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

\* **Thursday Programme Items: Oct. 12**—Forry Award nominations and vote

**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**  
July-December 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  
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, and Party Rabbi: 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.)

## Godspeed, Pee-wee Herman, on Your Next Great Adventure.

### Meeting #4485, July 27, 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)

### Hatchings

- Actor Frank Shannon
- Actor Rebecca Staab
- Courtesy of Susan Fox: Game designer and author Gary Gygax

### Dispatchings

- Courtesy of Susan Fox: Fan, former LASFS member, and former *De Profundis* editor David K.M. Klaus died July 27, 2023
- Courtesy of Susan Fox: Actor Bernard Cribbins died July 27, 2022

## Media anniversary

An advance screening of *Monster a Go-Go* was held in Pennsylvania on this date in 1965.

*Mighty Joe Young* premiered in New York City on this date in 1949. And the first episode of *Stargate SG-1* aired on Showtime on this date in 1997.

Courtesy of Susan Fox: Bugs Bunny made his first official appearance in *A Wild Hare*, screened on this date in 1940.

## Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for July 20, 2023.

## Additions and Corrections

Lynn Maners clarified that we don't know which species used the cores to make the first tools.

## Auction to Name the Minutes

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them "Happy 70th Anniversary to Marvin the Martian!"

## Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

## Celebration of Patron Saints

Ed Green was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Lynn Maners, Chris Marble, and Tom Safer. Green received three cheers—and that's G.R.E.E.N.

Tom Safer was celebrated and recognized by Barbara Gratz Harmon, Debra Levin, Chris Marble, Eylat Poliner, Annamarie Safer, Scribbles, and Matthew B. Tepper. Safer received three cheers.

## Committee Reports

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): Artist Phil Yeh will have a table in the Dealer's Room.

### Programming (Eylat Poliner)

- Aug. 10: Planetary physicist Kevin R. Grazier, science adviser for movies and television
- Aug. 17: Gail Carriger, *Divinity 36: Tinkered Starsong Book 1*
- Aug. 24: Tom Safer presents a program of cartoon shorts after the meeting
- Sept. 7: Arlene Busby, on the Aerospace Legacy Foundation
- Sept. 28: David Raiklen, on the music of *Star Trek*

Marketing and promotions (Michelle Pincus): Her tabling at San Diego Comic-Con was successful. Many friends of the LASFS displayed promotional cards on their tables.

## Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 49. It's the end of the month, so Jackson opened bidding for the Spot of Honor in August. Damon Brown bid \$30 for the Los Angeles 48 Hour Film Project and won.

## Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues. Susan Fox indicated that the next meeting is the first of the month, so you can pay for the month all at once.

## Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting will be Aug. 13 at 11 a.m. on this Zoom channel.

## Old Business

Cathy Johnson reminded members of plans to return to meeting in person at least once a month. The idea will be picked up again when Elayne Pelz returns from Canada.

## New Business

None

## Time-Bound Announcements

Chris Marble: Costume College is going on at the Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel and runs through the weekend.

Nick Smith:

- Midsummer Scream is this weekend in Long Beach.
- The La Pintesca Branch Library, Octavia's Bookshelf, and the Huntington Library are holding an Octavia Butler Sci-Fi Book Club discussion of *Parable of the Sower* on Saturday.
- American Cinematheque will screen *Monster on the Campus* at the Los Feliz Theatre this weekend.
- The New Beverly Cinema will screen *Starship Troopers* on Friday and *Lilo & Stitch* this weekend.

## Moments of Science

Tom Safer: From Today in Science ([https://www.todayinsci.com/7/7\\_27.htm](https://www.todayinsci.com/7/7_27.htm))

- Allen K. Breed
- Hans Fischer
- John Hopkinson
- Event: A 1931 grasshopper plague in Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota

Lynn Maners: Every letter in English has a silent version except for one letter: v. V does not have a silent version in English.

Damon Brown: Exxon-Mobil has committed to buy land for a lithium battery processing plant in Arkansas. Local activists are concerned about the company's safety record and potential impact on the water table and area livestock.

Lee Grixit: Researchers claim they've created a room-temperature superconductor. They have published purported instructions, and almost any lab could do it. (<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-02895-0>)

## Regular Announcements

Scribbles reminded members of *The Los Angeles County Fanac Guide*, seeking submissions of local cons, stores, and historic locations of interest to area fen. (<https://tinyurl.com/LA-fanac-form>)

Damon Brown leaves for Los Angeles soon to participate in the Los Angeles 48 Hour Film Project. He'll then attend Defcon before returning to LA and eventually Arkansas for the Little Rock 48 Hour Film Project.

## Reviews

Chris Marble visited George Mulligan, who continues to improve.

Nick Smith watched the entire *Secret Invasion* series on Disney+. It was clever and interesting.

Damon Brown recommended *Barbie*. He laughed out loud the entire film.

