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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

FUCC - Evening

TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am

ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm

Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm

FWEMS - Faith Domergue Film Festival

## THURSDAY

### PROGRAMME ITEMS

**MAY 1** - No programme item as of this printing

**MAY 8** - No programme item as of this printing

**MAY 15** - No programme item as of this printing

**MAY 22** - No programme item as of this printing

**MAY 29** - No programme item as of this printing

## 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

LA-LA-CON #9

LALA'S ELEVEN

MAY 3-4, 2003

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## COLOPHON

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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](mailto: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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## LASFS OFFICERS

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## CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

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

*Meeting #3421, March 6, 2003*

*Ed Green, presiding*

*Karl Lemke, Scribe*

The meeting hasn't started yet, Karl. I want a quarter. And people in hell want ice water. Meeting number 3421 started at 20:10:01.

**Special Orders of Business:** There was a round of applause for a member who participated in the bike marathon this past weekend. Greg Bilan, who finished out of place. (*He was in the wrong apartment? -ed.*) Marty Cantor announced that Allan Rothstein won a spot on the Neighborhood Council board. Marty, however, was 20 votes short.

**The Menace** were read and approved as "Ed is not a lady." "Ed be a lady tonight." - MBT

**The Registrar** announced that we have a returning guest.

**Patron Saint Dave Fox:** One who is no longer with us. A long-time member, and extremely amusing, with a wide range of interests. Hare Hobbs had two observations: He was our official dirty old man. When he died, the strip club down the street went out of business. He was also one of the great historians of the club, and knew a lot of the old-time members.

Joe Zeff said: Dave used to write stories about a little Mediterranean country between France and Italy, called Khorlia. Its two official languages were French and Japanese. It was settled by Japanese sailors. In their mythos, the fox was the blessed beast. Marty Cantor said: Dave was the father of a fairly prominent local fan who moved to the Barea. Ellen Elizabeth. Bruce Pelz decided because she was a female Fox, to name her Vixen. She contributed to APA-L from the Bay Area for a time before she Gafiated.

Len Moffatt: Dave was already a member when he joined in 1946. He was a fairly quiet fellow, and it took time to get to know him. Phil Castora: Dave was not one of the more colorful members, but he's been a member for 40 years, now, and noticed that with few exceptions, most everyone is good people. Dave certainly held up the average. Hare: Dave was apparently at the third LASFS meeting held, and except for time in the service, never missed a meeting. If we ever leave this building, we should have a séance, because he's certain to be haunting the building if anyone is. Dave Fox was given Three Cheers and a blessed beast.

Christian, the Science Monitor, announced a solubility experiment conducted with a large piece of chocolate in the toilet. The chocolate did not dissolve, it plugged the toilet. This is an experiment you don't want to conduct.

**Committee to Gouge:** Auctioned off some stuff, including some chocolate no one particularly wanted, to the tune of "How can we miss you if you won't go away?" The president announced that he would like to thank the committee for its fine work, but if he did, he would be lying through his teeth.

**Old Business:** Fugghead Contest. There are now eight separate Marty Cantor categories. The contest continues . . .

**Time-Bound Announcements:** Ed Hooper is engaged to Joyce Barnes. Tadao is the best man. Maybe. In any event, he's not the future Mrs. Hooper.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Phil Castora, joining the committee to nauseate the LASFS, decided he was outclassed. Allan Rothstein mentioned that, in Australia, a man was arrested for driving a barstool while his underpants were on fire without a license. (*One needs a license to have one's underpants on fire? -ed.*)

The meeting adjourned at 21:15:18.

*Meeting #3422, March 13, 2003*  
*Ed Green, presiding*  
*Karl Lembke, Scribe scribbling*

Meeting number 3422 started at 20:12:44. **The Menace** were read and approved as "liar, liar, underpants on fire."

**The Registrar:** introduced Fred Kaplan and Helen Silvers.

**Patron Saint:** Tonight's is **Gavin Claypool**, who shows up on Friday nights nowadays, to indulge his religious beliefs, by playing Oh Hell. Matthew Tepper called him a good guy who'll come around and visit when your spirits are low. CLJII stated, he has done everything he can to do something to reduce population of stray phone books by bringing them here.

Joe Zeff recounted that, as part of a costume group of Niven characters, he appeared with a genuine Wunderlander asymmetric beard. Francis Hamit notes that he works in the Theatre Arts Dept. at Cal Tech. Eylat Poliner has known him for years, and he's a very generous person. He helped her move a number of times.

