



JUNE 2016

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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

Estrogen Zone = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 BoD = Board of Directors - 11 am
 2nd Sunday Open House = Board and other gaming - 2 pm
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation - 1 pm
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 Time Meddlers = Dr. Who club - 11 am
 Tom Safer Cartoons = 10 am

CALENDAR DETAILS

BoD - 11:00 am, Open House starts at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 Estrogen Zone - 2:00 pm
 FW-EMS -

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

JUNE 2 - Presidential nominations open and recess; Tom Safer presents
JUNE 9 - Procedural Elections (President [re-opens], Vice President, Registrar, Scribe, Treasurer)
JUNE 16 - BIG AUCTION.
JUNE 23 - Peter H. Brothers celebrates the 60th anniversary of the release of **Godzilla/ King of the Monsters!**
JUNE 30 - Part 1 of **/More Like the Movies/ My Life in Pictures**

Updated programme information can be found at this web site:
http://www.lasfsinc.info//index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=185

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DE PROFUNDIS - the *unofficial* newsletter of LASFS

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De Profundis 520- June 2016. Publisher and Editor: **Marty Cantor**.

De Profundis is the unofficial newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (6012 Tyrone Ave., Van Nuys, CA, USA). The LASFS' telephone number is: (818) 904-9544. The club's web site is: www.lasfs.org. *De Profundis* is available only from Marty Cantor for his cost of producing the zines: 55¢ in person, \$1.00 by domestic mail. Out of country rates quoted upon request but it is recommended that copies be downloaded - or at least read - from the *DE PROF* web site.

Westercon is a service mark of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Incorporated (LASFS, Inc.), Worldcon and NASFiC are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS).

I 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 his edress: [martyhoohah \(at\) sbcglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net) or at the clubhouse on Thursday evenings. Deadlines are a bit fluid, but mid-month Thursdays are probably it.

If anybody who receives *DE PROF* via the mail happens to move without letting me know the new address; well, I have more important things to do than to be chasing down addresses so I will stop sending zines to you even if you have given me money to do so.

I will accept no advertising in *De Profundis* but I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to LASFS members.

Even though *De Profundis* is no longer the official newsletter of the LASFS, I intend to run the zine as if it still belonged to the club. Mostly. 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.

Written in Publisher 2000 on a new custom-modified Intel quad-core, DELL Workstation (using the Windows 7 Professional 64 bit operating system) and printed on an HP 4700dn colour laser printer.

Statements herein are those of the speaker/writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the club. *Interjections in italics are solely the responsibility of the smartass, er, editor. Any resemblances 'twixt smartassery and responsibility are purely coincidental.*

Addendum: At the LASFS' Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2009, the Directors accepted the proposal by Marty Cantor to take over *De Profundis* as his own fanzine, or as one of them, and he will be assuming the entire cost of production. Marty Cantor has promised to use his 5+ years experience of running *De Prof* as a guide to pubbing the zine as the *unofficial* newsletter of the society. The proposal was put to the Board because the Board had previously indicated that costs were dictating the discontinuance of the zine. *De Prof* is available on paper solely at cost: currently 75¢. Mailed copies, domestically, will be \$1.25. Subscriptions will be accepted; however, as prices are set at approximate cost of production, there will be no discounts for long-term subs.

Marty Cantor, 11825 Gilmore Street #105, North Hollywood, CA 91606, USA. (818) 761-9401. [martyhoohah \(at\) sbcglobal \(dot\) net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbglobal.net). June 2016. Hoo Hah Publication Number 1988. Thanks go to Elayne Pelz, Charlie Jackson, Karl Lembke, and Nick Smith, Lee and Barry Gold, and any others who are helping me in providing news to LASFS members.

LASFS OFFICERS

Elected Procedural Officers
January - June, 2016

President: Gavin Claypool. **Vice-President:** Debra Levin. **Registrar:** Jeromy Miller. **Scribe:** Karl Lembke & Nick Smith. **Treasurer:** (elected in mid-year, serves for full year) Elayne Pelz & Michelle Pincus.

