



# DE PROFUNDIS 400



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## May 2006

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### Legend of Inscrutable Abbreviations

BoD - Board of Directors  
 CFO - Cartoon Fantasy Organization  
 Cinema Anime - Japanimation  
 Estrogen Zone - Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society  
 FWEMS - Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm  
 Time Meddlers - Dr. Who Club  
 TRIPE - Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment  
 TSPC - Tom Safer Presents Cartoons - 10 am  
 Work Party - Varies with what needs doing

CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm  
 Estrogen Zone - 2 pm  
 FWEMS - Jack Ingram Westerns  
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm  
 Reading of SF Short Stories - 7:30 pm  
 Time Meddlers - 10:30 am  
 TRIPE - Noon until whenever  
 TSPC - Special Feature Presentation - Melody Time and Wartime Disney Shorts

### Thursday Program Items

**May 4 - What Have You Been Reading?**

**May 11 - Reading by Rick Foss**

**May 18 - Nothing Scheduled**

**May 25 - Nothing Scheduled**

### Calendar Details

Asian Cult Cinema - 2 pm  
 BoD - 11 am, gaming starts at 2 pm  
 Cinema Anime - 1 pm until it ends

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## COLOPHON

*De Profundis* 400 – April 2006. Editor: **Milt Stevens**. Mailing List: **Liz Mortensen**. Mailing Labels: **Fuzzy Pink Niven**.

*De Profundis* is the official newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601, USA). Our telephone number is: (818) 760-9234. Our web site is: [www.lasfs.org](http://www.lasfs.org). *De Profundis* is available to active LASFS members, Patron Friends & Saints of the LASFS, voluntary active LASFS members, and in exchange for other fanzines. VAMs are available for \$10 per year, payable to LASFS, Inc.

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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, Milt Stevens, can be reached at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings or at his address: [miltstevens@earthlink.net](mailto:miltstevens@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.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. Interjections in square brackets [[ ]] are solely the responsibility of the editor.

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## That's Not Too Many

The numerically sensitive among you have already noticed this is the 400th issue of *De Profundis*. Four hundred is a number that is round and firm and fully packed. We all seem to be fascinated with round numbers. Four hundred is a very round number. As far as fanzines are concerned, it used to be said that few fanzines even made it to two digits. That was in the days before *Apa L*. Even now, exceedingly few fanzines make it to 400 issues. In honor of the occasion, I'd like to take a look at some of the previous 399 issues. Not all of them, but at least every 50th issue.

The first issue was four pages and dittoed. It appeared in June 1965. That's 41 years ago. We've averaged about ten issues a year for 41 years. In the earliest days, *De Profundis* was a bi-monthly, so that's not too bad an average over the long haul. That first issue was edited by John and Bjo Trimble. The big topic was moving the meetings from Thursday to Friday nights. This was before the first clubhouse, and attendance had been declining. It was thought we might attract more people on Friday than Thursday. It was much discussed, but the final motion didn't pass.

Issue #50 was edited by Bill Warren and Craig Miller and appeared in January 1972. This issue contained the annual budget which showed an income of \$6, 284.52 and reported Fred Patten had compiled a directory of LASFS members which was available for 20 cents or 10 cents and a stamped envelope.

Issue #100 was edited by Beverly and Bill Warren and appeared in July 1978. The first story reported Dan Alderson's house had burned down. It was a bad month for Dan, since his car was also demolished in a traffic accident. Phil Castora and Joyce McDaniel had also been in the car at the time. Joyce's arm was broken.

Issue #150 was edited by Gavin Claypool with Alice Massoglia as co-editor. It appeared in July 1984. The 50th anniversary of the LASFS was coming up and so was the 1000th distribution of *Apa L*. The death of local fan Larry Nielson was reported.

Issue #200 was edited by Jeni Burr with assistance by Galen Tripp and Gavin Claypool. It appeared in September 1988. Meeting minutes were being published in this issue. That hadn't been the case in many of the earlier issues.

Issue #250 was edited by Tim Merrigan and appeared in February 1992. The issue was entirely

composed of a calendar of coming events and meeting minutes.

Issue #300 was edited by Tim Merrigan and appeared in May 1997. This issue was a super sized 36 pages with reviews and a bunch of letters from Harry Warner Jr.

