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ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming - 2 pm
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation, time after Tom Safer Cartoons
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am
 L.A. PostgreSQL Users Group: 7 pm - 9 pm

CALENDAR DETAILS

BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am
 ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
 FWEMS -

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

MARCH 7 - Eric Hoffman presents horror movie trailers
MARCH 14 - Tom Safer: Sylvester & Tweety cartoons
MARCH 21 - BIG Auction
MARCH 28 - LASFS Limber-up Work Out

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:
http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185



Marty Cantor is planning a 10-hour Eurogaming session soon. Contact him for details: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) - or in person at the club. Some information on page 9.

DE PROFUNDIS - the unofficial newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 481– March 2013. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (6012 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 904-9544. The club's web site is: www.lasfs.org. *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

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I want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address c/o *De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his edress: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

If anybody who receives *DE PROF* via the mail happens to move without letting me know the new address; well, I have more important things to do than to be chasing down addresses so I will stop sending zines to you even if you have given me money to do so.

I will accept no advertising in *De Profundis* but I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to LASFS members.

Even though *De Profundis* is no longer the official newsletter of the LASFS, I intend to run the zine as if it still belonged to the club. Mostly. Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-modified Intel quad-core computer (using the XP Pro operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. *Interjections in italics are solely the responsibility of the smartass, er, editor. Any resemblances 'twixt smartassery and responsibility are purely coincidental.*

Addendum: At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. As of this issue, *De Prof* will be available on paper solely at cost: currently 55¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.00. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. (818) 761-9401. [martyhoohah \(at\) sbglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net). February 2013. Hoo Hah Publication Number 1720. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Arlene Satin, Charlie Jackson, Liz Carlie, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members.

LASFS OFFICERS

**Elected Procedural Officers
January - June, 2013**

President: Matthew B. Tepper. **Vice-President:** Marcia Minsky & Eylat Poliner (tag team). **Scribe:** Karl Lembke. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz. **Registrar:** Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2015). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2014).. **Comptroller:** Michelle Pincus (2013). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2015). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2015), Warren "Whiskey" Johnson (2015) Elayne Pelz (2014), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2014), Arlene Satin (2013), Mike Thorsen (2013), Eylat Poliner (2014).. **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

Official Committees

De Profundis Editor, Speaker to Gestetner, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whiskey. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Darnell Coleman. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Christian McGuire. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://www.lasfs.org>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel, **Editor, Computers & LASFS Archivist:** Christian McGuire. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Arlene Satin. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Cat Liaison:** Don Wenner.

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Sergeant-at-Arms In Perpetuity: Roy Tackett. **Windmill-at-Arms:** Kees van Toorn. **Samurai-at-Arms:** Takumi Shibano. **Librarian-at-Arms:** Heather Stern.

If there is an X in this space, your sub has run out ____

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE
(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the
LASFS' files and can be read there -
also at www.lasfs.org)

**Meeting 3927, November 15, 2012
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe**

It's Board Election Night 2012, and Marcia Minsky names the minutes "I HAVE NO IDEA, WTF, WHAT-EVER" for \$1.50.

Ballots? Mud-slinging? Not just yet, because we have **PATRON SAINTS** to honor.

PATRON SAINT JOHN TRIMBLE: Joe says that John is good to his mother. And there must be something good about him as he has stayed married to Bjo for many years. President Tepper echoed the sentiment: he was the supportive husband of our own Super Trekster, Bjo Trimble. He has influences in convention fandom as well as LASFS, but we don't see him much any more. CLJII says that John is cursed: he has to stay married to Bjo until he counts all her freckles.

Patron Saint John Trimble received THREE CHEERS & a cable's length of rope.

PATRON SAINT MILT STEVENS: Eylat said of Milt that she took him to CSUN during the library exhibit of

his memorabilia. He donated a lot to them, and it was displayed in a lovely fashion. They put his things behind glass and framed much of his artwork. He's a generous and sweet man, a long time member of the LASFS, and she thanked him for being an all around great guy.

