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If at first you don't succeed, don't take up skydiving

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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
 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 - The Films of Roger Corman: Part I, The 1950s

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

JULY 1 - Physics Lecture (video)
JULY 8 - Roundtable: What are you reading now
JULY 15 - Things Foreign: A Specially Themed Auction
JULY 22 - An Evening of Video Out Takes with Brett Achorn
JULY 29 - A Brief Overview of Japanese SF or Tadao's Floor Sweepings

COLOPHON

De Profundis 378 – June, 2004. Editor: **Marty Cantor**. Production Assistants: **Bob Null**. Mailing List: **Liz Mortensen**. Mailing Labels: **Fuzzy Pink Niven**.

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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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President - George Van Wagner
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& Michelle Pincus (tag team)

(the Treasurer will serve for a full year, the others have 6-month terms)

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

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

*Meeting #3482, May 6, 2004
George Van Wagner, President
Karl Lemke, Scribe*

President George Van Wagner lobstered meeting number 3482 to order at 20:12:07

Special Orders of Business: There were no SOB stories brought to the Emperor's attention. Someone pointed out that today is the 89th anniversary of the birth of Orson Wells.

The Menace were read and approved as “Where’s the Remington when we need it”. The other motion was defeated because it’s not nice to knock a feather when it’s down.

We have a program – Brett Achorn will show some anime.

The Registrars: Introduced Rainy and her daughter Melina LeVeque, and someone else whose name was lost in some general confusion.

Tonight’s Patron Saint: This is one about whom George has plenty of nothing to say. And frankly, so does everyone else. Ed Green: **Bob Null** is an incredibly important member of the society, both in the work he does, and his nature. He’s a nice guy. He’s also the only three-time winner of the Evans Freehafer award. This is awarded to the one who’s done the most good work for the Society over the past year. Karen Anderson noted that Null is the marker for the first order infinity. (And Bob is, indeed, a LASFSian of the first order.) Marty Cantor appreciates how handy Bob’s been when Marty had to get to the hospital, and Marty has returned the favor. He also appreciates the help Bob gives in producing *De Prof*. He’s missed very few colation sessions.

Hare Hobbs – when he first started coming to LASFS in 1980, he figured Bob Null must have been around a while. Turns out he’d been coming for only a couple of months. He just jumped in and got very busy doing stuff. Leigh Strother-Vien: Without Null, this club would have probably screeched to a halt sometime in the ’80s. Joe Zeff: Null has done so much for logistics at Loscon, the position is the Bob Null position. He once accepted Fan GOH, on the provision that he do his logistics work. As Veep, he redefined responsibilities as vice president.

MBT: Everyone has concentrated on meritorious aspects – helpful, hard worker, etc. Bob is in his quiet way, a fun person. He enjoys lots of things and will quietly share. Fond of songs of Stephen Foster. Ardent numismatist. He’s also up on the history of Turkey and nearby areas of the globe. CLJII: Bob is one of those whose willingness to help is not predicated on his interest in the material for which help is needed. His ability to help has been improved by his retirement. Thanks to LASFS, he’s no longer stuck at home on the computer. Bob Null was Three Cheers and absolutely nothing, and a pair of soda fairy wings...

Committee to Gouge: Has returned from the wilds of the midwest.

Rosie introduced yet another guest, whose name was drowned out in general hilarity.

New business: One piece, delivered with appropriate signatures.

Proposed: in recognition that North Hollywood High School finished fifth in the science bowl, the LASFS send a letter of congratulations to the members of the team and their advisors.
Passed without dissent.

Committee Reports: Greg Bilan – last week was LaLaCon 10. Thanks to all who helped make it possible, including those who showed up. Three cheers were given to all who helped, and espe-

cially for Greg Bilan – LaLaCon’s Vice Chair – a bowl of gagh...

Ed Green had his two standard reports – Mike Thorsen passed the plate for the Spire. Fugghead standings are: DCS way out in 1st, 3300 votes. Christian 2nd, Ed Green 3rd, Royal Canadian Mounted Marty Cantor 4th, Matthew Tepper 5th, The Notorious Dr Sideburns 6th, Tad Daily’s New World Order 7th, Marty Cantor in various flavors occupying the next few places, and Jerry Pournelle bringing up the rear at -155 or thereabouts.

