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Legend of Inscrutable Abbreviations

BoD - Board of Directors
 CFO - Cartoon Fantasy Organization
 Cinema Anime - Japanimation
 Estrogen Zone - Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 FWEMS - Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 Time Meddlers - Dr. Who Club
 TRIPE - Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment
 TSPC - Tom Safer Presents Cartoons - 10 am
 Work Party - Varies with what needs doing

CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Estrogen Zone - 2 pm
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
 Time Meddlers - 10:30 am
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever

Calendar Details

Asian Cult Cinema - None this month
 BoD - 11 am, gaming starts at 2 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1 pm until it ends

Thursday Program Items

- April 5 - What Are You Reading Now?
- April 12 - Eric Hoffman's Trailer Park
- April 19 - Really, Really Big Auction!!
- April 26 - Science and Technology Roundtable - What's New?

COLOPHON

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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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CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(Copies of the complete minutes are filed in the archives.)

LASFS Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, February 11 2007
Karl Lembke, Presiding
George Van Wagner, Scribe

Attending Board Members: Karl Lembke (Chairman), Tadao Tomomatsu, Bill Ellern, Bob Null, George Van Wagner (Secretary), Elayne Pelz, Brett Achorn (Comptroller), Liz Mortensen (procedural treasurer), Mike Thorsen (Vice-Chair), Cathy Beckstead.

Absent: Ed Green (excused for illness)

Others Present: Milt Stevens, Fred Lazzelle, Tamar Gandy, Robbie Bourget, Christian McGuire, Marty Cantor, Vanessa Van Wagner, Ed Hooper, Joyce Hooper, Phil Castora, Greg Bilan, Joe Zeff, Michael Pell, Sherri Benoun, Marcia Minsky, Joan Steward, Patrick Beckstead, John DeChancie, Don Wenner, Arlene Satin

The meeting was called to order 11:14

Minutes: The minutes were approved with a spelling correction.

New Members: Aaron Cisterelli of West Hollywood, CA; Alexander Hales of Sherman Oaks, CA; Joshua Levine of Anaheim Hills, CA; Windy Bauchert of Anaheim Hills, CA; and Michael Sheeter of Francis Creek, WI were unanimously approved for membership by the board.

Facilities: There has been no new word from the eastern neighbor. The apparently abandoned car turned out not to be one, but has nonetheless been removed from the front of the clubhouse.

Physical plant: There is a leak in the front building roof over the computer area. The leak is being investigated.

Computers: All computers are fine. The idea of setting up one of the donated computers as a video server in the A/V cabinet is being explored. Brett Achorn and George Van Wagner were willing to be the ones to explore this possibility.

Projection screen: The damage to the screen has been somewhat ameliorated, but cannot be totally removed. Luckily, the damage is largely outside the projected area, so it has minimal effect on the image.

Marketing: We have been given permission to use the KPCC/NPR radio interview on our website.

Website: The board@lasfs.org mailing list appear not to

be working at all, and the board@lasfs.info list seems to be behaving inconsistently. It was suggested that we mention this to the webmaster.

Treasurer's Report: There was no budget line item for hall decorations made in the temporary budget and there have been some expenses, so a budget item for \$150 was created to do so. This motion passed unanimously.

We have not received cleaning bids yet for consideration, although there are some in the offing. Consideration of cleaning bids was extended for an additional month.

New Business: Following up on last month's discussion of proper licensing for video screenings, a company has been found that offers an "umbrella" license for non-profit corporations to enable them to screen most commercial video material legally (Motion Picture Licensing Corporation at <http://www.mplc.com>). After some discussion it was moved that we obtain this license and inform all the different groups who wish to show video at the LASFS facilities of this license and its provisions and restrictions. Brett Achorn said that Cinema Anime would be willing to pay for the license. The motion passed unanimously and it was agreed to bring this up at the upcoming "Town Council" meeting for representatives of all the groups who hold events at the LASFS. The Town Council meeting is currently scheduled for Feb. 24 at noon-ish.

Gestetner: Aside from the problem with the "Start" button, things seem to be running well.

Library: No news, as the librarian is not present.

