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Chairman: Mike Stern (2000). **Vice-Chairman:** Bruce E. Pelz. **Comptroller:** Mike Glycer (2002). **Secretary:** Mike Glycer (2002). **Other members:** Bill Ellern (2002), Joe Zeff (2002), Elayne Pelz (2002), J. Shaun Lyon (2000), Bob Null (2000), Liz Mortensen (2001), Mike Thorsen (2001), Kim Marks Brown (2001). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J. Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

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De Profundis Editor: Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Michael Mason. **Librarian Emeritus:** Leigh Strother Vien. **Assistant Librarians:** Greg Barrett, Lucy Stern, Alison Stern, Joyce Sperling, Eric Stokien, Rosalinda Duran-M^cKillip & Tadao Tomomatsu. **Special Guest Librarian:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **LASFS Answer Guy:** Greg Barrett. **LASFS/APA-L Liaison:** Tim Merrigan. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Dale Hales, Bruce Pelz, Ed Green, Tadao Tomomatsu. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Records, *Shan-gri L'Affaires* Editor, Video Coordinator, Programming Committee, party Rabbi, & Tontine Committee** (take a deep breath here): Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Alison Stern. **Hall Decoration:** Tadao Tomomatsu. **Silent Auction Coordinators:** Tadao Tomomatsu and Ed Green. **Key Control:** Liz Mortensen, Bob Null. **Janitorial Services:** Greg Bilan, Mike Thorsen. **Special Photographic Collection:** Mike Donahue. **Webmaster** - lasfs.org: Chaz Boston Baden. **Children's Literature Committee:** Greg Barrett. **Computers & LASFS Archives:** Bob Null. **Charity Coordinator:** Liz Mortensen. **Book Reading Club:** Diana Dougherty.

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**KEY TO CALENDAR
& OTHER IMPEDIMENTA**
 LADWVS = L.A. Dr. Who Viewing Society
 ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and
 Fallout Society
 TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information
 Programming and Entertainment.
 BOD = Board of Directors
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation
 Work Party =
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies
 FUCC = Fandom Universal Computer Club
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club

CALENDAR DETAILS
 LADWVS - 6:30 pm
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever
 BOD - 11:00 am, games start at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 FUCC - Evening
 TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am
 ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm
 FWEMS - 2:00 pm (Comedy Ahoy!)

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

JANUARY 4 - Tom Safer Cartoons
JANUARY 11 - No programme scheduled
JANUARY 18 - Previews of Coming Attractions Video
JANUARY 25 - No programme scheduled

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CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE
 (complete minutes can be read in APA-L and are filed in
 the archives)
Meeting #3300, November 9, 2000
Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Karl Lembke, scribing

Since there was a lot to do this week, we started fairly promptly at 20:15:34. After Rob Cole said something, we moved on to . . .

Special Orders of Business: L. Sprague de Camp has died. He died on November 7, at the age of 92. He has won many awards, including the Forry Award and the Hugo. Since he held the rank of Lt. Commander, his ashes will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

The **Menace** were read, corrected, and approved as “Too Close to Call.”

Old Business: The Bylaws amendment had originally been scheduled for December 21, and moved to November 30. Marty requested that they be moved back to the December date, so as not to interfere with the pending expulsion vote.

Patron Saint Woody Dodge did so quite well. He once helped Matthew Tepper fix a Subaru, and still comes to the meetings on occasion. For once, he didn't appear at his saint's meeting this year. Since he gave the club money at one point, he was given three cheers.

Committee to Fleece the LASFS raised money.

New Business: Nominations for the Board. Nominees are (in alphabetical order): Scott Beckstead, Marty Cantor, Karl Lembke, Mike Mason, Bob Null, and Mike Stern. Nominations are closed and will not re-open next week.

Archives: Eylat Poliner is in the process of archiving **Menace** for the club. She is calling on all scribes, past, present, and future to pony up any copies of **Menace** they have in their possession.

Winter Holiday Party: Charlie Jackson announced that we're having one. It will be on December 25, starting in the early afternoon. There will be food, Frivolity, Fun, Games, Movies, etc.

Turn of the Century Film Festival: CLJII announced this event on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays in December. Charlie will show films from his list of 150 greats.

Registrar: No guests.

Sundance had an announcement that ran past before my Acme announcement capture cube could snag it. (Now what's this coyote doing in here?)

