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**KEY TO CALENDAR
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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
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club

CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever
 BOD - 11:00 am, games start at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am

ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
 FWEMS - UN Tribute: 5 Crosby/Hope Pictures
 AUTUMN HOLIDAY PARTY - 7 pm

**THURSDAY
PROGRAMME ITEMS**

- OCTOBER 2** - The **BIG** Auction
- OCTOBER 9** - Mike Wolf: Disaster trainer for American Red Cross
- OCTOBER 16** - No programme assigned as of this printing
- OCTOBER 23** - Wil Wheaton. He will be signing his new book, "Dancing Barefoot." The CON price for the book is \$20. Will offers a LASFS special of \$15.
- OCTOBER 30** - Charlie Jackson presents a movie appropriate to the Halloween Holiday.

THE LASFS LIBRARY
 is seeking volunteers
 Please contact the Librarian, Michael Mason

COLOPHON

De Profundis 369 – September, 2003. Editor: **Marty Cantor**. Production Assistants: **Bob Null** and **Phil Castora**. Mailing List: **Liz Mortensen**. Mailing Labels: **Fuzzy Pink Niven**.

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We want any news of interest to LASFS members (no poetry or fiction). Send items to the LASFS address c/o *De Profundis* or leave them in the *De Profundis* mailbox at the clubhouse. The editor, Marty Cantor, can be reached at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings or at his edress: hooah-pubs@earthlink.net. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

Address corrections should be given or sent to the LASFS Treasurer at the clubhouse.

Due to the press of other material there is currently no space available in *De Profundis* for advertising. I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to members.

Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

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Adams Douglas Memorial Fund at Simon's Rock College

Arrangements have been made with Simon's Rock College, Adams' Alma Mater, to set up a memorial fund in his name. We will have 3 months to establish the fund with a minimum of \$10,000. Thus, we would like to have contributions sent in memory of Adams Douglas to:

Simon's Rock College Alumni Office
84 Alford Road
Great Barrington, MA 01230
Attn.: Lezlie Lee,
Associate Director of Development

IMPORTANT!

The Gifts need to be marked in memory of Adams Douglas for his scholarship fund, and all donors will have their gifts acknowledged by the college. If anyone contributes but doesn't get an acknowledgement, please let Casey Bernay know so she can assist Kim Bogen to track down what happened with the donation.

Contact info for the college if someone has additional questions is:

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CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

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

Meeting #3443, August 7, 2003

Ed Green, President

Karl Lemke, Scribe

Palindromic meeting number 3443 started at 20:13:36.

Special Orders of Business: Tonight's is that CLJII was grazed by a motor vehicle this week. There doesn't appear to be anything life threatening, mostly bruises. We expect him back soon. Charlie was in a cross-walk, he observed that someone was about to not stop, and as he got out of that person's way, someone else hit him. Both drivers drove off without stopping to render aid. The Scribe was directed to send Mr. Jackson an appropriate card. A vote to kick Charlie when he's down was taken.

The **Menace** were read an approved as "Hope-less."

The **Registrar:** being absent, our one guest was given a welcoming handshake. He introduced his name as Scott MacBeath. He's a real estate broker, and used to be a project engineer on the shuttle. He was referred by some anonymous bookstore in the north valley, owned by a couple of members of the club. Since he went ahead and joined, LASFS now has its own Scottish play.

Tonight's Patron Saint: We have two of them. Since **Jerry Pournelle** was here, people said nice things about him. Ed Green said, This is an old friend, Dr. Jerry Pournelle. I have known Dr. Pournelle longer than I've known him, first introduced through his writing. I first read *King David's Spaceship*, and have enjoyed his writings ever since. Scratch: Today is Jerry's birthday. Eylat: When I first joined LASFS, first meeting in 1984, the first person I met was a drunken Jerry Pournelle. He said something loud, rude, and crude, and I felt right at home. Also, he's welcomed Anna into the world in a very nice manner.

Tom Safer enjoys Jerry's talks about current events, finding him quite knowledgeable. Also enjoys Roberta's presence in the chorale. Karen Anderson said, "I forget how long I've known you. I've known him in all kinds of weathers, situations. And he was a good friend of Poul Anderson. Marty Cantor: To relative newcomers, Jerry has been a god-send to the club. Jerry is the one who turned this building into the spacious building we have now. He had help, but he drove the project. Joe Zeff: Most remember tech support stories. Most knew Jerry and Joe had an understanding. When Jerry needed assistance, he'd get in touch with Joe. Not one of the tech support horror stories had anything to do with anything Jerry did. There are two reasons. First, Joe wouldn't have embarrassed him, second, Jerry never did anything worth reporting under "stupid user reports." He was always very good at following instructions.