Jerry Pournelle noted that he was in charge of the Nebula Awards banquet. Hare Hobbs stated that for a long time, every time he was at Price Club, Gavin was there. Maybe he lived there. CLJII said, when he (Gavin) decided to establish a publishing house, he picked the name "Extecher," as in Ex Techer. He was given Three Cheers and a big pool in the middle of the frat house.

**The Committee to Gouge:** auctioned off a box of stuff, including a tape of William Shatner reading his book, and fortunately, not singing.

**Old Business:** France has joined the nominees for Fugghead of the Year. Francis, however, has not.

**New Business:** None!

**Reviews:** Eylat Poliner mentioned that Susan Gleason has been working on the web site for her employer, and has done a good job.

Ed Green found Return to the Bat Cave an hour and 55 minutes too long. It reminded him of why the show died.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Earlier this week, Colin Powell was at a press conference. One reporter, from Iraq, asked, "Is it true that only 13% of American youth can identify Iraq on a map?" "Yes, unfortunately for you, they're all Marines."

The meeting adjourned

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**Meeting #3423, March 20,  
 2003**  
**Bob Null, vice-presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

The Minister for Silly Gavels boinged into disorder. Meeting number 3423 started at 20:11:54. As CLJII observed, unlike some dictatorial fascists, Bob Null has no agenda.

**Special Orders of Business:** Marty Cantor announced that we have lost Harry Warner, Jr., one of our fannish legends. He joined FAPA in 1940, and has

had continuous membership since then, but will probably be dropping out now. Harry wrote a history of fandom in the 1940s and one of the 1950s. In 1990 he estimated that he had written 10,000 LoCs for fanzines by that time . . . and he continued to send LoCs to fanzines up to his death. He died during miserable cold weather in February, and was found some weeks later. Jerry Pournelle noted that we have had the first casualties of the war, twelve American Marines and four British soldiers.

**The Menace:** were read and approved as "all marines."

**The Registrar:** (both of them on the premises) was too busy sloughing off the job of presiding over the meeting to find any guests.

**Patron Saint Dan Deckert:** Joe Zeff: Deckerts is responsible for the "All in Favor Say Aye, All Opposed Say Aye" maneuver. He has a lifetime positive balance in Hell. The game. Each year, he would quit playing as soon as he had a positive balance. Bob Null noted, he ran a LO-SCON, but it wasn't #13.

Matthew Tepper called him a great person to play against in Risk. Craig Miller told us that he chaired a bunch of stuff, and held various high committee positions. CLJII says that Dan snapped up a babe from the LASFS babe pool. He was given three cheers and something.

**Committee to Gouge:** auctioned off, among other things, the *sine qua non* for LASFS meetings - ear plugs!

**Committee Reports:** Tadao announced LASFS Eleven, are you in or out? over Kinko de Mayo weekend . . . (*This is right after Hold The Mayo weekend. - ed.*) . . . with a viva las vegas flair. Check the web site. \$15.15 in advance, \$21.21 at the door. Banquet: \$6.00. Liz said, "Pay me" in a very deep voice.

**Time Bound Announcements:** Hare announced that he needs a non-aspiring painkiller. (*I recommend hammer anesthesia. - ed.*)

**Reviews:** Don Wenner listed to the soundtrack of Gods and Generals . . . it's kind of low key, and you wouldn't recognize that it was for a Civil War movie. Also, there was a dong with Bob Dylan. Fred Patten drowned out Jerry Pournelle's singing with a review of an Oz book, by Alexander Volokov. He rewrote the original by making Kansas a bright and sunny land, so it wouldn't look like Stalin had ordered him to attack the US. One of his original has been translated into English. They have

just been reprinted in very beautiful editions, available at a Russian bookstore on Laurel Canyon and Magnolia - Paris books.

George Van Wagner went to check out Riverworld, and they removed Sir Richard Burton from the adaptation. (*Somebody later opined that the only part of the book retained in the film was the name. - ed.*)

Jerry Pournelle stated that Charlie has outdone himself, coming up with the worst serial yet. Actually, Charlie says the worst serial is "Zombies of the Stratosphere." (*Really actually, all serials are worse than all of the others. - ed.*)

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Phil Castora saw a bumper sticker: the top half said "Jesus loves you." Under it, "Everyone else thinks you're an asshole."

