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## **Thursday Program Items**

**February 5:** Charles Lee Jackson II reads to the club members

**February 12:** Meeting at the new clubhouse! 8819 Reseda Blvd., Northridge. Zoom and in-person. Auction.

**February 19:** No Program

**February 26:** Gene Turnbough reads to the club members

**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](mailto:susanfox@scifi.radio) to receive an invitation, the meeting password, and weekly reminders

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## LASFS OFFICERS

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January-June 2026

**President:** Cathy Johnson  
**Vice-President:** Susan Fox & Eylat Poliner  
**Registrar:** Marc Silver  
**Scribe:** Matthew Mitchell  
**Treasurers:** Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz

## Board of Directors

**Chairman:** Michelle Pincus (2027)  
**Vice Chairman:** Matthew B. Tepper (2026)  
**Comptroller:** Gavin Claypool (2028)  
**Secretary:** Susan Fox (2027)

## Other Members

Cathy Johnson (2027), Dean Johnson (2028), Christian B. McGuire (2026), Heide Nichols (2028), Elayne Pelz (2026), Eylat Poliner (2027), 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

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## BIDDING FOR LOSCON?

The end of February is the deadline for submitting a bid to chair the 2027 Loscon, the proprietary convention of LASFS. Interested parties should read The Standing Rules [<https://lasfs.org/lasfs-standing-rules/>] (Number 21, to save you a little time) and submit their bid to the Board of Directors or the Club President. The Board of Directors next meets on February 15<sup>th</sup>, so it would be a good idea to have your bid, including your designated chairman, treasurer, hotel liaison and webmaster, ready to go by then. The Board will then review all bids and forward all qualified bids to the membership for a vote during the general weekly meeting (probably not later than April of this year).



This is your chance not only to participate, but to organize a convention. You can choose your favorite writer, artist and fellow fan as Guests of Honor. You can guide the selection of panels, programs and special events. And you can very probably depend upon the advice, experience and work ethic of the LASFS membership.

What else are you going to do that weekend – eat a lot of turkey and sleep?

### Condensed Cream of Menace

(Official, approved minutes are also available online at <https://www.lasfs.org/lasfs-meeting-minutes>.)

### Board of Directors Meeting

**October 12, 2025**

Michelle Pincus, chairing

Susan Fox, Secretary

Called to order: 11:02 a.m.

#### Present:

Chair Michelle Pincus, Vice Chair Matthew Tepper, Secretary Susan Fox, Eylat Poliner, Gavin Claypool, Elayne Pelz, Rob “Gizmo” Powell, Cathy Johnson, Dean Johnson, Heide Nichols

**Absent:** Christian B. McGuire

**Non-Board Members:** Scribe Matt Mitchell; Club member observers Charles Lee Jackson II

#### Minutes of Previous Board Meeting:

Approved

#### New Members:

None

#### Treasurer's Report [Elayne Pelz]:

\$132,204.87. About to pay \$20,000 to the contractor tomorrow. Taking a first look tomorrow. Meeting with The Carpet People tomorrow, measuring. We will get to see the place after the carpet is down

#### 30 Second Reports

**Chairman [Michelle Pincus]:** No report

**Vice Chairman [Matthew Tepper]:** No report

**Secretary [Susan Fox]:** No report

**Comptroller [Gavin Claypool]:** \$156,345.16 in investment account as of 10/10/25. Reached a high of \$177,005.48 on 10/1/25. (And then the government shut down.)

**Library [Gavin Claypool]:** Finished going through the donation of books from Tony Benoun. More for the book sale.



**CLJII re video stacks:** Tom Khamas is holding 2 bankers' boxes of DVDs from the Eric Hoffman estate.

**Quartermaster [Heide Nichols]:** No report

**Archives [Cathy Johnson]:** No report

**Physical Plant (in storage) [Rob Powell]:**  
Storage inventory event planned for Sunday, October 19.

**AV Equipment (in storage) [Dean Johnson]:**  
No report

#### **Events [Eylat Poliner]**

- Memberships – 381
- Hotel – sold out, have requested additional room nights to be added.
- The dealer's room sold out.
- Fan Tables sold out – additional fan tables can go in the hall.
- Sherri was at Spinal Dread, handing out postcards. Several were interested in our GOH. She suggests approaching some of those authors to invite and present next year.
- Genny is having a hard time getting a hold of this year's GOH – says the only one that has responded was Tadao. Has this been updated?