Board of Directors

Chairman: Karl Lembke (2018). **Vice-Chairman:** Christian McGuire (2017).. **Comptroller:** Debra Levin (2018). **Secretary:** Marty Cantor (2018). **Other members:** Marcia Minsky (2018), Gavin Claypool (2016), Elayne Pelz (2017), Rob "Gizmo" Powell (2017), Mike Thorsen (2016), Michelle Pincus (2016), Nick Smith (2017). **Special Advisor:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Advisors:** Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len & June Moffatt, and Fred Patten.

Official Committees

De Profundis Editor, Speaker to toners, LASFAPA/APA-L Liaison: Marty Cantor. **Librarian:** Whisky. **Assistant Librarians:** Elayne Pelz, Gavin Claypool, Ed Hooper. **Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS:** Christian McGuire. **Eulogist, Public Relations, Video Collection Curator, Film Coord. Committee, & Party Rabbi:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Assistant Video Curator:** Tom Khamis. **Asian Affairs Desk:** Brett Achorn. **Key Control:** Elayne Pelz, Christian McGuire. **Webmaster - <<http://www.lasfs.org>>:** Barry Gold. **Webmaster Assistant:** Lee Gold. **Sysadmin:** Chaz Baden. **Committee for Children's Literature:** Anne Morrel. **Editor, Computers & LASFS Archivist:** Christian McGuire. **LASFS Historian:** Fred Patten. **Westercon Liaison:** Christian McGuire. **Program:** Charles Lee Jackson II. **Hall Decoration:** C.B. McGuire, Charles Lee Jackson II. **Science Officer:** David Okamura (with Karl Lembke). **Marketing and Promotion:** Michelle Pincus; **Parking/MTA Liaison,** Milt Stevens.

Honorary Officers

Sergeant-at-Arms In Perpetuity: Roy Tackett. **Windmill-at-Arms:** Kees van Toorn. **Samurai-at-Arms:** Takumi Shibano. **Librarian-at-Arms:** Heather Stern.

If there is an X in this space, your sub has run out ____

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE
(complete minutes are supposed to be filed
in the LASFS' files and can be read there -
also at www.lasfs.org)

Meeting 4098, February 25, 2016
President Gavin Claypool, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order at: 8:00 pm.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. Lynn Manners paid \$1 to name the minutes "The trouble with Tribble" [the real first name of his wife].

Patron Saint Maureen Garrett: From the hagiography: First president of the Star Wars Fan Club. Maureen got a job working for Craig Miller in the Official Star Wars Fan Club and later took it over and she was one of the artists featured in the Fantasy Showcase Tarot deck. (Nine of Wands). She donated the bathroom wallpaper at the old clubhouse. (*There are photographs of the bathrooms in my photo-essay of the move to our current clubhouse.* - ed.)

From the scribe: Met the L.A. Filkharmionics because her hotel room reservations kept getting con-

fused with those of *Meg* Garrett. Introduced filk to the folks at LucasFilms, which led to cool fannish interactions later.

Guests: Mary Bernard, brought by her husband Gary. Interested in most of SF. Admin assistant/web coder.

We held a small auction of books and soda flavor. The March flavor will be Hansen's diet soda.

Time-Bound Announcements: The Memorial for George Clayton Johnson will be tomorrow night at the Egyptian Theatre.

Other Announcements:

The Star Trek Musical ***Boldly Go*** begins its short run at Caltech [Ramo Auditorium] tomorrow night, with other shows Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. The second and final weekend includes shows Thursday and Friday nights at 7:30 pm and Saturday matinee at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$18.

The long lost Studio Ghibli film ***Only Yesterday*** opens at the Nuart tomorrow night for a one week run. This was produced by Miyazaki, but never released in the U.S. until now. The Nuart is at 11272 Santa Monica Blvd.

