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Official Announcements

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- 15) Forry Award nominations and election
- 22) Speaker (TBA)
- 29) Spooky cartoons & parking space auction

November Programs

- 5) Speaker: Robert McKimsn, Jr. & cartoons
- 12) Board Nominations open and close
- 19) Board Elections & parking space auction
- 26) Loscon 25

LASFS GIFT EXCHANGE RULES



by Leigh Strother-Vien, 1995 Gift Exchange Producer, based on previous versions plus suggestions.

The Gift Exchange is considered an extension of the previous night's meeting. Dues will be collected, if not previously paid. All paid-up active members of LASFS are eligible to participate. You must be present in person -- NO PROXIES! **You should expect to spend several hours at this event.**

To participate in the Gift Exchange, bring an anonymous gift, with a value of at least \$10. The gift must be related to Science Fiction, Fantasy, or Fandom (see GUIDELINES & SUGGESTIONS if unsure). The gift you place in the Exchange should be considered a donation. Because of the wide range of gifts that may be contributed, and because of varying tastes, you may not receive a gift that you really want! You MIGHT get a gift that you don't want at all! THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS TO HAVE FUN. If you also happen to get some nice loot, that should merely be considered a (very nice) bonus!

On entering the Gift Exchange, you will receive a registration number. The registration numbers will be randomized, to determine when each person will be called to choose a gift from the table.

The first person called will choose a gift from the table, open it, and show it to the audience.

The rest of the participants, in order called, will each choose a gift from the table, open it, and show it to the audience. If the person who has just opened a gift desires, he/she may "Force Trade" that gift with any gift that has been previously opened. THE PERSON HOLDING THE DESIRED GIFT MUST ACCEPT THE TRADE.

The person OPENING a gift may make allowed the last "Forced Trade", after everyone has selected & opened a gift.

CRUD CALLS: A "Crud Call" may occur if a gift is deemed unsuitable. "Crud Calls" may only be made if (1) the gift has insufficient value; (2) the gift is not related to Science Fiction, Fantasy, or Fandom. "Crud Calls" may NOT be made merely because a person is unhappy with a gift, if it otherwise meets the requirements.

The person OPENING a gift may make a "Crud Call" at that time. ALSO, a person receiving a gift on a "Forced Trade" may make a "Crud Call" at that time. "Crud Calls" are not allowed at any other time.

"Saves" may be made after a "Crud Call", if any participant wants the gift that has been declared "crud". If more than one person wants the "crud" gift, the person holding it may choose among the gifts offered in exchange. If only one person offers to take the "crud" gift, the person who made the "Crud Call" must accept the trade. After the trade, neither person may make another "Crud Call" on either of the two gifts in question. A participant may trade his/her future gift choice on a "Crud Call". The person making the "Crud Call" will then select another gift at the appropriate time. The acceptor of the "crud" gift may not make another "Crud Call" on it.

If no one volunteers to "Save", a "Forced Trade" with the perpetrator of the "crud" gift -- whether an already opened gift or a future selection -- is mandated.

The participants may overrule a "Crud Call" by majority vote if they consider it unjustified.

IF A JUDGMENT CALL is required in any instance, the decision of the Gift Exchange "Producer" is **FINAL!**

PLEASE NOTE: GIFTS IN THE GIFT EXCHANGE ARE CONSIDERED THE PROPERTY OF THE CLUB UNTIL THE GIFT EXCHANGE IS OFFICIALLY DECLARED OVER. IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE (either the room or completely), YOU MUST LEAVE "YOUR" GIFT WITH A FRIEND. IT IS STILL OPEN TO "FORCED TRADES".

ALSO: TANTRUMS WILL RESULT IN THE PERSON OR PERSONS HAVING TANTRUMS BEING **BANNED** FROM FUTURE GIFT EXCHANGES. Kapeesh? Tantrums are NOT Having Fun.

// After the Gift Exchange is OVER, Free Trading of gifts may occur. This trading is outside the Gift Exchange, and is done by persons willing to trade all or parts of their gifts with each other.

GUIDELINES & SUGGESTIONS

1) If YOU wouldn't be happy to get a gift, DONT put it in the Gift Exchange. Others probably won't like it either.

2) Having participants fight over an expensive gift ruins the spirit of the Gift Exchange. If you bring a gift worth MORE than minimum value, do NOT expect equal value in return.

3) Rotsler's Rules for Masquerade Presentations can apply to Gift Exchange presentations, as well: "Funny is better than serious. Short is better than long. Short and Funny is best."

4) Do NOT put anything offensive into the Gift Exchange. Lewd, crude, or rude gifts are **NOT** funny.

5) If it took more than 20 minutes to wrap the gift, it will take too long to unwrap it at the Gift Exchange. Keep the wrapping SIMPLE, so that it can be opened in a reasonable amount of time.

6) When giving books that are part of a multi-part series, it is considered good form (and perhaps even good taste) to include the first book (and perhaps ALL previous books) of the series.

7) Some gifts that were very popular at previous Gift Exchanges were: stuffed animals (especially those from comic strips), telescopes, recently published books (in new condition!), toy ray guns, handcrafted artwork, coffee table books about S.F., Fantasy, or Space, and stuff for computers. High Quality Gifts of chocolate are considered Fannish!

PLEASE NOTE THAT, PREVIOUSLY, "QUALITY" ALCOHOLIC GIFTS WERE ALSO ENCOURAGED. THIS IS NO LONGER THE CASE. The use of alcohol is your own business, but the Club would prefer to NOT encourage alcohol in the Gift Exchange, as more and more members are either abstainers OR minors!

8) Items that bombed: miscellaneous (boring) food, handcrafted "artwork", used paperbacks if small in number or poor in condition, and anything having to do with **Zotz!** or the Hubbard Decalogy (unless Crud Insurance is included).

