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BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am

CALENDAR DETAILS

UNTIL LASFS FINDS ITS NEW PERMANENT HOME LASFS WILL JUST BE HAVING ITS THURSDAY MEETINGS - ALL OTHER HAPPENINGS AT THE CLUB WILL NOW HAPPEN ELSEWHERE.

Board of Directors meeting:
Elayne Pelz' residence, 15931 Kalisher St., Granada Hills.
NO OPEN HOUSE AFTERWARDS.
Beware those with allergies:cats in house!!!

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

- NOVEMBER 2 - Board of Directors Nominations
- NOVEMBER 9 - Board Elections
- NOVEMBER 16 - Big Auction
- NOVEMBER 23 - No programming
- NOVEMBER 30 - LOSCON reviews

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:
http://www.lasfsinc.info///index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185

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DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

COLOPHON

De Profundis 537– November 2017. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (No current permanent address). The LASFS' telephone number for information: **(818) 246-2552**. The club's web site is: www.lasfs.org. *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 75¢ in person, \$1.25 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

Westercon is a service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Incorporated (LASFS, Inc.), Worldcon and NASFIC are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS).

I want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address c/o *De Profundis* or hand them to me at wherever LASFS meetings are being held. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at his edress: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbcglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at club meetings on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

If anybody who receives *DE PROF* via the mail happens to move without letting me know the new address; well, I have more important things to do than to be chasing down addresses so I will stop sending zines to you even if you have given me money to do so.

I will accept no advertising in *De Profundis* but I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to LASFS members.

Even though *De Profundis* is no longer the official newsletter of the LASFS, I intend to run the zine as if it still belonged to the club. Mostly. 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.

Written in Publisher 2000 on a custom-modified Intel quad-core, DELL Workstation (using the Windows 7 Professional 64 bit operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. *Interjections in italics are solely the responsibility of the smartass, er, editor. Any resemblances 'twixt smartassery and responsibility are purely coincidental.*

Addendum: At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. *De Prof* is available on paper solely at cost: currently 75¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.25. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at approximate cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

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LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers

July - December, 2017

President: Nick Smith. **Vice-President:** Matthew B. Tepper. **Registrar:** Marty Cantor. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke and Kristen Gorlitz. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz & Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2018). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2017).. **Comptroller:** Debra Levin (2018). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2018). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2018), Gavin Claypool (2019), Elayne Pelz (2017), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2017), Mike Thorsen (2019), Kristen Gorlitz (2019), Nick Smith (2017). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

Official Committees

De Profundis Editor, Speaker to toners, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. **Librarian Pro Tem:** Gavin Claypool. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Gavin Claypool, Ed Hooper. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Christian McGuire. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster -** <<http://www.lasfs.org>>: Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Editor, Computers & LASFS Archivist:** Christian McGuire. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** David Okamura (with Karl Lembke). **Marketing and Promotion:** Michelle Pincus; **Parking/MTA Liaison,** Milt Stevens.

Honorary Officers

Sergeant-at-Arms In Perpetuity: Roy Tackett. **Windmill-at-Arms:** Kees van Toorn. **Samurai-at-Arms:** Takumi Shibano. **Librarian-at-Arms:** Heather Stern.

If there is an X in this space, your sub has run out ____

LASFS' TEMPORARY MEETING PLACE

by Gavin Claypool and Elayne Pelz

LASFS Returns to North Hollywood:

Starting November 2, 2017, LASFS will be holding its Thursday night meetings at 10717 Chandler Blvd. (rear), North Hollywood 91601, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The building is located between Denny Ave. and Cartwright Ave. Entrance is from the alley in back. Going east from Denny Ave. along the alley, it is the second building.

There are comfy couches for people who want to sit and talk before or after the meeting proper. There is one restroom.

We will be allowed to bring in personal food and drink - NO communal food table - but must police our own trash.

We are renting the meeting space from Null Space Labs, the local maker group. House rules: No playing with the toys! There is quite a lot of equipment in the room. Leave

it be.

Parking is available in front on Chandler Blvd. and on the west side of Denny Ave. Parking is prohibited north of the alley on the east side of Denny Ave.

