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* **Thursday Programme Items:** May 2—Charles Lee Jackson II reading of “The Diamond Men;” May 9—In-person (hybrid) meeting and Big Auction at Denny’s; May 23—In-person (hybrid) meeting at the Consulate General of the Czech Republic (One Westwood building, 10990 Wilshire Blvd. #1100, Los Angeles) followed by a screening of *Restore Point*; May 30—Robert Sawyer reading of *The Downloaded*

Meeting Tech Specs: LASFS meetings are currently held online via Zoom—and in person once a month. Contact host Susan Fox at susanfox@scifi.radio to receive an invitation, the meeting password, and weekly reminders.

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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.

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January-June 2024

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Registrar: Heide Nichols
Scribe: Heath Row
Treasurers: Elayne Pelz and Debra Levin

Board of Directors

Chairman: Matthew B. Tepper (2026)
Vice Chairman: Heide Nichols (2025)
Comptroller: Gavin Claypool (2025)
Secretary: Susan Fox (2024)

Other Members

Cathy Johnson (2024), Dean Johnson (2025), Christian B. McGuire (2026), Elayne Pelz (2026), Eylat Poliner (2024), and Rob Powell (2026)

Special Advisors

Charles Lee Jackson II
Deceased/honorary positions: Forrest J Ackerman, Walt Daugherty, Len and June Moffatt, and Fred Patten

Appointed Officials

Cat Liaison, Computers, Editor, LASFS Archivist, Publications, and Westercon Liaison: Christian B. McGuire; Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS and Key Control: Christian B. McGuire and Elayne Pelz; *De Profundis* Editor and APA-L Liaison: Heath Row; Film Coordination Committee, Honor Guard, Party Rabbi, and Video Collection Curator: Charles Lee Jackson II; Hall Decoration: Charles Lee Jackson II, Christian B. McGuire, and Elayne Pelz; LASFAPA Liaison: David Schlosser; 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; Science Officers: Bill Green and Nick Smith; Assistant Video Collection Curator: Tom Khamis; Webmistress: Kristine Cherry; Web Advisors: Barry and Lee Gold

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.)

George.

Meeting #4516, Feb. 29, 2024

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath “Scribbles” Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Composer Gioachino Rossini (b. Feb. 29, 1792; d. Nov. 13, 1868)
- Actor Arthur Franz (b. Feb. 29, 1920; d. June 17, 2006)
- Author Patricia A. McKillip (b. Feb. 29, 1948; d. May 6, 2022)
- Author Tim Powers (b. Feb. 29, 1952)

Dispatchings

- Courtesy of Matthew B. Tepper: Minneapolis fan, faned, and con runner Margie Lessinger (d. Feb. 14, 2024)
- Sculptor Kent Melton (b. 1955, d. Feb. 22, 2024)
- Academic, critic, and author Brian Stableford (b. July 25, 1948; d. Feb. 24, 2024)
- Comic book artist Ramona Fradon (b. Oct. 2, 1926; d. Feb. 24, 2024)
- Actor Kenneth Mitchell (b. Nov. 25, 1974; d. Feb. 24, 2024)
- Actor Charles Dierkop (Sept. 11, 1936; d. Feb. 25, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1940, *Black Friday* premiered in Chicago. The movie entered general release April 12 that year.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Feb. 22, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

Scribbles corrected the date of Corflu.

Christian B. McGuire pointed out that Loscon and *Star Wars* didn’t start in the same year.

Discussion of what qualified as the first Loscon ensued.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them “Do You Know Where Your Kaiju Is Tonight?”

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Bill Ellern was celebrated and recognized by Kristine Cherry, Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, and Christian B. McGuire. Ellern received three cheers.

Marjii Ellers was celebrated and recognized by Sandy Cohen, Nola Frame-Gray, Hare Hobbs, Chris Marble, and Christian B. McGuire. Ellers received three cheers—and a Father Guido Sarducci costume.

Committee Reports

Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble): George Mulligan sends his greetings. It’s unlikely that he’ll Zoom in.

Chuck Donahue also says hi. I’ll see him Saturday.

Courtesy of Cathy Johnson: Dean Johnson did not have surgery Monday. His arm has healed well enough over the course of the month that surgery wasn’t warranted.

Courtesy of Heide Nichols: Joyce Sperling says hello.