A motion to adjourn was passed at 21:37:25.

*Meeting #3201, Nov. 16, 2000
Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Karl Lembke, scribing*

Wielding the serious gavel, President Beckstead called the mess to chaos at 20:20:58. The **Menace** were read, corrected, and approved as “Much Ado about Nitpicks!”

Patron Saint Milt Stevens: It was noted that he was

never attached to the bottom of a fish. He is a retired civilian employee of the police department; and, in the past, served as hotel liaison for many a year. He was good at smoothing over difficulties. He was co-chair of the 1984 Worldcon, and is an underrated fan writer. He has stated that his experience with the police department still hadn't prepared him for fandom. He is also very good at perceiving the obvious. He was given three very obvious cheers.

Old Business: Election of LASFS board members took place. In the order seated, the winning candidates were Bob Null, Karl Lembke, Mike Mason, and Mike Stern. Congrats, and condolences, as appropriate.

Registrar: No guests.

Karl Lemke reported on a novel idea for balloting reported in the Wall Street Journal. It seems that Irish elections make use of a weird system for automatic run-off elections. People mark their first, second, third and so on, until they run out of candidates or desire to mark down choices. If the front runner doesn't have a majority of votes after the first count, the candidates with the lowest total is dropped, and his ballots redistributed to the second-choice candidates listed on the ballot. What kind of crazy people would ever use that kind of system for deciding an election? (*When did LASFS take over Ireland? - ed.*)

Lucy Stern reported on a convenience store worker who used some tape to cover the lens of the surveillance camera so he could pilfer merchandise. Pity that he didn't think to use opaque tape.

Eylat commented on a “Voting for dummies” e-mail she received.

CLJII remarked that lots of people vote for dummies. (*This partisan editor has no comment at this time - ed.*)

A motion to dummy up was passed at 21:36:31.

*Meeting #3302, Nov. 23, 2000
Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Karl Lembke, scribing*

“Everybody sit your rumps down. I don't have a gavel so I'm going to drop my keys.” The meeting was key-tered into order at 20:12:11. The **Menace** were read, corrected, and approved as “Appealed to a Higher Court.”

Phil Castora clarified why the French spell the word “tchad” - the initial “T” makes the initial consonant a plosive, without which the word would be pronounced “shad” - which he declared would be awfully fishy . . .

CLJII announced tonight's program: folding stuff. He also announced that his father's ashes have been dispersed. They were packed into a canister mounted on the drag chute of a race car named "The Eight Ball," and Sunday, at the end of a race, Kong Jackson was deployed at 192 mph.

Bob Null announced that Cucamonga's quiet.

A motion to quash Marty was passed at 20:29:13.

Meeting 3303 - November 30, 2000

Cathy Beckstead, presiding
Karl Lembke, scribing

"Good evening!" announced the President. "Are you sure?" asked the crowd. "I think so, but all the tech stuff is with the tech people, so you have to be quiet." The meeting was pummeled into order at 20:19:48. The **Menace** were read, corrected, and approved as "Without Jeremy."

Patron Saint Frank Gasperik was given three cheers.

Old Business: Tonight's business is the vote on a motion to expel three members for non-payment of LOSCON 26 membership fees. Drew Rhine, Lee Downing, and Eric Kelstrom attended LOSCON 26 and made use of convention services which were intended to be available only to those who had obtained membership in the convention. A moderate amount of discussion followed. After a call for people who wished to speak against the expulsion, Ed Green offered some points, though he made it clear he was speaking in the role of a "devil's advocate." There being no further arguments against the motion, discussion wound down and the question was called. The motion passed 43/1/7, the required 75% majority thus being obtained. CLJII stated that he had observed the proceedings and deemed them fair.

Greg Bilan announced the latest Evans Frehafer Award winner: **Mike Thorsen**, who declared himself speechless. **Chaz Baden** announced that memberships for LOSCON 28 are \$25, until January. Or, you can get four memberships for \$99.

Registrar: Lynx introduced Paul, Tad Daley, and Mrs. Harvey.

Mike Stern was at a convention last weekend, put on by a group of silly SF fans. It was one of the better ones. He also announced that, as of today, he has graduated from work. He is now retired. He states that the hardest moment was the moment when he hit the "format" button on his hard drive at work.

A motion to retire passed at 21:32:46.

