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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

FUCC = Fandom Universal Computer Club

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

FUCC - Evening

TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am

ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm

Marketing Committee - 8:30 m

FWEMS - A Day with Disney

## THURSDAY

### PROGRAMME ITEMS

**SEPTEMBER 5-** Frank Thomas & Jan Merlin

**SEPTEMBER 12-** Len Wein

**SEPTEMBER 19-** David Gerold

**SEPTEMBER 26-** "Screen Songs" cartoons

## CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

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

*Meeting #3386, July 4, 2002*

*Ed Green, presiding*

*Karl Lenke, Scribe*

The meeting was called to order at 19:15:52. Not gaveled, called.

**President's remarks:** Thanks to the Westercon Committee for letting us have the meeting at this venue. We'll be running on Agenda Lite. That's a fancy way of saying, if it has no relation to the real purpose of the meeting, let it be deferred until next week.

Welcome to all and sundry. At the door there are program book covers

and a memory book people can sign.

**Special Orders of Business:** None.

The **Menace** were read and approved as “Amnesia like this doesn’t happen.

**Patron Saint** for tonight is **Doug Abe**. We’ll spend more time next week thanking him and discussing his contributions.

John Hertz announced that he, and Len and June Moffatt, will be producing a memorial zine for Bruce. It should contain stuff by and about Bruce. Come to the club, and we’ll send out flyers.

Bill Ellem: has been bugging the President and others to start a Bruce Pelz Pillar Fund. He has found a pillar. It will be sitting on the side of the room with a bowl on top. If you wish to contribute to the Bruce Pelz Pillarization Fund, people are welcome to drop in paper.

Ed explained the concept of “Pillar of the LASFS” to the audience. Closely related was Bruce’s philosophy: “Better to spend that money on the club than on your own silly hobbies.”

**Auction:** Raised a great, huge wad, of money. LASFS rules were suspended for the auction, and for most of the continuation on Saturday night, although Leonard Nimoy’s book of poems raised a nice sum of money as people offered bids not to sell it.

The formal portion of the meeting was ended at 20:01:10.

The program was reminiscences of Bruce Pelz. If you weren’t there, at least two people videotaped the presentations. Good luck!

*Meeting #3387, July 11, 2002  
Ed Green, presiding  
Karl Lembke, Scribe scribbling*

Are we ready for this madness? The meeting was pummeled to order at 20:15:08.

**Special Orders of Business:** Author/editor Lawrence Janifer died Sunday, age 69. He successfully collaborated with Randall Garrett. We had a moment of silence.

The **Menace** were read and approved as “driven from pillar to post.”

There was one **Administrative Announcement**, out of order, for which Ed apologizes. The pillar of the LASFS fund started for Bruce has over \$3,000 so far. After people spoke with both of the ConJose chairs, there will be a memorial panel for Bruce at the Worldcon. There will be a small auction, small defined as about a dozen items. In order not to subject Liz to handling nickels and dimes for a special fund, we’ll be having special auctions, and other fund-raisers.

**The Registrar:** Tadao introduced Mark Archibald and Kat Ogden.

After getting permission from Scratch, Ed Green continued on to

**Patron Saint Doug Abe:** May be the only LASFS member from Hawaii, and he’s a good guy. Another human wallet. Three cheers for Doug Abe, and a recurring fanzine.

**Patron Saint Marc Schirmeister:** One of the creative geniuses who dwells in the corners of the LASFS. One of the best cartoonists around. MBT: One of the great moments of discovery was back in ’72 when Glycer, Eliot Weinstein, and MBT were looking at some of his drawings, it was incredible. Schirm has two gorgeous akitas. Cantor “Marc has been generous with his artwork. Used to use him for APA-L covers, *HOLIER THAN THOU*, and *NO AWARD*. He is possibly the finest fanartist who hasn’t been nominated for a Hugo.

