

De Profundis #255

De Profundis #255, July 1993, Tim Merrigan, editor

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We want any news you've got that's of interest to LASFS members, including announcements of open parties, birthdays, anniversaries, conventions (in the western region), changes of address, book and film reviews, etc. Leave items for De Prof in the De Prof cubbyhole in the mail box next to the APA-L Room door or tell them to Tim Merrigan, who is usually in the APA-L room on Thursday nights and can be reached at 310-822-7716 on weekdays. The deadline to get anything into any month's De Prof is the penultimate Thursday of the preceding month. I can take stuff on disk (5.25 360K & 3.5 720K) in WordStar 3.30, MS-DOS 2.11, but don't have modem.

I would like to thank LG and RPW for proofreading.

This is NTP publication number 501.

Last month's illo was by William Rotsler

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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the remodeling, and in hopes of zeroing out the overdue list, there will be a LASFS LIBRARY AMNESTY PROGRAM until December 3, 1993. No fines collected! No Questions Asked!

The results of the June 1993 Procedural Officers' Elections are:
President: Ed Green
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Registrars: The Stern Clan (by acclamation)
Scribe: Matthew B. Tepper
Treasurers: Robbie Cantor and Rick Young (by acclamation)

CALENDAR

Thursday, June 24th
LASFS meeting 2915: 8:00 pm 'til ?; Pre-Program: Cartoon and "Secret Service in Darkest Africa" Chapter 2; St. Ted Johnstone; Parking space auction; Program: unscheduled; Distribution of De Profundis 255; APA-L 1467

Friday, June 25th
LASFS open house; "Literature Night": bring something short (5 min. or so) to read; it's open mike: 8:00 pm 'til ?

June 25th-27th
Anime America: A Celebration of Japanese Animation and Comics;

Santa Clara Westin Hotel & Convention Center, Santa Clara, CA; Writer GoH: Haruka Takachiho; Character Designer GoHs: Monkey Punch & Kenichi Sonoda; Manga Artist GoH: Johji Manabe; Comic Artist GoH: Adam Warren; Fan GoHs: Fred Patten & Yoshihiro Yonezawa; Memb: \$35 through Jun. 1st, \$45 at the door; Info: Anime America, 298 4th Ave. Suite 472, San Francisco, CA 94118

Archon 17; The Gateway Center, Collinsville, IL; GoH: Howard Waldrop, Artist GoH: Carl Lundgren; TM: Roger Zelazny; Info: Archon 17, P.O. Box 50125, St. Louis, MO 63105

Sunday, June 27th
Fourth Week-End Movie Screenings: Emperor's Day party films: 2:00 pm at the clubhouse. Contact CLJII, 818-246-2552 or 818-246-CLJ2

Masonic Temple, 5122 Tujunga Ave., N. Hollywood; 7:30 pm; Benjamin Creme offers a metaphysical perspective on The Emergence of the Christ and the Masters of Wisdom; (sponsored by Tara Center); suggested donation: \$5

Monday, June 28th
Beverly Garland Hotel, Mission Room, 4222 Vineland Ave., N. Hollywood; 7:30 pm; free parking, free admission; Benjamin Creme channels Maitrea for Transmission Meditation

Wednesdays, June 30th-Aug. 18th
UCLA Extension Lecture Series: "Time and its Mysteries"; Instructor: Sekharipuram Venkateswaran, PhD, (Professor, Atmospheric Sciences, UCLA); Location: Room 5138 Math Sciences, UCLA; Times: 7:00-9:30 pm; Price: \$135 noncredit, \$175 credit; Info: UCLA Extension Division of Science, 310-825-7093

Thursday, July 1st
LASFS meeting 2916: 8:00 pm 'til ?; Pre-Program: Cartoon and "Secret Service in Darkest Africa" Chapter 3; St. Alan Frisbie; Induction of new Procedural Officers; Program: Probably "The Silver Streak" (1934) with Charles Stawert; APA-L 1468

Friday, July 2nd
LASFS open house; 8:00 pm 'til ?

July 2nd-4th
Anime Expo '93: The International Animation and Manga Exposition; The Oakland Convention Center, Oakland, CA; Japanese GoHs: Scott Frazier, Michitaka Kikuchi, Hiroyuki Kitazume, Makoto Kobayashi, Haruhiko Mikimoto; Memb: \$40 'til Jun. 1st, \$45 at the door; Info: SASE to Anime Expo '93, 2425 B Channing, Suite 684, Berkeley, CA 94704

July 2nd-5th
Westercon XLVI; Bellevue Red Lion, Bellevue, WA; 206-455-1300; GoH: Greg Bear; AGoH: George Barr; Fan GoHs: F.M. and Elinor Busby, Wally Weber, and Wally Gonser; TM:

George Alec Effinger; Info: SWOC,
PO Box 24209, Seattle, WA 98124;
206-742-8943

Thursday, July 8th

LASFS meeting 2917: 8:00 pm 'til ?
Pre-Program: Cartoon and "Secret
Service in Darkest Africa" Chapter 8;
St. Doug Abe; Program: unscheduled;
APA-L 1469

Friday, July 9th

LASFS open house; 8:00 pm 'til ?

July 9th-11th

IV-Kahn, Holiday Inn North,
Colorado Springs, CO; GoH: John E.
Stith; SF and Gaming Con; Info:
Write: Penny Tegen, 2926 Valerie
Cir., Colorado Springs, CO 80917;
Phone: 719-597-5259

Sunday, July 11th

LASFAPA collation; 9:00 am at the
clubhouse.

LASFS Board of Directors
meeting: 11:00 am, at the clubhouse.

LASFS Second Sunday open
house: 2:00 pm at the clubhouse.

July 11th-17th

HALF PRICE SALE: A & M Book
Cellars, 19801 Vanowen St. #D,
Canoga Park, CA 91306-3996; Phone:
818-716-6259; All books half price;
Store hours for sale: Sunday, July
11th: 1:00 to 5:00 pm; Monday, July
12th - Saturday, July 17th: 10:00 am -
7:00 pm

Thursday, July 15th

LASFS meeting 2918: 8:00 pm 'til ?
Pre-Program: Cartoon and "Secret
Service in Darkest Africa" Chapter 5;
St. Marc Schirmeister; Program:
unscheduled; APA-L 1470

Friday, July 16th

LASFS open house; 8:00 pm 'til ?

July 16th-18th

Dragon-Con & Atlanta Comics Expo;
Atlanta Hilton, Atlanta, GA; Memb:
\$40 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 47696,
Atlanta, GA 30362-0696; Phone:
404-925-0115 (8:30 am to 5:00 pm ET)

Saturday, July 17th

AniFest! 23; 11 am to 6 pm at Beverly
Garland Hotel, 3222 Vineland Ave.,
N. Hollywood; Admission: \$5;
Children under 12 and ASIFA
members: \$3; Info: ASIFA-Hollywood
818-842-8330

Sunday, July 18th

Time Meddlers; 10:00 am at the
clubhouse. Contact Shaun Lyon,
12439 Magnolia Blvd. #271, N.
Hollywood, CA 91607, 818-769-2988

Wednesday, July 21st

Fandom Universal Computer Club,
7:00 pm at the clubhouse. Contact
Bob Null, PO Box 9422, N.
Hollywood, CA 91609-1422,
818-762-1429

Thursday, July 22nd

LASFS meeting 2919: 8:00 pm 'til ?
Pre-Program: Cartoon and "Secret
Service in Darkest Africa" Chapter 6;
St. Bill Curry; Program: unscheduled;
DEADLINE FOR DE PROFUNDIS
256; APA-L 1471

Friday, July 23rd

LASFS open house; 8:00 pm 'til ?
Summer Gift Exchange; 8:00 sharp
(doors open at 6:30 pm); bring two

anonymously wrapped gifts (new or
used, serious or humorous) each
worth about \$1 and up; contact: Thom
Digby, 1800 Rice St., Los Angeles, CA
90042-1150; Phone: 213-256-0743;
E-Mail: bubbles@well.sf.ca.us;
Prodigy: HFJM90A (Note: Thom's
house has a long flight of stairs
leading to it (about equivalent to a
third floor walk up), and some of the
streets shown as going through in the
Thomas Bros. don't. Contact Thom
for details.)

