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All times are PT. Events in black text are LASFS events. Events in gray text are not.

\* **Thursday Programme Items: March 2**—Dr. Laura Brodian Freas Baraha presentation on the art of Kelly Freas, **March 23**—Kristen Renee Gorlitz VR demo

**Meeting Tech Specs:** LASFS meetings are currently held online via Zoom. Contact host Susan Fox at [susanfox@scifi.radio](mailto:susanfox@scifi.radio) to receive an invitation, the meeting password, and weekly reminders.

## COLOPHON

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**Addendum:** At the LASFS Board of Directors meeting Dec. 11, 2022, the directors accepted Eylat Poliner's proposal that Heath Row become editor of *De Prof*. He will do so as LASFS scribe for the term of January-June 2023.

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## LASFS OFFICERS

**Elected Procedural Officers**  
January-June 2023

**President:** Cathy Johnson  
**Vice-President:** Susan Fox  
**Registrar:** Eylat Poliner  
**Scribe:** Heath Row  
**Treasurers:** Elayne Pelz and Debra Levin

### Board of Directors

Chairman: Michelle Pincus (2024)  
Vice Chairman: Nick Smith (2023)  
Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2025)  
Secretary: Susan Fox (2024)

### Other Members

Cathy Johnson (2024), Dean Johnson (2025), Christian B. McGuire (2023), Heide Nichols (2025), Elayne Pelz (2023), Eylat Poliner (2024), and Rob Powell (2023)

### Special Advisors

Charles Lee Jackson II, Forrest J Ackerman (deceased/honorary position), Walt Daugherty (deceased/honorary position), Len and June Moffatt (deceased/honorary position), and Fred Patten (deceased/ honorary position)

### Appointed Officials (requiring update)

Cat Liaison: Christian B. McGuire; Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS: Christian B. McGuire and Elayne Pelz; *De Profundis* Editor and APA-L Liaison: Heath Row; Film Coordination Committee, Honor Guard, and Party Rabbi: Charles Lee Jackson II; Hall Decoration: Charles Lee Jackson II, Christian B. McGuire, and Elayne Pelz; Key Control: Christian B. McGuire and Elayne Pelz; LASFAPA Liaison: Marty Cantor; LASFS Information: Lee Gold and Matthew B. Tepper; Librarian: Gavin Claypool; Assistant Librarian: Elayne Pelz; Marketing and Promotions: Michelle Pincus; Patron Saints List Manager: Elayne Pelz and Eylat Poliner; Photographic Collection (Special): Mike Donahue; Program: Eylat Poliner; Publications: Christian B. McGuire; Science Officer: Bill Green and Nick Smith; Assistant Video Collection Curator: Tom Khamis; Webmistress: Kristine Cherry; Web Advisors: Barry and Lee Gold; Westercon Liaison: Christian B. McGuire; Editor, Computers, and LASFS Archivist: Christian B. McGuire

## Condensed Cream of Menace

(Official, approved minutes are also available online at <https://www.lasfs.org/lasfs-meeting-minutes>. Unofficial, unexpurgated minutes can be read in *Menace of the LASFS*, which is available upon request.)

### Meeting #4459, Jan. 26, 2023

Cathy Johnson, presiding  
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

#### Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

#### Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Susan Fox stood in for Smith.

#### Hatchings

- Author Philip Jose Farmer
- Editor Judy-Lynn Del Rey
- Author Yoon Ha Lee

#### Dispatchings

- Actor Wally Campo
- Author A. E. van Vogt

On this day in science history, in 1962, as part of the Ranger program, the Ranger 3 was launched—NASA's first attempt to land a spacecraft on the moon. The space probe missed the moon by 22,000 miles.

#### Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes.

#### Additions and Corrections

Eylat Poliner added Rob Powell to the list of people thanked for helping at Karl Lembke's storage unit.

Scribbles clarified who Charlie's parents are.

#### Auction to Name the Minutes

Dean Johnson bid, won, and named them: "Move to Accept."

#### Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

#### Celebration of Patron Saints

Gail Selinger was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Charles Lee Jackson II, and Cathy Johnson. Selinger received three cheers and an "Arrr!"

Rick Sneary was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Barbara Gratz Harmon, Charles

Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Lynn Maners, Chris Marble, and Elayne Pelz. Sneary received three cheers.

#### Committee Reports

Eylat Poliner announced that upcoming programming includes David Brin on Feb. 2.

Michelle Pincus indicated that Loscon 49 will hold its first staff meeting April 29, at 12 p.m.

Cathy Johnson said Loscon 50 is looking for bids.