Arguably one of the main inventors of furry fandom, Marc started Rowrbrazzle, the first APA for fans of funny animals. Another saint, Bill Warren, produced a 2-volume encyclopedia of SF movie reviews. Marc did the chapter sketches for the book.

Marc works professionally as a storyboard man, and his work shows up in Tiny Toons and Sonic the Hedgehog. And he gave us a whole bunch of money! We gave him three cheers and a bottle of ink!

**Committee to Gouge** auctioned off “jelly-atrics” candies, and some other stuff, including a crown for the Emperor.

**Programs:** In the absence of program items, Charlie had some administrative announcements: Don’t forget that large faux bakelite box is a telephone. If it rings, and you’re standing next to it, you have permission to answer it. It’s not necessary to wait for it to get tired and quit. Also, if a door is mostly closed, using the deadbolt as a doorstop, please pop the deadbolt back in because using the deadbolt as a doorstop damages the door and the doorframe.

**Reviews:** Christian sometimes reads a book. His current read is a pair of books: *Living Dead in Dallas* and *Dead until Dark*: mysteries and vampire gothic for those who like same. Very light style. The main character has what she calls a disability, taking place a year after vampires “come out of the coffin.” both are good like reads.

Mike Thorsen: His Curse has tracked him down. After swearing that he’ll never see a movie that’s playing in the theater, it leaps upon him at work. “Alive.” His official review is, “tastes like chicken.”

Frank Waller: Westercon: Very good.

George Mulligan: Since we didn’t seem to have emergencies every few seconds, Westercon went quite smoothly.

Dale Hales: The convention was good, the hotel wasn’t.

Christian: I spoke to many old hands, and they all said, “Good con, lousy hotel.” These are folks from all over, with lots of experience with conventions.

Marty: The Fan Room was sort of out of the way, but the venue turned out to be OK. We did attract some well-known fanzine fans. On the whole, the Fan Room was well received.

Ed Green:

- 1) On behalf of all who attended, Thank You, Elayne.
- 2) Thanks for not eviscerating him during the Locus Awards Banquet. Presenting GoH plaques to Guests of Honor. Robert

Chamberlain. (Psst . . . Ross Chamberlain). OK, next, Ross Lichtman. (Psst . . . Robert Lichtman).

3) The Con Suite was awesome.

Sandy Cohen: There was far too little traffic in the Dealer's Room. Some book dealers did OK. One of the filk dealers had a \$700 buy at the last second, and was very happy. (*That just about paid for his meals in the hotel restaurant. -ed.*)

Lucy Stern: Alis on and Lucy thanked Bob Null for the fan, which kept the kids in the kids' room from melting.

Joe Zeff: As Handicapped Services, I was more than a little astonished to find out the elevator situation going to the penthouse, and that the Con Suite had been moved there by the hotel. Also a favorable review to the judges at the masquerade. They very kindly found a way to give everyone at least one prize. As to the coffee shop at the hotel: the greatest skill the waitstaff had was in getting things right the second time.

Bill Ellem: Thanks to all for participation in making Bruce a pillar. We collected a godawful amount of money, \$3,300. Thanks for making it happen.

Tadao Tomomatsu enjoyed the reactions to parties of some mundanes who were passing through

Christian: Saturday night, he saw a very Mundane couple going from party to party collecting stickers and involving themselves with the convention. Next afternoon in the Dealer's Room, he saw them with Sunday badges, buying stuff. Final item: On behalf of Elayne and the BoD of SCIFI, thanks to all present who helped make the convention happen and go as smoothly as it did.

There was a motion to adjourn, which passed at 21:24:53.

*Meeting #3388, July 18, 2002*  
*Ed Green, presiding*  
*Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Are we ready for this madness? Hell, no! Let's do it anyway. The meeting was rat-a-tatted to order at 8:12:13. "Order?" You should likeve so long."