LASFS Board of Directors
Meeting of October 8, 2000
Mike Stern, Chairman
Joe Zeff, substitute Secretary

ATTENDANCE: (Board) Mike Stern, Bill Ellern, Kim Marks-Brown, Joe Zeff, Liz Mortensen, Bob Null, Mike Thorsen, Mike Glycer. Shaun Lyon was absent, excused because of illness. Bruce and Elayne Pelz were absent, unexcused. (Others) Ed Green, Karl Lembke, Greg Bilan, Lucy Stern, Joyce Sperling, Marty Cantor, Greg Koudoulian, Tadao Tomomatsu, Suzann McGinnis, Linda Huber, Eylat Elisari, Kris Bauer, Cathy Beckstead, and Patrick Beckstead.

The meeting was called to order at 11:12 am, with Chairman Mike Stern presiding. Board Secretary Mike Glycer was unable to attend the entire meeting for personal reasons, so Joe Zeff substituted. Mr. Zeff read the minutes, as they had been distributed to some members by e-mail, but others had not yet seen them. After various and sundry nitpicks and corrections, including typos, the minutes were approved with nitpicks.

ANNOUNCING

Fa-La-La-La-La-La-La Con

Theme: A Christmas in April
Dates: March 31 - April 1
Fan GoH: Milt Stevens
Artist GoH: Liz Mortensen
Writer GoH: to be announced
Membership Price: to be announced

The event will be at the LASFS clubhouse

S P E C I A L
ANNOUNCEMENT:

Two ladies from Project Linus were present to receive the accumulated donations. So far, we have completed twenty, with more to come. Blankets are being sent to a number of hospitals, as well as the LAPD. The nationwide organization is in trouble, and may dissolve. The local chapter will continue, as handmadehugs.org, thus following in LASFS's own tradition.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$45,820.40 TOTAL, INCLUDING SEVERAL SPECIAL FUNDS. The Treasurer thanked Ed Green, Tadao Tomomatsu and Dale Hales, LASFS auctioneers. We have also had

several special auctions for the ladies. We have had several auctions in recent weeks totaling over \$100 each.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Walter Lee, Michele Wolfe, and Thomas Wolfe. All were accepted, unanimously.

CRASHERS: Mike Stern has discovered that we can't expel the crashers as easily as we had thought. The Bylaws state that they must be notified that the Board is discussing expelling them, and allow them to be present to defend themselves at that time. The only way we can expel without notice is for missing dues, but LOSCON memberships aren't dues. After much discussion, it was decided to drop the expulsion proceedings, as the crashers aren't attending any LOSCON functions or meetings anyway. As some members of the Board weren't certain what the requirements are, we checked, finding that a written petition is required and the members must be notified by Certified Mail of a board meeting at which the motion will be discussed and voted on. A written petition was submitted, signed by eight LASFS members. The crashers will be notified that the motion will be discussed at the November Board meeting.

PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

We the undersigned members of the LASFS, Inc., request the Board of Directors consider the termination of the membership for the following LASFS members: Lee Downing, Eric Kelstrom, Drew Rhine. These three members attended programming events at LOSCON 26 without paying for membership. They were informed numerous times by convention officials to pay, but never did. We feel this behavior is in the worst interests of the LASFS, and such activity must be discouraged in every possible way.

CLUB MACHINES: Joe Zeff bought some network hubs, one for the front building. Bob Null pointed out that the PA gets reset, constantly, making it hard to adjust. Labels will be printed for the PA.

HALL RECONSTRUCTION: The canvas shades have taken wind damage, and will be sewn up and a chair needs welding. The socket for one of the outside lights has broken, and will be replaced. Scratch is now about 3/4 done with cleaning out under the front building, so we should be able to get the plumbing done Real Soon Now. The treasurer was asked to include money for paving in the next budget. Liz has found a source of a paving material, consisting of small stones epoxied together to make a smooth surface. Liz and Kim were appointed a Patio Committee.

LOSCON.ORG, LOSCON 27, LOSCON 28: No report.

LOSCONS OF THE FUTURE: We still have a contract, and it's one we can live with.

ARCHIVES: There have been two archive sessions. Eylat attended the first, but was unable to return for the second. Many of the filing cabinet drawers now have labels, and templates are available. We haven't gotten in touch with Mike Donahue. We'll give the tapes to him when we see him. Marty Cantor reminded all secretaries to deliver corrected copies of the minutes to the archives. Bob told us that there is a specific drawer for contributions, labeled "Incoming."