Arlene said that she's known Milt a while, and that he's a very nice, intelligent man. He's easy to talk to, and a wonderful conversationalist. On the board, he did a great job, and she's very grateful to have him. Marty Cantor said that he's done a lot for the club and for fandom. Most recently? He acquired the couches now in the sitting room. He knows him for being one of the finest writers in fandom. Marty hasn't produced a genzine for a while, but when he did, he always printed something from Milt. Along with collecting fanzines, Milt is a letter hack (writes letters of comment to fanzines), which are just as interesting as zine content. He writes very well and is long overdue for a best fanwriter Hugo. He's that good.

CLJII said that, just yesterday on Facebook, he was having a conversation with Darnell, who said things aren't very funny at LASFS. CLJII said we needed more of the understated British humor of Milt Stevens. Tepper said that Milt's is a wit so dry it hardly needs any vermouth. Dr. Pournelle said that for 30 years he's enjoyed the reputation of chairing first international space development conference, and while happy to accept, he is not. He was, in fact, merely co-chair, and a silent one at that. Milt ran the whole thing splendidly.

Liz Carlie said of Milt that he plays a great game of Hell, and is a wonderful conversationalist. He is well liked. Marty Cantor added that Milt has a lot of stories about the morbid/humorous side to the LAPD, having served as a civilian employee for many years. President Tepper added, Milt is full of facts, interesting speculations, has a great memory for his time in the LAPD, fandom, and much more that goes WAY back. He's a wonderful retrieval device for useful/interesting things. Personally, he values Milt's integrity, maturity, and would be fortunate indeed if he could show half as much maturity as he sees from Milt every time they meet. Not only did he give us the sofas in sitting room, he was also one of the major sponsors of the internet here.

Patron Saint Milt Stevens received THREE CHEERS & and that's a mark 4! CLANG!

Craig Miller announced that LOSCON has programming! The schedule is now up on the website, have a look. It's mostly harmless, er, accurate. It's correct as of this moment, but changes are always possible.

Arlene informed all that, due to the voting, the big auction would be postponed with a glorious return next month...bring the bucks!

Next week - NO PROGRAMMING! Marty to preside over next week's meeting!

Eylat announced that the Grilled Cheese Throwdown will be postponed to the 2nd Sunday of JANUARY due to

scheduling conflicts.

OLD BUSINESS? Yes, we have some: THE BIG ELECTION. Karl announced that, at the most recent board meeting, the decision made last Thursday regarding the error in nominations and bookkeeping, was ratified. It was also decided that thanks were to be given to CLJII for his advice on the matter, and for the description of Whisky's performance at the time of nomination.

Registrar? Registrar? Paging the Registrar! We have a guest. Ira Lack: John Cox encouraged his visit, he's interested in Star Trek, Star Wars & others, and his occupation is customs & border protection officer!

Back to old business: BOARD ELECTIONS. CLJII proceeded with the explication of the process, and the card color was sold to Susan for \$5.00, who named the pale, almost white shade of the cards to be OCTARINE!

The WINNERS: KARL LEMBKE, MARCIA MINSKY, MARTY CANTOR, WARREN "WHISKY" JOHNSON.

And with no new business, we proceeded with a MOMENT OF SCIENCE from David Okamura in absentia, with his report delivered by the noble scribe!

Curiosity has failed to detect any methane in the Martian atmosphere, which confirms some earlier findings and casts doubt on whether Mars ever fostered microbial life. Meanwhile, by re-analyzing some old data, an international team of scientists have detected three more planets around dwarf star HD 40307, roughly 42 light years away. This makes a grand total of six, but the inner five are clustered closer to that star than Mercury is to our sun. The sixth planet is several times the mass of Earth, but resides in the "habitable zone." This means it might actually be far enough away from its parent star to have liquid water and a solid day/night rotation.

Astronomers have also discovered an orphan planet that has no parent star! It's four to seven times the size of Jupiter, and free-floating about 130 light years away. It's actually considered a very small brown dwarf star, a gas giant that lacked sufficient mass to ignite. This might be fairly common, but it's hard to say since brown dwarves don't produce visible light and are therefore hard for us to detect.