July 23rd-26th

Cluefest '93 (a Mystery Con); Dallas,
TX; GoHs: Susan Rogers Cooper,
Marvin Lachman, & Jan Grape;
Memb: \$50; Info: 4516 Lovers Lane
#127, Dallas, TX 75225

Saturday, July 24th

SCIFI meeting 12:00 noon at the
clubhouse.

Sunday, July 25th

Fourth Week-End Movie Screenings;
"Lost" Horror Films; 2:00 pm at the
clubhouse; Contact Charles Lee
Jackson, II, 818-246-2552 or 818-246-
CLJ2

Thursday, July 29th

LASFS meeting 2920: 8:00 pm 'til ?
Pre-Program: Cartoon and "Secret
Service in Darkest Africa" Chapter 7;
St. Ed Green; Program: unscheduled;
Parking space auction; Distribution of
De Profundis 256; APA-L 1472

Friday, July 30th

LASFS open house; "Literature
Night": bring something short (5 min.
or so) to read; it's open mike: 8:00 pm
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July 30th-August 2nd

Mythcon XXIV; The University of
Minnesota at Minneapolis; Scholar
GoH: Jane Yolen; Author GoH:
Carol Kendall; Keynote Speaker: Jack
Zipes; Memb: \$45 postmarked before
6/1, \$50 afterwards and at the door;
Contact: Mythcon XXIV Com., Attn.
Joan Verba, Corresponding Secretary,
PO Box 1363, Minnetonka, MN
55345; phone: 612-292-8887 (David
Lenander or Jo Ann Johnson);
Internet: d-lena@vm1.spes.edu;
Bitnet: d-lena@uminn1; GENIE:
D.LENANDER

Saturday, July 31st

Autograph Party; Dangerous Visions,
13563 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks,
CA 91423-3825; Phone: 818-986-6963;
2:00 - 5:00 pm; Honorees: Lisa
Goldstein, Nancy Holder, Michaela
Roessner, Gail Petersen, and Lew
Shiner

LASFS Showcase; tickets: 2 for
\$25, \$15 each pre-reg; \$20 each at the
door, at the clubhouse, all day.
Contact: Ulrika O'Brien, 135 N.
Wilson Ave. #1, Pasadena, CA
91106-1753; Phone: 818-584-1022

Thursday, August 5th

LASFS meeting 2921: 8:00 pm 'til ?
Pre-Program: Cartoon and "Secret
Service in Darkest Africa" Chapter 8;
St. Sean Cleary; Program:
unscheduled; APA-L 1473

Friday, August 6th

LASFS open house; 8:00 pm 'til ?

August 6th-8th

ShuttleCon '93: Visalia Convention
Center, Visalia, CA; GoH: John de
Lance ("O" on ST:TNG); Info: c/o
Michael "JD" Knight, PO Box 7621,
Fresno, CA 93747-9998; 209-584-2577

Sunday, August 8th

LASFS Board of Directors meeting:
11:00 am, at the clubhouse.

LASFS Second Sunday open
house: 2:00 pm at the clubhouse.

August 14th & 15th

FandCon I, Nipomo Youth
Recreation Center, 170 Frontage,
Nipomo, CA; MC: Walter Daugherty;
Pro GoH: Larry Niven; Member
GoH: Melissa Michaels; AGoH: Kelly
Freas; Memb: \$10 or free to LASFS
members willing to be panelists; Info:
Marji Holt, 466 Concepcion Ave.,
Nipomo, CA 93440-9131; phone:
805-929-3751; Prodigy: SSJX82A

Sunday, August 15th

LASFAPA collation; 9:00 am at the
clubhouse.

Wednesday, August 18th

Fandom Universal Computer Club,
7:00 pm at the clubhouse. Contact
Bob Null, PO Box 9422, N.
Hollywood, CA 91609-1422,
818-762-1429

August 19th-22nd

24th annual San Diego Comic
Convention; San Diego Convention
Center; GoHs: Michael Welan
Charles Vess, Dan Clowes, Peter
Bagge, Robert Williams, Jerry
Scott/Rick Kirkman, Roger Zelazny,
Jack Kerby, Murphy Anderson,
Vincent Sullivan, Marc Silvestri, Jerry
Bingham...; Memb: \$40 'til 7/10, \$50
at the door; Info: P.O. Box 128458,
San Diego, CA 92112; Phone:
619-491-2475; Fax: 619-544-0743

August 20th-22nd

ReinCONation 3; Radisson Hotel
South, Minneapolis, MN; GoH:
Debbie Notkin; Memb: \$18 (or
\$19.73) 'til 7/20 (lunar landing day);
\$25 (\$18 or \$19.73 for foreign
members) at the door; children under
12: \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door;
Info: ReinCONation, P.O. Box 8297,
Lake St. Station, Minneapolis, MN
55408

Bubonicon 25, Albuquerque, NM;
GoHs: Kevin J. Anderson, & Ann
Marie Eastburn; Info: NMSF
Conference, P.O. Box 37257,
Albuquerque, NM 87176

Sunday, August 22nd

Time Meddlers; 10:00 am at the
clubhouse. Contact Shaun Lyon,
12439 Magnolia Blvd. #271, N.
Hollywood, CA 91607, 818-769-2988

Sunday, August 29th

Fourth Week-End Movie Screenings;
Comedy Features; 2:00 pm at the
clubhouse; Contact Charles Lee
Jackson, II, 818-246-2552 or 818-246-
CLJ2

September 2nd-6th

Con Francisco (Worldcon 51);
Moscone Convention Center, San
Francisco, CA; GoH: Larry Niven;
AGoH: Alicia Austin; Dead GoH:
Mark Twain; FGoHs: Thom Digby

and Jan Howard Finder; TM: Guy Gavriel Kay; Memb: \$125 'til 7/16; Info: 712 Becroft Rd., Suite 1993, Walnut Creek, CA 94598; phone: 510-945-1993; Fax: 501-945-8705; CIS: 72377,3523; Internet: confrancisco@tgv.com

September 24th-26th
Contradiction 13; Hyatt Regency Buffalo Two Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14202; GoH: Nancy Kress; Special Guest: George Alec Effinger; Memb: \$17 'til 7/17 postmark, \$21 'til 9/7 postmark, \$25 thereafter and at the door; Info: S.A.S.E. to Contradiction, P.O. Box 2043, Newmarket Station, Niagara Falls, NY 14301

October 1st-3rd
Bouchercon XXIV (World Mystery Convention); Holiday Inn Central, Omaha, Nebraska; GoH: Ed McBain; Lifetime Achievement Award: Hammond Innes; Memb: \$55; Banquet: \$35; Info: Post: P.O. Box 540516, Omaha, NE 68154-0516; Phone: Chuck or Rose Levitt 305-663-8997

October 8th-10th
Con-Chord 9; Burbank Hilton and Convention Center, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505; GoH: Dave Clement; TM: Molly Bennett; Memb: \$30 'til 9-6; higher at the door; Info: c/o Rick Weiss, 13261 Donegal Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92644-2304

October 22nd-24th
MileHiCon 25 (A 25th Anniversary MileHiCon Reunion); Lakewood Sheraton, 6th and Union, Denver, CO; GoHs: "ALL previous GoHs" (confirmed by 4/15: Steven Brust, Erin McKee, S.P. Somtow, Connie Willis); FanGoHs: "ALL previous FanGoHs"; Memb: \$20 'til 7/20, \$22 'til 10/1, \$25 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 27074, Lakewood, CO 80227; Phone: 303-426-0806