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- March 7: Craig Miller reading
- March 14: In-person (hybrid) meeting at Denny’s
- March 21: Heide Nichols performance of “Death Is Inevitable”—or Uninvitable or Uneatable
- April 11: In-person (hybrid) meeting—By-Laws discussion and first vote
- April 18: By-Laws vote
- May 9: In-person (hybrid) meeting and Big Auction
- June 6: President nominations
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There is additional programming in the works

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 50.

Jackson described the Spot of Honor. Next month, we’ll feature something new. Sherri Benoun bid \$40, won, and dedicated the Spot of Honor in memory of her husband Tony Benoun.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

Dr. Susie Honeybee Searight and her husband have joined us for the second time. They've volunteered for logistics for Loscon, and we really need to get them signed up as members.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board of directors will next meet March 10 at 11 a.m. People are welcome to attend.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

None

Special Event: The Big Auction

Christian B. McGuire served as auctioneer for the Big Auction. 21 items were auctioned off, raising a total of \$216 for the LASFS. Winning bidders were asked to reach out to Elayne Pelz to arrange mailing.

Moments of Science

None

Regular Announcements

None

Reviews

Charles Lee Jackson II: Pennsylvania Punch is the same as Delaware Punch.

Miscellaneous

None

Call to Adjourn

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

**Flying Space Monkeys.
Meeting #4517, March 7, 2024**

Cathy Johnson, presiding
Heath "Scribbles" Row, Scribe

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

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

- Author Elizabeth Moon (b. March 7, 1945)
- Author Michael Jan Friedman (b. March 7, 1955)
- Filmmaker Matthew Vaughn (b. March 7, 1971)
- Fan and con runner Elayne Pelz (b. March 7, 1954)

Dispatchings

- Voice actor Mark Dodson (b. Feb. 1, 1960; d. March 2, 2024)
- Fan J.P. Van Gordon (b. Feb. 1, 1942; d. March 6, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1951, *Bud Abbott and Lou Costello Meet the Invisible Man* (aka *Meet the Invisible Man*) was released. It premiered in Los Angeles in April that year.

On this date in 1973, the TV movie *The Six Million Dollar Man* first aired.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Feb. 29, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

None

Auction to Name the Minutes

Debra Levin bid \$6, won, and named them "George."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Dave Fox was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II and Susan Fox. Dave Fox received three cheers.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

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- March 21: Heide Nichols performance of "Death Is Inevitable"
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Republic (One Westwood building, 10990 Wilshire Blvd. #1100, Los Angeles) followed by a screening of *Restore Point* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uA0c4uchstk>)

- June 6: President nominations
- June 13: In-person (hybrid) meeting and procedural elections

Matt Mitchell asked if the March 28 meeting was left off the list accidentally. It was not; there is a meeting March 28, but no program.

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): Loscon will take place Nov. 29 to Dec. 1, 2024, at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport. There will be a maker room, a tea, a toy drive, a screening of the Star Wars trilogy, and a fundraising auction for the American Cancer Society. If you knit or crochet, consider making caps for the cause.

Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble): George Mulligan is doing well and plans to work harder.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor honored Tony Benoun in loving memory, a fixture of the club. We joined his widow in remembering him.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

We have two guests tonight. Joe Machado Jr. is a long-time fan and collects props and memorabilia. Linda Denerof is also a long-time fan and has known Genny Dazzo and Craig Miller for almost 50 years. She's participated in Loscon.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. It's the last month to pay your annual dues. You can also pay monthly dues.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board will next meet Sunday, March 10, at 11 a.m.. If you want to attend, it's highly recommended that you change your clocks and other chronographic devices. The board will discuss Loscon bids. All members are welcome.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith: The Los Feliz Theater will screen *Cool World* on Friday, *A Scanner Darkly* on

Saturday, and *Heavy Metal* on Sunday, featuring the animated *The Lord of the Rings* on Tuesday.

The Egyptian Theatre Hollywood will show *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* on Saturday.

Brain Dead Studios is showing *The Muppets Take Manhattan* on Saturday morning and *Lupin the Third: The Castle of Cagliostro* that night.

Vidiots plans to screen *Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit* on Saturday afternoon and *Jodorowsky's Dune* that night.

The Vista Theatre will show *Dune: Part Two* as their main feature this week, and on Saturday and Sunday morning, they'll screen *The Flying Deuces*.

Dark Delicacies will host a Blu-ray signing with the producer, director, and cast of *Black Mass*, which started streaming last week along with a brief theatrical release.