P.S.: There is WiFi access at the site.

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes are supposed to be filed in the LASFS' files and can be read there - also at www.lasfs.org)

**Meeting 4163, May 25, 2017
President Nick Smith, presiding
Karl Lembke, scribbling**

President Smith commenced LASFS meeting #4163 at 8:00 pm.

Patron Saints:

This week's **Patron Saints** are **Dee Dee Lavender** and **Joyce Lloyd**.

DeeDee Lavender was active in fandom with her husband Roy, and both were members of First Fandom.

Joyce Lloyd has worked on numerous conventions and is chair of SCIFI. SCIFI is bringing World Fantasy Con back to LA in 2019.

Patron Saints DeeDee Lavender and Joyce Lloyd were given Three rousing Cheers.

The **Menace** was read: Mike Thorsen bid \$1.50 to name Menace #4162 " There is no Gozer, only Zool."

Registrar:

Registrar Marty introduced Arthur Swan, nocturnal writer, and John Cromwell, retired oceanographer. Both had heard about us from Meetup.com.

Committee Reports:

Program: CLJII -

- Next week, June 1, Nominations for president of the LASFS
- June 8 - we will elect a president and then vote on other positions
- June 15 - we will have a super-duper auction.
- June 22 – probably nothing (*but not a fanzine by Thom Digby* -ed)
- June 29 – a possible surprise, presided over by Matthew Tepper

Science Monitor: David Okamura -

- We may have warning about quakes. Funding for a warning system has been approved
- Unfortunately for Big Sur, there's been a massive landslide that's buried Highway 1. This has altered the coastline.
- Looking up, we had another space walk recently. This was to change a data relay module

that had failed. But was it the Alpha Echo 35 unit?

- Cassini Spacecraft continues its multiple dives into the close vicinity of Saturn. Juno is orbiting Jupiter, and has completed 5 orbits. It's providing interesting information and spectacular imagery.

The **Committee to Gouge** proceeded to auction off stuff.

Special Orders of Business:

- Jean Fritz, children's writer, age 101

Announcements:

Nick Smith announced the telling of the story of Nikola Tesla, in Laguna Beach this weekend at the Laguna Playhouse.

Sunday, June 4, White Fire theater, 13500 Ventura Blvd, a SF film festival. Film Invasion LA presents the first day and night of films on June 4. The two main features are independent SF films.

Blue World Order, a post bio-apocalypse picture. Go to the website for time information.

Last weekend, spoke with Will Geer theater, Theatricum Botanicum. This theater is mainly known for classical works, but this summer they're staging a musical adaptation of George Orwell's Animal Farm. They're looking forward to fans' opinion as to whether this play is more equal than others.

Hare notes Michael Moorcock, also a musician, ran a group called Deep Six. There's an article on him and Hawkwind in this month's issue of Prog.

Jerry Pournelle asked when the Tesla play was broadcast. As far as Nick knows, it was never broadcast. Jerry recalls a radio show about Tesla, but this seems to be a different work.

Joe Zeff: One reason that Moore's characterization of Bond was different was he requested it be written that way, because he wasn't sure he could do Bond as Fleming wrote him or as Sean Connery played him.

Reviews:

Milt Stevens: one Hugo nominee is a thing called Nine Fox Gambit. It starts like the Dorsai series, but it's not the same. There has been a heresy on one of the fortresses, and it needs to be dealt with. The main character comes up with a plan that involves absorbing the personality of a long dead General who was a mass murderer, but who never lost. It's quite good, and probably his favorite of the Hugo nominations so far.

David Okamura: Disney is unleashing the new Tower of Terror at California Adventure. If you didn't like the StarWars-ing of Tomorrowland, you may not feel like Mar-

vel-ing at what they're doing. The new ride is garish beyond belief. It's supposed to be more than a re-hash of the old ride, but they're combining it with six alternate scenarios chosen by computer and an animatronic Rocket Raccoon. Guardians of the Galaxy.

They're running a soft open of some of the shows. There's a children's show, similar to Trials of the Temple, but it trains agents of the Avengers. It's also quite loud.

