



Election Results

ELECTIVE (through December 1992)

President -- ED GREEN

Vice-President -- DREW SANDERS

Scribe -- MATTHEW B. TEPPER

Registrar -- MARJIE ELLERS

(Through June 1993)

Treasurer -- ELAYNE F. PELZ

and ROBBIE CANTOR



MEETING PROGRAMMING FOR JULY

- 02 Film presented by CLJ2
- 09 Westercon Review
- 16 Asimov Retrospective
- 23 Closure Motion
- 30 Bugs Bunny BD

OTHER MEETINGS

- 12 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- 12 2ND SUNDAY
- 15 FANDOM UNIVERSAL
COMPUTER CLUB

- 25 FERAL

AUTOGRAPH PARTIES

DANGEROUS VISIONS

Dates are not confirmed, but DV intends to have the horror writing team of Skipp&Spector autograph their new book **Still Dead**. Dennis Etchison will also be on hand some time in July. In either July or August a autograph party for Dan Simmons is planned. Call DV for times and info 986-6963

PLANET 10 447-8211
none scheduled

SCENE OF THE CRIME
981-2583
none scheduled

A AND M BOOK CELLARS
716-6259

Alice and Marty will be having their semi-annual 1/2 off 1/2 off sale. All regular paperbacks are half price and for the sale they're half off half (25% of cover price) Sale runs July 12-18.

PRESS RELEASE

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May 9, 1992

Hugo Nominations

The nominations for the 1992 Hugo Awards have been tabulated and the nominees have been notified. Here is the list of this year's nominees:

Best Novel

- Lois McMaster Bujold, *Barrayer* (Baen)
- Emma Bull, *Bone Dance* (Ace)
- Orson Scott Card, *Xenocide* (Tor)
- Anne McCaffrey, *All the Weys of Pern* (Del Rey, Bantam U.K.)
- Michael Swanwick, *Stations of the Tide* (Morrow), serialized in *Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, Mid-December 1990 and January 1991
- Joan D. Vinge, *The Summer Queen* (Warner/Questar)

Best Novella

- Nancy Kress, "And Wild For To Hold", *Alternate Wars* (Bantam Spectra) and *Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, July 1991
- Nancy Kress, "Beggars in Spain", *Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, April 1991 (also published by Axolotl Press)
- Kristine Kathryn Rusch, "The Gallery of His Dreams", *Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, September 1991 (also published by Axolotl Press)
- Michael Swanwick, "Griffin's Egg" (St. Martin's, Legend)
- Connie Willis, "Jack", *Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, October 1991

Best Novelette

- Isaac Asimov, "Gold", *Analog*, September 1991
- Pat Cadigan, "Dispatches from the Revolution", *Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, July 1991
- Ted Chiang, "Understand", *Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, August 1991
- Howard Waldrop, "Fin de Cycle", *Night of the Coolers* (Ursus Press) and *Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, Mid-December 1991
- Connie Willis, "Miracle", *Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, December 1991

Best Short Story

- Terry Bisson, "Press Ann", *Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, August 1991
- John Keasel, "Buffalo", *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*, January 1991
- Geoffrey A. Landis, "A Walk in the Sun", *Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, October 1991
- Mike Resnick, "One Perfect Morning, With Jackals", *Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, March 1991
- Mike Resnick, "Winter Solstice", *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*, October/November 1991
- Martha Soukup, "Dog's Life", *Amazing*, March 1991
- Connie Willis, "In the Late Cretaceous", *Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, Mid-December 1991

Best Non-Fiction Book

- Charles Addams, *The World of Charles Addams* (Knopf)
- Everett Blieler, *Science Fiction: The Early Years* (Kent State University Press)
- Jack L. Chalker and Mark Owings, *The Science Fantasy Publishers: A Critical and Bibliographic History*, 3rd ed. (Mirage Press)
- Jeanne Gomoll, Diane Martin et al., *The Bakery Men Don't See Cookbook* (SF³)
- Stephen Jones, *Clive Barker's Shadows in Eden* (Underwood/Miller)

Best Original Artwork

Tom Canty, cover of *White Mists of Power* (Roc Fantasy)

Bob Eggleton, cover of *Lunar Descent* (Ace)

Bob Eggleton, cover of *Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, January 1991
(illustrating "Stations of the Tide")

Don Maitz, cover of *Heavy Time* (Warner/Questar)

Michael Whelan, cover of *The Summer Queen* (Warner/Questar)

Best Dramatic Presentation

The Addams Family (Paramount)

Beauty and the Beast (Disney)

The Rocketeer (Disney)

Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered

Country (Paramount)

Terminator 2 (Carolco)

Best Semiprozine

Interzone, David Pringle

Locus, Charles Brown

New York Review of Science Fiction,

David G. Hartwell, Kathryn Kramer,

Gordon van Gelder

Pulphouse, Dean Wesley Smith

Science Fiction Chronicle, Andrew I. Porter

Best Professional Editor

Ellen Datlow

Gardner Dozois

Edward L. Ferman

Kristine Kathryn Rusch

Stanley Schmidt

Best Fan Writer

Avedon Carol

Mike Glyer

Andrew Hooper

Dave Langford

Evelyn Leeper

Harry Warner, Jr.

Best Professional Artist

Tom Canty

David Cherry

Bob Eggleton

Don Maitz

Michael Whelan

Best Fan Artist

Brad Foster

Diana Harlan Stein

Teddy Harvia

Peggy Ranson

Stu Shiffman

Best Fanzine

File 770, Mike Glyer

Fosfax, Janice Moore and Timothy Lane

Lan's Lantern, George ("Lan") Laskowski

Mimosa, Dick and Nicki Lynch

Trapdoor, Robert Lichtman

John W. Campbell Award

Ted Chiang

Barbara Delaplace

Greer Gillman

Laura Resnick

Michelle Sagara

The ballots will be distributed with *Progress Report 6*. Any MagiCon attending or supporting member may vote for the Hugo awards. The Hugos will be awarded on Saturday, September 5.

Membership Statistics

As of April 25, 1992 MagiCon had 4746 members. Here is the membership breakdown:

4213 Attending
333 Supporting
161 Child
23 Kid-in-tow
8 Guest
8 Other

MagiCon preregistration closes on July 15, 1992. Until then, the attending rate is \$110 and the children's rate is \$55 for those twelve or under. Kid-in-tow memberships (for children born after September 3, 1986) are free. Supporting (non-attending) memberships remain at \$25 until MagiCon.

Our at-the-door rates will be announced in June.