Marty added some science of his own, by way of a friend in Long Island, braving a blackout. He drives a Prius... which he has wired up to his heating, wifi, kitchen light, and charger so he can sit comfortably in a warm kitchen and get online, all thanks to his car!

MISCELLANEOUS: We received a book from Goodreads by Gabriella Lapor, *Witches at Glass Castle!* It will be going into the library.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and the meeting adjourned, with all waiting with baited breath to find out the fate of Tony and Maria post-election!

Meeting 3928, November 22, 2012
Marty Cantor, Presiding
Marty Cantor, Temporary Scribe

Call to order: The venue being Freehafer Hall – it says so on the sign over there – the official 3928th meeting of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, familiarly known as LASFS, started at 8:00 pm. This is the one meeting of the Society which does not collect dues. It is also the one regular Thursday meeting of the Society which rarely has enough attendees to pass business – and that is probably a good thing as I sometimes introduce motions to distribute all of the treasury's money to the attending members. (However, later in the meeting we did collect one 25¢ pun fine.)

Special Orders of Business: Marty Cantor quoted an e-mail posting he had received from Alan Winston, early Wednesday morning. "Vanessa died at about 12:30 am today, while I was holding her hand, of complications of endometrial cancer." This is Vanessa Schnatmeier from Granada Hills who joined the LASFS in 1969 at age 15. Vanessa has been living in Redwood City in the Barea and has been a contributing member of LASFAPA since disty 59, September 1981. Vanessa detailed her fight with cancer and other health problems in the pages of her zine in LASFAPA and it appeared that, despite some setbacks here and there, she was gradually getting better. Alas, such was not the case and Vanessa died at age 58, MUCH too young an age for so vibrant a woman.

Tom Locke: She was a mature young lady and this is really a shame to hear this. She might have been a teenager when she joined the club but she was adult for her years. We had a moment of silence for Vanessa Schnatmeier.

Tom Locke: Sandy Cohen is making progress from his staph infection. He says his recovery is lengthy and he is not certain he will make a complete recovery.

Reading of the minutes of Meeting #3927: No minutes were available.

Patron Saint, Jim Tanenbaum: Marty: When I started contributing to APA-L in 1975, one of the other contributors was Jim Tanenbaum and he produced interesting zines for the APA for many years. At the time Jim was contributing to APA-L he was a soundman in the entertainment industry – and he still is. He has won an Emmy for his work. (Um – his work as a soundman, not his work in APA-L.)

Guests (Registrar): In addition to Presiding over the meeting and taking the minutes, I also acted as treasurer (by taking in a 25¢ pun fine and acting as Registrar with our two guests, Lloyd and Yvonne Penney, Fan Guests of Honor at LOSCON.) They were brought to LASFS from the con by Sherri Benoun. This is the first visit to our new clubhouse by either of the Penney's but Yvonne had previously visited our North Hollywood clubhouse twice before. They both paid their \$5 and joined the society.
Moment of Science: There were no moments.

Committee Reports: There were no committees except The Committee To Hold The Regular Meeting on Thanksgiving in Freehafer Hall. It met.

Old Business: There was no old business before the society.

New Business: There was no new business presented to the society.

Announcements: Marty: I hear that there is some sort of silly gathering known as LOSCON much too far away at a hotel near an airport. I assume that that is where the usual hordes are, this evening. Tsk.

Marty: DE PROFUNDIS is the unofficial newsletter of the society and the paper version will be distributed next Thursday to those who hand me, tonight, my cost of printing it: 55¢. Of course, you can always read it – for free – at the LASFS web site or in your computer in-box as I send out pdf copies to those who want it that way.

Mike Thorsen: There are edible leftovers from loading party last night, including some pizzas. They should be consumed before they are disposed of.

Reviews: Thorsen saw Skyfall and called it exciting and gripping of your attention. He mentioned an opinion (held by some) about Daniel Craig Bond films, with that opinion being somewhat negative. Not much high-tech stuff in these films. Spoilers: gunfire, high speed chases, love scenes, and some people die.

Tom Locke says Argo has a science fictional basis.

Fannish Committee Reports: There were no reports.

