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Address corrections should be given or sent to the LASFS Treasurer at the clubhouse.

Due to the press of other material there is currently no space available in *De Profundis* for advertising. I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to members.

Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

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# AUTUMN HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, October 31, 2002

The festivities will start at  
6 pm,  
recess at 7:30 pm,  
and then resume after the LASFS  
meeting,  
ending around midnight.

*(This is a costume event. If you do not think that your everyday look is scary enough, please come in a costume.– ed.)*

The Forry Award is given for service to Science Fiction. Nominations and election on October 3.

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## KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society

TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment.

BOD = Board of Directors

2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming

Cinema Anime = Japanimation

CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation

Work Party = Varies with what needs doing

FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm

FUCC = Fandom Universal Computer Club

TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club

## CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever

BOD - 11:00 am, games start at 2:00 pm

Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends

CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm

Work Party - 10:30 am

FUCC - Evening

TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am

ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm

Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm

FWEMS - Monsters Around the World

## THURSDAY

### PROGRAMME ITEMS

**OCTOBER 3** - Nominations & selection of Forry Award winner

**OCTOBER 10** - Laura & Frank Kelly Freas with slides

**OCTOBER 17** - Surprise Guest Speaker

**OCTOBER 24** - Donald F. Glut

**OCTOBER 31** - AUTUMN HOLIDAY PARTY

## CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes can be read in APA -L and are filed in the archives)

*Meeting #3390, August 1, 2002*

*Ed Green, presiding*

*Karl Lemke, Scribe*

"All right," said Ed, "I apologise for the late start!" (There was much rejoicing!) The meeting was stomp ed to order at 20:18:24.

**Special Orders of Business:** Joel Oleanski, father of member Ingrid Oleanski, of heart failure. Besides being parent of a fan, he wrote and directed "The Competition," and wrote for the TV series "The Law" and "Masada." He also wrote for "Alfred Hitchcock Presents." Thanks to

Len Moffatt for the clipping. There was a moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read and approved as “Oh, no, not this again.”

The **Registrar**: Robert Keller announced that we have Jennifer Selzer, Daniel Huber. Also, Jonathan Glen. Jonathan is interested in all things fannish, such as eating, sleeping, and breasts.

**Patron Saint: Sean Cleary**. Not the sort to make a big impression on people. 3 cheers, and a random menu generator.

(**Sage break.**) Jerry Pournelle announced that Boeing is putting money into investigating an antigravity machine from Russia. Boeing has done this before, and the Dean Drive didn't work out either. Boeing has been willing to put large amounts of money into unconventional stuff before.

Lucifer's Hammer will not hit on 2/2019. A recalculation found it wasn't hitting this time.

#### **Time Bound Announcements:**

**Sarge**: A granddaughter was born on June 26. Same as Peter Lorre's birthday, so she'll be a Raven beauty?

#### **Reviews:**

**Meep** told the club about XTZ Herbal Energy Mints, containing every shrub on Earth. (*One would need that energy to swallow that much greenery at one sitting. -ed.*)

#### **Miscellaneous:**

**Glen**: Compliments to workforce that created the new bathroom. It needs a baby changing station. (*Why? The members seem to be able to change their own diapers without the aid of this. -ed.*)

There was a motion to adjourn, which passed at 21:13:44.

*Meeting #3391, August 8, 2002*

*Ed Green, presiding*

*Karl Lembke, Scribe scribbling*

Animate Christian's shorts? Let's just have a meeting instead! The meeting was stomped to order at 20:13:44. There was a motion to close, but that doesn't mean the LASFS can't continue on, and on, and on...

**Special Orders of Business**: Ron Wallatski, cover artist for Queen of the Damned, Carrie, and worked for F&SF, and personal friend of John deChancie.

The **Menace** were read and approved as “reflecting our core values.” (*Or, maybe, a core-tical thalamic pause? -ed.*)

The **Registrar**: Tommy Gustos, nephew to Dr. Az, Peter and Anisha Virgen, and Anthony Colla, who donated a box of books to the library.

**Patron Saint: Jerry Pournelle**, about whom it was said, “It's always a pleasure when he starts doing what he does best, which is tell stories. Larry Niven: has written books with him, and as a result knows him very well. He was the core of the Citizens Advisory Council for Space Policy, which created SDI. He has done his best to keep the LASFS educated, a losing battle if there was one!