Kristine Cherry reported recent improvements to the Web site.

#### Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

There were no guests present.

#### Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

#### Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 12, 2023, at 11 a.m. on the usual Zoom.

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

None

#### Time-Bound Announcements

Kevin Segall: Pasadena Comic Convention and Toy Show (<http://pasadenacomicandtoyshow.com>) on Sunday

#### Regular Announcements

Susan Fox: The recent cookbook sale raised \$147 for the club.

#### Special Guest: Tim Powers

Powers's presentation touched on the value of escapism, the limitations of metaphor, and what he termed the "90-degree shift in perspective" that sf can offer.

#### Miscellaneous

Lee Grixit remarked on the coming green comet.

Cathy Johnson reminded people about the after meeting.

Michelle Pincus indicated that the moon will occult Mars at the end of the month.

#### Call to Adjourn

Eylat Poliner so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.

## Meeting #4460, Feb. 2, 2023

Cathy Johnson, presiding  
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

### Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

### Special Announcement (Michelle Pincus)

Gregory Benford experienced a stroke about a week after Loscon. He is recovering, and get-well-soon messages can be sent through Pincus. On behalf of the LASFS, Cathy Johnson offered the club's support and encouragement.

### Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

#### Hatchings

- Actor Brent Spiner
- Author Thomas Disch
- Actress Farrah Fawcett

#### Dispatchings

- Actress Annie Wersching
- Actress Lisa Loring
- Stuntman George Wilbur

### Media anniversary

*The Lost World* was released Feb. 2, 1925.

### Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes.

### Additions and Corrections

None

### Auction to Name the Minutes

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them "Welcome to Our Guest Author, Tim Powers!"

### Call for Approval

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

### Celebration of Patron Saints

Mike Luwish was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, and Chris Marble. Luwish received three cheers.

Gary Louie was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, Matthew Mitchell, and Heide Nichols. Louie received three cheers—and a box of Legos.

### Committee Reports

Eylat Poliner apologized for the technical difficulties with Tim Powers last week. We will reschedule David Brin, who was unable to join tonight's meeting because of a medical issue.

She also announced that upcoming programming includes Craig Miller on Feb. 23, Dr. Laura Brodian Freas Baraha on March 2, Kristen Renee Gorlitz on March 23, and Charles Lee Jackson II on April 6.

Michelle Pincus indicated that the Loscon 49 staff meeting April 29 will start at 1 p.m. at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott.

### Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

Eylat Poliner bid \$25 and won the rights to the Spot of Honor for the rest of February. She deferred to Susan Fox for its naming, and Fox dedicated it to SCIFI.radio.

### Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

Eylat Poliner welcomed guest Gregory Lipscomb. Elayne Pelz indicated that he's a member.

### Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. She remarked that the LASFS prefers Zelle because PayPal has started charging fees.

### Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 12, 2023, at 11 a.m. on the usual Zoom.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

None

### Time-Bound Announcements

Barbara Gratz Harmon: P-22 celebration of life on Saturday, Feb. 4 (<https://savelacougars.org/p-22-celebration-of-life>)

Kevin Segall: The Hollywood Show on Friday and Saturday at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport (<https://www.hollywoodshow.com>)

Susan Fox: Natural History Museum's First Fridays (<https://nhm.org/calendar/nhm-first-fridays-2023-february>)

Nick Smith

- The green comet was discovered by a Caltech research team that includes LASFS member Ashish Mahabal. (<https://www.adlerplanetarium.org/blog/everything-you-need-to-know-about-the-green-comet-aka-comet-c-2022-e3-ztf>)
- American Cinematheque screenings of *AI* and *The Wicker Man* (2006) at the Los Feliz (<https://www.americancinematheque.com>)

- New Beverly Cinema screening of *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (<https://thenewbev.com>)
- Dark Delicacies signing for the book and game adaptations of *My Bloody Valentine* (<https://www.darkdel.com>)

### Moments of Science

Lynn Maners

- ChatGPT was cited as a co-author on at least four preprint or published research papers. The editors of *Nature* and *Science* remarked that ChatGPT doesn't meet the standard for authorship.
- Primatologists studying adolescent chimpanzees noted that chimp teens and human teens engage in similar behaviors.

Lee Grixit: Researchers who discovered an Egyptian embalming lab in 2016 analyzed residues in containers and identified where some of the preservatives might have come from—suggesting long-range trading networks.

### Regular Announcements

???: Octavia E. Butler adaptation *Kindred* was canceled by FX after one season.

