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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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MATHOM CONTROL PARTY

March 30, 2002

9:00 am - ???

This will be a *real* party, with munchies, conversation, and all of that good stuff.

But there will be a lot of *real and serious work* to be accomplished on this day.

The intent is to move out a lot of stuff - at least enough of it so that there will be some room in the clubhouse for our members.

If anybody has any items in the clubhouse which they do not want to disappear at this party they should make them disappear before this party.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE - DO NOT BRING INTO THE CLUB ANY MATERIAL TO BE AUCTIONED 'TWTXT NOW AND MARCH 30.

THANK YOU

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THE L.A. TIMES "FESTIVAL OF BOOKS" IS APRIL 27-28

March 2002

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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society

TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment.

BOD = Board of Directors

2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming

Cinema Anime = Japanimation

CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation

Work Party = Varies with what needs doing

FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm

FUCC = Fandom Universal Computer Club

TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club

CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever

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

Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends

CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm

Work Party - 9:00 am

FUCC - Evening

TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am

ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm

FWEMS - "March or Die" - murder mysteries

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

MARCH 7- Tom Hatten

MARCH 14- Wil Wheaton

MARCH 21 - No Program

MARCH 28- No Program

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

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

SO-LA-LA CON: LA-LA CON #8

(THE Con for Follow "FA")
The 8th Annual Relaxacon at the
clubhouse.

May 4-5, 2002

SOUTH OF ANY BORDER

Pre-Registration - \$14.92
At the Door - \$20.02
Sunday Banquet - \$6.00

Chili Cook-off Luncheon
Galactic Ice Cream Social:
(Hosted by the Time Meddlers
of Los Angeles)
Panels
Video Programming

Writer GOH: Victor Koman
Artist GOH: Allison Hershey
Fan GOH: Eric Hoffman

Meeting #3360, January 3, 2002
Ed Green, presiding
Karl Lemke, Scribe

Pondering Bob Null's latest gavel-cum-Rorschach test, LASFS President Ed Green gave voice to the question weighing heavily on every mind in the room: "Is it nine o'clock yet?" Since it wasn't, a way to waste time was needed. Ever resourceful, Ed found one. The meeting was called to order at 20:10:40. After the meeting was opened, Ed had an announcement. Outgoing officers Mike Glyer, Mona Martinez, and Michael Molisani were bid a fond adieu, or a cheezy fondue, whichever they prefer.

Special Order of Business: We have lost Jack Haldeman II, the brother of Joe Haldeman.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "2001-tanx for the memories."

The **Registrar** introduced two guests, April Yates and Heidi Nichols, guest of Dan Spicak.

Patron Saints. Dan Alderson was honored. Charlie Jackson, II stated that if we ever go to other planets, it will be primarily because of the

software he wrote.. Hare Hobbs and Joe Zeff mentioned that not only has his software guided every American space craft that's ventured past the orbit of the Moon, a pirated copy has also guided every Soviet space craft that went past the Moon.

Sandy Cohen notes that he's immortalized by a very accurate portrayal in "Lucifer's Hammer." Joe Zeff says he can be found trapped between the hoarders and wasters in Larry Niven and Pournelle's "Inferno." Ed Green states that he's a primary character in "The Utopia Affair" by David McDaniel. He appears as a character who writes computer programs. He was also a gentle soul.

Charlie Jackson II states that a lasting memorial to Dan Alderson lives in the pages of Amazing Adventures, in the form of Dan'l Saur. Marty Cantor states the the Alderson Drive, featured in Jerry Pournelle's books, is in honor of him. He also kept the records for APA-L (*and LASFAPA-ed.*) until computers came along (and it took a computer to take over his job). He is also responsible for the voting procedure used by the club to this day.

He is, alas, one of our "metabolically challenged" members, and is missed by all who knew him. He was given three cheers, and weep! wail!

Next order of business was to think of nice things to say about **Patron Saint Joe Zeff**. Christian McGuire notes that for many years, he kept Dan Alderson company, kept him in touch with the fannish community during his illness, and kept the community in touch with him. Francis Hamit states that he has a good heart. Sandy Cohen states that he keeps it in a freezer somewhere.