Francis Hamit: Despite his gruff exterior, he is a kind man, and helps new writers. He believes in “paying it forward.” He's interesting and informative, we agree on just about nothing, and I have a lot of respect for him. Rick Foss: reports on having been intimidated by his fame. Others would be intimidated without his fame, since he has the personality of a force of nature. Those who talk to him learn he really does listen, and is a fascinating person. He can be very kind and gracious.

Tom Safer: Talking to Jerry is wonderfully fun, interesting, and informative. One time, showing a cartoon show, he was astonished at how much Bugs Bunny got beat up in “Falling Hare.” (*Which does not have much to do with some members' falling hair. -ed.*) Eylat Poliner: the first person she met at LASFS. She came back anyway. He's been very nice to her since she's had her baby.

Phil Castora: Whenever you talk to him, you're wrong. He'll explain why you're wrong, and fill you in on the things you don't know, and you'll wind up learning a lot. Len Moffatt: Deserves to be a saint for various reasons, and the fact that he donated lots of money, and has kept us informed on things happening in science, but he helped build this building, and put in a lot of blood, sweat, and cuss words into it.

Robert Keller: was a big influence on him as a teenager, shaped his notions of politics, and helped him see how science might actually work. Marty Cantor: For those not here 25 years ago, this building used to be a warren of little rooms with a bathroom in the middle. Jerry is largely responsible for the fact that it no longer is.

Christian McGuire: Jerry was one of the first people he met at LASFS, and wondered, why did everyone put up with him? The n he stood up and spoke in the middle of a meeting. When he's on a subject he knows and is passionate about, he can get peoples' attention and keep it. He's a self-made man, thereby relieving the Almighty of a dreadful responsibility who has made a career in writing fiction and about computers. And his wife is a strong woman who would not settle for second best. Matthew Tepper: In addition to being witty and charming, he realizes that opera is a form of SF. There were three cheers for Jerry, and a third PhD.

Also, **new saint, Tim Merrigan** (Who?) The latest member to become a saint, that elite body with big checkbooks and hearts that we all depend on. We don't always agree on many things, but we both agree on the necessity of APA-L for the LASFS. Marty Cantor: Tim has been running APA-L for over 18 years, and was a predecessor on *De Prof* for 3-4 years, and has done a good job on both. Matthew Tepper: One of the calmest and most considerate people you'll find here. Tim was given three cheers and a collating rack.

**Time Bound Announcements**: Rick Foss said that the Artist GoH for last year's LOSCON, Chris Butler, is now a father. Mother and child are doing fine, but dad is tired. Also, Rick has sold another story to Analog, and tomorrow is his last day at Ladera Travel. He's becoming a full-time writer. He'll be celebrating his change in career by driving to Worldcon, and then around the edges of the country, doing research for his book, “The Edge of America..”

CLJII: News of the weak, but getting better. Bill Warren has had

surgery, and is recovering nicely and should be out soon. (Marty) visited and was surprised at how much progress he's made. CLJII was also at the Ackermansion. Saw Forry last Thursday, and he's doing reasonably well. Mansion will be closing; it's been sold, and he's moving to a bungalow, three blocks away from The House of Pies.

Matthew Tepper: When he got home from last week's meeting, he discovered that Allan had just become a grandmother. He has a new granddaughter. (So when did Allan become a Master Sergeant?)

**Reviews:** Anyone interested in real fairs, the Ventura County Fair is a real agriculture fair. If you like to look farm animals right in the face and can't get to a LASFS meeting, go there.

**Miscellaneous:** Tom Safer said that he had a great experience being part of the L.A. Chorale. He also had 3 1/2 minutes of fame.

There was a motion to adjourn, which passed at 21:17:54.

*Meeting #3392, August 15, 2002*

*Ed Green, presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

The name is Vinculo. Diego Vinculo. Introductions out of the way. The meeting was shaken, not stirred, to order at 20:10:00.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "staring LASFS members in the face."

The **Registrar**: Introduced Rachel Foreman, Rebecca Rivera, and Henry Moore.