Bill Ellem: First met Jerry at the other end of a pair of foils. Bill's one of the few to cross swords with Jerry, literally. Jerry's very learned, a great gentleman, and a source of information. And he recently did something which overwhelmed Bill. Bill had spent the last week filling out a security questionnaire, and asked Jerry to be a reference. Jerry agreed. Sandy: Much as it's nice to say nice things about Jerry, thanks to Roberta for letting him come to meetings. Ed Green responded, "What, she's not entitled to a break?"

Hare Hobbs: Back when Art Bell was on the radio, he said his favorite

novel was Lucifer's Hammer. Hare called Jerry and got permission to give Art Jerry's e-mail address. Jerry was polite to Art's callers, no matter how stupid their questions were. Jerry Pournelle observed, "They keep running that damned thing." Christian: Those who may doubt Jerry's intelligence because of various political positions will never be able to doubt his intelligence due to his excellent choice of wife. Phil Castora announced that he was out of superlatives.

Ed Green: Two more comments: He's one of those whom later generations will thank for bringing an end to the cold war. He was involved in the Star Wars project, one of the prime movers. He's also acted as science adviser to a former Speaker of the House. He's been involved with the space program, and with air Force doctrine, and people will be talking about these things fifty and a hundred years from now. And on a personal note, Jerry's advice even extends to 18-year-old children about to go into the military. Pournelle told Ed, "When going through basic, remember this important fact. Eventually, they let you sleep." Jerry was given Three Cheers, and he deserves a few more.

Tim Merrigan, who is naturally late. But we said mostly nice things about him anyway. He joined in the early '80s, and has been the Official Collator of APA-L for 20 years. He edited *DE PROF* for a while, a mind-numbing task, and his mind was numbed some time ago. He also founded an elist for the club. Hæ: Tim and he were helping Joyce move, the day of the Christmas Parade. He said he hated the parade, but since he was here, he'd watch it anyway. He seems to have a happy attitude about everything. Politically, he's about as opposite of Pournelle as one can get. Eylat: in 1980, she went to Israel for a year. He, along with Rick Young, saw to it she got APA-L. Tim Merrigan was given Three Cheers and a collated zine.

Committee to Gouge: This week, we saw the cloning of Tadao.

Time-Bound Announcements: Christian announced Saturday at 5 pm, the doors close on the opportunity to be nominated for Governor of California. Today, on a list server, a cry went out for someone from Central California to run for Governor. Money is being raised for Central California LASFS member Janice Gelb. Go to sflovers.net.

Tadao announced that Today and today only is Ed Hooper's 38th birthday. (*Tomorrow he will try for number 39. -ed.*)

Ed Green: the Library needs volunteers. Talk to Michael Mason or Greg Barrett.

Reviews: Mr. Niven: His new book, *Scatterbrain*, is out.

Eylat Poliner has been reading *Like Water for Chocolate*, a wonderful fantasy book. About fantasy, love, hate . . . (*It is definitely fantasy if anybody thinks that water is a substitute for chocolate. -ed.*)

Hare Hobbs just finished *More than Honor*, second in the anthologies written in the Honor Harrington universe. Four focuses on how different people were adopted by their treecats. Only complaints, got a bit repetitive. Weber writes two of the stories. Read it.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This month's announcement is that we have no announcement.

Rick Foss reviewed Mick Farrin, who turned out a couple of strange, dark novels in the 70s. There's a new newspaper, and Farrin is one of their cultural commentators. He has yet to see anything he likes, it would seem. Worth reading even if you never see any of the shows he talks about. City Beat, Valley Beat.

Fannish Committee Reports: Eylat reported on a woman who was breastfeeding while driving, without a license. (*One needs a license to breastfeed?* -ed.)

Miscellaneous: Christian moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 21:21:03.

Meeting #3444, August 14, 2003

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting number 3444 started at 20:13:49.

Special Orders of Business: Charlie, in his white coat, announced there were no SOB's. Ed said, Kelly Freas was in the hospital with a broken hip. He has recovered from surgery, but at the age of 86, a broken hip is no minor thing. He may not be attending TorCon. Janis reported that, the day of this surgery, they were having to fight him to keep him from getting out of bed.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "knocked down in the street but not dead yet."

