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Official Announcements

Obituaries

Nola Frame-Gray's brother Noel Frame died 31 July 1998.

Programs

- Sept. 3 LASFS Salon
- Sept. 10 Guest TBA
- Sept. 17 Discussion: H. Beam Piper
- Sept. 24 Japanimation (by CLJII)
- Oct. 1 LASFS Salon

Calendar

(Money notations: \$ = U.S. dollars; SA = Australian dollars; £ = British Pounds Sterling; C\$ = Canadian dollars; M\$ = Mexican Pesos; NZ\$ = 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, August 27th, 1998

LASFS meeting 3185 8 pm till ?; Preprogram: 1947 Republic Serial: "The Black Widow" Chapter 4 of 7 and Cartoon; Program: "Americamition" hosted by Tom Safer; Distribution of *De Profundis* 316; St. John Trimble; *APA-L* 1737

Friday, August 28th, 1998

LASFS open house; 8 PM till ? at the clubhouse

T.R.I.P.E.

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: \$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/>

Tuesday, September 1st, 1998

clubhouse rented

Thursday, September 3rd, 1998

LASFS meeting 3186 8 pm till ?; Preprogram: 1947 Republic Serial: "The Black Widow" Chapter 5 of 7 and Cartoon; Program: LASFS Salon ; St. Emil Luwish; *APA-L* 1738

Friday, September 4th, 1998

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

Saturday, September 5th, 1998

clubhouse rented

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: \$60 at the door; 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>>

Thursday, September 10th, 1998

LASFS meeting 3187 8 pm till ?; Preprogram: 1947 Republic Serial: "The Black Widow" Chapter 6 of 7 and Cartoon; Program: Guest TBA; St. Michael Thorsen; *APA-L* 1739

Friday, September 11th, 1998

LASFS open house; 8 PM till ? at the clubhouse

Saturday, September 12th, 1998

clubhouse rented

Los Angeles Filkers Anonimous; Mike Burgess, host, 5102 W. 136th Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250; Phone: 310-679-5662; Pre-Filk Dinner: 5:00 PM; Filk: 7:00 PM

Sunday, September 13th, 1998

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

LASFS Second Sunday Open House 2 PM at the clubhouse

Wednesday, September 16th, 1998
Fandom Universal Computer Club; 7 PM
at the clubhouse; Contact Bob Null at
818-762-1429

Thursday, September 17th, 1998
LASFS meeting 3188 8 pm till ?;
Preprogram: 1947 Republic Serial: "The
Black Widow" Chapter 7 of 7 and
Cartoon; Program: Discussion: H. Beam
Piper; **DEADLINE FOR DE
PROFUNDIS 317**; Sts. Len & June
Moffatt; *APA-L* 1740

Friday, September 18th, 1998
LASFS open house; 8 PM till ? at the
clubhouse

Saturday, September 19th, 1998
clubhouse rented

Sunday, September 20th, 1998
Time Meddlers, 10 AM 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: Alison
Armitage and Michael Worth from "Acapulco
H.E.A.T."; Admission: \$5; Info: 818-954-8432

Wednesday, September 23rd, 1998
clubhouse rented

Thursday, September 24th, 1998
LASFS meeting 3189 8 pm till ?;
Preprogram: 1948 Columbia Serial:
"Superman" Staring Kirk Alyn Chapter 1
of 15 and Cartoon; Program:
Japanimation (by CLJII); Distribution of
De Profundis 317; St. Ron Ellik; *APA-L*
1741

Friday, September 25th, 1998
LASFS open house; 8 PM till ? at the
clubhouse

T.R.I.P.E.

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,
Fredericton, 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:
<wombat@sff.net>; URL:

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

Saturday, October 17th, 1998

Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous; Scarboro Lair (Bob
"Blars" Larson host), 3384 Scarboro St., Los
Angeles, CA 90065; Phone: 213-222-5459

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 & Marriott
Hotels, Monterey, CA; GoH: TBA; Special Guest:
Frank M. Robinson; TM: Richard A. Lupoff;
Memb: \$125/485; Info: 555 Bryant St. #552, Palo
Alto, CA 94301

November 12th-15th, 1998

Orycon 20; Doubletree Hotel Portland Columbia
River; Rprtland, 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.titlport.com/~ostei/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 Ellers; Media
GoH: Memb: \$35 till 10/31/98; \$40 at
the door; Info: c/o LASFS, 11513
Burbank Blvd., N. Hollywood, CA
91601, attn: Kim Marks Brown; phone:
818-760-9234; E-Mail:

<loscon25@lasfs.org>; URL:

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

February 12th-15th, 1999

The Tenth Planet of Gallifrey One; Airtel Plaza
Hotel, Van Nuys, CA; GoHs: Nicholas Courtney,
Casey Biggs, Djo Trimble, etc; Memb: \$40 till
1/31/99, \$45 at the door; Info: Gallifrey
Conventions, P.O. Box 3021, N. Hollywood, CA
91609; Phone: 818-752-3756; E-Mail:

<GalleyOne@aol.com>; URL:

<http://gallifreyone.com>

March 1999

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

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

March 4th-7th, 1999

1999 World Horror Convention; Marriott North
Central Hotel, Atlanta, GA; GoHs: Michael Bishop,
John Shirley, and Lisa Srellings; Toastmaster: Neil
Gaiman; Info: WHC 99, P.O. Box 148, Clarkton,
GA 30021-0148; E-Mail: <HorrorCon@aol.com>;
URL: <www.worldhorror.org>

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 (Westcon[®] LII); Doubletree City
Center, Spokane, WA; GoHs: C.J. Cherryh &
Kristine Kathryn Rusch; 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@iea.com>; URL:
<www.webwatch.com/westerconsokane.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;
Editor GoH: Ellen Datlow; Memb: \$85
till 12/31/98; 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>

November 26th-28th, 1999

Loscon 26; Burbank Hilton & Towers;
GoH: ; Artist GoH: ; Fan GoH: ; Media
GoH: ; Memb: ; Info: c/o LASFS,
11513 Burbank Blvd., N. Hollywood, CA
91601, attn: Liz Mortensen; phone:

818-760-9234; E-Mail:

<loscon26@lasfs.org>; URL:

<http://www.lasfs.org/loscon26>

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; GoFs: Pauline B Nicholson & Pauline L Meinung; Memb: \$NZ20; Info: P.O. Box 333, Dunedin, New Zealand

July 1st-4th, 2000

Conolulu (Westercon, LIII); Sheraton Waikiki, 2255 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii; GoFs: TBA; Memb: TBA; Info: 42 Aekai PL., Lahaina, HI 9676 [sic]; Phone: (?); E-Mail: <trpo@maui.net>; URL: <http://www.sfsfo.org/>

August 31st - September 4th, 2000

Chicon 2000 (Worldcon, 58); Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA; Auther GoF: Ben Bova; Artist GoF: Bob Eggleton, Editor GoF: Jim Baen; Fan GoFs: 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.)