Lee Grixit: Local gaming con MimicCon will occur April 2 in Santa Maria. (<https://www.mimiccon.com>)

Eylat Poliner: The restaurant outing group is now named the Greater Angeleno Gourmet Society, inspired by Samuel Edward Konkin III and LASFS activities in the 1970s. The next GAGS event will occur after Gallifrey One.

Chris Marble: George Mulligan shares greetings; he should be able to secure a day pass next month. Visitors are welcome; masks are required.

Scribbles: The first issues of the relaunched *De Profundis* and *Menace of the LASFS* are now available.

### Reviews

Heide Nichols recommended M.A. Richter's book *Mystic Prince*.

Cathy Johnson thought the movie *Everything Everywhere All at Once* was fantastic.

Nick Smith seemed to enjoy the animated series *Velma*.

Tad Daley is "really digging" Greg Bear's novel *Darwin's Radio*.

Charles Lee Jackson II lauded Doughn-t Hut in Burbank.

### Miscellaneous

Nola Frame-Gray thanked Barbara Gratz Harmon and Susan Fox for helping her participate in the meeting.

Cathy Johnson mentioned the aftermeeting.

Tad Daley offered kudos to the programming volunteers for bringing in speakers.

Charles Lee Jackson II shared a story about Henry Koster featuring a bust of Peggy Moran in every movie he directed after their marriage.

### Call to Adjourn

Eylat Poliner so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.

### Meeting #4461, Feb. 9, 2023

Cathy Johnson, presiding  
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

### Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

### Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Susan Fox stood in for Smith.

### Hatchings

- Actor Tom Hiddleston
- Actor Michael B. Jordan
- Screenwriter David Peoples

### Media anniversaries

- The Walt Disney Company's *Pinocchio* opened in Los Angeles in 1940.
- Disney premiered *Moon Pilot* in 1962.
- *Lobster Man from Mars*, 1989
- Russian Chess Grandmaster Garry Kasparov lost his first chess game ever to IBM's computer Deep Blue in 1996.
- Disney reacquired the rights to Oswald the Lucky Rabbit in 2006.

### Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes.

### Additions and Corrections

Eylat Poliner: Charles Lee Jackson II is speaking April 6.

### Auction to Name the Minutes

Poliner bid \$6, won, and named them "Great Job, Heath. Thank you!"

### Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

### **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Jackson explained the patron saints for guests.

Mike Glycer was celebrated and recognized by Fox, Jackson, Lynn Maners, Susan Rothman, and Willard Stone. Glycer received three cheers, a party in Room 770, and a bottle of Corflu.

Albert Sheean was celebrated and recognized by Jackson, Debra Levin, and Michelle Pincus. Sheean received three cheers, and a dog barked.

Frank Waller was celebrated and recognized by Fox, Chris Marble, and Poliner. Waller received three cheers, a bag of Charles Chips, and 500 androids.

### **Committee Reports**

Poliner: Programs for the next few months include author Craig Miller on Feb. 23, a presentation by Dr. Laura Brodian Freas Beraha on the art of Kelly Freas on March 2, a virtual reality demonstration by Kristen Renee Gorlitz on March 23, author Jackson on April 6, author David Brin rescheduled for April 20, author Todd McCaffrey on May 11, nominations for club president June 1, and nominations for and election of procedural offices June 8.

Pincus: A Loscon 49 staff meeting will occur April 29.

### **Honor Guard** (Charles Lee Jackson II)

Through February, the Spot of Honor is held by SCIFI.radio.

### **Registrar** (Eylat Poliner)

Poliner welcomed guest Christine Lipscomb.

### **Treasurer** (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

### **Board Report** (Michelle Pincus)

A board meeting will occur at 11 a.m. this Sunday on this Zoom channel.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Time-Bound Announcements**

Kevin Segall: This weekend in Pasadena, the 55th California International Antiquarian Book Fair (<https://www.abaa.org/cabookfair>)

### **Moments of Science**

Lee Grixit

- The sequester time for data gathered using the James Webb Space Telescope will be shortened, and some scientists are protesting that.
- AI will be used to synthesize every available version of *Gilgamesh*.

### **Maners**

- Swedish archaeologists retrieved a felted wool hat from an anaerobic bog; the hat is about 600 years old.
- Norwegian archaeologists obtained a 1,200-year-old arrow complete with original fletching from an ice patch.
- Geneticists working on the Pygmy genome discovered that it emerged in Central Africa about 250,000 years ago. That makes it one of the oldest and most stable genomes.