October 23rd & 24th
Mile-Hi-Con's Critter Crunch (Robotics Competition); Sheraton Denver West, 360 Union Blvd., Denver, CO; Class 1 Division (20 lb. wt. limit) \$5 'til 10/15, \$10 at the door; Class 2 Division (2 lb. wt. limit) \$2 'til 10/15, \$5 at the door; there will also be a non-combatative "Critter Crawl"; \$0.50 at the door (entry in Crunch includes entry in Crawl); Info: 303-797-3458

November 12th-14th
OryCon 15; Red Lion Columbia River, Portland, OR; GoHs: Terry Pratchett and R. Lionel Fanthorpe; Memb: \$20 'til 5/31, \$25 'til 10/31, \$35 at the door; Info: OryCon, Box 5703, Portland, OR 97228; Phone: 503-283-0802; CIS: 74007,3342; GENIE: J.LORENTZ

November 26th-28th
Loscon 20; Burbank Airport Hilton, 2500 N. Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA; Pro GoH: Roger Zelazny; Fan GoH: Paul Turner; Memb: \$25 'til 7/4, \$30 'til 11/1, \$35 at the door; Info: Elayne Pelz, c/o LASFS, 11513 Burbank Blvd., N. Hollywood, CA 91601; Phone: 818-760-9234 or 818 50 0 Y BEG.

February 18th-21st, 1994
Costume Con 12; Santa Clara Marriott, Santa Clara, CA; Memb: \$40 (International Costumers Guild members), \$50 (others) 'til Sept. 6, '93 (ConFrancisco), \$45 & \$55 'til Dec. 31, '93, \$50 & \$60 Jan. 1, '94 through at the door, \$20 supporting; Info: Jana Keeler, Chair, 223 Addison St., SF, CA 94131

March 3rd-6th, 1994
World Horror Convention; Fountain Suites Hotel, 2577 W. Greenway Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85023; GoHs: Charles Grant and Dan Simmons; Artist GoH: Gahan Wilson; TM: Edward Bryant; Memb: \$65 'til 12/31/93, \$75 at the door; Info: P.O. Box 60008, Phoenix, AZ 85082-0008; Phone: 602-841-5153 or 602-945-6890

April 22nd-24th, 1994
Fantasy Worlds Festival '94; Berkeley Marina Marriott; GoHs: Mercedes Lackey & Larry Dixon; Memb: \$25 'til 9/15/93, \$30 'til 1/1/94, \$35 'til 4/1/94, \$40 at the door; make checks payable to Marian Zimmer Bradley, Ltd., P.O. Box 72, Berkeley, CA 94701

July 1st-4th, 1994
Con O Zoic (Westercon XLVII); Los Angeles Airport Hilton & Towers, Los Angeles; GoH: George R.R. Martin; Fan GoH: William Rotsler; Artist GoH: Real Musgrave; Memb: \$45 'til 12/31/93; Info: c/o SCIFI, PO Box 8442, Van Nuys, CA 91409

July 15th-17th, 1994
Dragon-Con & Atlanta Comics Expo; Atlanta Civic Center & Hilton, Atlanta, GA; Info: P.O. Box 47696, Atlanta, GA 30362-0696; Phone: 404-925-0115 (8:30 am to 5:00 pm, ET)

September 1st-5th, 1994
Conadian (Worldcon 52); Winnipeg Convention Center, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; GoHs: Anne McCaffrey, George Barr, and Barry B. Longyear; FGoH: Robert Runt; Memb: \$75 attending, \$25 supporting; Info: PO Box 2430, Winnipeg, MB, Canada, R3C 4A7

October 6th-9th, 1994
Bouchercon XXV: World Mystery Convention; Stouffer Madison Hotel, Seattle, WA; GoH: Marcia Muller; FGoH: Art Scott; TM: George C. Chesboro; Info: PO Box 1095, Renton, WA 98057-1095

November 25th-27th, 1994
Loscon 21; FanGoH: Robbie Cantor; Info: J. Shaun Lycin or Christian McGuire, c/o LASFS, 11513 Burbank Blvd., N. Hollywood, CA 91601; Phone: 818-760-9234

July 13th-16th, 1995
NASFiC (North American Science Fiction Convention); Atlanta, Georgia; GoHs: Bjo Trimble, Timothy Zahn, Michael Whelan, Orson Scott Card, & George Alec Effinger; Memb: \$30 'til 9/15/93; Info: P.O. Box 47696, Atlanta, GA 30362; Phone: 404-925-2813

August 24th-28th, 1995
Intersection (Worldcon 53); Scottish Exhibition and Conference Center, and Moat House Hotel, Glasgow,

Scotland; GoHs: Samuel R. Delany and Gerry Anderson; Info: Theresa Rener, Box 15430, Washington, DC 20003

MIKE HODEL'S HOUR 25
KPFK 90.7 FM, Fri 10-12 pm

FANZINES RECEIVED
(to see the fanzines listed here, contact Bruce Pelz)

DASFax, June '93, Vol. 25, No. 6; monthly newsletter of the Denver Area Science Fiction Association, c/o Fred Cleaver, 153 W. Ellsworth Ave., Denver, CO 80223-1623; Editors: Fred Cleaver and Rose Beetem
Instant Message 531 & 532: The New England Science Fiction Association Newsletter; 26 May & 9 June '93; P.O. Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0203

The Mobius Strip; Nay '93, Vol. 10, No. 5; pubbed by the El Paso Science Fiction & Fantasy Alliance, P.O. Box 3177, El Paso, TX 79923; Editor: Richard Brandt

Modern Mythology, Vol. 1, No. 2, May/June '93; "A Speculative Fiction Journal"; Looks like a semi-pro genzine. This ish includes an interview with Armin Shimmerman (Quark on ST:DS9), departments for comics, animation, gaming, and book collecting, and two fiction pieces. Oh, and lots of ads, mostly from around Scottsdale, AZ.; subscriptions: \$10 to Modern Mythology, P.O. Box 244, Scottsdale, AZ 85252-0244; Editor: J. David Mann

The NASFA Shuttle: Newsletter of the North Alabama Science Fiction Association, Inc. Vol. 13, No. 5, May '93; P.O. Box 4857, Huntsville, AL 35815-4857; Editor: Mike Kennedy
OASFis Event Horizon: Vol. 6, No. 8, January '93, Special Convention Issue; Pubbed monthly by the Orlando Area Science Fiction Society, P.O. Box 940992, Maitland, FL 32794-0992; Editor: Louise M. Kleba

The Orange Pulp: Newsletter of the Orange County Science Fiction Club, Ish. #40, Vol. 7, No. 3, May '93; 5727 E. Stillwater Av. #9, Orange, CA 92669; Editor: Jeff (don't call me Chief) Stein

P.S.F.S. News: The Newsletter of the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society; June '93; P.O. Box 8303, Philadelphia, PA 19101; Editor: Rich Kabakjian

Pulsar: The Newsletter of the Portland Science Fiction Society; No. 176, June '93; c/o PorSFis, P.O. Box 4602, Portland, OR 97208; Editor: John Lorentz

SFSFS Shuttle: Official Publication of the South Florida Science Fiction Society; No. 98, May '93; P.O. Box 70143, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307-0143; Editor: Fran Mullen

Situation Normal?: Official Newsletter of the Southern Nevada Area Fantasy & Fiction Union (SNAFFU), Vol. 3, No. 6, July '93;

P.O. Box 95941, Las Vegas, NV
89193-5941; Editors: Ken Forman and
John Hardin

Smart-Ash, Vol. 2, No. 54, June '93;
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Fantasy & Science Fiction Society,
Inc.; c/o Tom Feller, P.O. Box 13626,
Jackson, MS 39236; Editor: Tom
Feller