ESTROGEN ZONE: It was well attended, with more gentleman than ladies in attendance, with at least 25 people. Much fun was had by all, and it will continue.

LALA7CON: It is still proceeding apace. They're still working on the guest list and will announce it RSN.

NIPPON 2007 Mike Stern signed a bunch of paperwork for it, so the account's ready. We should like the paperwork from lasfs.org when Chaz gets to it.

We adjourned at 12:59 pm, next meeting November 12.

FANZINE S

*The production of fanzines is an old fannish tradition and De Profundis is a zine in that tradition. Many of the regularly attending club members may not be aware of the vast number of zines which have been produced in fandom's past. Many may not realise that not everybody has moved their written fanac to the web and that there are many fanzines still being produced. Here is a list of the zines which the club gets in trade. I want to point out that **any zines for which the club trades can be picked up from the De Prof mailbox and can be read at your leisure.** For those of you who want to explore the universe of fanzines, I shall be most happy to make recommendations of available zines.*

zines received in trade

(All zines are available to read and are in the *De Profundis* mailbox and can be taken out for a week)

club zines: DASFAx Vol.32, No. 12 (DASFA). EINBLATT! December 2000 (Minn-Stf). LUNARIANS Meeting Notice Dec. 2000 (NYSFS). INSTANT MESSAGE #676 (NESFA). PSFS NEWS Nov/Dec 2000 (PSFS). PULSAR #265 & #266 (PorSFiS). TNFF Vol. 60 Nos. 2 & 3 (N3F). WARP Vol. 14, #2 (MonSFFA). WESTWIND #253 (NWSFS).

other zines: TRASH BARREL Nov. 2000 (Don Franson).

**NEW LASFS BOARD
OFFICERS**

elected Nov. 16, 2000

(terms begin Jan. 1, 2001 and run for
3 years)

Bob Null

Karl Lembke

Michael Mason

Mike Stern

NEW BOOKS

(This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them. Here are some of the newest additions.)

(There were no books added this month. Considering the fact that there was no space for more books, this might not be considered entirely negative.)

**Recent Additions to the
Video Collection**

(There were none listed for this month.)

MEET . . .

(Occasionally I will be able to corner a member who is a regular attendee and get them to write something about themselves. If that person is an officer of the club, this may take the form of writing about their job. If any regular attendee wants to write about some personal information, please get me a short piece of material. Remember, I may be ruthless in my editing, so do not write about Ruth.)

(Again, nobody was cornered this month)

Letter S of comment

(It is an old fannish tradition to send letters to zines - and it is also an old fannish tradition to welcome and to print these letters.)

Robert Lichtman
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Larry Niven's comment on the first page of **DE PROF #335**, "Who would believe that this country would be run like LASFS?", only proves my long-held belief that fandom is just a "little bit ahead of the culture at large (though the LASFS may be further ahead than fandom at large) (Not a fat joke). (*Are you prejudiced against fat jokes? - ed.*) If Bush eventually weasels his way into the Oval Office, someone ought to set up the Verbal Gaffe Fund, functioning rather like the LASFS Pun Fund. (*Not only would that Fund probably soon pay off the National Debt, but it would contribute to environmental devastation as it would entail the complete devastation of our National Forests to provide the paper on which to print these Verbal Gaffes. - ed.*) (*Previous statement was smartassery, Not A Political Comment - ed.*)