Aboriginal Science Fiction; Ish. Nos. 57 & 58, Summer 1998; P.O. Box 2449, Woburn, MA 01888-0849; prozine that should have gone directly to the Library

BCSFAzine: The Monthly Newsletter of the British Columbia Science Fiction Association 303; both claiming to be Aug.; Vol. 26, #8; c/o 1855 W. 2nd Ave. Apt. 110, Vancouver, B.C., V6J 1J1, Canada; Editor: John C.H. Wong

DASFax, Aug. '98, Vol. 30, No. 8; monthly newsletter of the Denver Area Science Fiction Association, c/o Sourdough Jackson, 31 Rangeview Dr., Lakewood, CO 80215; Editor: Sourdough Jackson

The Froethinker #7, July '98; Tom Feller's occasional genzine; P.O. Box 68203, Nashville, TN 37206-8203; E-Mail: <ccws74a@prodigy.com>; URL: <http://pages.prodigy.com/trfeller/cover.htm>

Fosfax 192, Aug. '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 51, Aug. '98; Richard F. Geis, P.O. Box 11408, Portland, OR 97211-0408
Instant Message 629, July 22, '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 246, Aug. '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

OASFis Event Horizen: Orlando Area Science Fiction Society Clubzine; Vol. 11, No. 8, Ish. 133, Aug. '98; P.O. Box 940992, Maitland, FL 32794-0992

The Orange Pulp: Newsletter of the Orange County Science Fiction Club, Ish. #71 Vol.

12, No. 4 July '98; P.O. Box 9225, Fountain Valley, CA 92728-9225; Editor: Jeff Stein

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

Pulsar: The Newsletter of the Portland Science Fiction Society; Ish. 238, Aug. '98; P.O. Box 4602, Portland, OR 97208

Scavenger's Newsletter, No. 174, Aug. '98; "...monthly marketletter for SF/Fantasy/Horror/Mystery writers and artists with an interest in the small press..."; c/o Janet Fox, 519 Ellinwood, Osage City, KN 66523-1329

Tightbeam #212 July '98; Editor: Janine Stinson, P.O. Box 430314, Big Pine Key, FL 33043-0314; Letterzine of the N3F

Trash Barrel: Fanzine review zine by Donald Franson, 6543 Babcock Ave., N. Hollywood, CA 91606-2308

Westwind: The Magazine of the Northwest Science Fiction Society; July & Aug. '98, Ishs. 231 & 232; P.O. Box 24207, Seattle, WA 98124; Editor: George Nyhen

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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 for Orlando in '01; Presupporting \$8, Preopposing \$20; Info: MCFI/Boston in '01, P.O. Box 1010, Framingham, MA 01701-0205; e-mail: <info@mefi.org>; URL:

<http://world.std.com/~sbarsky/b200.html >

Vatican City in 2001; E-Mail:

<mutnchop@bronx.lcs.mit.edu>; URL:

<bid2001vatican.html>

Hel, Norway in 2001 (Condemnation D);

E-Mail: <cyohtee@tezcat.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@tezcat.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@s2002.sfsfc.org>; URL:

<http://www.sfsfc.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@tezcat.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@tezcat.com>;

URL:

<http://www.tezcat.com/~cyohtee/small.html>

Tokyo, Japan in 2005 (It's A Small

Worldcon); Info: E-Mail: <cyhchice@tezcat.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

Chichen Itza 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>

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

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

NASFiC® Bids

Westercon® Bids

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-Supposer \$6, Pre-Disposer \$6, Special Two-For-One Offer \$10.

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(in no particular order)

1998 Hugo Winners¹

- Best Novel: *Forever Peace* by Joe Haldeman
- Best Novella: "...Where Angels Fear to Tread" by Allen Steele
- Best Novelette: "We Will Drink A Fish Together..." by Bill Johnson
- Best Short Story: "The 43 Antarean Dynasties" by Mike Resnick
- Best Non-Fiction Book: *The Encyclopedia of Fantasy* by John Clute and John Grant
- Best Dramatic Presentation: "Contact"
- Best Professional Editor: Gardner Dozois
- Best Professional Artist: Bob Eggleton
- Best Semiprozine: *Locus*
- Best Fanzine: *Mimosa*
- Best Fan Writer: Dave Langford
- Best Fan Artist: Joe Mayhew
- John W. Campbell Award: Mary Doria Russell

20% LASFS Discount from Bruce Pelz when he's selling books at the clubhouse or at Loscon.

Amazing Adventures is available from CLJII Presentations, \$2.50 per issue (plus 75¢ postage if necessary). Each issue features a novelette (super-hero, western, space opera) a chapter of a continuing serial, and a cartoon strip (usually "The Brontosaurus and the Toad").

See *The Emperor* at LASFS, or write to: CLJII, P.O. Box 38604, Hollywood, CA 90038-0604.

The Children's Literature Committee seeks new additions of the LASFS Children's Recommended Reading List. Any submissions can be given to a librarian, dropped in the suggestion box in the front hall of Building 4SJ, or submitted to Greg Barrett at <gregbarrett@lasfs.org>.

AVON: If you are interested in buying Avon products, contact Lauraine Tutihasi, who is now an Avon representative. Call 310-981-5485 (days) or 310-265-0766 (eve's, weekends) for info, or to order brochure.

Llewellyn Publishers (P.O. Box 64383, St. Paul, MN 55164-0383) announces publication of *Time Travelers from the Future* by Dr. Bruce Goldberg; \$12.95; C\$17.95

Last month I ran an announcement from Aardvark Literary Agents that they were soliciting slush. Shortly after the mailing was sent out I received the following E-Mail:

Subject: announcement in July De Prof
 Date: Tue, 14 Jul 1998 21:33:01 -0500 (CDT)
 From: Dan Goodman
 <dsgood@visi.com>
 To: de.profundis@mnsf.org,
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Among the news items (page 4) in the July De Prof is a mention of Aardvark Literary Agents as a place to send manuscripts.

It's my opinion that this is worse than useless. Whether they're crooks has not yet been settled; the case against the phony book doctor they've referred people to has not yet ended.

The Short Mystery Fiction Society
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SCAM ALERT
by Kate Grilley

"A fool and his money are soon parted." Keep your wallets/checkbooks firmly shut when these folks come calling.

Once again, some of our previously mentioned Alerts are in the news...

[snips]

WOOD BOOK DOCTORS

You've submitted your manuscript to an agent, you get back a letter saying "I like it BUT it needs work, send it Dr. Book and I'll look at it again after you've revised it." Before you write a check to Dr. Book, do your homework. Talk to friends who've been published, talk to your writer's group, post a message on the internet. There are legitimate free-lance editors who can help you improve your manuscript, there are also scam artists who are only out to pick your pocket. Sad to say, some agents who recommend specific book doctors get a kick-back from the book doctor or editing service. Writer, beware!

My spies inform me...

Warning: the following agents/agencies have recommended the book doctors Edit Ink: Aardvark Literary Agents; Authors Literary Agency of Dallas, Texas; Elaine Davie Literary Agency; Feigen Literary Agency/Brenda Feigen Literary Agency; Literary Bridge; New Scribes Literary Agency; New Brand Agency Group out of Coconut Creek, FL; and Alison J. Picard. The following publishers have recommended Edit Ink: Amherst Press; Baldwin & Knowlton Books; Crescent Books; and Discus Publishers.

We've discussed Edit Ink in previous Scam Alert columns...again, beware! I have yet to hear a positive experience with Edit Ink or one that resulted in a manuscript sale.

[snips]

Tim -- Edit Ink is being sued for fraud by the New York State Attorney General. Aardvark is one of the agencies with a history of referring people to them for a fee paid by Edit Ink.

Dan Goodman
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Whatever you wish for me, may you have twice as much.

Menace
Menace of the LASFS #3024
 July 27, 1995
 President: Ed Green
 Scribe: Alex Pournelle

¹Courtesy of SCI-FILE 76

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

Chairman: Robbie Cantor

Secretary: Shaun Lyon

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 Glycer

Menace of the LASFS #3130

August 7, 1997

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Scribe: Beth O'Brian and/or Mike Glycer

LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3138

October 2, 1997

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Scribe: Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Scribe.

LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3144

November 13, 1997

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Scribe: Mike Glycer or Beth O'Brian.

LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3146

November 27, 1997

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Scribe: Mike Glycer 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 3151 -- January 1, 1998.

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Scribe: Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary.

LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3167

April 23, 1998

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Scribe: Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary.

LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3168

April 30, 1998

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Scribe: Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary.

LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3169

May 7, 1998

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Scribe: Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary.

LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3175

June 18, 1998

President: Matthew B. Tepper

Scribe: Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary.

MENACE OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3177, July 2, 1998

President: Christian "One Half of Aslan"

McGuire (substituting for him: Bob

"Aslan-Hunter" Null)

Scribe: Shaun "The Other Half of Aslan" Lyon.

The Aslan Confederacy officially began its first reign of terror over the LASFS this evening, though sadly lacking half of itself due to the inauspicious timing of a certain San Diego convention event. I think we've pretty much figured out who the "back end of Aslan" is for this term. On with the show...

Vice-President Bob Null

officially began the meeting at 8:11 pm. Secretary Shaun Lyon, in his first attempt at minutes for the regular meeting, tried desperately to keep up, deciding to delay his panic until after the meeting to avoid confusion.

Menace: No Menace from the previous meeting could be located.

Patron Saint: Charles Lee

Jackson II gave us a brief introduction to Saint Doug Abe, one of the club's "living wallets" who donated many things including a video collection. Despite comments that he'd managed to make it to the club for his Saint night in previous years, he wasn't here. Three rousing cheers were offered (CLJ II: "... on a tasty bed of rice surrounded by seaweed".

Committee Reports: Mike

Stern announced a Magic: The Gathering tournament for this Friday, and noted that "someone may in fact do well, considering that Jeff Stansfield wasn't going to be there."

CLJ II announced several items including making note of the programming bulletin board in the back of the room, including tonight's continuation of last week's program; and next week's wrapup-slash-autopsy of Westercon. He said that Glycer was to take notes and was then going to send an open letter to the Westercon committee about the pros and cons of the event. As he continued, Jerry Pournelle came in singing... what the hell was that about? CLJ also noted upcoming July events including a talk by Don Glut, some Japanimation, and the LASFS Salon.

Bob asked CLJII if there was any news on the picnic; he said there was still ongoing discussion about its location. While Griffith Park was touted, David Keller made note of the nearby Johnny Carson Park in Burbank, which was also noted as a possible combo-trip with the L.A. Zoo. A show of hands indicated

some interest. There was also mention of a trip to the California Science Center (which used to be the Museum of Science and Industry), or the possibility of the La Brea area, should there continue to be no sign of distressing volcanic activity.

CLJ II continued with remarks about the LASFS video collection. Dave Langford asked if there was a list printed, and it was noted that there was no such list in existence. An, er, um, discussion ensued, the outcome of which was not noted because it was thankfully taken off line. (Duck and cover, and no this doesn't mean you, Matthew Tepper). CLJ also noted the FWEMS movie night at the end of the month with a theme of "First Contact," featuring the films "Independence Day," "Mars Attacks" and "Star Trek: First Contact", with some other serials running.

Green's Gouge (otherwise known as the Auction): Began and ended without incident. Well, not really... when asked his name, Dave Voyt identified himself as Jerry Pournelle, which was highly amusing at the time. Four copies of the same magazine were bid on together, three were returned and re-auctioned, two were then returned... and so forth. Allan Rothstein made note of the last of the four copies as "the last of its kind".

Announcements: Len Moffatt informed the assemblage that he was going in for surgery soon on his carotid arteries. All present wished him the very best of luck.

Matthew Tepper noted that tonight was the 30th Anniversary of his first con attendance, FunCon. My, how time flies, eh? Allan Rothstein noted that he was indeed on the cover of the new issue of the Batman comic, twice!! Several of us actually noticed that the artwork looked like him, but it's also highly possible that he changed his appearance to look like the cover. Liz Mortensen commanded everyone to pick up their new DeProf, and also noted the posted address list for club members in the front building, and asked people to make corrections. The new version will have email. Glenn Glazer wondered if the video list should be included on the back page and, well, that was the end of Glenn Glazer.

CLJ II noted the name of the organization printed on the front board, "The Committee for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal," is for real. It's acronym is, indeed, CSI-COP. Jerry Pournelle was called on, but answered, "Well, I had one... that blew it out of my head." He then suddenly remembered that the Deputy Administration of NASA, which had grounded the X-plane project he'd championed, had left and was then hired as an executive at Lockheed... so he's now heading the project. Dave Voyt noted that Major General Marion Carl, a medal of honor winner and the first man to fly at twice the speed of sound, had been shot by thugs recently.

Ed Green noted that as of November 26, 1999, he would be a civilian again. Mike Stern commented about a letter of comment in one of the many versions of the magazines auctioned during Green's Gouge (ahem!) noting that, in reference to Arthur C. Clarke, Congress should legislate to zero on the speed of light. (My notes are sketchy here; that should teach you about putting a blond in the secretary's chair.) Joe Zeff had found an item on the Usenet newsgroups about the name of the newly discovered fossilized remains of a frog, which translated out of the original Latin means "creature from the black lagoon". Matthew Tepper noted that "birds is dinosaurs after all" and a revelation about Mr. Tepper crept over the room. Huh.

Reviews: Joe Fekete reviewed Anne McCaffrey's "Killashandra" as good, except for the "mush" which may prevent him from reading more of her. Betty Knight said the new "X-Files" movie was spooky, interesting, but extremely confusing. Said Dr. Pournelle, "So did the screenwriter and the director." Hare Hobbs had gone to an X-Files club meeting at a convention and was scared by half of the members who thought of themselves as "believers".

CLJII made a comment about the bird/dinosaur connection, to which Pournelle interjected that co-existence was possible, seeing as though there were "terror birds" and humans in Texas 5 to 12 thousand years ago, as opposed to today, where they're both extinct. CLJ noted the two good things in the video release of "Speed 2" were a Stella Luna

finger puppet and the notice that "no oceans were polluted in the making of this film". Allan Rothstein later disagreed, noting that the two good things in "Speed 2" were on Sandra Bullock.

An unidentified gentleman saw a very early preview of the Warner Bros. animated film "Iron Giant" about a boy and a robot, saying the animation was okay, and the two minutes of color he'd seen were great. Greg Barrett noted that the new California lottery scratchers based on "Mask of Zorro" stunk. Don Wenner said he'd read "Toxic Spill Dump" and was impressed; he also noted that Harry Turtledove would be on HOUR 25 the following night. Don went on to mention that he'd read "Futility: Sinking of the Titan" which some had said was very similar to the Titanic disaster, written 14 years before, but was disappointed.

Doris Chu said a producer is looking for 3-D scripts, or was it scripts in 3-D -- hey, remember, Plot Matters. Ahem. Frank Waller plugged his wares. Lucy Stern announced both Westercon and Anime Expo for those of you planning on going. CLJ noted that he was up to 169 films this year on his screening list, there were ruminations of a contest happening and LASFS would get some of the proceeds. Good show.

We thankfully adjourned to Lawrence Welk music... well, not really, but one can get the idea.

MENACE OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3178, July 9, 1998

President: Christian McGuire of Narnia

Scribe: Shaun Lyon, which of the Wardrobe

President Christian McGuire officially began the meeting at 8:11pm, just like Veep McNull did last week... I think there's a trend here. The usual moves to adjourn followed, with Charles Lee Jackson II noting that the program would also be canceled in that case. We went ahead with the meeting anyway despite the threat.

