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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

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

TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am

ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm

Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm

FWEMS - LOSCON 29 Video Programme Retrospective

THURSDAY

PROGRAMME ITEMS

JULY 3 - More Like The Movies Part II

JULY 10 - No programme item scheduled at this time

JULY 17 - No programme item scheduled at this time

JULY 24 - Bugs Bunny Tribute

JULY 31 - No programme item scheduled at this time

TRAP DOOR #22

is reviewed in Ted White's
Fanzine Review Column thish.
Please note that this zine is available to be read.
See Marty Cantor

COLOPHON

De Profundis 366 – June, 2003. Editor: **Marty Cantor**. Production Assistants: **Bob Null** and **Phil Castora**. 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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ROY TACKETT

May 8, 1925 - May 23, 2003

Young Roy Tackett's fan activity was interrupted by World War II when he joined the U. S. Marine Corps. Roy was still in the Marines, stationed in Japan in 1961 when he became a founding member of the Carboniferous Amateur Press Alliance. Rick Sneary came up with the idea of a five man carbon copy monthly apa but it was Roy Tac who suggested the name as one had to have been active in Fifth Fandom or earlier to qualify for membership. He was still active in CAPA at the time of his death despite being handicapped as the result of a stroke seven years ago.

He was a marvelous writer and an outstanding editor and publisher. His genzine DYNATRON was always a pleasure to read and he was also a member of FAPA from 1967 to 2000.

Japanese fandom owes him a great debt of gratitude for all the help he gave them back in the 1960s and after. A stalwart of the Albuquerque s-f club and the Bubonicons, a guest of honor at regional and world cons, a TAFF winner, and of course the LASFS's Sergeant of Arms in perpetuity, he was a beloved husband, father and grandfather, and a good and gracious friend to those of us who were part of his fannish family. At ease, Marine.

-Len Moffatt

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

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

Meeting #3429, May 1, 2003

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lemke, Scribe

Meeting number 3429 started at 20:14:17.

Special Orders of Business: This week we note the passing of John E. "Jack" Riley, voice of NASA Mission Control and writer Gerald Pierce.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "and that's it a-hanging on the shed."

Patron Saint Larry Niven: who brought cakes. The club sang "Happy Birthday," and Jerry wasn't here to sing the other version of the birthday song. This week Ed Green gets to say something about a friend. Larry has managed to overlook every stupid thing Ed did as a teenager, and as an adult, for that matter! (In fact, Larry still overlooks the fact that he joined LASFS at all!) He's one of the best fans in the club, and a great writer of hard SF. Larry may not have invented chocolate-covered man-hole covers, but he immortalized them. Not too many years ago, Larry and Ed Green put on a performance at a Westercon, which was voted best fanac of the year.

Larry was the first SF writer John DeChancie ever shook hands with. He felt well and truly welcomed at the time, even though Larry never talked with him again for ten years. One thing Larry likes to do is tell people ideas for stories. He'll tell you something about an idea, and enjoy watching the reaction. His ideas tend to set of mental land mines. He was given Three Cheers and a fruitful retirement.

The **Registrar**: We have a guest, Eric Youngberg, a very nice person. Reader, writer, loves SF.

Reviews: Robert Keller reviewed Greg Bear's novel, Darwin's Children. It features retroviruses that alter the evolution of humanity.

George Van Wagner just finished Banvard's Folly, a tribute to people famous in their own time, and no longer remembered. It's a wonderful read.

Hare Hobbs reviewed the Bookfest. It was not as good as previous years, with not enough SF authors in attendance. He enjoyed himself anyway.

The meeting adjourned at 21:14:18.

*Meeting #3430, May 8, 2003
Ed Green, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe scribbling*

Meeting number 3430 started at 20:14:45. The **Menace** were read and approved as "Happy Birthday Larry Niven, batteries not included."

Patron Saint Bob Null: Tonight's Patron Saint is Bob Null, who is sitting right over there. Ed could go on for an hour and a half saying good things about him. He's one of the nicest and hardest-working members of the society. It's a pleasure to know him as a member and a friend. Charlie Jackson II made an Oz reference about him. Hare Hobbs has found out that Bob joined LASFS less than a year before he did. He jumped in and got involved.

Christian McGuire stated, "He was a desert rat when it was still cool." George Mulligan stated, "Given the way he's made logistics his own, Ghod help us when he's no longer available!" Mike Glyer said, "That's why it's called the Bob Null Position."