Tom Safer commented on the DC animated adventure *Justice League: Warworld*. It's a little bloody, but he recommends it.

## Miscellaneous

Lynn Maners was rear ended by a hit-and-run driver in Tucson. He's OK but ordered a Wile E. Coyote sticker for his car.

Nick Smith asked for help identifying a fanartist whose work was in Marty Cantor's collection. The artist, Robert Jones, drew caricatures of people associated with the LASFS. Nobody knew who he was, but members said his art looked like that of Arthur "ATom" Thomson and Bob Jones. Smith also found two handmade games: *Fanopoly* and *Interplanetary*.

Tom Safer mentioned that the Baltimore Orioles are in first place in the American League East for the first time since 2014.

Eylat Poliner suggested that the Orioles should be called the Oreos and are a lousy team.

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

## Call to Adjourn

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

## Excellent Minutes for August. Meeting #4486, Aug. 3, 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)

Hatchings

- Author Clifford D. Simak
- Author, educator, and LASFSan John DeChancie
- Director John Landis
- Actor Brigid Brannagh
- Voice actor Corey Burton

- Bjo Trimble's 90th birthday is Aug. 15. Cathy Johnson asked Scribbles to send a birthday card on behalf of the LASFS.

### Dispatchings

- Conductor and composer Carl Davis
- Actor and journalist Betty Ann Bruno (July 30, 2023)
- Actor Marc Gilpin (July 29, 2023)
- Courtesy of Charles Lee Jackson II: Actor Melinda Peterson (Aug. 2, 2023)
- Actor and comedian Paul Reubens (July 30, 2023)

### Media anniversary

On this date in 1932, *Doctor X* was released. On this date in 1951, the first episode of *Tales of Tomorrow* was aired. And in 2007, the live-action movie *Underdog* reached the big screen.

### Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for July 27, 2023.

### Additions and Corrections

Jim DeTar indicated that a room-temperature superconductor has been created.

### Auction to Name the Minutes

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them "Godspeed, Pee-wee Herman, on Your Next Great Adventure."

### Call for Approval

Moved to accept as corrected, and approved.

### Celebration of Patron Saints

Sean Cleary was celebrated and recognized by Chris Marbles, Heide Nichols, and Nick Smith. Cleary received three cheers.

David Okamura was celebrated and recognized by Christian B. McGuire, Heide Nichols, Michelle Pincus, Eylat Poliner, and Nick Smith. Okamura received three cheers—and a paper box of boom.

### Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner)

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Loscon (Michelle Pincus): Pendragon Costumes will be in the Dealer's Room at Loscon.

### Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by the Los Angeles 48 Hour Film Project.

### Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We have no guests or new members to report.

### Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues. We've had some scofflaws recently.

### Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

The next board meeting will be Aug. 13 at 11 a.m.

### Old Business

Cathy Johnson said we're still exploring the idea of meeting in person. Elayne Pelz reported that she no longer has the correct phone number for the church. Tom Safer will look up American Lutheran Church and send Pelz the contact information.

### New Business

None

### Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith

- The Egyptian Theatre Hollywood and Vista Theatre are still scheduled to reopen by the end of the year.
- The American Cinematheque will screen *Rosemary's Baby* at the Los Feliz Theatre multiple times, as well as the anime film *Grave of the Fireflies*.
- The New Beverly Cinema will screen *Dawn of the Dead* on Friday and *Inside Out* on Saturday and Sunday.

Susan Fox: Member Damon Brown is in Los Angeles for the 48 Hour Film Project.

Dean Johnson: The WGA Garage Sale auction is going on (<https://www.wgaragesale.org>, <https://www.instagram.com/wgaragesale23>, and <https://wgaragesale.ggo.bid>)

Fox: It benefits the Entertainment Community Fund.

### Moments of Science

Tom Safer with Today in Science ([https://www.todayinsci.com/8/8\\_03.htm](https://www.todayinsci.com/8/8_03.htm))

- John T. Scopes
- Robert Ernest House
- Elisha Graves Otis
- Event: Submarine

Lynn Maners: Writing systems have been independently created five times in human history. That includes the language rongorongo from Easter Island. People are exploring how to represent the African “mb” with only one symbol.

Lee Grixit reported that no one has debunked the claims of creating a room-temperature superconductor yet. Several labs have succeeded in producing the superconductive material, which exhibits exotic magnetic properties.

Jim DeTar talked about the blue whale’s larger predecessor, an extinct whale called the P. colossus. Italian archaeologists have found ribs and vertebrae from the creature.

Nola Frame-Gray reported that COVID-19 is on the rise. Reported data might not be an accurate gauge of its prevalence.

### Regular Announcements

Tom Safer continues to screen movies at the Frances Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Branch Library. *Frozen II* is scheduled for Aug. 19.