Special Order of Business: CLJ II noted the passing of Roy Rogers, as he put it "someone universally well-liked". His film "Spoilers of the Plains" was science fiction related, and it was noted he'd starred in a couple of fantasies as

well such as "In Touch with Paleface". Also noted were the passings of noted Hollywood doers Steven Wasserman and Gary Devore.

Special Motion: Joe Zeff stated a long-assumed notion that all of new Prez McGuire's "motions" (you've had to be here) were held permanently out of order. Said Mike Stern, he was "allowed to inhale, not exhale, and not breathe" or some such. Either way, we realized that we were in for one long six month stand.

Menace: Read and adjusted briefly without bloodshed as "practically chicken" (though Scribe McLyon liked Mr. Stern's "Lions 1, Christians 0"). Mike Glycer's final Menace of the previous term were also read during this time, and were approved as "exasperated". Prez McGuire made positive comments about the new Scribe's horrific first attempt at Menace; a nauseated Ed Green moved to adjourn.

Old Business: There wuddn't none.

Patron Saint: Prez McGuire offered three cheers for tonight's patron saint Mark Schirmeister, a cartoonist "known for funny animals" said CLJ II. "Like Rembrandt," offered Allan Rothstein. CLJ II said Mr. Schirmeister was active in furry animal fandom and had also designed a float for the city of South Pasadena in a recent Rose Parade called "Goin' to the Mooovies".

New Business: None. Progress!

Green's Gouge: Money was raised during the auction, huzzah huzzah. Matthew Tepper, of course, started a minor bidding war to give it to whomever had just been outbid, but we won't go into that.

Committee Reports: Prez McGuire opened the subject first with a report from the Committee to Influence Fandom, noting that Westercon 53 had just been awarded to Honolulu, Hawaii, over the weekend of July 1-4, 2000, with Dan Simmons as GoH, Ctein as Artist GoH and John Lorentz as Fan GoH. The con had been named "Conolulu" apparently by Bruce Pelz, who later off the record couldn't remember if he'd actually been the culprit.

Matthew Tepper noted a new addition to the LASFS website, a Photo Album located, naturally, at www.lasfs.org/photoalbum. This was the

beginnings of a project that both he and Bruce Pelz are working on to put the faces of members and related events on the website and not scare anyone from returning. Wha a concept!

Lucy Stern announced a Japanimation programming taking place over the weekend at the Shrine Auditorium. Mike Stern made note that because of the absence of Jeff Stansfield, he was able to win the Magic tournament at the previous Friday's meeting, and Bruce Pullman had come in second, even though there had only been 4 people. Still, it was a lot of fun.

CLJII reiterated tonight's program, which would involve pros and cons of Westercon, Mike Glycer and a pen. (I'm sure you can figure it out.) He also briefed us about the survey of Johnny Carson Park in Burbank for the picnic, which by all indications would work out splendidly; it even has barbeque grills. The date of August 29 was touted and CLJ will check with the city of Burbank to host this, as he put it, RASFS event.

Tim Merrigan noted that the deadline for the next DeProf is July 23rd.

Guests: Registrar Selina Phanara had four "really cool" ones... Alec Orrock, Jackie Langa, Sean Strebin and John Bongiovanni. We welcomed them accordingly.

Announcements: Prez McGuire noted that the "entire ConuCopia committee" had been invited to a housewarming party at the home of John & Bjo Trimble so he mentioned it to everyone. Matthew Tepper said that in 1969, the Trimbles had hosted a similar party, albeit for something slightly less interesting (like, the moon landing!)

Allan Rothstein was called upon as "Allan Rotsler" and that pretty much ended it for Prez McGuire. Allan continued by making note again of the Batman cover he was on in case any of you hadn't seen it. He also noted that Len Moffatt's surgery had gone well, and that he may have returned home today. His carotid artery had actually been blocked with scar tissue, but the doctors had done a good job and Len was on the road to recovery. Great news.

Don Wenner noted some storytelling sessions at Raven's Flight Bookstore on Friday, July 17 as well as on August 8 at 7:30; both were \$5

admission. He also noted a storytelling session at the Alexandria II bookstore, which many assembled members were surprised had opened doors again, but wasn't aware of the date. Kathy Carder made mention of this weekend's live storytelling session on the Sci-Fi Channel, "Alien Voices" with Leonard Nimoy and John deLancie.

Le Prez said we'd been called by a fan who wanted the seventh episode of Invasion America. After a small debate as to the existence of a seventh episode, Brett Achorn volunteered. Allan Rothstein was looking for a copy of the L.A. Weekly "top 100 films" list and Scribe Shaun volunteered to give him his copy which as he's typing this he has suddenly realized he's probably thrown away so make sure you tell him as you read this that you are sorry Shaun. Oh, sorry Allan.

Frank Waller made mention of "Thirdspace," the Babylon 5 movie airing Sunday, July 19, as being the only B5 you're going to get until November so stock up while you can.

Fannish Committee Reports: Joe Zeff reported that the Chicken Cannon was in use again but someone was using a turkey instead and had hit a plane's window but didn't shatter it, so it was now turkey-proof. Unlike the LASFS.

Mike Stern's Committee of Frightening Things in Everyday Life noted that this was National "Take a Nudist Vacation" Month. Don Wenner had heard a frightening thing of his own, saying that he'd been referred to a guy who wanted to make movies as gory and interesting as possible and was looking for real tanks and things to blow up. Yikes. Matthew Tepper noted that a famous piece by Puccini, "Turandot", which takes place in the Forbidden City in Beijing, was being performed there for the first time.

Reviews: Prez McG reviewed by new Miles Vorkosigan novel "Komarr" by Lois McMaster Bujold and although he was surprised at some of the story's direction he liked it. Sandy Cohen said "Armageddon" was "the loudest and most edited film of the year" but that "Bruce Willis was Bruce Willis". He also was disappointed with "Thirdspace" which he'd caught during the sneak at

Westercon but still recommended it for fans, though it didn't meet up with the quality of the rest of the series.

Hare Hobbs had gone to a preview showing of a film but was turned away because he didn't meet their "demographics". Hare joined the assembled group in a really good laugh wondering what that really meant. He also thought "Armageddon" was silly. Mike Stern reviewed "Wyrd Sisters" by Terry Pratchett; a "funny book," he said, which was a combination of "MacBeth, Hamlet, A Midsummer's Night's Dream and maybe even The Tempest". Bill Shakespeare'd sue, I tell you.

Allan Rothstein prefaced his review of "movies he hasn't seen" by noting he'd heard about them from Bill Warren. "Small Soldiers" was apparently not Joe Dante's best film but entertained. "Zorro" eventually was much better, but with not quite as much Zorro action as you'd expect. It is faithful to the period ("what period?" asked CLJ II; "I don't know, I haven't seen it!" answered Rothstein).

Christian reviewed Terry Gilliam's adaptation of Hunter S. Thompson's "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" as "just as crazy and out there as the book" and very funny. Stephen Whitehead noted that White Wolf Publishing had just come out with the fourth volume of "Farfar and the Gray Mouser" by Fritz Leiber and said it was "very Tolkienesque" and quite good. He noted that the first three books were now in paperback. CLJ II of course noted that Leiber was a member of LASFS.

Miscellaneous: Frank Waller plugged. Brett Achorn scared us with the notion of Jim Carrey as the Incredible Mister Limpet as the trades had recently mentioned, and on that note, we adjourned to the long dark teatime of the soul...