Christian stated that Joe has succeeded in making a name for himself. Ed Green called him a fixture of the club - a steady and reliable member who has pitched in for many years. (*But don't fixtures have "off" switches? - ed.*)

Jerry Pournelle intoned, "Would that mine enemy write a book - and he did!" He'll be saying some things about it in his column. In addition, he notes that he's never had a problem with Earthlink that couldn't be resolved by either Joe Zeff or Skye Dayton. Marty Cantor says Joe did a good job of installing Earthlink on his computer. (*Hay! How many ISP senior techs make house calls? - ed.*)

Patron Saint Joe Zeff was given three cheers and a Union Civil War General.

The **Registrar** announced a couple more guests: Grant Deyoe and David Jennings.

We had no business, old or new.

Committee Reports: Liz Mortensen announced that since it's now 2002, an instruction sheet on how to pay annual and lifetime dues is available. It's on the Lizdesk.

Time Bund Announcements: Bruce Pelz notes that the club has received a donation from an odd source. The worldcon committee published a book for GOH James White. Included in the book was Gary Louie's research on the Sector General universe. This book is being translated into Russian, and a \$25 royalty check was sent to Gary's estate. The estate has donated this sum to the club. (Sacred Object, here

we come!)

Francis Hamit was at Iliad Books the other day, and happened to mention that he was a LASFS member. The owner handed him a book, saying, "here, take them back this." "This" was a volume of Galaxy Magazine from the LASFS library, from a time before we had started keeping the records we keep now. It was in excellent shape. The Scribe was directed to prepare a letter of thanks for the owner of the shop.

Fannish Committee Reports: Joe Zeff observes that the Dilbert web site has lists. One is a list of the best ways to convince your boss that you're indispensable. One of the best ways is to name your cubicle "dispensable."

The first meeting of the year 2002 ground to a halt at 21:29:01.

Meeting #3361, January 10, 2002

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lembke

"What am I bid for the right to select the gavel to use?" asked President Green, pondering the array of blunt instruments before him. Bids were offered by many instruments in the club, some blunter than others. Eventually, Hare Hobbs won the right to select the newly re-finished gavel he had brought. "Nice heft," remarked the President, as he gaveled Meeting #3361 into order at 20:13:19. The **Menace** were read and approved as "a club sandwich," a designation which seems to have gone a-rye.

The **Registrar** introduced Joshua T, and Theodore Schinder, from the L. A. Weekly. (Never read the Menace to people who buy ink by the barrel.)

Patron Saint. **Bruce Pelz** was honored, mostly in absentia. The first comment about him was, "he's smart enough to not come in the room!" He was also noted as having shepherded the building fund for many years. Marty Cantor called him the club's institutional memory. (Better, I suppose, than being an institutionalized memory.) He knows more about fandom than most of the rest of the club members put together.

Hare Hobbs described him as the club's Number One pusher of books. "And the first one's not even free!" observed Cathy Beckstead. Kay Shapiro said he brought her into the LASFS, and that they share an interest - filking.

Christian McGuire said he is a past LOSCON chair, and is a future Westercon and Worldcon chair. He's been fan GOH at many cons, and is an official "Suh" - Kentucky Colonel. He will also, with reasonable patience, answer your stupid questions, and then patiently tell you why they're stupid. He holds the record of the longest uninterrupted service on the Board of Directors. (N.B., the record for the longest uninterrupted committee report is held by someone else.)

Joe Zeff relates that at one convention, there was a group who wanted to play a poker game. Bruce set up a card table and four chairs in an elevator. The four players then rode up and down the hotel, with people coming in, riding from one floor to another, and kibitzing. Fred Patten notes that he started APA-L and WOOF, and welcomed him into LASFS as well.

Ed Green says he brings a complete slate of talent to SF, including a gift for strategic planning, and we're lucky to have him with us. Val stated that he understands what it means to love reading. Marty Cantor called him a Renaissance Man of Fandom. He is a costumer, and has been active in many areas of fandom. He was given three cheers and more stickers on his trunk.