Space-Time Continuum,
March-April, May-June, '93, Vol. 2,
Nos. 2 & 3; Visual Media Newsletter
Edited and pubbed by Bjo Trimble,
2059 Fir Springs Dr., Kingwood, TX
77339-1701; Phone: 713-359-4284

Spent Brass #19; pubbed by Andy
Hooper and Carrie Root, 4228
Francis Ave. N. #103, Seattle, WA
98103

Stone Hill Launch Times, April,
May & June '93; P.O. Box 2076,
Riverview, FL 33569; Editor &
pubber: Ann Morris

Tales Twice Told: Science Fiction
and Fantasy Rare and First Edition
Catalog; May/June '93, Catalog #7;
546 Westcot St., Syracuse, NY 13210

The Texas SF Inquirer; Ish. 49,
April '93; Genzine of the Fandom
Association of Central Texas, Inc.,
P.O. Box 9612, Austin, TX 78766;
Editor: Alexander R. Slate

Tightbeam: Gen- and Letterzine of
the National Fantasy Fan Federation
(N3F); 180, March '93; Editor: Lynne
Holdom, 3808 Macalasted Dr. NE
#27, St. Anthony, MN 55421; and 181,
May '93; Editor: Diane Miller, 5311
Chestnut St., Grand Forks, ND
58210-8007

Wail Songs: 1993 Catalog; catalog
of filk tapes and song books; P.O. Box
29888, Oakland, CA 94604; Editor:
Bob Laurent

WARP 24: The Official Newsletter
of the Montreal Science Fiction &
Fantasy Association; May '93, Vol. 7,
No. 2; P.O. Box 1186, Place du Parc,
Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H2W
2P4; Editor: Keith Braithwaite

WestWind: Clubzine of the
Northwest Science Fiction Society;
May/June '93, No. 177; P.O. Box
24207, Seattle, WA 98204; Editor:
Judy Suryan

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

If your address in the LASFS
Directory, or on your De Prof mailing
label, is incorrect, give the correction
to Elayne Pelz.
(If you want your new address listed
here, give it to Tim Merrigan as well.)

Richard Kyle Books' new phone
number is 310-432-5953.

LASFS Directories are available from
Elayne Pelz for \$0.25 (or \$0.29 in US
postage) each.

NEWS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO LASFSIANS (in no particular order)

Worldcon Ticket for sale! \$75.00 Call

Gail 818-881-9338 (talk to answering
machine please, will call back)

MENACE OF THE LASFS, MEETING #2914, 20 MAY 1993 By Matthew B. Tepper, Mini-Scribe

You knew it was going to be one of
those evenings when the helmet took
in \$6.66. President Ssg Edward L.
Green must have had some qualms
when he called this merry lot to its
usual disorder at 2009. Menace were
read and approved as ROMmed,
whatever that means. A brief auction
included a little can of Vienna
Sausage bought by Lynn Maners to be
given to that well-known gourmet
Richard Foss. A Treasurer's report
from the previous week noted a
guest-to-deadbeat ratio of 0 to 3, and
we hailed Patron Saint Tom Digby
with three cheers, "and probably
something, but not another cheer."
We were off to a flying start.

There was no program, so the
tough Ssg pronounced sentence that
we would be left to talk to one
another. After a stunned silence
(which lasted about a tenth of a
second), future weeks' programs were
noted: unprogrammed; nominations
for President and maybe a film (either
"The Boy With Green Hair" or "The
Silver Streak" [1934]), and the
much-anticipated Procedural
Elections.

Well, it's either feast or famine, and
we had many guests upon whom to
feast, introduced by Registrar
Mike Stern. First there was an
unheralded guest from the previous
Friday, Nicolas Paul Bulbas of Long
Beach, who learned about us from the
Rosetta Stone. This week we had
Natalie Hall of Van Nuys, Kim
Friedman of Mission Hills, Lawrence
"Clint" Warlick of Anaheim, Janet A
Quick (Schoen) of Philadelphia PA,
Wes Boudville of Pasadena, and Brad
Morgan of Pacoima. All received a
most courteous welcome.

There was no Old Business,
although Ed took great pleasure in
awarding the egobuck to Charles Lee
Jackson, II for his remark about
zero-g. New Business was a tad silly
(surprise!). When the club voted the
Forry Award for Lifetime
Achievement to Hal Clement, a
couple of typos caused the plaque to
misspell "lifetime" and a faned to goof
up "Forry." In commemoration of
these gaffes, it had been suggested
that we create the Folly Award for
Lifetime [sic] Achievement and give it
to, um, those most worthy. There was
applause, even though the attendees
didn't know quite what would be
involved here. Come to think of it, I
think that was why they applauded.
Ed thought we could try it on for size,
and maybe think of making it an
annual event if it catches.

Another fund-raising idea,
someone suggested, would be for us to
sell a LASFS-label chocolate bar.

This time the applause was muted,
though I'm sure someone in the
audience was already planning to
write to John Cleese to get releases
for the names "Crunchy Frog" and
"Cockroach Cluster." Marjii Ellers
stood up and declared that every club
she's ever been a member of has had a
"Ways and Means" Chairman -- except
for this one. Joyce Sperling thought
Marjii was just the right person for the
job, and there was an approving
hubbub. Sanford J. Cohen regretted,
"We have a vice president, but no
vice." Your humble Mini-Scribe
remarked, "We're careful to hide it
when you're around, Sandy."

Timebound Announcements: Ed
Green said the LASFS Showcase and
Library Reopening were rescheduled
for 31 July or 1 August, depending on
the availability of guests. We would
still have a Library work party on the
weekend of 22-23 May. Kate
Halleron sadly noted that Joel
Hodgson was leaving "Mystery
Science Theatre 3000." Greg Bilan
said there was an animation
convention in Pasadena on Sunday.
Marjii Ellers said her son and
daughter-in-law were appearing in a
special AIDS benefit performance of
"Stepping Out" next Thursday. Mike
Stern said that Cal State Northridge
was having a computer swap meet
over the weekend. And Ed showed a
letter from artist Greg Costikyan
about his art.

Appointive Committee Reports:
Charlie Jackson now explained why
we didn't have even a backup program
tonight. It seems the club's monitor
needs to be fixed, and we lack even
the very long Phillips screwdriver
needed to get the cover off to see if it
is user-fixable. Ed Green read a letter
from the Department of Veteran's
Affairs thanking us for the donations
of magazines and books. This was at
least the third or fourth such letter
I've seen, which shows that we keep
giving 'em and they always appreciate
getting 'em.

Reviews: Wladimir Dozorsky had
written a screenplay about space
travel and was donating a copy to the
club Library. Kate thought "Much
Ado About Nothing" was great, and
had already seen it twice. She noted
that Denzel Washington had done the
most with the banal role of Don
Pedro. Ed Green had enjoyed it too,
and offered public thanks to Hal and
Ulrika O'Brien for suppressing him
from running Leonato's lines. He was
highly impressed, especially by
Michael Keaton as Dogberry, and said
that "Branagh does a wonderful job of
making Shakespeare accessible to the
masses." In contrast, he didn't like
Philip Nutman's *Wet Work*, a "living
dead" novel that offers nothing
original to the genre. Betty Knight
enjoyed Terry Pratchett's *Reaperman*
and Tom Holt's *Ye Gods*. CL had
devoted particular attention to a TV
mini-series, namely, "How the West

Was Lost," an entertainment documentary from the viewpoint of the Native Americans. Oh yeah, there was that other mini-series, "Wild Palms," which Hare Hobbs said was a boring "Twin Peaks" wannabe without a sense of humor. Alex Pournelle said it should have been called "Sweaty Palms." There was general agreement, although Marjii Ellers liked the men's suits. Kim Friedman enjoyed Esther Friesner's "All Vows" in the November 1992 *Asimov's Science Fiction*. And Hal O'Brien slyly remarked that Heinlein's *Double Star* had made it to the screen as "Dave." Perhaps he forgot about *The Prince and the Prisoner of Zenda*.