MENACE OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.
Meeting 3179, July 16, 1998

President: Christian McGuire of Narnia
Scribe: Shaun Lyon, which of the Wardrobe.

President Christian McGuire rejected the usual motions to adjourn, despite the fact that he specifically requested Emperor Charles Lee Jackson

II to "turn him on". I guess you had to be there...

Special Order of Business: CLJ II noted that Czar Nicholas II was still dead, as General Francisco Franco had conceded.

Menace: Read and adjusted, and approved as turandot.

Old Business: Not today.

Patron Saint: Three cheers offered for tonight's patron saint Bill Curry. Nola Frame-Gray mentioned that Bill had helped her discover the LASFS after meeting him at Equicon 1974. He's known as someone who sells books and laughs quite a bit.

New Business: Prez McG noted that the club had received a letter from Kurt Miller of Anime Expo regarding the horrific treatment the convention had received from the Anaheim Hilton (as was noted, where we also had this, um, little convention in September 1996).

Green's Gouge: Ed Green auctioned stuff as usual and we made a bit of money.

Committee Reports: CLJ II noted tonight's program, which would be a talk by author Don Glut, who was prepared to discuss the "dino-bird thing" we'd been referring to for several weeks now. Mr. Glut's repertoire was noted including such breathtaking works as "Dinosaur Valley Girls," and of course his love for the serials was noted by our Emperor. "Like Frankenberry," said June Moffatt. He also noted the FWEMS gathering at the end of the month, with the aforementioned theme of "First Contact."

Tim Merrigan noted the DeProf deadline of July 23rd.

Special Order of Business, Redux: Chairman of the Board Bruce Pelz came forward nothing a movement to amend the standing rules of the club vis'a'vis Loscon. Among the various items mentioned as being proposed for amendment included a repayment to the following year of the previous year's down-payment for specific financial reporting purposes, as well as deadlines for turning over all records, pass on lists, etc. The items for discussion were passed on to the following week.

Chairman Pelz also noted that the American Museum of Natural History was rebuilding the Hayden Planetarium in

New York and establishing the Isaac Asimov fund for projects. SCIFI had donated \$1,000 and he let the society know that the LASFS had made a \$500 contribution as approved by the board. Mr. Pelz informed everyone that the Museum would accept individual donations and he would make copies of the forms, so you lucky Lotto winners could contribute.

Guests: Registrar Selina Phanara welcomed guests Paul Cama and Jennifer Hawthorne, as well as reintroduced some people who'd been at the previous meeting and had already joined up!

Announcements: Rebecca Torroll noted that Dangerous Visions would have Kim Stanley Robinson, Gar & Judy Reeves-Stevens and Harry Turtledove on July 25 for autographs, and that in August they'd see such guests as Janet Nagada, Robert Silverberg and Sean Stewart.

Mike Thorsen welcomed all and sundry to join him in personal temporal excursions on Friday night, but everyone breathed a sigh of relief when we realized he was talking about Babylon 5 episode viewings.

Fannish Committee Reports: Gentleman Matthew Tepper let us know that in a small town in Missouri, an unbelievable speed trap that automatically collected large sums of cash had recently caught a member of the Missouri state legislature. In answer to this, the legislator proposed a bill that all towns would not be allowed to levy fines that were not greater than a percentage of the town's budget. So far, the police had been laid off and city hall had been emptied. Progress!

Joe Zeff noted a recent attempt he'd made to reinstall someone's software, although said user hadn't told him he'd changed his user name... the age of technology confounds yet again! Fred Patten announced the next meeting of the Cartoon/Fantasy Organization in Sun Valley.

Reviews: Dave Voyt reviewed "Dariun's Black Box", a story where someone discovers that individual cells had been designed and therefore proved the existence of God. Meanwhile, Dave also proved the rights of the individual to screw up when he proclaimed that the

new movie "Small Soldiers" sucked. Don Wenner saw a preview of "Zorro" and thought it harkened back to the 1950's and had plenty of action, but wouldn't go further.

Mark Poliner reviewed "The Road Not Taken" edited by Gardner Dozois, saying it was well done with thought provoking stories such as "What if Rome never fell?" or "what if McCarthy had been elected President?" Hey, isn't that the same thing?

Ed Green said you need to turn off your logic circuit when you see "Armageddon", although he did notice that one of the tatoos on one character meant that he was a white supremacist who'd killed African Americans. Christian McGuire dissed Ed's reaction to the movie, noting that his logic circuits had disappeared anyway when he first saw Liv Tyler on screen. Ed also gave a postitive review of Harry Turtledove's next Great War book, basically a posit of World War I involving the Confederates, though said it was 50-100 pages too long.

Prez McGuire liked Thirdspace. Karl Lembke made note that he had the real story of the "facts" of the book Dave Voyt had reviewed, "Dariun's Black Box".

Miscellaneous: CLJ II noted his magic number of 173 in his quest to see a high number of films in 1998. There were three cheers for Len Moffatt, who had returned to us after successful surgery. One of our visiting guests noted that he'd recently traveled to Australia and had seen Aborigines in a Volvo, and the true meaning of the universe suddenly became very, very clear.

Frank Waller didn't plug and there was much rejoicing. Rob Cole moved not to adjourn and Michael Mason not-seconded, so that we could avoid the usual entanglement of rules of order and actually get to our guest, Mr. Don Glut, but they were rejected. I wonder what that means? Hmm....

Menace of the LASFS # 3180

July 23, 1998

Christian McGuire presiding

Karl Lembke, Emergency Back-Up Scribe

"Am I live?" asked LASFS President Christian McGuire. "Memorex!" guessed the assembled crowd.

Unfortunately, McGuire was live, and so there was no choice but to gavel into order meeting of the LASFS # three-thousand-one-hundred-mumble-mumble, at 8:15 PM

A motion to adjourn was tabled at the urging of the masses. (We have masses? I didn't know we were Catholic!)

Special orders of Business

CLJII noted the passing of **Robert Young**, who starred in a couple of inconsequential TV series, a film called "The Ghost Goes West", and another film called "Enchanted Cottage".

Also noted was the passing of **Alan Sheppard**, the first American in space, and the holder of every record in the Lunar Golf League. (At least among earthlings, that is.)

Matthew Tepper remarked on the passing of **Hermann Prgy** (pronounced "pry"), a noted figure in opera, which is basically a fantasy genre anyhow.

Fandom has lost **R.W. Lawnds and Lehman(?) Chancellor**, two fen of note. (But Christian's still live.)

Menace

The Menace of the last meeting, three-thousand, one-hundred, mumble-mumble minus one, were not available to be read, so we didn't read them.

Old Business

Board Chairman **Bruce Pelz** stepped up to review a proposed change in the standing rules and call for the second of two successive votes. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Patron Saint

Tonight's patron saint is a man every current member of LASFS will surely recognize: **Ed Green**. He was given three cheers, and a TV show to demonstrate his prowess as chairman of the Committee to Gouge the LASFS, and we broke for an auction.

New Business

We had new business. **Matthew Tepper** mentioned some "top 100" lists that had made the news and proposed that the LASFS compile a list of the best 100 science fiction stories of all time. **Mike Glycer** had a hot flash (gee, thanks for sharing) and suggested we call it the top 100 science fiction books of the Millenium. In the interest of saving time in the meeting, it was suggested that further discussion be taken off-line. Or even online, if you have access to email. As a point of clarification, it was noted that communication by email was optional, and that voice-to-ear protocol would probably work just fine.

Committee Reports

• **Tim Merrigan** announced that the deadline for De Profundis is **NOW**.