Treasurer's Report: We still can't spend it. (*As long as it is money we cannot spend it. ed.*)

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura: Updates from last week: the talk about the continents soaking up the ice melt, and apparently they've already absorbed all they can, and the seas are rising, which would raise the sea level by 3-4 feet over the next century.

Space X has twice postponed the next Falcon X launch.

Scientists have been examining the skulls of dodos, and apparently they had brain sizes appropriate for their size, and probably had good senses of smell. The problem was that they had no natural predators on Madagascar. They were not stupid, but simply failed to react quickly to the new predator, man. Dead as a dodo may become obsolete someday, if attempts to recreate the bird ever come to fruition.

Stem cells of mice can be turned into sperm cells that can fertilize mouse eggs. Very inefficient at present, but if this can be scale up to work on humans, this could be used to restore infertility.

We've heard about interbreeding of modern humans and Neanderthals, and this has been shown

through decoding the DNA. This alters our view of evolution, but there was also a third branch of the human family. Only small bones, no complete skeleton yet. Some material from this third branch continues in modern humans, especially in Melanesia. We had thought that there was one massive wave out of Africa about 60K years ago, but there is now evidence that there was earlier migration, as much as 120,000 years ago. Maybe more early interaction than was previously thought.

Modern Tibetans have a gene which permits them to operate well at high altitudes, and that gene comes from the third branch. Neanderthal DNA is related to mood disorders and certain other problems. This is not advantageous now, but think of strong blood clotting, which was advantageous in pre-medical times, but leads to long-term problems now.

Milt Stevens: If the first homo sapiens was female, then which branch did she mate with?

Jerry Pournelle: As he understood it, Neanderthals did not domesticate animals, which gave homo sapiens an advantage.

Lynn Maners: as an anthropologist, we used to think of mankind as linear development, but it's more of a complex bush whose design constantly changes.

Bill [not Ellern]: Dogs seem to be descended from a Chinese form of wolf.

Jerry Pournelle: At least three separate outbreaks of domestication. Villages with dogs thrive much better than ones without, due to better hunting and better safety.

Matthew B. Tepper: "Day is Done" by L. Sprague deCamp, about the last Neanderthal, looking back at changes.

Marc Schirmeister points out that it was Lester del Rey. Did man create language in order to communicate with animals?

Also, were Neanderthals allergic to dogs?

Nick pointed out that he had watched a dog apparently trying to domesticate a snake, and that domestication doesn't need high intelligence.

Milt Stevens: Maybe Neanderthals ate dogs instead of domesticating them.

Jerry Pournelle: Cow domestication happened somewhere around 25,000 years ago.

Lynn Maners: Lactose tolerance is an example of ongoing evolutionary pressure, as those able to digest milk had a caloric advantage.

Reviews: Lynn Maners: Europe series by Dave Hutchinson. An alternate future in which the EU has broken down, and tiny sovereignties are making a comeback. There is a rail line from Madrid to Siberia, the last big project before Europe fails, and the line declares itself a sovereign state. Weird things are locatable only by a special map, so it's sort of like a platform 9 ¾ situation.

CLJ II: Read two fine books by H. Rider Haggard—***She*** and ***Ayesha***, the Return of She. Everything was grand, glorious and excessive in She, but the sequel was whatever comes after purple prose. Stretched his credulity, but is now truly puzzled about the Hammer version of She, with Ursula Andress. The Hammer people ignored the note in the book about how the name was pronounced, which is "Asha".

Matthew Tepper remembers reading all the Nero Wolfe books, and now is looking at Hugo winners he hadn't read.

News items: Barsk by Lawrence M. Schone, a former LASFS regular, has been nominated for the Nebula for best novel. He had founded the Klingon Language Institute. Mary Anne Canfield finds discussions like this very interesting, as long as there isn't a test on Friday.