Joe Zeff: He's the second convention GoH to accept the GoH position provided he also does his usual committee work. Christian: At a committee meeting for Worldcon, Bob received a standing ovation from a room

full of con runners when he was introduced. Ed Green noted that in the history of the Evans Freehafer Award, there have been only three people who have won it twice. Bob is one of that select group. And he still has his hair, quoth the peanut gallery. Bob Null was given Three Cheers and nothing more.

The **Registrar**: No guests.

The Committee to Gouge: declined to turn the auction over to the sock puppet.

Committee Reports: LaLas 11. It went fairly well, all things considered. Thanks to Susan Gleason (web designer), Tadao, Liz, Karl, the Van Wagners, Darrel Exline, Michael Mason, etc., etc., etc. Thank you all for coming and supporting the Society.

Time Bound Announcements: Ed announced that tomorrow night, Peggy Little will bring a cake and a bottle of wine. We'll celebrate Bruce's life. It is not a memorial service. It's definitely not a wake! Start time is roughly 8 pm.

Bob Null announced that we had a swarm of bees infest the tarp, but our neighbor dealt with it.

Christian: Karl's banquet at LaLas 11 was fantastic.

Reviews: Ed Green: While everyone worked very hard, Karl ran with the idea of a Las Vegas style buffet and pulled it off. He did a wonderful job. Liz added, And he did it while staying within the dietary requirements of several picky fen..

Miscellaneous: Jeff Landers is giving away copies of his short story and trolling for Hugo votes. (*Considering many Hugo winners, only trolls seem to be voting in some of the categories. As Arthur Hlavaty pointed out about one result, the gargoyles have taken over the cathedral. -ed.*)

The meeting adjourned at 20:59:00.

*Meeting #3431, May 15,, 2003
Ed Green, presiding
Joe Zeff, Substitute Scribe*

The meeting was sprung into dis-order at exactly 8:12:28ish, followed by an explanation that although the regular Secretary, Karl Lembke, was present, he was unable to take the minutes due to a hand injury. Sympathy was expressed, although whether it was for Karl's injury, or for the fact that the Scribe with the Sidebums was at it again was not explained.

Special Orders of Business: Francis Hamit told us that Gerald Pierce, fan, writer on the Middle East, contributor to four different Disney comic strips and all-around great guy had succumbed to pneumonia. Marty Cantor wanted us to know that Roy Tackett is in a bad way, after having his heart stop twice on Tuesday. Roy is an old time cumudgeon and current LASFS Sergeant-At-Arms. There was a brief moment of silence.

Although Karl was present, the minutes from last week's meeting weren't. There were no corrections and they weren't accepted, but at least there is symmetry!

The **Registrar**: There was one guest, David Orlich, who learned about LASFS during a drive-by sign spotting. (*So, who is going to climb up to*

MAGIC
The Gathering

Tournaments
held at LASFS
First Friday
every month

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remove the spots from our sign? -ed.)

Patron Saint Thom Digby: Phil started things off by telling us that Thom is about 15 to 20 degrees out of phase with the rest of the universe. He didn't mention if the degrees were Fahrenheit or Celsius. He also told us about a strange pair of clocks Thom used to have: one with hands that moved at random, the other a cuckoo clock that sounded off at the right time, but somehow, it was always right after someone had said something silly. Hare Hobbs reminded us of Digby's

many piercings. Matthew Tepper remembered meeting Thom Digby at his first con, and having Thom introduce him to Larry Niven. George Mulligan mentioned the invention of plergb. Mr. Zeff told us about the Clarinichi, a race that could only exist if the laws of the universe were different, and about Thom's bringing in a Lithium battery in "doomail mode." Marty Cantor wanted us to know about the Digby-esque notion that the Bermuda Triangle, lying wholly within itself, had caused itself to disappear. Digby finally received Three Cheers and, "probably something..."

Karl Lembke explained why he was unable to take the minutes. He'd tripped over a curb, and broken his fall by putting out his hand. His face was grateful, but his wrist was still objecting. He'd received three different prescriptions for pain pills, all in child-proof caps. For some reason, the nurse didn't understand why he wanted them without the protections.