Calendar

(Money notations: \$ = U.S. dollars; \$A = 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, 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, Fredricton, NB E3B 1X6, Canada; Phone: 506-452-7479; E-Mail: <breeze@nbnet.nb.ca>; URL: <http://www.surfcity.nb.ca/~breeze/incon.htm>

September 29th - October 4th, 1998

Ottawa International Animation Festival/Festival International D'Animation Ottawa; National Arts Center in Ottawa; Info: 2 Daly Ave., Suite 120, Ottawa, ON K1N 6E2, Canada; Phone: 613-232-8769; Fax: 613-232-6315; E-Mail: <oiaf@ottawa.com>; URL: <http://www.awm.com/ottawa>

Thursday, October 1st, 1998

LASFS meeting 3190; 8 pm till ?;
Preprogram: 1948 Columbia Serial: "Superman" Staring Kirk Alyn Chapter 2 of 15 and Cartoon; Program: LASFS Salon; St. Tom Safer; *APA-L* 1742

Friday, October 2nd, 1998

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

Saturday, October 3rd, 1998

Autograph Party; Richard Matheson (2-4 pm) at Dangerous Visions, 13563 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91432-3825; Phone: 818-986-6963

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

Thursday, October 8th, 1998

LASFS meeting 3191; 8 pm till ?;
Preprogram: 1948 Columbia Serial: "Superman" Staring Kirk Alyn Chapter 3 of 15 and Cartoon; Program: "Triple Doubles" / Amazing Adventures program; St. Beverly Kanter; *APA-L* 1743

Friday, October 9th, 1998

LASFS open house; 8 PM till ? at the clubhouse

Sunday, October 11th, 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

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: John romita, Jr., Phil Brown, James Wood, & Danial L. Snyder (production designer for the upcoming film "soldure"; Admission: \$5; Info: 818-954-8432

October 9th-11th, 1998

Albacon '98; Ramada Inn, Schenectady, NY; GoH: Esther Friesner; Art GoH: Jael; Fan GoH: Joe Mayhew; E. GoH: D. Cameron Caulkins; Memb: \$28 till 9/22/98; \$40 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 2085, Albany, NY 12220-0085; E-Mail: <wonbat@sff.net>; URL: <www.sff.net/people/rothman/albacon.htm>

Thursday, October 15th, 1998

LASFS meeting 3192; 8 pm till ?;
Preprogram: 1948 Columbia Serial: "Superman" Staring Kirk Alyn Chapter 4 of 15 and Cartoon; Program: Forry Award nominations and election; St. Randy Greiner; *APA-L* 1744

Friday, October 16th, 1998

LASFS open house; 8 PM till ? at the clubhouse

Saturday, October 17th, 1998

Autograph Party; Nancy Holder (2-4 pm) at Dangerous Visions, 13563 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91432-3825; Phone: 818-986-6963

Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous; Scarboro Lair (Bob "Blars" Larson host), 3384 Scarboro St., Los Angeles, CA 90065; Phone: 213-222-5459; Pre-filk Dinner: 5:00 PM; New Thai Family Restaurant, 4601 York Blvd.

Wednesday, October 21st, 1998

Autograph Party; Michaela Roessner & Ellen Datlow (2:30 pm) at Dangerous Visions, 13563 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91432-3825; Phone: 818-986-6963

Thursday, October 22nd, 1998

LASFS meeting 3193; 8 pm till ?;
Preprogram: 1948 Columbia Serial: "Superman" Staring Kirk Alyn Chapter 5 of 15 and Cartoon; Program: Speaker (TBA); St. Lee Jacobs; **DEADLINE**

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Friday, October 23th, 1998

LASFS open house; 8 PM till ? at the clubhouse

Autograph Party; Raymond E. Feist (6-8 pm) at Dangerous Visions, 13563 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91432-3825; Phone: 818-986-6963

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)

Autograph Party; Charles L. Grant (11-1 pm) at Dangerous Visions, 13563 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91432-3825; Phone: 818-986-6963

Thursday, October 29nd, 1998

LASFS meeting 3194; 8 pm till ?; Preprogram: 1948 Columbia Serial: "Superman" Staring Kirk Alyn Chapter 6 of 15 and Cartoon; Program: Spooky cartoons & parking space auction; St. Bill Rotsler & Francis Hamit; Distribution of *De Profundis* 318; APA-L 1746

Friday, October 30th, 1998

LASFS Autumn Holiday Party; 8:00 till ? at the clubhouse

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/£85; Info: 555 Bryant St. #552, Palo Alto, CA 94301

Thursday, November 5th, 1998

LASFS meeting 3195; 8 pm till ?; Preprogram: 1948 Columbia Serial: "Superman" Staring Kirk Alyn Chapter 7 of 15 and Cartoon; Program: Speaker: Robert McKimsn, Jr. & cartoons; St. Woody Dodge; APA-L 1747

Friday, November 6th, 1998

LASFS Open House; Magic: The Gathering tournament; 8:00 till ? at the clubhouse

Sunday, November 8th, 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

Thursday, November 12th, 1998

LASFS meeting 3196; 8 pm till ?; Preprogram: 1948 Columbia Serial: "Superman" Staring Kirk Alyn Chapter 8 of 15 and Cartoon; Program: Speaker: Board Nominations open and close; St. Milt Stevens; APA-L 1748

Friday, November 13th, 1998

LASFS Open House; 8:00 till ? at the clubhouse

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: <jlorenz@spiritone.com>; URL: <www/tltport.com/~osfci/orycon20/>

Windycon XXV, Hyatt Regency

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

Tropiccon XVII, Sheraton Suites Cypress

Creek, 555 NW 62 Street (Cypress Creek Road), Fort Lauderdale FL 33309-6194; GoH: Neil Gaiman; Artist GoH: Charles Vess; Memb: \$25 till 10/31/98; \$28 at the door; Info: c/o The Rawliks, 539 37th St., West Palm Beach, FL 33047-4307; Phone: 561-844-6336; E-Mail: <tropiccon@scifi.squawk.com>; URL: <http://scifi.squawk.com/tropic/tropic17.html>