### **Regular Announcements**

#### **Poliner**

- Feb. 25 is the next work session at Karl Lembke's storage unit.
- The next Greater Angeleno Gourmet Society (GAGS) gathering will also occur that night, at Super Wok in Tarzana.

Jackson received some Brach's Milk Chocolate Stars in the mail.

Johnson indicated she won't be able to run the meeting next week because of Gallifrey One. Fox will do so.

Poliner will also be at Gallifrey One. Fox or another member will take on registrar duties.

Scribbles will be on hand that week, to menace LASFSans.

### **Reviews**

Johnson recommends *The Last of Us* on HBO.

Grixit described *The Ark*, which is available on Hulu, Peacock, and YouTube TV.

Jackson shared his impressions on *Not Dead Yet*, available on ABC, Hulu, and elsewhere.

Levin also thought *Everything Everywhere All at Once* was fantastic and has been enjoying the original British *Ghosts*.

Jackson enjoyed the American version more.

Ben Levin said *Everything Everywhere All at Once* is now one of his favorite movies.

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Maners**

- He slipped and fell in his lecture hall, lightly spraining both knees.
- AMC Theaters will base ticket prices on seat location by the end of the year.

Chris Marble reported that George Mulligan sent greetings, will not attend Gallifrey One, has lost more than 50 pounds, and is getting stronger.

Johnson mentioned the aftermeeting.

### Call to Adjourn

Poliner so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.

### Board Meeting

Feb. 12, 2023

Michelle Pincus, chairing

Susan Fox, Secretary

### Call to Order

11:02 a.m.

### Present

Chairman Michelle Pincus, Vice Chairman Nick Smith, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Gavin Claypool, Elayne Pelz, Christian B. McGuire, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Cathy Johnson, Dean Johnson, and Heide Nichols. Non-board members: Webmistress Kristine Cherry

### Minutes

Approved

### Treasurer's Report (Elayne Pelz)

\$31,543.02 in the active treasury

### 30-Second Reports

Chairman (Michelle Pincus): No report  
Vice Chairman (Nick Smith): No report  
Secretary (Susan Fox): No report  
Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): Fidelity account balance as Feb. 10, 2023: \$801,540.33. A year-end investment report from Fidelity should be available next week for taxes.

Library (Gavin Claypool): He has received boxes from the estates of Karl Lembke, Louis Gray, and Eric Hoffman. Boxes of books are out of Loscon storage.

Quartermaster (Heide Nichols): No report  
Archives (Cathy Johnson): She will check the archives for digitized publications and books for the library in late April or May.

Physical Plant/Storage (Rob Powell and Dean Johnson): No report

AV Equipment (Dean Johnson): The equipment remains in storage.

Events (Eylat Poliner): No events. Defers to Loscon chairs.

Loscon 48 (Nick Smith): Smith has handed a check for \$11,019.61 to Elayne Pelz. Better than

we expected, we got a good number of memberships vs. expenses. Loscon 48 is now closed.

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): Loscon 49 has \$5,695.91.

Marketing and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus): LASFS has tables at the paperback show March 19 and the OrcCon gaming con next to Gallifrey One. The Loscon and LASFS library tables need help.

Publications (Christian B. McGuire): *De Profundis* is back in publication by "Scribbles." *Fanac*, a reputable entity, wants to publish our fanzines. Karl Lembke digitized all our fanzines, but he had his laptop wiped clean upon his death. He thought the *De Prof* work was off the computer, and it should be in the hands of the archivist at the time, who was Debra Levin. In the meantime, Heath Row and *Fanac* guy will communicate directly for new issues of *De Prof*.

Miscellaneous (Eylat Poliner): Karl Lembke's storage unit work day on Feb. 25, invites people to come take stuff. Greater Angeleno Gourmet Society (GAGS) dinner at Super Wok at 7 p.m.

### Significant Others

President (Cathy Johnson) We are meeting! New members, guests, Tim Powers spoke through a speaker phone but still managed to make a good presentation. David Brin could not make it due to medical issues (he is OK now) and has rescheduled for April 6. Kudos to Eylat Poliner for getting guest speakers. Aftermeeting social time is still lively.

We might need to get a Loscon 50 chair, which will be a club presentation. Deadline is Feb. 25.

Heide Nichols wants to know, are you going to walk up to them and say you can not tell us who you have in mind for Guests of Honor or do anything that will forward your ability to get this bid?

Christian B. McGuire: If they are competent and have all the requirements, they can bid without opposition.

Webmistress (Kristine Cherry): In a holding pattern until after Gallifrey One. Asking Dean Johnson about the database they are trying to retrieve. Barry Gold is paying for the storage and wants to be mindful. Dean Johnson does not have an update for the full list to switch over.