Special Event: Craig Miller, author of *Star Wars Memories*

LASFS member and author Craig Miller read from his book *Star Wars Memories* as well as the forthcoming book *More Movie Memories*. He read a couple of pieces from *Star Wars Memories*, including "12 Parsecs" and "Recognition." He then read unpublished material, including "May the 4th Be with You," "My Line," "My First Time on a Movie Set," and "The Hunger."

Moments of Science

Nick Smith: If you want to see a simulation of weather on Arrakis in the dry period of Frank Herbert's *Dune* novels and the earlier, more wet period, check out <https://climatearchive.org/dune.html>.

Regular Announcements

None

Reviews

Charles Lee Jackson II didn't get to see *Kiss the Girls and Make Them Die* in the theater, but he watched a DVD of the German version, which was in English. It's a nice, funny movie with a good plot that steals from the *Captain America* serial.

Debra and Ben Levin were watching a video earlier that mentioned Mike Tyson, which connects to one of Craig Miller's stories.

Miscellaneous

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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

Board Meeting

March 10, 2024

Matthew B. Tepper, chairing
Susan Fox, Secretary

Call to Order

11 a.m.

Present

Chairman Matthew B. Tepper, Vice Chairman Heide Nichols, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Gavin Claypool, Elayne Pelz, Christian B. McGuire, Rob "Gizmo" Powell, Cathy Johnson, Dean Johnson, and Michelle Pincus. Non-board members: Sherri Benoun (Loscon 51 bid), Webmistress Kristine Cherry, and club member observers Matthew Mitchell, Christine Lipscomb, and Gregory Lipscomb.

Matthew B. Tepper: Welcome. I will send the agenda out earlier so people can send their agenda items earlier.

Minutes

Approved and accepted

New Members

No applications submitted

Treasurer's Report (Elayne Pelz)

There is \$41,713.21 in the LASFS treasury.

30-Second Reports

Chairman (Matthew Tepper): No report
Vice Chairman (Heide Nichols): Not present
Secretary (Susan Fox): No report
Comptroller (Gavin Claypool): The investment account as of March 8, 2024, stood at \$950,654.00.
Library (Gavin Claypool): The Los Angeles Vintage Paperback Collectors Show is next Sunday in Glendale.
Quartermaster (Susan Fox): No report
Archives (Cathy Johnson): No report
Physical Plant/Storage (Rob Powell): Post-Gallifrey One clean up is in progress.
AV Equipment (Dean Johnson): The equipment is in storage.
Events (Eylat Poliner): Loscon 50—We partnered with the American Cancer Society as our contribution to the community. Important to all of us who have lost loved ones. Need an

auctioneer for Sunday; proceeds to ACS Relay for Life via Julia Ree. Asking knitters and crocheters to make wool caps for cancer patients who have lost their hair. Mark Poliner, a cancer survivor, will receive them at the toy drive.

Gene Turnbow will run the Makers Room, with John Eubank helping. Shawn Crosby will emcee the original Star Wars trilogy screening following the ice cream social on Friday night. Poliner is ordering ribbons for that. The hotel link is up on the Web site, thanks to Kristine Cherry.

Publications (Christian McGuire): Heath Row is still doing a great job.

Marketing and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus): We will have a LASFS and Loscon presence at the Los Angeles Vintage Paperback Collectors Show. We need people to sit at the Loscon table, regardless of whether we sell a lot of memberships. Krystal Rains is heading the team at Wondercon and San Diego Comic-Con. Rains has sent a document to marketing volunteers: "Loscon Marketing Team Responsibilities and Tasks."

Agenda Items

Loscon 51 bid (Bid Chairman Sherri Benoun): A theme is still under consideration, possibly "Story Retelling," but she's still reading books and making the decision. Benoun has been a Vice Chairman before, getting help from Robbie Bourget and others to mentor. She'd like to make an effort to encourage new talent to carry the convention forward. Her team would include treasurer Elayne Pelz and hotel liaison Crys Bowie.

Matthew B. Tepper: A theme is not actually necessary, but nice.

Moved to accept the bid, seconded, and approved. Next: Take it to the club for a vote.

Significant Others

Club President (Cathy Johnson): We will have a vote on the Loscon 51 bid at the next meeting, at the "Denny's Clubhouse." The in-person meetings have been going well.