Thursday, November 19th, 1998

LASFS meeting 3197; 8 pm till ?; Preprogram: 1948 Columbia Serial: "Superman" Staring Kirk Alyn Chapter 9 of 15 and Cartoon; Program: Speaker: Board Elections & parking space auction; **DEADLINE FOR DE PROFUNDIS 319**; St. Jim Tanenbaum; APA-L 1749

Friday, November 20th, 1998

LASFS Open House; 8:00 till ? at the clubhouse

Saturday, November 21st, 1998

Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous; House of Perpetual Commotion (John & Mary Creasey), 3754 W. 170th St., Torrance, CA 90504-1204; Phone: 310-329-6772; 7 pm till ?;

Thursday, November 26th, 1998

LASFS meeting 3198; 8 pm till ?; Preprogram: 1948 Columbia Serial: "Superman" Staring Kirk Alyn Chapter 10 of 15 and Cartoon; Program: Loscon 25; Distribution of *De Profundis* 319; St. Frank Gasperik; APA-L 1750

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>

Friday, December 11th, 1998

LASFS Gift Exchange, Doors open 7:00 pm, exchange begins 8:00 pm

February 12th-15th, 1999

The Tenth Planet of Gallifrey One; Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys, CA; GoHs: Nicholas Courtney, Casey Biggs, Bjo 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: <sjcox@netnet.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 Snellings.; 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/westerconspokane.html>

CONvergence; Radisson Hotel South, Bloomington, MN; Memb: \$20 till 1/1/99; \$25 till 5/1/99; \$40 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 13208, Dinkytown Station, Minneapolis, MN 55414; Phone: 612-996-9224; E-Mail: <converge99@aol.com>; URL: <www.convergence-con.org> (under construction)

July 31st - August 1st, 1999

Deep South Con; Landmark Hotel, Metairie, LA

August 26th - 29th, 1999

Conucopia (1999 NASFiC[®]); Anaheim Marriott, 7000 W. Convention Way, Anaheim, CA; GoH: Jerry E. Pournelle; Fan GoHs: Richard & Nicki Lynch; 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>

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

June 1st-5th, 2000

King's (?) Birthday Weekend

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

July 1st-4th, 2000

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

August 31st - September 4th, 2000

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

FANZINES RECEIVED

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

ASFS Future Times: Official Newsletter for the Atlanta Science Fiction Society, Vol. 1, Ish. 5; July '98 & Ish. 6; Aug. '98; P.O. Box 98308, Atlanta, GA 30359-2008; Editor: Ian Letendre

BCSFAzine: The Monthly Newsletter of the British Columbia Science Fiction Association Sept.; Vol. 26, #9; c/o 1855 W. 2nd Ave. Apt. 110, Vancouver, B.C., V6J 1J1, Canada; Editor: John C.H. Wong

ConNotations: The Quarterly Science Fiction, Fantasy, & Convention Magazine, Vol. 8, Ish 3, Fall '98, Central Arizona Speculative Fiction Society, Inc., P.O. Box 62613, Phoenix, AZ 85082-2613

The Geis Letter 52, Sept. '98; Richard E. Geis, P.O. Box 11408, Portland, OR 97211-0408
Instant Message 630, Aug. 26, '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 247, Sept. '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

The NASFA Shuttle: Newsletter of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association, Inc. Vol. 18, No. 8, Aug. '98; P.O. Box 4857, Huntsville, AL 35815-4857; Editor: Mike Kennedy

OASFiS Event Horizon: Orlando Area Science Fiction Society Clubzine; Vol. 11, No. 9,

Ish. 134, Sept. '98; P.O. Box 940992, Maitland, FL 32794-0992

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

SFSFS Shuttle, No. 135; July '98 (two copies); P.O. Box 70143, Fort Lauderdale, FL 333407-0143

TNFF (The National Fantasy Fan), Vol. 58, No. 4, Aug. '98; N3F's genzine: c/o William T. Center, 1920 Division St., Murphysboro, IL 62966-2320

Changes of Address

Bureau of Missing Persons

If you know any of these people's addresses please give them to the Treasurer(s) <treasurer@lasfs.org>. Don't bother to tell us where you *think* they are, only actual addresses, please!

George Barr (P); Steve Bartlett & Tina Beychok (D); Mario Bosnyak (LV); Charles Donahue (P); Joyce Jumper (L); George Jumper (P); Karan Brooke Shlosberg, Richard & Rebecca Shlosberg (D); Morris Vescovi (Y); Stephen Whitehead (D); & Loren Wilton (Y).

If a letter follows a name the club is required by the Bylaws to send that person *De Prof* at all times.

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MENACE OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3184, August 20, 1998

President of Narnia: Christian McGuire of Narnia

Scribe: Shaun Lyon, which of the Wardrobe.

Amidst the usual moves not to adjourn this evening's meeting, Matthew Tepper made his own motion to move the whole meeting to the House of Commons, which was passed without objection, so I have no idea why we continued, but there you have it.

Special Orders of Business: Charles Jackson II noted the passing of two actors this week -- Persis Khambatta, who had played Lieutenant Ilia in the first "Star Trek" film had passed away due to a heart attack at age 49. Also, character actor Phil Leeds had died this week; he could be seen in a variety of films and television shows (it was noted that in May, during one week he'd played four different roles on four TV series).

Prez McGuire made note that Bruce Pelz had ordered a strike on the NESFA's clubhouse after they'd lost the shaft... but then McGuire ordered a

military strike on his own joke and the shaft was given back to him.

Menace: Read and approved as "did not compute" in honor of Scribe Shaun's laptop troubles the previous week.

Patron Saint: Prez McGuire made note of tonight's saint as needing no explanation like the previous week's... and three cheers for the absent Fuzzy Pink Niven were offered with a wonderful mansion in the hills (oh, strike that, she already has that... "and an art show!" cried CLJ II).