Time-Bound Announcements: Over the next two weeks, there will be two bright comets in the sky. To see comet, go away from the city, and take a pair of binox. (*Right – a pair of botox will do you no good. – ed.*)

Francis Hamit announced a pitch for a site online, booksforsoldiers.com. Sends books, dvds, and personal items to troops overseas. Also, games and cards. Choose your service, choose your theater. (Even the theater of the absurd?)

George reminded all, this Sunday is the second of the month, and we have a board meeting. Following that, will be our usual Second Sunday gathering. Those who have no fear of LASFS and Sausage can watch us take a turn for the wurst.

Reviews: John reviewed the Da Vinci Code. It’s a thriller, involving a very different sort of grail quest. It’s an interesting read, and lots of fun. Karen Anderson added the information that the current issue of Discover has an article telling what in the Da Vinci code related to Fibonacci numbers is accepted and what is made up.

Scratch pointed out Larry Niven who has a book. The Flying Sorcerers has been reprinted.

Fannish Committee Reports: George Van Wagner had a personal favorite entry for Darwin Award. Daryl Gates entered the World Belly Flop Contest. He dove off a bridge into Rock River some 20 feet below. This river is noted for cold water flowing at high speeds. No one knows why he entered, because “He don’t know how to swim.” (Well, it **was** a “belly flop” contest – not a word about swimming...)

Joe Zeff notes that after Phil and he moved to the new apartment, Phil loaned him a book on various mathematical weirdos, cranks, and oddballs. One chapter dealt with people who had discovered arithmetical tricks in base 12. One society of such folks even published a journal – in Esperanto.

CLJII had a first-hand stupid crook report. Sitting in his apt watching “I Spy”, he heard a crashing noise outside his apartment, followed by a display of red and blue lights outside his dining room window. He peeked, and then retreated to a more bullet-proof part of the apartment. A person in a van was fleeing Glendale’s finest, and decided to escape by running over a spike strip, flattening his tires, and turning into the driveway. He got as far as the speed hump outside his door before the car wouldn’t move.

Ed Green had another stupid citizen report. Being on public transportation, he now takes blue line to Long Beach to get home. One time, the bus had stopped at Staples Center as game was letting out. Next

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

stop, two members of LA County Sheriffs got on. To the three folks who had been celebrating with lots of beer, they said, "It's good of you to take public transportation home." "Yep," they said, "right to the park and ride." In a change of plan, the deputies got off at the same stop the revelers did.

Doug Crepeau stopped at Golden Apple, and invited Aaron Magruder to LASFS. We may appear in a vast white-wing conspiracy some day.

Phil Castora – surrealism in everyday life – Joe Zeff and he have moved to another part of town. A number of times a day, they hear street vendors playing various tunes. Turkey in the Straw is popular. Music box dancer is also popular. Fur Elise is also popular. (What, no "Chicken Dance?" Is that only a Glendale phenomenon?) (Phil added that it's Fur Elise by Beethoven, not to be confused with "Fur Elise" by Death Row Records.)

Miscellaneous: Ed Hooper is still trolling for Linux users. Stacy left her denim Disneyland shirt at LA LA Con. She'd like it back.

Greg Barrett had previously mentioned the young woman who was attacked and almost kidnapped. This took place a few blocks from here, and the suspect was not caught. Be on guard. (He has apparently been caught in the mean time. Maybe he got stuck in the Emperor's driveway.)

Brett Achorn moved to adjourn to anime....

The meeting adjourned at 21:15:33

*Meeting #3483, May 13, 2004
George Van Wagner, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

President George Van Wagner lobstered meeting number 3483 to order at 20:12:34.

Special Orders of Business: were once again missing in action.

The Menace were read and approved as "batty."

The Registrars: We have one guest: James Walters, currently mis s-

ing in action. Rick Foss introduced Peter Bergman, of Firesign Theater. He will speak later.