**Special Orders of Business:** This one is rather special, as it does not involve a demise. Bill Warren sends a message. He has been suffering from endocarditis, and will be getting a valve job very soon. There is need for blood. His own blood is not suitable. (Jerry Pournelle said, "It's the wrong type.") (No, he just wants to be in the red!) (*I believe that he has an anemia problem. - ed.*)

Christian showed the club the ConJose memorial pages for Bruce Pelz. Ed has been talking to the LASFS member who has volunteered to track the Pelz Pillary account. We now have \$3400. We need \$4000. We should have that by the end of ConJose.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "mangled syntax." (*Which will not always be apparent here due to ye ed's editing. \*preen\* Unless, of course, it adds to the humour. - ed.*)

The **Registrar:** No guests.

**Patron Saint Bill Curry:** He used to be a perennial book dealer in our patio, and he had an extensive collection of books for sale. He gave us money. Matthew Tepper described him as a good guy with a great laugh. Scratch stated that he was here Sunday, and looked like he might return more often. He was given three cheers, "and take a powder," said Matthew, trying to curry favor.

**Time Bound Announcements:** Joe Zeff announced that today is the 66th anniversary of the completion of the very first Oscar Meyer wiener mobile. ("Ed, are you sure you want to run again in December?" "Yes, as fast as possible!")

**Reviews:** Christian said that he has read another book. Susan R. Matthews, "Colony Ship." This one's not set in her established universe. Colony ships going at sub-light speeds, visiting worlds humans are trying to colonize. Society has stratified. The world they colonize turns out to be very unlike what was originally described. It is pretty good SF. In the end, the good guys win, the bad guys die a gruesome death. And there was much rejoicing.

**Fannish Committee Reports:** Jerry Pournelle had an announcement of sorts. Baen is bringing out Fallen Angels, the next edition. The book was not revised, Baen merely fixed the galleys. (*More rowers on each side? - ed.*)

Phil Castora said that The Committee to Paint Orange County Some Other Color reports congress (the opposite of progress). (Maybe he should be moved to the Committee to Adjust the Space Between Los Angeles and Inyo Counties, aka Kemning.)

There was a motion to adjourn, which passed at 21:10:35.

*Meeting #3389, July 25, 2002*  
*Ed Green, presiding*  
*Karl Lembke, Scribe*

Before the meeting, Joe Zeff came up to the dais and promised to do it discreetly tonight.

The meeting was stomped to order at 8:10:11. "My god, there's a gavel bigger than Ed Green." Ed Green thanked the Ministry of Silly Gavels for going above and beyond the call of duty.

**Special Orders of Business:** Fan Don Franson passed on June 5. He was active in N3F, First Fandom, Mensa, SFWA, and LASFS.

Before the **Menace** there was another SOB . . . a much happier one. We have two new saints? Dale Hales (27th meeting) and Tim Merrigan (32nd meeting).

The **Menace** were read and approved as "the least we could do under the circumstances."

Larry Niven had an announcement: Fallen Angels is being reprinted. He brought the manuscript for auction.

The **Registrar:** Tadao announced some guests. John Charles Trapnelo, who flashed his Palm Pilot at us.

**Patron Saint:** Some fascist by the name of **Ed Green**. Since same fascist tried to squelch further discussion on the topic, the meeting was usurped by the Special Advisor to the Board. Tom Safer described him as "A good president who knows how to lead this club." Hare Hobbs said, "His first run as President was rough, with the whole smoking fiasco, and he still came back to be President. He's either a great guy, or needs to be institutionalized." Bill Green said that he's got a great last name.

Lary Niven said that Ed Green is a useful member of the society. That means he gets dessert at the Black Widowers' dinner. Joe Zeff said something about how "The burnt fool's bandaged finger goes wobbling back to the fire." He's a good worker, a hard worker. He's sure he knows where the LASFS is going. He may not be right, but he's sure. He also recalled the time Ed Green and Larry Niven performed at Westercon, and this performance was nominated as Most Memorable Fanac. Joe Zeff, in 2nd place, managed to cram in 89 Niven references in his speech.

