned and is once again a little boy. Galahad has returned (his soul) and he is now a retired FBI agent who is troubled by the boy that he failed to save. Together with Merlin, they must battle a psychopath named Saladin. Saladin has been alive for centuries because he has been in possession of the Holy Grail. He was in possession of it before it was the Holy Grail and as long as he has it with him he won't age. Arthur and Saladin must battle for possession of the Grail in order for Arthur to bring back Camelot.

The book is extremely original and the writing is extremely fresh and different with a style that will hook you within the first five pages and will keep you hooked till the very end. Many of the early surprises are things that you can predict but even when you guess things, they are revealed in a way that makes you happy for your correct anticipation. I really enjoyed this book, and I would recommend it to anyone looking for a good modern day fantasy novel with a touch of history in it. Arthur's place in history has a non-fiction feel to it at times, giving a more realistic feel to the novel.

This is another book that came out in 1992 that I missed when it first came out and I am only just getting around to reading. I wasn't that happy with any of the books that got nominated for the Hugo award this year. That is not to say that I disliked the books that won, but rather that I didn't think that they were that good. Here are two books that I have just now read that I feel are better than any of the nominated works. Maybe next year more deserving works will get noticed and the best book will truly win. But then again who am I fooling.

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reviewed by Cecil Rose

**Glimpses**  
by Lewis Shiner  
William Morrow & Co., October 1993  
331 pp., \$21.00 (Hardcover)  
ISBN # 0-688-12411-9

Ray Shackelford makes a comfortable living as a stereo repairman. He loves music and spends a lot of time thinking about great albums that never got made. One day he hears the music to a song never recorded coming out of the speakers in his shop. This is just the beginning of a personal odyssey that profoundly changes Ray's life.

Is this fantasy or science fiction? If you consider "Lest Darkness Fall" SF, then so is this. Shiner's novel is intimately bound up with the music loved by early boomers. A novel that makes you think. Recommended.

This won't mean anything to you until you read the book, but according to Shiner's interview on Hour 25, Brian Wilson showed up at one of his book signings, and apparently enjoyed the book.

**A Philosophical Investigation**  
by Philip Kerr  
Farrar Straus, Giroux, 1993  
330 pp., \$20.00 (Hardcover)  
ISBN # 0-374-23176-1

London, 2013. A serial killer is stalking and killing men with no apparent connection. But there is a connection, a list supposedly known only to the police themselves. Inspector "Jake" Jacowicz must find out how the killer knows these government secrets and stop the killings.

This novel is presented as a straightforward story of detection (not, by the way, a mystery story with clues for us to solve). I think it qualifies as SF because of the 'near-future' but nevertheless futuristic methods employed by both the police and the killer. Recommended.

WARNING: Definitely not for the squeamish.

## LETTERS

John Thiel  
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Dear Merrigan and LASFS:

Thank you for the second copy of #259. You know, Tepper is the sharpest recorder of club meetings I have ever observed. Hearing Mulligan order kung pao is unusually alacritic. I suppose he doesn't miss a minute of those meetings.

I always find it interesting to note addresses on ads. For instance, I know an af fan in Corvallis, where the Cyborg short story contest originates. Every time I mention such things to the fans living in the same town as an sf project, though, I find that they have no knowledge of the project and cannot acquire any, and vice versa. Apparently the theory that a town or a city is a large and complex place prevails, even overriding informal get-acquaintedness in sf.

As to #260, yes, I saw a letter from Andre Norton in a fanzine recently, and was similarly surprised that she was still alive, as an issue of PL was returned from a recent address I had on her. But mail bounced another person's zine back from Florida because she was temporarily out of town, and she wrote later and got back on my mailing list.

Mobius says they live closer to San Diego than to Houston, an explanation of their title. It must give you a close feeling to receive their zine.  
Sincerely,  
John Thiel

Dear John:

Do you know of any projects in the LArea that I don't have listed here? What is "PL"?  
Tim Merrigan

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FROM: Supreme Duck of Mikhail Gorbachev

TO: Southern California Poverty Area  
Science Fantasy Society

RE: Highly Seasoned Greetings for the New Year

Dear Comrades:

Giving best wishes to you once again from older and wiser, not to mention kinder and gentler, former head of state. Am informed you recently elected, by democratic railroad process, Sergeant Edvard Green to First Secretary of LASFS. East is Red and West is Green, da? Is excellent color coding, very easy to remember.