#### **Loscon 52**

- We have all of our GOH.
- Postcards have been designed and ordered.
- Would like to make a new table banner for next year's promotion of Loscon, since the last one was stolen
- Michelle: let's wait until we see when and if they will be needed
- Would like to make a 16 x 24 wall poster

with all of our GOH

- 52 has ordered (donation) sci-fi / mental health stress balls to hand out to anyone who buys a membership
- For our party – we've decorated, have basic munchies, and anyone who buys a membership at the party will get a goodie bag with little knick-knacks in it. I have already ordered the supplies to be assembled
- See's chocolate will be picked up on November 10th.
- I have an appointment to meet with Kristene Cherry on Monday to start the production of the 52 website
- Most of my GOH have sent me in their biographies and headshots for the website.

Charles: Eylat has asked him to run the December Gift Exchange, waiting to see if we have a facility large enough.

House Warming in January – 1:00-7:00 p.m., between lunch and dinner, schedule 2 panels and an auction. Ticketed event or free open house? Let him know in November, before Loscon.

- Gavin: this decision was already made: free open house, inviting the public.
- Eylat asks for budget of \$300, Charlie concurs. For drinks and snacks. [Feel free to come in under budget.] Budget approved by unanimous vote

**Publications [Christian McGuire]:** Not Present

**Marketing and Recruitment [Michelle Pincus]:** No report

**Forry Award:** Elayne has ordered the plaque, will give it to the presenter at the con.

- Charles: The voting got out of hand as far as nominating many candidates, living and dead. Do we want to add a rule about not taking ghosts anymore? Take your time, the next nominations aren't for another year.
- Eylat: agrees, we should not nominate ghosts, live honorees attract more members.
- Cathy: agrees, catch them while they are still with us and able to appreciate it and attend if possible. Sometimes the Author GoH, like Philip Klass, who really appreciated it.
- Dean: How about a separate award for the dead?
- Charles: "Emerita" award for the dearly

departed.

- Matt Mitchell suggests "Retro Forry"
- Susan: award it around Hallowe'en, and use it as a promotion for the upcoming Loscon.

#### Significant Others

Club President [Cathy Johnson] Has been absent from Thursday meetings on account of work. Thanks to Eylat for running meetings, Susan for helping at Denny's. Cathy will be back next Thursday.

Eylat: good turnout at Denny's for Gene Turnbow's reading. He was asked for an encore and read a second chapter.

#### Open Forum

Elayne: One of the first things to do after the carpet is installed is to get the stuff in the main storage unit into the club house.

- Book cases – will get the contractors to do this.
- Rob will need to move the chairs from the Loscon storage to the club house
- If we still have the soda machine and refrigerator, the Quartermaster will be responsible for stocking, plus paper goods. Elayne will authorize money for shelves and storage for pantry goods
- Elayne to donate microwave, we will see if we have a coffee machine.
- Gavin: there were some metal shelving units from library at Tyrone Ave. that might be used for pantry goods.
- Elayne expects to be able to get all the Green Mountain storage to the club house by the end of October, once the carpet is in.
- Eylat – BBQ's at Susan's house. Might be able to store them in the side alley.
- Elayne: there is a large dog house in the alley. Maybe we can store stuff in it?

Next meeting date: November 16, 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment at 11:39 a.m.