Matthew Tepper, having worked with him 5 terms at the front table, finds him to be just about the best partner at the front table jobs imaginable. Ed somebody remarked that he also has a good first name. CLJII: He's made an able amazing adventurer over the years, one of the few to go from sidekick to swashbuckler. He was given Three Cheers, and a cat's eye.

**Committee Reports:** Marty Cantor has spent time at Elayne's place, and was allowed to go through the collection of fanzines. He has acquired for the club many of the missing issues of Shangri L' Affaires. Thanks are due to Elayne for allowing this - and the club agreed with this with vigorous applause. *(After I get these zines sorted into our archives I will be putting a list of the missing zines into DE PROF in the hopes that some of the readers can fill in some of the blanks. -ed.)*

There was a motion to adjourn, which passed at 20:55:20.

*LASFS Board of Directors  
Meeting of July 14, 2002  
Karl Lembke, Chairman  
Mike Glyer, Secretary*

Minutes of the Dinky Shit Little club Board of Directors. July 14, 2002. Chairman Karl Lembke, Secretary Mike Glyer.

**Attendance:** (Board) bill Ellem, Mike Glyer, Karl Lembke, Michael Mason, Liz Mortensen, Ed Green, Joe Zeff, Mike Thorsen, Elayne Pelz, Cathy Beckstead, Bob Null. (Others) C.L. Jackson II, M. Cantor, A. Morrell, J. Sperling, S. Benoun, G. Bilan, B. Hales, A. Satin, D. Wenner.

**Minutes:** Glyer delivered the minutes, which were accepted as corrected.

**New Members:** Applications were received from George Van Wagner and Vanessa Van Wagner. The applicants were accepted by voice vote, unopposed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report is available from the treasurer.

Ed Green said that more than \$3,000 has been raised toward the \$4,000 needed to make Bruce Pelz a Pillar of the LASFS. He said it should be noted that Tom Veal certainly knows how to participate in a LASFS auction.

**Facilities:** Bob Null planned to do some more flea bomb work on the bathroom. (Naw, just strap 'em to the members . . .) *(We have fleas who are members? -ed.)*

**Furniture:** The directors discussed "how to bring our furniture up to scratch." *(With the flea infestation of the outside couches, the members can provide their own scratches. - ed.)* Ed Green wondered about alternatives to replacing the couches, which invites the recurring flea issue. Null said benches invite theft. The directors discussed how to secure the benches. Karl directed those with furniture suggestions to direct them to Mike Thorsen or Bob Null.

**Hall Decoration:** Elayne found the ATom commemorative artwork for SoLaCon signed by various British fans. There was a motion passed to reimburse Elayne for the cost of having it framed.

**Gestetner:** It survived Westercon.

**Lists:** Karl said the KidLitList was available at Westercon. Michael Mason reported on the Adult recommended list. Charlie Jackson 2 said the Video List disappeared from beyond his ability to control, but seems to have shown up at various places around Westercon.

**Mailing List** Karl said he didn't work on it over Westercon. Or before. Or after. Then again, this is a volunteer job.

**lasfs.org:** Karl said he removed the photo and vital dates about Bruce from the splash page after Westercon. Ed Green asked if it's possible to create lasfs.org e-mail addresses for members. Karl said he can easily throw up something to bounce mail to another address. It was moved and the directors voted in favor of Ed Green following up on this idea.

Michael Mason asked about the LOSCON 29 link, because e-mail is still being sent to the wrong address. Karl said he will search for and fix all the different links.



## L.A.F.A.

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

L.A.F.A. Filksing -  
Saturday, September 21, 2002,  
7:00 PM

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: \$12.95, vegetarian entrees available.  
RSVP by noon Saturday to Rick  
or Tess.

The restaurant is a short walk from the  
filksite.