Issue #350 was edited by Marty Cantor and appeared in February 2002. This issue was pretty much in the format that is still in use. The calendar grid had appeared as a regular feature. There was also a syndicated fanzine review column by Ted White.

Which brings us to issue #400. There were LASFS newszines before *De Profundis*. However, they were sporadic and only appeared for a few issues at a time. In the time since we acquired the first clubhouse, there has been more stuff going on. That can be verified by looking at the calendar grid. In future issues, we will continue to follow the motto of newszines everywhere. "All the news that fits we print."

## Next LA Area LAFA Filksing

Saturday, May 13, 2006, 7:00 pm to ???  
Brandyhall: Lee and Barry Gold hosts  
3965 Alla Rd,  
Los Angeles, CA 90066 (310) 306-7456  
Pre-Filk Dinner: 5 pm at J R Seafood (310) 268-2463

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## 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! April 2006 Minnestota Science Fiction Society (MinnStf). Instant Message #766 New England Science Fiction Association (NESFA). NASFA Shuttle Vol. 26, No. 3 & 4 North Alabama Science Fiction Association (NASFA).

**Other Zines:** Nice Distinctions #13 (Arthur D. Hlavaty)

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## CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(Copies of the complete minutes are filed in the archives.)

**Meeting # 3577, March 2, 2006**  
**Ed Green, President**  
**Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Ed Green called meeting number 3577 to order at 20:14:57.

We are on Agenda Modified tonight. The Hugo Award panel will not happen tonight, but we'll still vote for a new Loscon chair.

**Special Orders of Business:** We have two groups of items to mention this week. In the first group, we have Owen Chamberlain, Berkeley physicist; Dennis Weaver, who starred in *Touch of Evil* and *Duel*; Don Knotts, who starred in *The Incredible Mr. Limpet* and *The Reluctant Astronaut*; Darren McGavin, the *Night Stalker*; and Jack Wilde, of H.R. Puffinstuff fame.

In the second group, we've just lost Octavia Butler. Steve Barnes read the obituary from the *Seattle Post Intelligencer*. Karen Anderson noted that the Science Fiction museum will be hosting readings and remembrances.

We observed a full minute of silence in Ms. Butler's honor, and maybe a bit of silence fiction.

**Menace:** Read and approved as "Teeth! Hens got teeth!"

**Registrar:** Tadao Tomomatsu introduced Jennifver Marie Sheehan, Omid Mankoo, Robert Munger II, and Rene Daily.

**Patron Saint:** Marji Ellers. Mike Stern called her the heart of fandom. Scratch Galloway described her as a beautiful lady who'd turn her hand to anything. Joe Zeff recalled a time when she was not doing well, on account of her cancer treatment, she still brought ice cream to the Second Sunday gathering following her saint's night.

Hare Hobbs recalls that when Marji was the guest of honor at Loscon, she brought a ten pound block of chocolate to the con suite every day of the con. Tadao recalls his only meeting with Marji – she was an elegant vision in white, with a sword through her

chest. Marji Ellers was given three cheers, and a strategically placed eyepatch.

**Committee to Gouge:** Sold off a can of haggis, a can of vegetarian haggis, and three DVDs of the *Chronicles of Nadia*. Charlie Jackson pointed out that canned haggis is nothing more than an inside-out billy goat.

**Old Business:** None!

**New Business:** We have some, but we need to vamp for a while.

**Appointed Committee Reports:** Ed Green, on behalf of the neighbor relations committee, asked that members please leave any negotiations with our neighbors to the board and the procedural officers. If anyone has a bright idea for negotiations with our neighbors, please mention them to a board member instead.

Also, thanks were given to Charlie Jackson, and all who helped with the upgrade of the audio-video equipment and cabinet.

Program committee: On March 9, we have a reading by David Gerrold. On April 20, a cartoon program by Tom Safer.

We then turned to the old business, the election of the Chair for Loscon 34. Congratulations to Susan Gleason, elected Chair, and to Greg Bilan and Sheri Benoun, who are off the hook for at least another year. After the election, it was revealed that Susan is considering, as the author guest of honor, the author of *Oblique House*.

### Reviews:

Hare Hobbs reviewed *We the Few*, by David Weber. This is part 4 of a series, and is quite good.