Miscellaneous: Fans of Jim Butcher's The Dresden Files should know that he has a web site – and the latest book listed is The Cold Days. Available in general release the day after Thanksgiving.

Adjournment: It was moved, seconded, and passed that we adjourn. We did so at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor

Meeting 3929, November 29, 2012
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, Emergency Back-up Scribe

Come one, come all, to the greatest show on Earth: meeting #3929 of the LASFS! Spectacular, sensational, beyond your wildest imagination! Not one, but TWO sets of **Minutes** were read, and were named as follows:

11/15/12: \$1.25 by Christian: "Why, That's A Nice Set of Minutes You Have There, Liz!"

11/22/12: \$3.00 by Christian: "That's A Fine Pair of Fan Guests of Honor You Have There!"

PASSAGES: Previously noted in last week's minutes was the passing of LASFS member Vanessa Schnatmeier. President Tepper remembers when she joined not long after him in 1969. She was bubbly, charming, mature, and witty. Her passing is highly regretted. Also lost was Russian SF Writer, Boris Strugtatsky, following his brother, Arkady, who died 21 years ago. Another passing was that of LASFS member Paula Sallow, often seen at LOSCONS and Westercons. She passed at the age of 90.

A moment of silence observed for the fallen...and news is provided on Jim Daniel, who suffered a heart attack at LOSCON! Thanks to the swift actions of Kory Doyle and Robbie Bourget, he was taken to the hospital. At last check, he was off the ventilator, conscious, and speaking.

MICHELLE PINCUS: Warren "Whisky" Johnson was the recipient of this year's Evans Freehafer Award, presented at LOSCON.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Christian says of this past weekend's LOSCON: the people loved it! Thanks come from the Penneys, our Fan Guests of Honor, as well as from Pro Guest of Honor, Vernor Vinge. Hotel room rates were made, compliments were handed out, and applause were given to all who staffed the con, which had 1,091 attendees this time around! DO NOT MISS LOSCON 40, it will be an event to remember!

MOMENT OF SCIENCE : via correspondent, scribe Liz Carlie. Anthropologists have discovered primitive stone tools on Crete & Cyprus associated with rock deposits that may date back 170,000 years. This conflicts with the belief that these islands were first colonized by late Neolithic settlers a mere 9,000 years ago. Since there were no land bridges connecting these islands to the mainland, this raises the possibility that Neanderthals or even the older Homo erectus once paddled around the Mediterranean. Perhaps one of these early ancestors was the original "Ancient Mariner?"

LARRY NIVEN offered an ADDITIONAL scientific moment, given to him by Doug as he came in. Apparently, there's ice on Mercury. It calls to mind a story written some time ago called THE COLDEST PLACE, which is now obsolete. The Ice seems to be real, unlike the rotation of Mercury.

REGISTRAR: We had no guests this week.

Before we begin the show, Mike Thorsen says of our lemon tree that the rain has resulted in a few that are reaching the pickable stage!

Meeting 3930, December 6, 2013
President Matthew B. Tepper, presiding
Elizabeth Carlie, Scribe

The **Minutes** were read, and named "The Greatest Minutes On Earth" by Nick for the sum of \$3.00. And, due to technical difficulties last week in the memory of our president, the Mighty Mallard, Matthew Tepper, we will begin the meeting by honoring last week's **Patron**

Saint, Frank Gasperik.

Hare Hobbs reports that Frank was kind of a local troubadour. Hare was at the space shuttle landing, and heard a familiar voice singing BALLAD OF APOLLO 13...it was none other than Frank himself! He was going down the line, singing songs of space filk & such as he went. He is missed, and was a great performer. Scratch says of Frank that he actually had a chance to sing BALLAD OF APOLLO 13 to the astronauts themselves, who said, more or less "Yep! That's what happened! Joe notes that, among other things, if you know where to look in PLANET OF THE APES you can see Frank, where the wild men are being herded into a pit. Two fall, and the one on top was Frank. He tried to warn the other extra to relax & go limp, but his warning wasn't heeded and the other person was injured. Frank was an excellent shade-tree mechanic and kept several cars going longer than they would have without him.

