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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 - Cowboy pictures

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

APRIL 3- No programme

APRIL 10 - Tom Safer Animation: unaired pilots

APRIL 17 - No programme

APRIL 24 - Fugghead Contest

The LASFS Fugghead Contest
will have a GALA Money-Raising
CONCLUSION
as a programme item
on April 24

see information about this on page 8 -
current list of candidates is on page 2

COLOPHON

De Profundis 363 – March, 2003. Editor: **Marty Cantor**. Production Assistant: **Bob Null**. Mailing List: **Liz Mortensen**. Mailing Labels: **Fuzzy Pink Niven**.

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

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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FUGGHEAD CONTEST NOMINEES

For Scratch—Against Scratch
For Joe Zeff—Against Joe Zeff
For Tadao Tomomatsu—Against Tadao Tomomatsu
For Ed Green—Against Ed Green
For Sandy Cohen—Against Sandy Cohen
For Ed Hooper—Against Ed Hooper
For Tepper's 50th Birthday—Against Tepper's 50th Birthday
For Mark Poliner—Against Mark Poliner
For Eylat Poliner—Against Eylat Poliner
For Anna Poliner—Against Anna Poliner (Anna Poliner is the Poliner baby)
For The Poliner Family—Against The Poliner Family
For Stan "The Man" Lee—Against Stan "The Man" Lee
For For Marty Cantor—Against For Marty Cantor
For Against Marty Cantor—Against Against Marty Cantor
For Confused by Marty Cantor—Against Confused by Marty Cantor
For Indifferent to Marty Cantor—Against Indifferent to Marty Cantor
For Who The Hell is Marty Cantor—Against Who The Hell is Marty Cantor
For Ambivalent Towards Marty Cantor—Against Ambivalent Towards Marty Cantor
For The Whole Marty Cantor Mess—Against The Whole Marty Cantor Mess
For The Highest Bidder—Against The Highest Bidder
For France—Against France
Stay tuned . . . this is far from over.

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

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

Meeting #3417, February 6, 2003

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lemke, Scribe

Meeting number 3417 started at 20:09:27.

Special Orders of Business: The crew of the Columbia, who did not quite finish their mission - or let's just say they reported to a higher office for their debriefing. A full minute of silence was held in their honor.

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

The **Registrar:** We have guests, and the good news is he fits right in. John Eubank. Blame Marty. (*The other Marty*. -ed.)

Patron Saint Mike Glycer: Tonight's patron saint, breaking the string of saints Ed knows nothing about. Ed: pleased to call him a friend, and has had the pleasure of working with him on several conventions, and has been allowed to see his entire Hugo collection. (Except for the one he deems too ugly to keep in the house.) Marty Cantor said, he not only produces the finest fanzine news zine, *File 770*, but is one of fandom's best writers. And he's a nice guy. (*And my best friend in fandom. Seriously*. - ed.) George Mulligan: No insult intended, but he's one of the wittiest secretaries we've ever had. Of all the cons I've worked, the Worldcon he ran was one of the most enjoyable.

Eylat: Worldcon '96, working with Mike was great. He's a very friendly person, and I enjoy spending time with him. CLJII: he's one of those who feels that if a job is going to be done, it should be done as well as possible. Lots of compliments about the green room when they worked on it together. Brings great dedication to everything he does. Now, he's a family man, which means less time for us. Very pleased to call him a friend.

MBT: Privilege to work closely with Mike on the 1996 Worldcon. At times, right at his side while he was making immediate decisions. Was impressed with how he was able to decide quickly, capably, rationally, and in good humor. Zeff: Good secretary: As someone who's done the job himself . . . if you look at some of the meeting minutes, know this is what he composed on the fly in longhand. (*Actually, he wrote on paper, not some passing fly*. - ed.) Hare: Most of this is secondhand. Floating Worldcon committee. New Orleans discovered way too late that they were in over their heads. The called on Mike Glycer, and others. They took over. They jumped in and did what they could to make the con worth it. But since it was in New Orleans, people went to Bourbon Street and had fun anyway.

Scratch: A hell of a nice guy. Christian: *File 770* - he's the continuous publisher. In the years I've been in fandom, it's the only fanzine I've ever taken a liking to. Even after 35 years of spending his life in a culture composed of adult children, he decided to take on the responsibility of a real child. We expect him to raise a wonderful new adult. Ed: Wrap-up - New father, doesn't show up as often as we'd like. If his daughter has half the benefit we've had of his generosity and kindness, she'll be blessed. Three Cheers and one for you, nineteen for me.