**Patron Saint: Bjo Trimble**, a member who's been around for a long time, and has been a mover and a shaker, in many different ways. Costumer, fanwriter, actress. Joe Zeff: described her as a mover and shaker, whose credits include the role of a dancing girl in a fan film with Forry Ackerman and Fritz Leiber, and if you know where to look, you can see her in a crowd scene in the first Star Trek movie.

Phil Castora: Bjo was active in fandom before he started, 40 years ago. The club was moribund until she came along and goosed it. Hare Hobbs: related how she parlayed her campaign to get the third season of Star Trek on the air into a campaign to get the space program going. She was very good at extracting money from folks.

CLJII: Noted that she used to defend LASFS to folks in other parts of the country. She explained that LASFS always did things right because it had a conscience, whose name is Charlie Jackson. She has since learned better. At the Anniversary Banquet at the Odyssey, Bjo was a speaker, and said mostly good things about the club. Jerry Pournelle: On a serious note: the Citizen's Advisory Council on Space Policy met in November of 1980. The Council produced many space and defense issues papers, and she was recording secretary at the meeting, and when it came time to write the report, Jerry, as Chairman, had a very good picture of what everyone had done at the meeting. This report eventually formed the basis for SDI. And she was a dish. And she used to tell wonderful stories of being an Okie, involving stories of poverty he'd not have believed outside a Steinbeck novel.

She was given three cheers and some rare old brown ditto masters.

The Committee to Gouge LASFS offered a musical number, that number being three, and the number of thy singing shall be three. Four shalt thou not sing, neither singest thou two, lest thou proceedeth immediately to three . . . Then they auctioned off some habanero jelly beans, which were almost as dangerous as the Holy Handgrenade.

**Committee Reports:** Marty Cantor mentioned that *De Profis* going together tomorrow. Anything to be announced, get it to him now. Unofficial business: The past three years has featured the Gary Louie Mah Jongg Tournament. The regular person is no longer able to handle it. It will still be announced in *De Profif* somebody will take charge of it.

The **Registrar** announced two more guests: David Levine and Kate Yule.

**Time Bound Announcements:** Darcee Golden announced that the next time we see her she'll be Darcee Cashman.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Marty Cantor reported that Bill Warren is still in hospital. During the visit, Bill was being bothered with A Hernia. Now Bill is on blood thinners, and annoyed because they don't have cable. (*Um . . . blood is not usually delivered through cable - unless, of course, he takes his television shows intravenously. - ed.*) And, from several sources, Marty mentioned that Charles Sheffield has several brain tumors, with some of them being operable. There are no more details available at this time.

There was a motion to adjourn, which passed at 21:04: 17.

*Meeting #3393, August 22, 2002*

*Ed Green, presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Knock knock, said Scratch.

Who's there?

Meeting of the LASFS.

Meeting of the LASFS who?

Meeting of the LASFS #3393 was brought to a reasonable facsimile of order at 20:13:23.

**Special Orders of Business:** Yes, we had some. This week we report the demise of Fan and Pro Dave Van Amem, of a heart attack. Before his last heart attack, he contributed to APA-L and APA-F, co-chaired a Worldcon, and did many other things. There was a moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "tribblesome."

The **Registrar**: Robert Keller had no guests. (*Neither did the LASFS. - ed.*)

**Patron Saint: Fuzzy Pink Niven.** She was described by Ed as "one of the people I've known for a long time." She tends to be very quiet, to our loss, because she's very clever. Hare observed: She's an excellent cook, and always willing to take part in cleanup; she's always willing to chip in and help.

Joe Zeff noted: She was not only involved in club poker games, but came up with some interesting ones.

Larry Niven stated: "I love you!"

She was given three cheers, and something fuzzy and pink.

**Time Bound Announcements:** Marty Cantor had some good news: Bill Warren is out of the hospital, and has lost 120 pounds. That's what he gets for gambling with a Brit. Charles Sheffield's operable tumors have been dealt with. Now he's on radiation and chemotherapy.

**Reviews:** Matthew Tepper reported that the Golden Cashman wedding went off with a hitch (That'll cost you a quarter). Lovely, very fannish, and a good time was had by all.

There was a motion to adjourn, which passed at 21:07:18.