Krystal Rains indicated that Strategicon’s third event of the year will be held over Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1-4. Loscon will table.

### Reviews

Heide Nichols remarked on volunteering at Midsummer Scream last weekend. It’s a fantastic con that reminded her of the early days of Anime Expo and the San Diego Comic-Con.

Chris Marbles reported that Creation, the *Star Trek* con, is occurring in Las Vegas from Aug. 3-6. Also, he visited George Mulligan today; Mulligan sends his regards.

Nick Smith attended the Octavia Butler book discussion last weekend. Response was so strong that the organizers will plan future events.

Charles Lee Jackson II commented on the Orange County Fair, which was a little bit smaller this year. It ends Aug. 13.

Cathy Johnson binged on *Good Omens* Season 2 on Amazon Prime. It was a lot of fun—and funny.

### Miscellaneous

Lynn Maners indicated that since his automobile accident, he’s become extremely aware of speeders in Tucson.

Charles Lee Jackson II finished his hand therapy sessions.

Nick Smith thanked Heath Row for helping take Marty Cantor’s fanzine collection to UC-Riverside last weekend. The library was excited to receive the collection. If you are interested in printers or bookcases, let Smith know.

Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

### Call to Adjourn

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

**We Miss You, Ed.  
Meeting #4487, Aug. 10, 2023  
Cathy Johnson, presiding  
Heath “Scribbles” Row, Scribe**

### Call to Order

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

We are on agenda light tonight because we have a guest, Kevin R. Grazier.

### Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

#### Hatchings

- Author and screenwriter Curt Siodmak
- Actor Noah Beery Jr.
- Actor Claudia Christian
- Courtesy of Susan Fox
  - Actor Antonio Banderas
  - Author Suzanne Collins

#### Dispatchings

- Director William Friedkin (d. Aug. 7, 2023)
- Actor Mark Margolis (d. Aug. 3, 2023)
- Film editor Arthur Schmidt (d. Aug. 5, 2023)

### Media anniversary

*Dinosaurus!* appeared on the big screen on this date in 1960. It had previously screened in New

Orleans and Los Angeles on June 24 and July 20, respectively.

**Reading of the Minutes** (Heath Row)  
Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Aug. 3, 2023.

**Additions and Corrections**  
None

**Auction to Name the Minutes**  
Heide Nichols bid \$5, won, and named them “Excellent Minutes for August.”

**Call for Approval**  
Moved to accept as read, and approved.

**Celebration of Patron Saints**  
Charles Lee Jackson II described the patron saints of the LASFS for guests and newcomers. Ed Hooper was celebrated and recognized by Nola Frame-Gray, Chris Marbles, Matt Mitchell, Eylat Poliner, and Matthew B. Tepper. Hooper received three cheers—and a broken bokken.

Tim Merrigan was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II and Chris Marble. Merrigan received three cheers—and a bag of chips, a bottle of corflu, and a hat with a bunch of nickels banged into it.

Jerry Pournelle was celebrated and recognized by Nola Frame-Gray, Tim Friedline, Matt Mitchell, Heide Nichols, Eylat Poliner, Tom Safer, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper. Pournelle received three cheers—and a can of haggis.

### Committee Reports

Programming (Eylat Poliner):

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**Honor Guard** (Charles Lee Jackson II)  
The Spot of Honor is held by the 48 Hour Film Project in Los Angeles.

**Treasurer** (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)  
Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

### Time-Bound Announcements

Nick Smith:

- Upcoming Dark Delicacies signings featuring Vera Strange’s new Disney Chills series book and Moss Lawton’s graphic novel *Hellaween*. On Sunday, there’s also a local walk between stores.
- Upcoming American Cinematheque screenings of *Rosemary’s Baby* and *Teen Witch*
- The New Beverly Cinema will screen *The Ring* on Friday and *Toy Story 3* this weekend.

**Special Event:** Planetary physicist Kevin R. Grazier, science adviser for movies and television

Grazier gave a presentation about what science advisers do, how people can prepare to become one, and his books, including *Hollyweird Science: From Quantum Quirks to the Multiverse* and *Hollyweird Science: The Next Generation—From Spaceships to Microchips*. He shared stories about his experiences working on *Star Trek: Voyager*, the reboot of *Battlestar Galactica*, *Eureka*, *The Zula Patrol*, *Defiance*, *Gravity*, and *Foundation*.

One of the key themes of Grazier’s talk was the need to find a balance between accurate science and compelling storytelling. He utilized quotations from Kevin Murphy and Michael Crichton to underscore the point.

After Grazier’s presentation, he and members of the LASFS discussed Dan Alderson of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory; the difference between scientific accuracy in literature, cinema, and television; and the interactive elements of the *Defiance* TV show and video game—and how that affected storytelling and scientific accuracy.

### Moments of Science

Gregory Lipscomb announced the Perseid meteor shower, which peaked that upcoming weekend.