New Business: A representative from Gallifrey One asked permission of the board to borrow the usual equipment (art show bags, tech boxes, pipe and drape, whiteboards, trolleys, Gestetner, laminators, etc.). They have also offered to make a \$300 donation to the LASFS and to deliver some pegboard that is currently offsite to onsite LASFS storage to save us the trouble of having to go and get it. It was moved to accept the offer and make the equipment available for the use of the Gallifrey One con committee.

Loscon 35 Bids: Presenting bids were Joe Zeff, Arlene Satin, Greg Bilan, and the team of Cathy Beckstead and Joyce Hooper. All the bids met the requirements to pass along to the membership for voting and the board did so with one abstention (Cathy Beckstead).

Loscon 34: Appearances were made at Further Confusion, Enigmacon, and Anime LA where a number of memberships were sold. Upcoming appearances are

scheduled for Gallifrey One and Condor. David Okamura made a fan table display that had been shown at a recent meeting and everyone agreed that David had, once again, created a wonderful piece of fannish art.

Loscon 33: Accounting is as final as possible without vendetta, and Loscon 33 will be turning over \$10000 to the LASFS. This total may increase slightly in the future, as some expenses are still not resolved. There is a wrap up meeting scheduled for March 24th.

Loscon general: The hotel liaison reminded the board that the current hotel contract expires at the end of Loscon 35 in 2008 and requested permission to begin exploring new contracts. It was so moved and approved.

LaLaCon: Is in the works, though not scheduled or themed yet.

New Business: The question was raised by Elayne Pelz about what the board's reaction might be if we were to inherit a vending machine for drinks. It was mentioned that vending machines have been investigated before. Questions that were raised concerned variety of drinks available, capacity, and what would a maintenance contract cost the society. It was mentioned that there has been a certain amount of shrinkage in drink inventory, and that the vending machine would help to ameliorate this, helping to ensure that the society would be able to continue to offer members beverages at the current (cheap) rate of \$.50/each. It was also mentioned that a vending machine would enable us to provide drinks like juices that would require a higher charge, as most machines enable pricing to be variable by slot. The treasurer pointed out that drinks are averaging \$.38/can and our current return above soda expense is about 30% (or approx \$.114 per can). It was moved that the board investigate the variety of machines available and what a maintenance contract would cost. The concern was raised about the noise of a machine doing its vending might be disruptive to meetings or other events occurring in Frehafer Hall. On Elayne's volunteering to do additional research for next month's meeting, the motion was withdrawn.

Christian McGuire mentioned that he had been contacted by a representative of the Heinlein centennial. They were hoping for a LASFS presence at the centennial, or at least some material reflecting RAH's involvement with the LASFS. Christian requested guidance from the board as to how we can help them.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43

Next LAFA Filksing

Saturday, April 14, 7 pm

The House of Perpetual Commotion

John and Mary Creasy

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Torrance, CA

(310) 329-6772

Pre-filk Dinner, 5 pm

Golden Camel Mongolian Bar-B-Q

Call the Creasys three days in advance
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Meeting # 3625, February 1, 2007

Christian McGuire, Presiding

Karl Lembke, Scribe

The meeting, such as it was, was gaveled to order at 20:04:57.

There was a reading from the By-Laws, regarding activity classes.

Special Orders of Business: We note the passing of Sidney Sheldon, creator of "I Dream of Genie".

Marty Cantor held up a publication being presented at Corflu. You may have heard of Francis Towner Laney. He is considered a major fan writer in the early history of fandom. The document is "Ah, Sweet Laney". The document is available from Pat Virzi, \$15 +\$5 postage.

Menace: Read and accepted as "Girls Rule".

Treasurer's report: Liz Mortenson announced that last week we had a number of members, and collected a total of \$153 in dues and \$6 in donations. There were no bills going out. Last week, we collected \$155 in dues, plus \$108 in donations and sales. We paid out some \$248 in electric bills.

Patron Saints: Our patron saints of the evening is Gary Louie and Mike Luwish.

Scratch called him a very nice man, and wishes he was here. He liked Legos. George Mulligan: there are some folks who are genuinely nice and pleasant to be around because of the glow of calm happiness you feel around them. Gary was one of those folks. Tadao. Gary's one of those unique personalities. Gary and Tadao got along too well, much to the consternation of the library staff. Ed Green: Gary was the sort you could count on to do his job, in an exacting manner that would drive you up the wall. He was a pit bull about jobs. We lost him far too early. Even at the end of his life and beyond, he went out of his way to amuse us. He was late for his own funeral. The hearse got stuck in traffic. That's Gary. Christian: Gary was elected to the BOD on the first election where he was eligible, and stayed on it till his death. He was made a patron saint posthumously.