*Meeting #3394, August 29, 2002*  
*Bob Null, presiding*  
*Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Is that the right saint? Good. We can proceed. The meeting was brought to a reasonable facsimile of order at 20:11:03. The **Menace** were read an approved as "a candle in the wind."

**Patron Saint, St. John Trimble:** who put up with Bjo for years. He is a nice guy who can park in a space only three inches longer than his vehicle. He can be a good toastmaster if his wife lets him. He's good to his mother, and has a great sense of humor. (*And he will need it as he reads this. - ed.*) He was given three cheers, and a computer program to keep track of freckles.

**New Business:**

"LASFS once had two requirements for membership: that you were breathing and that you had \$5. LASFS has dropped the first requirement. It is hereby moved that LASFS reinstate the requirement that prospective members be breathing. This is not to be made retroactive, but it is recommended that current members learn the practice. In light of this recommendation, it is further moved that the LASFS institute breathing classes as another way of raising funds for the club.

In an effort in clarity, it should be noted that breathing can be either light - or heavy."

There was a friendly amendment to add non-breathing as a class.

There was some discussion of whether the metabolically challenged members were properly consulted, but at least one had signed the motion. The question of how to deal with members who have never breathed, such as Altair Niven, was raised and dropped. It was recommended that in the spirit of diversity, we adopt this motion as a resolution. The amendment carried by voice vote, and the motion carried by voice vote.

A motion was made that Marty Cantor be appointed Speaker to the

Non-Breathing. Marty declined. (*I saw no reason to be Speaker to myself, especially as this was just retribution for my authoring the above resolution. - ed.*)

**Committee Reports**

**Committee to Introduce Guests:** Jeff Dollarhide, a friend of Darcee Cashman, an educator, and a bowling technician.

**Reviews:** Doug Crepeau reported that the September Scientific American is a special issue on the subject of Time. Another special issue is coming out on the Cosmos.

Hare Hobbs finished *Lions Blood* by Steve Bams. He enjoyed it a lot. It's an alternate history, in which Africa, during the peak of the African Nations, took over Europe, and settled the Americas. In this timeline, the Europeans are slaves.

George Mulligan reviewed a book by Victor Koman, starting a new series, *Captain Anger*. It's Doc Savage for our time. The enemies are not anywhere near as obnoxious (or stupid) as they usually are in this genre.

**Miscellaneous:** CLJII said, "We have a program. Or maybe not. The program crashed. There was no back-up available."

We adjourned at 21:12:02.

*LASFS Board of Directors*  
*Meeting of August 11, 2002*  
*Karl Lembke, Chairman*  
*Mike Glycer, Secretary*

**Attendance:** (Board) Karl Lembke, Mike Glycer, Cathy Beckstead, Joe Zeff, Bill Ellem, Ed Green, Liz Mortensen, Elayne Pelz, Bob Null, Mike Thorsen, Michael Mason. (Others) M. Cantor, T. Benoun, S. Benoun, A. Morrell, F. Hamit, P. Castora, J. Sperling, G. Bilan, S. Crosby.

**Minutes:** Glycer read the minutes. Ed Green, seconded by Joe Zeff, moved to accept them as corrected. The motion passed by voice vote, unopposed.

**New Members:** Applications were received from Dennis W. Herman and Mark Archibald. The applications were accepted by voice vote, unopposed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Liz Mortensen reported on the status of the treasury. Treasury: \$16,380.68, FOB \$1.41, Library \$918.49, Video \$149.12; Total operating fund: \$17,449.70. Century Fund \$42,502.17, Key Fund \$360, Video R/R \$1,050.50. Total \$61,352.37.

Joe Zeff asked what should be done with amounts over \$4,000 raised at ConJose to make Bruce Pelz a Pillar of the LASFS. Karl said he didn't remember the \$4,000.00 being an exact amount. Ed Green suggested treating the overage as a straight donation.

Joe Zeff, seconded by Ed Green, moved to accept the treasurer's report. The motion passed by voice vote, unopposed.

**Facilities:** Bob Null explained that the partial re-piping of the front building created an electric interaction between the new copper and old steel pipes that contributes to their deterioration, and he discussed what kind of insulated connectors could be used to eliminate the problem.