Tonight's Patron Saint: Four weeks in a row, someone the President has met! **Tom Digby.** Matthew Tepper: It was Tom Digby who pointed out Larry Niven to him. Phil Castora: Tom is the kind of person who, if he was a character in a story, he'd live around the corner from a place that sells dill pickle ice cream. And of course, at one point in history, he had. He gave parties at his very unusual home. He had three clocks. The one in the dining room, a giant mirror image pocket watch, kept perfect time. In the kitchen was a clock whose hands moved at random. The clock in the living room was a perfectly normal clock. It cuckooed normally, at the right times. Whenever it went off, though, someone had just said something especially silly. Nobody ever figured out how he programmed that effect in. He's the world's nicest guy. And his mind works at least as well as anyone else's does, but his silliness filters don't.

Eylat has known him for many years. When she first started coming to LASFS, he hosted unique parties. He's nice, but very strange. Hare Hobbs: Tom was one of the first he met in fandom. He met Tom at the Academy of SF, fantasy and horror movies. Some of his weird piercings were visible through his clothing. Then you start listening to him, and wondering where he belonged. He was very polite. Sometimes, he'd wait a couple of beats, or after the conversation had changed subject before he could interject his comment. You'd have to think about what you'd been talking about. He thought of making money radioactive so it would circulate faster and help the economy. Marty Cantor: Tom is one of those very brilliant people who's attracted to fandom. His outlook on life is slightly askew. He's a character in a Larry Niven story, "What can you say about chocolate covered manhole covers?" One of the milder things he came up with was his explanation of why the Bermuda Triangle no longer exists. As it lies entirely within itself, it has caused itself to disappear. He wrote fanzines for various APAs, and Marty has collected his brilliance and reprinted some of it in his genzine.

Jerry Pournelle is not entirely certain Tom thought of radioactive money. He definitely was the inspiration for the Manhole Cover story. The Manhole Cover still appears at gift exchanges. For a full season, the LASFS meeting was held in Tom Digby's home. If he hadn't been generous enough to host the meetings, the club might have ceased to exist. And Jerry told his Annual Why Are You Wearing That Jewelry Story... Joe Zeff: Two things: Many years ago, here at a meeting, he had something he was playing with. It was a lithium battery, "in doornail mode," to coin a Digbyesque phrase. Several years ago at Loscon, he would tell people that he was being considered for a job with the Mimbari, working on environment tanks for creatures that can't breathe terrestrial atmospheres. Then he showed the letter from Monterey Bay Marine Biology Research Institute – where he'd be working on the aquaria.

Phil Castora: described Tom Digby as "tilted 25 degrees from the rest of the universe." A consortium of fen decided strangeness must be measured in milliDigbys. Tom Digby was given Three Cheers, and 1000 milliDigbys.

Committee to Gouge: is currently sailing through the Bermuda Trapezoid.

Committee Reports: Ed Green asked Brother Thorsen to pass a substitute collection plate. The Fugghead contest is galloping to a conclusion Real Soon Now. Positive votes cost one cent to cast, negative votes, two cents, nominations are \$1.

Time-Bound Announcements: Rick Foss has news of the outside world. The X prize attempts to put a craft 60 miles into space, twice, with a two week turnaround, is within spitting distance of someone. Scaled Composites looks to be ahead of other teams. The prize deadline is the end of this year.

Jerry Pournelle: The reason the prize is going away at the end of the year is that the offerers had bought an insurance policy. Lloyds of London bet that no one would claim it by the end of the year. Second: This is not a ship that will make it to orbit. It's purely a sounding rocket type of ship. Altitude good, reusability fine. But it won't do more than win the prize—it's not designed to handle re-entry. Another company is working on a path that might just lead to orbit. It's getting a lot of attention, and getting people interested in what private industry can do.

Doug Crepeau: As a way of cutting us off at the knees, Homeland Security is making it illegal to make rocket motors without a license.

The meeting adjourned at 20:53:04.

*Meeting #3484, May 20, 2004
George Van Wagner, President
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

President George Van Wagner presented meeting number 3484 to the upper crustacean at 20:13:02.