Faanish Committee Reports: Rick Foss said the police in Manhattan Beach had taken 45 minutes to respond to a nearby mugging because the station was having an open house and had turned off all their radios. Not only that, but the police were giving away donuts! Hare Hobbs said sister Mae Englert was now residing near a town called Readme. Mistie Joyce had details on the toxic wastes remaining after a shuttle launch. Doug Crepeau recalled the "good old days" when they would dump liquid oxygen into a lake and watch the alligators flee. Mike Stern read some "News of the Weird" reports on corpses turning up rather a while after death. He also told how a CD of the Dead Kennedys got sent instead of some Baptist religious programming.

Matthew B. Tepper paid tribute to the final episode of "Cheers." He noted that we have a balding, sober alcoholic who runs the place, a very friendly and very big guy, a woman who's very fond of romance, and any number of candidates for Woody. All we need is an annoying twit with a cheesy mustache who thinks he knows everything. Ed Green solemnly pointed out that Harry Andruschak is an employee of the Postal Service. You know, I just realized that we also need a pompous loudmouth who claims to be a doctor.

Miscellaneous: Ed Green thanked Len and June Moffatt for their kind offer to loan us "Cartoons for Big Kids," although the monitor's problems put that on hold. CL threatened us with an impromptu program of "Ed Buchman plays organ music," and while you might laugh to imagine Ed as a virtuoso I feel sure that he can hold his own. Phil Castora was so bemused that he threatened to review "Much Ado About Nothing: The LASFS Meeting." And we barred further such discussion as we adjourned at 2100. Strike up, pipers!

**MENACE OF THE LASFS,
MEETING #2911, 27 MAY 1993
By Matthew B. Tepper, Mini-Scribe**

"Have you seen me?" The concept of decorum at a meeting of the LASFS was missing and presumed

vanished, as President Ssg Edward L. Green banged the gavel at 2011. If you know what it's like to drink a glass of milk and find out that it's really buttermilk, you'll have an idea of how the crowd received the previous week's Menace. These, however, escaped unscathed and were approved as "Shared and Enjoyed." Ed let the Menace pass without extensive comment, anyway, except that the mention of "The Boy With Green Hair" caused him to posit a sequel, "The Green With No Hair." I thought the expression was "Persons of scalp?"

A brief auction included the three parking spaces for the month of June, which went for \$5, \$3, and \$30, and Steve Merritt wasn't even here! Patron Saint Dee Dee Lavender was remembered as a sweet person and honored with three cheers "and a bucket full of fructose." Tonight, said Ed, we would have Fang Van Took's much-delayed program of "Faanish Telephone," a bellringer indeed. Charles Lee Jackson, II was busy attacking the monitor with that *reeeeecally* long screwdriver, so the hope was expressed that we might have some video programming in the near future. Pop of the Registrardom Mike Stern had found us only one guest, Scott A. Schmitz of North Hollywood. And President Green astounded the masses with the news that no Egobuck would be awarded this week. Lynn Maners, who still has not won an Egobuck, was seen to gleefully rub his hands together. This is not an easy thing to do with one arm in a sling, but Lynn certainly is resourceful.

Timebound Announcements: Well, it wasn't exactly timebound, but Jim Shaun Lyon said that next year's Loscon had confirmed Lois McMaster Bujold as Guest of Honor. There was general approval. Doug Crepeau said that a theatrical film based upon Poul Anderson's *The High Crusade* is set to begin principal photography on 6 June, and insisted (several times) that he had no further information. Fang said that the next evening would be another iteration of Literature Night, and exhorted those interested to bring something to read out loud and share with friends. Mike Donahue said that the weekend was full of opportunities for people to come to the clubhouse and work on making it a better place. You know, I thought that some people can make it a better place by *not* showing up, but then what do I know?

Appointive Committee Reports: The same Mr. Donahue said nineteen of the bookcases were already in place, and all of the paperback books were shelved. Still to be done was the final carting away of the old bookshelves, so if you bought one, take it already! Ed Green suggested we come up with a drop-dead date, and Donahue suggested 15 June, so

you've been amply warned. Any bookcases still remaining after that date will be gotten rid of by, er, alternate means. Translation: Where does the Lone Ranger take his garbage? To the dump, to the dump, to the dump, dump, dump!

Reviews: Lynn Maners had great praise for *The Cartoon Guide to Physics*, by Larry Gonick and Art Huffman. Your humble Mini-Scribe thinks that anything the wonderful Mr. Gonick does will make you learn and have fun at the same time, and what higher praise is there than that? Beth O'Brien had had some entertainment from John McLaughlin's *Toolmaker Koan*, a book on self-destructive planetary societies that has been made a little outdated by the end of the Cold War. Carol Ann Cranston continued her survey of contemporary vampire literature with *Sunglasses After Dark and Tempter*, both by Nancy A. Collins. And our normally reserved Simon said that "Hot Shots! Part Deux" was funny and worth seeing, presumably for that reason.

Faanish Committee Reports: Joe Zeff told of a man who had been wrongly "outed" by a listing in the Yale Alumni Directory, much to the surprise of his wife and children; needless to say, he's suing. Mike Stern reminded us of the recent tribulations of the ducks in Venice, threatened with extermination due to an infectious virus that could prove deadly to migrating waterfowl. A newspaper article mentioned "longtime Venice resident Mike Stern," who is not the same as our own Mike, but rather his "evil twin Skippy." Fred Patten noted the Los Angeles *Times* claimed that Steven Spielberg had directed "Star Wars"; Matthew noted the correction in a later edition. Ssg Green showed a piece of an artillery round that came too close for comfort: It was supposed to hit 6 KM away, but came within 300 meters. "At that range," he mused, "it is not friendly fire, it is awfully impolite."

Miscellaneous: David Latham asked if anybody knew anything about raw shuttle television feed, and received a variety of answers. It boiled down to: NASA supplies it, but each cable carrier does what it damn well pleases. George Mulligan apologized for being a bit out of practice, but said that he had leads for two RVs for sale, if anybody is looking for wheels and a new home. Carol Ann Cranston had health and insurance woes. And Tina Baychok offered a couch for free if somebody would just come and get it. Having thus been cushioned, we adjourned to the program at 2056. Darkness would not fall.

**MENACE OF THE LASFS,
MEETING #2912, 3 JUNE 1993
By Matthew B. Tepper, Mini-Scribe**

We had "Canadian Content" galore

on that crisp June night. Joyce Sperling was here, and so were Elizabeth Klein-Lebbink and her husband Jerome. And of course, Robbie Cantor held down the Treasurer's post whilst wearing earphones and occasionally shouting "Yes!" as though-- as though-- Well, almost as though she were listening to some professional sporting event. Lord, what fools these mortals be! But enough Pucking around, let's get started.

President Ssg Edward L. Green surveyed the gathering before him. After a remark from Charles Lee Jackson, II about the amount of order in the LASFS, Ed retorted, "Not much, since *you* keep showing up!" Menace of the previous week were read and approved as barnyarded, probably due to the animal sounds from the crowd. Ed read a Treasurer's Report which claimed the guest-to-deadbeat ratio had been 0:1, and got the meeting number wrong, too. But we did find out that the new policy of selling soft drinks out of the refrigerator had netted \$39 in cold cash.

We had a Moneygouge of various oddments and many of the old bookcases. Alex Pournelle did his Vanna White impression as he pointed to the bookcases and flipped over the cards describing them. After a while, he got disgruntled with Ed over his new role, and proclaimed, "Just for that, you have to buy dinner tonight, you bitch!" Ed purred, "Yeah, but it'll be the best dinner you ever had!" Your humble Mini-Scribe wishes to leave the remainder of the episode to the reader's imagination -- mostly because I was laughing so hard I didn't write it down.

