

**OUR FIRST COLD SCOOP OF THE WEEKEND!** The flavors at the 8:00 Ice Cream Social will be [drum roll please]:

1. VANILLA
  2. CHOCOLATE \*
  3. PISTACHIO NUT
  4. BLACK CHERRY
  5. PECAN PRALINE
  6. CHOCOLATE CHIP
- \* (or Rocky Road if Chocolate is unavailable)

**GET WELL CARD:** Wendayne Ackerman has been hospitalized with a stroke. A large get-well card is at the Information Desk for signatures. Please stop by sometime during the con if you would like to add your signature.

**OPEN PARTIES:** The two we know about so far are the Starfleet Diplomatic Reception at 9:30 PM in the Ganay Room. There will also be an Alcor Life Extension Party (bring your own ice); watch for posted announcements about location.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Loscon will host a Red Cross blood drive Saturday on the Second Floor, from 11:30 AM to 4:15 PM.

**THEME FROM SHAFT:** For those who just tuned in: the New England Science Fiction Association (NESFA) bought a clubhouse in 1986 and dispossessed the dry cleaner who was on the premises. Part of the leftover equipment was an eight-foot steel shaft, with flywheels. That's when NESFA got the idea to give LASFS the shaft.

A massive wooden shipping crate, which looked like Frankenstein's coffin, arrived in front of Freehafer Hall in January. The boxed shaft seemed well on its way to becoming a permanent display at the LASFS, if only because nobody could lift it. But one Thursday in July, Hare Hobbs went to show the shaft to his guests, tipped up the lid and found the shaft was missing. The anonymous Vandroids, already notorious for zebra-stripping the LASFS' cargo container, had left a bannergram claiming credit for the theft -- "Use it or lose it!"

Early in November, they came back for the crate. It seems the Vandroids were inspired by Lew Wolkoff's flyers requesting contributions to a Time Capsule for the Philadelphia SF Association. Wolkoff planned to display contributions at Philcon, the weekend of November 13, before they were packed away in the sf collection at Temple University for 50 years, not to be opened until a PSFS meeting in 2037.

A floral deliveryman came to the November 5 LASFS meeting and presented President Patrice Cook with a forget-me-not bouquet. The enclosed card said, "A shaft has been



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DIPLOMATIC POUCH #1: the Loscon XIV Daily Newzine

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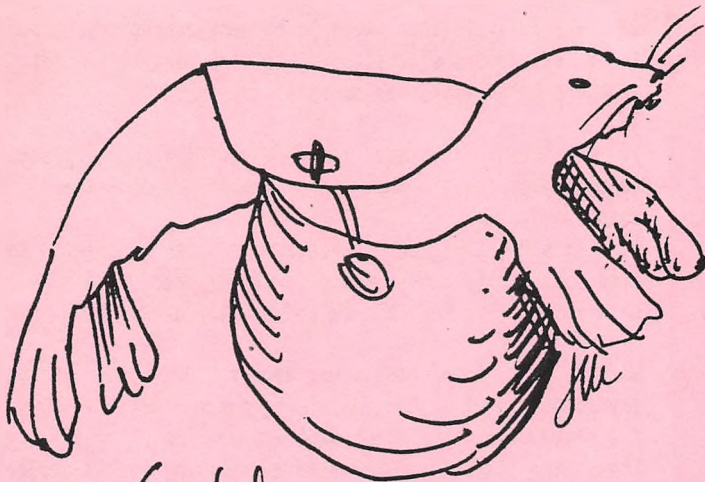
donated in your name to the Philadelphia SF Association Time Capsule." True enough. The Vandroids painted the crate over in designer colors: robin's-egg blue, festooned with yellow triangles, red dots and orange squiggles. Its next stop was the loading dock of the Adams-Mark Hotel, attention Lew Wolkoff.

When Wolkoff phoned LASFS, Charlie Jackson 2 politely declined his offer to ship the shaft back to LA in return for LASFS paying the freight. Stay tuned for developments as they're wrecked...

**YOUR DAILY NEWZINE STAFF:** Editor: Mike Glycer. Information about program changes, party announcements, sinister slurs and the genuine poop about Loscon XIV should be turned in at the Information desk.

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*Rekeyed & left for ransom for '6 - LASFS refused to pay*



Sealed  
Diplomatic Pouch...

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DIPLOMATIC POUCH #2: the Loscon XIV Daily Newzine

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YOUR DAILY NEWZINE STAFF: Editor: Mike Glycer. Information about program changes, party announcements, sinister slurs and the genuine poop about Loscon XIV should be turned in at the Information desk. Between the last pickup and presstime, the editor can be found hunched over a hot Pied Piper (please, it's not what you think...)

Art credit: Lynn Maudlin, page 1.