They Guy With the Sideburns wanted the membership to know that he has requested VA compensation for his Type II diabetes, on the grounds of Agent Orange exposure. Scratch Galloway mentioned the Mekong River, but Mr. Zeff expressed doubts that a Destroyer Escort could navigate the river. This inspired Staff Sergeant Green to make some Officially Blank remarks about what "sailors always claim." Although there is still some doubt as to the ability of the USS Ouellet (pron. "Wollet") to navigate the Mekong's channel, there's no doubt that it could easily navigate Mr. Green's mouth.

Bob Null reported to the membership that he will be entering the hospital for surgery Real Soon Now, and will be missing at least two meetings.

The meeting finally evaporated at 9:14:06, or thereabouts.

Meeting #3432, May 22, 2003

*Ed Green, presiding
 Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Meeting number 3432 started at 20:13:05.

Special Orders of Business: A good Special Order: The recovery room nurse at Kaiser PC says Bob Null is doing well. He'll be in recovery for another hour or so. Visiting hours are 10 am to 8 pm. CLJII moved that the Scribe produce a get-well card to get signed, and hand it to the Vice

President to hand to Bob at the earliest opportunity. Ed tried to get us all to be nice, but we at LASFS are aware that "nice" is a four-letter word. Choice of card was left to whatever it is the Scribe uses for discretion. Christian McGuire tried to make a circum...spect remark.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "propane and propane accessories." Moving from the propane to the ridiculous, the next set of Menace were read and approved as "having a frightful symmetry."

The **Registrar:** introduced Nancy, who was being pretty in pink.

Patron Saint Jim Glass: Jerry Pournelle said, The instant he became a patron saint and won the Evans Freehafer Award, he disappeared. He was instrumental in putting together the library. His disappearance was probably 18 years ago. (Maybe he's still here, but quite transparent.) Three Cheers, and an invitation to a meeting.

Time Bound Announcements: Betty announced that Sam Russel's widow Florence had died a few months ago. It was a combination of emphysema, circulatory problems, and being in her eighties. Matthew Tepper knew Florence quite well, as she was one of his teachers. Sam Russel was originally asked by the FBI to act as an informant on this crazy bunch of SF readers, and he liked the club so well he joined. Florence was a teacher, and brought people like Forry Ackerman to speak to the class.

Jerry Pournelle noted that she was a LASFS club member, and a member of the Pinkers SF salon for many years. She retired and went to England back in the '80s. When she came for a reunion, a large number of people, including the Heinleins, came to see her. She was quite popular with writers and fans. We had a moment of silence for Florence Russel.

Reviews: Hare Hobbs reviewed Keith Laumer's Retief at Large. Enjoyed immensely, but the book is out of print, so you have to hunt for it. Highly recommend the Retief books (Jerry Pournelle thinks Baen has recently brought out the stories.)

Fannish Committee Reports: Greg Bilan noted that last Saturday he was in the Tour de Cure, a diabetes fundraiser. Collected \$210. He presented the top donor the extra shirt he got.

Fannish Committee Reports: CLJII: Let's note that a fine encouragement technique to urge captured enemies to talk is the playing the Barney the Dinosaur Theme Song until they break down.

Phil Castora announced that the Committee to Nauseate the LASFS reports that Phil is back in North Hollywood.

Susan Gleason: Banzai has been picked up by Fox as a mid-season replacement. According to Lee Whiteside, Tadao will be in it.

The meeting adjourned at 21:17:22.

Meeting #3433, May 29, 2003

*Ed Green, presiding
 Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Hang on, let me give you to Tadao so I can get this thing started. LASFS meeting number 3433 started at 20:10:59.

Special Orders of Business: Marty Cantor announced that unfortunately, a well-known Denver fan has died. Doris Beetam is survived by

three daughters, two of whom are well-known in fandom. Also, we have lost our Sgt. at Arms, Roy Tackett. Len Moffatt read from a prepared statement. (*See page two for statement. - ed.*) We had a minute of silence for Mr. Tackett and Ms. Beetam.

June Moffatt moved that Roy Tackett remain our Sergeant At Arms, since Death Does Not Release You. He has been unanimously appointed Sergeant At Arms in perpetuity.

Bob Null made it in by cell phone, and was thoroughly greeted by the club. Ed Green declared that Bob Null was calling it in.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "Hi, Bob!"

The **Registrar**: We have one guest, Jeff Brosamer, who found us at the bookfest last year, and finally showed up.