Frank Waller: He's the first person who said hello to him at the club.

Gary Louie was given three cheers, and a canister of Legos.

Patron Saint Mike Luwish: Christian – he was generous and wanted us to remember his father Emil, as well as himself. Pournelle uttered the obligatory line. Joe Zeff recalls that his father was not, and remains not, a member. Mike Luwish was given three cheers and an entry in Who's Who.

Committee Reports: Karen Anderson the Science Monitor spoke about the Hubble Camera's demise (what, not a Special Order of Business?!?) There should be a repair mission undertaken in 2008. It's still scheduled for a splashdown in 2021.

George Van Wagner announced tonight's program – "what have you been reading?" Next week will be the first of a series of video lectures – the joy of thinking, the power of mathematical thought.

The Registrar announced a guest: Rene Jamio.

The Committee to Gouge auctioned off shirts, truffles, and an homage to some truffle-makers. The winning bidder will be sending that item to NESFA, along with a lovely card.

Fred Patten asked if there's to be an Estrogen Zone meeting this weekend. There will be. The theme is to be bag stuffing. Afterwards, there will be Zoning.

Fred Patten wanted to know how Anime LA did. 1785 warm bodies showed up. It went from Friday till Sunday. Many enjoyed themselves. There were 42 entries in the Masquerade. Next Year's Anime LA will be at the Burbank Marriott.

Reviews:

George Van Wagner reviewed Hogfather – a two-part three-hour miniseries. He hasn't read the book on which it's based, so he can't attest to its fidelity. It's very well done, and worth watching.

Registrar has two new guests. Pat Bauer and Jeff Stump.

Rene Jamio reviewed *Last Dragonlord* and *Dragon and Phoenix*, both good books. Unfortunately, can't find *The Bard's Oath*. Author is Joanne Burton.

Jerry Pournelle wanted to add a few things about the strange furry convention. Further ConFusion is bigger than Baycon. At the Masquerade, there were some 289 people in furry costumes. It was a bit like spending a weekend in an enchanted forest. Karen Anderson: had been a guest there years back. They had originally invited Poul, for his Hoka stories.

Mike Sheffield reviewed *Graywalker*, by Kat Richardson. A female Private Detective who is violently assaulted, clinically dead for a couple of minutes, and wakes up able to see ghosts and the like.

Michelle Pincus reviewed Anime LA. Chaz runs a classy con. The Goth mad tea party was nice.

Ed Hooper reviewed the Star Trek website. The Effects on "Star Trek Remastered" look great. Dresden Files – recommended.

George Van Wagner reviewed EnigmaCon. For a con that's thought of primarily as a gaming con, there was a reading room stocked by the college anime society and Enigma. It was packed, with people actually reading books. He attended some panels, and recruited a program at one of them. Only downer was that the Crosstown local bus didn't come to the UCLA terminal in the rain.

Marcia Minsky had one comment about Anime LA: In one weekend, she went from being a con virgin to a ribbon slut, in the space of six hours.

Motion to Adjourn took place at 21:16:39.

Meeting # 3626, February 8, 2007
Christian McGuire, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

The meeting, such as it was, was gaveled to order at 20:01:39.

Special Orders of Business: Marty Cantor announced the loss of one of our fancestors, Lee Hoffman, of a massive heart attack. She discovered fandom by looking at a copy of FanCyclopedia, and a fanzine. 54 days later, she produced her first issue of Quandray. She will be missed. She was a professional writer of western novels. A moment of silenceMs. Hoffman.

Glenn Olson is now a fire captain, and a cake was brought in to mark the occasion.

Menace: Read and accepted as "Crimson".

Patron Saints: We have two of them.

Mike Glycer: Not everyone knows that he's now on the newest adventure of his life – being a father. Young Sierra is now old enough to be in Children's Programming.

