

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4513

Feb. 8, 2024

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

Call to Order

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

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Novelist, poet, and playwright Jules Verne (b. Feb. 8, 1828; d. March 24, 1905)
- Actor and narrator Truman Bradley (b. Feb 8, 1905; d. July 28, 1974)
- Composer and conductor John Williams (b. Feb. 8, 1932)
- Puppeteer, author, and voice actor Mary Robinette Koval (b. Feb. 8, 1969)

Dispatchings

- Actor Michael Jayston (b. Oct. 29, 1935; d. Feb. 5, 2024)
- Comic book artist and educator Jose Delbo (b. Dec. 9, 1933; d. Feb. 5, 2024)
- Game designer and producer Laralyn McWilliams (b. Feb. 25, 1965; d. Feb. 5, 2024)
- Singer Henry Fambrough (b. May 10, 1938; d. Feb. 7, 2024)

Media anniversary

On this date in 1968, *Planet of the Apes* premiered in New York City. The movie entered general release Apr. 3, 1968.

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the Condensed Cream of Menace for Feb. 1, 2024.

Additions and Corrections

- Lynn Maners remarked that the *Ancient Americas* episode covered the genetic history of the Americas.

Auction to Name the Minutes

Lynn Maners bid \$5, won, and named them "Thanks, LA, for the Rain."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as amended, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Mike Glyer was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Cathy Johnson, Lynn Maners, Eylat Poliner, Susan Rothman, Scribbles, Willard Stone, and Matthew B. Tepper. Glyer

received three cheers—and a party in room 770.

Albert Sheean was celebrated and recognized by Eylat Poliner and Nick Smith. Sheean received three cheers.

Frank Waller was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II, Eylat Poliner, and Nick Smith. Waller received three cheers—a Harcourt Fenton Mudd, and all that and a bag chips. But not potato-flavored potato chips.

Committee Reports

- Loscon 50 (Eylat Poliner)
 - We'll table at Strategicon and Gallifrey One. Susan Fox will staff the table for Gallifrey, and Krystal Rains will table at Strategicon. Say hello to them.
- Programming (Eylat Poliner)
 - Feb. 29: In-person meeting at Denny's (5525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91411). There will be a Big Auction.
 - It will be a hybrid meeting.
 - March 7: Craig Miller reading
 - March 14: Heide Nichols performance of "Death Is Inevitable"

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by Loscon 50, celebrating 50 Loscons, not 50 years of Loscons.

Registrar (Heide Nichols)

Eylat Poliner stood in for Heide Nichols. We have no guests tonight.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues.

Board Report (Matthew B. Tepper)

This coming Sunday is the second Sunday of the month, the standard meeting time of the LASFS board of directors. We'll meet at 11 a.m. We'll finalize an adjustment to the By-Laws, which will eventually be presented to the club for a vote.

Old Business

Feb. 29 meeting at Denny's in Sherman Oaks. There will be a Big Auction.

Scribbles will send out a special edition of *De Profundis* via email and mail.

New Business

None

Time-Bound Announcements

- Nick Smith:
 - New Beverly Cinema will show *Rebel Without a Cause* and *A Goofy Movie*, as well

as *Lady and the Tramp*.

- Vidiots plans to screen the original *The Wicker Man* on Friday, *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse* on Saturday, and *Action Jackson* on Sunday.
- Brain Dead Studio will show the anime *Ghost in the Shell* on Saturday.
- Vista Theater plans to screen a double feature of *Swiss Family Robinson* and *Dr. Syn, Alias the Scarecrow* on Monday and Tuesday.
 - Charles Lee Jackson II mentioned Vista's Feb. 28 screening of *Kiss the Girls and Make Them Die*.
- Dark Delicacies will host a signing for the new Blu-ray release of *Blood Feast* on Saturday.

Moments of Science

- Lynn Maners: Climate change is affecting coffee plantations that produce Arabica and Robusta beans. Botanists have found a version from Senegal in 1853 that has a better flavor profile. They relocated it and are attempting to hybridize it and introduce it as a GMO to boost up that strain. (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-023-44449-8>)
- Lee Grixit discussed two things about Alzheimer's. Before they could synthesize a lot of hormones, they used to extract human growth factor from the pituitary glands of corpses. Such shots could explain people developing Alzheimer's. (<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/human-growth-hormone-shots-cadavers-linked-alzheimers-study-finds-rcna135927>)
 - There's also now a greater understanding of the structure of the stuff. They claim there are better solvents to help clean it out. If you treat it just as gunking the works rather than actual damage, that seems hopeful.

Regular Announcements

- Chris Marble: George Mulligan sends his greetings. He's doing OK but didn't get out of bed today.
- Eylat Poliner: Gallifrey One is next weekend. There are memberships left.
- Cathy Johnson: Lots of people won't be here. Who'll be around to run the meeting?
 - Matthew B. Tepper will chair the meeting. There will be no aftermeeting.

Reviews

- Nick Smith went to see *Argylle*, which was better than expected.
- Lee Grixit watched a new superhero show that's not very fannish. It's called *God's Gang*. The first episode insults lots of things from the 1970s. He hopes it gets better.
- Scribbles enjoyed reading Kingsley Amis's 1960 survey of science fiction, *New Maps of Hell*, which is excellent.

Miscellaneous

- Nick Smith: On Super Bowl Sunday, he'll perform as a storyteller at Twisted Horn Mead and Cider in Vista.
- Lynn Maners: There was a *Babylon 5* reference on a YouTube channel about the war in

Ukraine. The narrator mentioned the character Londo Mollari.

- Chris Marble: Greg Barrett says hi. He can't get a certified birth certificate in order to get a new state ID. He needs a notarized request, but you can't get something notarized without an ID.
- Cathy Johnson reminded members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

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