Matthew Tepper: The comedian/writer/SF valley resident Larry Wilmore has a new podcast. This is a podcast covering more topics to things like comedy in general and science. One of the latest has an interview with Neil DeGrasse Tyson. It's called "Black on the Air".

CLJII: backing up to Disney, Rivers of America has been refilled with water and Tom Sawyer's Island is visible.

Karl Lembke: Dr Who had a plot device involving a book that everyone who read it committed suicide. This device may be familiar to those who have read the works of another obscure author, set in a tavern.

David Okamura spoke of special stuff happening at Disneyland.

Nick mentioned that there is a bash at Skywalker Ranch with a lot of the crew, model makers, as well as the higher-ups. This is in honor of the 40th anniversary of the release of Star Wars.

Tor Books has published an article on space opera that will be of considerable interest.

There was some discussion of what Space opera actually meant, and the origins of the term <fill in the blank> opera.

(I like the definition of Grand Opera as "you can do anything you want so long as you sing it." -- Karl)

Nick: Google secretly tested their Go playing computer against players around the world. The secret matches included a game against the number one player.

Google has announced their plans for Skynet. Software can build AIs better and faster than a human can. ("Anything you compute, I compute better; I compute anything better than you.")

After announcing they would be entertained, motions to adjourn were heard and acted upon, at 9:15 pm.

Meeting 4164, June 1, 2017
President Nick Smith, presiding
Kristen Gorlitz, scribbling

President Smith commenced LASFS meeting #4164 at 8:00 pm.

Patron Saints:

This week's **Patron Saint** is **Ed Baker**. Ed Baker was one of the clubs proponents of the language Esperanto. He is the main reason why club treasurers are now required to give reports in English, with numerical num-

bers, the correct currency, etc.

Patron Saint Ed Baker was given Three rousing Cheers.

The **Menace** was read. Matthew Tepper bid \$3.00 to name **Menace** #4163 "Covfefe"

Registrar:

There were no guests.

Treasurer's report - We don't have enough money, please give us some.

Program: CLJII -

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- June 15 - we will have a super-duper auction.
- June 22 – probably nothing
- June 29 – a possible surprise, presided over by Matthew Tepper, screenwriter Scotty Mullen is coming and will talk about what he is working on

Science Monitor David Okamura:

- Earthquake warning system - the Shakealert system is currently in danger because the administration has gutted the geological survey budget. But if they do cut the budget, there goes the work and money down the drain.
- The US withdrew from the Paris Climate agreement. Elon Musk followed through with quitting two advisory programs he was on. Also, his SpaceX rocket did not launch today due to weather. This was supposed to be another milestone for SpaceX because they were going to reuse a dragon capsule.
- The unusual names - LA Times came up with a couple of strange names - sea worm named after a churro. However, there is nothing to say if it tastes good deep fried with cinnamon. Also, there is a spider named after Harry Potter character Godric Gryffindor.
- Charles notes that there is a black and purple Orchid named for Bela Lugosi.

Announcements

- Film Festival this Sunday at 135000 Ventura Blvd. Films playing are Blue World Order and Tango Born Mensciency.
- Broceliande (fannish band) - performing at Pasadena Folk Music Society this Saturday night

Old Business

Joe Zeff announced that he does not consider himself eligible for president or scribe because he is hard of hearing, so please refrain from nominating him.

Nominations for President:

- Eylat nominatesd Matthew Tepper, and he accepted.

- Christian nominated Nick Smith, and he accepted.
- Joe nominated Scratch, who declined.

We will recess nominations until next week.

Reviews:

David Okamura - he went to see the new Guardians of the Galaxy ride at the site of the old Tower of Terror ride at California (mis)Adventure. He had low expectations, however, he was pleasantly surprised. Only one section remains un-upgraded, but it's very good. Did a good job doing a storyline. He was never comfortable with the idea of Tower of Terror because it was licensed outside of Disney. But the animated Rocket raccoon is pretty amazing. David recommends it, but go only after the crowds have dissipated.

CLJII - there is a clip on several news reports with a person who was wearing groot arms and didn't know what the ride was about, and then when the elevator dropped, he was very surprised.