Ed Hooper – he chaired the first Worldcon Ed attended. CLJII: Back in the old glory days, Mike was the faithful Hibernian Companion, back when he was Director

Zeff: Mike was long known as the once and future Scribe. One of the best Joe's ever seen. On the rare occasions Mike was not able to be here, he wouldn't glance at the minutes beforehand, and would give them the unsympathetic cold reading. Ed Green: Mike Glycer publishes fanzines and writing, and is one of the most awarded fan writers and fan-eds alive today. Rick Foss: when there was a Worldcon in New Orleans, two of them wound up running programming for the con, armed only with notes and stuff. Most people in those circumstances would have blown a gasket and exploded, but Mike kept his equilibrium and sense of humor. Hare Hobbs remembers when he wasn't winning Hugos because Locus was still considered a fanzine. One time, he came back from a Worldcon with an "umpteen times Hugo loser" t-shirt. Matthew Tepper: worked with Mike when he was Chairman of LA Con III. He was one of two assistants at the con, and he was the best concom boss you could wish for. Karl Lembke noted that he helped save the space station in Fallen Angels. Jerry Pournelle added that he's proud of being a character in a Niven/Pournelle novel. He's also a good critic. His critique caused him to completely revise a story between its appearance in Analog and its appearance in a book.

Frank Waller: Our first encounter with him was as a two-dimensional character named Mudd. He has since grown a dimension. Doug Crepeau notes when we had Harry Mudd stand up and do a slave auction at a convention, he videotaped it. George Van Wagner notes he's one of our most enthusiastic members. He's always willing to pitch in and help. Joe Zeff – Frank got his patron sainthood in a deliciously unusual way. For quite a while, he donated bags of gourmet snacks for auction. He also gave Liz \$5 or \$10 a week. Phil Castora recalled a time when we were auctioning off officially blank tapes. Someone came up with an officially blank book. After the humorous remarks, he asked, "what's the copyright date"? Matthew Tepper said of him, "He's a good sport, and usually takes our ribbing in good form." Eric likes Frank because of his deranged sense of humor, and because he's barking mad. Greg Bilan suggested Frank should leave the room so we could tell the truth about him. Allyson met Frank at age 3 or 4. Just to make everyone feel old. He was willing to talk to us kids like we were human beings. He still is. Frank Waller was given three cheers and a be quiet or he'll go home with you!

In the absence of Christian's having remembered to read, it was moved that we let by-laws be bygones.

Committee Reports:

George Van Wagner reported that tonight's program is part 1 of The Joy of Thinking, the beauty and power of classical mathematical ideas. Next week, we decide who will chair Loscon 35.

Vanessa notes the return of the Readings, Tuesday, February 27 Anyone who wants to assist, see Vanessa.

Karen Anderson the Science Monitor rose to discuss Saturn, and the great names associated with the planet.

Reviews:

George Van Wagner reviewed the third book in the Bartamaus trilogy, Ptolemy's Gate. Expands on why there's so much antipathy between magicians and djinni. It wraps up the trilogy very well. Not a happy ending, but a triumphant one. Trilogy is well worth reading, and best Young Adult series in the past 20 years.

Rick Foss: Walter Hunt – the sequel, Dark Path, is even more frustrating because his aliens are still interesting, plotting is very good, but humans are two-dimensional. Generally, humanity is menaced by a race that attacks mindlessly, even when they're certain to lose. The aliens are trying to communicate in various ways, but the

humans aren't getting it.

Ed Green reviewed latest episode of Heroes. The writers have a wicked sense of humor.

Miscellaneous:

Scratch's mother is out of the hospital. She's undergoing and handling well the chemo and kidney dialysis.

Michael Burlake, Fred's driver, announced Fred has been whisked off to another hospital to deal with ulcerated pressure sores. He's at Mission Community Hospital in Panorama City. Think good thoughts.

CLJII: Last Friday, was evaluated to get ID card to qualify for dial-a-ride. It's a little over a mile from the nearest bus stop to the evaluation place. If you can walk from the bus stop to the building, you don't need their service.

George Van Wagner notes Marvel Comics has come out with a DVD ROM collection of many of their comic books. George picked up the Spiderman series. In Issue six, found a letter from Phil Castora.

Joe Zeff observed one bid for Loscon that appears to be anonymous. Sorry about that.

In Kenya, there's a controversy over the display of the skeleton of the Turkana Boy. There's an evangelical Christian group that prefers it not be displayed because it refutes many of their fond beliefs.