Lee Grixit offered an update on the legitimacy of the room-temperature superconductor.

### **Regular Announcements**

Tom Safer emailed Elayne Pelz the telephone number for American Lutheran Church.

Scribbles mailed a birthday card to Bjo Trimble on behalf of the LASFS.

### **Miscellaneous**

Cathy Johnson reminded members of the aftermeeting.

Charles Lee Jackson II remarked that Jerry Pournelle is the worst doctor he's ever heard of, but he has heard of him.

### **Call to Adjourn**

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

### **Board Meeting**

Aug. 13, 2023

Michelle Pincus, chairing

Susan Fox, Secretary

### **Call to Order**

Called to order: 11:03 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, Robbie Bourget; and club member observers until the closed session, including Tony Benoun, Matthew B. Tepper, Gregory Lipscomb, and Charles Lee Jackson II.

### **Minutes**

Approved and accepted

### **New Members**

None

### **Treasurer's Report** (Elayne Pelz)

None

### **30-Second Reports**

Chairman (Michelle Pincus): No report.

Vice Chairman (Nick Smith): We have about 20 boxes of books from the Marty Cantor estate for library book sales. They're almost alphabetized!

Secretary (Susan Fox): No report.

Comptroller (Gavin Claypool) Investment account balance as of Aug. 11, 2023, is \$807,860.98.

Library (Gavin Claypool): We have many donations from Fred Patten's estate and smaller donations from Brian Gitt's estate.

Quartermaster (Heide Nichols): No report.

Archives (Cathy Johnson): No report.

Physical Plant/Storage (Rob Powell): He's still waiting for someone to contact him about putting things into storage.

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

Events (Eylat Poliner): She's identified a new park location for outdoor gatherings.

Publications (Christian B. McGuire): *De Profundis* is coming out like clockwork, and we still owe Heath our thanks!

Marketing and Recruitment (Michelle Pincus): No report.

### **Significant Others**

Club President (Cathy Johnson): We had a great guest last Thursday, Dr. Kevin Grazier, and the meeting ran late because he was so interesting. People are still interested in meeting in person. Elayne Pelz has the phone number of the Lutheran church we used before, but there's been no answer, and we will try again. Any other suggestions are welcome.

Webmistress (Kristine Cherry) No report.

Loscon 49 (Michelle Pincus): It's shaping up well!

Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner): There's a meeting with the writer guest of honor and liaison, and we are ready to go with three guests of honor. We're on track with Kristine Cherry to work on the Web site, and the writer GoH will cross-promote.

We are 70 percent staffed up. We need managers for the Dealer's Room, volunteers, etc.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Sept. 10, 2023, at 11 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

Occurred at 11:30 a.m. before a closed-door session.

### **Five Cent Kool-Aid Makes Two Quarts. Meeting #4488, Aug. 17, 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)

### Hatchings

- Screenwriter and author Oliver Crawford (b. Aug. 12, 1917, d. Sept. 24, 2008)
- Producer and screenwriter Harve Bennett (b. Aug. 17, 1930, d. Feb. 25, 2015)
- Editor and publisher Neil Clarke (b. 1966)

### **Dispatchings**

Actor Peter Vaughan-Clarke (b. June 11, 1957, d. August 2023)

### **Media anniversary**

The movies *Sheena* and *Sword of the Valiant* first screened on this date in 1984.

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

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Aug. 10, 2023.

### **Additions and Corrections**

None

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

Eylat Poliner bid \$6, won, and named them “We Miss You, Ed.”

### **Call for Approval**

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

### **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Charles Lee Jackson II described the patron saints of the LASFS for newcomers and guests.

Mark Bilan was celebrated and recognized by Jackson, Cathy Johnson, Heide Nichols, Eylat Poliner, and Nick Smith. Bilan received three cheers.

Bjo Trimble was celebrated and recognized by Susan Fox, Jackson, Cathy Johnson, Heide Nichols, Eylat Poliner, and Scribbles. Trimble received three cheers.

### **Committee Reports**

Loscon 49 (Eylat Poliner for Michelle Pincus): The con will be held over Thanksgiving weekend.

Programming (Eylat Poliner):

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

Elayne Pelz reminded members to make donations because everyone's paid their dues.

### **New Business**

We have a new patron saint. As of today, Jim DeTar has donated \$1,000.

### **Time-Bound Announcements**

Tom Safer will screen *Frozen II* on Saturday at the Frances Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Branch Library.

Nick Smith: At Vroman's Bookstore on Tuesday night, there's a special event for Caltech's anthology *Inner Space and Outer Thoughts: Speculative Fiction from Caltech and JPL Authors*.