Patron Saint: Last week we reported that Jim Glass was the saint. It should have been **Dee Dee Lavender**. Len ventured to say he knows her. Roy and Dee Dee were a team. They came from Ohio in the late '50s or early '60s. They put on a WorldCon or something in Cleveland. She was a very nice lady and a great hostess, and was less involved in SF itself. She was more fond of mysteries. Roy is still alive, living with his daughter Lois. She gave us money, and she was a wonderful person to know. Ms. Lavender was given Three Cheers and a violet haze.

Tonight's **Saint** is **Ed Baker**. Phil Castora said Ed was one of our more unusual members. He was never quite what he seemed. He looked overweight, but most of that was muscle. He looked naïve, and was forever saying things that had a double meaning. When it was pointed out to him, he'd blush, on cue. Things were more pleasant wherever he went. He also picked up on various subjects, and would go on and on about them without making people sick of them. He was also quite a cut-up at the aftermeetings.

He was also custodian of part of the library, and was secretary for a while. He was once limited to a maximum of three languages or three coinages in his treasurers' reports. He was unfortunately cut down in his 30s by a person or persons unknown. If we hadn't had the tradition of Death Does Not Release You, it would have been implemented on his behalf. When his death was announced, it surprised a number of people who could have sworn they had seen him at the other end of the room.

Fred Patten: Although I didn't think we looked that much alike, he and Ed were often mistaken for each other, leading to a lot of "I'd Rather Be Fred Than Ed" confusion. (Be a Fred. Be Very a Fred . . .) Fred recruited Ed into LASFS. Ed Baker was given Three Cheers, and a green star, and a candlestick maker, and a spoonful of sugar.

Committee Reports: Susan announced that we have another guest. Michael Walsh, in the back, from Maryland of all places. He finally made an appearance after hearing of us some 30 years ago.

Brother Thorsen passed among the crowd, collecting for the Spire.

Fred Patten noted that Paul Kidd, Australian fantasy author, has had a new novel published by a small press in Australia. Until Paul gets more professional distribution, Fred will Agent it here.

Ed Green announced, if the bin says it's for recycling, it's not for routine

trash. Cans and plastic bottles only, please. Mike Thorsen asked that the recyclables be empty when they go into the bin.

Fannish Committee Reports: Mike Donahue, back from Balticon in Baltimore. Baltimore SF society has its own clubhouse. They have about 5000 square feet, in a converted theater. They have twice the space we have, and twice the crap to move and store.

Ed Green pointed out that if you want an interesting show to be sitting at, go to the restaurant with Sandy Cohen when service is horrible and Sandy's on a diet.

Miscellaneous: Frank Waller: The new chip of the month is Parmesan and garlic. (*Is it faster than a Pentium IV? - ed.*)

The meeting adjourned at 21:24:57.

*LASFS Board of Directors
Meeting of May 11, 2003
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Joe Zeff, Secretary*

Directors: Karl Lembke, Mike Thorsen, Bill Ellern, Brett Achorn, Marty Cantor (Absent, ill. Proxy with Ed.), Liz Mortensen, Ed Green, Bob Null, Joe Zeff, Cathy Beckstead, Michael Mason.

Others: Tadao Tomomatsu, Greg Bilan, Arlene Satin, Sherry Benoun, Sue Gleason, Don Wenner, Charles Lee Jackson II.

Chairman Karl Lembke called the meeting to order at 11:26:52AM. After various spelling nitpicks were mentioned, the minutes were accepted without demure.

New Members: David Willis of Burbank CA and Bruce Coleman of LA.

Treasurer: We have money, but you still can't spend it. The books on LaLaCon haven't been closed, but all working it were thanked. The report was accepted unanimously.

Facilities: As the two recent plumbing emergencies were both on Second Sundays, it was suggested that appropriate announcements be made so that fans who only come on Second Sundays would be alerted. The iron benches have not been assembled, as the mounting holes haven't been drilled yet. A swarm of bees tried to colonize the plastic awnings in the courtyard, but our neighbor disposed of them with the aid of four cans of repellent. Various means of keeping bees and other pests away from the building were discussed. A work party date will be used for this, patching stucco and other upkeep.