Patron Saint Frank Waller: Ed: One of the more shy members of the society. One of the people who never does. I'll open the floor so people can say nice things about him. (*Or so he can fall through it*. - ed.) So raise your hands. Now.

Christian: Made a mark on the club, first as Harry Mudd when he was into his Star Trek costuming period. Later doing his best to be helpful, sometimes too enthusiastically. He's brought a sincere desire to fit into the club. MBT: During my terms as President, I had many occasions to take pot shots at him, and Frank took them with good grace. I only meant

some of them. Joe Zeff notes that he found a good way to earn sainthood. He made a habit of regularly donating gourmet chips and snack foods for the auction. To those whose second biggest hobby is eating. (If it's not manga . . . it's manga - CLJII.) We gave him Three Cheers and chips, cookies, nuts, pretzels, etc.

Committee to Gouge: The barbershop quartet divided by two committed some film-flam with a camera. Cathy was not up for auction, but now we're haggling over the price . . .

Old Business: Next week, the mailboxes go away. Fugghead of the Year standings were announced. Three new nominees were added to the list.

Committee Reports: Tadao Tomomatsu, LOSCON Committee. The Pasadena Tabernacle of the Salvation Army sent a letter expressing appreciation for helping with the toy drive. Karl Lembke announced the new web design for lasfs.org. Tad: UCLA will have a memorial service for the Columbia astronauts next Tuesday at 5 pm. He also wrote an essay about the Columbia, and it'll be in USA Today, some day. Bob Null has the photograph of the Columbia, normally hanging by the library.

Reviews: Tad, in donating a book to the library, mentioned that it was Bradbury, *An Illustrated Life*. It's a very cool book. (*That should help keep down on our air conditioning costs*. - ed.) Fred Patten: among other illustrations in the book, include early fanzines to which Bradbury contributed.

Fannish Committee Reports: Joe Zeff announced impending lay-offs at Earthlink. The entire call center in Pasadena will be closed down and he will not be working at Earthlink as of 3/21.

Miscellaneous: Bob Null: They're working on the street in front of the building. Look out for randomly placed "No Parking" signs. (*Does that mean that we may not be able to park in the middle of the street?* - ed.) No parking until 4 pm except on Sundays. We'll see trenches in front of the club shortly. (*Trench warfare is so much fun*. - ed.)

The meeting adjourned at 21:31:06.

Meeting #3418, February 13, 2003

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lembke, Scribe scribbling

Meeting number 3418 started at 20:11:30. The **Menace** were read and approved as "Actively stealthy lead balloons."

The **Registrar:** Two foolish mortals wandered into the club. They will be introduced later.

Patron Saint Craig Miller: Ed: I have known him since my first days in fandom. Craig Miller doesn't often show up at the club any more, but he is here tonight. (Notice that Genny didn't say anything . . .) He's here, and he's a nice guy, and he gave the club money. He's chaired just about every kind of convention you can imagine. He helped up on the first two Star Trek cons in L.A., worked for Lucas Films, worked on Star Wars, and is an active writer whose credits include many cartoons on TV now. He helped star original LASFS Showcases. He has also worked for Henson. He was given Three Cheers, and fireproof pants for his pocket

dragons.

Committee to Gouge: Failed to address the question, "How do you make a Charlie Hoarse?" and auctioned off a happy umbrella. Tadao remained in ignorance.

Old Business: After this week, the mailboxes go away . . . The Fugg-head of the Year standings were announced, including two new candidates, "For Marty Cantor" and "Against Marty Cantor," so you can vote for or against "For Marty Cantor" and "Against Marty Cantor." Let's see. "Against 'against Marty Cantor'" would be what? Four cents?

New Business: LOSCON 31 presentations were offered to the club, leading to a vote on the winner. The candidates for LOSCON 31 chair were, in order of presentation, Greg Bilan and Ed Green. Mauve ballots were turned in, and the winner was Greg Bilan was the lucky stiff who doesn't have to chair LOSCON 31. Condolences to Ed Green, who once again failed his saving throw!

Registrar again: The foolish mortals were introduced as Mark Caldera from Tustin and Gerald "Jerry" Maier.