**Welcome Back, Kotter, I mean Cathy!**

**October 16, 2025**

**Meeting #4601**

Susan Fox, presiding

Matt Mitchell, Scribe

A discussion of whether leprechauns fly (on Aer Lingus, no doubt) or if it's just gremlins that do that, was terminated by the gavel wielded by

vice-president Susan Fox as she called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Nick Smith collaborated with Susan on the Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings

Nick started with the following Hatchings:

- 1917, Claire Necker, librarian and anthologist
- 1926, Joe Sinnott, artist/inker for Atlas/Marvel Comics
- 1963, Glen Glazer, fan and longtime LASFS member

Susan also contributed Hatchings as follows:

- Centenary of Dame Angela Lansbury [1925], hot princess in "The Court Jester," Mrs. Potts in "Beauty and the Beast" and Miss Price in "Bedknobs and Broomsticks"
- 1968, Todd Stashwick, Captain Shaw, who said NO to Admiral Picard, on "Star Trek: Picard"

Media anniversaries:

- 1923, Roy and Walt Disney launched their animation company, Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio

The Dispatchings this week included:

- Fantasy Author James Hetley
- British Actor Tony Conter
- Artist Drew Struzan

#### Reading of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

The members got a double dose of Matt Mitchell reading the minutes tonight, but they were cordial and polite, and kept the snoring and drooling to the absolute minimum. Greg Lipscomb bid \$26 to name the minutes of meeting 4599: "26 Years Later." Probably in honor of his anniversary...*what number was that again, Greg?* Approval of those minutes came at 8:19 p.m. For meeting #4600, Susan bid \$5 to name the minutes: "More Than Acceptable!" The members apparently agreed at 8:29 p.m.





## Browncoat Auxiliary Depression & Anxiety Support System

### Patron Saints

We had Saints aplenty this meeting, beginning with **Randy Greiner**, who was apparently known as Mr. Bottomless Wallet, who not only was an active bidder at club auctions, but even paid \$25 to have Bill Rotsler immortalize him as a Bad Guy in an *Iron Man* novel. Randy was given 3 cheers and an infinite wallet.

From there, **Michael Mason** was eulogized by Matt, whom Michael had given a *Calvin & Hobbes* collection as a birthday present. Heidi Nichols remembered him as one of the sweetest guys ever, as the librarian who could find anything in LASFS's collection and for the Christmas exchange video with the chocolate manhole cover. Eylat Poliner says she still uses Michael's recipe, more or less, for charoset at Passover. Michael was somewhat renowned for attending Worldcon, and for his collection of Worldcon t-shirts. He was given 3 cheers and a chocolate manhole cover.

While Chris Marble could not get his wife **Elizabeth Marble**, our third Saint of the evening, on camera, he managed to have her stand close enough to hear Michelle Pincus praise her as a lovely charming lady, of impeccable taste and fun to be around. Eylat said she has had many wonderful dinners with Elizabeth and hopes to do it again soon. Heidi recalled Elizabeth giving her tea and sympathy when she was about to have a meltdown. Chris, calling himself "Mr. Beth," Elizabeth's social secretary, said it's been 40 wonderful years with her. 3 cheers to Elizabeth and Earl Grey tea.

### Committee Reports.

From there, Susan called upon Chris to stop complimenting his wife and make with the **Fannish Wellness Report**. He reported that

George Mulligan has a cold. At least it's not COVID, according to tests. Meanwhile, George is going to try sitting up in bed. From there Chris passed the caduceus to Heidi, who reported she has a new cardiologist, less medications and a smidgen more energy.

Lee Grixit got a colonoscopy, and reported no major problems. He has started on some new medications, and has lost 30 pounds in the last 4 months.

**Honor Guard:** Charles Lee Jackson II, after giving a briefing of the Spot of Honor, said that held it is this week by Loscon 51.

Debra Levin, reporting as **Treasurer** this evening, said everybody is apparently paid up – although she grilled late arrival Julie Scott, who did her monthly payment by autodeposit earlier this month.

**Registrar:** Matthew Tepper reported, just the old familiar faces tonight.

Board Chairman Michelle said that the next **Board of Directors** meeting is November 16 at 11 a.m. Ordinarily it would have been the 9th, which is the second Sunday, but it was pushed back for the convenience of several Directors.