Parking: The handicapped sign was taped over again, probably by an employee of one of our neighbors. The probable offender claims somebody else did it, but nobody believes him. Mr. Zeff, seconded by Michael Mason, moved to draft a letter to our neighbors, notifying them that we will be enforcing the appropriate parking regulations, and asking them to inform their employees and customers. This passed 11/0/0. Ed pointed out that we need to find out exactly what's needed to do to make sure we've done everything needed, so as to preempt any future complaints from people whose cars have been ticketed or towed. Mr. Green moved to spend up to five hundred dollars to have the painting done, seconded by Mr. Zeff. Again, there were no votes against the motion. Karl, Joe, and Brett were

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.

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appointed to a committee to write the letter, with the board being given an informational copy when the process is completed.

Computers: The reorganization is still being planned, but nothing formal has been brought to the Board. The computer gamers are spilling out into the other parts of the front building. Possibly, pushing them back into the computer room will give them an incentive to get the job done.

Hall Decorations: The board has repeatedly moved to get the whiteboard in the meeting room replaced. As we are tired of asking people to get one, Michael Mason agreed to get one. So let it be written, so let it be done!

Gestetner: No Marty, no report.

Video Projector: Worked fine at LaLaCon.

Marketing: We have bookmarks, and gave them out at the Book Fair. The next generation (Bookmarks:TNG?) will have a colander on the back. A recommended Viewing List is in production, and will be on-line as soon as possible. Bob Null mentioned that FUCC is now a thing of the past, and that all mention of it needs to be removed. Ed Green brought up the idea that the Board should consider appointing a coordinator for the various LASFS outreach, marketing, and publicity efforts, and discuss it at a later meeting.

Reading Lists: No change in the Adult list until after WorldCon. The Children's list is waiting on Publisher's Weekly's annual listing of children's books, and the Video List will be updated by LosCon.

Library: Bob Null has donated 58 boxes so far. All but the most recent have been processed. Scott Beckstead is working on a new library program. The librarians also managed to get in a major cleanup for LaLaCon, and are approaching 100%. The library is currently obtaining copies of all Hugo nominated material for the year. We have all the novels, and all but two of the non-fiction books.

Video Library: The list is rapidly being put into a convenient electronic form. The list has been converted to a spreadsheet, and is easy to expand. Currently, the biggest problem is people checking out tapes or DVDs without bothering with the formalities. Probably, it's

just a matter of people not realizing there's a proper way to do this.

Standards Committee: We have copies of a proposed set of standards. It is missing a statement of the purpose of the Library; although much is said about the library in the Bylaws, it too is missing such a statement. We also need to do some long-term planning, especially on securities matters. It was (again) moved to table the discussion until next month, to allow time for thought with Marty Cantor's Proxy voting against the tabling.

Coming Events: We have eight tables sold for the Craft Fair. There was an informal memorial gathering for Bruce Pelz; thanks was offered to the organizers.

Festival of Books: They gave out all of Bob's books Saturday, and got more from the Library for Sunday. The Children's list was popular, especially with teachers. Thanks were given to Greg and his minions.

LaLaCon: Many thanks to Ed, Liz and all others involved. No numbers yet, except that the auction brought in over \$600.

LosCon 31: No change.

LosCon 30: There was a party across from the Festival; thanks to Mark and Eylat. We will have a presence at BayCon and LepreCon. Programming is ahead of schedule.

LosCon 29: The books have been closed, and a check presented for an additional \$11,000, making a total of \$16,000. If this isn't the largest turn-over, it's close. The Board was very impressed. The volunteers list has been passed on, and is on-line.

Neighborhood Council: No report.

Securities Mgt: No meeting, but no securities to manage, either.

New Business: Marketing asked about proper storage facilities, and was assured that they would be provided. Michael Mason wants to hold a party on October 25, a Saturday. There's a LosCon Meeting, but as chairman, he can assure us that permission can be obtained. The Board had no objections.

Convention Delegates: BayCon: Michael Mason and Greg Bilan. ComicCon: Greg Bilan.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07:04 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 appre-

ciate 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.

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Herewith I break an unwritten rule of this column – not to review a fanzine previously reviewed here. I reviewed the last issue of *TRAP DOOR* about a year ago (which gives you an idea of its publication schedule), but this is a special – unique in fact – issue. The title – *Astonishing Trapdoor Stories* – gives a clue. This 60-page issue (published as usual in the folded half-lettersize of 8.5” x 5.5”) is overwhelmingly devoted to one piece of fiction, “Sense of Wonder” by Gordon Eklund. The issue has only an introductory two-page editorial (largely given over to appreciation of the late Harry Warner) and a three-page reprint (from 1946) of Charles Burbee’s “Invasion 1949” to bookend Eklund’s novella.