An **auction** took place, featuring among other items, an officially blank videotape. The title, before it was erased, was "Euro Angels." (I guess last year, the title was "Drachma Angels?")

We had no old business.

We did have some new business.

In light of these irrefutable facts:

a) A broken piano occupies a great deal of useful space in the clubhouse

b) the person charged with repairing said piano with club money has done nothing to fix it

c) Not one member of the club who thought having a piano was a swell idea, has sounded out about not being able to play the broken piano when they wanted

d) Until today, not one member has raised the issue of this piano not being repaired

e) Nor has any other member stood up and said, "I volunteer to take responsibility for getting the piano repaired, though not one member has tried to play it, and the club has ignored it for over 6 months."

f) That the person who donated this piano now accepts that the club will never repair nor use it and is perfectly willing to see it donated where it might benefit someone or persons who care

We, the undersigned, move that the broken, unfixed, ignored piano be taken to an appropriate site where it will be accepted for donation and used for the betterment of mankind. And that Christian B. McGuire has accepted responsibility for making it go away in the next 45 days or fewer.

Signed by the requisite 15 people.

There was almost no discussion, and the motion carried by voice vote. President Green will impanel a committee to make the music die, and Christian will "Holly" it away.

Committee Reports. Treasurer Liz Mortensen announced that yearly dues are being accepted now.

Bill Ellem reported that a meeting of the by-laws committee took place the previous Sunday, the 6th.

Christian has adopted for himself the title of "The Blue Meanie," because he's taking the music away.

The **Registrar** took the opportunity to announce one more guest.

Fannish Committee Reports: Matthew Tepper reported on the use of food as a defensive weapon. During a robbery at a Berlin grocery store,

a 71-year-old employee hurled a can of sauerkraut at one of the robbers, catching him on the head. The robber dropped his gun and left in haste, done in by an angry Kraut.

George Mulligan noted that according to a sign at the Inglewood Courthouse, weapons may be carried into the building only by "duly authorized peach officers." (Well, we do call them the "fuzz.")

Ed Green notes that 30 patients were notified by a London hospital that they were pregnant. All 30 of these patients were surprised by the news, since they were all in their seventies, and male. (*Ed is our resident expert on male pregnancy. - ed.*) After a pregnant pause, we moved on to . . .

The meeting ended at 21:14:21.

Meeting #3362, January 17, 2002
Ed Green, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

The 3362nd meeting of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society was wheeled to order by a very loud gavel at 20:13:21.

Special Order of Business: Comix artist John Buscena, Prozone editor Sele Goldsmith, and fan Stan Woolston have died. Stan Woolston was the last of the letterpress fan printers, and did a lot of work for N3F. They were honored with a long moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "the vinyl word on last week's meeting."

The **Registrar** introduced Lisa, Dana, and Gene. Welcome!

Patron Saint Jeff Siegel was honored. Jerry Poupelle stated that he is Alex's best friend from childhood, and is the only Air Force Academy graduate club member. He was in OSI for a while, and worked as a code breaker. He is now a Methodist minister. At some point in the past, he gave us money. Three cheers!

Committee Reports: At the last Board meeting, new officers were elected. Thanks to outgoing chairman Bill Ellem, and welcome to Karl Lembke, incoming chairman. (Also, welcome Michael Mason, new vice chair.) Bill Ellem extended his thanks to the board for not saddling him with another term as chair.

Fannish Committee Reports: Marty Cantor stated that some ancient fannish history is being given away, free, to a good home. The piece of history is a mimeograph machine and an electrostenciler, and associated supplies. (*The result of this is that all of the items are going to other homes and nothing is going into the dumpster. Yay! - ed.*)

The meeting ended at 21:12:58.

Meeting #3363, January 24, 2002
Ed Green, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

"Remind me again why we're here?" Unfortunately, the early senility excuse didn't fly, so President Green was left with no other choice but to

gavel into order meeting number 3363, at 20:10:00.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "niggled at."

The **Registrar** introduced five guests: Patricia Stahowski, Terry Laurette, Michael Wilson, Justin Bell, and Kedrin Nicholson. Welcome!