Jerry Pournelle had lunch with Chris Stott from an organization on space commerce. He comes from the Isle of Man, which is very banking-dense. Richard Pournelle is in negotiation to get some of the satellite data down to a Manx downlink, because the Isle of Man has exploitable bandwidth. All because of "A Step Farther Out" column.

Adjourned at 9:50 pm

CLJII: The word Neanderthal is pronounced in the German

The raffle winner was Nick Smith.

Matthew Tepper: Point of Nero Wolfe is that lately he's been reading Miles Vorkosigan books as part of hugo reading project

Bill Green: Dodo was actually of Mauritius, not Madagascar.

Meeting 4099, March 3, 2016
President Gavin Claypool, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

Meeting # 4099 at March 3, 2016, was called to order at 8:00 PM.

Brought to you by Patron Saints: Marjii Ellers, Bill Ellern. (*The meeting was not brought to us by these two Patron Saints, their money contributions helped bring us our building and its amenities, not the meeting itself. These Patron Saints were interesting people and the attending members should be able to honour them by mentioning what they did and are known for.* - ed.)

President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order at: 8:00 pm.

The **Minutes** of the last meeting were read. \$3 were paid by Marcia Minsky to name the minutes "as long as there isn't a test on Friday"

Treasury said we have \$151 more in the treasury than last week.

Since the **Registrar** was out of the room, Kristen introduced Paul, an omnivore.

Patron Saint Marjii Ellers: From the hagiography: Costumer, active at Costume College and was responsible for the wallpaper in the back bathroom and the tile in the front bathroom, as well as the lunar mural in the computer room (all in our previous building in North Hollywood). One of her most striking costumes was "The Queen of Air and Darkness"

When she was fan guest of honor at one convention, she brought a 10-pound block of chocolate to the con suite every day to thank the convention for selecting her. She generally brightened any room she was in.

Patron Saint Bill Ellern: From the Hagiography: He would over-contribute on auctions to raise money for the club. He worked very hard on the Board of Directors, he worked a lot at LOSCONs, and he was behind a lot of great things at the club. Bill was an aerospace design engineer, and the adult supervision for LASFS.

When we moved to this location, Bill was one of the crew who observed the closing of the old building along with Mike Thorson, Michelle Pincus, and Matthew Tepper. Bill being senior, he got the job

of locking the doors for the last time.

Reviews: Gavin reviewed *Boldly Go*. It has a very nice patter song for Dr. McCoy. Not sure they understand what parody or musical really means.

Also, as a quick review, Nick Smith attended *Boldly Go*, and found it really quite funny. Good performances and material, with lots of in-jokes for the fans. LASFS member Nicky Baric is one of the spotlight techs for the show. There are still two shows, Friday night at 7:30 pm and Saturday afternoon at 2:30 pm.

We have a new raffle, prize is two books by Lynn Hunter. They are inscribed. Total retail is \$17. Tickets are 50¢ each, or 5 for \$2.

In the absence of David Okamura, Gavin announced USC is doing a study on something that might prevent atherosclerosis: They are looking for guinea pigs. No compensation, but lots of neat medical tests and some drugs.

News Items: Matthew Tepper announced cyberpunk author Pat Cadigan's cancer had been diagnosed as terminal. With aggressive treatment, she's pleased to announce the cancer is 97% gone.

Karl Lembke: If you must have a terminal cancer, make it terminal for the cancer.

Doug Crepeau is having cancer on his scalp cured later this month.

Jerry Pournelle had two points: When he and Niven wrote *Mote in God's Eye*, it had 60,000 words you don't see. Heinlein pointed out they added nothing to the story and had to go. Every now and then someone gets interested in those words and asks to read them. Someone's starting an anthology and buying the story of the Battle of New Chicago.

Second, he and Niven have in *Analog* (possibly June) a sequel to *Lucifer's Hammer*, and it will be a ghost story. The surfer from *Lucifer's Hammer* appears.

One last thing: The discovery of gravity waves -- another confirmation of General Relativity. It doesn't contradict either.