A full membership database throughout the club history is needed for meetings and for moderating social media. Perhaps that should not be made publicly available, for privacy reasons. It is on Google Docs and only Michelle

Pincus and Elayne Pelz have access at this time.

Rob Powell: Does member information fall under the digital archive? Probably does. Should this be made available to procedural officers like the president?

Cherry: We are using Google Docs and give access to people who need to use it.

Powell: Does this fall under Webmaster vs. Archivist? Cherry thinks it does.

McGuire: Archives are archives, whatever the form.

Cathy Johnson makes that call, but the gatekeeper of that digital access is the Webmistress who controls the access, so that makes sense. Johnson delegates the job to Cherry, which addresses Powell's question.

Cherry: Where are we going with a new clubhouse? It's a money thing.

Elayne Pelz: The trouble is the lack of properties in our price range, where we want to buy one. Pelz continues to monitor the three Web sites and is still trying to get a broker. No brokers have accepted. We might as well stay on Zoom, grow our money, and wait for the market to settle. We have more weekly attendees now on Zoom than we had in person in 2020. All we are missing is auction income. We need a place with meeting space, room for the library, and storage for club materials.

Cherry asks for someone to write up a set of requirements for a club house, to address that inevitable question.

### **Agenda Items**

April Board Meeting: The second Sunday is Easter. New date: April 23. The May Board Meeting is canceled because of Mother's Day.

### **Open Forum**

Nick Smith: New members appear to be from the Orange County and San Diego areas. How can we leverage marketing to those areas?

Susan Fox: Expand announcements to include Orange County and San Diego events.

Cathy Johnson: We market to Long Beach fandom groups.

Heide Nichols: Still a member of the OC group, which meets on Wednesdays. Heide and an author friend go to their meetings in person and would be willing to bring LASFS club materials to them.

Gavin Claypool: The next Loscon meeting is scheduled for April 29 at 1 p.m. It is not the same weekend as the scheduled board meeting April 23.

### **Takeaways**

All after Gallifrey One!

### **Next Meeting Date**

March 12, 2023, 11 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

Occurred

### **Meeting #4462, Feb. 16, 2023**

Susan Fox, presiding

Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

### **Call to Order**

Susan Fox called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

### **Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)**

#### **Hatchings**

- Actor James Baskett
- Artist Ed Emshwiller
- Faned Mike Glycer
- Actor Levar Burton

#### **Dispatchings**

- Actress Raquel Welch
- Producer James Flynn
- Director Hugh Hudson
- Author Jim Harmon

### **Media anniversary**

*Ghost Rider* premiered in 2007.

### **Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)**

Scribbles read the minutes.

### **Additions and Corrections**

None

### **Auction to Name the Minutes**

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them "Happy Birthday, Mike Glycer, Master of Punnery."

### **Call for Approval**

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

### **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Craig Miller was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II and Nick Smith. Miller received three cheers—and a Wookiee.

### **Committee Reports**

Programming (Fox): Upcoming programs include author Craig Miller on Feb. 23, a presentation by Dr. Laura Brodian Freas Beraha on the art of Kelly Freas on March 2, a virtual reality demonstration by Kristen Renee Gorlitz



on March 23, author Jackson on April 6, author David Brin rescheduled for April 20, author Todd McCaffrey on May 11, nominations for club president June 1, and nominations for and election of procedural offices June 8.

Loscon 48 (Nick Smith): Last year's Loscon officially closed in a favorable financial position.

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): This year's Loscon held its first programming meeting. The first staff meeting is scheduled for April 29.

#### **Honor Guard** (Charles Lee Jackson II)

Through February, the Spot of Honor is held by SCIFI.radio.

#### **Registrar** (Eylat Poliner)

Fox stood in for Poliner. There were no guests.

#### **Treasurer** (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues.

#### **Board Report** (Michelle Pincus)

The board met last weekend. The next board meeting will occur at 11 a.m. March 12 on this Zoom channel.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

None

#### **Time-Bound Announcements**

Krystal Raines: Loscon is tabling at OrcCon (<https://www.strategicon.net>) down the block from Gallifrey One this weekend.

Matthew B. Tepper: He informed late arrival Barbara Gratz Harmon that LASFSans recognized Jim Harmon's passing earlier in the meeting.

Scribbles: Two plays of science and science fictional interest—*Come Get Maggie* at Matrix Theatre on Melrose Avenue (<https://tinyurl.com/Come-Get-Maggie>) through March and *The Half-Life of Marie Curie* at Torrance Theatre Company (<http://torrancetheatrecompany.com/marie-curie>) through February—are staging locally.