**Programming:** Nothing for this week's meeting or the next. CL will be reading to the members on the 30th. Susan ran down the remainder of the programming for the year:

**November 5 :** Board Nominations

**November 13:** Denny's hybrid / Board Elections

**November 20:** Evan J. Peterson does a reading

**November 27:** No program (Loscon)

**December 4:** Grand Opening Celebration/ potluck and nominations for President.



**December 11:** Procedural Elections

**December 18:** No Program

**December 25:** Thomas Safer presents Christmas cartoons

From there, Susan recited the Guests of Honor for **Loscon 51**:

**Writer GoH:** Ursula Vernon/T Kingfisher

**Artist GoH:** Benton Jew

**Music GoH:** Lynn Gold

**Fan GoH:** Tadao Tomomatsu

Eylat announced that this Sunday, members of the committee need to tag anything in the LASFS storage unit they need brought to the LAX Hilton. Then she ran the dates for move-in and move-out of stuff to the LAX Hilton. So, be there or find some other way to spend Thanksgiving weekend.

Old Business and New Business did not rear their ugly heads.

#### Timebound announcements

Nick gave us a rundown of the horror and horror-adjacent films that several local theaters thought would be appropriate to show during the month of October.

#### Reviews

Heidi related that 10 years ago, the web series *Con Man*, which Heidi was in for a couple of episode, debuted, and is currently running for free on Prime. She also reviewed *The Book of Tomorrow*, and its sequel.

Eylat very favorably reviewed Gene Turnbow's reading of his book *Juniper Fairchild and the Alterwhere* last meeting. Debra chimed in with her agreement of this.

Lee reported that *Strange New Worlds* is reconfiguring the original *Trek* timeline, in hope of luring back the fans who abandoned the franchise post-*Nemesis*. And, to replace Talk Like A Pirate Day with **Talk Like a Vulcan Day**. (*That, at least, the Scribe is on board with.*)

CL reviewed *Trick or Treat*, a history of Halloween book by Lisa Morton, saying that he could not see a lot of factual errors in it, which coming from the Emperor is practically a Hugo Award. Matthew added that Lisa is an expert on many things, including the works of Philip K. Dick.

#### Miscellaneous

Lee announced that the British Library says being gay is not a disqualification, so Oscar Wilde has his library card back. Debra surmised that they wanted to resolve this before November 30th, which would have been the 125th anniversary of Oscar Wilde's death.

Eylat is going to be giving a presentation on the research paper she is writing about 22Q Deletion Syndrome, via interpreters to the deaf students and the deaf teacher in the class.

Nick said that Loscon's Writer GoH this year, T. Kingfisher, is having her books prominently featured at Barnes & Noble on Ventura Boulevard. He also mentioned that due to studio shenanigans, the loose ends from the last season of *Peacemaker* that James Gunn left dangling might just get resolved...in two other TV series that we don't know yet. "So things are getting very strange," Nick said, to the surprise of none.

Eylat moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m., which Heidi seconded with alacrity.

### **The Great Pumpkin.**

**October 23, 2025**

**Meeting #4602**

Cathy Johnson, presiding

Matt Mitchell, Scribe

Being the very model of a modern LASFS president, our newly-returned Cathy Johnson only needed to see Charles Lee Jackson II pointing at his wrist to know it was time to gavel the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

#### Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings [Nick Smith]

Hatchings:

- 1880, Una O'Conner, actress in *The Bride of Frankenstein* and *The Adventures of Robin Hood*
- 1942, Michael Crichton, author of *The Andromeda Strain* and *Jurassic Park*, among many others.
- 1943, Jackson Bostwick, star of the Saturday morning Shazam live-action show.
- 1959, Weird Al Yankovich, comedic songster extraordinaire, who according to Gizmo Powell is still performing in concert.
- 1970, Grant Imahara, model maker and animatronics expert, known for Mythbusters,

and, Gizmo adds, contributed to the construction of the TARDIS at Geeky Teas.