We now take MC/VISA. When sending us registrations that you wish to pay for with a credit card, don't forget to include the credit card name, number, expiration date, the name that appears on the card, and your signature.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY LAWS OF
THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY, INC**

Whereas in recent weeks, certain items of business have been brought before the membership of the LASFS, Inc and these items have been discussed, debated, beaten unto death, voted on, voted a second time on and finally passed before a majority of the membership;

And whereas the same issues have been re-introduced in altered formats, forcing the Society to once again discuss, debate, beat unto death and so on;


And whereas the issues involved may have special meaning to some, most or all of the members, the original intent of the formation of this Society was not to become a debating society;

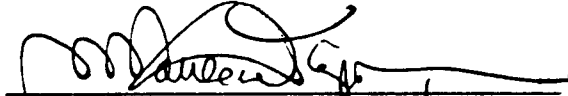


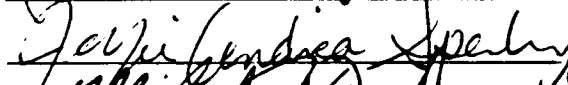
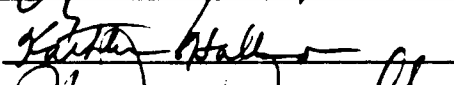

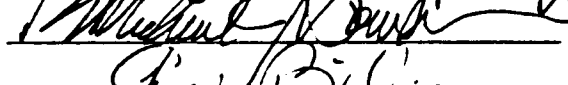
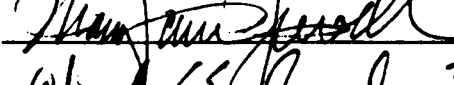
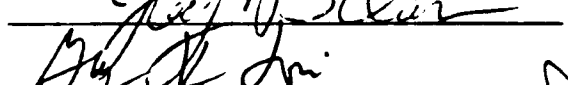
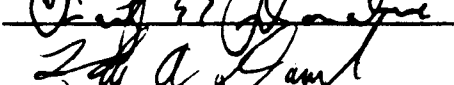
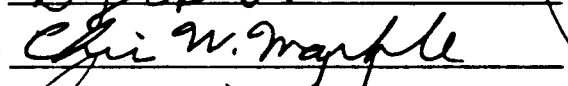
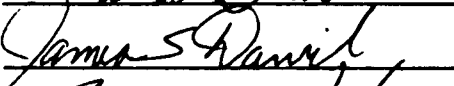
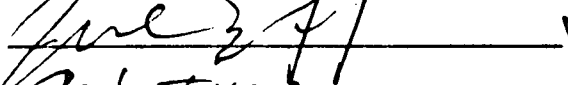

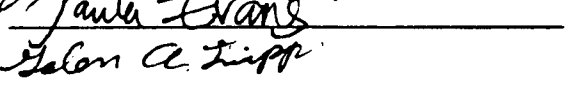
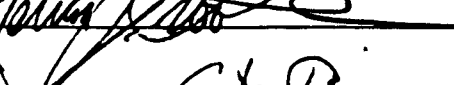



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Under Article VI (Miscellaneous) Section 2 (Order of Business), the following paragraph be included:

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Amendment authored and submitted by:


EDWARD L. GREEN
President,
Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc.

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MENACE OF THE LASFS, MEETING #2847, 5 MARCH 1992
By Matthew B. Tepper, Mini-Scribe

Yatata yatata called to order 20:11, yatata yatata some derogatory remark about the LASFS, yatata yatata Menace read and approved with some nitpicks, Guest to Deadbeat ratio of 10:3, total assets of more than \$36,000.... Oh, shoot, I guess I'm going to have to write this sucker out after all. Where was I?

Patron Saint Dave Fox was remembered with three cheers "and a Blessed Beast." President Sgt Edward L. Green advised us of some programs including an auction, a festival of Sylvester the Cat cartoons, and a talk by Bill Rotsler about one of my favorite topics, namely, ladies who have removed their clothing.

Guest Registrar Alison Stern, verging on her 17th birthday, resumed her old task in order to help us welcome Vera Port of Woodland Hills, Carrie Tillie of Northridge, and David Baird of Gardena. We had no Old Business. But, you guessed it, we had some New Business, all right. Firstly, Ed noted thanks on behalf of the club to the people responsible for the remodel of the Freehafer Hall bathroom: Terry Dennis, Maureen Garrett, Scratch Galloway and Marjii Ellers. Next, Ed said he had some notes on what he hoped would become the LASFS Primer. A dispute as to the pronunciation of this word ensued, mostly between Kate Halleron, who as a nanny wanted to keep the traditional pronunciation to rhyme with "slimmer," and your humble Mini-Scribe, who wanted to whitewash the whole thing and pronounce it "primer," as in paint. Charles Lee Jackson II said he had been working on something along much the same lines, and it appears likely that he and Ed will put their heads together soon. Watch this space.

Oh yeah, and there was a motion for the club to debate, too; what a novelty! President Green had submitted a proposed amendment to the By-Laws of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society:

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Amendment authored and submitted by: /s/ EDWARD L. GREEN, President, Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc. [and twenty more signatures]

There was some lively debate. Jonny Duffy felt that the proposed amendment was an attempt to muzzle the smokers in the club. Joe Zeff, himself a smoker who had opposed the smoking ban, said that he had signed Ed's cloture amendment because he felt it was time for the club to get on with the business of being LASFS. Mike Glycer didn't want to limit the debate of ideas. Ed pointed out, upon questioning by Tom Digby, that the intent was to keep the LASFS from turning into a debating society, and that the motion clearly gave recourse through the Board of Directors. Michelle Sparr said a year was too long, and suggested shortening the proposed cloture period to six months; Ed noted no objection from among the co-signators, and accepted this as a friendly amendment. Digby

pointed out that LASFS tradition, dating back even before our days at the Palms Playground Recreation Center, was that the Chair already had ultimate discretion as to what motions were to be voted upon. Rob Cole said he felt any issue ought to be discussed until a consensus is reached.

At around this point, the chair recognized Jerry Pournelle, who said that he and Larry Niven had just finished writing *The Mote Around God's* (or is it *Murcheson's*?) Eye an hour previously. Mr. Niven smiled and admitted, "At least we beat *The Last Dangerous Visions*." With this welcome break in the proceedings, it was found that the cloture motion would be heard from in the near future, and any and all parties were invited to show up at the meeting of the LASFS Board of Directors on 8 March 1992.

Timebound announcements: Rob Cole said it was Michelangelo's birthday, perhaps an oblique reference to the shrink-wrapped copy of The Norton Anti-Virus on display on the dais. Greg Bilan announced a chocolate festival to be held on Sunday. Bruce E. Pelz, S.O.B., F.N., displayed for sale five collectible fan publications, including a dupe of a complete run of *Rauuusk*, as well as "Memoirs of a Superfluous Fan" by T. Bruce Yerke, former Secretary of the LASFS in the olden days. Hare Hobbs quasi-quoted one Margaret Walter Bonanno as having indicated that a "Star Trek" novel she wrote had been very heavily edited before publication. Christa Huwe pointed out a DEC sign which said, in huge letters, "digital." Appointive Committees: CL said the latest issue of *Shangri L'Affaires* was at the printers and would soon be available at \$1 the issue.

Faanish Committee Reports: The Committee to Embarrass Ed Green (Ed Green) said he had a videotape of his appearance on KFI-AM, playing both roles in the balcony scene of "Romeo and Juliet," in costume. Mike Stern further tried to embarrass Ed by noting a reproductive rights rally sponsored by the Green Party, with a phone number of 1 (800) E-I GREEN. (It must be an old number, since we all know Ed's an E6.) Joe Zeff told of a study of "primates" which accidentally included an official in the Anglican Church, a different kind of a primate. Rick Foss said that a backed-up sewer in a high-rent district in South Dakota had inspired the sign, "Where the affluent meet the effluent." He also said that the Politically Correct designation for bald people is "Persons of scalp." Another expression, noted by CL (and one should be careful when pronouncing it) is "follically impaired." Ed reflected on this one for a moment.

Reviews: Doug Crepeau showed a Spy Factory catalogue with all kinds of gadgets for the secret agent. Ed remarked, "The bomb detector seems to be working well." Rick Foss enjoyed a non-fiction book, *The Mind's Sky* by Timothy Ferris, about the CETI program, calling it "beautifully written and very thoughtful."

Miscellaneous: Charlie had heard about the recent "Star Trek: The Next Generation" episode in which a character was seriously injured, and wondered why they couldn't restore him to health by using his transporter trace. Ah yes, if your original file gets corrupted, restore from the last backup! Carol Ann Cranston had watched "Young Indiana Jones," and found it ridiculous. She had her hand in a sling, and CL speculated it was from turning the TV off too quickly. Bruce Pelz had missed taping some events from the Winter Olympics, and asked if anyone had recorded the ice-skating; he got several responses. Chuck Donahue's only comment on "Memoirs of an Invisible Man" was, "I just couldn't see it."