It was revealed that tonight's episode of "The Office" uses a science fiction convention as its backdrop.

### Fannish Committee Reports:

Marcia Minsky noted that the March Letter from Junior Scholastic had sample award certificate. In a bit of a shock, the name on the certificate was that of her deceased husband.

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Joe Zeff made note of a specialty clothing company in Oregon which makes, among other things, business cut kilts with matching jackets.

Doug Crepeau reported on a human adenovirus which seems to cause obesity, and may be contagious.

We have recently learned that a local bookstore is moving. Iliad Books is going on an odyssey, relocating to 5400 Cahuenga.

Rick Foss notes that City/Valley Beat will be featuring articles about fanfic.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Charlie Jackson states that, for those who are interested, copies of the class notes for his Ephemeral Cinema class are on sale, \$5 each. In addition, for those who missed the class, it's being held again in May.

Motions to run screening into the night were approved at 21:42:43.

***Meeting # 3578, March 9, 2006  
Ed Green, President  
Karl Lembke, Scribe***

President Ed Green called meeting number 3578 to order at 20:13:12...

WE are on agenda light this evening on account of a reading by David Gerrold.

**Menace:** Read and approved as "I didn't catch that."

**Registrar:** No guests.

**Patron Saint:** St Dave Fox Phil Castora: Dave was a real nice guy and everyone liked him. He created a series of shorts about the country of Khorlia. CLJII: The only way you could have gotten to know Dave well was to be a topless dancer in a strip club down on Magnolia. Hare: He's our official ghost. Came to the third ever club meeting, going on to miss none except when he was in Marines, and they wanted him to show up for some reason.

When he died, the strip club down on Magnolia went out of business. He was a good club historian. For our club. He had many stories to tell. Jerry Pournelle: He was a former marine, a dirty old man, useful to the club, and one hell of a nice guy. Semper Fi! Dave Fox was given three cheers, and a fistful of singles.

**Committee to Gouge:** The committee auctioned off a Darth Vader yoyo, with no strings attached, and some comic books.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**None.

**Appointed Committee Reports:**Ed Green announced some programming. Tom Safer, cartoons, April 20.

### **Fannish Committee Reports:**

Tepper: a scientific and non-flippant one: Cassini probe may have found liquid water on Enciladas, one of the stranger moons of Saturn.

Jerry Pournelle asked if all of us know about "Black Star". Aviation Week said they'd been hearing rumors about Black Star. Since the Pentagon is retiring the program, here's what little they know. You've heard stories about odd aircraft around Area 51.... The BS program was a B-70, modified. It was intended to go at hypersonic velocities, hit the upper atmosphere, and drop a space cruiser. It was for emergency reconnaissance on occasions when we couldn't get a satellite in place. It was abandoned on account of not working. It looks like it ought to work. Problem is, in order to get hypersonic velocities, you have to fly at hypersonic speeds. The leading edges of your plane need to be made of unobtainium, or they'll melt.

He also reviewed the I-mate by Jasjar. It's one hell of a machine. Only \$700 on E-bay.

**Miscellaneous:** Hare: Brandon's wife is having a brain scan to see if they can fix her hands. If the scan comes out right, she may be able to use "bionic gloves" on an experimental basis.

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Michelle Pincus – John Amato is alive, but has had bad stuff happen, and is being reclusive.

Motions to run screening into the program were approved at 21:02:18.

***Meeting # 3579, March 16, 2006***  
***Ed Green, President***  
***Karl Lembke, Scribe***

President Ed Green called meeting number 3579 to order at 20:11:43.

**Special Orders of Business:** There were no demises, but there were a couple of things. Today is the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of a gentleman in France, receiving the Medal of the Legion of Honor. It figures, since the French are absolutely wild about him and consider him a genius in the field of humor. Which confirms what Mark Twain thought about the race. Jerry Lewis.

Another item, not quite so pleasant – LASFS member Claire Lasby has been hospitalized at Encino Tarzana Medical Center. She is 7 months pregnant, and is experiencing complications. Hopefully she will manage to recover for two. Hospital phone is 818-881-0801. Visiting hours are 11-8.

**Menace:** Read and approved as “Semper Topless”.

**Registrar:** Marcia Minsky announced we have a guest. Dale Carney came to us by walking by and deciding to stop by and see what it’s all about.