Special Business: Chairman of the Bored Board Dan Deckert took the mike to preside over the mandate of the evening, advance nominations for the office of President of the LASFS. Really good judgement was shown by those declining, namely Matthew B. Tepper, Gary Louie, and Charles Lee Jackson, II (who declined respectfully). Ed Green and Mike Stern accepted nomination, and the category died down for the evening for lack of further sacrificial lambs. Of course, *anything* can happen come election week.

Patron Saint Ed Baker was remembered with three cheers "and more monomanias than any human being had a right to have." Program: Just in case the prez nominations didn't take up the bulk of the meeting, CL had a fillum ready to go: "The Boy With Green Hair." This proves that he knows how to be the dean of the LASFS Video Library and stock it well. The following week would see the traditionally silly Procedural elections, and some future meeting would feature some computer animation hosted by Francis Hamit.

Did we have guests? Sure we did,

according to Registrardad Mike Stern: The returning Laurie Sanford of Sylmar, Trevor Wall of Waco TX, and Cecil Rose of Carson. (There was *another* Cecil in the room, by the way, a bright green iguana belonging to Tracy Feldstein.) Old Business: Ed recognized those who had participated in the weekend's work party: Mike Donahue, Gary Louie, Louis Elver Warren Gray, Nola Frame-Gray, Mike Thorsen, Leigh Strother-Vien, Bob Null, and Ed Green. We had neither Old Biz nor an Egobuck. Come on, Lynn, get to work already!

Announcements: Rick Foss publicized brother Wolf's upcoming stint at the Storyteller Bookstore. Ray Capella had a ConFrancisco membership for sale. Mike Donahue said a work party scheduled for the coming weekend should finish off the main section of the Library. Bill Green alerted us to a total lunar eclipse on Friday morning. And Carol Ann Cranston said that the Discovery Channel had lots of upcoming programs about dinosaurs. Almost makes you wonder why.

Reviews: Charlie Jackson found *Bones: A Forensic Detective's Casebook* by Dr. Douglas Ubelaker and Henry Scammell fascinating reading. Frank Waller "reviewed" the Renaissance Pleasure Faire as near its end. "I've been there three times," he added. CL drawled, "But how many times have you *tried* to go there?" Carol Ann liked *A Whisper of Blood*, edited Ellen Datlow, another vampire anthology. Ed Green wondered if it had a half-dozen stories about lawyers. Francis Hamit said his book was juuust about ready to go to press, and yes, he had phoned in *one* more correction. He gave decreasing thumbs-up reviews to Debra Wheeler's *Jadium*, an action-adventure romance with some surprises; "Super Mario Brothers" (if you can forget the idiot plot); and "Sliver." Rick Foss noted: "He must be a writer. He's standing there with his hat out." Matthew agreed because "he hasn't got money all over him." Sherwood Dodge enjoyed "What's Love Got to Do With It?", the screen bio of Tina Turner. Kate Halleron said that "Sneakers" was like an episode of "Mission: Impossible" with a sense of humor. Eylat Eleasari said "Cliffhanger," the new Sylvester Stallone movie, "will beat the shit out of you." I don't know about you, but I'm not seeing it without my Kaopectate.

Mike Stern was entertained by Katherine Kurtz' upcoming novel *Days of Blood and Fire*, but warned it was the first book of a trilogy. Marjii Ellers had seen the Music Center Opera's production of Gaetano Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor," and loved June Anderson's singing, but found the staging disastrous. Matthew agreed, saying the main set

was a castle which folds down, spins around, and all but bends over so you can kick it. George Mulligan found "The Punisher" with Dolph Lundgren "very unreal," partly for the use of Sydney to stand in for New York. He also said the eighth and (possibly) last book in the "Sten" series by Chris Bunch and Alan Cole was out, and was enjoyable but rushed. Rick Foss was incredulous: "Eight books, and it's *rushed*?" Maybe George was comparing it to Marcel Proust, I dunno.

Faanish: Rick Foss said a film on the life of cult filmmaker Edward D. Wood was budgeted at about \$18 million, way over the cost of all of Wood's films put together. Joe Zeff told about a traffic commissioner who realized that he didn't honestly believe in the presumption of innocence, and did the only fair thing by disqualifying himself from a case. Kate Halleron said that Joel Hodgson would be doing twelve more episodes of "Mystery Science Theatre 3000" before quitting the series.

Miscellaneous: Charlie Jackson noted the death of Marjorie Henderson Buell, creator of "Little Lulu." And we stood adjourned at 2109 or thereabouts. Win, lose or draw, those two would go far and enjoy themselves mightily along the way.

MENACE OF THE LASFS, MEETING #2913, 10 JUNE 1993 By Matthew B. Tepper, Mini-Scribe

Life is sometimes an exercise in temptation. When President Ssg Edward L. Green called the meeting to order at 2012, we were all tempted to raise a ruckus, but we didn't, did we? Likewise when Rob Cole tried to move to adjourn, and Joe Zeff tried to move to suppress, Ed didn't really consider either of those, did he? And when your humble Mini-Scribe read the Menace of the previous week, we all remained attentive and quiet, didn't we? The Menace were approved as read, although Frank Waller said he didn't want to be thought of as sounding like Elmer Fudd. Well, then, how about Bullwinkle? After all, *everybody* likes Bullwinkle. Yeah.

We had no Moneygouge, but a glossed-over Trez report showed that we're still solvent. Patron Saint Jim Glass got honored with three cheers "and no baseball through the window." Registrarmom Lucy Stern had one guest to show off, Loren Wilton of Cuc...

Very Timebound Announcements: Greg Bilan had three tickets for that night's showing of "Jurassic Park" in Sherman Oaks at 10:00. Leigh Strother-Vien, Librarian, said the book storage boxes were available for sale at 50 cents the each. Ed Green announced the coveted Egobuck went to Frank Waller, for being such a

good target, and a good sport too, for which a beaming Frank received applause from the crowd. That's right, we all gave him the clap.

Elections: Well, usually Ed is only too glad to hand the gavel to Chairman of the Bored Board Dan Deckert. But Dan was unavailable due to work, so command passed to the Vice-Chair, Robbie Cantor, surprisingly but pleasantly attired in a green dress. Meanwhile, Robbie's place at the Treasurer's desk was filled by Gary Louie, and since Gary was therefore not available to perform a back-up count, Tom Safer lent his services. You got all that?

President: The previous week's nominees were still Ed Green and Mike Stern. Lynn Maners was also nominated, and turned it down flat, though he did think that Sandy Cohen was doing a passable imitation of Vanna White by keeping a tally on the whiteboard. An auction for the right to select the ballot color degenerated into LASFS' patented version of anarchy, but I believe the pick was blue. When all the counting was over, Ed Green had won re-election to an unprecedented fourth consecutive term by 40 votes to Mike Stern's 30. Clean campaigns can so be fun!

Vice President: Here there was a little more originality in the nominating. In their right minds were Mike Stern, Drew Sanders, and Charles Lee Jackson, II, all of whom declined. Accepting were a tag-team of Fang Van Took and Mike Korp; a tag-team of Joe Zeff and Steve Merritt; and Frank Waller. Thus we had a team without Merritt, a team without teeth, and a candidate without a clue. (Time to earn your egobuck, Frank!) The Fang/Korp team won on the first ballot with 42 votes against 19 for Zeff/Merritt and 9 for Waller.

Registrar: Here's where the clean campaigning really paid off. There was such approval of the way the Stern Rabble had been welcoming guests that a railroad was set into motion. Toot toot!

Scribe: Now watch this closely. Usually when your humble Mini-Scribe is up for a vote he turns his notebook over to Gary Louie. But Gary was filling in for Robbie, who was filling in for Dan, right? So Alex Pournelle filled in, and if I read his scribble okay, Robbie Cantor, Tom Digby, Richard Foss, Alex Pournelle, and Jack Harness all declined nomination. Accepting were Matthew B. Tepper, Mike Glycer, and Frank Waller. Glycer and Tepper were asked if they'd consider a tag-team, but decided that a duel to the death would be more fun. The first ballot was Glycer 28, Tepper 32, Waller 9. Third-place ballots were redistributed, and after two of them died, the result was Glycer 33, Tepper 34, giving Matthew another victory over his betters. Well, the electorate has spoken.