As introduction to the evening's program, Fred Patten explained, "This may come as a shock to some people, but tonight we're going to see some American animation." Included would be promos for the new "Batman" cartoon series, done in the style of the old Fleischer "Superman"; a reel on Ralph Bakshi's "Cool World," a feature combining animation with live action; and "Tiny Toon Adventures: How I Spent My Vacation," a made-for-home-video feature which is *not* a compilation from the TV series. Your humble Mini-Scribe reminded MS-DOS users to take due precautions against the Michelangelo virus. Mike Stern pointed out that even Safe Computing did not guarantee against a computer having the vile bug; Leading Edge had shipped some infected hard drives on their computers, and some well-known commercial applications were likewise tainted, including (appropriately enough) DaVinci E-Mail. Charlie Jackson said he was finally able to sleep on his right side again, nine months after his injury.

This being the case, we adjourned to the boob tube at 21:05.

And the moral is: There is a fine line between genius and insanity, and the LASFS erases that line every week.

MENACE OF THE LASFS, MEETING #2848, 12 MARCH 1992
By Matthew B. Tepper, Mini-Scribe

It was 20:07, and we were roped into another meeting as President Sgt Edward L. Green called us to order. Minutes were read and approved as squeezed, whatever that means; well, I thought it was funny at the time. A Treasurer's report showed us in better shape than junk bonds, and with a guest-to-deadbeat ratio of 3:0 from the previous week. Patron Saint Gavin Claypool was celebrated with three cheers "and a fan directory," which last elicited approval from the crowd. Ed deferred a small moneygouge in favor of the evening's program, a full-sized auction of lotsa puter and other lectronic stuff. News of upcoming programs included Bill Rotsler's talk on naked ladies, moved up to 19 March; 2 April, "Smoking II: The Horror" (see explanation below); and 30 April, a session of Fan Charades, being a grudge match between The Warmongers (captained by Ed Green) and The Minstrels of Death (captained by Matthew B. Tepper). Green and Tepper -- do you get the feeling these guys are *everywhere*?

Registrar Ulrika O'Brien ushered in a bumper crop of guests, including David H. and Rita Mitchell, who said they were from San Juan Capistrano (though Francis Hamit found it hard to swallow); Tracy Feldstein of West Los Angeles (but originally from Massachusetts); and Charles Madrid of Arleta, who on his green card noted that he enjoyed "ugly monsters chasing nubile young women." I think you'll agree that he came to the right place.

Turning to Business, we actually had none! But here's that explanation you were promised above. Ed had consulted with the LASFS Board of Directors and had this to put before the club: 1) Since some people have indicated their perception that the rules of voting were not properly followed to make the Cohen Proposal a Standing Rule of the LASFS, 2 April is being designated a Special Meeting for the purpose of cogent discussion and the first of two votes on the issue; the second vote will be taken without discussion on 9 April. 2) John LaValley's Smoking Gua Room Proposal, coming as it after the club had banned smoking, had been set aside by the Chairman of the Board, but Ed invited John to resubmit it in some fashion that would take into account the possibility of a pre-existing ban vote. If he were to do this, his proposal would be kept in the current queue. 3) The next item in the discussion-and-vote queue would be Mr. Green's Cloture Proposal closing topics for resubmission for six months.

Ed noted that the Board had taken no final action with regard to the proposed Library expansion. Maybe they're waiting for the dust to settle on all of this. Finally, Rob Cole pointed out the Rostler illo on the whiteboard of a man with his nose lit and wondered what sort of smoking was being voted upon? Ed said it had to do with legal substances. This isn't the Hill, you know.

Announcements: Keri Brooke said that Live the Dream would be hosting a "Star Trek" orgy; also, on the 28th would be the first LTD Elysium day hosted by her, for those of us who wanted to see more of Keri. Fred Patten had asked Ed to announce "The Worst Animated Cartoons Ever Made!! Part 2," a festival in Burbank on 21 April. And Charles Lee Jackson II said that he was going in two weeks to visit the Rex Allen Museum in Wilcox AZ. And not to worry, he is planning to come back.

Jack Harness had regretfully resigned from the Library committee, and Ed noted Jack had done much good and would be missed. But we welcomed a new volunteer in the guise of Michael Donahue, as the Historical Photograph Committee. He explained it as a photographic archive of the LASFS, and urged members to let him make copies of their pictures, preferably with some information on the persons and events shown thereupon. All of this material will be kept in a safe archive, and Glenn Glazer will cross-reference the information in a database on the Library computer. Michael said he can duplicate slides, and maybe negatives as well. He'll be ready in a few weeks and will let us know when. Richard Foss offered the loan or gift of some darkroom equipment.

Appointive Committee Reports: CL said that *Shangri L'Affaires* had indeed been published, and will be made available at the next week's meeting. The Booksale Department, Gary Louie, said there were some new old books available in Building 4SJ, restocked since the previous Sunday.

Faanish Committee Reports: Mike Stern told of a Stupid Crook in Corpus Christi TX who stole \$15 from a store but left a \$20 bill on the counter. Francis Hamit cited a *Wall Street Journal* article on convicted felons in prison selling Girl Scout Cookies. Joe Zeff noted it was the 160th anniversary of the birth of Charles Boycott, but some people declared that they were deliberately not doing anything about it.

Reviews: Lyn Maners, in a Consumer Alert, said that the version of the serial "Radar Men from the Moon" on Good Time Video was missing the last of the ten chapters, and advised buyers to go with the two-tape edition on Republic instead. He wasn't real fond of *There Won't Be War*, edited by Harry Harrison and Bruce McAllister, but said there was one good story. He also enjoyed *High Azech*, previously reviewed at these meetings by Rick Foss. Bill Rotsler said that Ben Bova had apologized to him for chastising him 20 years ago for a story in which someone has a hologram hanging on the wall. Bill liked *The 5th Wave*, a book of computer-related cartoons by Rich Tennant.

Dr. Jerry Pournelle said he had a review of a spaceship. It was more news on the Spaceship Experimental (SSX), mostly on track since it has a USAF MSgt on the design team, showing that they are thinking of maintenance and operability. Maintenance between orbital flights is -0-, causing Rick Foss to exclaim, "That's the same as TWA!" Jerry noted that the software is all commercial and easy-to-learn, and no blockhouse is needed, just a trailer with a flight crew of three. On the issue of funding, he wryly remarked, "it could fly out of any congressional district in the country," and urged people to write to their representatives in support of the program. He hoped the program would be kept low-profile, rather than become high-profile like NASA with all of the political and social agendas that that entails.

Bruce Pelz sneaked in to present a set of "Dinosaur" trading cards to Ed, and we stood adjourned to the auction, an hour and a minute after we had begun.

And the moral is: LASFS! It's after eight o'clock; do you know where your minds are?

MENACE OF THE LASFS, MEETING #2849, 19 MARCH 1992
By Matthew B. Tepper, Mini-Scribe

You just knew it was going to be one of those meetings. No sooner did President Sgt Edward L. Green call us to order at 20:07 than ye humble Mini-Scribe read a perfectly dull set of Menace. When the crowd was asked for additions or corrections, Dr. Jerry Pournelle tried to take the opportunity to cut down a rival author-editor, but as it was not an addition nor correction to the Menace at hand, it was *not* recorded. So there. A Trez report from the previous week showed a guest-to-deadbeat ratio of 6:3 with two applications for membership, and a meeting number of ... "2906"? Well, the future is what we're all about, isn't it?