The **Registrar:** Clea Payne, found us through the web site, along with Tennyson Stead.

Tonight's Patron Saint, Bjo Trimble, one of those who has moved out of the area. Karen Anderson stated, "She's one of my oldest friends, and I'll be getting back in touch with her in the SCA. We first met back in the mists of time, when her name was McCarthy. After separating from her first husband and carrying off the name Wells, she spent her time stirring up activity throughout the area. She was active in Northern California in Star Trek fandom. She's a good cartoonist and a good costumer - she can put together a costume without even thinking about it." (*Too many costumers seem to put together their costumes without thinking about it.* -ed.) Marty Cantor: She has many talents. She is fine fan artist, and practically invented the convention art show. Bjo also resuscitated the club when it really needed it.

Hare: She parlayed her Keep Star Trek Alive campaign into activism for the space program. She fought hard to get the first shuttle named Enterprise, only to have it turn out to be the prototype that was never meant to fly. She was also the costume designer for Flesh Gordon. Scratch: A lady who worked as hard as she did while not working hard deserves our thanks. CLJII: We have a collection of films where Bjo either acted or worked. And remember, Bjo was a speaker at the LASFS retirement banquet. Lots of people turned out to hear her speak.

Robert Keller: Met Bjo in Austin in the late '80s. He had gone to a Star Trek con to write a paper for a class. She saw him sitting there, asked how he liked the con, and spent an hour talking with him. Zeff: Those who aren't aware: Bjo's name has become a fannish verb. Bjo has an interesting idea of housekeeping. She stores stuff in piles. Stuff you can't find, but know is around someplace, is now referred to as "trimbled." Bjo

Trimble was given Three Cheers, and a great big pile of freckles.

Committee to Gouge: A bundle of carbon-dated carbon paper was given to the archaeologist.

Reviews: Christian: Dan Simmons has written *Illum*. Those who enjoyed *Hyperion* will enjoy this.

Fannish Committee Reports: Doug Crepeau says that the NIH says there's a serious monkey shortage. (*So they should start using funny monkeys.* -ed.)

The meeting adjourned at 21:09:48.

Meeting #3445, August 21, 2003

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting number 3445 started at 20:12:33.

Special Orders of Business: Marty Cantor had a couple of them: 1) Mike Hinge, of New Zealand, was 72. He has done a lot of things, both in and out of fandom. He's responsible for Time Magazine covers of both Nixon and Hirohito. He did covers for several prozines. 2) Louis Russell Chauvenet. Born in 1920, a long-time FAPA member. He became deaf at 10 because of bacterial meningitis. In 1940, he invented the word "fanzine." Before then, they were called finz (pronounced "fanzine,") or "fan-mags."

The **Menace** were read and approved as "it's a troplong to Tipperary."

Tonight's Patron Saint: Fuzzy Pink Niven, aka Marilyn Niven. She's not here tonight. She's been a member for years, and she is one of the quieter members, which is a damn shame, because she has an amazing sense of humor. Marty Cantor: One nice thing Fuzzy does is keep the records for the club and produce the mailing labels for *DE PROF*. She produces them utterly reliably. Phil Castora: in addition to being a wonderful person, she's a great cook. She's extremely modest, and blushes deeply and well.

Hare: She's always working very hard around the club when it comes to certain events. She even helped clean up after a late banquet where she cooked. She reminds him of his aunt. Karen Anderson: When the citizen's council for etc. and so forth was inventing President Reagan's space policy, it was Fuzzy whose house they were meeting at. She set it up so they could meet, and cleaned up afterward. Gene: A relative and he entered some art in the art show one year, and she was very kind. Three Cheers and a fuzzy pink everything.

Committee Reports: Marketing: Arlene passed out. Pamphlets, that is. Welcome to LASFS' pamphlets.

Time-Bound Announcements: Bob Null: it turns out that he has minor additional cancer, on his forehead. The doctor is a friend of his who specializes in rare gold coins. (*He will mine for some on Bob's forehead?* -ed.)

Gene forgot his name again. Today is Ray Bradbury's 83rd birthday.