• Registrar **Selina Phanara** announced that we have guests. These are **Brandon Ingert, Philip Richwalsky, William (Bill) Campbell, and Rick Boatright**.

• Librarian **Greg Barrett** announced that intelligent warm bodies were needed for the library work party. The consensus was that he should go out and look for some.

• **CLJII** admonished the members that the deadbolts on the doors are NOT doorstops, and that using them as such shortens the useful life of the doors by up to a couple of years. If you see a deadbolt being used to hold the door open, please retract it.

• Programs: Tonight's program is a discussion of the "Hoka" stones.

• Next week is Japanamation: **Fred Patten** will be showing a film titled "Slayers", a Dungeons-and-Dragons-type of adventure dubbed in English. Also, since we will be between serials, the pre-program will be an all-cartoon program.

• First week in august will feature the LASFS Salon. Come and discuss any science fiction you may have experienced.

• Second week in august will feature a speaker from the Reaction Research Society, an amateur experimental rocketry club.

• FWEMS this sunday has as its theme, "first contact". The schedule includes "Independence Day", "Mars Attacks" and "Star Trek First Contact".

• Calendar Lady **Lucy Stern** announced that the Bugs Bunny Film Festival was running July 24 to 26.

Announcements

President **McGuire** announced that he NuArt at Santa Monica and Sawtelle is showing an excellent film titled "Pi". (No, not "cake", "Pi".) This film has the distinction of being science fiction with no aliens, no space ships, and no monsters. (As an addendum, it was mentioned that the TV reviewers were all pronouncing the title of the movie as if it were "P.I.", not "pie". Any comment I could make is redundant.)

Jerry Pournelle reported on a call he got from a movie agent. It seems that he and Larry Niven have attracted the attention of a company called Mutant Enemy. This is the company which produces "Buffy the Vampire Slayer", and they think Larry and Jerry are "hot". Kzinti vampires, anyone?

Frank Walker announced that an event called "the Blessing of the Cars" would be taking place at Verdugo Park in Glendale. (What? No candy?)

Fred Patten declared that the May issue of YARF (not to be confused with YARP, a bondage site on the web) is now available.

Ms Bauer mentioned that the "Mutant Enemy" tag is well worth watching, even if you can't stand Buffy.

Ed Green announced that he was going to Leavenworth for a few weeks to play with their \$8 million computer system. (I guess they figure if Ed can't break it, the year 2000 won't either.)

CLJII: As long as we're announcing new editions of magazines, the July "Amazing Adventures" is now out, only a week late.

Faaanish Committee Reports

Christian McGuire announced that the Canadian government was requiring its employees to watch a video, ostensibly about the Y2K problem, with sections in French which left the French speakers rolling helplessly on the floor. (Perhaps the people wouldn't have crashed like that if they'd been Y2K compliant?) He also noted that one of the

technical people mentioned a few of the dates that could cause problems with some software, including 9/9/99, 12/31/99, 1/1/00, and 2/29/00.

Mike Stern mentioned that having been put in charge of Y2K compliance for his section, he was diligently researching how people solved the Y1K problem, since we always learn best from the past.

Christian returned to the thrilling days of ~~yesteryear~~ ~~tomorrowyear~~ the year 2000 to mention that among things he was having to check for Y2K compliance was the building elevators. Jerry Pournelle commented that embedded systems in, among other things, elevators, are programmed to shut the system down if too much time has occurred since the last maintenance occurred. What happens when they report that maintenance is -99 years late is anybody's guess.

Larry Niven mentioned an item from the 7/22/98 USA Today about how science fiction authors, including Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle, had helped to end the cold war. Of note was Pournelle's statement that by doing research on SDI, we could bankrupt the Soviet Union.

Ed Green announced that he had been ordered to check on the Y2K compliance status of the nuclear delivery systems in his section. His only question was, WHAT nuclear delivery systems? Fortunately, straightening that out is an officer's job. (Careful, Ed. They might promote you...)

Jerry Pournelle commented on a US disarmament team which found one Soviet nuclear depository being guarded by one sergeant. This guard was the only member of his unit who had not abandoned his post. He hadn't been paid in a year, and was living off beans and cabbage soup provided by neighboring residents. He had stayed on because "he thought this might be important". In another related incident, the CIA bought four nuclear warheads for a total cost of just under a million dollars, outbidding Iran in doing so. (And whoever won the Powerball lottery now has the purchase price for quite a few missiles.) Since the CIA is probably not around to outbid the terrorist nations in every transaction, sleep well tonight...

David Volgt pointed out that for security reasons, the GPS system rolls over on 8-25.

Richard Hoagland(?) was discussing a Japanese mars probe with one lady, and he mentioned that the probe couldn't leave for Mars until december. "Why?" she asked, "Is it closed?"

Brett Achorn mentioned a couple of Zeffian experiences while doing some customer support work. In one case, a user had disabled his keyboard with some grape juice. No, he couldn't move to another computer, and yes, he had to have a new keyboard right away.

Another person found out the hard way that just because you don't know exactly why a directory is on the disk, it's not okay to delete it anyway.

Hal O'Brien had enjoyed the time when the CBC placed its shortwave feed on the internet over RealAudio, and hoped that it would become a permanent feature. Well, now the BBC, the CBC and the Australia Radio Broadcast Network were now sending out their shortwave feeds over RealAudio. (So what's the URL?)

Mike Stern mentioned another sensitive computer date: 2/26/2036 -- the date that the UNIX clock rolls over.

And speaking of rollover dates, it was at that point 9:30 PM on 7/23/98, at which time LASFS meeting number 3180 rolled over to the program.

MENACE OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3181, July 30, 1998

President: Christian McGuire of Narnia

Scribe: Shaun Lyon, which of the Wardrobe.

The usual motion to adjourn, always in order according to President C.B. McGuire, was accepted from Rob Cole in typical fashion. That trick never works, though, so we trudged forth with the meeting...

Special Order of Business:

Emperor Jackson reported on the passing of two celebrities: Jerome Robbins, noted for his works such as "Peter Pan" (a genre outing) and "West Side Story" (said CLJ, if that isn't fantasy, what is?), and Buffalo Bob Smith, who made those words "It's Howdy Doody Time" immortal. Prez McG also made note of the passing of First Fandom member John Baltadonis of Philadelphia, and SF artist Paul Lehr who had died of pancreatic cancer.

Menace: Two sets of Menace were read; Menace from two weeks prior as taken by Scribe Shaun were read first and some corrections made, including Matthew Tepper's insistence that referring to him as a "gentleman" was out of order. Shaun's Menace were approved of as "ungentlemanly". Special Guest Scribe Karl Lembke read his Menace from the prior week with various and sundry references to Year 2k, computer problems and language of the sort that only LASFS would find amusing. His Menace were approved as "timed out".

Old Business: There ain't none!

Patron Saint: Three cheers offered for tonight's patron saint Sean Cleary. At that moment, CLJIII noticed that Christian was following the guideline agenda which included such indented trivialities as "awards" and "votes" in the outline. Mr. Tepper reaffirmed: "you're not an indented servant!"

Committee Reports: Gentleman Tepper made note of the "LASFS 100" list of books; he'd done some research and had concluded that the Modern Library list on which this would be based only consisted of English novels written after

1900! He recommended that the club endorse this project "for fun"... it would be a list of the 100 best genre novels. "Written by LASFS members" said Prez McGuire, which would obviously reduce the candidate novels by, oh, a book or two. It was clarified that this would be one of those "for the hell of it" committees and Matthew would present it next week for review.