Milt - Hugo nominated *A Closed and Common Orbit* by Becky Chambers. Her aliens are friendly down-home aliens, all sentients enjoy a party and dancing, even if they didn't do it originally. 2 sections of the novel: one is a couple who are harboring a ship's AI that is in a human like body, the other is a couple raising pepper and blue, artificial people. Pepper meets a ship's AI in the junkyard and the AI sort of becomes her parent. Eventually the two storylines come together. He likes it.

Nick - received a book that he backed on Kickstarter - The Boston Metaphysical Society, a graphic novel where the creator is doing interesting multi-media stuff. She has also released a novel. The good guys are not exactly who you would expect to be the good guys. Excellent steam punk, and has one of the most unusual form of aerial combat. Fun stuff.

CLJII - over the weekend, his 22nd book came out. Science Fiction Musical Western is his highest selling book.

Nick - went to LA zine fest over the weekend. Fans needs to pay attention to this. Many of the zines are fannish in nature. The people overlap with comics fandom and not the science fiction fandom, but we have a lot in common and they are doing a lot of cool stuff.

Nick - Pasadena Museum of History will have a museum exhibit between the interactions between science and science fiction. One of the plans for the exhibit will be to do some oral history recordings. If this happens, we, LASFS, would be one of the repositories of the results.

Marsha moved to escape.

After announcing we could escape, motions to adjourn were heard and acted upon, at 9:09 pm.

Meeting 4165, June 8, 2017 President Nick Smith, presiding Karl Lembke, scribbling

President Smith commenced LASFS meeting #4165 at 7:47 pm.

Patron Saints:

This week's **Patron Saints** are **Jim Glass** and **Michael Bloom**.

Jim Glass is a former LASFS Librarian and an Evans Freehafer recipient.

Michael Bloom is a member whose health has prevented him from appearing at meetings of late.

Patron Saints Jim Glass and Michael Bloom were given Three rousing Cheers.

Menace:

The **Menace** was read:

David Okamura bid \$4 to name menace #4164 "Guardians of the Galaxy, good to the last drawwwwwwwwwp!"

It is now 8 pm, which was the earliest we were going to do any election stuff.

CLJII rose to explain what we're doing.

Old Business:

Last week's Nominations for President were

- Eylat nominated Matthew Tepper, and he accepted.
- Christian nominated Nick Smith, and he accepted.
- Joe nominated Scratch, who declined.

Matthew Tepper made his sanity roll and withdrew.

Marcia Minsky accepted Marty Cantor's nomination.

The choice of ballot to use was sold to John DeChancie for \$4. He chose the Lavender Blue Dilly Dilly (#00CCFF) one.

Nick Smith was re-elected President.

Nominations for Vice President were opened.

Matthew Tepper accepted the nomination.

Gavin Claypool also accepted nomination.

Marcia Minsky chose the Safety Orange (#00FF00) ballot.

Matthew Tepper was elected Vice President

Treasurer is elected in June and serves for a full year.

Elayne and Michelle accepted nomination.

There being no other candidates running, they were railroaded.

Michelle bid \$4 to select the currency (\$FF00CC) colored ballot to turn back.

Registrar:

Marty Cantor was nominated and accepted.

Railroading again.

Barbara Harmon bid \$4 to return the schoolbus yellow

(#EE88FF) ballot.

Scribe:

Karl Lembke was nominated and enthusiastically accepted.

The tag team of Karl and Kristen was nominated.

Nick Smith bid \$6 to select the yellow journalism (#FFFF00) ballot.

We had a small auction, including some officially blank items which were sold to high bidders.

Registrar:

There were no guests to register.

Committee Reports

Program: CLJII -

- June 15 - we will have a super-duper auction.
- June 22 – No program – recover from the auction
- June 29 – a possible surprise, presided over by Matthew Tepper, screenwriter Scotty Mullen is coming and will talk about what he is working on. He comes recommended by S.P.Hendrix

It costs us a lot of money to store our stuff. If you have fundraising ideas, tell them to Elayne. Or send money. (Or both!)