**Patron Saint:** Gavin Claypool – he can always find the videos you’re looking for. He’s dangerous – he sells neat videos. You’re going to have to shell out lots of cash or write a large check. Matthew Tepper: He’s a thoughtful and compassionate person who always likes to know how his friends are, and to help in whatever way he can. For a couple of years, Gavin was Allan Rothstein’s ride to and from doctor’s appointments. Joe Zeff: On thing to remember about him – I don’t think there’s anyone in the club who actively dislikes Gavin. And that’s really something. Hare Hobbs had started to think Gavin lived at the Price Club. Every time they went there, there was Gavin.

Jerry Pournelle notes, it’s difficult to say anything bad about him. He thinks you’d be hard pressed to find anyone in the world who actively dislikes him. He’s very competent, and helped him put on the Nebula Awards, and when he did the Space Development Conference. Never saw him undertake a job he didn’t do well. Scratch: He is a nice guy. Mike Stern: Gavin was once Lord High Janitor. Gavin Claypool was given three cheers and a few DVDs more.

**Committee to Gouge:** Auctioned off some cigar boxes. Sometimes a cigar box is just a cigar box.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Appointed Committee Reports:** George Van Wagner reminded one and all of the reading on Wednesday, March 22, we’ll have a reading of three stories at the club. The Hellbound Train; A Study in Emerald, Gaiman, and Travels with My Cats, Resnick. Starts at 7:30 or so. On April 5, we’ll be auditioning readers. If you want to read, show with 5 minutes’ worth of reading material at 8:00.

George announced, on the fourth Saturday, we debut the Asian Cult Cinema films, dedicated to Chinese fantasy and SF films.

Arlene announced that the Marketing Committee is looking for Art. Any sketches for bookmarks, buttons, or whatever, can be handed to a marketing committee person.

**Programming:** No official program tonight. However, we have a blank DVD. Tonight’s program is No Program brought to you by the BBC.

ON April 20, there’ll be a cartoon program by Tom Safer.

**Reviews:** Ed Hooper reviewed a Manga called Eden. It’s set in a post-apocalyptic world, and it’s quite good. It’s by Hiroke Endo, it’s the Endo the world as we know it, and it reads fine.

Scratch: Some time ago, a Russian lady, Anna Kashina, donated a book to the club library. She’s

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now contracted with a German publisher for a book due to come out soon.

Jerry Pournelle recommends Murder In Macedonia, about the assassination of Philip of Macedon. Anna Apostolo, pseud. The author has done good historical research.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Hare Hobbs reported on something happening to his uncle. He was mugged. They didn't take his money, or his beer. They took his case of cigarettes. Taxes are that high.

Steve Bartlett, while working on the show West Wing. Really wanted to ask, So Senator Organa, is Alderan a peaceful planet?

Scratch: one of our club members, Dorry's mother has broken her hip.

Jerry Pournelle: There is now a considerable controversy among planetary scientists over whether the Tunguska event might have triggered a climate change. Climatology scientists are arguing because the models are so poor that no one really knows. One meteorologist, saying that everything started in Russia, has managed to make a good case.

Someone sent a video on YouTube. Someone has done a live-action version of the intro to the Simpsons. George Van Wagner notes it was done by Sky Video, Rupert Murdoch's video company. Joe Zeff: He's seen the trailer and it ends up with the Simpson watching the opening of the animated version.

Ed Hooper noted that on the Queen Mary II, there are six hand-carved murals, one for each continent. On the North America continent is a relief of Homer Simpson. That prompted someone to chum the waters.

Fred Patten: New Locus mentions Fred Patten's donation to the Eaton collection. It's not all fanzines, and it's Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society.

Doug Crepeau remarked on a company selling scanners to promote the idea of shipping medical

information the same way they ship pets – in a box, terrified.

CLJII: notes a show on The History Channel on How William Shatner created the future. Lots of inventions were copied from Star Trek.

Marcia Minsky plugged the National MS Society Walk.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Motions to deny the program were approved at 21:03:31.