CLJ II noted the fine turnout for FWEMS, the movie day, and a good time was had by virtually all. That is, only those of you "virtually" there. He did note that someone had hidden his serials tape, though, and chastised the assemblage appropriately. Upcoming would be the aptly titled "Star Wars Squat Festival," as in "if you don't know Star Wars, you don't know squat!," which would happen on August 30. CLJ also announced the Summer Holiday Park on August 29, so "bring your own burnables". And, as it was noted, if you don't show up, we'll all talk about you anyway. Charlie also mentioned a new serial starting next week, and made note that the long-suffering LASFS Video List was now available on the computer. Cheers went up to Brett Achorn and Stacey Halman and Tadao Tomomatsu, and your checks are in the mail.

Green's Gouge: With Ed Green off in Leavenworth, where the bids start at a nickel, Prez McGuire officiated and we made some money. It was decided that nobody would bid on the Burger King receipt left as an auction item, even though stranger things have happened before.

Guests: Registrar Selina introduced John Jordan Lee of Valley Village and Christina Lyons (no relation!) of Winnetka, "somewhere in Canada" as was noted.

Announcements & Fan

Committee Reports: Prez McG read some notes printed by Greg Barrett which included word of Walter Cronkite's visit to CNN this fall to co-host the John Glenn mission and the return to Disney of Walt's long-missing "Little Red Riding Hood". Mike Thorsen welcomed everyone to join the Firday night time travel experiments for a visit to some other type of space, oh, call it a... call it a Fourthspace, I guess.

Joe Zeff discussed yet another computer user too stupid to live; he'd recently met a man with Windows 98 problems, specifically a version conflict, and had wanted an explanation in lay terms. Joe explained it as a "98 car with 95 parts," to which the user replied "how did you know I'd just bought a 98 car?" Karl Lembke noted that the Russians were putting up a reflective balloon that would reflect light 25 times as bright as the moon to illuminate a large area of the country. He also mentioned that yet another explanation had come forth for gamma ray bursts; called Hypernovas, they are presumably formed when a stellar core collapses into a black hole (like a LASFS meeting after about 10pm).

Glenn Olsen brought forth more on the embedded chip problems we'll all face in the year 1900, er, 2000. Elevators, he said, would return to base point with their doors open, so being stranded was unlikely. However, the surveillance cameras would still be working in the high-rise elevators.

Scott Heathcote asked if anyone had a Worldcon membership they wanted to sell. Hare Hobbs mentioned a guest of a KABC radio show whose host was preaching that aliens were taking over through science fiction and that Joe Straczynski was obviously leading us into a new age. A new age... hmm. A third age, maybe?

Reviews: Prez McG saw Pi, or PI, or P-I, or whatever the hell you want to call it and said it was stunning, a well done mix of math and kabala. Wesley Kawato reviewed a Traveller game supplement in the positive. Mark Poliner reviewed the new book "Fatal Exposure" by Anderson & Bisson and said it was a good murder mystery. Sandy Cohen noted that "The Mask of Zorro" was exceptional and that "Something About Mary" was truly obscene but that you would laugh. If not, he'd force you.

Frank Waller reviewed the Blessing of the Cars in Verdugo Park as a "moving experience". Don Wenner agreed with CLJ II that FWEMS was good, and some of the films had been new to him. Francis Hamit saw the "X-Files" movie and while he was not a fan, it was well acted but he was kind of bored. German Gonzales said "Saving Private Ryan" was graphic and very unnerving.

Joe Zeff also commented on FWEMS and noted that "Independence Day" shown that day was effects in search of a plot, "Mars Attacks" was the "Killer Tomatoes" of the 1990's and that in "First Contact," Picard plays Kirk... well.

Et Cetera: Lucy Stern mentioned the monthly convention at the Shrine this coming weekend. Tim Merrigan noted that DeProf was done. Fred Patten introduced tonight's program, the English version of "Slayers".

Rob Cole moved not to adjourn, which was seconded by the Scribe. Joe Zeff moved an invert motion and Alex Pournell bid a nickel to trash. Dale Hales won the evening with a 39 cent vote and the meeting was summarily trashed as only a LASFS function could be...

MENACE OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3182, August 6, 1998

Vice-President of Narnia: Bob Null

Scribe: Shaun Lyon, which of the Wardrobe.

Prez McGuire and several other prominent rabble-rousers were unavailable this evening (something called WorldCon® might have something to do with it), so Hizzoner Veep McNull was in charge.

Special Order of Business:

Charles Lee Jackson II, and that's II no matter what your Scribe may have read last week, remarked on the passing of Shari Lewis, that celebrated puppeteer and children's icon. Her work had touched millions of all ages with LambChop and the rest of her remarkable puppets, and she had many other connections to the SF world including story work on an original Star Trek series episode. Also noted was the death of Biddy Barnes, who had starred in a variety of alternate history films and other works and was the wife of the producer of the serial we were seeing during tonight's program. Joe Zeff mentioned the death of Nola Frame-Gray's brother Noel Frame.

Menace: Read and approved as whooped, as moved by Joe Zeff. The gentleman remarks about Matthew Tepper would continue unabated.

Old & New Business: None tonight.

Patron Saint: Three cheers and a healthy dose of Windows 2000 were offered for patron saint Dr. Jerry Pournell, Donator of Much Stuff to the LASFS, including the witty repartee.

Committee Reports: Mike Stern mentioned that tomorrow would be the first Friday of the month and the Magic tournament would happen as usual. Cries of "FIX!" came from about 15 people in the audience. Bring your cards and have fun, Stern said. Gentleman Tepper noted that the LASFS 100 Book List rules would be delayed shortly so he and Bruce Pelz could present it together in an organized manner.

CLJII called upon Stacey Halman to pass around the lantern o'jack as seed money for the official LASFS Summer Holiday Party and Picnic, to be held on August 29 at Johnny Carson Park. Said CL: "Just look for the sign that doesn't say anything, and that'll be us." The money would pay for chips, veggies and sodas, etc., and he encouraged everyone to bring cold cuts, sandwiches and dead cow hunks to spend the day together from noon until we get sick of each other.

CL also reiterated the existence of the official film list. Now, if I get this correctly, you go into the front building, go into the computer, take two steps forward, two steps back, click your heels three times together, work voodoo on computer #1, highlight the video collection item and the list will magically appear, or something like that. Video tapes are available to all members. CL noted the most rented video in our collection happens to be... ta da!... a western! And no, Charlie's not borrowed it more than once!

Finally, CL noted that the group was establishing something called the Faith Fund. As in, Have Faith, We Won't Spend It Without Telling You. Selina passed around the glass bowl for this fund, which would benefit the club in a yet-to-be-told fashion, and CL promised that everyone who donated would be made aware of what it was being spent on, and that Harlan Ellison would hopefully help him reveal what this was going to. In a bizarre reversal of fannish tradition, more money was raised for the Faith Fund, which we know nothing about, than the Summer Holiday party,

which would be spent on food. Must have been a full moon.

Green's Gouge: Ed is still being held at Leavenworth, so Tadao Tomomatsu entertained us with perhaps one of the strangest auctions yet. Those of you who weren't there can only use your imagination to know how much fun we had.

Guests: Registrar Selina introduced guest Dan Hutton.

Announcements: Doug Crepeau noted the laser pointer he'd brought and mentioned they were for sale. Allan Rothstein mentioned that he has to move a heavy electronic bed from a home at the west end of the Valley to the east end, and if anyone was interested, to see him. German Gonzales wanted to know who was driving a Honda Civic with the license plate BBYLON5, but nobody would fess up.