New & Old Business: Except for the mediocrity, there was none of this.

Official Committee Reports: Lovely assistant Rebecca Torroll passed the lantern o'jack for the Summer Holiday party and CLJ II invited everyone to the picnic on August 29. He said he'd have maps next week. He was not taking contributions this week to the Faith Fund (two weeks ago, it was Faith; last week, Hope; and this week we're skipping for Charity's sake.) This week's clue: "for the end of all things and the beginning of all things".

CLJ also noted the official LASFS video collection list again in the front building computer; LASFS members are "positively welcome" to rent tapes. "Is there a video list?" asked Frank Waller, in a timely fashion. Way to pay attention, Mr. Waller. "Mr. Fix It" Stern reminded us about the LASFS website: "oh, just go visit it!" was the reason du jour.

Prez McGuire took a moment to reiterate three more cheers (and that art show) for Fuzzy Pink Niven who had suddenly arrived. Shaun noted tonight's DeProf deadline as editor Tim Merrigan wasn't yet on site but was expected.

Guests: Selina got to take the night off 'cause there weren't none!

Announcements: Brett Achorn made mention of Cinema Anime on September 6 including some "very cool stuff with giant robots and women". Eylat Eleasari reminded us about her laser pointers and pens that were displayed last week, and that she would take orders off line. Mike Thorsen also reminded us about the Friday night temporal excursions/television parties, and that the final Saturday of September would be the usual "let's get together and clean up and gossip" work party day. Fred Patten noted that the 'zine YARF #54 was available, and to see him. Allan Rothstein noted the Architecture of Disneyland exhibit at the Armand Hammer Museum and said it was worth visiting.

Fannish Committee Reports: Matthew Tepper noted the tale of Jim Cooke, a celebrity impersonator who does a mean Calvin Coolidge, and that he's been called upon by historical societies to impersonate the former actor... as well as for Coolidge's grandson, John, age 91 (the one, incidentally, who was disowned).

Mike Stern discovered that his boss loves making alcoholic jello, and sure enough he pointed his boss to the LASFS website where Chaz Baden has provided hundreds of recipes for the stuff. Chaz Baden later walked in and took a bow for the recipes; as Prez McGuire noted, "some fannish endeavors provide the world with games we can't understand!" Chaz also mentioned the new issue of Daily Zine Baby Steps (the "how to publish a daily zine" zine) was available.

Joe Zeff told the humorous tale of a new user very unclear on the concept of the underscore on a computer, having serious trouble combining it with

another character which is of course impossible; said user also had confused his Windows 95 desktop with his laptop.

Green's Gouge: The usual good time was had by all at the LASFS auction.

Reviews: Sandy Cohen made no bones about his opinion of "The Avengers": it sucks, but it's got Uma in leather! Mike Thorsen disagreed; he said the film captured the surreality of the series nicely, though he didn't care for Ralph Fiennes, who he said was "too Prince Charlesish". But, said Thorsen, it was worth watching to spot Patrick Macnee's cameo.

Joe Zeff reviewed the appearance of the new iMac computer (he doesn't do Mac's, sorry); he said it looked like a bad 1970's artist's conception of the computer of today. Mike Stern reviewed James White's novel "Final Diagnosis" -- he said you'd recognize characters if you've read his other "Sector General" books. Michelle Sparr had seen a preview showing of "Arlington Road" with Jeff Bridges and that if you like suspense movies, you'll like this.

Christian McGuire reviewed the book "Sewer, Gas and Electric" by Matt Rough, a "trilogy" written as one book, a bit surreal with a combination of Philip K Dick, Heinlein, "and a healthy dose of Ayn Rand" which got some laughter. He also made mention that he'd been in Santa Monica recently and was one of the only people who didn't get handed Play-Doh at a Mr. Bill exhibit, nor was he chosen as a Baywatch star.

Matthew Tepper said the TV series Maximum Bob "is still fun and still weird". CLJ II reviewed the Sci-Fi Channel's "Welcome to Paradox" -- the first story was by Alan Dean Foster, about a computer generated madonna (the only time in history he wished it was the other one, he said!) and that he "guesses he was pleased with the outcome". He also said Comedy Central's "Upright Citizen's Brigade" was rather humorous; Matthew Tepper disagreed, saying it joined programs like Rush Limbaugh and Cosby's "You Bet Your Life" on the bottom of the totem pole.

Et Cetera: Christian mentioned that Bruce Pelz has copies of a volume of John W. Campbell's combined letters available, and that it's good. "Especially for letters to Bette Davis," said CL, who also mentioned that while you're outside buying stuff for Bruce you should also buy videos to help benefit the LASFS video fun.

CLJII noted tonight's program, "My Favorite Author" and invites everyone to duke it out to the death. Mike Thorsen hit himself on the head with a piece of trash and we figured that was just about time to move to zap the meeting, which was seconded, thridded and done.

Menace of the LASFS

Meeting # 3185

August 27, 1998

Christian McGuire presiding
Karl Lembke, Emergency Back-Up Scribe

LASFS President Christian McGuire warmed up the room with his inimitable wordplay: "Is this on?" he bellowed into the microphone.

Meeting number 3185 was gavelled into <ahem> order at 20:07, whereupon the usual suspects moved to adjourn. The motion to not second was fifthed, and the meeting continued on.

As will be seen, the operative question is, "on WHAT?"

Special orders of business:

This week, we note the loss of E.G. Marshall, mentioned because of a tenuous connection with fantasy / SF, and good old whats-his-name, the lyricist who wrote, among other things, the "Mighty Mouse" cartoon theme song. (A quick scan of the AP wires reveals the fellow's name to be Marshall Barer.) (You'd think someone would have mentioned Louise Shepard, the wife of astronaut Alan Shepard.)

Menace:

Before the Menace could be read, a bidding war ensued to suppress the Menace. Ed Green won the right to suppress the Menace, triggering a constitutional crisis. Total collapse of the LASFS government was averted when one of the Usual Suspects moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved, and meeting # 3185 adjourned at 20:16:59.