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

**Filk style:** beginning as Poker Chip or  
Fortune Cookie Bardic, later  
changing to moderated Kaos.

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

**Library:** Karl noted that due to a change in the By-Laws, the Video Library Curator is now a position appointed by the Board of Directors. The directors discussed how the appointment should be made. Glycer, with a second, moved that the Board vote on who will be appointed Video Library Curator. This passed by voice vote unopposed.

Cathy Beckstead, seconded by Elayne, moved to open the floor to nominations for curator. Glycer nominated Charlie Jackson 2, Ed Green nominated Michael Mason. It was moved, seconded and voted to close the nominations. Both candidates made a short statement. The directors peppered the

candidates with questions, leading to a discussion about how the videos are organized in the stacks, and the implications of assistant librarians saying they are already working at capacity. The candidates and directors also pondered the antique software used for library checkout, why videos can't be included, and what would be involved to fix that.

At Ed Green's request there was a closed session of the Board. When the merriment resumed for the record, Ed informed the candidates that objective performance criteria will be developed. Dale Hales offered to donate a newer computer to help solve the library's woes.

The question was called. The vote went: Jackson 7, Mason 3.

After much elbow jogging, Karl sort of appointed a committee consisting of Charlie Jackson 2 and Michael Mason to develop objective performance criteria. Glycer asked why there was no strong Board direction, given the lengthy discussion about making this change (not that it had been his idea). Ed requested a second committee to draw up criteria. Bill Ellem and Cathy Beckstead responded to Karl's call for volunteers.

**Archives:** Karl said Fred Patten's will is to be maintained at the clubhouse in Oink Oink Flap Flap. He said he thought it would be nice if there was a list of what documents are filed there.

**LOSCON 29:** Michael Mason said they threw a party at Westercon. They sold 18 memberships.

**LOSCON 30:** Michael Mason said: no new changes.

**COMMANIA:** Scott Beckstead reported that it's happening.

**25th Anniversary of the Clubhouse:** Karl thanked Charlie for putting together the anniversary banquet.

**Marketing Committee:** Arlene held up a LASFS book cover. The rest of her report was inaudible at the front table. Casey has resigned as co-chair - Sean Crosby is the new co-chair.

**New Business:** After hearing Elayne's request, Ed Green, seconded by Mike Glycer, moved to allow ConJose to borrow the computers used for LOSCON registration. The motion passed by voice vote, unopposed.

Bill Ellem said the Library should be issuing receipts to book donors comparable to Salvation Army receipts. Everyone eventually accepted the wisdom of this. In the process he contrasted the United States government and our Dinky Shit Little Club. The point was well taken, but some directors immediately threatened to issue DSLC membership cards.

After hearing Bob Null's report of a deceased VCR, Ed Green, seconded by Bill Ellem, moved to spend up to \$100 to acquire a new VCR. The motion passed by voice vote, unopposed.

A member commented that he prefers fruit juice drinks to carbonated beverages in the Box of Cold. He also wanted to know what happened to the suggestion that the club take children to JPL events. Ed explained this isn't done because of liability reasons. Bill Ellem mentioned where to find JPL tour info.

The meeting adjourned and there was great rejoicing.

## 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 fanzine below and broaden your participation in fandom.

*A MIMOSA FANTHOLOGY (MIMOSA 28)*, June, 2002 (Nicki & Rich Lynch, P.O. Box 3120, Gaithersburg, MD 20885; copies available for \$5 (\$8 outside North America) or “a printed fanzine in trade;” e-mail to [fiawol@cpcug.org](mailto:fiawol@cpcug.org) or visit the website at <http://www.jophan.org/mimosa/>)

Until now I've refrained from reviewing subsequent issues of fanzines already reviewed in this column – in order to cover as many different fanzines as I can – but rules (even self-imposed rules) are made to be broken. And *A Mimosa Fanthology* offers a special case in any event.