Treasurer: Now, since Robbie might conceivably have an interest in this election, she passed the gavel down to the Comptroller and Board Secretary, who was none other than Mike Glycer. So you see that none of our talent gets wasted after all. Somebody tried to nominate the incumbent team of Robbie with Elayne Pelz, but this team declined. Likewise Robbie as a solo Treasurer declined; but the team of Robbie with Rick Young accepted, and since Frank Waller declined we didn't need no steenking ballots.

Final Announcements & Stuff: Fred Patten said the Iranian Ministry of Guidance was hosting an international contest for gag cartoons (drawn-on-paper, not anim). Now Salman Rushdie can find out if that art school correspondence course was worth all the money. Leigh Strother-Vien said that the Library was re-opening for business and has a heck of a lot of books up on the shelves.

Allan Rothstein, filling in for Fang, reminded us of Literature Night on the final Friday of the month. Francis Hamit said he has seven videotapes for the following week's program on computer animation. CL, who had also been keeping a tally and had been commenting all evening on the mostly inept artwork on the ballots, said "Dr. Buchman is in the building and will be signing people up for art class after the meeting." Hal O'Brien had the first two issues of his electronic periodical, *Pacific Edge Magazine*, available from him on diskette. His mother, Elizabeth O'Brien, had a friend who needed a computer monitor, and in a related story, Carol Ann Cranston was looking for a replacement Kaypro keyboard. John Goodwin and Jeff Clinkenbeard promoted their play "Coils of Death," announcing a contest for the "scariest monster" costume on Saturday. And we ran screaming into the night at 2134. Hazel followed; and together they slipped away, running easily down through the wood, where the first primroses were beginning to bloom.

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**MINUTES OF THE LOS ANGELES
SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY,
INC., BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 9, 1993**

Chairman: Dan Deckert.
Secretary: Mike Glycer

ATTENDANCE: (Board) Robbie Cantor, Dan Deckert, Mike Glycer, Ed Green, Gary Louie, Bob Null, Bruce Pelz, Drew Sanders, Matthew Tepper, Fang Van Took, Leigh Strother-Vien. (Others) C.L. Jackson 2, G. Bilan, M. Thorson, E. O'Brien, J. Zeff, J. Sperling, F. Hamit, M. Donahue, J.S. Lyon, R. Cole, H. O'Brien, U. O'Brien.

MINUTES: After the previous

Board meeting, the Showcase date was reset to June 6. [This has since been changed again, twice. I think it's currently set for July 31st. --- TPM]

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of April 22, 1993, the total assets of the LASFS were \$25,096.28, consisting of \$481.54 in the Main Treasury, \$414.00 in the Library Fund, \$23,118.32 in the Building Fund, plus amounts in the keys, video, library subscription and library shelves funds.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

APPLICATIONS: Applications for membership were received from A.T. Campbell III, and David R. Lathram. Both were approved without opposition.

CONVENTION DELEGATES:

Drew Sanders was duly appointed as a delegate to DeepSouthCon, and Gary Louie was appointed as a delegate to BayCon (on remote chance, it says here).

CONSTRUCTION: Bob Null learned that after the back building roof was gooped -- it still leaks, and reported that treasurer Elayne said we may need to get real roof people. The tarp spread up there has desiccated and is no longer doing its job. The ideal time, in terms of price, might be after the summer. Fang Van Took noted that the treasurers have postponed buying the vending machine until the roof repairs have been budgeted.

Leigh Strother-Vien said we need to replace the screen in the back building at the top of the east wall. Mike Glycer had also heard about the famous rotting beam in the front building, and Leigh said the same for the eaves on the front of the back building.

Dan Deckert asked which of these were items to add to the list of tasks for the May 22-23 work party. Ed Green said some of the small tasks might be done by individuals at other times than during the work party. Deckert agreed, and asked for creation of a list of small projects that could be publicized by posting them in the meeting room. Leigh agreed to work with Ed on the list.

LIBRARY: Leigh Strother-Vien said 14 shelves have been installed, with 40 to go. Sanding the facing wood has been more time-consuming than building the basic bookshelves. Mike Donahue asked for eight people per day to work at the next two workparties on finishing the shelf facing and installation. He thought Barry Workman deserved a great vote of thanks. Matthew Tepper, seconded by Gary Louie, moved that the Board vote its thanks to Workman, which they did unanimously.

Charlie Jackson 2 spoke to Ackerman about library stuff. Charlie joked that Forry thought the dedication shown in bookshelf building is clearly detrimental to science fiction and he will be taking us to court....

Bruce Pelz suggested that when the library is back in condition, if the Board of Directors still wants to consider it a circulating and reference library, there is microfilm of almost all SF periodicals, and a series of early SF novels (back to the turn of the century). Prices range \$35 (the run of *Cosmic Stories*) to \$2,000 (the second series of *Amazing SF*). The novel series costs \$1,140. The library could acquire them a piece at a time. Ed Green thought the library might buy them in a joint effort with SCIFI. Bob Null wondered if the same sets would soon be available using CD-Rom technology.

LASFS FILM FESTIVAL: Dan Deckert asked if anyone on the board objected to allowing the people who ran the film festival to run it as they see fit (and remove the committee from the board agenda). Leigh Strother-Vien, seconded by Fang Van Took, moved to approve Dan's suggestion. However, since Mike Donahue hesitated to accept before talking to Liz Mortensen, the motion was held in abeyance.

LASFS TV AWARDS SHOW: Bruce had had no contact with the producer since last time. Deckert said we'll drop the subject in the future.

CHILDREN'S RECOMMENDED READING LIST: Charlie Jackson 2 said there are lots of requests. Galen Tripp is now working the day shift on Sundays, so he isn't here.

LASFS UNDER LOCK AND KEY: Robbie Cantor described the plan for mastering the locks.

EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Deckert had reported to the club. The feedback told him that members like to be told things like that once in awhile.

FUNDRAISING PROJECT: Ed Green has an appointment with Rep. Berman to talk to his local office in a couple of weeks about Ed's idea to get NASA to send on a 1995 shuttle mission a list of every member of LASFS who donated \$3,000. Deckert encouraged that approach, having heard a McDonnell-Douglas lobbyist say that letters to the local offices of Congressmen are more likely to get to the representative than those sent to Washington. Dan also suggested approaching Sen. Feinstein, who is on the appropriations committee.

There was no news about the club t-shirt.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE: Ed Green will arrange to pick up the fireproof safe from the Pelzes, then duplicate the appropriate records to stash inside.

PLAQUES: Gary Louie said the Loscon history plaques are finished and in the Library. He is waiting for a "rediscovery of walls" before hanging anything new. Deckert said he is planning an archaeological expedition to rediscover the LASFS' walls.

Matthew Tepper announced that Ed Green is now a Patron Saint of

LASFS.

Gary asked about the replacement plaque for the "Lifetime" award. Bruce said he took it to Lunacon and sent it back to Boston with Sharon Sbarsky.

COMPUTERS: Bob Null is thinking about taking the Library computer to Procomp to fix.

BBS COMMITTEE: Fang Van Took expects the next real presentation will be at SCIFI.

BORDER WARS: Deckert spoke to Rob Gustaveson after the last board meeting and conveyed our settlement idea. Gustaveson was apparently overjoyed with this and willing to agree. There was some discussion about comics shop customers' parking bad habits, and the overload on the trash service.

LOSCON 19: Robbie Cantor said not all checks have cleared because some of the checks were lost before delivery.