Eklund is a major SF writer of long-standing (he was first professionally published in 1970), but he was a fan of some note for the decade that preceded his professional debut. In recent years he’s combined the two to write fanfiction.

“Fanfiction” is defined here as “fiction about fans;” this is its original definition and it still flourishes. Most fanfiction is short and humorous or satirical in its writing style. But some fans – notable among them Marion Zimmer Bradley in the ’50s – have written serious fiction about fans.

Most of Gordon’s previous pieces of fanfiction (all published in fanzines over the past 10 or more years) have been short and ironic. “Sense of Wonder” is at once both longer and more ambitious, incorporating an actual SF plot (time-travel) and a journey back to the days when Hugo Gernsback was cooking up the first issue of *Amazing Stories*. The story is told first-person by Charlie Frap, and has the feel of a loopy ’40s time-travel story by Robert Bloch – but translated into fannish terms: a fannish “Lefty Feep” story. I’m not convinced by its time-travel logic (which seems to me to have several huge holes), and I’ve written a letter to Lichtman and Eklund about that, but I am impressed by the overall concept and execution of the story, which is fully professional in quality.

I’m also very impressed by the *look* of this issue, which is completely due to artist Dan Steffan, who has illustrated the entire issue. The front cover – logo and all – is marvelously evocative of the SF pulps of the ’40s, while the back cover creates the cover of the April 10, 1936 issue of *Time* maga-

zine – the one with Hugo Gernsback on the cover (in “Sense of Wonder”’s universe, anyway) – with striking fidelity to the look of the magazine at that time. Inside the issue, Dan opens Gordon’s story with a double-page spread and follows that with five full-page illos. And his half-page illo-title for the Burbee short (a delightful story which could have appeared in an early issue of *F&SF*, but didn’t) is a bold piece which stands out on its own. Steffan is long overdue a Fan Artist Hugo; he towers over recent winners.

(Please note that TRAP DOOR is traded for DE PROF and is available to be read. Contact Marty Cantor.)

zines received in trade

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club zines: DASFAx Vol. 35, No. 5 (DASFA). INSTANT MESSAGE #719 & #720 (NESFA). WESTWIND #266 & #267 (NWSFS). ConNotations Vol. 13, Issue 3 (CASFS). NASFA SHUTTLE Vol. 23, No. 5 & No. 6 (NASFA). FUTURE TIMES Vol. 6, #6 (ASFS). EINBLATT! June 2003 (MinnStf). SFSFS SHUTTLE #154 (SFSFS).

other zines: TRAP DOOR #22 (Robert Lichtman).

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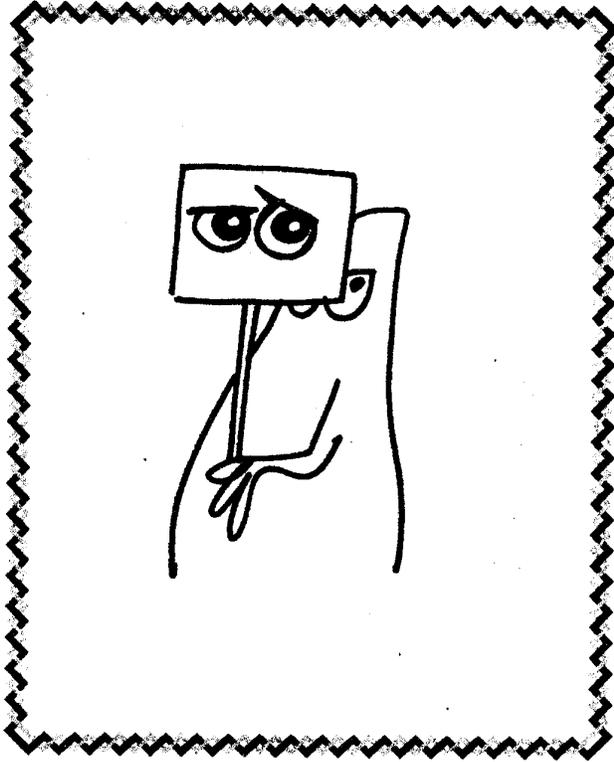
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