Hare Hobbs saw something today that made him blush. There was a magazine with a nice, neat Gothic cover. He picked it up and looked at it, and it was dominatrix horror stories. Lady Heather has taken up writing!

Motion to Adjourn took place at 21:23:09....

Meeting # 3627, February 15, 2007
Tadao Tomomatsu, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

The meeting, such as it was, was gaveled to order at 20:13:46.

The President has announced that the Goa'uld have not attacked. Tonight is not a normal night, and we are running Agenda Lite.

Ed Green announced the Treasurer is open for business.

Special Orders of Business:

We have lost special effects artist, matte painter, etc. worked on the Black Hole, Mary Poppins, and others. The name of this worthy is Peter Ellenshaw.

After an announcement about the death of Shawn Crosby's brother, the Scribe was directed to send an Appropriate Sympathy Card to Shawn Crosby and his family.

Menace: Read and accepted as "dominatrix horror minutes". (Is that three words or forwards?)

Patron Saint:

Craig Miller: He's outside smoffing, so we can say things about him. He's had a new hair cut. He's had several new hairs cut. He threw chocolate at a Doctor. Scratch said he's a nice guy. Heidi said nice things about him. She was working worldcon, and had an unexpected problem. Craig helped her deal with the problem. Phil Castora noted that Craig has shown an extraordinary degree of competence. Len Moffatt recalls Craig joining LASFS when he was very young (13). Craig found us a meeting place at one of the local playgrounds. Len was impressed that he found the place and convinced the management that it was OK to let us meet here. In addition to all the work he's done for LASFS, he's a good man to have on a concom. He's also been very good Speaker To Hotel Management. He's an artistic type, and has a good business sense. He's also a nice guy. Craig Miller was given three Cheers, and a carton of carnauba wax. (And a gift from Charles Nelson Riley).

The Registrar announced some guests. Jackie Rivera of Tucson, and Scott Glenner, also of Tucson, which is convenient because they're affianced. To each other.

There was a new special order. Fred Patten is now back at the convalescent home, confined to bed while sores heal. He's happy to receive APA-L and everyone's good wishes. He has a laptop, so he can compute from bed. George Van Wagner reported that Fred's visiting hours are 11-8. Visitors are welcome.

Chaz' mom is recovering nicely from a quad bypass, and she's leaving the hospital.

Old Business: Loscon bids.

We had four potential con chairs running. Greg Bilan, Arlene Satin, Joe Zeff, and the evil twins, Cathy Beckstead and Joyce Hooper. The winning bid was that of Cathy Beckstead and Joyce Hooper, not necessarily in that order.

Committee Reports:

Marcia Minsky announced Loscon 34 will be 23-25 of November, at the LAX Marriott. There will be a fan table at Gallifrey, and at Condor. Memberships are currently \$30.

Scott Beckstead announced the Loscon 33 closeout meeting will take place on March 24 at noon

George Van Wagner had no programming scheduled for next week. March 1, 8 vote on standing rules change. Still talking with Mechanical Propulsion Systems to talk about walking robot.

Vanessa Van Wagner announced that the Short Story Reading is Tuesday, February 27.

Reviews:

Matthew Tepper reviewed Wicked at Pantages – pastiche of Gregory McGuire's book. Enjoyed

Richard Costas reviewed the Star Wars Exhibit California science center, with lots of stuff you never knew about the Star Wars movies.

Sir saw Epic Movie. He recommended others avoid that mistake.

Tom Safer said unto the meeting: rent Sitting Pretty. Presumably, he intends you watch it after you've rented it. And before you return it, I suppose.

Mike Morris said that the DVD Eight Below is well worth seeing

Genny Dazzo reviewed The 300. It is reminiscent of video games, with lots of blood, gore.

Sarah Ash noted that Tears of Ardemir is a great series.

Miscellaneous:

Jerry Pournelle objected to beeping during the reviews.

Motion to Adjourn took place at 21:28:05.

Meeting # 3628, February 22, 2007

Christian McGuire, Presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

The meeting, such as it was, was gaveled to order at 20:05:55.

"I'm either trying to hurt my knuckles or start a meeting," announced Christian.

Christian reported a phone call, from a member requesting that he remember to read part of the by-laws. So he will.

Tonight's reading was Section 2: Application for Membership.