Science Monitor David Okamura:

- None of us are as young as we thought we were. The oldest known H sapiens fossils were only 190,000 years old. Now they've found fossils in Morocco dating back 300,000 years. They look a lot like Hope and Crosby. Debra notes - they are suggesting that humans might not have evolved where we thought we did
- Space-X has launched their re-usable Dragon capsule and landed their launcher. They will be launching the X-37-B satellite.
- Virgin Galactic has successfully tested their space ship.
- The Stratolaunch has been rolled out.
- A few months ago, some mountain lion kittens were noted. They are now pining for the fjords.
- The swallows are returning to San Juan Capistrano. The church where they nest was undergoing renovation. They're using fake nests and recorded swallow calls to lure them back, and thereby hangs a swallow tale.

We may have lost a local author, Louis Charbonneau. We need to check. [Science Fiction Encyclopedia posts May 11 as his date of death. -- KL] He was a panelist at Loscon and a regular at the paperback show. He was one of the first to write a computer disaster SF story.

Announcements

Nebula awards were announced recently.

- Best novel was *All the Birds in the Sky*.
- Best novella is *Every Heart a Doorway*,
- Best short story *Seasons of Glass and Iron*

CLJII was at Disneyland yesterday, with his birthday button. He rode Alice in Wonderland, and since it wasn't the exact day of his birthday, so he survived the Unbirthday party.

The Star Tours ride was interrupted by Imperial officers looking for a rebel spy. They were showing a picture of the miscreant. The picture was the Emperor.

Of all people to spy on the Empire... [It would make it a lot easier. -- KL]

Michelle has an answer from Kristen. We have a legitimate tag team.

It being late, and chairs needing to be put away, motions to adjourn were entertained and acted upon at 9:02 pm.

Meeting 4166, June 15, 2017 President Nick Smith, presiding Kristen Gorlitz, scribbling

President Smith commenced LASFS meeting #4166 at 7:54 pm.

Patron Saints:

This week's **Patron Saints** are **Sandy Cohen** (our Chancellor of Chocolate) and **Hare Hobbs**.

Patron Saints Sandy Cohen and **Hare Hobbs** were each given Three rousing Cheers.

Menace:

The **Menace** was read: Michelle bid \$5.50 to name the menace "The redundancy of the officers."

Registrar:

The registrar announced guests.

Emmett Krantz - found us on Meetup.com, his area of interest is Dr. Who, Star Trek, and Larry Niven.

Daniel Roy Greenfeld- Lives in Woodland Hills, he heard about us in the 1980s and it sounded like fun to visit. (*Emulating a snail, was he.* - ed)

Audrey Roy Greenfeld - learned about LASFS from the internet. Likes fantasy and pretty much anything else. Writer and programmer.

Committee Reports:

Program: -

- June 22 – No program – recover from the auction
- June 29 – a possible surprise, presided over by Matthew Tepper, screenwriter Scotty Mullen is coming and will talk about what he is working on. He comes recommended by S.P.Hendrix

The **Committee to Gouge** held a large auction.

Science Monitor David Okamura:

- Jim Stewart, a pioneering diving instructor at Scripps institute of oceanography, has passed.
- The George was renamed Enterprise, the first enterprise, in fact, the navy retroactively commissioned it as USS Enterprise. The first commander of the Enterprise is an army officer, Colonel Benedict Arnold.

Special Orders of Business:

We lost:

- Engineer France Road passed at age 83. Worked for Hewlett Packard, created the HP 35, the first pocket calculator.
- Charles Thacker at age 74. Helped invent the ethernet form of local area networks. Also worked on laser printers and the Microsoft tablet PC.

Announcements:

This weekend is opening weekend for George Orwell's Animal Farm, the musical edition.
Art Directors Guild are opening a new exhibit at 5108 Lankershim, opens Saturday at 5:00pm, scenic art, painting through time. Will run until August 5th, but this Saturday will include a book signing.

It being late, and chairs needing to be put away, motions to put away the chairs and adjourn were entertained and acted upon at 9:12 pm.

Meeting 4167, June 22, 2017

**Vice President Matthew Tepper, presiding
Karl Lembke, scribbling**

"Please state the nature of your meeting," said Emergency Holographic Vice President Tepper as he dragged LASFS meeting #4167 to order at 8:00 pm.

Patron Saints:

This week's **Patron Saints** are **Ted Johnstone** and **David McDaniel**.