**Miscellaneous:** Francis Hamit had a serious misc. We have one LASFS member in the war zone, Terry Karney. After 10 years in the Army, he might as well call it a career. He's an MI interrogator. He's over there, doing important work. (*Terry is sending periodic reports to the editor of DE PROF who is turning them into zines which he is printing for APA-L. - ed.*)

The meeting adjourned at 21:40:00.

**Meeting #3424, March 27, 2003**  
**Ed Green, presiding**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

Meeting number 3424 started at 20:12:33. **The Menace** were read and approved as "90% infidel."

**The Registrar:** We have three guests! Don Bennett, Secretary of the Astrolitic Legation. George Pendel, here on business. He is researching a book on a rocket scientist who was a member of LASFS - Jack Parsons. Finally, we have David Mangold, of Granada Hills.

**Patron Saint:** Tonight's is **Sue Haseltine**, who got smart and decided never to come back. She married the right Frank brother. Generally a good person. Marty Cantor called her one of a long line of excellent librarians we've had. Three Cheers, and the sense to know which Frank brother to marry.

**Old Business:** The Fugghead candidates list has grown.

**New Business:** We have some. The pun rationing scheme . . .

Whereas the continuation of the Gulf War is underway in  
 Iraq, and  
 Whereas war requires sacrifice on the part of the folks at  
 home, and  
 Whereas these sacrifices often include the rationing of goods,  
 it should also include the rationing of bad,  
 Therefore it is hereby moved that the LASFS begin a pro-  
 gram to ration puns . . .

A motion to table the motion for 999 years carried. This motion will re-surface in the year 3002 . . . (*Does this mean that we will be fighting in Iraq in 3002? - ed.*)

**Committee Reports:** The 2003 directory is out, and attached to your DE PROFs. (*Liz has extra copies of the directory for 50¢. - ed.*)

**Time Bound Announcements:** Rick Foss CSUF: exhibition of carnivorous plants. Check the web site at lacarnivorousplantsociety. And Ed didn't get lucky. John DeChancie thanked Mr. Foss for his offhand remarks. (*Mr. Foss' remarks were offhand because he inspected some plants a little too closely.* - ed.)

**Miscellaneous:** Karen Anderson : Space Update e-mail: a small rocky asteroid, a yard in diameter, broke into 500 pieces over Chicago. The flash was half as bright as daylight. (*The asteroid was being thrown at the eggplant which was attempting to eat Chicago.* - ed.)

The meeting adjourned at 21:05:46.

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

**Directors:** Karl Lembke, Mike Thorsen, Bill Ellem, Brett Achom (Absent; Ed had the Proxy.), Marty Cantor, Liz Mortensen, Ed G-R-E-E-N, Bob Null, Joe Zeff, Cathy Beckstead, Michael Mason (Absent due to illness).

**Others:** Tadao Tomomatsu, Greg Bilan, Francis Hamit, Joyce Sperling, Mike Donahue, Dr. Arizona Gleason, Greg Barrett, Scott Beckstead, Don Wenner, Joan Stewart

**Chairman Karl Lembke** called the meeting to order at 11:14 am with a crash of a double gavel. Being March, this is not an August meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were sent by e-mail and are here in hard copy. Marty Cantor corrected the inevitable spelling errors and some pedantic grammatical nitpicks; this attempt to change the lack of sense of the minutes was treated by the Secretary with the contempt it deserved. However, there was never a motion to accept the minutes, so I guess they're unacceptable.

**New Member:** John Eubanks was shanghaied into the club without dissent.

**Treasury:** We have money, but less than before. There are seven members of the copyright clinic, and two tables for the craft fair were sold during February. Mr. A. Nony Mous donated a car to Cars 4 Causes in our name, (<http://www.cars4causes.net>) and we have received a check for \$500.

**Facilities:** A rain gutter filled up with leaves, causing it to leak. Chairs continue to break; not astonishing, considering that the members tend to sit on piles of chairs, not individual chairs. There was discussion of the possible advantage of getting straight-backed chairs instead of our current rounded backs. Mike Donahue expects to work on the rest rooms this coming Monday.

**Maintenance:** The Clean-Up Committee changed the mailbox cabinet to another use. Although everybody's been warned, there are still complaints about stuff going away. Said complaints have been dealt with in the appropriate fashion: they've been ignored.