## Lafa

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Lafa Filksing -

Saturday, October 19, 2002

Filk: 7 PM to ???

Pre-filk Potluck Dinner: 5:00 PM

Terry and Paul Gibbons, hosts  
809 Lashburn, Sylmar, CA  
(818) 361-6737

DIRECTIONS Thos. Bros. (Old) LA  
Co, page 2, D-5  
(New) LA Co, page 481, J-7

FILK STYLE - moderated chaos

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

Some other work was needed.

Ed Green, seconded by Liz Mortensen, moved to appropriate up to \$300.00 to replace the toilet and make other repairs. The motion passed by voice vote unopposed.

**Furniture:** Mike Thorsen said that the couches overstuffed with fleas have been removed. Cathy Beckstead urged us not to accept the donation of any more flea incubators. Bob Null had been looking at potential replacements and said he liked a kind of chaise lounge with awning that resembles a couch. Ed Green said he preferred

benches, because the less long-term comfort we provide, the less people will occupy them for a long time. Directors also discussed how to secure the furniture against theft.

**Parking:** Karl said it seems stable at the moment, and none said neigh.

**Hall Decorating Committee:** Tadao said he will be submitting ideas for changing the wall posters. He said the display in the cabinets will stay the same for another month. He is working on the plaques.

**Lists:** Michael Mason had nothing new to report of the Adult recommended list. Greg Barrett said there was nothing new to report on the KidLitList. Anne Morrell said it would be reprinted before LOSCON. Ed said there should be a supply of the reading lists available to the members. He asked if anyone is responsible for keeping LASFS PR documents in stock and available.

Karl said he will talk to the marketing committee about this. He recommended the marketing committee talk to somebody about storage space.

Ed initiated an overall discussion of storage at the club, due to many piles of stuff stacked in the room. Then he asked Karl to put somebody in charge of space allocation, to sit down with parties and make these decisions. Michael Mason volunteered to be the Director of the Space Program. Elayne offered some filing cabinets to the club. Karl appointed Ed Green the First Space Cadet.

**LASFS.org:** Karl had fixed pointers within the LASFS web page to point to the main page, and the pointers on it would direct users to the current LOSCON page.

Karl said he hadn't worked on the e-mail redirect capability, though it remains possible. Ed, whose suggestion it had been, moved that Karl defer the work until the hysteria dies down.

**Video Library:** Karl read a report submitted by Charles Lee Jackson II. Old tapes, duplicates, and non-genre videos that have not moved from his area are being sold, with the proceeds to the video fund. He has given the parameters for a video database to Elayne. A new volunteer has been added to staff. (His report did not name the volunteer.)

Elayne said she has put Windows 98 on the computer, and is working on software updates.

**Library:** Michael Mason said donation credit receipts are being given.

Karl handed out the draft "Standards and Guidelines of Performance" for the club librarians. The directors skimmed it. Glycer congratulated the committee for coming up with a draft in one month. The draft discussed how to dispose of surplus books, and Glycer suggested that be spun off into a separate proposal, to keep it from delaying acceptance of the actual performance guidelines.

Francis Hamit described how the copyright laws affect libraries, one positive aspect being that it allows them to make up to three copies of an archived book.

Elayne asked that Bill Ellem e-mail a copy of the document to the Board with the items that don't bear on the Guidelines pulled out.

The directors discussed how to deal with items in the collection that had been taped off the air, since Hamit's review of copyright law had pointed up that our library can't hold or circulate such items. Ed Green asked if someone would discuss this with Charlie, and Bob Null volunteered.

Elayne, seconded by Joe Zeff, moved to distribute the Guidelines to the Board, Charlie Jackson II and assistant librarians, and bring it up again next month. The motion passed by voice vote unopposed.

**Archives:** Bob Null reported on what he had filed.

**LOSCON 29:** Tadao said the status is quo. He would hold a committee meeting this month. Mike Thorsen asked about the web page. Tadao said his webmaster and Chaz are working on acceptance of codes.

**LOSCON 30:** Michael Mason said: no new changes.

**LALACON:** Nothing new.

**COMMANIA** Greg Barrett said he doubted this was a good time to have it. He wasn't sure this is a good fundraiser for the LASFS. Ed Green moved to appoint Greg Barrett a committee to report when and if.