Dr. Pournelle notes that those who have read the books he writes with Larry Niven probably know Frank already, as he tends to take a bit part & run away until the part gets bigger than they planned. He was in LUCIFER'S HAMMER, and in FOOTFALL he was asked if he wanted to live through the final battle. Frank's answer: he wanted to die nobly. He was a good man, but one should mind the fact that he has the judgment of a walnut. He follows instructions well, but don't give him leeway. He & Frank took a trip to northern California when they both had motorcycles. They would go into a bar anywhere along Highway 1, Frank would sing, and they didn't have to pay for a thing. The problem? When Jerry would try to interview someone about being a character, Frank would dominate the conversation. Frank always knew a little more than everyone else, and proved it once when Dr. Pournelle once made up a term, and listened to Frank lecture on it. Tepper then added that Frank may yet come back. Apparently, there was discussion of his cremains being put into a gorilla clock so that he could always be present at meetings, just not as a voting member. The clock was, at last check, in progress, but there have been no reports in a while. Doug added that there's a Kelly Frieze portrait of Frank in the show cabinet, after which he received a rousing Three Cheers & a pistol fired straight up!

NEW BUSINESS: Presidential Nominations. Next week there will be more Presidential Nominations, plus nominations for: VP, Registrar, and Scribe, followed by voting.

REGISTRAR: We have guests. David Bassani: fan name, Dave. He heard about us from Nils, has a lifelong interest in science fiction and likes it all. Patricia Rodgers: heard about us from Forry and she was in LA on the right day. She met Michelle at the Ray Bradbury square dedication. She works as a fanzine writer, and personal assistant/author assistant to George R.R. Martin. Trina El Ray: She heard about us from LOSCON, the library encouraged her to visit. She's trying to read all the Nebula & Hugo award winning books, and she works as a scientist at JPL. Divine Tracy: He found us by walking by the clubhouse, was curious, and he's into aliens, time travel, monsters, and superheroes. Occupation: musician. Michelle then commented on the dedication of Ray Bradbury Square at the intersection of 5th and Flower. It was a beautiful ceremony; lots of people came to speak. Overall, very touch-

ing, and well deserved.

Patron Saint, Marty Massoglia: Hare says of Marty that he is one of our elephants. Mention a book, he'll come up with the author, art, & ISBN number. Hare mentioned NORSTRALIA once, and Marty said it was mangled in book form. Next week, he had the pulp magazines in for Hare, showcasing the story in its original form. He's incredible at finding things you wanted. Scratch noted that, much to the shock and amazement of the scribe, Marty & his wife, Alice, ran A&M BOOKSELLERS for years. They could find almost anything. When putting the business together, they favored many small donators versus a few big ones, and it was a favorite place to stop and find, buy, or trade in books. They still do bookfinding & selling, but not here. President Tepper noted their new web presence, martys-books.com, and Nick followed with a little known fact: Marty has gotten us a lot of LOSCON guest & speakers. Last year, we got at least two people through contacts Marty provided. Eylat added that Marty is great at taking a bunch of books you don't want, taking what he needs & donating what he doesn't, and giving you credit.

CLJII chatted with Marty at LOSCON this year, telling him that he'd read his Donald Hamilton books to shreds, it's in pieces. He pointed out that Matt Helm books are hard to get, commanding large prices, but Marty said he would try to find a replacement.

The scribe, Liz Carlie, commented that, while she did not know Marty personally, he holds a special place in her heart for A&M BOOKSELLERS. Her entire family frequented the establishment on a regular basis until the day they closed their doors, and to know that the owners were known to the LASFS thrills her absolutely. The store is missed, and she curses the bad luck of having missed the chance to meet him at LOSCON.

Patron Saint Marty Massoglia received Three Cheers and an ISBN.

OLD BUSINESS: Presidential Nominations. And, due to potential conflicts, these proceedings were supervised by ex-scribe, Mr. Karl Lembke. CLJII proceeded with the explication of the process, followed by the nominees! Many were named, several declined, but in the end our candidates were: Matthew B. Tepper (incumbent) and Scott Beckstead. The nominations recessed, and an announcement followed with regards to finding a substitute janitor, due to the fact that our acting janitor, Arlene, is in the hospital! She'll be out in a few days, but until then, a replacement will be needed.