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Time</u>
906	Off Centaur Incorporation Party	Noon-2:00AM
Reisling	Alcor Life Extension	5:00
Chardonnay	Universe Party	9:00
Con Suite	Larry Niven Irish Coffee Saloon	MG +30 min.
Gayay	Westercon XLI (Phoenix MCMLXXXVIII) and Westercon XLII (Anaheim, MCMLXXXIX)	MG +30 min.
Champagne	Furry Party	MG +30 min.
Beaujolais	Costumers' Party	MG +30 min.
813	Pine Salad Productions Party	MG +30 min.

Key: MG = After Masquerade

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LOSCON REGISTRATION: Membership in the convention closed last night at 1217. (That is, the estimated 1200 members, with a prime number tacked onto the end to make it look accurate.)

ROGER RAMJET RAFFLE: Gary Owens, the voice of Roger Ramjet, who appeared at yesterday's program, left behind an inscribed Roger Ramjet t-shirt to be given away at the convention. Sam Frank will raffle off the t-shirt at Saturday night's Masquerade. See Sam tonight for your free raffle ticket.

LOSCON XIV MOVIE: "Clearance Papers", the Loscon XIV movie, will be repeated on Sunday from 1:00 to 1:30 PM, in the Sauvignon Room.

CAVEAT EMPTOR: Be certain that you are not taken in by fake Glenn Glazers. Accept no imitations. You can tell the real Glenn Glazer because he has been stamped "VERIFIED" in red. (Blind members can identify the real Glenn Glazer by listening for outrageous nonsequiturs.) If you suspect you are dealing with a fake Glenn Glazer, report him to Bob Null (Loscon 14 Free Roving Safety) in the Art Show. Bob will solve the problem by setting his laser printer to "kill".

BRING YOUR OWN ICE, TAKE 2: In 100 years, the only living memory of this convention will be in the minds of the Alcor members who are here. The Alcor Life Extension Foundation is a functioning cryonics organization, whose members have stepped beyond merely talking about the future. We invite you to join us. (See Saturday party list; also, Sunday, Riesling Room, 2nd floor.)

MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT: R Lorraine Tutihasi would like to correct the misspelling of her name in the Program Book membership list. There is no period following the 'R' in her name. Lorraine says she donated her period to somebody who needs it more than she does.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Ian Deckert, for learning to tapdance on his lunch at such an early age.

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PLAY TWENTY QUESTIONS WITH LASFS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE  
CASEY BERNAY: (a paid political spacefiller)

Q: What are your fantasy measurements?

A: Ten inches.

Q: I'm sure any two LASFSians can help you. And what is your position on The Shaft?

A: I do believe I'm blushing.

Q: Is that possible?



A: I embarrass myself more than anyone.

Q: What's your campaign platform?

A: A raft. And my slogan is "Go with the flow."

Q: What do you have to recommend you as President of the LASFS?

A: (Deleted)

Q: That we can say in this handbill.

A: Organizational ability. I give good party.

Q: Do you feel that you have enough experience to lead the LASFS?

A: What do you want, references?

Q: Do you have any?

A: I have references and screen credits.

Q: What will you do to maintain order during LASFS meetings?

A: Nuke the bastards. Call the police, that's their job.

Q: What can you offer the LASFS that they haven't seen before?

A: Two Shanghai programs in every front building computer room.

Q: And what will your re-election campaign be?

A: My re-election? For what?

Q: Will you investigate and get to the bottom of the Vandroids, who paint things and make things disappear?

A: I will appoint a special ad hoc committee to investigate the Vandroids. And if they ever get out of hock, they can report.

Q: Do you believe the Presidency of LASFS should be hereditary?

A: Do any of them know who their parents are?

Q: Do you feel Vanna White is a proper role model?

A: For Tootsie?

Q: What is the most important thing that goes on in a LASFS meeting?

A: The adjournment.

Q: And will you have a lot of those?

A: One every meeting.

Q: Where do you stand on pets in the clubhouse?

A: I don't: it hurts them.

Q: Please, be serious.

A: There is stuff that needs to be done around the club. I think we need to stop flapping our lips about it, get it done and go on with some serious partying.

Q: Was that an answer, or were you straining plankton through your teeth? What things around the club need to be done?

A: Let's get a bigger clubhouse. A nicer kitchen. More rooms to party. More space for the library. A room to show films. I think it's called Hearst Castle.

Q: A year from now when people look back at your presidency, what do you want to be remembered for?

A: [For] Ever. I don't want to be a footnote on Gavin Claypool's list of whose-name-did-we-leave-off-the-plaque?

Q: Do you have any sins you want to confess (before the media discovers and publicizes them)?

A: I spent a year of my life on Battlestar Galactica. But I was young then, and untutored.

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Leftover answer (use as necessary to replace any unsatisfactory answers above):

A: Unknown, unknowable and not verifiable.

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IS IT TRUE? That Sandy Cohen supplied the balloons for the con suite out of his wallet?