Programming (Eylat Poliner):

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Dean Johnson: Are we doing a hybrid meeting for the Czechia consulate meeting? No, we won't be allowed to do so. The meeting will be very light anyway, with the screening.

Webmistress (Kristine Cherry): There's nothing new on the Web site. She requested to get event listings regularly by email at kristine@civicsitedesign.com.

Matthew B. Tepper: Who sets up the forwarding addresses for the LASFS email addresses? Apparently it is Kristine Cherry, who will fix the current board mailing list and forwarding for the chairman and vice chairman.

Elayne Pelz will forward the current Saints list to Cherry for the Web site and to Cathy Johnson for meetings.

Open Forum

Elayne Pelz moved to cancel the April board meeting. We won't need it, but Loscon might need that date for a meeting in April.

Michelle Pincus suggested tabling the rescheduling of the April meeting until Crys Bowie actually sets up the hotel meeting on some Sunday in April. (That ended up not needing action; the hotel meeting was set for April 21.)

Christian B. McGuire moved to cancel the May board meeting, which is on Mother's Day. Moved, seconded, and approved.

Closed Door Session

No action taken

Take-Aways

None

Next Meeting Date

April 14, 2024

Adjournment

Moved to adjourn, seconded, and approved.

We Will Miss You, Tom Digby. Meeting #4518, March 14, 2024

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)

Hatchings

- Broadcaster, journalist, and author Algernon Blackwood (b. March 14, 1869; d. Dec. 10, 1951)
- Actor Michael Caine (b. March 14, 1933)
- Filmmaker Wolfgang Petersen (b. March 14, 1941; d. Aug. 12, 2022)
- Filker, fanartist, and author Diana Gallagher Wu (b. March 14, 1946; d. Dec. 3, 2021)
- Fan, filker, and author Julia Ecklar (b. March 14, 1964)

Dispatchings

Courtesy of Michelle Pincus: Fan Susan Frank (d. March 2, 2024)

Eylat Poliner: When someone commits suicide, it isn't anybody's fault and no one needs to take blame. Poliner can recommend grief counseling if needed.

Susan Fox: Her brother Reg found her. She's worried about him.

- Manga artist and character designer Akira Toriyama (b. April 5, 1955; d. March 1, 2024)
- Fan, filker, and singer-songwriter Rilla Heslin (b. March 1, 1952; d. March 10, 2024)
- The LASFS recognized a minute of silence to honor Frank's death.

Media anniversary

On this date in 1994, the first episode of the *RoboCop* television series aired. On this date in 1981, the movie *Mobile Suit Gundam* first screened in Japan.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for March 7, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

Matt Mitchell didn't ask whether there was a meeting March 28, but whether it was left off the list accidentally. Eylat Poliner clarified that she

doesn't list meetings that don't have a program scheduled.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Eylat Poliner bid \$10, won, and named them "Flying Space Monkeys."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as clarified, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Gavin Claypool was celebrated and recognized by Hare Hobbs, Charles Lee Jackson II, Chris Marble, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper. Claypool received three cheers.

Committee Reports

Fandom Wellness Committee (Chris Marble): George Mulligan is doing well. He expressed concern about Susan Fox's broken window and plans to get out of bed more often.

Selina Phanara also says hello. She just got COVID-19 for the third time but has been asymptomatic so far.

Committee to Gouge Money from the LASFS (Cathy Johnson): Even though we don't have a Big Auction tonight, we have a few items to auction off.

The first two items were candy donated by Hare Hobbs. Harry Potter chocolate: Michelle Pincus bid \$1 and won. Butter Beer Jelly Bellies: Krystal Rains bid \$2 and won.

Larry Niven donated the second Dream Park novel, *The Barsoom Project* by Larry Niven and Steven Barnes. Dean Johnson bid \$25 and won.

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

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Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): The con will be held Thanksgiving weekend at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport. There will be a toy drive. All the information is on the Web site, created by Kristine Cherry.

Krystal Rains still has Loscon logo pins available for \$12 a piece.

Membership (Elayne Pelz): If you'd like a signed membership card, let me know. Some crazy lady signed a whole bunch of them.