**Special Event:** Gail Carriger, author of *Divinity 36* and *Demigod 12*, the first two Tinkered Starsong books

Carriger said she doesn't generally do readings, but she did tonight, reading from *Divinity 36*. She also talked about her approach to publishing, why she doesn't traditionally do readings, growing up with audiobooks rather than television, the role linguistics plays in the portrayal of alien languages, anthropology, her work in manga, the influence of Asian TV dramas, her influences (Mercedes Lackey, Anne McCaffrey, Tamara Pierce, and *Doctor Who*), and the need for aspiring writers to also concentrate on the business aspects of their work.

### **Regular Announcements**

Susan Fox reported that Society for Creative Anachronism participant Laura Jenkins died today.

Charles Lee Jackson II commented on people in Hawaii supporting people who've welcomed displaced guests into their homes. They call themselves the kanaka Costco.

Fox plans to post something to her Facebook page about an online benefit concert.

### **Miscellaneous**

Cathy Johnson reminded members of the aftermeeting.

### **Call to Adjourn**

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

### **Natural People.**

#### **Meeting #4489, Aug. 24, 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)**

#### **Hatchings**

- Actor William Morgan Sheppard
- Actor, comedian, and musician Kenny Baker
- Actor and screenwriter Sonja Bennett
- Author Orson Scott Card

#### **Dispatchings**

- Animation art director Nizo Yamamoto
- Courtesy of Heide Nichols: Actor Darren Kent

#### **Media anniversary**

On this date in 1966, we watched *Fantastic Voyage* on the big screen.

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

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Aug. 17, 2023.

### **Additions and Corrections**

None

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

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them "Five Cent Kool-Aid Makes Two Quarts."

### **Call for Approval**

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

### **Celebration of Patron Saints**

Marilyn "Fuzzy Pink" Niven was celebrated and recognized by Tony Benoun, Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, and Heide Nichols. Niven received three cheers—and bobbin lace or a root beer float.

Michelle Pincus was celebrated and recognized by Barbara Gratz Harmon, Cathy Johnson, Chris Marble, Heide Nichols, Eylat Poliner, Tom Safer, Kevin Segall, Nick Smith, and Matthew B. Tepper. Pincus received three cheers.

### **Committee Reports**

Programming (Eylat Poliner):

- Tonight, Tom Safer will screen four animated shorts after the meeting: Tex Avery's *The House of Tomorrow*, *The Farm of Tomorrow*, *The Car of Tomorrow*, and *The T.V. of Tomorrow*.
- John Trimble communicated that Bjo would not be able to present to the club at this time because of technical challenges.
- Sept. 7: Arlene Busby, on the Aerospace Legacy Foundation
- Sept. 14: Aldo Spadoni, on conceptual aerospace design in science fiction
- Sept. 28: David Raiklen, on the music of *Star Trek*
- Oct. 14: Forry Award nominations and vote
- Nov. 2: Board of Directors nominations
- Nov. 9: Meeting #4500 and Board of Directors election
- Nov. 16: History of the LASFS featuring longtime LASFSans
- Nov. 23: Meeting at Loscon 49
- Dec. 7: Nominations for president
- Dec. 14: Procedural elections
- Dec. 28: Loscon retrospective

Loscon (Cathy Johnson for Michelle Pincus): The con is coming up this November. If you can join us in person or online, we'd love to have you at that meeting.

If you'd like to run the toy drive, reach out to Michelle. She's looking for volunteers. We're hoping to partner with Toys for Tots. Pincus described what such volunteering entails.

Loscon is on track, and we have good stuff coming up for it.

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

The Spot of Honor is held by the 48 Hour Film Project in Los Angeles.

Susan Fox: The 48 Hour Film Project audience awards screening is Sunday, Aug. 27 at Regal LA Live.

Jackson: Next week, we'll select the Spot of Honor recipient for next month.

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

We have no guests at this time.

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

Debra Levin reminded members to pay their dues.

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

The next board meeting is Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. on this Zoom channel.

### **Old Business**

Elayne Pelz is still working with the church to finalize using the space we had been using. Once that's done, we'll start meeting there once a month, perhaps starting in September. If we do, it will be a hybrid meeting.

### **New Business**

None

### **Time-Bound Announcements**

Nick Smith

- At Vroman's Bookstore on Saturday, the Ukelele Orchestra of the Western Hemisphere will perform. They sometimes play sf-related music.
- Dark Delicacies will host a signing Saturday with Sadie Hartmann for *101 Horror Books to Read Before You're Murdered*, and David Scott Hay for *NSFW*.
- The Huntington will host the third Octavia Butler Science Fiction Book Club discussion of *Parable of the Talents* on Saturday.

### **Moments of Science**

Tom Safer (from [https://www.todayinsci.com/8/8\\_24.htm](https://www.todayinsci.com/8/8_24.htm)):

- Ralph Eugene Lapp
- Albert Claude
- Sir Daniel Gooch
- Event: Minor planet Pluto

Lynn Maners: In Norway, as the glacier patches retreated more, they're finding discarded clothing. When you're on the verge of freezing to death, you feel hot and take your clothes off to cool down—before you die.