**North Hollywood Neighborhood Council:** Marty Cantor said on September 24 their neighborhood organization would come up for certification before the City.

**New Business:** Francis Hamit suggested that the club run a clinic for members and the public teaching them how to register their copyrights, so they can protect rights they have but without registration lack effective legal standing against copyright violators. Hamit was willing to teach it. Ed Green, seconded by Glycer, moved to empower Francis Hamit to do exploratory work to set up a copyright workshop, and determine how much to charge, etc. The motion passed by

voice vote, unopposed.

**Marketing Committee:** Arlene distributed samples of business cards created for the club and for "Arlene Satin, Media Relations Community Outreach."

Shaun Crosby said the first press releases had been sent to KABC. He will get a news crew to LOSCON. Shaun's car will be on display as an exhibit at ConJose, which will also be used for club publicity. They are working on defining how they will get the word out to media based on the distance of the station/paper/etc. from our event. And how to get it out to comic and book stores. They are working on masters of PR documents. Mike Thorsen had put together a not-for-air video showing what LOSCON is about. Ed commended the marketing committee as having improved 150%.

Cathy Beckstead said that everybody doing stuff for the club needs to know the contact information for the marketing committee. These guys are a resource and members need to be aware they exist. Ed Green suggested the marketing committee take program time at a Thursday night meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm and there was great rejoicing.

Fanzines are a basic part of science fiction fandom, having been in existence as long as fandom itself – the past 70 years. Fanzines are a reflection of many fans' interest in the printed word and amateur publishing. The publication you are reading this in is a fanzine, but a specialized one. A variety of other fanzines are also available – many of them by request – and this column will cover some of them each issue.

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## FANZINE REVIEW

by Ted White

All fanzines are published as a hobby and lose money. Their editors appreciate money to defray their expenses and sometimes list single-copy or subscription prices, but they appreciate even more your written response – a Letter of Comment, or LoC. Feedback – better known in fandom as "egoboo" – is what fanzine publishing is all about.

Check out the fanzine below and broaden your participation in fandom.

*CHUNGA #1*, Summer, 2002 (Andy Hooper, publisher; Randy Byers, editor; Carl Juarez, designer; no price listed, but send a buck for postage; mail to Byers at 1013 North 36th St., Seattle WA 98103; e-mail to fanmailaph@aol.com or rbyers@u.washington.edu or cjuarez@myrealbox.com.)

*Chunga* – the name comes from the Frank Zappa album of 1970 – is a solidly edited fanzine in the tradition of "genzines" (general fanzines, unspecialized in nature) which does not feel like a typical first issue. This is undoubtedly because the three fans involved in putting it out have, between them, decades of experience with fanzines. Andy Hooper's *Apparatchik* was a major fanzine of the mid-'90s. At times he drew upon the assistance of Carl Juarez. And Randy Byers has been making his name as an important fanwriter since he wrote and published *Travels With Tami* more than a decade ago. Byers has also had his hand in several collaborative fanzines, but this is his first stint as editor of an ongoing genzine – the next issue of which is predicted to appear "sometime after the 31st of October, 2002."

Within 26 pages Hooper, Byers and Juarez have done pretty much everything right – down to the little delights tucked away in the fanzine's nicks and crannies. In addition to a page of editorials, there are eight articles and three facetious "Fanzine Reviews from Planet X."

In her "Helicon Fanzine Blues," a brilliant, multi-dimensional piece, Claire Brialey remarks on fellow British fan Lilian Edwards' "theory ... that good fanwriting has to be by people you know; or, rather, that you appreciate an article far more when you know the writer, or you know where they fit in to your map of fandom, or when it enables you to get to know more about them. Sometimes, in fact, it makes you want to get to know them better in person. I think the main contention here is that good fanwriting is not only intrinsically part of the fannish community but that it also fosters a sense of community in its audience." Claire subsequently offers "two qualms about accepting this," but she has summed up an important aspect of fanwriting.