This week's saint is a close friend of Matthew Tepper, and is, alas no more.

Patron Saints Ted Johnstone and **David McDaniel** were given Three rousing Cheers.

Menace:

The **Menace** was read, and President Smith appeared halfway through this reading. Debra Levin bid \$1 to name the menace "Here's a dollar."

Registrar

The registrar announced a distinct lack of guests.

Committee Reports

Program: -

- June 22 – No program – recover from the auction
- June 29 – a possible surprise, presided over by

Matthew Tepper. screenwriter Scotty Mullen is coming and will talk about what he is working on. He comes recommended by S.P.Hendrick

- July 13 is the Big Fat Auction

Matthew Tepper, CRAB, reported on an area bookstore. Bookmonster opened in Downtown Santa Monica. Unfortunately, the traffic puts the SM in Santa Monica. This is a used book store with some new books, organized by topic and sort of disorganized within each topic. The SF section was a couple of book cases, rather haphazard. Ultimately, don't know what to make of the store. The store is catalogued, and the catalog is on computers throughout the store, but the updating is a bit slow. Query: Is this possibly a stealth Amazon project?

The **Committee to Gouge** held a small auction. The first item auctioned off was The Wizard of Oz Cookbook (To Serve Munchkin).

Science Monitor David Okamura:

- There was an alert of a quake off of Santa Monica. It was a clerical error, updating a quake that happened 100 years ago. I guess it was a Y2K error.
- There's been an issue with some of the denizens of the deep. Young great white sharks have been sighted off our beaches. They're small, and not likely to bite people unless they get really hungry. Some tourist boats have been dumping chum into the water. This is what they call "appetizers."
- Space-X is about to launch a rocket from Cape Canaveral on Friday, to put up the first Bulgarian communications satellite. At Vandenberg on Sunday, another Space-X Falcon is due to launch. The Bulgarian launch is the second used booster launch. (Both went off perfectly.)

We lost .

- Science fiction writer John Robert Jones. None of his writings were under his real name, he wrote under John Dalmas. The other John Dalmas was a Raymond Chandler character, and the inspiration for Jones. He used to visit LASFS when he lived in Los Angeles.
- Rodney Leighton, fan, from complications from heart surgery.

Announcements:

Saturday, Pasadena Library has the Octavia Butler celebration. 11 am to 5 pm (he said am but I think this was a speak-o -- Karl)

Next weekend, July 1-2, The Long Beach Pirate Invasion and Mermaid Festival. Shore Line Aquatic Park. Admission free, just buy lots of stuff once you're in. Parking is another matter.

July 1 is the beginning of the Colonial Faire, a couple of centuries later than the Renaissance Faire. Oak Glen, which is east of Redlands.

Reviews:

David Okamura reviewed something at Knotts Berr

Lafa
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, November 18, 2017, 7 PM
Pre-filk dinner at 5 pm. see notes
The House of Perpetual Commotion
Hosts: John, Mary, Devon and Richard Creasey
3754 W. 170th Street, Torrance, CA
(310) 329-6772

**Pre-filk dinner: 5 pm, KO-RYU RAMEN GRILL
(formerly Golden Camel)**
21006 Hawthorne Blvd. Torrance, CA, 1/2 block North of
Torrance Blvd., on the East of Hawthorne in a strip mall
Call the Creaseys to reserve -- three days before, please!

TYPE OF CIRCLE: Moderated Chaos: Mary and/or Devon
will be Demighod.

Notes:

1. Much crash space available; call to reserve yours; bring sleeping gear in case we run out of beds.
2. Children welcomed on good behavior.
3. Bring all of your usual filk stuff.
4. **NO SMOKING indoors PLEASE!**
5. There is a piano, it's playable but very old and tuned a hair under 440.
6. There be computers here (PC clones). **THEY WILL BE IN HIBERNATION** for the night except for song archiving. 'Tis a filksing, not a bytebash.
7. There is a copier available; slight cost to cover supplies.
8. The last survivors will be conscripted into cleaning up the remains.
9. Random Factors will be open for business.
10. There are no pets with more than four legs.