Nick Smith: One of the largest musical instruments ever made was found in the Andes.

It's a floor vault/foot drum big enough for dozens of people to dance on to make percussive sounds. Four dancers were able to make sounds as loud as 80 decibels.

Maners: There's also a floor vault/foot drum in Chaco Canyon.

### **Regular Announcements**

Tom Safer's September screening at the Frances Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Branch Library will be *Luca* on Sept. 16.

If you want to join the Burbank Chorale, they're holding open auditions. The season begins Sept. 12.

### **Reviews**

Eylat Poliner: A meeting review from Gail Carriger—"Dear Eylat, I just wanted to say thank you so, so much for hosting me at your gathering. I enjoyed myself immensely. It made me feel very nostalgic. You really made me feel welcome, and your questions were thoughtful and fun. All the very best, Gail"

Nick Smith went to see the movie *Blue Beetle*, which was definitely worth seeing.

Charles Lee Jackson II: The rumor of a *Blue Beetle* serial dates from the 1960s.

Eylat Poliner: If you haven't seen the *Star Trek—Strange New Worlds* sing-along episode, it's now up there with her favorite episodes such as "The Trouble with Tribbles."

Heide Nichols: If you have any interest in K-Pop—Klingon-Pop—this year's Loscon's music room will offer Klingon-related music.

Chris Marble saw *Haunted Mansion*, which was fine.

Scribbles recommended *The Last Voyage of the Demeter* heartily.

Charles Lee Jackson II recently saw *Peau d'Ane* on TCM. The film is charming and well worth the time.

Matthew B. Tepper indicated that the title translates as *Donkey Skin*.

Tom Safer said the new Guardians of the Galaxy movie is great fun and well worth the price of the DVD.

### **Miscellaneous**

Nola Frame-Gray heard that India had a successful moon landing. Does anyone know about that?

Lynn Maners: They have a rover up there looking for ice.

J.P. Van Gordon offered the links <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqtSjOUTGPK> and [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NitxniD1I\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NitxniD1I_s).

Frame-Gray asked whether we had to change Zoom rooms for Tom Safer's cartoons. We should stay right here.

Cathy Johnson indicated that there won't be an aftermeeting tonight because of Safer's animation program, unless we want to convene even later.

### Call to Adjourn

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

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## Upcoming Conventions

**Oct. 1-31:** ShortBox Comics Fair (online); <https://www.shortboxcomicsfair.com/home>

**Oct. 7-8:** Climate Fiction Conference and Utopia Awards (online); <https://www.clificon.com>

**Oct. 7-8:** Super Toy Comic & Collectible Show, San Jose; <https://www.timetunneltoys.com/toy-show-events>

**Oct. 13-15:** Son of Monsterpalooza, Burbank; <https://tinyurl.com/Son-Monsterpalooza>

**Oct. 14:** Sunnysdale Homecoming, Torrance; <https://www.fandomcharities.org/events>

**Oct. 14:** AnimeLand, Escondido; <https://sandiegoanimecon.com/animeland>

**Oct. 18-22:** Chengdu Worldcon, China; <https://en.chengduworldcon.com>

**Oct. 21:** Ronin-Expo; <https://www.ronin-expo.org>

**Oct. 26-29:** World Fantasy Convention, Kansas City, Mo; <https://wfc2023.org>

**Oct. 27-28:** Mystical Minds Convention, Newark; <https://mysticalmindsconvention.com>

**Oct. 27-29:** LightBox Expo, Pasadena; <https://lightboxexpo.com>

**Oct. 28:** YumeConUSA, San Jose; <https://yumeconusa.com>

**Oct. 28-29:** Epic Animation Comic Game Fest, Mountain View; <https://eacgfest.org>

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## Upcoming Events

**Oct. 1:** *Faust* and *The Shining* screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

**Oct. 1:** *When Evil Lurks*, *V/H/S/85*, and *Adam Chaplin* screenings at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

**Oct. 1:** *Raging Grace* and *So Unreal* screenings at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 2:** *Omen* and *The Funeral* screenings at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 2:** *They Live* screening and *The Rewatchables* live podcast taping at the New Beverly Cinema (sold out)

**Oct. 3-4:** *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1956) and *The Thing from Another World* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 3:** *Foe* screening at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

**Oct. 3:** *Lovely, Dark, and Deep* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 4:** *Hostile Dimensions* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 4:** *Totally Killer* screening at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

**Oct. 5:** *Suitable Flesh* and *Cemetery Man* screenings at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

**Oct. 5:** *All You Need Is Death* and *Slashers* screenings at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 6:** *Pet Sematary* (1989) and *From Dusk Till Dawn* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 6:** *The Cassandra Cat* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 6:** *Eating Miss Campbell*, *#ShakespearesShitstorm*, and *Night of the Living Dead* (1968) screenings at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