*Chunga* is full of good fanwriting – which, although doubtless enhanced by an acquaintance or familiarity with its authors, is good enough to stand on its own and covers a broad range. Lesley Reece rings the changes on an old Dr. Pepper commercial with "Wouldn't You Like To Be A Latte, Too?" Randy Byers talks about fear of two different kinds in "Cliff Hangers." Max (voted Best New Fan in this year's FAAN Awards) contributes "Tobes for TAFF – What *Have* We Done?" Luke McGuff gives us two editions of

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“Skiffy Corner,” in each of which he idiosyncratically reviews a SF book (by James White and by Samuel Delany). Hal O’Brien and Andy Hooper collaborate on “A Brief Interview” (political humor, which I cared for least). I’ve already mentioned “Helicon Fanzine Blues.” And Andy Hooper closes the issue out with “Never Forgets,” a reflection on zoo elephants.

*Chunga* is off to an impressive start and I look forward with some eagerness to its second issue.

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#### zines received in trade

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

**club zines:** *Einblatt!* September 2002 (MinnStf). *DASFax* Vol. 34, No. 8 (DASFA). *INSTANT MESSAGE #706 & #707* (NESFA). *UNCLE PHESTER* (PSFS). *ConNotations* Vol. 12, Issue 4 (CASFS).

**other zines:** *THYME* #134 (Alan Stewart). *NOVA EXPRESS* Vol. 6, No. 2 (Lawrence Person). *BURSTZINE* #1, Michael A. Burstein & Nomi S. Burstein.

#### NEW BOOKS

(This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them. There is no list for this month.)

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#### Recent Additions to the Video Collection

(There were none listed for this month.)

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#### A FEW WORDS FROM BJO

Kathryn Trimble is happily living in Wynn House, a Group Living home supported through the auspices of Villa Esperanza. Besides Wynn House, there are several other living facilities, all stocked with donations collected usually from parents and volunteers. Villa also supports a day center for autistic children, and a job-training program.

Because our state congress-critters can't get their excrement coagulated in one sock about the state budget, Villa is short of funds. So, they have a Wish List that needs to be filled soon. Fans move around so much, some of them might have