Nick Smith: New Beverly Cinema screening of *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* (<https://thenewbev.com>), Dark Delicacies signing featuring Mick Garris and David Schow (<https://www.darkdel.com>), and Worlds of Wonder Toastmasters (<https://wowtm.toastmastersclubs.org>)

Fox: Karl Lembke storage unit work day Feb. 25 in Tarzana. GAGS will meet at Super Wok afterward.

#### **Moments of Science**

Lynn Maners

- Astronomers surveying the Kuiper Belt beyond the orbit of Pluto discovered a ringed asteroid.
- Paleontologists identified bone cancer in a 240-million-year-old turtle fossil.
- The Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA) of all citrus fruit dates to about 8 million years ago. Humans' and chimpanzees' MRCA is 6-7 million years ago.

Nola Frame-Gray: Dogs exhibit patience with clumsy people more than with people who tease them. (<https://tinyurl.com/dogs-understanding>)

#### **Regular Announcements**

Chris Marble: George Mulligan is progressing well with physical therapy and should be able to get a day pass home in a few weeks.

Rains: One-day convention at Anaheim Central Library called Anacon, April 15. (<https://www.anaheim.net/4743/AnaCon>) Loscon hopes to table there.

Jackson: Assessed member interest in his upcoming author's program. Votes tended toward space opera.

#### **Reviews**

Tepper loved the Metropolitan Opera's 1990 production of *Der Ring des Nibelungen*.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Fox: Coco's Bakery Restaurant in Sunland closed. Formerly a Bob's Big Boy, it was once a fan hangout.

Frame-Gray: Inquired about Gallifrey One and volunteer opportunities.

Maners: Harry Turtledove's Worldwar series was referenced in the *Wall Street Journal*. (<https://tinyurl.com/Turtledove-WSJ>)

Pincus: Greg Benford is recovering nicely and is undertaking physical therapy.

Fox: There will be no aftermeeting tonight

#### **Call to Adjourn**

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## Upcoming Conventions

**March 3-5:** Escapade (slash fan fiction), <https://escapadecon.net>

**March 4-5:** AlienCon (science fact and science fiction), Pasadena, <https://www.thealiencon.com>

**March 10-12:** TFcon (Transformers), Burbank, <https://www.tfconla.com>

**March 18-19:** Anime Impulse, San Diego, <https://www.animeimpulse.com>

**March 18-19:** Stranger Con (*Stranger Things*), [https://www.creationent.com/cal/stranger\\_la.htm](https://www.creationent.com/cal/stranger_la.htm)

**March 24-26:** WonderCon (comic books), Anaheim, <https://www.comic-con.org/wca>

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## Upcoming Events

**March 4:** Signing with Jeff Moreno (*1892: The Lizzie Borden Files* and *The Farmhouse Seven: The Unauthorized History of the Original 1968 Zombie Thriller Night of the Living Dead*) and Todd Stashwick (*Mystic Libations: Critical Cocktails for the Thirsty Adventurer*—tiki drinks based on *Dungeons & Dragons*) at Dark Delicacies, Burbank, <https://www.darkdel.com>

**March 18:** Richard Dent *Myopia* graphic novel signing at Barnes & Noble at the Grove, <https://tinyurl.com/Dent-Grove>

**March 19:** Los Angeles Vintage Paperback Collectors Show, Glendale, <https://www.la-vintage-paperback-show.com>

**March 19:** Richard Dent *Myopia* graphic novel signing at Barnes & Noble, Burbank, <https://tinyurl.com/Dent-Burbank>

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## Game Days

### Mondays

*Dungeons & Dragons* Adventurers League at Next-Gen Games (<https://www.nextgengames.la>)

*Magic: The Gathering* at Next-Gen Games, Odyssey Games in Pasadena (<https://>

[odysseygamesco.com](https://www.odysseygamesco.com)) and Turn Zero Games (<https://www.turnzerogames.com>)

*Warhammer: Age of Sigmar* at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

### Tuesdays

*Magic* at Collector Legion in Lawndale (<https://www.collectorlegion.com>) and Next-Gen Games

*Warhammer: Age of Sigmar* and *Warhammer 40,000* at Next-Gen Games

*Warhammer 40,000* at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

### Wednesdays

*Dungeons & Dragons* Adventurers League at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

*Magic* at Collector Legion in Lawndale, Mega City One (<https://www.megacity.one>), and Next-Gen Games