Menace of the LASFS

Meeting # 3185-A

August 27, 1998

Christian McGuire presiding

Karl Lembke, Emergency Back-Up Scribe

With no further ado, meeting number 3185-A lurched into existence on wings of ~~song~~ gavel noises at 20:17.

Special orders of business:

This week, we note the loss of E.G. Marshall, mentioned because of a tenuous connection with fantasy / SF, and good old whats-his-name, the lyricist who wrote, among other things, the "Mighty Mouse" cartoon theme song. (A quick scan of the AP wires reveals the fellow's name to be Marshall Barer.) (You'd think someone would have mentioned Louise Shepard, the wife of astronaut Alan Shepard.)

One of the Usual Suspects moved to suppress the reading of the Menace. Fortunately, under LASFS Parliamentary Rules, a motion to ignore takes precedence. **Jerry Pournelle** offered \$20 to have **Ed Green** suppressed.

The Menace of the previous meeting were read, and after a flood of corrections, were approved as "deja vu'd".

The Menace of the meeting before the previous one were read, corrected and approved as suppressed.

Patron Saint:

This week, we honor a saint whose wife needs no introduction: **John Trimble**, known in the SCA as John ap Griffin.

Committee Reports:

- **Joe Zeff** reported that the Committee for Temporally Displaced Viewing would be meeting Friday evening at the LASFS, as usual.
- **CLJ II's** lovely assistant, **Valentina**, ferried the Lantern O'Jack around the room in support of the Summer Picnic, August 29 at noon. Sunday, the theme for FWEMS is Star Wars, and LASFSians will have the opportunity to view the special edition of the trilogy. "Is that the special edition?" asked one of the ever vigilant members of the club.

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The video list is in the process of being updated, and will soon include the Imperial Favorite 150 picks.

Tonight's program features **Tom Safer's** presentation of Classical Music Comparisons. We will see classical music in the animated cartoons, and then, for comparison, the same piece as performed by an orchestra or on the stage.

- The treasurer sent word to the front that De Prof was ready. Members were also asked to update the new directory list in the front building, adding e-mail addresses where needed.
- **Brett Achorn** announced that Cinema Anime would be taking place at the clubhouse, Sunday, September 6, at 1:00 PM.
- The Committee to Gouge the LASFS auctioned off various items and three parking spaces.
- **Christian McGuire** announced the Burning Man celebration, to be held at Black Rock Desert beginning Monday, August 31. Believe it or not, Burning Man is not a reference to the weather conditions.
- **Matthew Tepper** mentioned that casting for the Dudley DoRight movie proceeds apace.
- **Eylat** announced that she was no longer employed, and that her supply of laser pens had been cut off.
- **Alan Rothstein** announced that, as a sign of his increasing age, or maybe encroaching senility, he had forgotten that the day before was his birthday. Alas, no lovely assistants offered to give him his birthday spanking.
- **Karl Lembke** advised members receiving free samples of nutritional supplements in the mail not to use them.
- **Rhonda's Husband** advised us that the old Star Trek episodes would be airing on Cable, with enough of the original material restored -- and enough commercial advertising inserted -- to bring the length of each episode up to 90 minutes.
- **CLJ II** mentioned that the club had spent \$5000 at the local video store, buying stuff. Fortunately, this \$5000 had been spent over eight years, for an average of \$625 per year.
- **Greg Barrett** stated that the work usually done at the Library Party had instead been spread out over the past week, and so people showing up Sunday might prefer to watch videos instead. He also announced that 21st Century Comix & Toys was having a 40% off sale on most merchandise, 20% off lithos, statuary and related art.
- **Tom Safer** told LASFS where people could see the play, "Dark of the Moon".
- Faakaanish Committee Reports
- **Joe Zeff** reported on an item found on Usenet: A large number of police officers had responded to an "Officer Needs Assistance" call, and one officer had shot a black man. Twenty officers filed affidavits that the man who was shot had been trying to evade the police. One affidavit, contradicting those of the other officers, was filed by a black undercover police officer, who had been shot

while responding to the call. (I guess that's what he gets for running up backwards.)

- (belatedly) **Emergency Back-Up Registrar Becky** announced that we had one guest: Brian Dunderdale, a reader, B5 fan, RPG fan and soon to be writer.
- **Christian McGuire** saw the movie "Opposite of Sex", and found it quite entertaining.
- **Matthew Tepper** reviewed a classical piece by Stephen Whitehead, who has now joined the ranks of LASFS classical music composers, along with somebody by the name of Modesty Forbids.
- **Mike Stern** reviewed the book "An Oblique Approach", by David Drake and Eric Flint, declaring it quite good. (I guess we've slipped into reviews.)
- **Eylat's Husband** stated that "The 70s Show" had succeeded in living up to its title, which was also really bad.
- **Sandy** reviewed "Blade" as bloody, but Wesley Snipes had some very good martial arts moves. Although disappointing at the end, it's a must-see for fans of Wesley Snipes, vampires and blood.
- **CLJ II** found the second episode of Welcome to Paradox to be better than the first, which was almost unavoidable. It was not sufficiently better, though, to earn a recommendation from him.
- **Frank Waller** declared "Blade" to be very good. "Optic Nerve", the prop house which creates the alien creatures for Babylon 5, has picked up contracts with several other shows, which should lead to an improvement in the general quality of aliens on TV.
- **Christian McGuire** noted that JPL was acting as a technical consultant for Babylonian productions. Karl Lembke added that unlike some other producers which have hired JPL to consult ("Deep Impact", for example) Babylonian actually listens to the consultants. Christian also mentioned that JPL was hosting a seminar in October for people in "the Industry". In other words, it's a plug for technical consulting services.
- **Matthew Tepper** announced that New Line productions was producing "Lord of the Rings" as a film trilogy. The main characters would be live, the rest would be ~~memorex~~ animated.
Miscellaneous
- **Rhonda's Husband** announced the Fantasy World festival over Labor Day Weekend in Berkeley. Among the guests will be Marion Zimmer Bradley.
- CLJ II (who will permit himself to be referred to as "The Empire's Gift to Women") (but may wind up being referred to as "nobody's Fool") will be announcing the Magic Numbers next meeting.
- Hare greatly enjoyed Tim Powers' "Last Call".
- Tom Safer mentioned a program at the Griffith Park Observatory on what the world would be like without the moon.
- Tom also had a surrealism report on fairy tales in daily life. A homeowner had found his home broken into. The intruder ate some soup

from the fridge, and was found asleep in the owner's bed.