Christian held an auction. The DVD of *Spirited Away* was the top selling item.

We had announcements:

CLJII's publisher has an idea. Giving away free

stuff will lure people to buy more stuff. There'll be an anthology of super type heroes including an Emperor story and a Fireball story. Also a separate book will be origin stories of the four costumed superheroes.

Gerald Aho announced Saturday classes on writing at Mystery and Imagination, will feature the writer of *Hellraiser* as a guest writer this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Meeting 4100, March 10, 2016 President Gavin Claypool, presiding Nick Smith, Scribe

President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order at: 8:00 pm.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and David spent \$3 to name them as "I missed the meeting. What happened?"

Patron Saint Dave Fox: was voted LASFS's Official Dirty Old Man. Dave was a contributor to APA-L and attended club meetings from the third meeting on, except for his time in the Marine Corps. (*Well, he also did stop attending meetings after he died. We think....* ed.) Dave invented a little Mediterranean country, Khorlia, located between France and Italy. The history and lore of Khorlia may be found in the APA-L archives. Lee & Barry Gold also published an anthology of Fox's Khorlian writings. Dave was the father of Ellen Elizabeth, known as Vixen, a Bay Area fan.

Guests: Jason, who is sitting next to Kristen. He is a software developer. Bong, who is the mother of one of Josh. Professional beautician.

Time-Bound Announcements: Gavin announced Paperback Collector show in Glendale on April 3rd. Earl Hamner has had to cancel, but many others will be there.

Special Orders of Business:

Comic book and comic strip artist **Paul Ryan**. After working for both Marvel and DC on various projects in the 80s and 90s, he became the artist for *The Phantom* comic strip in 2005, and worked on that until his death.

Michael White, producer of over 100 stage plays and 27 films, including *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*

and Terry Gilliam's *Jabberwocky*, as well as the original stage production of The Rocky Horror Show. The documentary *The Last Impresario* was about him.

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura. Obituary of Raymond Tomlinson, the man who invented modern email. He created the protocol for addressing messages on Arpanet to a specific individual. He chose the @ symbol for the addressing protocol.

Many years ago Tom Lehrer wrote about Werner von Braun, and the idea of "who cares where they come down." Well, Elon Musk cares. Once again the barge landing didn't work, but Musk didn't expect this one to work, at the current level of development.

Scott Kelley returned from space, and will be evaluated to see what happened to his body during the trip. They can compare him to his identical twin, medically.

Jeff Bezos hopes to have manned test flights of Blue Origin in 2017, and actual flights by 2018, but is still secretive about details.

It's supposed to be wet tomorrow, and that's good. February was hot and dry, and we lost too much of the mountain snow pack for comfort. We went down from 130% of normal down to 105%, and we need 150% for drought-breaking.

New battery research in Beijing using sodium ions instead of lithium. Held 90% of charge after 200 cycles, with high efficiency. Oak leaves are used in the cell structure of the battery, and charging with sodium ions. Much more eco-friendly, if they can reach manufacturing stage.

Reviews: Nick reviewed Consonance, the Bay Area folk con. Good music, lots of fun, great food across the street. News that Baycon still exists, but is really expensive now.

CLJ II went to Disney California Adventure to try the new ride, Luigi's Roadster, which was okay, but not worth a 40-minute line. He liked the flying tires better. Disneyland has more Star Wars stuff, one of which admits the violent nature of an outraged Jedi.

David Okamura also reviewed the Luigi ride. Different cars have different quirks, and it's a new trackless system. He thinks it would be more dramatic at night, but didn't think it was a great ride.

Josh is reading Walt Simonson's Fantastic Four Visionaries series, stories from the 90s. Also reading Rise and Fall of the Third Reich by Shirer, which he finds fascinating. Really likes the new animated film Zootopia.

Nick reviewed Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo. It's a YA fantasy steampunk caper novel, successful at all the genres.