Patron Saint Rick Sneary was honored. He was a friend of Len Moffatt and of Stan Woolston. He helped a lot with the club, and kept it going. He has served as Director (what we used to call the President), and was one of the outstanding treasurers, keeping meticulous records. He was adept at running meetings, and one of his signature lines was, "No more than two at a time!" This line invariably brought silence to the meetings for the few minutes it took everyone to figure out which two were allowed to speak at any given time. Fortunately we're allowed more than two cheers at a time, because Rick Sneary got three of them.

Patron Saint Gail Selinger, a known associate of Frank Gasperik, was honored. She is a published author of romance novels, and is a nice person with a big heart. CLJII pointed out that she has excellent taste in authors, and like s the work of Niven, Poupelle, and someone over in this corner.

After an auction, it was revealed that we had no old business, and one item of new business. It was moved that . . .

"The LASFS adopt the lemon as its official fruit since we produce so many of them."

A motion to table for 25 years was countered with a motion to table the motion to table. A complaint that this was against Robert's Rules evoked the response we don't use Robert's Rules. Actually we do, but not in the way Robert intended. Eventually, the question was called, and the grapefruits carried the day. The lemon is now the official fruit of LASFS. The position of official nut remains available. (*There are MANY prospective candidates. - ed.*)

Committee Reports: Blue Meanie Christian McGuire stated that the person who had offered to maybe take the piano has been told that his wife would kill him if he did. An alternate recipient is being contacted. Also, lemons were pulled off the lemon tree over the weekend. Help yourself to the bounty on the side table. (*Helping yourself to the lemons sitting on the chairs might be considered dangerous - they just might go with you. - ed.*)

SoLaLaCon co-chair Scott Beckstead announced the convention taking place May 4 and 5. Admission is \$14.92 in advance, \$20.02 at the door. The banquet is \$6. We have guests.

Work Party: Bill Ellem invited all and sundry to show up at a

MAGIC
The Gathering

Tournaments
held at LASFS
First Friday
every month

Contact for Magic The
Gathering:
Drew Sanders,
mailto:
Drew_Sanders@hotmail.
com

LAFAs

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

LAFAs Filksing -

Saturday, March 9, 2002
at 3 PM

House of the Prancing Skiltaire

Hosts: Mark Merlino & Rod O'Riley
13412 Gilbert, Garden Grove, CA
92644

714/539-6547

Dinner break (hosted burrito bar) at 6-7 PM
DINNER

Do-it-yourself burritos, ingredients
provided. 7 pm at the filksite

This will be a combined 'jam' with The
Living Tradition, formerly known
as the Orange County Folk Music Society.

The afternoon will be mostly
folk-oriented, then we'll switch to a more
filkish slant after dinner.

People enjoyed this format when we tried it
last year.

DIRECTIONS: See Thomas Bros.
Orange Co., page 798, C-7 (1992
edition); page 15, grid E-5 (older
editions).

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

work party Saturday to work on the landscaping around the club. He also pointed out that LASFS needed a handyman. "I pay people to do that kind of stuff for me," stated Matthew Tepper. "Well then come and bring your checkbook!" was the response.

Reviews: Jerry Poupelle recommends "A Beautiful Mind," but points out that there are significant differences between the movie and reality. We're all shocked, shocked I tell you, to hear that the movies take liberties with events. Hare enjoyed "Blackhawk Down," even though there was basically no plot. Jerry Poupelle gave his account of why the plot was omitted.

activity in the club, and was responsible for starting some of them. He was given three cheers.

Committee Reports:

Marketing: Casey declared victory over the shrubbery. There will be another work party in a month. "We have nothing to offer but twigs, lemons, and tears," intoned Jerry Poupelle.

Librarian Michael Mason announced that 80 books have been added to the stacks.

Book Fair: Casey announced that the committee met, and found that there were lots of opportunities for people to volunteer. This week's meeting will be to discuss Loscon 29.

Ed Green announced that there will be a mathom control party on March 30.

Time Bound Announcements: John De Chancie has a new book out, a "Witchblade" novel.

Jerry Poupelle thanked Bill Ellem for demonstrating the truth of the adage, it's exhilarating to be shot at without effect.