St. Dan Deckert was actually in the room -- unusual not only for a Patron Saint but for Dan himself -- and he was duly cheered three cheers "and a rocketship." As Program Committee, Ed explained that Bill Rotsler was indisposed, but Dr. Pournelle suggested we prevail upon David Mitchell to talk about his network, an offer as cheerfully tendered as accepted. There seemed to be no Registrar around to green-card people during the meeting, but one "Rita" and one "Arthur Chadborne" introduced themselves.

We had no Business for discussion or voting, but Ed read an open letter from Jonny Duffy, revealing the author's feelings that the non-smoking rule unfairly discriminated against some of the finer people in the club, particularly Marty Cantor, who was said to have resigned.

Timebound announcements: J. Shaun Lyons said the next Loscon committee meeting would be at the clubhouse, and not the hotel. Lynn Maners had free passes for two different showings of Ralph Bakshi's "Cool World," and left them at the front table, where they were eagerly snapped up by the slavering masses to the sound of the "charge" bugle call. Charles Lee Jackson II noted that the LASFS Video Library's copy of "Radar Men from the Moon" had all *twelve* chapters. Fred Patten had two new issues of *Yarf!* for sale. Evan Sayers announced his change of address, and Greg Barrett said his phone number, left out of the LASFS Directory, was (310) 693-2676. Rick Foss said that auditions for Renaissance Faire would be held on Friday.

Appointive Committee Reports: CL did indeed have copies of *Shangri L'Affaires* for sale at a buck each, containing lots of interesting stuff. Michael Donahue, the LASFS Photo Archivist, had found just the right paper stock he needed and expected to be able to start up the archive in a few weeks.

Faanish Committee Reports: Karl Lembke said that in New York City they make this ~~pleasant~~ cause there are 540 exchange numbers which serve the same purpose as the 976 exchange or the 900 area code, only at \$50 a pop. Some people are calling pagers in order to get unknowing marks to part with their cash. Rick Foss said that his brother (presumably Wolf) had found a list of really odd sound

effects, including "other shoe dropping," "Persian rug caught in frozen yogurt machine," and "crowd braying like mules." If they ever want to capture the sound of a crowd making like jackasses, they need only set up their microphone feed at Frechafer Hall. (To be followed by the sound of a duck impersonator getting strangled.)

Joe Zeff reported, anent Jonny Duffy's letter, that Marty Cantor had not resigned but that Phil Castora had. He had also seen an RTD bus with the display, "Discharge only; welcome aboard." Maybe it was a Digbyan not-a-bus? Ed Green revived that old favorite, the Dromedary Report, noting that fully one-third of an Iraqi Civil Defense manual is devoted to care and maintenance of your camel. CL said the Surgeon-General was trying to retire Old Joe, the cartoony camel mascot of some cigarette company. Of course, the Surgeon-General is in reality the sister of the guy who plays Father Guido Sarducci, so you can go figure.

Reviews: Jonny Duffy said the February issue of *Oui* had an article by him on Japanimation. Rick Foss said a band named Pell Mell had broken up because the members couldn't stand one another, but they still make records by swapping tapes, and the result, on SST Records, is their best effort yet. CL muttered, "What do Scottish surfers wear under their kilts? Barnacles." And out loud, he noted that the latest episode of "ST:TNG" ("Star Trek: That's No Good") could have used a good rope. Heck, don't you think *all* of their writing problems could be solved that way?

Greg Barrett thought "Young Indiana Jones" was variable, with the premiere not as good as the following episodes. But he really liked the Warner Bros. Store at the Beverly Center, with lots of cel reproductions. Rick Foss wondered, "Why would anyone want to buy celery productions?" And your humble Mini-Scribe warned that parking within the structure is not free. Laura T. Williams enjoyed "The Lawnmower Man," though Mr. Jackson said it had been disavowed by Stephen King. Doug Crepeau said it was more like John Brunner's *The Shockwave Rider*, along with Daniel Keyes' "Flowers for Algernon" and other, er, influences. Lynn Maners had critical words for Camille Bacon-Smith's *Enterprising Women: Television Fandom*, which he said was disappointing, poorly organized and not much of an ethnography. Gee, and to think that I gave up academe for a career in business!

Miscellaneous: Frank Waller said he'd gone to the Model and Gaming Show in Pomona, where he saw more gaming stuff than he knew existed. He didn't say if he'd met any models, or if so, just how gamey they were. Hare Hobbs, *nouveau* collector of CDs, said his count was up to 57, and he was congratulated for his variety. Nobody said anything about the *Hollywood Reporter*, though. To close, Ed presented your modest narrator with a copy of Eric Stanley Gardner's *The Case of the Drowning Duck*, and we stood adjourned at *quack* *glub* 20:54.

And the moral is: History is written by the survivors, but that doesn't mean it won't get rewritten by the survivors' survivors!

MENACE OF THE LASFS, MEETING #2850, 26 MARCH 1992 By Matthew B. Tepper, Mini-Scribe

"This is *not* a meeting of the Los Angeles Smoking Fascism Society," stated President Ssgt Edward L. Green, slamming the gavel down at 20:08. And there might even have been some people who believed him, even though there were some who didn't believe the Menace, which stood approved as natted. Trez report showed us with more than \$32K and a guest-to-deadbeat ratio of 2:1 for meeting number ... "290"? Your Humble Mini-Scribe suggested Mike Glycer audit the meeting number, but Joe Zeff countersuggested John Hertz as the auditor. This was clearly ridiculous!

St. Sue Haseltine was duly celebrated with three cheers "and a release from durance vile." Tonight's program was said to be a celebration of Sylvester the Cat's 47th birthday, and there was some banter as to whether this anniversary is celebrated with recycled aluminum or (CL's suggestion) chicken fat. The auction of three parking spaces brought in a little more dough.

Old Business: You guessed it, Ed read another open letter, this one from Sandy Cohen, who expressed his opinion that the LASFS smoking ban is best perceived as a health issue. There was no new business, and this fact was roundly applauded.

Timely Announcements: Keri Brooke again announced Live the Dream day at Elysium, the clothing-optional resort in Topanga, and urged members to show themselves. Treasurer Elaine Pelz said it was the last meeting at which one could finish paying up yearly dues. Sophia Van Sycle had a petition to put a referendum on the state ballot to end the sales tax on snacks and comic books (and other things, but she knows what's *important* to fans). Richard Foss said

the Highland Ground would be resuming storytelling on Saturday nights, the first storyteller being his twin brother Wolf. Bruce E. Pelz, S.O.B., F.N. had an Australian mystery novel for sale and sold it in nothing flat. Mike Stern announced a book fair in Mission Hills with many authors attending. Francis Hamit had some free magazine subscription forms from the National Computer Graphics Show. Remembering what had happened with those "Cool World" preview passes the week before, President Green insisted these be distributed from the back of the room. Carol Ann Cranston had some reassuring words about her health; there is some cancer, but it's treatable.

That said, Carol Ann subbed as Registrar and read off names of the previous week's guests: Rita A. Puleca of Anaheim, A. W. Chadbourne of Long Beach, Lauri Fehlberg of Pleasanton (whose special interest was "family reunion"), Joyce Burgers of Great Falls MT, and Jason Kendal Englert and Krysten Mae Englert, whose cards said "mommy told me I must come." The mystery was solved when it was reported that they were the children not of Joan Crawford, but of May Englert, sister to Hare Hobbs. This week's guests were Greg Simay of Burbank, Shawn Wilson of Pasadena, Roy J. Dent of Mission Viejo, and Michael Thorsen of Sylmar, who had learned about us from reading *Fallen Angels*. Whew!