Committee Reports: Greg Bilan: Festival of Books. We will be at the same booth we were at last time, #440, in the main quad area, where all the writers and stuff are. Susan Gleason: LASFS will have a craft fair, 6/7, and we're putting out a call for crafters. Cost to crafters is \$5 per table. The fair will also feature a bake sale.

Reviews: Rick Foss having viewed a book, reviewed a book, The Get-away Special, by Jerry Oltien. It's about an engaging and fun mad scientist who manages to get a science package up on the shuttle. Said package does something very much unlike what NASA thinks it's going to. He doesn't hijack the shuttle, but takes it on a joy ride to places where NASA doesn't think it would go. It's a fun book, with a good level of humor, and a good read.

The meeting adjourned at 21:16:37.

Meeting #3419, February 20, 2003

*Ed Green, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Meeting number 3419 started at 20:09:24.

Special Orders of Business: Karen Anderson announced that David Brin's father died last week. He was a poet, publisher, and activist. Info may be found on David's web site. One more special order of business was introduced by Ed Green. This one really takes the cake. And the pies. And Mike Glyer was suitably astonished. (*As it was Mike's birthday, he should not have been astonished . . . unless he has forgotten when they occur. - ed.*)

The **Menace** were read and approved as "I'm shocked! Shocked! to hear that Rotsler was in a movie with naked women! (Your minutes, sir.)"

The **Registrar:** We have a guest. Jessica, from Gallifrey. The convention, not the planet. Miller.

Patron Saint Maureen Garrett: Matthew Tepper described her as a sweet, good-natured person who does delightful artworks and who now

lives in the Barea and for a time was head of the official Star Wars Fan Club. Jerry Pournelle called her a nice young lady. John Hertz said that she painted one of Bruce's Fantasy Tarot Cards, with a figure who resembles one of Larry and Jerry's co-authors. Bill Ellern noted that she used to bring stuff from Star Wars for auction at the LASFS Showcase. She was given Three Cheers and a Star Wars collectible . . .

Old Business: There was a massive shift in the fugghead contest last week. (*Maybe we should install an automatic transmission? - ed.*)

Committee Reports: New Business: Support the LASFS' Acquire a Spire Project. To what does the LASFS aspire? Jerry Pournelle mentioned, with Charlie Jackson concurring, that we one had a pseudo spire, and we would someday regret having made it expire. Ed Green is glad to have brought regret to Jerry Pournelle and Charlie Jackson at the same time (Jesus! They're going for it!) Someday we'll have a spire for the back building, but will it be there with bells on?

Time-Bound Announcements: CLJII: The Jan/Feb issue of Amazing Adventures is out. This issue features the Titan. \$2 each. There is no serial this year. Allan Rothstein: Managed to suppress the President's pants.

Reviews: Rick Foss: Which Way to the Future, by Stan Schmidt: a collection of Analog essays. Schmidt may be one of the best philosophers about science and SF working now. It's a very good book, and still available.

Miscellaneous: Rick Foss sold another story to Analog. Look for "Just an Average Guy." Ed Green announced that the Spire Project announces that it has collected \$14.02.

The meeting adjourned at 21:28:09.

Meeting #3420, February 27, 2003

*Ed Green, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Meeting number 3420 started at 20:12:19. The **Menace** were read and approved as "should have ended five minutes earlier!"

The **Registrar:** One guest, courtesy of Stephanie Petersen, George Chiu. Selina's cousin Chris actually came back!

Patron Saint Marjii Ellers: Tom Safer: Marjii always had a wonderful bright smile that always cheered people up. She always showed up for cartoon programs. Christian noted that even into the '60s, she had a perky pair of eyes she was willing to show off. Frank Waller said: she never acted her age, and that was a good thing. Hare Hobbs noted that when she was Fan GoH at LOSCON, each day she brought a big 10-lb. block of chocolate for the Con Suite - in thanks to everyone for making her GoH.

Zeff: Marjii managed to come to Second Sunday, and made sure there was ice cream to celebrate her making it there. Christian: she was a consummate costumer, able to express what she wanted to in costume. A dedicated member of the club. She's responsible for the wallpaper in the bathrooms. Bill Ellern: she didn't attend too many meetings in the early days of LASFS, and one we never saw enough of.

Karen Anderson: she was a great costumer. Mike Donahue: told the story of how she learned to drive her car for the specific purpose of com-

ing to LASFS. MS Ed Green stated: she was a very good lady, and did us the disservice of passing away far too soon for our good. We hope she's having fun with the rest of the LASFS members on the other side. She was given three cheers, and a lot of class.