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

Farm. They pulled the old mannikins out of the buildings and populated them with live town folk. It's called Ghost Town Alive. Also, because of the ongoing story lines, kids can look for clues to wrap up the ongoing mystery. It all wraps up in the hoe-down at the end of the day. In the evening, 8:45, is the Circus of Wonders. They bring it in by the Calico Railroad. It's well worth seeing, and Knott's is never as crowded as Disneyland. And the food is better.

Milt reviewed a novel by Beckie Chambers, *A Closed and Common Orbit*. He liked it so well he read her first novel, *A Long Way to a Small Angry Planet*. She may have been influenced by Larry Niven. There's rishathra, which makes him **really** suspect a Larry Niven er... cross fertilization.

Nick: *Dusk or Dark or Dawn or Day* is a ghost story turned inside-out. The ghosts have nothing to do with the problem, they are victims of the problems. One ghost is a landlady with both living and dead tenants. Another ghost volunteers at a suicide hotline. There are also

ghosts you might not consider, like the ghost of a tree that shows up from time to time. And then there are witches with various specialties.

CLJII is reading a screenplay, for a film called *Wolfman vs Dracula*, by Bernard Schubert. It's quite entertaining. It had a weak ending, and turned out to be a sequel to *House of Frankenstein*.

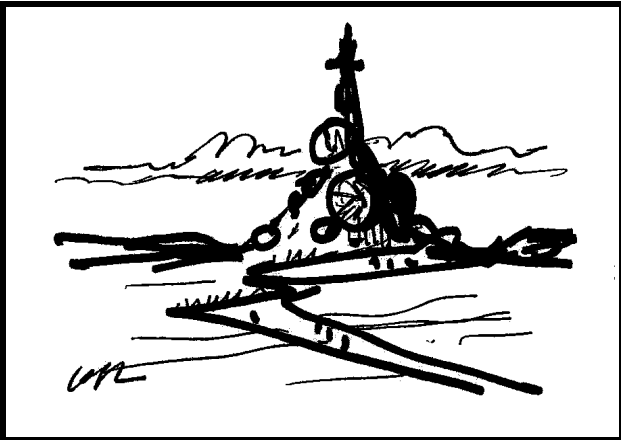
The Sun and the Moon, about a newspaper hoax in the 1800s, claiming life had been found on the moon. Fascinating read, it goes a lot into the history of journalism and the history of New York.

Hare: A friend of his in real estate says a corporation known to be a shell for Disney has bought up a lot of land outside of where the Star Wars land will be. Another expansion? David Okamura thinks it's for support buildings.