MOMENT OF SCIENCE: compiled by David Okamura and delivered by...scribe Liz Carlie. After weeks of anticipation, NASA disclosed details on CURIOSITY's first taste of Martian soil. While the rover's instruments detected traces of chlorinated methane molecules, no complex carbon based molecules were found.

If the findings on Mars seem somewhat anticlimactic, perhaps

it's because the announcement arrived after a string of unusual space discoveries. First, astronomers found a supermassive black hole in the center of NGC 1277, several times larger than normally expected for such a relatively small galaxy. This may ultimately force a rethinking of how black holes form & develop. Then came news reported on just last week by our own Larry Niven: the Messenger orbiter reported that sun-scorched Mercury, where surface temperatures can reach 800 degrees Fahrenheit, actually has as much as 1.1 trillion tons of ice hidden in dark polar craters! Furthermore, much of that ice may be covered by a dark layer of carbon rich organic material. It's theorized that the water & organics may have come from icy comet impacts.

REVIEWS: CLJII reviewed a book called RAIN IN THE DOORWAY by Thorne Smith. It's about a man, standing in a doorway during the rain, and gets pulled into another universe where people do silly things. Women have unregulated sexual urges, people do very bizzare things in general. The story ambles along, but it's very funny. It's much like TOPPER, NIGHT LIFE OF THE GODS, very funny if rambly.

Hare reviewed Terry Moore's self published novel, based on her fanfiction: VAMPIRES IN SPACE, DESTINY'S FORGE. Overall review? Good!

Liz Carlie added an announcement about her personal magic number for November: 50,680. This was her final word count for National Novel Writing Month, where, after ten years of participation, she won for the ninth time!

Scott Beckstead made an announcement about the Krypton Radio Kickstarter campaign, which sadly failed, but word has it from inside source, podcaster Liz Carlie, that they will try again! There's a Paypal link on the site's homepage: if you gave during the campaign, you were not charged, please go click that link if you still want to send your pledges along!

And finally, Marcia Minsky alerted the club to a news piece found on the internet: in New Orleans, there's a convenience store called Quickies, where paramedics were called to treat someone in a life-threatening situation. The patient was treated on site, put in the van, and when the ambulance tried to speed off? It could not: THE AMBULANCE HAD BEEN DENVER BOOTED, BY QUICKIES EMPLOYEES. Another vehicle was called, as well as a tow truck. Apparently, it happened because signs on store say if you leave the property, the vehicle would be booted. Spokesman for the ambulance company says that as long as the lights are on, they park where they want, so long as it's safe. No word from the Quickies camp, being that the boot came when the ambulance techs were STILL ON QUICKIES PROPERTY at the time!

**Board of Directors Meeting
January 13, 2013
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary**

Board Members in attendance: Karl Lembke, Mike

Thorsen, Michelle Pincus, Marcia Minsky, Rob Powell, Marty Cantor, Christian McGuire, Eylat Poliner, Elayne Pelz, Warren "Whisky" Johnson, and Arlene Satin.

Members and Guests: Greg Bilan, Joyce Sperling, Michael Pell, Nick Smith, Milt Stevens, Joe Zeff, Matthew W. Tepper, Frank Waller, Lee Gold, Barry Gold, June Moffatt, Barbara Harmon, David Okamura, Jeni Burr, Tim Trzepacz, Tony Benoun, Sherry Benoun, Rosie Duran-McKellip.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:09 am.

Chairman (Karl Lembke): The Chairman welcomed us to the first meeting of Lucky 13. He gave an Official Welcome to Michelle Pincus and thanks to Bill Ellern.

Board Officers: The following people were elected to the indicated Board offices: Chairman, Karl Lembke: Vice-Chairman, Christian McGuire: Secretary, Marty Cantor: Comptroller, Michelle Pincus.

Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of December 9, 2012, were accepted as presented.