Old Business: There was another massive shift in the fugghead contest last week. Things got a little silly. The standings were read. New nominees included a slew of Marty Cantor nominations and "The Highest Bidder."

Reviews: Larry Niven: Dream Park is out as a reprint, with a neat new cover.

The meeting adjourned at 21:24:41.

*LASFS Board of Directors
Meeting of February 9, 2003
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Joe Zeff, Secretary*

Directors: Karl Lembke, Mike Thorsen, Bill Ellern, Brett Achorn, Marty Cantor, Liz Mortensen, Ed G-R-E-E-N, Bob Null, Joe Zeff, Cathy Beckstead. (Absent), Michael Mason.

Others: Joyce Sperling, Dale Hales, Phil Castora, Tadao Tomomatsu, Greg Bilan, Francis Hamit, Frank Waller, Susan Gleason, CLJII, Greg Barrett, Eylat Poliner, Leigh Strother-Vien, Christian McGuire, Ed Hooper.

Chairman Karl Lembke called the meeting to order at 11:11 am because we didn't have a quorum until then. The preceding Minutes had been sent out in a prompt and timely manner, and hard copies were available for those who need them. Marty Cantor had some spelling corrections, and the editor of De Profundis was instructed to make the changes to the final copy. The minutes were approved as kereekt'd.

Treasurer's Report: We have money. We also have a booth for the Festival of Books, a toilet, and other items. There is a new Donation List, containing updates and corrections, giving a final total for 2002. The report was accepted as Cantored.

New Members: none!

Facilities: the work on the front bathroom has not been done, as Mike Donahue has spent the month fixating on architectural plans for the building itself. We may be shifting these responsibilities to others, such as Scratch. The gutters are now painted, but Bob notes that the front door needs painting. Greg Bilan has time to do the painting this week, if we have the paint.

Clean Up Committee: The mailboxes will be sent to Tumbolia this week and the cabinets are getting shuffled. Anything left in the boxes will be sent to the right people by Ed.

Chairman's Remarks: A reading of Bob's entrails shows that surgery and radiation are expected to take care of his cancer. As it will probably take about three months to recover, his various duties may be performed by others at need.

Facilities again: We need somebody to take responsibility for water-

ing the various plants. Ed Green will see if he can get a volunteer at Thursday's meeting.

Parking: Bob's TUIT isn't round enough yet for him to get the new signs.

Computers: Somebody donated a CD burner and it's been installed on the Pubs computer.

Hall Decorations: On hold, for the moment, pending the completion of a video project. No change on Plaques, but we hope to have progress in the near future. (e.g., it shouldn't take several decades.)

Gestetner: Repairs have been made and all should be well for a good while.

Video Projector: It's been serviced, under warranty, and is now back in action.

Marketing Committee: We have bookmarks and will have handouts for the Festival of Books. There's a calendar on-line (if you know the exact URL) giving dates for various coming events.

Reading Lists: Status quo. Greg Barrett is planning to take copies to the La Crescenta library for distribution.

Video List: A new version will be out in Autumn, in time for Los-Con. An annual update seems to be the right scheduling for this.

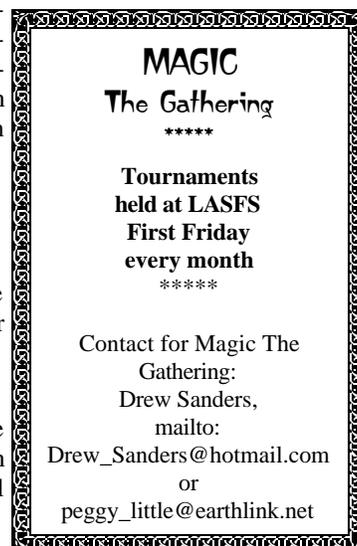
Outreach: The Copyright Registration Seminar is on schedule, and Francis has gotten his own copyright lawyer to give a talk. Francis found a mention on-line, just by chance, and is planning another press release. He has samples of his material for anybody that wants to see what he's doing.

Mailing Lists: Karl has over sixty names on the Emergency list and also has an over-flow list. Next, we need to decide what gets sent to that list and who moderates it. Bill Ellern, seconded by Michael Mason moved that the Chairman of the Board and club President be put in charge of this, with a third person (unspecified) as back-up. Ed Green noted that the two named positions have backups already, as noted in the Bylaws. It was agreed that the motion would be changed to read that "the designated successors" be appointed. This passed without dissent.