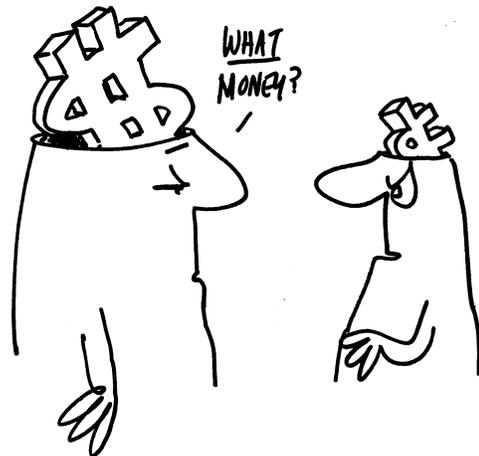
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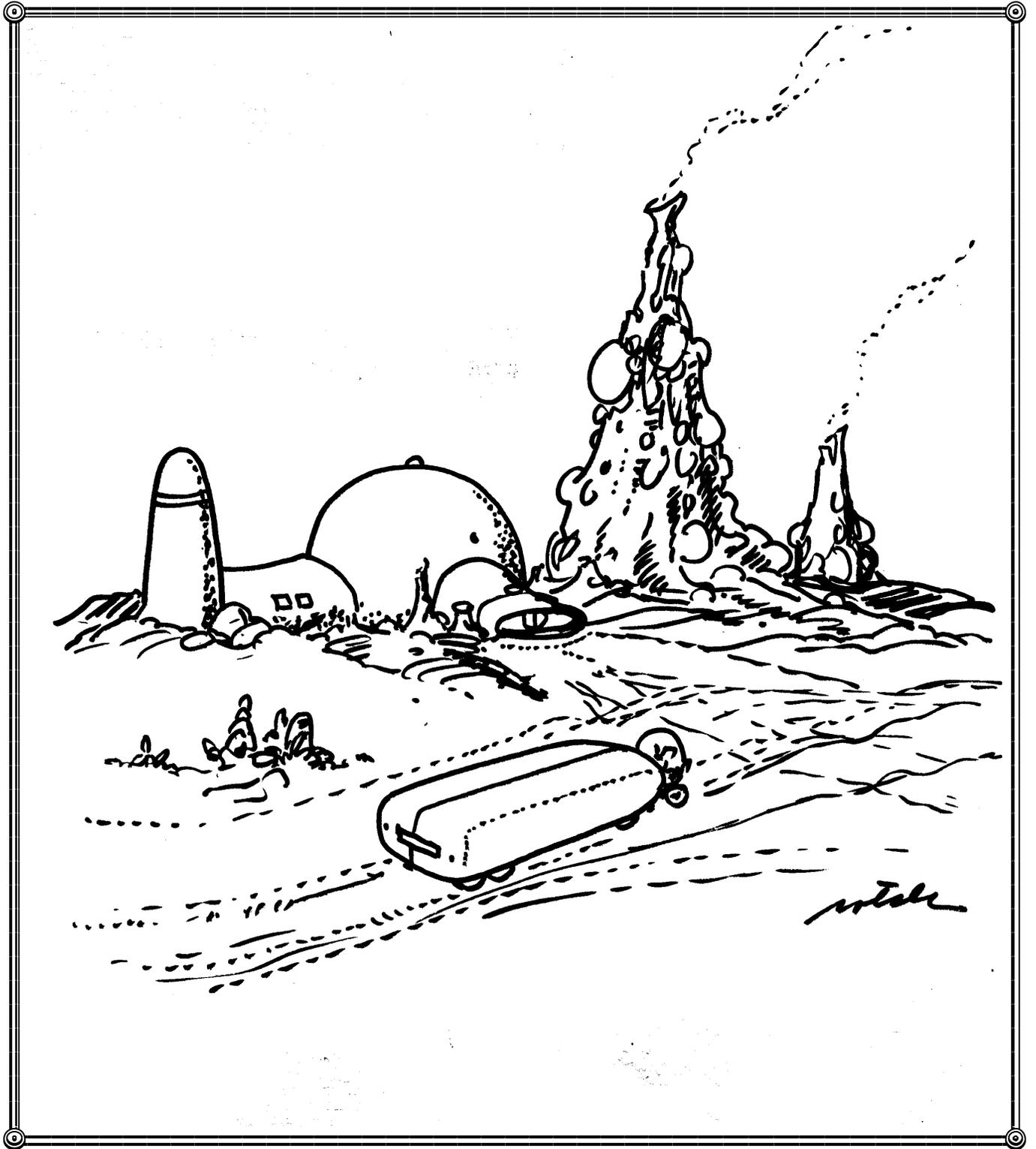
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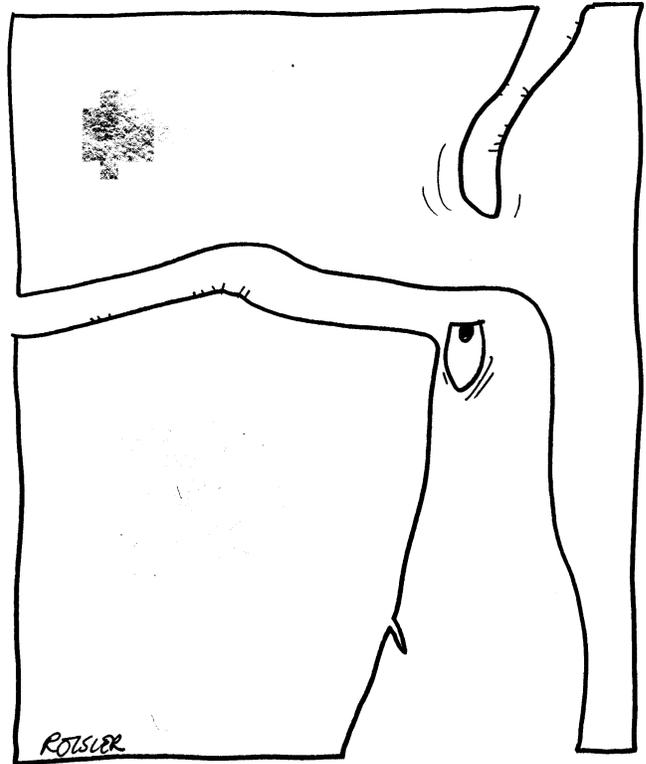
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