Jason reviewed The True Believer by Eric Hoffer, found it fascinating in terms of current society. A lot of popular fiction which deals with world-shaking events involving social movements draws upon Hoffer's work on this book.

Miscellaneous: Jerry Pournelle points out that the big problem with energy is storing it. Burning natural gas loses at least 40%. This creates carbon dioxide. New process trying to use this carbon dioxide to store energy and increase the efficiency. Heat rock salt with solar power to melt dry ice. This has the potential to greatly drop the cost per kWh.

Also, with everything becoming connected, have you ever thought of someone hacking your toaster? Connected appliances or computerized houses have the potential for this, in weird ways.

For a long time, we said that computers couldn't beat a chess master, but that wasn't true. Now the game of Go is under assault by computer, and even though the complexity is much greater than chess, that only slowed the development of Go software down by a bit. Google's Deep Mind has now won two games against one of the Korean masters. Is this true A.I.? If not, it's getting close.

Question: could an A.I. write compelling fiction?

Answer from Jerry: Probably so, eventually. Jerry is in the middle of writing a story with John DeChancie that includes A.I., which is becoming much more possible and likely.

Jerry said that the Hollywood Hills mountain lion may have killed one of the L.A. zoo koalas. No proof yet, but evidence that it was nearby. David mentioned that the koala was big enough that most other predators wouldn't have eaten it, and the koala kept escaping its enclosure.

The meeting adjourned at: 9:13 pm.

**Meeting 4101, March 17, 2016
President Gavin Claypool, presiding**

Nick Smith, Scribe

President Gavin Claypool called the meeting to order at: 8:03 pm.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and Gary named them "The battle of 4100"

Patron Saint: Gavin Claypool: *(It seems to me that somebody should have had something to say about Gavin. After all, Gavin is not a Patron Ain't. - ed.)*

Guests: Jacob, who is currently in awe of our library.

Announcements: Gavin announced the Vintage Paperback Show on April 3rd. Matthew described it as the dealer's room at a very large convention, but all books in the main building.

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura: The major science news this week remains AlphaGo's stunning victory over the world's top-ranked Go player 4 games to 1. The best of 5 match was already claimed by AlphaGo when Korean grandmaster Lee Sedol staged a comeback win in Game 4. The final game was the closest, and the only one that was decided on points rather than a resignation. Observers noted that AlphaGo committed an early mistake but was able to recover control. This, along with Game 4's loss, shows that AlphaGo is not omnipotent. But perhaps "divine" is sufficient? Prior to the final game the South Korea Go Association awarded AlphaGo an honorary ninth dan, the highest ranking for players whose abilities border on "divinity" status. [Matthew reports that between the 3rd and 4th games, the human Go master pulled an all-nighter, studying games]

The ExoMars 2016 mission successfully blasted off for the Red Planet on Monday. This orbiter is operated by the European Space Agency and should arrive at Mars in October to measure traces of methane in the atmosphere, a possible indication of life. NASA's own InSight lander was supposed to launch this month, but was delayed by a sensor failure, and will now lift off in 2018.

Five years after the earthquake and tsunami, the Fukushima nuclear power plant is still claiming victims. The latest casualties are robots designed to clean up leaked radioactive wastes inside the reactor building. Half of the six reactors suffered partial meltdowns, and the intense radiation is literally frying robot electronics.

Also, just in time for St. Patrick's Day, is archeological news from Ireland. Ten years ago, a pub owner found human remains under where his new driveway was planned, and they were much too old to be from recent crime victims. The resulting discoveries from this have led historians and archeologists on a merry chase. The remains match the DNA of the modern Irish, but are from about 2000 BC, long before the supposed invasion of Ireland by the Celts. This and other evidence lends support to the idea that the Celtic invasion from mainland Europe actually went in the other direction, from Ireland and other parts of western Europe, going eastward. This agrees with what an Oxford professor named Tolkien used to say about the vagueness of early research on the Celts, which was that "Celtic' of any sort is ... a magic bag into which anything may be put, and out of which almost anything may come." There may be more coming out of the magic bag as they continue to study this DNA.