LASFS.ORG: The appearance of the site has been updated to be more browser independent. The contrast between text and background has been increased, as well as several other technical changes. The changes aren't complete yet, but progress continues.

Library: The donation freeze continues, but four fewer boxes remain unprocessed.

Video Library: We have a still-sealed copy of Lord of the Rings to add in, after it's been checked. There are several



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The Gathering

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held at LASFS
First Friday
every month

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ESTROGEN ZONE

Scrapbooking classes and workshops

If you have scrapbooked before, please bring your supplies and come and sit and talk as the rest work on their projects.

Rebecca will be glad to help anybody who has not done this get started.

Questions? Call Rebecca at: (310) 710-3291

boxes of tapes that have never been checked out, or are of TV shows that take up too much room. These will be taken to someplace that will either give cash or store credit for them. Not all of the donors get credit, as some people just want to get rid of the tapes.

Archives: The Bruce Memorial Book from Westercon is now in the archives.

Events: Dr. Arizona has a proposal for a Cra ft Faire. Crafters will be charged for table space and a percentage of sales over a specific minimum. Except for printing costs, there should be no club funds needed. A bake sale and demos will round out the event. This will be open to the general public, not just members. Bill Ellem and Marty Cantor pointed out possible competition, as we don't want to be caught across from a bigger, better known event. After discussion, we moved to approve the idea and have Dr. Gleason run with it.

Festival of Books: We've sent a check but not gotten a reply as yet.

LosCons of the Future: Ed Green went first. His theme will be "Welcome to Los Angeles," but he's expecting his committee to run with it in ways he can't predict. He has the proper minimum committee, all experienced. Second, Greg Bilan, with a theme of "Realm of Fantasy," to remind people of the other half of our name. He'd like to focus on mixes of SF and Fantasy in various genre, and has the proper committee. After a question and answer period, both were sent on to the membership for final approval. Ed Green noted the amount of hard work that Greg put into his bid, finding it one of the best-prepared bids in recent years.

LosCon 30: The committee is almost complete, and a meeting is scheduled for late March.

LosCon 29: There are still two outstanding debts and leftover program books are going to the Festival of Books. Fred Patten is going over various versions of the history. We've received a letter of thanks from the Salvation Army for George Mulligan's Toy Drive.

LaLaCon: The new date is May 3 and 4. If it works this year, we may make Cinco De Mayo weekend the standard date.

Back to LosCons: The new contracts are signed and on the premises. We're putting them into Oink Oink Flap Flap.

Neighborhood Council: Marty Cantor and Allan Rothstein are running for seats, not against each other. All who live or work in the area are eligible to vote on Feb 28 and March 1 at the North Hollywood Police station.

New Business: Marty Cantor brought up the possibility of members donating stock to the club. As stock needs to be managed, we will eventually need people to do this. It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting. Mike Thorsen pointed out some cabinets he'd made from steel shelving and peg board, and suggested that we may want to make more. The eventual decision was to leave it up to our Space Cadet. We tabled discussion of a Board Retreat until March, and Ed asked that the Emergency procedures be reviewed. We told him to Make it So.

It was moved and seconded that we run screaming into the afternoon at 1:15 PM.

FANZINES

By Ted White

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.

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.

UNCLE SMILEY'S BOOKCASE v2 n.1, 01/20/2003 (Ray Nelson, 333 Ramona Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530; e-mail to RayFaradayNelson@AOL.com; available "in exchange for 'the usual,' in other words for letters of comment, articles, poems or artwork, or in exchange for other fanzines." No money will be accepted.)

Ray Nelson has become a legend in fandom. He has been a fan for more than half a century, and, as a cartoonist, it was he (circa 1949) who created the self-mocking image of fans wearing propeller beanies. A dedicated bohemian for most of his life, Ray moved to Paris in the '50s, where he met his wife, Kirsten and their son Walter was born. At the end of that decade Ray (and family) returned to the United States and he's been at the same address in El Cerrito ever since.

In the 1960s Ray began writing and selling science fiction professionally (his "Tum Off The Sky" in F&SF was bumped from the 1964 Hugo ballot by unfortunate politics) and in the '70s he was publishing SF novels. Over the years Ray has pursued many interests – and in the new millennium he has returned to doing fanzines.