### Thursdays

*Magic* at Collector Legion in Lawndale

*Star Wars: X-Wing* at Next-Gen Games and Odyssey Games in Pasadena

*Warhammer 40,000* at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

### Fridays

*Dungeons & Dragons* Adventurers League at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

Friday Night *Magic* at Knight Ware (<http://www.knight-ware.com>), Mega City One, Next-Gen Games, Odyssey Games, Paper Hero's Games in Sherman Oaks (<https://www.paperherosgames.com>) and Turn Zero Games,

### Saturdays

*Magic* at Odyssey Games in Pasadena

*Warhammer* at Knight Ware (third Saturday of the month)

### Sundays

*Magic* at Next-Gen Games and Odyssey Games in Pasadena

*Warhammer 40,000* at Paper Hero's Games in Sherman Oaks

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Please contact the con, store, or venue (or visit its Web site) to confirm any events and logistics before traveling to attend. Events and schedules are subject to change. Additions and updates welcome.

If you'd like to submit cons, events, or news items of interest to LASFS members for inclusion in *De Prof*, please do so by contacting the editor (see Colophon above).

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### LASFS APaE

The LASFS offers two amateur press associations (apae). APA-L is mailed weekly, and LASFAPA is monthly.

APA-L #3006-3009 contain an assessment of 2022's apac, poetry, personal news, discussion of current events and scientific developments, a list of notable Black scientists and academics, con and travel reports, book and movie reviews, a sample Deed of Gift form from the University of California Riverside Library, profiles of patron saints, fanart, comic strips, distribution comments—and a brand new apan, Matthew Mitchell. Covers feature the artwork of Charles Lee Jackson II, C.D. Carson, Al Sirois, and Taral Wayne.

LASFAPA #554-555 feature participants' personal news; book, comic book, and television reviews; and mailing comments.

To learn more about APA-L, contact Heath Row at [kalel@well.com](mailto:kalel@well.com) or per the Colophon above. To inquire about LASFAPA, contact Marty Cantor at [martyhoohah@sbcglobal.net](mailto:martyhoohah@sbcglobal.net).

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### Clubzine Exchange

In addition to sending *De Prof* to the LASFS membership, we also send copies to more than 30 sf clubs around the world. Some of them reciprocate with their own publications, which I can forward to LASFSians upon request. Just ask for what you'd like to receive by name. Since the last issue, we've received:

**Fission #2** Volume 2, edited by Gene Rowe and Eugen Bacon, is a 216-page anthology collecting 16 short stories from the British Science Fiction Association. The editors provide a Foreword, and the volume ends with brief profiles of the authors featured. The best story title, story unread, is a toss-up between Mark

Thomas's "Mittens Aurelius: Meowditations" and Ray Daley's "I Hide Behind Cardboard Cliffs and Polystyrene Rocks." <https://www.bsfa.co.uk>

**Ionisphere** (February 2023), edited by John Thiel, is the clubzine of the National Fantasy Fan Federation's Fan-Pro Coordinating Bureau. "The ... [b]ureau, established in the 1980s ... is dedicated to establishing better relations between science fantasy writers, artists and editors and the readers of science fantasy who call themselves fans." This issue includes interviews with Graham J. Darling (by yours truly!); John Grayshaw, administrator of the Facebook group Science Fiction Book Club; author and poet Michael Butterworth; editorial commentary; and poetry. <http://www.n3f.org>

**OASFiS Event Horizon #420** (February 2023) is the Orlando Area Science Fiction Society's monthly newsletter. It includes a calendar of local cons and events, as well as news of upcoming society activities. January minutes include the best novels of 2022 and relevant awards. A book and movie review round out the edition. <https://oasfis.org>

**Starship Express** Vol. 36 #2 is the newsletter of the Science Fiction Association of Bergen County in New Jersey. This issue includes a preview of the February meeting featuring author Joseph R. Lallo, member news, a calendar of upcoming events, details about the various subgroups and activities of the club (such as book, movie, and TV discussion groups, and writers groups), upcoming local readings and cons, and a recap of the previous month's wide range of activities. This is one of the most active and wide ranging clubs I've encountered. <https://tinyurl.com/sfabc-club>

The N3F's **Tightbeam #341** (February 2023) offers anime, fanzine, movie, and television reviews, as well as sercon and a recipe inspired by literature. <http://www.n3f.org>