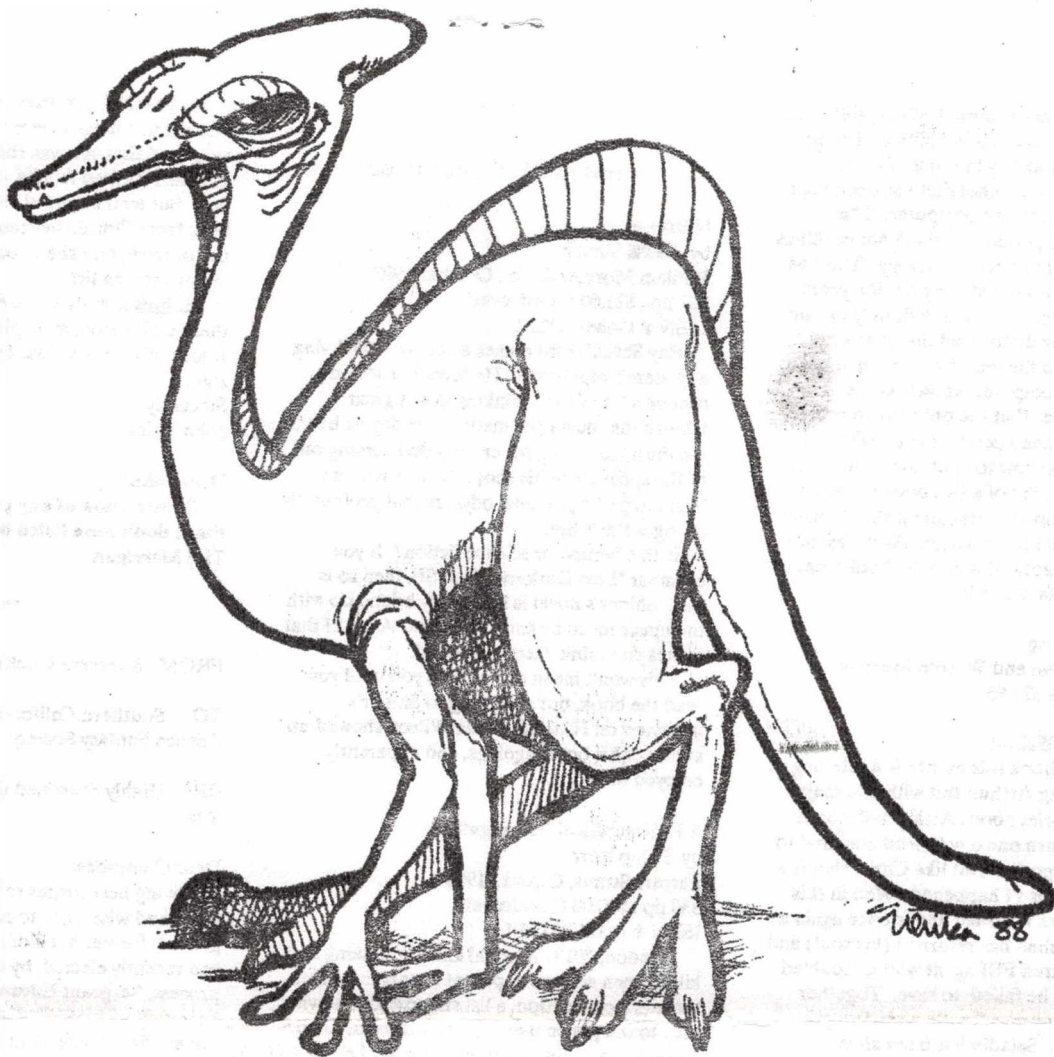
Am noting how often Western democracies wind up getting run by the military. Exchanging directorship with post of First Secretary is good Leninist strategy, Eddy. Also makes fewer people to shoot when falling out of favor with the party. Too bad you are not Communist. Communism has great party favors.

Our own recent elections in whatever is name of our great and glorious country at the moment, not surprising. Predictably, Boris Yeltsin is losing grip on government. Not surprising. Last year, he lost polygrip on his dentures.

Apologies once again for not visiting Tinsel Town, but not wanting to be in area of racial unrest and unemployment such as yours. Turned down opportunity to be foreign correspondent for Los Angeles Times because of difficulty in shifting identity from former superpower to mild mannered reporter for a great metropolitan newspaper.

Ciao, 'Chev

The above was read to the LASFS Gift Exchange by Bruce Peiz.



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