Greg Barrett mentioned an accident involving Karen Shaffer, wife of comic artist Charles Vess, and that ComicCon would have a special auction to pay for her excessive physical rehabilitation bills, including works by Neil Gaiman, Jeff Smith, Dave Dorman and many other mainstays of the comic field. He had information on where to send donations, and briefly described her symptoms; CLJ, who'd faced this type of accident in his family, said the prognosis was usually good.

Phil Castora mentioned that KNX 1070 was running old radio shows, such as X Minus One on Sundays, and that the CBS network was also rerunning CBS Mystery Theater on weeknights. Tom Collins inquired as to the whereabouts of local author Raymond Banks, who hadn't been seen in a while. Nola Frame-Gray mentioned a parking lot sale this weekend at her place of employment. Mark Poliner mentioned a Home Brew fest in Simi Valley with lots of free beer; CL inquired, "is this the place to see the singing frog?" Said Poliner, "if you drink enough..."

Brett Achorn mentioned Cinema Anime in early September, and also that some photos of upcoming Disney movies had been leaked online. Lucy Stern plugged the upcoming comic convention at the Shrine which would be held on the third Sunday this month. Allan Rothstein noted that LASFSian Dave Lathram has

been laid up since last week with back problems, and he would speak to him later that night and offer our best wishes.

Tim Merrigan noted the DeProf deadline was August 20. Shaun Lyon mentioned the changes to the Babylon 5 schedule, and Frank Waller wondered if anyone would copy the last two B5 movies on tape for him.

Fannish Committee Reports:

Gentleman Tepper noted that in New York City, two pigeons have been found poisoned in public parks. Officials are taking this seriously, because of the poisoning threat; they've also found a parrot and peregrine falcon feeding on them, and the poison is so fast acting the pigeons are dying before they even swallow. The felon is being known in the press as Son of Squab.

Mike Stern has reported in the past of several bizarre and unusual laws, such as pi being voted equal to 3 in all state documents in Texas. But this time, he noted that last week, the Houston city council had passed a law that would make it illegal for employers to force employees to wear ties or pantyhose in the heat. Punishment for this would be public flogging by city council, and 30 days of chambermaid duty at the local zoo.

Mike Thorsen wanted first to know how many people knew what he did for a living. A small vote was taken, though when CL noted that Thorsen didn't raise his hand, he got a standing ovation. Thorsen went on to make note that Disney was paying him to have sex with Cindy Crawford all afternoon. (Side note: he watches video tapes for a living and he was talking about the new special "Sex with Cindy Crawford," so get your minds out of the gutter.)

CLJ said Galen Tripp had sent him the July 26 San Francisco Examiner article about the capitol gunman. Said the article, "CNN reported written materials were found in his truck in which he described himself as brigadier general and fond of science fiction." The article also said "clearly this man is dangerously insane, so we need to lock up everyone fond of SF."

Phil Castora added to Mike Stern's earlier comments stating that in Vermont it was illegal to carry a concealed weapon more than 6 feet long; in Kentucky, if two trains meet, both must

stop and neither proceed until one is out of sight; and in Ohio, it is illegal for fish for whales in any lake, river or stream on Sundays.

Reviews: Due to the lateness of the meeting, we skipped Reviews, but CLJII noted that as tonight would be the LASFS Salon, reviews could be done there.

Et Cetera: CLJII said his magic number was 203 tonight. Frank Waller inserted his usual plug and we don't really want to go there. Adjournment was overwhelmingly supported, thank God, and we broke for the night...

MENACE OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3183, August 13, 1998

President of Narnia: Christian McGuire of Narnia

Scribe: Shaun Lyon, which of the Wardrobe.

With the August 13 meeting actually beginning "on time" -- at least relatively speaking, since it happened on or about 8:11pm, the earliest possible start time for a LASFS meeting -- the Scribe was flustered since his laptop happened to stall. Prez McGuire made the usual obnoxious comments and we were underway...

Special Order of Business:

Gentleman Matthew Tepper announced the passing to author T.A. (Tom) Watters, who had written part of a trilogy of books taking place in Berkeley in the 60's. He had passed away from a heart attack at age 60.

Menace: Read and approved as "horizontal immobility" in honor of Dave Lathram, who had come back to us after a recent bout of affliction with this. Glen Olson made a funny move with his hands to signify horizontal immobility, to which Charlie Jackson responded with his own quip: "a salute to gnats and midgets?" "Like Robbie Cantor," said the Scribe, who promptly moved to censure himself from the proceedings.

Patron Saint: Three cheers and a seven hour flight on the *Star Trek Concorde...ance* were offered for Patron Saint Bjo Trimble, whose freckled face (alas unseen tonight) became the subject of much debate and a squaring off between Leigh Strother-Vien and Cathy

Beckstead as to just who was the more freckled.

Green's Gouge: In Ed's stead, Prez McGuire held an auction to choose an auctioneer, which came down to a choice between Sandy Cohen and Tadao Tomomatsu, who proceeded to do it in tandem, throwing paper/rock/scissors to choose the first victim, er, auctioneer. The auction went on for an exceedingly silly amount of time, with a television going to Alex Pournelle for nearly \$100 and the usual array of trinkets for sale.

Announcements: Gentleman Tepper (who thanked Goodie Christian for calling upon him) noted an upcoming event, "Inovcation: A Tone Poem for Orchestra" at CSUN on August 22 with LASFSian Stephen Whitehead. Tim Merrigan reminded everyone that the DeProf deadline was next week. Eylat Eleasari spent a short amount of time converting the LASFS into the Home Shopping Network to peddle her wares, but also mentioned that we could get LASFS watches for real cheap. Lucy Stern made mention of a Magic of Animation festival at Media City Center this week... and by gum, it's FREE! Brett Achorn reminded us of another free animation event, our own Cinema Anime on September 6.

CLJII mentioned the 75th issue of the fanzine "Amazing Adventures" was now available. He went on to mention the video replacement fund; next week we'd have videos available for sale at Real Cheap Prices. Lovely assistant #1 Cathy Beckstead paraded the lantern o'jack for the LASFS Autumn Holiday Picnic, which was just around the corner on the 29th. Lovely assistant #2 Rebecca Torroll then passed around the glass bowl for the Faith Fund; various and sundry wanted to know if Harlan Ellison was a clue, as mentioned last month, and Charlie would only grin. CL also reiterated the existence of the new video catalog on the computer as mentioned in the last Menace, and that due to popular demand (that means you!) he's compiling a list of 150 feature films he likes best. So there.

Tom Safer mentioned a cartoon show that compared live and animated classical performances. Gentleman Tepper mentioned that as it had lost its originality, he and Bruce Pelz had decided to fold the Top 100 list. "So we are

invading the Sudetenland," said Alex Pournelle. Joe Zeff moved to drive a stake through its heart. Mike Stern noted that there had been a four-way tie for first place in the Magic tournament last Friday night; in the tie breaker, Bruce Pullman had taken the lead, followed by Kris Bauer, Mike Stern and Cece Pelz.

Frank Waller was given 30 seconds, timed by Alex, to deliver news that he'd gone to Second Spin used video and CD store and said they had a great selection; it's located on Ventura Blvd. next to Moby Disc. He didn't plug any of his usual wares, which surprised the hell out of everyone.

Et Cetera: Christian McGuire introduced tonight's program and guest, Larry Teebken, who would discuss the state of rocketry today. Alex Pournelle moved to adjourn, Janis Beckenbaugh seconded, your Scribe was pleased with the shortest Menace of his term so far and we got on with the program...

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