LOSCON 20: Deckert reported the committee met at the hotel. "Bad timing" during Gallifrey [One] was blamed for unnamed problems at the Burbank Hilton; Deckert doesn't rule the hotel out of consideration for future cons. Deckert had been informed Elayne may have to pull out of chairmanship, but backup support is in place.

LOSCON 21: J. Shaun Lyon went over the hotel resume with Elayne. He didn't think that Gallifrey [One]'s problems would be an obstacle.

SHOWCASE: Ulrika O'Brien said she's been sick. She hasn't done anything on the Showcase, so June is a bad time. She's looking for another date; Maybe August. Drew Sanders inquired if Ulrika was still committed to do the Showcase. She was, and Deckert proposed August 1 as the new date. [It has since been moved again, to July 31. --- TPM] He set conditions to be met by the next meeting for the Showcase to actually proceed, such as guests having been invited, etc.

VENDING MACHINE: Ed Green concurred that it's on hold while the club makes a decision whether to proceed, delay, or cancel. Robbie Cantor had quotes for fixing the roof ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000. Leigh Strother-Vien, seconded by Gary Louie, moved to postpone a decision on the roof repair for one month while Robbie Cantor got written estimates. Meantime, if the treasurer wanted to stock the refrigerator and sell soft drinks, that would be fine. This passed by voice vote, unopposed. Robbie Cantor said she would sell soft drinks for 50 cents each. Fang will do the purchasing, as he would have done for the vending machine. She will ask Mike Korp, current Lord High Janitor, to move the drinks into the fridge before the meeting.

OTHER: Charlie Jackson 2 asked whether the \$250 appropriated to pay for halftoning photos from the Ackerman Collection was still

available. After discussion, Charlie said he will probably front the expense money, since LASFS will eventually be able to fund its appropriation.

NEXT MEETING: June 13, 1993 at 11:00 a.m.

LETTERS

John Thiel
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(Postmarked) 24 May 1993

Dear De Profundis:

Sorta made me feel like I was back in the N3F looking at that nice cover with the story contest on it. Of course, we all know how one does not need to belong to the N3F to enter it; a drawing of that would look sort of like the Dog Star's constellation. (On the back of Hamling's mag, I mean). Likely some LASFans will try to score with an entry.

Nice newsnotes column; I did miss the book reviews in this issue, though. By way of consolation I looked at my comment about it in my letter, leafed back through the mag looking for the reviews, and told myself, "That's the way LASFS used to be."

Sincerely,
John Thiel

Dear John:

You lost me re your references to "Dog Star's constellation" and "Hamling's mag", please elucidate.
TPM

Edward B. Shifres
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May 27, 1993

Dear Sirs:

I was recommended to contact you for literature called De Profundis - which has listing information as to nationwide sci-fi conventions for this year, and perhaps next year. Names, phone numbers, and addresses are what I need.

Please let me know the cost and how to obtain a copy.

I have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope for the convenience of your reply.

Thank you.
Ed Shifres

Dear Mr. Shifres,

De Profundis is a club newsletter which, mostly because of my personal prejudice, has a rather extensive Calendar section. I'll send you a copy of this issue on spec, but for further issues you should get a "Voluntary Active Membership" in the LASFS for \$10 (send the money to the address in the colophon).

TPM

Kathleen Gallagher
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5/31/93

Re: Dec. 1992 #248

I'm playing catch up on my LoCing. I know, I know, I'm more than passingly behind.

The results of the poll were amusing. The newsletter always takes the hit when budget disputes come up. In my current position I edit a newsletter professionally and it takes the brunt of the budget cut threats; is battled over about articles and editing and layout. No one ever seems to read it and everyone bitches when they don't get it.

Good luck! It seems you can't win for losing.

Regards,
KG

(received) June 3, 1993

Editor De Profundis,

I read in issue #254 that "De Prof...is available to...voluntary active LASFS members". Does this mean that there might also be involuntary active LASFS members, coerced into Actifandom against their will?

Secondly, be informed that in response to the allegations of discrimination against nonhumans at Baycon '91, Con Francisco (Worldcon 51) is offering a special discounted membership rate of \$25 to nonhumans. (Proof of outsystem citizenship may be required.) In fond readership,
Michael Victor Kyle, Offworld Press

Dear Michael,

"Voluntary Active LASFS Membership" is what the club calls subscriptions to De Prof and Shaggy; I don't know that it has any other benefits.
TPM

Kathleen Gallagher
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June 6, 1993

RE: #242 6/92

Dear Editor:

As promised, random LoCs on old issues will continue to appear until I'm caught up on my back issues. I'm sure I mentioned elsewhere I spent most of

1992 sleeping because of a resurgence of an old case of mono that left me fatigued, but not symptomatically sick until some blood tests were run. I'm recovered, and I'm playing catch up on a fun part of my life, which is zines and LoCing.

Re: The Smoking Ban.
I'm sure the issue is resolved by now, but I feel obligated to put in my two cents worth for historical and social purposes.

As someone allergic to smoke, perfume and other common household chemicals and soaps, I can assure you that it means misery to us who have bodies who react to allergens.

Over the years I have had to leave retail stores, concerts, restaurants, church services, social gatherings and family functions because of allergic reactions. I've gone home sick from the mall because some foolish squirter girl got me with perfume before I could say NO. I lost my job over it last year because part of it included demonstrating a perfumed product.

I would, of course, side with the folks encouraging the smoking ban.

A smoker is temporarily inconvenienced by having to leave the gathering to go outside to his/or her smoke. Someone who is allergic to the stuff has to leave for good. A smoker can control his smoking to some degree by choosing where or where not to smoke. An allergy sufferer can't choose to not breathe and can only avoid the smoke for so long until his/her body reacts to it and he/she must leave for health reasons.

While my experience isn't representative, it may apply to others. My allergies can't be treated with shots, etc. Medication treats symptoms, but only delays the onset of a reaction, but doesn't stop or contain it. The more I'm exposed to products I'm allergic to, the quicker the reactions come on and the less effective medication becomes.

As a nonsmoker with severe allergic reactions to a number of other airborne chemicals and perfumes, I practice avoidance of public places without good air ventilation, non-smoking policies and an open seating policy so I can be moved.

I can't do my own laundry in a laundromat, or enter a number of restaurants; I often have to leave theaters, movies, and public lectures (if the seating is crowded) because I can't avoid someone, etc., all because of perfumed and soaped products. I often don't wash my hands in public restrooms because I never know if this is the soap I'm allergic to or not.

Sincerely,
Kathy

John Thiel
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(postmarked) 8 June 1993

Dear LASFS:

Hm, this time book and fanzine reviews, but no letters. I must admit I prefer the reviews to the letter column, and I hope you will continue publishing these reviews even if it means sacrificing the reader response section.

There sure are a lot of overdue books. I suppose presenting that list will be a proper goad to those who have not returned their books on time, and they'll likely get them back.

Don't think this one SF fan is not reading the Menace. But the first two paragraphs of #2906 will tell you why I don't comment on them. That's why I like seeing the reviews. They happen to be noncontroversial to me this time, but that's where a fellow can get a comment in on DP, who might not wish to comment on the Menace.

Sincerely,
John Thiel

Should Board Elections Be Moved Away From Loscon?

It is not unusual for local cons to bring new fans into the club. But the very first LASFS meeting after Loscon is, much more often than not, Board Elections: Hardly the sort of thing we should wish to inflict on brand-new neos.

Various ideas for mitigating this state of affairs have surfaced. They include changing the term of office of Board members to start at a different time of year, staggering the terms so only one seat is up for election at any one time, keeping the terms of office as they are now but moving the elections (thus lengthening or shortening the lame duck period), and moving Loscon (not very likely).

Tom Digby and Matthew Tepper have been appointed to a committee to study the matter. Please convey your thoughts, ideas or opinions to one or the other of these people, preferably in writing, sometime during June or July. Both usually attend LASFS meetings.

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