*Mimosa* has been published since 1982, and is celebrating its 20th anniversary with the publication of two “fanthologies” and after that will cease publication with a final issue – #30. (There is an old tradition in fandom that few fanzines make it past their 30th issue and the Lynches are adhering to this tradition.) So #28 is the first “fanthology” issue.

Most “fanthologies” are year’s-best collections, drawn from a wide variety of fanzines (and in recent years have been published in cooperation with and the sponsorship of the annual fanzine fans’ convention, Corflu) – but *A Mimosa Fanthology* is drawn solely from the first 16 issues of *Mimosa*. (The second *Mimosa Fanthology*, *Mimosa* #29, will be taken from issues 17-27.) So this volume (which contains 106 pages plus a wraparound cover) is the “best,” or at least the editors’ choice, from issues published between 1982 and 1994. There are 29 pieces, plus the Lynches’ opening editorial and a connective narration which introduces each piece and places it in context. The material is presented chronologically, starting with a minor anecdote (less than a page long) from #1. Many, but not all, of the covers of these issues are also reproduced as thumbnails.

*Mimosa* evolved into a fanzine about fanhistory – publishing the anecdotes and memoirs of a number of older fans, going back to Forry Ackerman (the self-proclaimed *first* fan). But this is less obvious in the material from early issues, which is oriented more towards localized fandoms and personal reminiscences. But by *Mimosa* #5 and Dal Coger’s “The Degler Legend” (about fandom’s first Major Crackpot, back in the ’40s), the die is cast.

*Mimosa* has won several Hugo Awards for Best Fanzine, and the reasons for those awards can be found, in part, in this volume. And no doubt more will be found in #29, which the Lynches hope to publish “by the end of 2002.” Frankly, I’m more interested in the final issue – #30 – just to see how they wrap everything up, since I’ve already read the material which will appear in #29, but these two *Mimosa Fanthologies* offer those of you who are new to fanzines an unparalleled opportunity to skim the cream from a Hugo-winning fanzine.

***(The members should know that LASFS trades with Mimosa and that this issue is available to be perused/read. It is kept in the De Prof mailbox and can be taken out for a week. Or ask the editor of De Prof if you do not know***

***where the mailbox is located.)***

**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! August 2002 (MinnStf). INSTANT MESSAGE #704, #705 (NESFA). NASFA SHUTTLE Vol. 22, #7, Vol. 22, #8 (NASFA). PULSAR #285 (PorSFis). PHRANK (PSFS). THE NATIONAL FANTASY FAN Vol. 2, #1 (N3F). ETHEL THE AARDVARK #103 (MSFC). DASFAx Vol. 34 #7 (DASFA).

**other zines:** PEREGRINE NATIONS Vol. 2 #1 (Jan Stinson).

## NEW BOOKS

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

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### Recent Additions to the Video Collection

*(There were none listed for this month.)*

**MAGIC**  
**The Gathering**  
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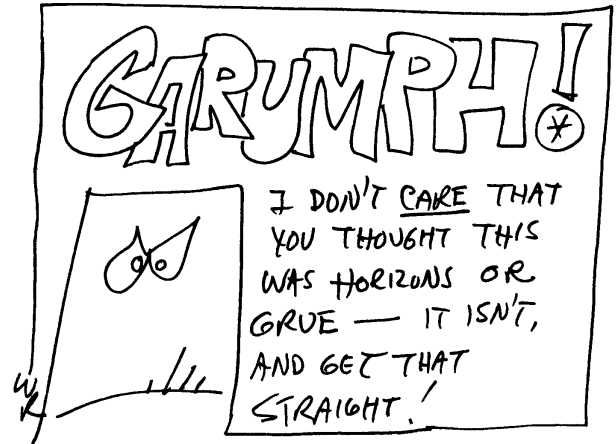
**Tournaments  
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First Friday  
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**Advance  
Programme  
Notification**

October 10 - Laura and Frank Kelly Freas

October 31 - Autumn Holiday Party



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