Appointive Committees: Charles Lee Jackson II, still touting the latest issue of *Shangri L'Affaires*, also said that FWEMS would be running a triple-bill of the "Back to the Future" movies. Didn't this also happen in one of my previous lifetimes?

Faanish Committee Reports: Doug Crepeau said that Godzilla had been reported missing by Toho Pictures, but the rubber suit was later found. Apropos of things Japanese, he showed off an odd little gadget which accepts pen-on-screen input (in hiragani and in Roman letters) and then prints this out when rolled on paper. John LaValley said his wife's father was remarrying, and travel agent Rick Foss amplified -- at 1:45 a.m. somewhere in Central Texas. Either there's an astrologer behind all this or the caterer is trying to cut expenses. Mike Stern saw a sign which read, "Use other exist to enter," but he didn't say if he noticed Jean-Paul Sartre anywhere nearby. Carol Ann said the poem on the whiteboard was found by Joyce Sperling in *Reader's Digest*; it cleverly skewers people's over-reliance on spell checkers. When a spell checker gets to the far side of the board, does it become a spell king? Betty Knight had seen the license plate KATZ MEO. Lynn Maners reported the new film "Basic Instinct" had a shot of a woman's anatomy typically seen in porno films. Ed Green had flown on a helicopter with a part labelled "Do not fly this aircraft without this part in place." However, the label was not on any other part and the crew didn't know what the part was.

Rick Foss said the US Department of Agriculture had declared haggis to be unfit for human consumption. Echoed Dr. Pournelle, incredulously, "Unfit for human consumption?" whereupon CL calmly replied, "Yes, Jerry, have some." Ed kind of offered to entertain a motion banning haggis from LASFS, and Lynn Maners speculated that the Scots Guards eat haggis MREs. John LaValley said you have to at least admire the Scots for thinking up the recipe in the first place. Tom Digby, as Committee for Weird Labeling, suggested reflecting telescopes bear the sticker, "Objects in mirror may be larger than they appear."

Reviews: Hare Hobbs said "Cool World" would make him think twice about taking wooden nickels; his sister May called it "Roger Rabbit on acid." Dr. Pournelle had seen H. Ross Perot on TV and thought he was in love. I bet he says that to *all* the millionaires you meet. Francis Hamit didn't like "Lawnmower Man" much except for the virtual sex scenes. At least his book might benefit from all the exposure virtual reality is getting these days. Tom Safer liked "Blame It On the Bellboy," and confirmed (to your narrator's pleasure) that it does indeed have pigeons getting shot dead. Carol Ann gushed over a preview of "City of Joy." CL had more nitpicks on the latest episode of "ST:TNG."

Miscellaneous: Ed wanted a tape of "Fool's Fire," and wouldn't you know, someone had taped it. Annamaria Safer offered a marble kitchen table for sale. Just when you thought people named Safer had lost their marbles.... John LaValley reported sadly on the shrinking plans for Space Station Freedom; in a few years it'll be an ant farm with a solar panel. Mike Stern said the Russians were offering their space station for \$24 million. Francis offered as program fodder a tape from the Computer Graphics show; Ed has scheduled it tentatively for 9 April. CL didn't come out and say that Forrest J Ackerman is a punster, but he did say that an hour with Forry is like 100 years with Jack Harness. And we stood adjourned at 21:03.

And the moral is: Do not meddle in the affairs of wizards, for it makes them soggy and hard to light.

MENACE OF THE LASFS, MEETING #2851, 2 APRIL 1992
By Matthew B. Pepper, Mini-Scribe

President Sgt Edward L. Green brought the meeting to order at 20:13 and knew that the lines would soon be drawn: his outline, in chalk, on the floor. Still, Ed noted Mr. Cantor on the couch: "Marty, you came back, where the hell's the motion to adjourn?" The banter really flew for a moment there. We all knew it would be the biggest brouhaha since the Reformation. But at least the Church had only *one* Martin to deal with. Your humble Mini-Scribe read his Menace to an audience hanging on his every word -- or if not, by meeting's end, we knew that *somebody* would be hanging. The Menace were slightly emended and approved as whatever, with CL noting that haggis and LASFS both smell after seven days.

Patron Saint Chuck Donahue was cheered three cheers "and a lot of penicillin," presumably because he's on his way to Cambodia. There was some natter among the peanut gallery of naming Chuck to be Sergeant-At-Arms, but Ed said Chuck is not a sergeant and could only be a Specialist-At-Arms. When this rank business was done with, we had some that was even ranker.

Bumped to the top of the dance card was the following motion:

Moved that the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society give a sincere, formal, heartfelt and true *apology* to all unsuspecting guests and visitors who may by chance witness our madness here tonight.

/s/ Galen A. Tripp, Drew Sanders, Ed Green

This passed by acclamation. And as if in response, Substitute Registrar Carol Ann Cranston bade us welcome David A. Jones of Studio City, Stewart Meredith of North Hollywood, and Guy Wesley Churchase III of Alhambra whose green card said, "I don't belong in this time frame." Well, that didn't stop the rest of us. A further bit of new business, affirming the right of any LASFS member to eat haggis, was loudly cheered by many members, and was duly tabled by Ed for 99 years.

On to the issue of the evening, which Ed said was kind of like calling World War II a social disagreement. On consultation with LASFS Chairman of the Bored Dan Deckert, it was determined that the vote would be as to whether the club should rescind the Standing Rule already in place prohibiting "smoking of tobacco and/or any other noxious substances in all interior areas owned by LASFS, Inc." As before, *ad hominem* arguments during debate would result in the speaker losing the floor; in other words, "don't argue with someone's position by calling him a blithering idiot." Dr. Jerry Pournelle observed, "But it's all right to call you a blithering idiot because you are a blithering idiot." Retorted Ed, "Yes, Doctor, but I have been called much worse by much better."

Jerry suggested the debate might be organized, as for example by assigning floor captains to select speakers for their respective sides. It was also suggested that we have alternating arguments, pro and con. Be it noted that President Green agreed with Dr. Pournelle, and suggested as opposing captains Marty Cantor for rescension and Sanford J. Cohen against. These gentlemen agreed to these important stations.

Your humble Mini-Scribe had some baby blue handouts containing the appropriate excerpts from the Menace to Meeting #2843, in order that one might see what ground had already been covered in earlier debate. Galen Tripp said these Menace were also contained in the copies of *De Profundis*, awaiting members at the back of the room. Ed cleared the room of non-participants, so that no innocent blood should be spilled during the ordeal.

For rescension: Marty Cantor viewed the issue as between smokers and anti-smokers with mere non-smokers in the middle. He discounted the claimed health issue, calling the ban a blow to the freedom of the smokers. Against rescension: Sandy Cohen said the freedom being violated was that of people who don't wish to be assaulted by smoke. He noted children and people in poor health as particularly susceptible.

For rescension: Eylat Eleasari said she was a non-smoker who felt the ban sent the message, "smoke outside or leave the club." She said she was speaking on behalf of Friday night gamers, and pointed out that Los Angeles' smog is also dangerous to breathe. Against rescension: Elaine Peiz, in a statement read by Sandy Cohen, noted her tenure of service as LASFS Treasurer and objected to people shoving cigarettes in her face while attending to her volunteer duties. She also said that the club's insurance decreased \$400 when she informed the carrier of the smoking ban.