Reviews: Milt Stevens finished the Poseidon's Children trilogy by Alistair Reynolds, with plot threads left for a future novel

Josh has been watching 11/22/63 on Hulu, adaptation of the King novel. Like watching an intellectual Back to the Future. Transformers Deviation by Brandon Easton, in graphic novel form, an alternate version of one of the Transformers movies. Christian McGuire reminds people that Niven and Pournelle had their own small sentient elephants.

News: Josh noted that there was a recent Kirkus mentioning LASFS, and it had an error in the LASFS address.

Miscellaneous: Michelle announced that The Seascape Tattoo, by Niven and Barnes, will be out in July.

The meeting adjourned at: 8:45.

Meeting 4102, March 24, 2016
Vice President Debra Levin, presiding
Nick Smith, Scribe

Vice President Debra Levin called the meeting to order at: 8:01 pm.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and named by David Okamura: "Missed the meeting again, what happened?"

Patron Saint Dan Deckert, information from the hagiography: Dan was a fan artist

LAFAs
(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Saturday, June 18, 2016, 7 PM
Heide Nichols
@Heartsong 541 Valley Rd.,
Crestline, CA 92325
GPS: 34.243914 N, 117.294892 W
909-222-7158

PRE-FILK DINNER: 6 PM. Heide will make dinner, a selection of cold sandwiches and salads (including vegetarian). If that doesn't meet your dietary needs, please bring what you will eat. Feel free to bring deserts, appetizers, and snacks along with your preferred beverage. We have water, teas, and coffees only.

Directions: See Thomas Bros. San Bernardino County, page 516 G.

Type of circle: Fortune cookie, or whatever develops? digresses?

Notes:

1. No smoking, please.
2. **No animals on site**, please don't bring any.
3. Computer on site; no printer or internet connection.
4. Crash space for several: **One** extra bedroom, futons, and mats for sleeping. For those who crash overnight, Heide will be making a waffle breakfast in the morning.
5. **Please feel free to come early** and enjoy the Lake, the town, and visit. **Also feel free to stay** and crash or visit in town the next day. I live in a beautiful place and like to share it!

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

who worked at Hughes Aircraft before moving to Iowa. He was also responsible for some nice fan art. Dan was also known for the parliamentary maneuver of "All in favor say 'aye', all opposed say 'aye'..." He was said to be descended from both President Andrew Jackson and President Zachary Taylor. Dan worked programming at Bucconeer (Worldcon 1998, Baltimore, Maryland). He was one of the first members of the Board of Directors and served as its chair for a time. Dan also chaired a LOSCON.

Patron Saint Dan Deckert was given Three Cheers and a brand new house...oops, he just got that.

Guests: apparently none.

Announcements: CLJ II's book about Batman and Superman will be available tomorrow on Amazon.

Milt announced that the Hugo Nominations close in a few days. Michelle mentioned that Jerry is eligible for Best Editor for the new volume of *There Will Be War*.

Francis Hamit announced that his e-books on Amazon are being tested at a 99 cent price, to see if that increases print sales.

Special Orders of Business: Peggy Ranson, longtime fan artist, eight-time Hugo nominee and winner in 1993, passed away last week. She was a professional artist in the advertising field who became a fan artist for the benefit of NoLaCon in 1988. She was an Illustrators of the Future finalist in 1990, back when Kelly Freas was one of the judges. Her art was named best in show at the 1993 Worldcon. While she did illustrate a few book covers and magazine interiors professionally, she never did that full time. She was in her late 60s at the time of her death.

Treasurer's Report: See the Treasurer for details.

Committee Reports: Michelle, for the marketing committee, displayed the new LOSCON tablecloth and banner. The new logo includes gold spaceship and dragon, with Tardis blue background. Also, LASFS will be partnering with the West Valley Library on a Fahrenheit 451 program.