**Oct. 7:** *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1956) and *Rosemary's Baby* screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

**Oct. 7:** *Silver Bullet* screening at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

**Oct. 7:** *The Iron Giant* and *Pacific Rim* screenings at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

**Oct. 7:** Shorts Block 3—Triplemoon, Shorts Block 4—Foregone Occlusion, and *Vincent Must Die* screenings at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 7:** New Beverly Cinema's Annual Horror Show (sold out)

**Oct. 8:** *Creature from the Black Lagoon* and *Revenge of the Creature* 3-D screenings at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

**Oct. 8:** *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

**Oct. 8:** *The Magician*, *Final Destination*, and *The Becomers* screenings at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 8:** *Welcome Space Brothers* and *It's a Wonderful Knife* screenings at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

**Oct. 9:** *The Wicker Man* (1973) and *The Church* screenings at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

**Oct. 9:** *Hold That Ghost* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 10:** *Dream Scenario* screening at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

**Oct. 10:** *Alucarda* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 10-12:** *The Holy Mountain* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 13:** *Christine*, *Jason X*, *Hellraiser: Bloodline*, and *From Dusk Till Dawn* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 14:** Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous online housefilk hosted by Marilyn Miller

**Oct. 14:** *The Wolf Man* and *An American Werewolf in London* screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

**Oct. 14:** *Saturday the 14th* and *The Lost Boys* screenings at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

**Oct. 14:** Cartoon Club (Halloween Edition), *Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*, *Frenzy*, *Tightrope*, and *Cabin Fever* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 15:** *The Mummy* (1932) and *Psycho* (1960) screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

**Oct. 15:** *Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*, *Frenzy*, and *Tightrope* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 15:** *Rapina* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 16:** *Heartbeat 100* and *Return of the Demon* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 16:** *An American Werewolf in London* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 17:** *Poison for the Fairies* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 17-18:** *The World's End* and *This Is the End* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 18:** *Eddie Alcazar's Divinity* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 19:** *Frankenstein* and *The Bride of Frankenstein* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 19:** *Rogue* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 20:** *Frankenstein*, *The Bride of Frankenstein*, and *From Dusk Till Dawn* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 20:** *X—The Man with the X-Ray Eyes* and *Eddie Alcazar's Divinity* screenings at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 20:** Proof Film Festival Limitless—Block #1, Discovery—Block #2, and Alter and Dust Present Late Night Sci-Fi and Horror Shorts screenings at the Culver Theater, Culver City

**Oct. 21:** *Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein* and *Frankenstein* screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

**Oct. 21:** *The Mummy* (1999), *Addams Family Values*, *Casper*, and *The Twilight Saga: Eclipse* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 22:** *Young Frankenstein* screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

**Oct. 22:** *The Mummy* (1999), *Addams Family Values*, and *Casper* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 22:** Chicago Filmmakers—Block #8, Not as They Seem—Block #9, and Fish out of Water—Block #11 screenings at the Culver Theater, Culver City

**Oct. 23:** *Creepshow* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 23-24:** *The Gates of Hell* and *House by the Cemetery* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 24:** *The Host* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 25-26:** *Cure* (1997) and *Pulse* (2001) screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 26:** *Sputnik* screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 27:** *Tales from the Darkside—The Movie*, *Night of the Living Dead* (1968), and *From Dusk Till Dawn* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 28:** 18th Annual Horrorthon screenings at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

**Oct. 28:** *Dracula* screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

**Oct. 28:** *Beetlejuice*, *Night of the Living Dead* (1968), and *The Fly* (1986) screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 28:** *Beetlejuice* screening at the Gardena Cinema, Gardena

**Oct. 29:** *The Phantom of the Opera* screenings at the Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

**Oct. 29:** *Dracula* (1931, Spanish) screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 29:** *Beetlejuice* and *Night of the Living Dead* (1968) screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 30:** *The Amityville Horror* (1979) screening at the Los Feliz Theatre

**Oct. 30:** *Sugar Hill* (1974) and *J.D.'s Revenge* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 31:** *Creature from the Black Lagoon* and *House of Wax* 3-D screenings at the Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

**Oct. 31:** *Freaks* and *Mark of the Vampire* screenings at the New Beverly Cinema

**Oct. 31:** *The Innocents* and *Cronos* screenings at the Los Feliz Theatre

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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>) 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](http://www.paperherosgames.com)) and Turn Zero Games,

### Saturdays

*Magic* at Odyssey Games in Pasadena  
*Warhammer* at Knight Ware (third Saturday of the month)

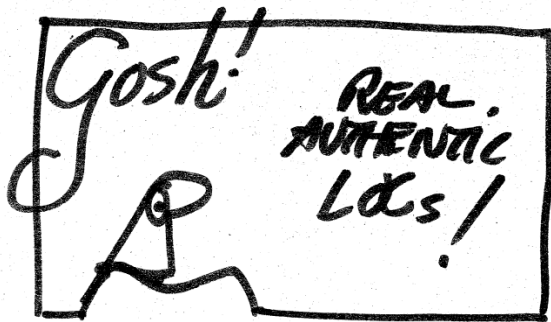
### Sundays

*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).