New Members: There were applications for membership in the Society presented to the Board: John P. Reidy and David L. Bassani. Both were accepted.

Treasurer: LASFS does not have a whole lot of money so you can't spend it. Property taxes are due this month.

30 Second Reports:

Chairman (Karl Lembke): No report.

Vice Chairman (Christian McGuire): No report.

Secretary (Marty Cantor): No report.

Publications (Marty Cantor): No report.

Comptroller (Michelle Pincus): No report.

Quartermaster/Supplies (Mike Thorsen): Soda units sold: 24,357 units to date, 203 units this period. Soda money: \$19,043.25 to date, \$210.00 for this period. Cleaning supplies were purchased, as were paper towels and instant coffee. There was a discussion about people leaving the propane tanks on. Mike Thorsen proposed that he be the only person to turn on and off the propane tanks.

Library (Warren "Whisky" Johnson): We have sent 16 boxes of books to the University of Georgia. We have an issue with our library computer but we can take care of it after the meeting.

Archives (Marcia Minsky): There was a request to use photos of Ray Bradbury. Marcia is looking into helping with the request. Debra Levin is helping with this. The Board gave permission to take anything off our web site as long as credit is given. // Milt Stevens contributed

a package of CDs which need to be scanned.

Physical Plant (Elayne Pelz): We can't afford to do anything.

AV Equipment (Rob Powell): Rob has not received any messages about problems.

Events (Eylat Poliner): The Grilled Cheese Throw-down will be today. // I would like to redo the Chili Cookoff and would like to have another Mah Jongg Tournament and I need ideas for other events. The holding of a Chili Cookoff and a Mah Jongg Tournament were Moved, Seconded, and Passed. // LOSCON 39 – does not have final numbers yet because of problems with hotel billing. // LOSCON 40 has no news. // LOSCONs of the future: Club President should start reminding people that Feb. 10 board meeting is when presentations to the board must be made. // Karl mentioned that we could get a rebate of \$1 per room night from the Marriott for every LOSCON room reserved through Good Shop, a nice addition to our funds This can be done by putting a link on our web site. Indeed, we should check to see if Gallifrey and Anime L.A. will put links on their web sites, too.

Fund-raising and Recruitment (Arlene Satin): (Arlene was welcomed back.) She is working on a project, a lecture series. This will be bringing back various people (like writers) who have been here before.

(Significant Others)

Marketing Committee (Arlene Satin): Arlene thanked Michelle for handling things while Arlene was ill. Michelle thanked Shawn Crosby for help in the various things on which she has been working. // Michelle is also working with the Pasadena Library on some programme items.

Club President (Matthew B. Tepper): Everything is ducky. Discussed possibly moving a club meeting vote for LOSCON 41 because of Galley One problem. It was pointed out to Matthew that there has always been a conflict with Gallifrey. We have moved the voting only once and it was decided that we would keep the vote at its scheduled time.

WEB MASTER (Barry Gold): Not much happening, just some new changes like listing the new officers.

Agenda Items:

Financial Statement/Budget: Elayne guided us through our proposed budget. // There was a discussion about possibly raising club dues. This discussion also included a discussion about using members to help on club projects and to present the club to outside organizations. Elayne moved that we draft a motion for the members to pass. This increased dues proposal will be presented to the board next month and the club in April. This was seconded and passed with two abstentions. // The Budget was Moved, Seconded, and Passed to passing the budget for 2013 as currently proposed with one abstention. We have a budget.

LAFa
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, March 16, 2012
Filk: 7 PM to ???
Terry Brussel, host
8515 Penfield Ave., Winnetka, CA 91306
818/886-0069
(hit # as soon as you hear a voice, to skip the answering machine messages)

Directions: Thomas Guide LA Co, page 530 E1

Filk style: moderated chaos

Notes:

1. Crash space available at the filksite--call in advance for arrangements.
2. There is a Feline Warning. The hosts will try to keep him them out of the filk room.
3. Bring healthy munchies, juices etc.
4. **No smoking -- period!!** (Except allowed outside.)
5. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
6. There is a hot tub.
7. The filk site is air conditioned.