A Moment of Science, with David Okamura. Living here in southern California, we always worry about The Big One. Apparently, we should be worried about the big 1-2, if the San Andreas and the [??] faults shifting at the same time, which has occurred before, in 1812. That toppled the big stone church at San Juan Capistrano. When those come, Dr. Lucy Jones won't be the one explaining them, as she's retiring from the USGS, but she will continue her research.

As for San Juan Capistrano, they didn't have any swallows nesting at the mission on the 19th. Renovations about 20 years ago disrupted the nesting locations. So, they are nesting in other places. The mission has built a fake wall with artificial nesting places and fake swallow noises, to lure them back.

One of the future re-supply missions to the space

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station, using the Cignus capsule, will go up in a blaze of glory after it completes its mission, in order to test how flames actually work in low orbit. A fire broke out on the Mir, but that was less controlled and less measurable at the time.

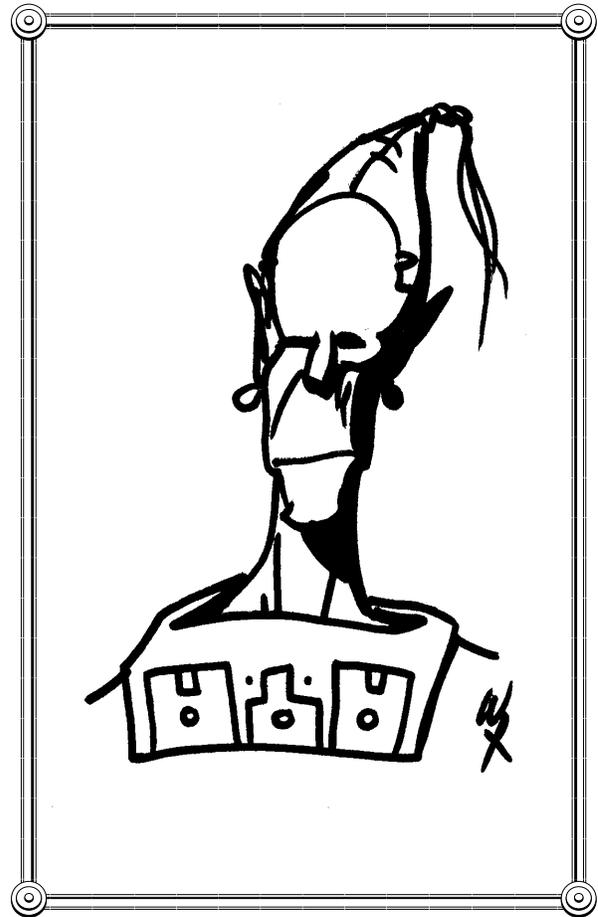
The cat parasite which affects mice and makes them fearless of cats may be able to affect other mammals. Does this explain "crazy cat lady" syndrome? At the very least it turns out to be in the brains of a significant percentage of Road Rage cases.

Jerry Pournelle reported a study done in England in which there was a supposed drug test. The first group was told they were being given a placebo. The second group was told they were being given a pill with nothing. The third group was given nothing. The ones who were knowingly given a fake medicine recovered faster than the ones given nothing at all.

Miscellaneous:

Buzz Aldrin will be at the L.A. Times Festival of Books.

We adjourned to the program at: 8:51.



Friday night board gaming

Friday Night Board Gaming is a Meetup which meets at LASFS most every Friday evening, usually starting around 4:30 and ending around 11:00.

All LASFS members are invited to play these modern, mostly European, board games. There is no charge for gaming but members are responsible for any LASFS' dues which must be paid.

Members of the Meetup game at LASFS the same way other guests visit the club: 3 free meetings and then joining the club if they continue to like coming here. After they join the club they pay dues like any other member.

(Our experienced gamers are willing to teach these games to beginners.)



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