***Meeting # 3580, March 23, 2006  
Ed Green, President  
Karl Lembke, Scribe***

President Ed Green called meeting number 3580 to order at 20:15:22

**Special Orders of Business:** Tadao Tomomatsu was called forward to announce the passing of John Arruda. There are no specific plans; next of kin are being sought. He's ex Air Force, so a military burial is expected. Mike Stern had a few words: It's ironic. John used to joke about not being able to go into work Sunday because he'd have to call in dead. Well, he did it. He was a gamer, anime fan, and more. He was somebody special, not just of Mike, but to teenagers in club and especially people who were in the children's programming at Loscon. The kids adored him. He was their mascot – he refused to grow up. Susan Gleason, representing his roommates, She, Allyson Stern, Tiny, Laura – Susan is available to deal with questions. The Korps are off to deal with Laura's parents, having troubles in the wake of Katrina. No word on when the body is to be released, or other details.

Program for tonight will be deferred to allow for reminiscences.

Phil Castora rose to announce Francis Hamit has had some luck. One of the trade magazines he'd sold articles to had been bought by another company. They had bought first serial rights. He sued them, and has just won. It was a settlement with a nondisclosure agreement. This is good for

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Francis, and for other writers in similar positions.

Ed Green announced that a LASFS member has received a Hugo Nomination – John Hertz for Fan Writer.

**Menace:** Read and approved as “approved”. Those weirdos!

**Registrar:** We have two guests, D M Spector and Kay Buehler, both of whom have been here once before, though it was many years ago.

**Patron Saint:** Dan Deckert. Len Moffatt says he misses Dan. He doesn't know where he's living now. (Sioux Falls, South Dakota) He did lots of stuff. He was the program director for Bouchercon, and fortunately was a mystery fan. During planning and programming, he had a very good operation. Afterward, he got nothing but compliments from the writers on how he put things together and helped them out. Marty Cantor: Man of many talents, worked for Hughes working on the Tow missile, contributed to APA-L and did covers for LASFAPA. He's responsible for parliamentary maneuver, “All those in favor say Aye, all opposed say aye.” Tepper: goes way back with Dan, went to JC with his sister Debra. He was a very genial presence in the club. He and Danise threw wonderful parties in their beautiful, crowded, and weirdly fannishly decorated home. And they're amateur radio operators. Joe Zeff: Those who play Hell will appreciate knowing Dan is lifetime positive at the game. He attained this in a unique style. As soon as he got positive for the year, he'd stop playing for the rest of the year. Ed Green: one anecdote: they were at a party and got to talking about military stuff. Ed made an offhanded comment about the capabilities of soviet tanks. I'm the only person in a hundred miles that'll tell you that, but it's still classified. Oh, right. You turning me in for that? Maybe next year. Dan is one of the most efficient and organized fans ever met. possibly one of the best BOD chairs ever met – a natural. Dan was given three cheers and a certificate from Cooks,

**Committee to Gouge:** Had a hard cell item, a stapler, and a bag o' stuff.

**Appointed Committee Reports:** Arlene announced the reading just past was a big success. There's to be another one next month. Thanx to all of marketing team. Also, we're holding auditions for readers on April 5, here, 8 PM. Bring no more than 5 minutes' stuff to read. First come, first serve, there'll be a sign-in sheet.

Also: Vice-chairing LaLaCon, April 29 and 30. Registration opens at 10. Jason Stoddard is writer

GOH; artist is Mario D'Anna, a professional animator, fan Kris Bauer. We'll have the usual stuff. \$15.99 \$21.55 at the door, banquet is \$6. Pay Liz.

**Time Bound Announcements:** Christian: LA con IV coming up. Buy your memberships now. \$175, and payment plans are available. Must be paid off by June 30. [www.laconiv.org](http://www.laconiv.org) It's a really big show.

Len Moffatt had sort of a time bound announcement. First heard about LASFS close to 70 years ago, as a high-schooler back in PA. Read about it in Bob Tucker's fanzine, the Zombie. Moved to CA in 1946, attended first meeting in March – 60 years ago. Joined shortly thereafter, also joined 1946 Worldcon. Been in organization 60 years, and had a hell of a good time.

**Reviews:** Tina spent Saturday with John Cleese at Royce Hall, finding out more about his childhood than she ever wanted to know. Also learned more about his internal anatomy than she ever wanted to know. He's doing his world tour. Worth price of admission. This is his posthumous tour, as he's currently dead for tax purposes.