The Menace were read and approved as "These are the minutes that say 'nit'".

They were not approved as "kicking a dead nit", or as "not enough to reach orbit". (No, not "nit" enough to reach orbit)

The Registrar: introduced Danielle St Just, and Scott Dietzel, returning guest.

Tonight's Patron Saint: We're back to people George isn't familiar with. **Patron Saint Dee Dee Lavender.** Marty Cantor stated that DeeDee was first wife of Old Time Fan Roy Lavender, who still lives in Long Beach and is an engineer. He was a nice person, and his wife was nicer. JP stated that she was the mother hen of the club for a year or so. You went to her when you didn't know who to talk to about something. Three Cheers, and Mauve-1 Toss

Committee to Gouge: sent in the clones.

Committee Reports: Ed Green had his usual three reports: Loscon 31 meets Saturday at noon. That's the day after tomorrow, not the day after yesterday or the day after the day after... The plate was passed to acquire the spire... Fugghead standings were announced.

Time-Bound Announcements: Hare Hobbs – LASFS member on News – Selina Phanara has had her car illegally towed, and is being interviewed by news on topic. She's getting her 15 minutes of fame

this week, three minutes at a time.

CLJII still has copies of Extra Added Attractions. Also, he has a letter from Representatives of the Youngest Eagle Scout in America, L. Ron Hubbard, telling us of the L. Ron Hubbard Life Exhibit Museum. They have a 45 minute guided tour, which does not include Hubbard's spiritual philosophy. No charge for admission was mentioned, but this does not rule out a charge for egress. (*This way to P. T. Barnum. – ed.*)

Information on a science fiction novel is being posted on the bulletin board in the front building.

George Van Wagner notes we received an e-mail from George Mulligan who's been spending the last four months recovering from surgery to amputate an infected toe and surrounding tissue. We can send an appropriate card. Moved, seconded, passed. His email address is orionjamesjr@aol.com

Reviews: Larry Niven announced that Ringworld's Children is out. It has a neat cover, and a terrific review.

Fannish Committee Reports: Matthew Tepper has a URL. This is a link to a story on the Onion, <myturl.com/000zD> a comment on SF cons in general

George Van Wagner has a report on a Darwin honorable mention. A groundskeeper at the Rio Grande Zoo saw a visitor covered in blood. Had an annual pass, visited every day, and always sat in front of the exhibit with a caged jaguar and talked to it for a couple of hours. On this particular day, he left behind a finger.

The meeting adjourned at 21:15:08.

Meeting #3485, May 27, 2004

*George Van Wagner,
President
Karl Lembke, Scribe*

The LASFS being fresh out of turtles, the voice of the lobster was heard across the clubhouse at 20:13:23.

Special Orders of Business: Russ Hodgkins, member of First Fandom, at age 96, of natural

L.A.F.A.

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, July 17, 2004

Filk: 7 PM to ???

Pre-Filk Dinner: 5:30 PM:

VIP Harbor Seafood Restaurant
(Chinese

cuisine, including dim sum)

Brandyhall: Lee and Barry Gold, hosts
3965 Alla Rd., Los Angeles, CA
90066; (310) 306-7456

PRE-FILK DINNER: 5:30 PM at VIP
Harbor Seafood Restaurant. 11701
Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles
Take the 405 (San Diego Fwy) to
Wilshire and turn west
Please phone or email the Golds by
Thursday evening to let us know you
plan on coming.

DIRECTIONS: See Thomas Bros. L.
A. Co., page 672, B-5 (1992 edition);
page 49, grid E-3 (older editions).
Brandyhall is located southwest of the
intersection of the San Diego
(I-405) and
Santa Monica (I-10) Freeways.

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

MAGIC
The Gathering

Tournaments
held at LASFS
First Friday
every month

Contact for Magic The
 Gathering:
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causes – once a Director of LASFS, back when the club was more subject to direction (HAH!). A moment of silence was held.

The Menace were read and approved as “punishing a dead audience.”