- Phil Castora has become addicted to the soap opera "The Guiding Light". (Is there a twelve-step program for that?) Since March, one of the plot elements has centered on cloning, with a clone of a woman being grown to full adulthood in a matter of weeks, in violation of all the laws of physics. Other than that, it's very well done.

Miscellaneous announcements petered out, and Joe Zeff entered a motion to "Rob Cole". The meeting was adjourned at 21:16

MENACE OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting 3186, September 3, 1998

President of Narnia: Christian McGuire of Narnia

Scribe: Shaun Lyon, which of the Wardrobe.

Special order of secretarial business: as your Scribe types this on Tuesday, September 8, he is uncertain whether he will live or die by the LASFS meeting after spending all of Coppercon over Labor Day Weekend in bed with food poisoning, and he offers his apologies if they make even less sense than usual. (Note: this brought to you in a blatant push for sympathy.)

Special Orders of Business: It was truly a special occasion, for nobody had died this week! Three cheers for the living were offered ("and an untimely demise," said CLJII).

Menace: Menace were read. Glycer chose that auspicious moment to notice that Christian's hat had come off and it looked like it would take his head with it. Ed Green moved to accept as progress. The motion was seconded and voted on as passed. Joe Zeff moved to accept the Menace as cut and paste, referring to the previous two meetings being read (3185 and 3185-a, you had to be there!) Prez McGuire refused that after it didn't get much favor; neither did Kris Bauer's move to accept as empirical. Finally, George Mulligan moved to accept the Menace "as themselves but with nothing expected of them" and that seemed to carry favor.

Guests: Registrar Selina introduced several new guests, starting with Brian Dunderdale, who'd actually been introduced the previous week. She then skipped one week ahead in time and introduced Donald and Twecy Culshaw and Sean Fowler, as well as two gentlemen from Trimark, Oren Dori and Scott Lipke, who regaled us with tales of their new film, CUBE, which opens September 11.

Patron Saint: Tonight's saint was a man whose name our President couldn't pronounce but it's probably someone sitting in front of him; Matthew Tepper corrected, stating that he's passed on. Three cheers were offered for Emil Luwish "And an offspring with money" chimed CLJII.

Green's Gouge: It was an auction, we raised money, including on four cubes donated by the Cube guys which raised quite a bit themselves.

Official Committee Reports: Not so much a committee report to start, but what the hell -

our own spirit guide, Phil Castora, has been a member for 36 years... and though he's seen some unusual things, he says, tonight's meeting is just about the record. Shaun moved to accept as progress, seconded by Joe Zeff.

CLJII introduced us to Carmine the Haggis, one of three with a name and personality of its own, who was helping with his committee report until Kathy Carder finally said "yes" to being the lovely assistant to pass the jug for the Faith Fund. Tonight's clue: "Only time will tell". Matthew Tepper commented that the Faith fund was probably CLJII driving away with Faith Ford, but never mind. You'll all find out next year what it's about. The Scribe is to send Mike Glycer email when it happens to remind him, or something like that.

CLJ also reminded us of tonight's program, LASFS Salon, with reviews and such, and that next week we'll be talking about H. Beam Piper, and that the last week of September the club's video collection will be donating some items for viewing at a meeting. Of course, the third week of September would be taken over for the Forry Award debate, i.e. fighting tooth and nail. He also mentioned the final weekend's movies, which would have the theme of "The Big Easy"; the October 25 FWEMS theme as an "annual tribute to the UN, 'More Countries You Can't Visit'"; and on October 30, the annual LASFS Holiday Party with the theme of "Pokin Fun at Dracula, It's Better Than the Stake Poked In Him."

Tim Merrigan announced that the DeProf deadline this month is the 17th. Mike Stern mentioned our really cool website at www.lasfs.org with maps you can print for friends to find us. Also, he mentioned the first Friday of the month gaming night and Magic tournament and cries of "FIX!" went up as usual. Matthew Tepper said that the LASFS website is officially opening the LASFS photo album tonight, with lots of thumbnails. Christian McGuire pondered the meaning of pulling thumbnails off LASFSians.

Announcements & Fannish Committee

Reports: Brett Achorn announced Cinema Anime this Sunday with lots of cool anime stuff including "hours of viewers choice!" Mike Thorsen mentioned the Friday night gathering of temporal visual journeys, and that the LASFS cleanup party was the final Saturday of the month. Doug Crepeau reported that a weather map of Hurricane Isis has a face visible on the weather scan just like the face on Mars. Beckie Torroll said that this weekend is the last weekend of Northern Renaissance Faire.

Tadao Tomomatsu noted that Scratch Galloway was ill and that people should contact him to say hi and cheer him up, and he also warned us of "Godzilla: The Series" which he would NOT be in. Ed Hooper noted that the original "Love Boat" cast is appearing in the new show's season premiere. CLJII noted the creation of the new UHF network PAX-TV with all of its gems including "Love Boat," "Diagnosis Murder" and "Dr. Quinn". Nice family entertainment, though Peter Marshall is the host of an afternoon game show about movies, proving he's not dead but only just.