**Twinned Tomatoes Battlecat Artificers** (AKA *TTBA*), from the Cambridge University Science Fiction Society in England. "It is mostly comprised of collaborative 'chainwriting' but also contains several stories and some art from our members," quoth Sam Hutton, Y-Chairbeing and Y-Runecaster of CUSFS. My email exchange with Hutton occurred "in the middle of a rather strange annual tradition, by which we stay up all night and play board games and discuss fantasy, in a tribute to the Sun which the Reeve (the

leader of our fantasy section) 'kills,' and will revive at sunrise tomorrow (or today as it might be!)." <https://cusfs.soc.srnf.net>

We also heard from: Osce Erikson (Minnesota Science Fiction Society), Melody Friedenthal (Worcester Public Library Science Fiction Book Club), Cathy Palmer-Lister (Montreal Science Fiction and Fantasy Association), Ken Patterson (Bay Area Science Fiction Association), Juan Sanmiguel (Orlando Area Science Fiction Society), and Sharon Sbarsky (New England Science Fiction Association).

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### Fanzines and Prozines Received

These items aren't received in trade for *De Prof*, but are received, read, and recommended by Scribbles. I can't just send you these, but you can explore them yourself.

**Ansible #427** (February 2023): David Langford's long-running assortment of sf- and fandom-related news, notes, and con listings. Visit <https://news.ansible.uk/a427.html> for this edition. Email [ansible-news+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:ansible-news+subscribe@googlegroups.com) to subscribe via email.

**Interzone #294** (January 2023): The first edition under its new publisher MYY Press in Poland features eight stories and novelettes, interviews with Cassandra Khaw and Christopher Priest, book and movie reviews, artwork, and additional content—including a column by David Langford. <https://interzone.press>

**Locus** Vol. 90 #2 (February 2023): "The magazine of the science fiction and fantasy field" is our trade magazine, offering genre publishing news galore. This issue features an interview with Suyi Davies Okungbowa, 2022 in review, and obituaries for Richard Bober, Suzy McKee Charnas, and Henry Morrison. The short fiction and book reviews, and "Books Sold" and "Books Delivered" listings are sure to add to your To Be Read pile. <https://locusmag.com>

**Nightmare Magazine #125** (February 2023): This periodical of horror and dark fantasy fiction, nonfiction, and poetry is edited by Wendy N. Wagner. This issue features writing by Rob E. Boley, Dominique Dickey, Erik Grove, and Ruth Joffre. <http://www.nightmare-magazine.com>

**Pablo Lennis #423** (February 2023): Serialized fiction by Celine Rose Mariotti, John Thiel and Joanne Tolson; fiction by Burnett R. Toskey; a piece on quadrupedal cyborgs; fandom commentary and fanzine reviews (including remarks on the LASFS' own APA-L); poetry; and letters of comment. \$2 or the Usual to John Thiel, 30 N. 19th St., Lafayette, IN 47904.

**Radio Recall** Vol. 40 #1 (February 2023): Published by the Metropolitan Washington Old Time Radio Club, this bimonthly newsletter includes a profile of Bill Owen, a survey of radio programs featuring the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, member news, a consideration of Philip Morris ads, an article about President Franklin D. Roosevelt's radio addresses, and noteworthy obituaries. Members meet monthly via Zoom. <http://www.mwotrc.com>

**Simultaneous Times #34** (February 2023): The house organ of independent bookstore Space Cowboy Books in Joshua Tree is a monthly newsletter that, unfortunately, won't be published much longer. However, proprietor Jean-Paul L. Garnier recently interviewed poet Michael Butterworth for the February edition of the National Fantasy Fan Federation's *Ionisphere* above and has attended Loscon, so we're sure to see more of the man. This two-page issue includes an interview with Butterworth that doesn't cover the same ground as that in *Ionisphere*. Stop by the store or send the Usual to 61871 29 Palms Highway, Joshua Tree, CA 92252; <https://spacecowboybooks.com>.

**Star\*Line #46.1** (Winter 2023): The journal of the Science Fiction & Fantasy Poetry Association edited by Jean-Paul Garnier (see above) contains SFPA announcements, small-press reviews, an interview with Holly Lyn Walrath, and speculative poetry galore. \$5 to SFPA Treasurer, P.O. Box 1563, Alameda, CA 94501 or included with membership; <https://www.sfpoetry.com>.

New fanzines available via <https://efanzines.com> include *Bunyip & ayotochtli #22*, *CyberCozen* (February 2023), *The Drink Tank #444*, *The Megaloscope #5*, *The Obdurate Eye #24*, *Opuntia #543*, *This Here... #61*, *VT #27-28*, *Wild Ideas #32*, *You're Still on My Mind #1*, and multiple apazines by yours truly.