—William Rotsler

### Letter of Comment

I like the way these club minutes are enlivened by reading amusing or scientific short news pieces, such as the stories about satellites and space dockings, and orcas putting the muscle on Spanish boats.

One of the topics that might come up in LASFS business, which might reward future researchers, is how club officers have noticed changes that affect conventions in your area. Some of my correspondents and I have been concerned by the changes in hotel function costs, contractual conditions, and general availability. This might be a twice-told tale to all,

but it still might merit some documentation. Or maybe your club officers, and all your correspondents, have talked the subject to death already.

I see you have regular announcements of sf movie nights, but... are any fans out there holding Mad Science evenings, during which people start with random piles of mechanical and electronic parts, and put together Things without a plan that sort of fit together, revolve and roll, and flash lights and make sounds, and don't accomplish anything besides expending energy? Or design un-useless inventions that nobody needs? Maybe "Maker" groups are what I'm trying to conceive.

In answer to Jeff Delshad's query: It should be possible to find out more about Charles Sheffield by looking at the kinds of titles he produced, and at least one interview, which I believe *Locus* published in the late 1980s. From the few novels I read, he seemed to specialize in sf based on one or more very speculative macguffins—such as a man recovering from cranial damage by transplanting parts of his twin brother's brain to replace damaged parts of his own; a funhouse-mirror version of our world after a nuclear exchange, with each of the continents reorganized as whole nations (except for the Asian wasteland), and a mostly landless tribe of traders negotiating commerce between them; a biofeedback technology that allows humans to modify their features, even their anatomy; or investigating the relics of an ancient vanished alien race, some of them still operating and quite dangerous—many of which showed motifs and references alluding to Near Eastern, rather than European or American cultures. I never quite got a handle on Sheffield's background or outlook.

—Garth Spencer

*Locus* also published an appreciation of Sheffield in 2002, which might prove interesting. (<https://tinyurl.com/Locus-Sheffield>)

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### Clubzine Exchange

In addition to sending *De Prof* to the LASFS membership, we also send copies to almost 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:

*The BSFA Review #22* (British Science Fiction Association, Autumn 2023), *Fanactivity Gazette* Vol. 3 #4 (National Fantasy Fan Federation, September 2023), *Instant Message* #1001 (NESFA, September 2023), N'APA #266 (N3F, July-August 2023), *The National Fantasy Fan* Vol. 82 #8-9 (N3F, August-September 2023), *Origin* #67 (N3F, September 2023), *Probe* #197 (SFFSA, September 2023), *The Starship Express* (SFABC, September 2023), *The Starship Local* (SFABC, October 2023), and *Tightbeam* #347 (N3F, September 2023).

We also heard from the Academy of Science Fiction and the Saturn Awards, the Baltimore Science Fiction Society, the Bay Area Science Fiction Association, the British Fantasy Society, Melody Friedenthal of the Worcester (Mass.) Public Library's science fiction book club, Parsec (Pittsburgh), the Science Fiction & Fantasy Poetry Association, and the USS Angeles.

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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 send you these, but you can explore them yourself:

*Alexiad* Vol. 22 #4, *Analog Science Fiction & Fact* (September-October 2023), *Apex Magazine* #140, *Asimov's Science Fiction* (September-October 2023), *The Crown Prints* Vol. 25 #23 (October 2023), *The Dark* #100-101, *Interzone* #295, *JenZine* #6, *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction* (September-October 2023), *The MT Void* #2286 (July 2023), *Nightmare* #132-133 (September-October 2023), *The Obdurate Eye* #31, *Pablo Lennis* #431 (October 2023), *Perryscope* #36, *Scientifiction* #77, *Shooting My CUFFs* #4-5, *Star\*Line* #46.4 (Fall 2023), *Star Trek Explorer* #8, *Star Wars Insider* #221, *This Here...* #68, and *Uncanny* #54 (September-October 2023).

New fanzines available via <https://efanzines.com> include *Claims Department* #52-54, *CyberCozen* (September 2023), *Ethel the Aardvark* #221, *JenZine* #6, *Meteor* #5, *The Obdurate Eye* #31, *Opuntia* #557, *Perryscope* #36, *The Ray X X-Rayer* #172, *Spartacus* #68, *The Stf Amateur* (September and October 2023), *This Here...* #67, and *Wild Ideas* #39.

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This issue of *De Profundis* is dedicated to former editor David K.M. Klaus.