Reviews: John DeChancie reviewed one of those book things. He reviewed a book by Bob Leman, *Feesters in the Lake*, by Darkside Press (dot com). Price is \$40. If he'd written in the right era, he'd be counted

along with Lovecraft. (*Bob Leman is a fan who used to produce a zine called Vinegar Worm. - ed.*)

Scratch reviewed *The Icarus Hunt*, by Timothy Zahn. If you can get ahold of it, just for a giggle, it's a good story. (*It is a good story even if you cannot get ahold of it. - ed.*)

Frank Waller announced that the type on page 7 is slightly akilter. (*Frank was just looking in a mirror. - ed.*)

The meeting adjourned at 21:09:07.

Meeting #3446, August 28, 2003

Ed Green, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting number 3446 began at 20:11:25. The **Menace** were read and approved as "Drop the chalupa."

The **Registrar**: Alas, guests have been subject to the meeting: Dave Butterworth, hiding at the moment, along with his brother, Kent. Also, we have Mark McKay, and our special guest speaker, Professor Kelly Ross.

Tonight's Patron Saint: St. John Trimble

who collects freckles. Karen Anderson remembers when John wasn't even married to Bjo. At one point, the name Trimble was associated with a ship, and the USS Trimble showed up in various places. John was one of those very helpful people, very quiet, but he got stuff done. In the SCA, he was a very effective herald. Hare Hobbs stated that Bjo gets a lot of credit for stuff. John's had a lot to do with that, being her enabler. Scratch said he was a nice guy. Jerry Pournelle said, "He sold rope." "Not to the gnolls," said Karen Anderson. Three Cheers, and a good to give to his mother.

Committee to Gouge: Tadao actually got an obscure bid!!!!!!

Time-Bound Announcements: Tadao announced there's a convention up in Canada.

Reviews: CLJII reviewed some stuff. The planet Mars is ruddy marvelous. He understands the current inhabitants have used the opportunity to launch their armada. He also reviewed a book and a movie: He watched "A Study in Terror," A British Sherlock Holmes vs. Jack the Ripper movie. And he re-read the book, featuring Ellery Queen finding a lost Watson manuscript. "Pirates of the Caribbean:" He can see why people made comparisons to the Crimson Pirate.

Jerry Pournelle saw and liked the movie. So did his wife. Everyone he knows who's seen it has liked it.

Hare Hobbs stated that they're making a sequel. If they do anything, they may use the tag at the end after the credits.

Phil Castora remarked, "If you're not into silly, what are you doing here?" I guess we're torn between silly and Charybdis.

Jerry Pournelle reviewed the NASA report on the Columbia disaster. They got it right, including the fact that there was 40 years of fudging involved. Would you believe a congresscritter didn't realize NASA had been lying to him for 40 years? NASA admitted not looking for damage they suspected because they knew they couldn't do anything about it. However, they could have.

We then paused for a sage break. (*Unfortunately, the oregano was left at home. - ed.*)

Fannish Committee Reports: Doug Crepeau was watching the Discovery Channel about underwater drilling rigs. There's an underground well, which can have a severe vacuum effect. One diver waited around in case it came loose again. It really sucked.

The meeting adjourned at 21:08:011.

LASFS Board of Directors
Meeting of August 10, 2003
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Joe Zeff, Secretary

Directors: Karl Lembke, Mike Thorsen, Bill Ellern, Brett Achorn, Marty Cantor, Liz Mortensen, Ed Green, Bob Null (absent until later in the meeting), Joe Zeff, Cathy Beckstead, Michael Mason.

Others: Joyce Sperling, Phil Castora, Tadao Tomomatsu, Anne Morrel, Greg Bilan, Arlene Satin, Greg Bilan., Ed Hooper, Susan Gleason, Christian McGuire, Greg Barrett, Diana Dougherty.

Chairman Karl Lembke called the meeting to order at 11:17:53 am, after giving the Scribe time to get the minutes from last month printed, and the new minutes started. It was announced that CLJII will probably be absent, as he's recovering from a hit-and-run accident. Mr. Zeff was congratulated on having the stamina to do his job, being recently out of the hospital. It was moved and seconded to ask members to stop getting injured or sick. Ed Green objected, as it's unenforceable. There were no calls for reading, but there was a name corrected.

NEW MEMBERS: Scot McBeath, a Commercial Real Estate Broker, who heard about us from Marty Massoglia. He was accepted, giving LASFS its own Scottish Play.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We have money, but are asked not to spend it except on things that really need it.



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

FACILITIES: Arlene Satin has a friend who's an electrician, and may be able to help us change the internal lighting in Freehafer Hall. It was moved that we ask him for an estimate, and make Bob Null the point of contact about this.