For rescension: Mike Stern said he did not think smoking affected the meeting much. He observed that some people smoke pipes, which takes a long time, so asking them to smoke outside removes them from the clubhouse for that much longer. He thought that the fiberglass in the rafters was a bigger problem than smoking. Against rescension: May Englert said that she gets nausea and violent headaches from smoke, and that her family's medical bills dropped when her father moved his smoking outside. She said she would have to stop showing up if smoking were allowed again.

For rescension: Jerry Pournelle said he agreed with the concerns of the

other speakers, and recommended a technological solution to the problem. He suggested that the old, non-working air conditioner be revamped or replaced, and that we add a static precipitator, which would also improve the general well-being of the attendees. "Why not look to technology," he concluded, "instead of ravaging each other?" Against rescension: New member Tracy Feldstein said she is a smoker by choice and by habit, but that she knows of many non-smokers who can't tolerate smoke. She felt that allowing smoking against would exclude those people with health problems, and that for one-and-a-half hours of deferring their habit, the smokers could encourage new people to join and remain in the club.

Marty wanted us to continue alternation of debate, but it didn't quite work out that way. Dr. Pournelle wanted to amend the evening's motion to allow for a rescension of the ban *in addition* to refurbishment of Freehafer Hall's air conditioning. He also suggested a rider giving the LASFS President the power to throw out people who behave obnoxiously, which rather gives one pause. When Ed explained that the sole issue of the evening was a rescension, i.e. a simple nullification, of a Standing Rule, Dr. Pournelle was a tad nonplussed. Ed noted that there is a motion on the back burner to give smokers an enclosed area at the clubhouse, and by way of foreshadowing read the revised John LaValley motion to remodel Building 4SJ to include a smoking room.

Dr. Pournelle was insistent: "Surely this is not the only alternative." Mr. LaValley seemed willing to accept Dr. Pournelle's proposal as a friendly amendment to his motion when it came up for discussion in the future. A number of further random remarks preceded the actual vote, which was taken on 3"x5" cards backstamped with the LASFS' check endorsement.

President Green thanked the membership for its patience with the proceedings. While the actual voting and card collection was taking place, he left control of the meeting in the hands of your humble Mini-Scribe, who fancied himself to be General Al Haig and grappled with Dennis Miller for possession of the football. Votes were tabulated with the assistance of Charles Lee Jackson II, Drew Sanders and Gary Louie, the rescension failing by a vote of 57 to 48. Since the actual business of the evening had failed, we did not need to vote again the following week, according to Bored Chairman Dan Deckert. President Green again thanked the audience for maintaining its sanity.

Timebound Announcements: Bob Null said the old Studio Theatre is now a bookstore, with a great selection of computer stuff. J. Shawn Lyons said that the Sci-Fi Channel has been purchased by the USA Network, and would commence operations the third week in August. This time for sure! Fred Patten had more flyers for the "Worst Animation" festival. Francis Hamit said he had a, er, "special" tape for his program on computer graphics. It will run last in the program and is for adults only.

Faanish Committee Reports: Mike Stern had seen a sign, "Please us [sic] other door." Charlie noted that the posters for "Lethal Weapon III" resemble a photo he had once done of Bob Short and Bill Mills. Joe Zeff said a program his workplace is marketing has a bug allowing volume names past the end of the alphabet.

Miscellaneous: Bruce Pelz still had Entertainment '92 books, now at \$35, in both Valley and West Los Angeles flavors. Barrett, Greg Barrett said he had heard a rumor that Timothy Dalton's contract to play James Bond had been bought out, and the frontrunner to replace him was *not* Pierce Brosnan but ... Mel Gibson?? Harold Goldstein had a new NEC CD-ROM drive for sale. CL noted that the crew of the Space Shuttle *Atlantis* had taken an Academy Award with them into space and spoke via link to the Oscar ceremony, to honor George Lucas. And we finally adjourned at 21:32.

And the moral is: It *must* have been a successful meeting, because nobody was bleeding.

MENACE OF THE LASFS, MEETING #2852, 9 APRIL 1992
By Matthew B. Pepper, Mini-Scribe

We came to order at 20:10 with a special order of business. The Scribe noted the passing on Monday of Isaac Asimov, known to the world as a prolific polymath, but also beloved to fans as a protean writer of science and science fiction. It was revealed that President and Scribe had conferred earlier in the week, and that an official letter of condolence from the LASFS to Dr. Asimov's widow, Dr. Janet O. Jeppson, had already been sent. The sense of the meeting was to approve this missive retroactively. Charles Lee Jackson II had given out a statement in appreciation of Asimov to Australian television news:

Doctor Asimov was probably the most prolific, erudite, and eclectic writer of our time. Though he earned the respect of his peers long ago, he was not content to rest on his laurels. He will be missed not only by the science fiction community, but by readers everywhere.

President Green indicated that we would take time during Miscellaneous for fans to offer appropriate reminiscences and observation, and we observed a full minute of silence in honor of the Good Doctor.

and the Silence of the LASFS was followed by a reading of the previous week's Menace, which were approved as natted upon. Rick Foss urged the Club to commend its humble Mini-Scribe for having had the stamina to record "Smoking II: The Horror," and this met with acclamation from a crowd of good-looking, really intelligent people who-- Oh, darn, I guess I can't persuade them to do it again. Well, it was worth a try. A Treasurer's report showed the previous week's heated debate had done the Treasury lots of good, with 125 attendees and a guest-to-deadbeat ratio of 4:0.

Patron Saint Elst, aka Elliot Weinstein, M.D., was honored with three cheers and an "ook ook slobber drool." Ed said that he had a note from the honoree, but he was unable to read it. (Ed noted the following week that this joke hadn't flopped when he did it the first time. Must have been my delivery.) Upcoming programs include salutes to Daffy Duck and to Bob Clampett, Science Fiction That Won't Happen Due to the New World Order, "My Life in Costume" with Marjii Eilers, and a panel or presentation on the late Dr. Asimov. Registrar Ulrika O'Brien returned to present to us guests Charles Buchanan of Placentia and Michael Horgan of Laytonville CA.

Old Business: Well, we *thought* we were going to have the latest version of John LaValley's motion to create an enclosed smoking room in Building 4SJ. But Treasurer Southern Half (by origin) Elayne Pelz presented the news that LASFS, as a public meeting hall, is subject to state law stating smoking is not allowed on the premises. Marty Massoglia asked if this applied to renters as well, and was told that it did. Francis Hamit pointed out that we would probably also have to bring the clubhouse up to code for handicapped access. Ed apologized to John for his time and effort to bring some sort of compromise to this thorny issue. He said that the cloture issue is still to be brought up soon.

New Business: President Sgt Edward L. Green read a motion setting up procedures for discussing the issue of haggis-eating at the LASFS clubhouse when that matter gets untabled in 99 years. Just when this was starting to sound really ridiculous, the other guy at the head table read a friendly amendment regarding using high technology to ease the effects of second-hand haggis. To Ed's chagrin, this generated a whole lot more discussion than he had originally expected, and he was suitably humbled thereby.

Harry Andruschak, attired in a kilt of hunting Cameron, wanted to know if the haggis-eaters would also have the pipes playing. Doug Crepeau suggested cloning Ed so that he (or his clone) could moderate the discussion when it finally took place. Finally, Ed tabled even this discussion for 99 years, saying, "Now I know how Frankenstein felt."