### Fannish Committee Reports

Matthew Tepper notes an interesting ebay auction: item is the privilege of having dinner with Harlan and Susan Ellison, minimum \$5K.

Steve Bartlett noted a report on the radio, nationwide poll asking who they'd most object to offspring dating. Winner was – atheists.

Also, a stupid crook report – apparently a pirate boat with a few crew members on it decided to fire upon two Navy vessels. Hare's relative may get the bionic gloves, despite not having all that much movement in her hands.

Zeff: the stupid pirate report – small vessel towing skiffs and had the lack of foresight to fire RPGs at the naval vessels. Navy returned fire small arms only.

Ed Green had one: Department of Homeland Security Shoots down Movie Script. The writers have been told they may not use agency's name or visual identifiers in script of film. J. Neil Schulman, writer, received notice from director of HS multimedia. He responded by being a Schulman.

CLJII: in 1941, Universal Pictures submitted script for In the Navy, Abbott and Costello. After filming climax, got word that navy objected. They re-filmed it as a dream sequence, and it was approved.

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Motions to deny the program were approved at 21:14:57....

**Meeting # 3581,  
Ed Green, President  
Karl Lembke, Scribe**

President Ed Green called meeting number 3581 to order at 20:06:18.

**Special Orders of Business:** We have one special order of business, announced by Matthew Tepper. He is sad to announce the death of a major SF writer, and not a person you might think of as one – Stanislaw Lem. He was 87 years old, and we're blaming it on either heart trouble or living in Krakow. We note the passing of a giant, the one the Lunar Excursion Module (LEM) was named after. We observed a moment of silence.

**Menace:** Read and approved as "unfortunately not a dream sequence".

Tadao had a minor point of order. We didn't have a moment of silence last week for John Arruda. We had a half hour of talking instead.....We had half a moment of silence for Mr. Arruda.

**Registrar:** We have some poor unfortunate guests. Two gentlemen are Gordon Mayer and Merlin Stone.

**Patron Saint:** Susan Haseltine. Matthew Tepper noted that she was for many years a librarian of the LASFS. She performed a thankless task admirably. He also worked at the same place that she did for a while. Kyla called her "a lovely gal, married to a lovely chap". Rick Foss observed that once, while at a party, he got to arguing books for three hours with her. She knows books. Scratch: She gave us money. Sue Haseltine was given three cheers, and an ISBN

**Committee to Gouge:** Auctioned off a bunch of stuff, including lots of space.

**Appointed Committee Reports:** Because the crowd's not happy, we have disappointed committee reports.

We have more guests. Marcia Minsky introduced

Greg Snyder, and Shirley Bigna, Joyce Hooper's mother. Occupation: Librarian.

Richard Costas: Claire Lasby is through her crisis. Latest appointment gave her an all-clear for normal delivery.

**Reviews:** Len Moffatt reviewed a mystery novel with sf connections, by Max Allan Collins, who wrote the Dick Tracy comic strip. The novel is, *The War of the Worlds Murder*.

Kyla: *V for Vendetta*: treatise on anarchy vs fascism, it's surprisingly romantic. The fellow who plays the fellow in the mask is very good.

Hare Hobbs: *Mission to Minerva* by Hogan, latest book in the Gentle Giants of Ganymede. This is a minor crosstime novel. Enjoyable.

Fred Patten: 2-3 weeks ago, we had a guest who had a SF novel, Xanthan Gumm, published. The review is in APA-L. For those who don't read the APA, well, you should.

### **Fannish Committee Reports**

Tadao announced a new DVD game coming out – banzai

Rick Foss: Perils of using irony in email: Contest for captioning news photos, run by Korean paper. One person found a photo with Korean troops teaching Tae Kwon Do. He wrote an article describing the plot. For details, google "tae kwon do zombies". The funny thing has been furious denials by the Koreans.

Fred Patten: That seems endemic to the Orient. There's been lots of comment recently about how the Chinese government has recently outlawed showing of *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, because it teaches that toons are as real as real people. Back in 1920s, the government in power outlawed Alice in Wonderland, because it taught talking animals were as real as human beings. Soon they'll have firemen setting fire to all the books that are insufficiently realistic.

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