Cathy Johnson: We're scheduling in-person, hybrid meetings for the second Thursday of each month.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held in loving memory of Tony Benoun. If you saw the Zoom last week, we have a little Spot of Honor plaque featuring his picture. We honor Tony in his absence, and we miss him.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

We have some returning guests. Joe Machado Jr. has come back for the second time. We're glad to have him. And Dr. Susie and John Searight have joined us for the third time. Other members we've recently gained such as Derek LaPorte and Alex Garganigo are also here. Members inquired whether Jeffrey Delshad was a member in good standing.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz wished everyone a happy Pi Day and reminded members to pay their dues. There are two more weeks to pay your annual dues. You can also pay monthly dues and weekly dues.

Elayne Pelz announced progress looking for real estate options. She's talking to a realtor tomorrow.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The board of directors met last Sunday. The item of interest was a bid for Loscon 51. The board approved that bid to go to the club membership for vote.

Old Business

Charles Lee Jackson II: What we want to do this evening is give a yea or a nay to the Loscon bid that's been supported by the board of directors. The con bid chairman will stand up and tell us a little bit about the bid and the committee. We'll take questions, and then we'll have a vote.

Sherri Benoun is bidding for Loscon 51. She has convention running experience, including Gallifrey One and Loscon committee positions.

She also co-chaired for the World Fantasy Convention and staffed Worldcon in multiple positions. She'd like to design the convention for a different demographic, ages 25-45. She's looking at particular authors who resonate with that demographic and would like to be more inclusive and reach out to the current fan community. Elayne Pelz will serve as treasurer. Crys Bowie will handle the hotel. The Web admin is Kristine Cherry. Other people have asked about positions, so we're getting volunteers already. There is not currently a theme.

A vote was held. Benoun's bid was awarded.

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Willard Stone: The Sierra Madre Wistaria Festival is occurring March 17. (<https://www.facebook.com/sierramadrewistariaFestival>)

Matthew B. Tepper: The Los Angeles Vintage Paperback Collectors Show is also March 17 at the Glendale Civic Auditorium. (<https://www.la-vintage-paperback-show.com>) The LASFS will be there selling books and Loscon memberships.

Nick Smith: The show starts at 9 a.m. Sunday. It costs \$10 to get in. Several authors who are LASFS authors will be in attendance, including Craig Miller, Larry Niven, John DeChancie, and others.

Nick Smith didn't prepare a long list of movies this week because he didn't want to compete with the paperback show.

Sherr Benoun: Tony Benoun's celebration of life will occur Saturday, March 23, from 4-8 p.m. at Griffin's Grill in Los Alamitos.

Moments of Science

Hare Hobbs: We have another new name for a fault—My Fault, Your Fault, Everybody's Fault, and now Nobody's Fault.

Lee Grixit: Pay attention to hard water deposits in your tea kettle. They can capture microplastics

Something that could fuel another branch of retrofuture: Pump Punk, the 3D printing of tiny little pipes and valves that can be assembled to create digital logic. Pneumatic, non-electronic robots are in the offing, but I'd consider them automatons because their power supply will be external.

Susan Fox: The third test of the SpaceX spaceship occurred. This time it launched,

reached 100 kilometers in altitude, achieved stage separation—and neither part landed in a controlled fashion.

Regular Announcements

None

Reviews

Michelle Pincus: This year's Oscars were historical—a movie and its sequel both won Oscars. (That's a joke, with *Godzilla Minus One* being a sequel to *Oppenheimer*.)

Kristine Cherry finished a Netflix anime renewed for a second and third season.

Heide Nichols wants to review something that's science and fiction but not science fiction. She just finished Bonnie Garmus's novel *Lessons in Chemistry*, which is now an Apple TV+ series. The book is about a woman chemist in the late 1950s and 1960s and explores how women broke the glass ceiling. It's a fascinating book.

Cathy Johnson has been watching the TV show, and it's quite good.

Craig Miller has finished the program, and it's all good.

Eylat Poliner watched *Poor Things*. It's kind of a weird science fantasy. It's bizarre but very good. And there's lots of sex.

Charles Lee Jackson II saw *La maldición de Nostradamus* (aka *The Curse of Nostradamus*), a Mexican film in Spanish with no subtitles. Then he saw a Japanese movie with English subtitles, *Gorath*, as it is called in the United States. It's colorful. It's interesting.

Jeffrey Delshad saw the new Dune movie, *Dune: Part Two*. It's a new interpretation of the world and seems more religious.

Miscellaneous

Hare Hobbs's mother will have a consulting credit in Ron Howard's forthcoming movie.