**Computers:** No change. Some of the Friday Night Crew have come up with a plan to reorganize the Computer Room, making room for six computers, two more than present. Some people want a Mac installed as

one of them. Although their master plan requires approval, Bob gave them permission to upgrade the boxes on their own. This takes some of the load off of Mr. Null, as well as giving the younger members some good experience.

**Plaques:** The plaques have been taken down, wrapped in bubble-wrap and will be sent to the engraver.

**Gestetner:** We found a problem on Thursday. Stencils are getting torn as they get removed from the drum, or just not coming off. Something's probably worked loose, and it needs checking.

**Club Machines:** The projector was serviced and is back in action.

**Marketing:** The committee is publicizing the copyright seminar and is working on the Festival of Books. Anything you have can be given to Greg, for copying and collating into the handouts.

**Publications:** No report from the Kid's Lit Commit. The new directory will go out with De Prof, and be available from Liz for \$.50 the each.

**Outreach Programming:** We have a Copyright Clinic coming up. Francis sent out press releases, but there's not been any response. The California Writer's Union is no longer associated with this, as they were unwilling to do anything other than having their name listed as a sponsor. Flyers are getting dropped with all the usual suspects.

**Mailing Lists:** We have two. An Emergency Notification list and a De Prof overflow.

**LASFS.org:** Getting updated.

**Library:** Same old, same old. Slightly less mess and backlog in the stacks.

## CLOSED SESSION

**Craft Fair:** Four tables sold by today plus several other people interested. A bake sale will be included.

**Festival of Books:** Nothing until April, when the handout packages will be assembled.

**LosCon 30:** Michael Mason was at Condor, and sold several memberships.

**LosCon 31:** At least one GoH has been picked, but has not yet confirmed.

**LosCon 29:** There will be a final close-out meeting to get the final vol-



**JACKIE (MADDEN) BURTON  
AKA LADY BLUE**

Passed away in an automobile accident in Bend, OR, on March 20, 2003. She was a long-time supporter of LASFS, the Filk community, as well as the various cons in the LA area. She will be dearly missed.

- - this information given to DE PROF by her son

## ESTROGEN ZONE

Scrapbooking classes and workshops

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

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

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

unteer totals in. They've written a check to the club for \$5000, and more will be turned over later. The Board thanked Tadao for turning money over to the club instead of keeping it.

**LaLaCon 9:** On track, with the hope that the numbering will confuse future historians. Membership is limited, so join early. The Theme is Oceans 11, with a homage to the various Las Vegas activities.

**Neighborhood Council:** Alan Rothstein won a seat on the board, and Marty Cantor came within twenty votes of doing the same. Some clarification is needed on some of the rules, so by the next election, things may be changed enough that Marty will run again.

**Emergency Equipment:** Ed Green thinks we should have some small radios and, possibly, a portable TV here. He thinks the world situation makes this a good idea.

**Old Business:** Marty Cantor has some further thoughts about the club being donated stock. He thinks we should have a Board Committee to set up general policies, with specific individuals given the authority to make decisions when there's no time for consultation. Ed Green, seconded by Joe Zeff, moved to set up such a committee, with the Board Chairman, Treasurer, Comptroller, and Marty Cantor to be members. The motion passed, with Bret's proxy abstaining.

**Convention Delegates:** Crickets chirping.

**New Business:** None.

The meeting adjourned at 12:49:49 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 re-

quest – 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.

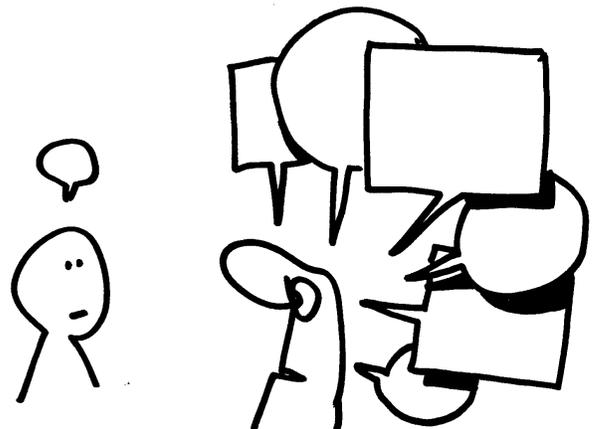
Check out the fanzine below and broaden your participation in fandom.