Timebound Announcements: Eylat Eleasari said she was back in the (legitimate) massage business. John Thompson said the science fiction club at UCLA was hosting a free con at the Ackerman Union over the weekend. Kate Halleron said Showtime would be airing "Boris and Natasha," and CL said that "Brenda Starr" would be hitting the theaters soon. Maybe the theatres will do us a favor and hit back. Mike Donahue had seen both flicks, and advised that "Brenda Starr" is better. Your humble Mini-Scribe noted that he abbreviated the title in his note-taking as "BS."

Appointive Committees: Leigh Strother-Vien, Librarian, announced a turnover in the Library staff: Assistant Librarians are Greg Barrett, Sheryl Cascadden, and Christa Huwe; Associate Librarians are Nola Frame-Gray and Gary Louie. CL said *Shangri L. Affaires* was purty near sold out.

Faanish Committee Reports: Francis Hamit reported a man in the Valley had been jumped by a mountain lion which had apparently mistaken him for a turkey. CL responded with his impression of a shoemaker: "Cobble, cobble, cobble, cobble." Joe Zeff told of a man who tried to commit suicide twice by jumping from a 4th story window; he landed on the same car each time, the second time sustaining worse injuries. Doug Crepeau had found out that his answering service lady was the voice of Cruella DeVil. Hey, Doug, no wonder the Humane Society stopped returning your calls! Rick Foss reported on Stupid Crooks who left behind their credit cards after a bank job. John LaValley reported that his wife had had all manner of travel adventures, and said, "Rick Foss was right -- don't go Southwest." CL had received an anonymous tip to watch a talk show segment on teenage girls who dress older and go cruising. Ed Green had seen posters heralding a live appearance on "The Simpsons" by Spinal Tap. Hare followed this up with an article on Def Leppard, which seems to do better and better every time misfortune hits them. Lately their manager died, which must be why their new album hit #1 on the charts.

Reviews: Marjii Eilers loved *The Costume Maker's Art* ed. Thomas Boswell (Asheville NC: Lark Books, 1992). Jim Dennis said "The Lawnmower Man" wasn't worth it even for the graphics. Allan Rothstein said "Brenda Starr" was better than "Howard the Duck."

Miscellaneous: C.S.F. Baden said he was now a homeowner. He also noted that Price Club has boxed sets of videos of the "Star Wars," "Back to the Future" and "Star Trek" films. CL noted the death of Bob Wyan, co-founder of Bob's Big Boy, and said the funeral had been well-attended. Carol Ann Cranston said her hand was now in a cast due to tendinitis. Charlie reminded people of this Sunday's LASFS Board of Directors meeting. Larry Niven said that a "Green Lantern" story he had outlined was in the works, and that the "Ringworld" comic is due from DC in December.

Asimov Remembrances: Ed Green said NPR had related the story of Asimov who, when asked what he would do if he were given only six months to live, replied, "Type faster!" Drew Sanders said that the obituary in the *Los Angeles Times* was bettered by an article in that same paper's Business section. He had also seen on CompuServe the speculation that Asimov was even now debating God as to His nonexistence, and winning. John LaValley was reminded of Asimov's short story, "The Last Answer," which goes more or less like that. Eylat said that it was *Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine* which got her into fandom in the first place. Francis had read the teenaged Asimov's "Trends" when he (Francis) was 12, and said it made him realize a young person could be a writer. Asimov's invention of the term "robotics" was discussed briefly, along with some derivative etymology. And we adjourned somewhere in there, though I forgot to write down the time.

And the moral is: It takes two to tango, but I'm pretty sure you can pogo all by yourself.

MENACE OF THE LASFS, MEETING #2853, 16 APRIL 1992 By Matthew B. Tepper, Mini-Scribe

Even though President Sgt Edward L. Green is not attached to the quartermaster corps, he still called us to order at a quarter past eight. He then took exception to the Menace referring to him as having been "humbled," whereupon he grabbed the papers and crumpled them up. Undaunted, your humble Mini-Scribe took out the spare set and finished the reading, and they were approved with almost no nating. A Trez report revealed the previous week had seen a guest-to-deadbeat ratio of 5:2. And a money-gouge included a multi-volumed report on the Syimar Earthquake of 1971, which went to Dr. Jerry Pournelle. Dr. Pournelle explained his purchase in that it was a request for an article on this quake which led directly to a newspaper column and, by extension, his professional writing career. So the next time you hear a loud, formless rumble that scares the heck out of you, think of Jerry. And I sure thought of him last night!

Ed spotted Larry Niven in the room and asked him what he might have to say to us. Mr. Niven, wearing his charming "fishies-in-the-sea" jacket, showed off a copy of the UK edition of *N-Space*, and offered it free to the first person who could identify the cover illo. Within moments, the front of the room was soon overrun with fans on the lookout for a free read, and Ed requested the whole thing be taken to the back of the room. (Mike Stern noted the following week that the prize was taken by Dr. Jerry Pournelle, who identified the illo as Mount Lookitthat.)

St. Stan Burns was patronized with three cheers "and a questionnaire." Ed ran down the upcoming program items, and read a bit from Fred Patten's explication for "Science Fiction That Won't Happen Due to the New World Order." This promo quoted a Science Fiction Book Club ad for C. M. Kornbluth's *Not This August*, in which the United States is invaded by ... the Soviet Union? Registrar Ulrika O'Brien introduced us to guests Colette Perazio-Itkin of Albuquerque NM and Robert Drake of San Diego.

Old Business: LASFS, Inc. Chairman of the Bored Dan Deckert filled us in on the Board meeting held the previous Sunday. The Board had officially decided to discontinue the bid to sell the clubhouse, which had never been fully entered into in the first place. There were also three proposals of potential major impact to the club. One was a proposal to raise money through corporate donations to buy, house and maintain the literary collection of Forrest J Ackerman (the media collection has already been sold). This committee is headed by Fang Van Took. The next proposal was to court corporate donations on behalf of a larger LASFS clubhouse; this one is headed by Mike Donahue.

The smallest-scaled proposal was to remodel and improve the clubhouse we already have, and Mike Glycer's name is entered in my notes, so you can guess what that means. The Board also decided to create the appointive position of Historical Archivist, to ~~protect and to serve~~ collect and maintain stuff for the club. Anyone interested should present their credentials to the Board. Dr. Pournelle reminded us of the old L-5 Society, which sought corporate sponsorship and, as the National Space Society, sold out; if you ask for the money, he said, be very careful about what you agree to do for it.

Timely Announcements: Julie Chesny had a letter from Bjo Trimble about how fans should support some SF cable channel. Both Doug Crepeau and Shawn Lyons reaffirmed that the Sci-Fi Channel lives yet. Shawn also noted that "Young Indiana Jones" has been renewed by ABC for another season. David Mitchell presented the club with a 3-D viewer for our puter monitors. Charles Lee Jackson II had the latest issue of *Amazing Adventures*, with a Brontosaurus and Toad story. Tim DeVille had a font book for the Macintosh. And Ed asked for advice regarding the Apple III. My advice, Ed, is to paint it beige and use it as a *biini* doorstop.

Undaunted and unhumbled, Ed read a couple of pocsards from our own Chuck Donahue II: one was from Thailand and one was from "Loas." CL said 4E was going to be travelling to India, and suggested that he buy picture pocsards of the Black Hole of Calcutta and send them to people such as, say, Harlan Ellison, with the inscription "Wish you were here." Ed read a report on something called the Russian Bios project, which sounded kind of like Biosphere Two, only with no tipping allowed.

Appointive Committee Reports: CL showed off three volumes of TV versions of C.S. Lewis' "Narnia" books, new to the Video Library. And

ord High Janitor Galen A. Tripp said some vandal had been writing graffiti on and near club property. Was it really a Vandal, or was it just some Visigoth?