Allan Rothstein made note of Ray Capella and Roger Hill who hadn't been with us for a while, and apologized for not being at the picnic. Dave Voyt noted that George Magazine had put out a list of the 50 most intriguing women in politics, and surprisingly, Buffy the Vampire Slayer was on it. Hare Hobbs told us he was going to be involved

in a sleep experiment. Why, Hare, don't we do that every Thursday night around, oh, 8:10pm?

Joe Zeff noted a curious user at work who wanted help to install AOL Instant Messenger, but had no idea where he'd downloaded it, found it on the web, etc. Karl Lembke said that in Ecuador, prisoners who are hunger striking are sewing each others' lips shut, and that the European town of Dachau is marketing to improve its image. Nobody will buy sandwiches or T-shirts, it seems. Frank Waller moved to pummel, which was seconded after CLJII suggested Dachau lampshades.

Mike Stern reported that a woman is suing an abortion clinic for child support because there was a shooting at said clinic, and said woman couldn't go back later to get an abortion out of fear. He also mentioned a Daily News comparison of Xena and Buffy where the critics were tied, turning into fisticuffs between reviewers and calling upon readers to send in comments.

Frank Waller inserted his usual plug, and also mentioned his company was now on the Net. CLJII noted sales of LASFS videos on sale for \$2 (that is, videos of SF, not videos of LASFS meetings which we'd probably have to pay YOU to take) and that his magic number is 230.

CLJ made note of last weekend's picnic that 20 or so people showed up to, and they had a marvelous time. He condemned Allan Rothstein, of course, for not showing up, and said that next year we'd have "bigger spiders". On that friendly note, Shaun moved to evacuate the building and we said goodnight Gracie...

Menace of the LASFS

Meeting # 3187

September 10, 1998

Christian McGuire presiding

Karl Lembke, Emergency Back-Up Scribe

With a cry of, "Ladies, Gentlemen, Fans, and Jim Terry!", President Christian McGuire gavelled the 3187th meeting of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society into submission at 20:18:50. The subtle change in the appearance of the Scribe was explained away as due to the fact that Shaun Lyon was in bed with a urinary tract infection. This news was greeted with cries of "Let's not even go there" and "This, too, shall pass".

Special Orders of Business:

- CLJII reported on the death this week of Leonid Kinsky, the Russian behind the bar in "Cafe Americaine", and who appeared in "Duck Soup" and other movies.
- Also among the newly deceased is Akira Kurosawa, who directed quite a number of films. (see appendix)

The Menace from the previous meeting were read and approved as "Probably the results of food poisoning".

The obligatory motion to adjourn was made, and the club voted to "give Ed" instead.

Mark Polliner moved to have Ed Green declared to be "always out of order", but this motion was disregarded as Polliner.

Patron Saint:

- Saint Mike Thorsen was given a rousing three cheers, "and nine cents".

Appointed Committee Reports:

- Let it be noted here that the pussy was evicted from the clubhouse, averting a probable catastrophe.
- One of the members popped up with a question, but President McGuire declared that a question would not be recognized. "It's the thing with the curly mark on the end." said CLJ II helpfully.
- Mike Stern: (FIX!) reported (FIX!) on the (FIX!) Magic The Gathering (FIX!) tournament results.
 - 1st place: Bruce Pullman
 - 2nd place: Eliza Pullman (editor's note: there may be a tie for second place. it will no doubt be fixed at the autopsy of the Menace next week.)
- CLJ II announced that the Magic Number was up to 239. Fwems theme this month was "The Big Easy", featuring movies set in New Orleans.
- Matthew Tepper announced that this Sunday was 2nd Sunday, and thus the BOD would be meeting at LASFS. All club members are welcome to attend. So are board members.
- CLJ II and his lovely assistant of the week, Stacy, passed the Lantern O'Jack to help finance the Halloween Party (so much fun it's scary!)
- Christian McGuire mentioned having spoken with David Brin about work that he, Greg Benford and Greg Bear were doing to promote SF. Anyone who knows teachers (grade 1 - 12) or school librarians who might be interested in promoting SF at school should get in touch with them and appraise them of this project. Contact Christian for details.
- Tim Merrigan announced that the deadline for De Prof was the 17th, one week from the date of the meeting.
 - Green's Gouge Stuff was auctioned. Money was raised. Money is good.
 - Registrar: Selina's sister announced the presence of three guests
- Paul Marado, Eric Stokien and Charles Payton. The correct spelling is no doubt on the green cards.
 - Phaaaanish committee reports:
- Karl Lembke mentioned an article from the Wall Street Journal about a zoo in China which had come up with a novel way to raise money: Patrons were being allowed to buy animals which would then be fed to the predators. If you want to see a pig torn up by a tiger, it'll cost \$120. If that's too much for your budget, \$15 will buy you (really, the tiger) a rabbit. Needless to say, the animal rights activists don't like this very much. The article did not quote a price for feeding dissidents to the tigers.
- Joe Zeff, reporting secondhand from an account by the IMAC tech, told of one lady's troubles that began when her son downloaded the 30-second-long clip of the theme to "Jump Start" and set that as the default sound for absolutely everything. Joe described this as grounds for justifiable homicide.