*BURSTZINE #2*, April 2003 (Michael A. Burstein & Nomi S. Burstein, P.O.Box 1713, Brookline, MA 02446; e-mail to [burstzine@nomiburstein.com](mailto:burstzine@nomiburstein.com); PDF files of this fanzine are available from its website at [www.burstzine.net](http://www.burstzine.net); printed copies available “for either a printed fanzine in trade, a letter of comment, or via surface mail for US\$3.00 (and please add US\$3.00 for non-North American addresses).”)

*Burstzine* is a modest genzine with a twist. Simply but well produced, it occupies 24 pages (including covers), 21 of which are double-columned in an easily readable computer-set type. *Burstzine* is printed on folded sheets twice letter-size and saddle-stapled to the conventional letter-sized fanzine. Michael's editorial opens the issue and is followed by four articles. Nomi's editorial (in smaller print so it all fits on the inside back cover) closes the issue. There are no letters, but these are promised for #4, the projected “all-LoC issue.”

All but one piece in this issue is oriented to a common theme, “fans and our parents,” and Michael says he received so many contributions that the theme will be extended “into issue #3. #5, he tells us will launch a new theme.

To a large extent articles about fans and their parents are articles about How I Discovered Fandom (with or without parental help). These have a limited appeal when read en masse (see my December, 2001 review of *Contact!/Spirits Of Things Past* by Dick Smith & Leah Zeldes Smith), but the three here do offer some variety of experience, opinion and approach. The best is David B. Williams' “Napoleon, Tucker, and Me,” which links a number of disparate facts to reach an amusing punch line. Janna Silverstein's “My Parents and Fandom: A Personal Alternate History” is more conventional (pun intended) and Steven H. Silver's “Xenogenesis” is littered with footnotes (46!)—even the title is footnoted.



The longest piece (at 9 pages) in the issue is the only one not directly connected with this theme, but a parent remains its dominant topic. This is "...And In This Corner, The Florida Health Care System! An Ongoing Battle," by Mike Resnick. After a brief introduction, it consists of copies of Mike's correspondence with various people involved with the care of his dying father in Florida. Most of the correspondence concerns late-tendered bills and questionable billing practices by various health concerns. This is *real* correspondence (I assume), so it is not presented for humorous effect— which is fortunate, since it's not only not funny, the endless re-recitations of previously stated facts and complaints (we see only Resnick's side, no letters from those to whom he is responding) gets fairly tedious halfway through. His father's death would seem to moot most of these issues, but the last letters are to an oblivious Social Security Administration.

Michael's editorial deals with a perennial issue for fanzine editors and their editorials: schedules and Why This Issue Is Later Than I Said It Would Be. *Burstzine* #2 comes about 6 months after #1, but the Bursteins hope to get out "one issue per season." I hope so too. Four issues is a long time to wait to see one's letter of comment in print.

**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:** SFSFS SHUTTLE #152 (SFSFS). INSTANT MESSAGE #716, #717 (NESFA). EINBLATT! APRIL 2003 (MinnStf). BCSFAzine #359 (BCSFA). PSFS NEWS April 2003 (PSFS). PULSAR #294 (PorSFis). SOUTHERN FANDOM CONFEDERATION BULLETIN Vol. 8 No. 2 (SFC).

**other zines:** BURSTZINE #2 (Michael & Nomi Burstein). THYME #136 (Alan Stewart).

**NEW BOOKS**

(This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them. There is no current list of new additions.)