FURNITURE: We have benches, and they have been properly set up. We have had a request to borrow the benches for a party, but this will entail unbolting them from the property, and re-bolting them when they return. As other club property has been borrowed in the past, there are reasons to agree, but the benches are being considered a fixture, and we need to decide what the policy for such items is. There was a motion to allow the benches to be borrowed. There were four votes in favor, one nay, and the rest abstaining. It was also decided that when the formal policy is decided, this motion is not considered to be a precedent. Next, it was moved that all such questions in the future be handled through the Vice President. It was pointed out, among other things, that this means that it is no longer a Board question, unless the Membership votes otherwise. The motion was, eventually, carried.

MARKETING: We have the booklet! There is a minor change still to be made, but nothing major.

LIBRARY: Nothing to report.

ARCHIVES: Nothing to report.

EVENTS: LosCon XXX is on track, there's been a meeting, and all is going well

SPEAKER TO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: There was a meeting last month, with nothing that's currently critical.

NEW BUSINESS: Michael Mason has Entertainment Books to sell, as there's no cost to do so, and anything we get is profit. It was moved to agree to sell them, and passed, with one abstention. Christian McGuire, as a representative of the Time Meddlers, brought up that they had found the clubhouse filthy when they came in for their July meeting, the day after a Hell tournament. Diana Dougherty also spoke on this, having been there and seen how bad it was that day. There has been for several years, a list of what needs to be cleaned up by any group using the club, which has been posted in the building on many occasions. After much discussion, it was decided to

make sure any group using the club for a "one-shot" event knows what has to be done and that it is seen to it that it's done.

CONVENTION DELEGATES: Michael Mason, Ed Green, Liz, Christian McGuire, and Ed Hooper are going to TorCon. Michael Mason, Christian McGuire, and Cathy Beckstead to CopperCon.

EQUIPMENT: We have some new VCRs and there are some very nice mike stands that really belong to somebody else and should be sent there. We've cleaned out a fair amount of mathoms from the Video Cabinet, and are looking for new homes for them.

The meeting was finally adjourned at 12:47 PM.

FANZINES

By Ted White

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

All fanzines are published as a hobby and lose money. Their editors appreciate money to defray their expenses and sometimes list single-copy or subscription prices, but they 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 fanzines below and broaden your participation in fandom.

This time around we're going to look at four fanzines, each of which has had previous issues reviewed here.

MIMOSA #30 (Rich & Nicki Lynch, P.O.Box 3120, Gaithersburg, MD 20885; email to fiawol@cpcug.org; \$4.00 a copy) is the *final* issue of *Mimosa*, coming after two "best of" issues (#s 28 & 29) and it features 21 (!) contributions plus editorial and no letter column, in 68 pages. This is *Mimosa*'s swan song and goodbye, but it is so jam-packed with material that none of its contributions stands out; all are swamped by the surrounding material. That's a shame, because much of the material deserves more attention than it will get here. I'm reminded of a friend who had a story published in a fat Barnes & Noble mystery anthology – his story was but one among 100, all new and none over 3,000 words long. "I wish I'd sold it

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FILLER COULD
LEAD TO
BIGGER
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somewhere where it stood a chance of being noticed," he lamented. *Mimosa* #26 was reviewed here in February 2001 and #28 in August 2002.

THE KNARLEY KNEWS #101 (Henry L. Welch, 1525 16th Ave, Grafton, WI 53024-2017; email to welch@msoe.edu; \$1.50 or adequate response) has been plugging along steadily, six times a year, and has now passed its 100th issue. By keeping his sights low and relatively unambitious (averaging 20 page issues) and by maintaining a regular stable of contributors and columnists (Gene Stewart and Rodney Leighton contribute columns to this issue), Welch is able to produce a consistent fanzine on a regular schedule. What *The Knarley Knews* lacks in excitement it makes up for with an ongoing community of readers and contributors. *The Knarley Knews* #86 was reviewed here in April 2001.

ARGENTUS #3 (Steven H Silver, 707 Sapling Lane, Deerfield, IL 60015-3969; email to shsilver@sfsite.com; published once a year for \$5.00 a copy or "the usual" – letters, contributions, other fanzines in trade) has been developing as a fanzine faster than an avowed annual schedule might suggest. Silver has abandoned the running heads which cluttered the first issue and *Argentus* has evolved into a looser and less-pretentious but more solid fanzine which has established its own distinct personality. This issue has 56 pages (counting covers) and nine articles before the letter column. Following the letters is *Argentus*'s special feature, the "Mock Section" in which fictitious books or movies are reviewed. This time four fictitious places are visited in "Travel Reports." *Argentus* #1 was reviewed here in November 2001.