Nick Smith: The music guest of honor this year at Loscon is Kathy Mar. A fan in the northwest has decided to blend traditions from anime and sf con cultures. She's collecting older folk songs, including music from Mar, and setting them to old footage from *Star Trek* and other programs. (<https://www.youtube.com/@ladybuglisawah> and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSUyUL_jzbo&list=PLtMBceDCX0YGrQO5Cv4ViAYZ_9xy30IUt)

Hare Hobbs talked about the band Hawkwind, which is very science fiction. He's invited one of the members to Loscon.

Lee Grixit also mentioned the Blue Oyster Cult and their song “Black Blade.” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GP42WYdykT8>)

Call to Adjourn

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

Meh Meh Meh.

Meeting #4520, March 28, 2024

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)

Hatchings

- Merchant marine officer and author A. Bertram Chandler (b. March 28, 1912; d. June 6, 1984)
- Director, editor, and producer Roger Nygard (b. March 28, 1962)
- Visual effects artist, designer, sculptor, illustrator, and makeup artist Doug Drexler (b. March 28, 1953)

Dispatchings

Courtesy of Lee Gold

- Fan, filker, and LASFS member Tom Digby (b. Jan. 6, 1940; d. March 27, 2024)
 - Members including Barry Gold, Lee Gold, Cathy Johnson, Larry Niven, Eylat Poliner, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper shared memories and stories about Digby.
- Space scientist and writer Stephen Goldin (b. Feb. 28, 1947; d. March 22, 2024)
 - Members including Lee Gold and Nick Smith shared memories and stories about Goldin.

Horror and roleplaying game author James Moore (b. Sept. 3, 1965; d. March 27, 2024)

The members of the LASFS recognized a minute of silence in honor of Tom Digby and Stephen Goldin.

Media anniversary

On this date in 1999, the first episode of *Futurama* aired on television. On this date in 1941, *Man Made Monster* was released.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for March 14, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

Nick Smith asked that the minutes specify that some of the fan videos feature songs by Kathy Mar.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Eylat Poliner bid \$10, won, and named them “We Will Miss You, Tom Digby.”

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as clarified, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Sue Haseltine was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox and Matthew B. Tepper. Haseltine received three cheers—and belated yaps.

Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- April 11: In-person (hybrid) meeting at Denny’s—By-Laws discussion and first vote
- April 18: By-Laws vote
- May 2: Charles Lee Jackson II reading of “The Diamond Men”
- May 9: In-person (hybrid) meeting and Big Auction at Denny’s
- May 23: In-person (hybrid) meeting at the Consulate General of the Czech Republic (One Westwood building, 10990 Wilshire Blvd. #1100, Los Angeles) followed by a screening of *Restore Point* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uA0c4uchstk>)
- May 30: Robert Sawyer reading of *The Downloaded*
- June 6: President nominations
- June 13: In-person (hybrid) meeting and procedural elections

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): Krystal Rains will table at WonderCon in Anaheim this weekend. Shawn Crosby will serve as emcee for Loscon 50. If you haven’t been to the Loscon Web site, please go there! Susan Fox and Dr. Susie Seabright will create a memorial display.

If you are on staff or a department head, we’ll meet Sunday, April 21, at 1 p.m. at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport.

Fandom Wellness Committee (Eylat Poliner): She received a phone call from Michelle Pincus about Hare Hobbs. His mother Shirley isn’t doing well, and Hare is experiencing some

difficulties. Kristine Cherry is helping out and seems to have everything in order.

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held in the loving memory of Tony Benoun.

This is the last Thursday of the month, so we offer the opportunity for someone to dedicate the Spot of Honor for the next month. Maryann Canfield bid \$20 and dedicated the Spot of Honor to Tom Digby.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

We have a lot of people we haven't seen for a while, including Peggy Wu, and Lee and Barry Gold. We were also joined by Orton Ortwein, who is fascinated by Ray Bradbury and Forrest J Ackerman. He dialed in from Chicago.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues. She also said "Howdy Doody!" You can also make donations.

Lee Grixit inquired whether the LASFS had received his payment. He had paid \$35 earlier that day.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

The LASFS board of directors will next meet Sunday, April 14, at 11 a.m. Last week we were considering a conflict, but that has been resolved. The board meeting in May has been canceled in honor of Mother's Day.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith: Vidiots will show *The Triplets of Belleville* on Sunday.