While he read, Tadao stalked the room, holding the atomic clock like a flying saucer. When he eventually returned it to its place, it began to catch up to real time. Funny, he wasn't moving nearly fast enough for relativistic effects to kick in.

Special Orders of Business:

Michael Burlake reported that Fred Patten was to be re-evaluated yesterday. The re-evaluator didn't show up, so Fred waited for three hours for no one, whom he presumably saw. He remains confined to his bed, but expects to be here next week.

Menace: Read and accepted as "beeping over Jerry". Michelle Pincus paid \$1 for the privilege of so naming the Menace.

The Registrar announced a guest who got away. Sue, with no last name. She probably ran home to get it.

Committee Reports:

Program: next week is discussion and first vote on SR Change, following is vote with no discussion. Mechanical Propulsions will bring in their team and tell us about their 24-foot-tall robot.

There will be a giant auction early in April. We will auction off giants.

Sue, who is our guest, is a librarian with the Santa Clarita system. They're doing a variation of the One Book One City program. They're looking for

panelists for April 15, to discuss the book. The book selected for reading was *Fahrenheit 451*. Readings are this coming Tuesday. The featured reader will be our own Dr. Laura. (Brodean Freas)

There will be a Loscon meeting Saturday, at noon. Membership rates go up to \$35 at the end of the month. We'll see what we can dig up. In a couple of weeks, we'll have a progress report, with a story written by one of the people in this very room.

Patron Saint:

Maureen Garrett, who were at LA Con, and at the LASFS meeting at LA Con.

Matthew Tepper spoke. She's a sweet lady who's been a member since the 80s. He likes to mention her artwork. She likes to draw a small circle, and then draw an alien landscape in the circle. Also, when she left LA in the early 80s, it was to go to Northern California, where she was one of the first to run the official Star Wars fan club.

Phil Castor added, "Amen and hallelujah."

George Van Wagner adds that at the LASFS meeting at LA Con IV, he met Ms. Garrett. He found her to be witty, charming, and she confessed to actually knowing Matthew.

Maureen Garrett was given three cheers and may the force be with her.

Fannish Committee Report:

George Van Wagner called our attention to an article. A lack of water has been discovered in extrasolar planets. Scientists have managed to discover signatures of the molecules in atmospheres of planets around other stars.

Ed Hooper reported that SETI has been looking for alien life. SETI has found something. It's not alien life, but a SETI at home user had her computer stolen. They were able to trace her IP address when it automatically connected over the internet.

Reviews:

Christian reviewed Variable Star, a book by Robert Heinlein and Spider Robinson, and it's not a

Heinlein juvenile. It's got the sensibility of Heinlein with the spice of Spider. It's definitely recommended.

George Van Wagner reviewed a book by David Grinspoon, *Lonely Planets*, a natural philosophy of alien life. Grinspoon is an astrobiologist, and the book tries to be a realistic look at the chances of finding ET. It's very well done, and he writes in an entertaining style.

Hare Hobbs reviewed *A Bertram Chandler's Carver* books. They read pretty much as one novel. It's about these rejects going out to the rim of the galaxy where all the rejects go. It follows the story of how one reject becomes the region's richest reject.

Jerry Pournelle commented on Captain John Chandler. He was a steamer captain in the Australia New Zealand, Tasmania run. He wrote while aboard ship, before WWII. John was an interesting man. One funny story: he was the only GOH of a major con to be nearly thrown out of the con, and it's Jerry's fault. They were signing books in '82, and Larry and Jerry had a major book. John had a huge line, Larry and Jerry had a huge line. The '82 convention was known for being over-organized. The girl running the room was told The Rules, which included, waiting in a separate line for each of the authors....

Jerry told the girl he wasn't going to follow the rules, so she needs to throw him and Larry out, and John will doubtless come along. Right about then, sanity struck, and rather than be The Fan Who Threw Out the GOH, she told them to sort it out themselves.

Last King of Scotland. It's as good a performance as Jerry's seen by Forrest Whitaker. The movie is a terrifying picture of what's going on in Africa. He also reviewed Tannhauser, definitely a fantasy, which opens with a fantasy scene. Ian Judge has hollywoodized the opera, and it's interesting to see.

Tadao noted the world is coming to an end. There is a fan on Survivor. Anthony Robinson, one of the Fictionados, on Survivor Fiji.

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