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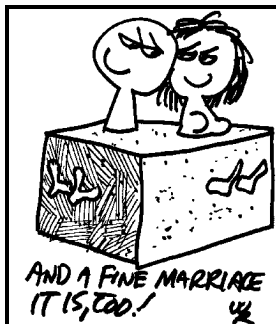
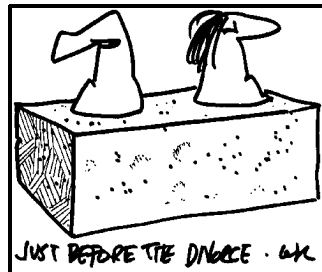
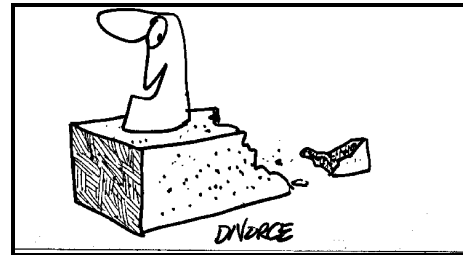
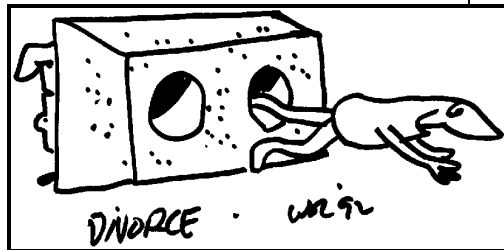
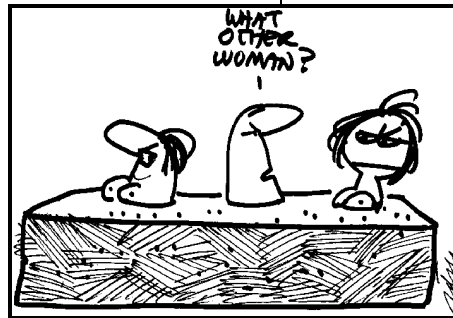
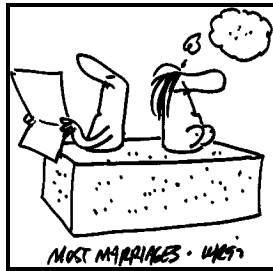
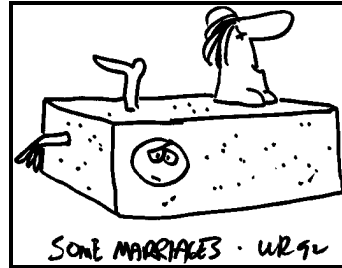
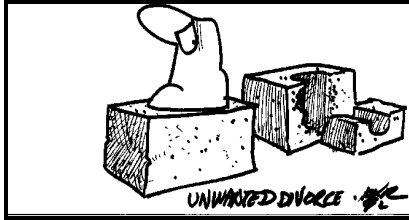
Looking at your roster of officers, it seems like the women are taking over LASFS. that adds a lot of life to an organization, I think, especially with your Hoo Hah policy toward *DE PROF*. (*There is no "Hoo Hah policy" toward DE PROF except insofar as I view everything as a vehicle for smartassery (even though I really try to at least slightly suppress that tendency here given that this is, after all, the LASFS clubzine. Yeah, right. - ed.)*)

Please don't believe that I don't take an interest in *DE PROF*. I'm keeping more than one eye on how LASFS is doing. (*On behalf of the LASFS I thank you for your concern for our welfare, but I really believe that you should put your hundreds of eyes back into their sockets. - ed.*)

(As per mostly usual, all illos thish by Rotsler)

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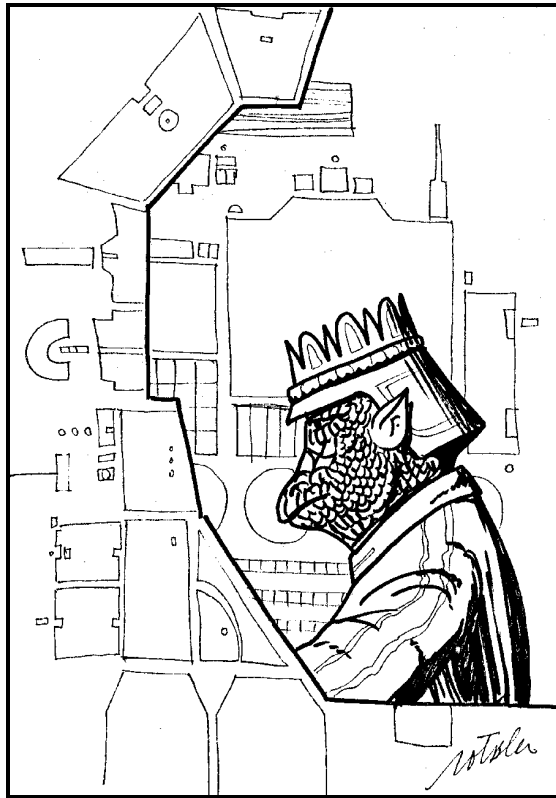
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