Dark Delicacies plans to host a signing Saturday for *Phantom Limbs: Dissecting Horror's Lost Sequels and Remakes* by Jason Jenkins. A number of contributors will be present.

WonderCon will occur this weekend at the Anaheim Convention Center.

Heide Nichols: The SpaceX Falcon 9 Starlink mission was supposed to launch today. It got scrubbed earlier this evening before fueling. It's going to be rescheduled, perhaps for tomorrow night. It'll launch from Vandenberg Space Force Base. The payload includes more than 20 satellites.

A company called Celestis is also launching human remains into outer space. Its employees will plant trees in their memory here on Earth.

Moments of Science

Lee Grixit: There's a new non-invasive prosthetic for people who can't speak. You no longer need to hold a device up to your throat. There's now a decal that can detect the movements of the larynx and convert it to sound. It's programmable so it can better synthesize your voice. It's expected to be inexpensive.

Regular Announcements

Cathy Johnson: The LASFS board of directors received an email announcing a speaking engagement for J. Michael Stracysnski on April 11. Stracysnski will speak at California State University, Dominguez Hills in Carson.

Nick Smith: The release date for the long-delayed *The Last Dangerous Visions* edited by Harlan Ellison is now Oct. 1. Pre-orders open soon.

Reviews

Nick Smith saw *Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire*. It was less a comedy film and more a serious movie with comic relief. It's not perfect, but the special effects were really interesting and fun, and the story was well written.

Orton Ortwein mentioned that Ray Bradbury's *Dark Carnival* was recently reissued.

Miscellaneous

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Eylat Poliner reported that Kristine Cherry created a contact form featuring a QR code on the LASFS and Loscon Web sites. If you'd like to direct people there, please do so.

Call to Adjourn

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

Upcoming Conventions

May 11: H-Night at the Ramada, South El Monte, <https://www.626comicexpo.com>

May 18-19: Comic Con Revolution, Ontario, <https://www.comicconrevolution.com/ontario>

May 24-27: FanimeCon, San Jose, <https://www.fanime.com>

May 24-27: Gamex (Strategicon),
<https://www.strategicon.net>

May 30 to June 2: StokerCon, San Diego,
<https://www.stokercon2024.com>

May 31 to June 2: Monsterpalooza, Pasadena,
<http://www.monsterpalooza.com/spring>

Upcoming Events

May 11: *Mother's Day* at the Vista Theater

May 11: Cartoon Club, *Cars*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Cinderella*, and *Saw* at the New Beverly Cinema

May 11: *Scored to Death* record, *Scored to Death: Conversations with Some of Horror's Greatest Composers*, and *Scored to Death 2: More Conversations with Some of Horror's Greatest Composers* signing with J. Blake Fichera and others at Dark Delicacies, Burbank

May 11: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

May 11-12: *Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid* at the Vista Theater

May 11-12: *The People's Joker* at the Los Feliz Theatre

May 12: *Psycho* at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

May 12: *Cars* and *Sleeping Beauty* at the New Beverly Cinema

May 13: *Saturn 3* and *Death Watch* at the New Beverly Cinema

May 15: *Eyes of Fire* at the Vista Theater (sold out)

May 17: *Kill Bill—Volume One* at the New Beverly Cinema

May 17: *The Holy Mountain* at the Egyptian Theatre

May 18: Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous Housefilk hosted by Lee and Barry Gold via Zoom. No pre-filk dinner.

May 18: *Bram Stoker's Dracula*, and Masterclass and *Psychomagic, a Healing Art*

with Alejandro Jodorowski at the Egyptian Theatre

May 18: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

May 19: *Santa Sangre* and *El Topo* at the Egyptian Theatre

May 20: *Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man* and *House of Frankenstein* at the New Beverly Cinema

May 20: *Masters of the Universe* and *The People's Joker* at the Los Feliz Theatre

May 21-26: *Pulp Fiction* at the New Beverly Cinema

May 24: *The Dark Knight* at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

May 24: *Kill Bill—Volume One* at the New Beverly Cinema

May 24: *Audition* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

May 25: *Zardoz* at the New Beverly Cinema

May 25: *The Plastic Dome of Norma Jean* at the Los Feliz Theatre

May 25: *The Stand* at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

May 25: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

May 26: *The Beast of Yucca Flats* and *The Monster of Piedras Blancas* at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

May 27: Italian Horror Marathon at the New Beverly Cinema (sold out)

May 28: *Abbott and Costello Meet Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* at the Vista Theater (sold out)

May 29: *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead* at the Los Feliz Theatre

May 31: *Kill Bill—Volume One* at the New Beverly Cinema

May 31: *Tron* at Landmark's Nuart Theatre

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>) 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

Board Game Day at Paper Hero's Games in Sherman Oaks (<https://www.paperherosgames.com>) from 2-10 p.m. (Courtesy of Nick Smith!)