LAFa info: Barry & Lee Gold:
(310) 306-7456

**NEW
LASFS
DIRECTORY**

The directory is now available.
Elayne will e-mail
the following directory files, free,
upon request:
xl spreadsheet, or
pdf

For those without on-line
or printer access
Elayne will provide a printed
copy upon request
for a small fee.

Contact Elayne at:
treasurer@lasfs.org

M4K – 4000th meeting celebration: It will cost money to attend. This will be in 2014 and will be a “Showcase” type of event. Christian asked Eylat to get more information as he believes that Charlie does not know how much more work it will take to pull off than Charlie believes. Moved to table until Eylat talks to Charlie. A motion to do this was Seconded and Passed.

Online membership? There was a general discussion but this was considered too early to hold it. Tim had a lot of experience in this area and gave us information about what he knew. This was tabled.

Minors and liability issues: There have been some violations of the LASFS Code of Conduct. Also, there has been some problems with kids underfoot during truck loading. Elayne says the President should remind the members that the club does not supervise kids and that parents who bring kids to the club remain responsible for them. Eylat proposed that kids too young to contribute to the work not be allowed on the premises during any work parties at the LASFS. This was Moved, Seconded, and Passed with one abstention. (Secretary to send this wording to the web site.) // It was also mentioned that the event-runner and/or keyholder is responsible to take care of behavior problems of attendees.

There was an extended discussion about problems in the computer room. A major problem is noise made by kids playing computer games. It was pointed out that members who are bothered by noisy kids should approach the parents to get the kids to be quiet. If the parents do nothing then a club officer should be approached to get the

parents to make the kids behave as it is always the responsibility of the parents to control their kids as the LASFS is not a baby-sitting service.

The Gold’s made the appropriate payment and became lifetime members.

OPEN FORUM:

Arlene announced that she will need another surgery but that this one should not have as much recovery time as the one she just went through.

Ed Hooper’s first meeting of his group was here. The group was looking for a place which they could afford so they are not interested in our facility right now. They liked the facility.

Our next meeting will be February 10, 2013.

Take-Aways: Elayne and Christian will write up a proposal to increase dues and eliminate lifetime dues and related items.

Taken Away from previous meetings:

Adjournment: The Board adjourned its meeting at 12:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Cantor, Board Secretary

**LINDA MAYFIELD
INFORMATION
WANTED**

Wanted: Does anyone remember Linda Mayfield? The police department is looking for anyone who can give them info regarding whoever from the LASFS was involved in the rescue of her cats and horse after she and John disappeared.

Should anyone know who did this, please email me asap at elayne@maileater.net with the info. You will not have to talk to the police.

**WHAT IS
EUROGAMING?**

Eurogaming is board-gaming with games which have been designed in European countries, mostly Germany. Many of these games are reprinted in the USA under license, but the German games are sold in this country in English editions.

These are games of varying complexity, but most of them are challenging to the intellect. As such, many SF fans enjoy playing these games.

Marty Cantor will be holding a 10-hour session with not only his own collection of games but other board-gamers will be bringing some of their own games for attendees to play.

This all-day session will be held at LASFS and there will be **door prizes of games** given to lucky winners at approximately 5 pm.

There will be some snacks available to attendees but those who wish to contribute more edibles can do so.

This event is private and will have a \$10 entrance fee.

As for when? Contact Marty Cantor at the club, e-mail martyhoohah@sbcglobal.net or call 1-818-761-9401 for when it will be held.

**ATTENTION
TO ALL THOSE WHO LOVE TO READ**

The LASFS has joined
<http://www.goodreads.com/>

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Sign-up and join the conversation.

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**THERE WILL BE A
CHILI COOK-OFF**

on June 9, 2013
along with the regular Second Sunday
programming
Arrival time: 4:00 pm
Serve time: 5:00 pm
Judges will be served first

This is an "anything goes" Chili Cook-Off
There will be NO separate categories

Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society

**Code of Conduct:
Respect Yourself, Others,
and the Property of LASFS.
Treat them Respectfully
While On the Premises**