- Mike Stern held up the cover of the current issue of Computer Currents, showing a Macintosh and a Mac error message which read: "Sorry, your computer is being replaced by a PC".
- Don Wenner reporting for the "Get a Life" committee told of a fellow who had decided he was a member of the Highlander family, and had to be subdued by six policemen, samurai sword and all. There was no indication that anyone was decapitated in the incident. Or even fed to the tigers at the zoo.
- Scratch reported that the State of California was now assessing a penalty on any fines for any motor vehicle offenses equal to 170% of the fine incurred. (And people wonder why the tax base is moving out of state!)
- Matthew Tepper announced that the mayor of Taipei was being sued by the local prostitutes. It seems that in reinstating a law making prostitution illegal, he was depriving all these ladies of the evening of their incomes.
- Christian McGuire officially apologized to Bjo Trimble for something. We don't know what he did, but he's sorry.
- Stacy's Husband mentioned that, in a stunning display of good planning, the animation staff for "Kingdom of the Sun" was being reassigned to other tasks while the film was sent "back to the drawing board". Another oddity: the movie "Dinosaur", described as a Disney-happy movie about dinosaurs living on a planet in the path of a comet which is about to kill them all off. I guess it's happy for the mammals....
- Cathy's Husband offered a reprise of some of last week's weirdness.
- Bob Null announced that some of the renters had left a supply of butt cans, which were appropriated for use by the smokers outside.
 - Reviews:
- Francis Hamitt reviewed Harry Turtledove's "How Few Remain" as his best so far. He also suggested that we do something about increasing the number of donations to the LASFS library.
- Christian McGuire reviewed the Burning Man festival as hot. Many things were burned, including, presumably, any of the naked attendees who didn't use adequate sunscreen. (About half of the attendees were naked. About half of those should not have been.)
- Hare stated that of the works by MZB that he's read, "~~Thendara House~~"¹ was showing the most age, and the most tendency to beat the reader over the head with its message.
- Steve Whitehead reviewed a new magazine, "The Wildest Westems".
- Rhonda's Husband seconded Francis' recommendation of "How Few Remain".

¹This was crossed out on the corrected Menace, but what it was corrected to wasn't noted --- TPM

- Mike Stern added that the sequel to "How Few Remain" is "World War I: The American Front".

Announcements:

- Frank Waller made his usual announcement, and mentioned his employer's web page, <<http://www.byersbest.com>>.
- Eylat Polimer is now employed. Her husband is still fannishly unemployed.
- Rhonda's Husband urged LASFSians to vote for their choice of stamp to commemorate the 70's. Unfortunately, none of the choices was a streaker.
- Don Wenner announced that Dream Shapers would be having a story session at Raven's Flight on the 18th
- Cat's Fiance is moving to San Diego in search of better employment.

Joe Zeff moved to conflate Ed Green and Rob Cole. After several minutes of conflatulence, we moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded, thridded, fifthed and passed at 21:30:05

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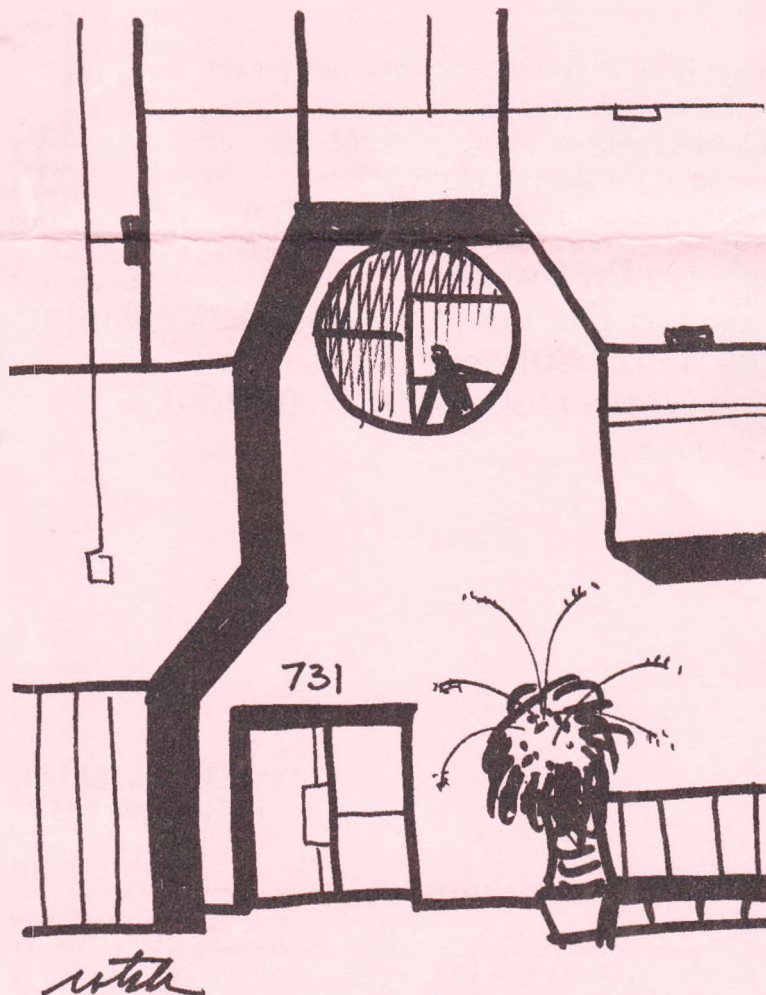
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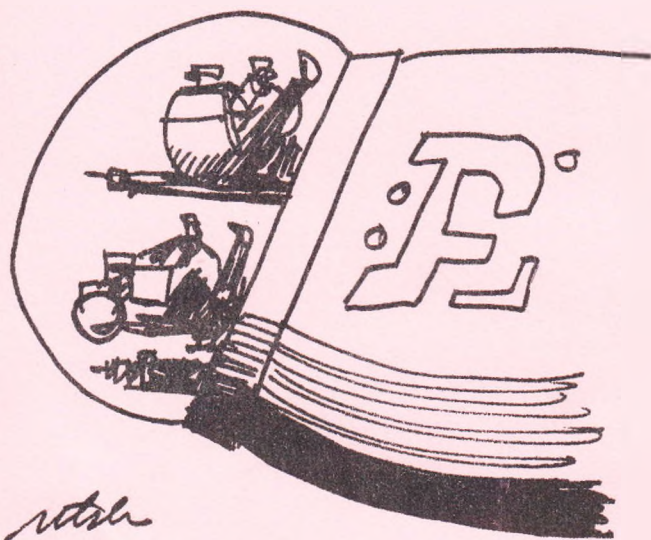
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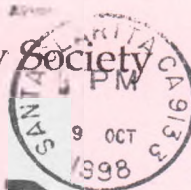
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