Faanish Committee Reports: Joe Zeff told an involved story about an elephant with constipation, and the relief thereof. Francis Hamit had met a stupid crook, a kid who tried to sell him a hot pair of prescription bifocals. Greg Bilan reported on a New Age (or, as some of us call it, Newage) CD of noises for pets, including the sound of buzzing flies. Doug Crepeau said a rabbi in Jerusalem had ruled that people should not soil their American currency due to the "In God We Trust" inscription. So much for filthy lucre! Glenn Glazer, inspired by the noise level of the room, shouted, "Sheket b'yakishah!" That's Hebrew, but I don't think it means, "How hot was it?" Ed Green, our Kyrie Liaison to the Armed Services, showed a squib on the "Ration Supplement, Sundries Pack," allegedly sex-specific packages containing such health and comfort items as cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco (wait, didn't we discuss this already?), tampons, and condoms.

Reviews: Glenn Glazer exclaimed, "What do you get when you blow up a monkey? Rhesus pieces." He must have heard that at college -- from Professor Bonzo. Anyway, he had liked some book about aggression among primates. Joyce Sperling said two recent Anne McCaffrey books, *Crisis at Doona* and *Partner Ship*, were better than the books to which they were sequels. Lynn Maners said that *Achilles' Choice* by Larry Niven and Steve Barnes read disappointingly like a juvenile, but *Ark Liberty* by Will Bradley keeps the reader's interest very well.

Miscellaneous: Charlie said we would be starting a brand-new serial next week, "The Adventures of Smilin' Jack." I'll try to keep downwind of it. Tom Safer told us a little about his program of Daffy Duck cartoons. And no sooner did Frank Waller remind us of the upcoming Renaissance Pleasure Faire than we found ourselves suddenly adjourned at 21:17.

And the moral is: A man walks into a bar. The bartender sees he has a duck on his head and asks, "Where the hell did you ever get that thing?" And the duck says, "I don't know, I just had this boil on my ass and it grew."

MENACE OF THE LASFS, MEETING #2854, 23 APRIL 1992
By Matthew B. Tepper, Mini-Scribe

A call-to-order at 20:19 was followed by a Special Order of Business. Charles Lee Jackson II said that Forrest J Ackerman had had prostate surgery, but was recovering and in good spirits. Bernie Zuber said there was no cancer, and Joe Zeff suggested 4E was prostate with grief over missing his planned trip to India.

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If LASFS members wished to join her there, she would no doubt be altogether happy. Keri is also looking for a roommate. CL touted *Amazing Adventures #2* and a reprint of #1. Hare showed off a recording of Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" narrated by David Bowie, but your humble Mini-Scribe wondered how it compared to the more recent version by Sting.

Appointive Committees: CL, Serial Subcommittee of the Video Committee, said the serial "Smilin' Jack" would be followed by "Secret Code." Wasn't that an Allan Sherman song? Next month's FWEMS would be an assortment of 50's SF films. Ed Green told us to mark our calendars for LASFS' Garbage sale, 6-7 June. And Leigh Strother-Vien, Librarian, said Bookie Monster (the Library computer) was seriously ill, but that the Library could still check out books the old-fashioned way -- manually.

Faanish Committee Reports began with that old stand-by, a Dromedary Report: Mike Stern reported that the 82nd Paratroopers had tried to ship home a camel, but the creature died en route due to lack of food. Noted Ed, sadly, "That's what happens when you ship a war bride home." He added that he had taken a twelve-step group's questionnaire on "sex and love affair" addiction, and had passed. Joe Zeff said a database at his place of work had lots of redundancies. Rick Foss affirmed proof of an old urban legend about a man throwing a stick of dynamite, which was then fetched by his dog, causing the destruction of his pick-up truck.

Francis Hamit said that he, or more accurately his virgin handcuffs, had

assisted in the capture of some bozo who was chasing around an ex-girlfriend. And the Committee to Save Ed Green's Hair (Ed Green) said it would soon be time once again to send him lots of mail, since he's going on maneuvers and the traditional bet in his division is that the person who receives the least amount of mail has to submit to a full body shave. The last time they did this, Ed was by far the top mail-getter, mostly due to his LASFS connections. Marjii Eilers said she thought a full body shave seemed sexy, but Ed disavowed this, citing his Italian ancestry. Thank you, Signor Verdi!

Reviews: Rick Foss had a CD of Welsh dirges; how daffy! In answer to Francis' question, Rick said it was even more incomprehensible than most rock albums. Hare Hobbs reviewed "Mann and Machine" as only okay, though with a good-looking female lead. Your narrator wonders if Harlan Ellison and Ben Bova have spoken with their lawyer lately. CL said silly words about Majel Barrett on the latest "ST:NG": "What does it tell you about Gene Roddenberry that when his wife was naked at her wedding, the groom ran away?" I dunno, but I kind of wonder about the Best Man! Lynn Maners had (gasp!) a television review, namely, "The Machine That Changed the World," an exciting PBS series on computers. Hal O'Brien had heard a punk-trash album with William Burroughs reading from *The Egyptian Book of the Dead*.

Miscellaneous: Francis wondered how many people were interested in a fiction writers' workshop to meet once a week? Some hands went up, and some of them stayed up even after he asked if people would be willing to pay for the privilege. Francis said the most important thing would be for people to commit to showing up week after week to critique others' work. Watch this space. Rick Foss had another popular suggestion: An ale-tasting class. CL noted the demise of British comedian Benny Hill, whose television show had occasional spoofs of science fiction and fantasy. Rather than a moment of silence, Charlie suggested, Hill would best be remembered by having a short bald-headed man pursued by ample-chested women. Neither Ed nor Ulrika seemed to buy this, however. Rick Foss finally remembered to recommend a bookstore/coffeehouse, The Hungry Mind, in Manhattan Beach, near 9th and Manhattan: "It is the best." And that being the case, the curtain was rung down at about 21:01.

And the moral is: Looking for a new clubhouse? I've got a suggestion: Parker Center!

MENACE OF THE LASFS: MEETING #2855 - APRIL 30, 1992
Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary

Hearing something mentioned about the importance of getting home before sundown, Keri Brooke and CL thought aloud, "it's almost the right night for riding to the Borgo Pass." Thanks to the curfew it would be no easier to get RTD service tonight in LA than it would be to catch a stage-coach after dark in Transylvania.

Rioting in the wake of the innocent verdict returned in the case of LAPD officers who beat Rodney King had led the mayor to impose a dusk-to-dawn curfew. Robbie Cantor had posted a meeting cancellation notice on the door of the LASFS Clubhouse. Five members showed up anyway: one member who didn't get the message, two who were telephoned about the cancellation and turned a deaf ear, and two who made LASFS their place to meet before heading elsewhere.

At 7:15 p.m., secretary of the Board of Directors Mike Glycer convened a meeting attended by Keri Brooke, Fred Patten, Gavin Claypool, and almost all of the other officers of the LASFS, that is to say, Charles Lee Jackson 2.

Behind locked doors these five held a meeting, made infinitely shorter when Charlie declared that none of his committees had anything to report tonight.

Fred Patten said he had decided to stay overnight at the clubhouse to watch over its property.

Gavin noted tonight's Patron Saint was Larry Niven, who had selected a meeting near his birthday. Some birthday party this year, huh. Glycer led the traditional three cheers, which were pretty loud, at least on a per capita basis.

By 7:24 we had done our duty and adjourned, allowing to depart those who wanted to observe the 7:46 p.m. sundown curfew.

After the meeting was adjourned, Fred Patten smiled, "This meeting lasted longer than the one at Harlan Ellison's house" in the 1960s.

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