The Registrar: Michelle PinCUS introduced a Tom Severson, Michelle’s guest. We also have Melina Levecque, brought by her mom.

Tonight’s Patron Saint: A gentleman George never had the opportunity to meet, as he passed some three decades

before George started showing up - **Ed Baker.** Karen Anderson met him only once, more than thirty years ago. The family was in town for a con, and stayed a night at the Slan Shack. She listened with some amazement while he and two or three other people debated for an hour or so on the subject of how to form a word in Esperanto. CLJII: Ed was Interesting in the Chinese sense. Too bad Phil Castora’s not here, he knows all the good Ed Baker stories. And he gave us money. Three Cheers, and the traditional sheet of bulletproof glass. (Thank you Hagiographer)

Committee Reports: The plan is that next week will be the closing of the Fugghead of the Year contest. Bring lots of change to rig the results. Some fragrances worn to the club have produced allergic reactions in some members. Please try different fragrances until we drive out the right members.

Time-Bound Announcements: CLJII: Forrest J Ackerman announced that he attended the 30th annual Golden Saturn Awards banquet. Forry received the first Saturn award, and at this event, was presented with the eyepatch worn by Robert England in his movie. He’s still out there kicking and acquiring stuff. He sends regards to the club.

Lane reported that the Craft Fair is approaching, a week from Saturday, to be held alongside Estrogen Zone.

George Van Wagner announced we have a program, a monthly round table on what people are reading now. Also, he has received an e-mail accepting charter members for SF Museum and Hall of Fame, basic membership \$40, \$10K will buy you Immortal status. The museum opens to the public on June 18, so the time to get charter memberships is limited.

Reviews: Hare Hobbs reviewed three books by Catherine Asaro. He’s finding them very enjoyable. Her books are a fast read, even with his dyslexia. It has an interesting treatment of telepathy and empathy, involving implanted computers. They are highly recommended.

Jeff is working his way through Rainbow Mars by Larry Niven.

Very well done book. Grabs attention and doesn’t let go.

Joe Zeff: Not to give spoilers, (*You have to give spoilers to get spoilers. – ed.*) but remember Svetz the Time Traveler? Imagine what happens when he gets involved in a trip to Mars, using time travel. It’s very strange, and very cleverly done.

CLJII: Yesterday’s session of Algebra class. First half of class, took the final classroom test as practice. After finishing, half the people left the class, and missed Review. It was not a textbook review, as it wandered off into mathematical jokes.

Fannish Committee Reports : German announced Fred Patten’s new book, coming out in a few months.

Miscellaneous: George Van Wagner has a stupid crook report: police in Poughkeepsie NY reported on a man so upset at losing an Ebay auction he drove to the winner’s home in NY from New Orleans to threaten him with a gun. (*Leland Sapiro lives! [Which is a reference to an occasion when the fan hit the shit.] – ed.*)

The virtual Liz called for money.

The meeting adjourned at 21:00:01.

LASFS Board of Directors
Meeting of May 9, 2004
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Brett Achorn, Secretary

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

Others: Joyce Sperling, George Van Wagner, Tadao Tomomatsu, Anne Morrel, Greg Bilan, Phil Castora, Stacey Hallman

Carl called the meeting to something like order at 11:08 a.m.

Minutes: Approved

New Members: Mary Turzillo, Felicity Fisher, Diane Capewell, Stuart Capewell, Madeline Spang, Anna Marie Rivera - all accepted

Treasurer’s Report: We have money. Computer upgrade bills came through as expected. No La La Con final totals yet. Report approved many-0.

Building Remodel: Computer room remodel pretty much done.

Freezer on the front building’s fridge doesn’t seem to be doing the freezing thing very well anymore. Moved to spend up to spend \$1000 for a new front building fridge, purchasing to be done by a committee of Marty, Liz, Karl, Mike Thorsen, and Bob Null. Approved many-0.

Bathroom water heaters—Bob asked if he should buy new ones. “Yes” was the chorus. Ed moved to spend up to \$750 for two new water heaters and assorted hardware per Bob’s specs. Approved many-0.

Sign project—no progress, but Ed is on it this week.