Uncle Smiley's Bookcase is an 8-page fanzine which is mailed out in a letter-sized envelope for one-ounce firstclass postage. It's moderately frequent and basically unpretentious, informal and newsletter-like – but that doesn't mean Ray doesn't use it as a vehicle for some serious thinking.

Six pages of the current issue (all but the front and back covers) are devoted to Ray's "Being God in Your Own Little Universe," in which he takes us through a relatively brief sketch of his evolving life as an existentialist. This "sketch" is "illustrated" with a series of poems, many of them quite short, which were written in the course of his philosophical travels. They tend to be paradoxically simple, but usually express complex emotions and insights.

The rest of the issue? In an opening-page "Editorial," Ray tells us that "the beanie has ventured forth into new realms, most notably the 'geek culture.' I have totally lost control of it & can no longer use it as a signature. With a sigh I release it to the universe." His replacement is the beret.

As usual, the issue closes with a brief, one-page letter column. The contributors to this one are Robert Lichtman (editor/publisher of *Trap Door*), Trina Robbins (long-time fan, well-known feminist and underground/overground cartoonist and artist) and Harry Warner, Jr. (fan historian and author of *All Our Yesterdays* and *A Wealth of Fable*) – which tells you something about Ray's current mailing list.

Write Ray and ask for a copy. This kind of personalized communication is what fanzines are all about.

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!* Mar. 2003 (MINNSTF). *INSTANT MESSAGE #715* (MINNSTF). *PULSAR #293* (PorSFis). *PSFS NEWS* Nov. 2002, Mar. 2003 (PSFS). *NASFA SHUTTLE Vol. 23, #2, Vol. 35, #3* (NASFA). *DASFax Vol. 35, #2, Vol. 35, #3* (DASFA). *NATIONAL FANTASY FAN V. 2, #3* (N#F).

other zines: *CHALLENGER #17* (Guy H. Lillian III).

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 current list of new additions.)

Recent Additions to the Video Collection

(New DVDs)

Star Trek the Next Generation season 1
Star Trek the Next Generation season 2
Terror in the Haunted House
Dead Men Walk
Devil Bat's Daughter
House on Haunted Hill (1958)

Attach of the Giant Leeches
The Wasp Woman (1960)
A Bucket of Blood (1959)
Attack from Space (Starman)
Evil Brain from Outer Space (Starman)

LASFS FUGGHEAD CONTEST

LASFS has a long history with this form of fundraising for the club. At times these contests have ended in acrimony with some "contestants" feeling that the nastiness of the name made them the butts of ridicule. Whilst good humour was usually the motives behind the nominations, in the past when objections were raised, the contests were ended.

The contest this time around is filled with LASFS silliness. And, to make certain of this, your editor entered his own name . . . in a particularly putrid manner. Let me first give a few details of the contest.

Nominations cost \$1 each, with positive votes costing 1¢ and negative votes costing 2¢. This means that a nomination of "Mr. X" costs \$1 and two cups are put on a table for people to put money into: 1 cup labeled "For Mr. X" and another cup labeled "Against Mr. X." So, if there is 50¢ in the "For Mr. X" cup, that is 50 votes in favour of Mr. X's candidacy. If there is 50¢ in the "Against Mr. X" cup, that means that there are 25 votes against Mr. X and that is subtracted from Mr. X's positive vote total in the "For Mr. X" cup.

The first nominations were fairly straightforward . . . until I got into the act. You see, I put in a dollar to nominate "For Marty Cantor" . . . and a dollar to nominate "Against Marty Cantor." This meant that there were now four (4) cups for this:

*For For Marty Cantor,
Against For Marty Cantor,
Against Against Marty Cantor, and Against For Marty Cantor.*

At the end of April the Fugghead Contest will be the programme item for the evening, with the audience voting for and against the various candidates.

The final "rule" for the Fugghead Contest is this: nobody wants to listen to a fugghead; therefore, the second place winner of the contest gives the acceptance speech, ostensibly saying things about the person or thing in first place.

The current nominees, not in any particular order, are listed on page two.

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~~And a chance to get some stuff from the auction.....~~

~~This year's theme is in the Viva LASFS vein: LALA'S Eleven are you in or out. The Palm Trees, the Waterfalls...sorry No "Vegas nite"...the only game of chance is trying the Chili in the cookoff.~~

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