Miscellaneous: Scratch Galloway announced that, "I like Hamit, but he's as slow as molasses in winter." How slow is he in summer?

And having slowly arrived at the end of the meeting, we adjourned at 21:08:18.

FANZINES

By Ted White

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

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

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

NONSTOP FUN IS HARD ON THE HEART #5 (Dwain Kaiser, P.O.Box 1074, Claremont, CA 91711; e-mail to dgkaiser@hotmail.com; available for "the usual" – trades, contributions or letters of comment – but send the guy a buck for his postage when making an initial query)

Nonstop Fun is a good journeyman fanzine. Once upon a

Miscellaneous: Mathom clean-up will take place March 30. Any stuff that you want to ensure is not thrown away must be attend to by then.

The meeting ended at 21:18:51.

Meeting #3364, January 31, 2002

Ed Green, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

The gavel, another fine piece of Soviet engineering, was used to call the meeting into some semblance of Pravda at 20:14:10.

There were **Special Orders of Business**. Astrid Lindgrin, author of the Pippi Longstocking adventures, has died. Carl Mork, member of PorSFS, died at age 45. LASFS member Joan Stewart's mother died early this week. For those who have been concerned at how short this section of the Menace has been, **stop helping!**

The **Menace** were read and approved as "Shocked, I tell you, Shocked!"

The **Registrar** introduced Sean Cashman and Epharaim.

Patron Saint Mike Luwish, who gave money to make himself and his father Patron Saints, was given three cheers, and "Funny, he doesn't look Luwish."

Patron Saint Gary Louie, who died far too soon in February of 1997, was honored. He was clever, fun, a good friend, and a good listener. He had this thing about Legos. He was quiet, so people seldom realized how much he was doing behind the scenes. He was into just about every

time, fandom was full of good journeyman fanzines – one or more could be counted upon to arrive in the mail weekly, if not more often. These days such fanzines are rare and to be prized.

They're also a good place for newcomers to fanzines to get their toes wet. They won't overwhelm you or intimidate you with their brilliance; they're more likely to make you feel like this is something you can do and want to do too. They are easy to participate in.

The fifth *Nonstop Fun* runs a solid 52 pages of readably large computer-set type mimeographed impeccably by the LASFS superGestetner on a light turquoise paper. There are a few color-printed pieces (art and photos) and most of fandom's best artists are well-represented in these pages but the late William (Bill) Rotsler gets the place of honor: in addition to a generous helping of his art throughout the zine, Rotsler is remembered appreciatively by Earl Kemp in the centerpiece article, "Just My Bill, An Ordinary Guy." Several of Rotsler's short written pieces are also reprinted.

The issue opens with a photo tribute to the late Jack Harness. In his editorial Kaiser talks about a "mini-vacation" in nearby Nevada – and illustrates it with a color photo of himself on a jet ski. Following the "Rotsler section" there are a couple of pages of filk lyrics – "This Old Fan" and "Talking LASFS Blues." Then there's Jim Schumacher's "The Good Ol' Daze," about Los Angeles fandom in the late '60s – in which Rotsler also figures prominently, "Las Vegas Adventures 2001" by Lyn Pederson, "The ValSFA Chronicles," a story by John Welsh, and 17 pages of letters by fans whose names will be increasingly familiar to you as you read the fanzines I've reviewed here in the past year.

There are hundreds, if not thousands, of fans out there in Greater Fandom now. But the number of fans who are active in fanzines is much smaller – between 500 and 1,000 worldwide. And of those fans perhaps 200 are regularly active in English-language fanzines. Thus the same 20 or 30 names will crop up over and over in the letter columns of various fanzines, and fairly quickly they become easily identifiable individual voices, people you begin to think you know (at least a little) and with whom you want to discuss various topics. And that's what fanzines are really about: unambitious venues for discussions, essays, arguments and conversations. Sound interesting? Get a copy of *Nonstop Fun*.