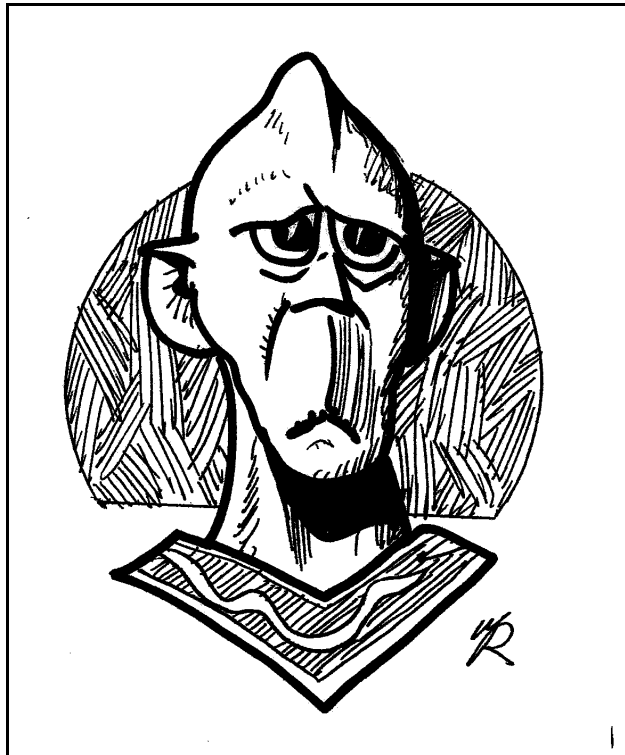
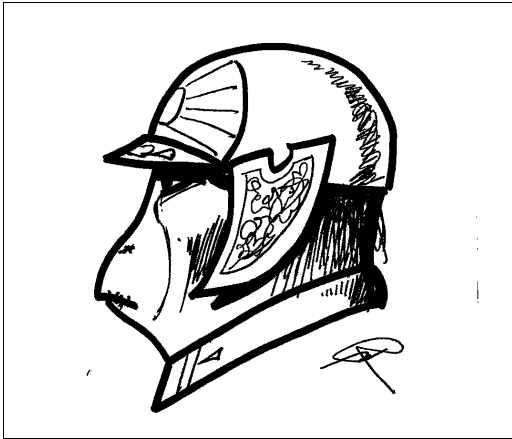
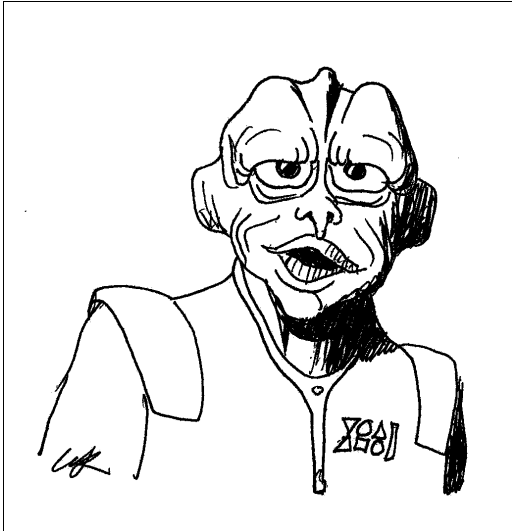
One member who attends gaming night works for Disney Social Media. *Marvel Black Panther* trailer is way outdistancing *Cars 3* in Social Media. It also looks good in the trailer, so it has a lot of promise.

It being late, and chairs needing to be put away, motions to put away the chairs and adjourn were entertained and acted upon 9:03 pm.

**Board of Directors Meeting
September 10, 2017
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Marty Cantor, Secretary**
*(There was no BoD meeting in October
so the September BoD meeting
in November will accept/correct
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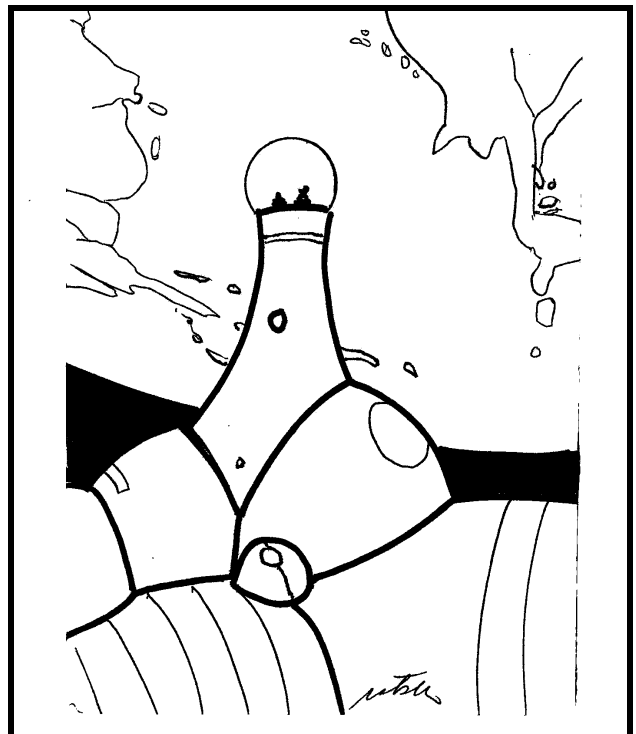
The board gaming Meetup which had been meeting at LASFS on Friday Nights has moved to a temporary venue, a game store in Sherman Oaks.

Paper Hero's Games is at 14109 Burbank Blvd., Sherman Oaks, 91401. The shop is in the interior juncture of an L-shaped strip mall on the Northwest corner of the intersection of Hazeltine and Burbank.

Our new hours are 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

We hope to see our regular gamers at that venue.

We shall move our gaming back to LASFS when the club moves into permanent quarters.



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