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**LETTER OF COMMENT**

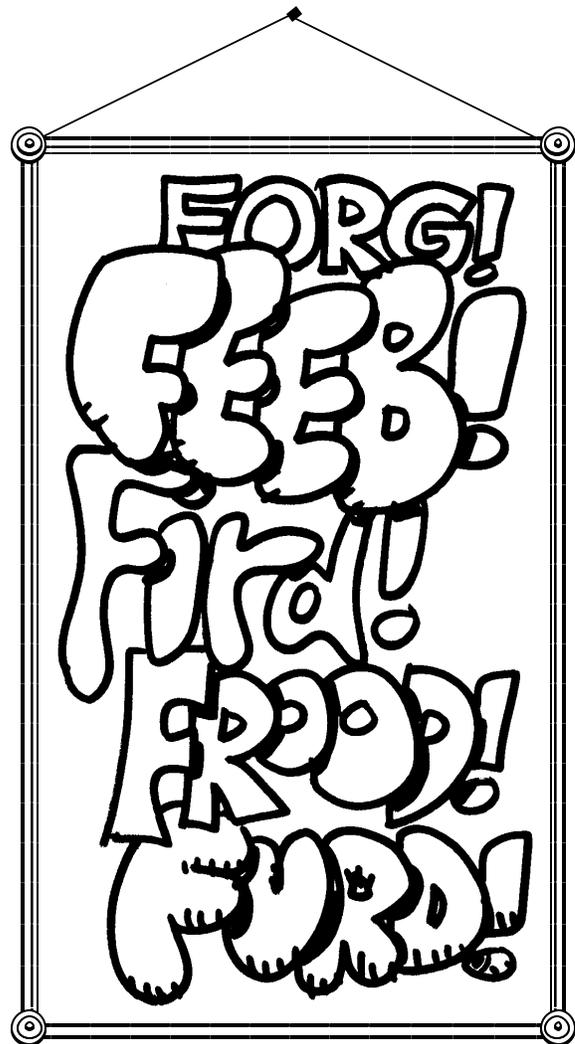
Tom Feller  
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I just opened the latest issue. Congratulations on all your Fugghead of the Year nominations.

I don't know if I've mention it in FAPA, but I think you're doing a really good job with the zine.

Thanks,

(You're welcome right back atcha. - ed.)



**L.A.F.A.**  
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

L.A.F.A. Filksing -

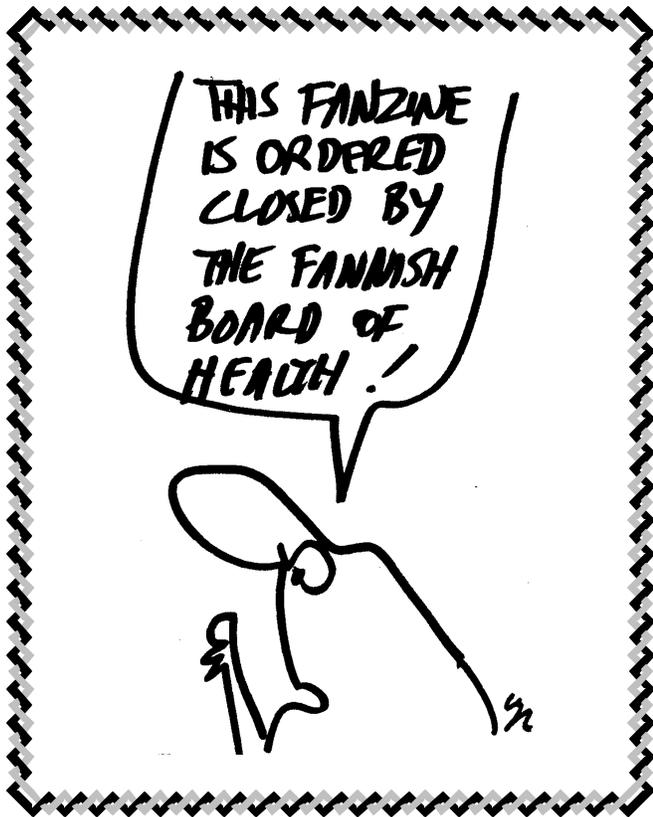
Saturday, May 17, 2003, 7:30 pm  
Pooh Bear Lair  
Harry, Mara, and Madeline Brener  
325 Sharon Road  
Arcadia, CA 91006

Pre-Filk Dinner at 5 pm  
Xin Bao  
7940 E. Garvey, Rosemead  
(626) 288-8718

Type of Circle: Moderated Kaos

Directions to Filk Site: See Thomas Bros.  
L.A. County, pg 597, grid B/C-1 (1992  
edition), pg. 38, grid D-1 (older editions)

L.A.F.A. info: Barry & Lee Gold:  
(310) 306-7456



## LA-LA-CON #9 LALA'S ELEVEN

MAY 3-4, 2003

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

The Only thing missing is you. Pre Reg. of \$15.21 and \$21.21 at the door. Banquet: \$6.00. For a weekend of fun and relaxation.

*And to top it all off is the Banquet... our fun family dinner to celebrate the LASFS.*

All this and more...Our Spring Relaxacon at the LASFS clubhouse: 11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA. Phone: (818) 760-9234.



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