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

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).

Clubzine Exchange

In addition to sending *De Prof* to the LASFS membership, we also send copies to about 40 sf clubs around the world. Some of them reciprocate with their own publications, which I can forward to LASFSans upon request. Just ask for what you'd like to receive by name. Since the last issue, we've received:

Eldritch Science (National Fantasy Fan Federation, April 2023), *Eye to the Telescope* #52 (SFPA, April 2024), *Fanactivity Gazette* Vol. 3 #11 (N3F, April 2024), *Films Fantastic* #18 (N3F, April 2024), *Instant Message* #1008 (NESFA, April 2024), *The Mark of the Beast* (BSFS, April 2024), *The N3F Review of Books* (April 2024), *The National Fantasy Fan* Vol. 83 #4 (N3F, April 2024), *The Scythe* #2 (Battlestar Cronus BS-30, April 2024), *Sigma* #456 (Parsec, April 2024), *The Starship Express* (SFABC, April and May 2024), *The Starship Local* (SFABC, May 2024), and *Tightbeam* #355-356 (N3F, April and May 2024).

We also heard from the Academy of Science Fiction Fantasy and Horror Films, the Bay Area Science Fiction Association, the British Fantasy Society, the British Science Fiction Association, the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association, *Doctor Who* Appreciation Society, the Fanac Fan History Project, First Fandom, the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts, Melody Friedenthal of the Worcester (Mass.) Public Library's science fiction book club, the Science Fiction & Fantasy Poetry Association, the Tolkien Society, and the USS Angeles.

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 send you these, but you can explore them yourself:

Amon Hen #306 (Tolkien Society, April 2024), *Analog* (May/June 2024), *The Crown Prints* Vol. 27 #5 (May 2024), *Fanzine* #2, *Interzone* #299, *Locus* Vol. 92 #4 (April 2024), *The New Faig Collector* #3, *The Obdurate Eye* #38-39, *Otaku USA* (Summer 2024), *Pablo Lennis* #438 (May 2024), *Perryscope* #43, *SMOF News* Vol. 3 #31-34, *Space Cowboy's Accretion* #7-8, *Star*Line* #47.2 (SFPA, Spring 2024), *Strange Times* #5, *This Here...* #73-74, *The Typo King* #86-87, *Vector* #299 (BSFA), and *VT* #29.

New fanzines available via <https://efanzines.com> include *A Backwater of Fandom* #13, *Captain Flashback* #64-65, *Claims Department* #69, *CyberCozen* (April 2024), *Every Place I Read Your Goddamn Fanzine* #4-5, *The Megaloscope* #12, *The Obdurate Eye* #38, *Opuntia* #569-571, *Ornithopter Mk.IIb*, *Perryscope* #42-43, *The Stf Amateur* #7, *Taffluorescence* #3-4, *This Here...* #73, *VT* #29, *Wild Ideas* #46, and *The Zine Dump* #59.

Call for Submissions

Do you write or draw? Not only is *De Profundis* open to news items and member updates, members of the LASFS participate in two amateur press associations.

APA-L is weekly and collated by Heath Row. If you'd like to consider joining APA-L, contact him to express interest. We're especially interested in cover art, which you can submit without joining. Former members can request access to the online archives.

LASFAPA is monthly and collated by David Schlosser. You can contact him at schloss17@suddenlink.net to express interest in joining LASFAPA. Former members can request access to the online archives. (We're up to #98 in terms of scanning!)

And if you'd like to contribute otherwise but not necessarily on a regular basis, Heath Row publishes a monthly fanzine titled *The Stf Amateur*. The most recent issue is available upon request. He'd welcome your fanart, poetry, filk songs and lyrics, fiction, articles, essays,

reviews, jokes, and other material. Contributors will receive the issue in which their material appears.

Who knows: If there's enough active member interest—i.e., submissions—maybe we'll return to publishing *Shangri-L'Affaires*, too. Wouldn't that be neat?