—Ted White

ZINES RECEIVED IN TRADE

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

club zines: *EINBLATT!* February 2002 (MinnStf). *PULSAR #278* (PorSFis). *MINICON 37 PR2* (MinnStf). *PSFS News Feb. 2002* (PSFS). *DASFAx Vol. 33, #5 (May 2001) & Vol. 34, #2 (Feb. 2002)* (DASFA). *INSTANT MESSAGE #697* (NESFA).

other zines: *CHALLENGER 13*

NEW BOOKS

(This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them. Here are some of the newest additions.)

Donated by Anon.

Horrors of the Dancing Gods by Jack L. Chalker. *Beyond the High Road* by Troy Denner. *Black Swan* by Mercedes Lackey. *Parafaith War* by L.E. Modessit, Jr. *Wind in the Stone* by Andre Norton. *Beneath the Vaulted Hills* by Sean Russell. *Caverns of Socrates* by Dennis L. McKeiman. *Touched by the Gods* by Lawrence Watt-Evans. *Nightseer* by Laurell K. Hamilton. *The White Mists of Power* by Kristine Kathryn Rusch. *Heroes Die* by Matthew Woodring Stover. *Nightfeeder* by Judith & Garfield Reeves-Stevens. *Bloodrights* by N. Lee Wood. *Spirit of the Wind* by Chris Pierson. *Infinity's Shore* by David Brin. *The Empire Stone* by Chris Bunch. *The Seer King* by Chris Bunch. *Anvil* by Nicholas Van Pallandt. *Legacy of Steel* by Mary H. Herbert. *The Oath of Stonekeep* by Troy Denning. *Reave the Just and Other Tales* by Stephen R. Donaldson. *Descent into the Depths of the Earth* by Paul Kidd. *The Eyes of Darkness* by Dean Koontz. *The Nine Gates* by Phillip Brugalette. *Two Crowns for America* by Katherine Kurtz. *Emergence* by Peter S. Hamilton. *Brothers' War* by Jeff Grubb. *A King Beneath the Mountain* by Robert N. Charrette. *A Prince Among Men* by Robert N. Charrette. *Inhuman Beings* by Jerry Jay Carroll. *Arena* by William R. Fortschen. *The Dying Light* by Sean Williams & Shane Dix. *The Death of the Necromancer* by Martha Wells. *The Dig* by Alan Dean Foster. *Eternal Warriors* by Theodore Beale. *Beyond the Gate* by Dave Wolverton. *The Still* by David Teintuch. *Monkey Sonatas* by Orson Scott Card. *Cruel Miracles* by Orson Scott Card. *Pastwatch* by Orson Scott Card. *Frost* by Mark A. Garland & Charles G. McGraw. *The Ecolitan Enigma* by L.E. Modessit, Jr. *The Invisible Ring* by Anne Bishop. *The Glasswrights' Apprentice* by Mindy L. Klasky.

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Terminal Café by Ian McDonald. *Warriors of the Way* by Harry Harrison. *Galactic Dreams* by Harry Harrison. *A Familiar Dragon* by Daniel Hood. *Batman & Robin* by Michael Jan Friedman. *Redemption of the Silver Surfer* by Michael Jan Friedman. *The Ascent of Wonder: The Evolution of Hard SF* ed. by David Hartwell & Kathryn Cramer. *The best of the Nebulas* ed. by Ben Bova. *Rage of a Demon King* by Raymond E. Feist. *Blade Runner 2: The Edge of Human* by K.W. Jeter. *Blood of the Fold* by Terry Goodkind. *Dry Water* by Eric S. Nylund. *Gem of the Wanderer* by Bob Maddux. *Child of the Eagle* by Esther Friesner.

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LASFS will again be participating in the Los Angeles Times “Festival of Books.” This will be held at UCLA on April 27 & 28, and LASFS will be occupying the same booth - #440 - which we had last year. Again, we shall have free give-aways. Don't miss it if you can.

More information in the next *DE PROF.*

WIL WHEATON

Will be the guest of LASFS
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ADDITION TO MINUTES

Tadao wants me to make an addition to Menace which were pubbed in *DE PROFUNDIS* #349. The 10 lb. doctoral thesis belongs to LASFS' newest doctor, Dr. Susan “Arizona” Gleason. Ye ed. adds, “~~What's up~~ Congratulations, Doc.”



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