Parking maintenance—have stencil, need work party to clean sur-

face. 4th Saturday chosen date for that.

Communication: Gestetner happy.

Printers: Liz's company donated two Xerox copiers—much thanks. One reported it needed service, the other worked from one tray but not the other and needs some other fixing. Xerox charges \$270 or so for first 30 minutes (and then \$51 for each additional 15 minutes), parts extra. Supplies more costly than the Cannon copier. Both heavier than Gestetner. Marty recommended we pass them on. Ed concurred. Moved to table decision until we get more information next month, passed many -0.

Video projector still works fine.

Replacement audio system is coming: Yamaha SVX-3300, 380 watt, 6.1 receiver with secondary 25 watt amp for a separate program. Thanks to George for tracking that down and his connection for getting it for only \$200.

Our primary VCR has become cranky. Thorsen will pursue (inexpensive) solutions.

Marketing committee: Stuff was printed up for Festival of Books. Everything got passed out, especially Children's Reading List. The artwork-generation-via-contest scheme was successful and well received at LaLaCon. Updated reading lists (children's and adult's) are forthcoming.

Club mailing list: Needs work.

Library: Nothing new, the endless toil proceeds.

Archives: Nothing new, work proceeds.

lasfs.org: Karl hasn't been finding time for website. Ed wanted it noted that Karl's volunteer efforts deserve congrats. Discussion about the website flow overall, and alternatives for content publication got tossed around. Brett volunteered to do some research and costing. Karl will do so as well.

Events: Festival of Books: Ed moved for a helping of thanks with whipped cream go to Greg Bilan for coping with extra complications in pulling things together this year. Thanks also to board members and helpful club members who showed up and worked.

Loscon 31: Meeting at fannish noon 5/22. Table at Baycon. Website should get updated in a week or so. LASFS Guest of Honor is David Gerrold.

Loscon 32: Author guest is Steven Brust. Other work proceeds.

LaLaCon: Tadao survived to report—thanks to Greg, Liz, Ed, Mike, etc.

Craft Fair: Dr. Arizona has sold two tables so far. See Liz to buy tables. Bake sale volunteers needed.

New Business: Liz relayed a request from Chris Fleming for new hard drives in the form of \$1000. Passed many -0.

Liz channeled another request, this one from Diana D., bookseller *par excellence*, to have a party with video entertainment and BBQ committee help on Monday, May 31st at the club, open to the club

membership. Approved many -0-1.

Convention Delegates: Ed and Liz going to Baycon.

Bill going to Book Expo.

Meeting adjourned to Second Sunday at 12:24 p.m.

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: WESTWIND Nos. 270, 271 (NWSFS). ConNotations Vol. 14, No. 3 (CASFS). THE SHUTTLE Vol. 1, Nos. 1, 2 (SFSFS). MEMPHEN Nos. 279, 280, 281 (MSFA). INSTANT MESSAGE #736 (NESFA). PSFS News, May 2004, June 2004 (PSFS). BCSFAzine 343 (BCSFA). EINBLATT! June 2004 (MinnStf).

other zines: NICE DISTINCTIONS 6 (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 no current listings at this time.)

LETTER OF COMMENT

Arthur D. Hlavaty
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Yonkers, NY 10704

(From the Oval Throne of Pope Guilty D)

This is to announce that CLJII is hereby excommunicated from the Church of the SuperGenius for his erroneous and blasphemous statement that Herbangelism is the best and most workable fannish religion. Actually, Wile E. could whup Herbie's ass anytime. We are not implying the CLJII is now or ever was a member of the Church of the SuperGenius, but when you're a pope, you can excommunicate anyone you feel like. And furthermore, Neener, Neener, Neener.

(As *Little Tin God of LASFAPA*, be it known that I excommunicated Arthur D. Hlavaty from that APA quite some time ago - and he was a member . . . who failed minac. Anyway, a *Little Tin God of LASFAPA* is more powerful than any pipsqueak Pope of the Church of the SuperGenius. Nyah, Nyah, Nyah. I cast a Piffle on him. - ed.)

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