CHUNGA #5 (Andy Hooper, Randy Byers & Carl Juarez, 1013 N. 36th St, Seattle WA 98103; email to fanmailph@aol.com, rbyers@u.washington.edu, or cjuarez@myrealbox.com; \$3.50 a copy) is also maintaining a roughly bi-monthly schedule, although Byers was the most recent TAFF winner and managed to squeeze in a trip to England. *Chunga*'s 34 pages (including excellent covers by D. West) are the best-designed and best-looking of these four fanzines. The five articles include two by Brits (Dave Hicks and the long-vanished Graham Charnock – what a delight to see him in a modern fanzine!), and maintain a high standard complementary to their visual presentation. In other words, *this* is what a really good fanzine is like. *Chunga* #1 was reviewed here in September 2002.

—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!* September 2003 (MinnStf). *Instant Message* #723, #724 (NESFA). *WARP* 55 (MonSFFA). *FOSFAX* #208 (FOSFA). *ConNotations* Vol. 13, Issue 4 (CASFS). *SFSFS SHUTTLE#156* (SFSFS). *Southern Fandom Confederation Bulletin* Vol. 8, No. 3 (SFC). *BCSFAzine* #363 & #364 (BCSFA). *DASFAX* Vol. 35, No. 8 (DASFA). *Pulsar* #298 (PorSFIS).

other zines: *Argentus* Issue 3 (Steven H. Silver). *Mimosa* #30 (Dick & Nicki Lynch). *Peregrine Nations* Vol. 3, No. 2 (Jan Stinson). *Nice Distinctions* 3 (Arthur D. Hlavaty).

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. The Librarian has not provided a current list)

OBITUARY

In Memoriam, Adams Douglas

Adams Douglas, President of *LASFS* from July to December 1981, passed away on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, of massive internal hemorrhage brought on by an accident. He is survived by his mother, his girlfriend, and by hundreds of friends in fandom, academe, and show business.

Adams was active in fandom and the society, and well liked by a wide variety of members. His interests included space and science, computers, fantasy, and film. His storehouse of trivia was in a class with some of the best of the *LASFS*, and he could always provide an answer to an obscure question.

The son of actors Paul Douglas and Jan Sterling, Adams appeared (sort of) in the 1956 film *1984* -- Jan was pregnant during the shooting.

A memorial service was held at the Motion Picture and TV Country Home, in the John Ford Chapel, with a reception in the nearby Conrad Nagel Lounge (just around the wall from the Jean Hersholt hallway).

In lieu of flowers, Adams' survivors ask for contributions in his memory to be sent to Simon's Rock College Alumni Office, 84 Alford Road, Great Barrington, MA 01230; attn: Lezlie Lee, Associate Director of Development.

-- Charles Lee Jackson II

L.A.F.A.

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

L.A.F.A. Filksing -
Saturday, October 25, 2003
Pre-Filk Dinner: 5:00 PM
Filk: 7 PM to ???

Rick's Cafe Terrestrienne: Rick Weiss
and Tess Calhoun, hosts
13261 Donegal Dr., Garden Grove,
CA 92844: 714/530-3546

Dinner: New Seoul Korean BBQ, 5
PM, 9902 Garden Grove Blvd,
Garden Grove
Cost: \$15.99, vegetarian entrees
available. RSVP by noon Saturday to
Rick or Tess.

The restaurant is a short walk from the
filksite: Continue north on
Donegal from the filksite. Proceed
straight ahead at the Stop sign into
the parking lot. Turn right in front of
the storefronts (not at the
Alano Club - go farther), New Seoul is
straight ahead of you at the far
end of the strip mall.

FILKSITE DIRECTIONS:
See Thomas Bros. Orange Co.:
Page 798, D-7
(1992 edition);
Page 15, F-5 (older editions).

L.A.F.A. info: Barry & Lee Gold:
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AUTUMN HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday, October 31, 2003
7 p.m.
(no gaming that night)

Costumes
Optional

Effective with disty #2001 (on September 18), Marty Cantor is the new Official Collator of APA-L . . . for the third time. More contributors are welcome.

*All illos in this zine
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