Susan Fox contributed additional birthdays:

- 1997, Zach Callison, actor in *Steven Universe*
- 1986 Emilia Clarke, actress in *Game of Thrones*
- 1959, Sam Raimi, filmmaker, of *Evil Dead* and *Spider-Man*
- 1976, Ryan Reynolds, actor in *Deadpool*

Media anniversaries:

- 1942, *The Mummy's Tomb* with Lon Cheney Jr.

Dispatchings:

Nick reported that Keith "Doc" Raymond, fiction editor and co-founder of *Savage Planets* magazine has passed after a long illness. Matthew Tepper added that Grant Canfield, fan and artist had passed away a couple of days ago.

#### Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting

After Matt Mitchell read the minutes of meeting #4601 and accepted a couple of corrections, Dean Johnson bid \$5 to name the minutes: "Welcome Back, Kotter, I mean Cathy!" Approval of minutes came at 8:28 p.m., with a note from Juan Epstein's mother.

#### Patron Saints:

**Lee Jacobs** has an interesting entry in the Saints Archive: he coined the term "filk," albeit inadvertently. Nick remembered that Lee was involved in fanzines back in the 1950s. Matt, reading from the archive, said Lee was a member of SAPA and SFPA. He was also a member of a group called The Cult, which Matthew added in the chat was composed of "the nastiest bastards in fandom," while admitting he was a member himself. Lee was given 3 cheers and a filksong in his honor.

#### Committee Reports

**Honor Guard:** Charles Lee Jackson II reported that the Spot of Honor was held this month, or at least this week, by Loscon 51.

**Treasurer:** Elayne Pelz reported everyone attending have all paid up, but we are still wanting donations. More on that later.

**Board of Directors:** As Michelle Pincus was not in tonight, Board Secretary Susan reminded us that the next Board of Directors meeting would be November 16th.

Susan then chimed in on behalf of the semi-absent Eylat, Poliner who was tying in to the meeting while driving back from a black-tie event, on Programming. She reminded us CL would be reading a secret composition to the members. Board nominations and elections would be going on next month, as well as a nice little convention on Thanksgiving weekend, which she subsequently gave us the important info. Nola Frame-Gray wanted to get a flyer for LosCon to distribute to an s-f club she belongs to; Dean and Eylat said they would arrange to get her a flyer or postcard. December 4th would be the grand opening at the clubhouse.

**Fannish wellness:** Chris Marble said George Mulligan is recovering from the cold/flu but is still weak.

**Registrar:** Matthew reported that everyone is already a member.

#### Old Business

Appending her treasurer's report, Elayne reporting the construction of the Clubhouse is 99.9% done, except for some outside work waiting on coordination between the DWP and the contractor. She met with the carpet guy today, and after another 2 weeks, when we should have carpet, she will be able to arrange to get everything out of storage. After Elayne, Cathy and Dean have brought in the bookcases and laid out where they are to go, the contractor will put them together. So, we're about a month away from being done. Cathy praised Elayne for all her hard work on this.

CL reminded the members that in 2 weeks will be having nominations for the three open seats on the LASFS Board of Directors. This Board is what allows the club to operate as a non-profit organization, and its liaison to the mundane world, so it's about as serious an endeavor as this club gets. Fresh minds are welcome, as long as they can mesh with the old minds already in place. As CL said, "The utter punishment for knowing how to do stuff is you have to do it." Susan posted a link to the relevant section of the LASFS Bylaws regarding the qualifications for Board directorship. The nominations will close that night, with the vote taking place one week later.

With an indecent amount of joy, Cathy decreed we had no New Business.



### Timebound announcements

Nick announced films at such venues as BrainDead Studios, Vidiots, the Frida in Santa Ana and the Old Town Music Hall. Octavia's Bookshelf is also having a couple of signings and presentations.

CL let us know that Pepperidge Farms, which I'm sure you all remember, has Christmas-themed as well as Halloween cookies out on sale. The Emperor deplores this scandalous state of affairs. Nick attributed this to an overzealous *Nightmare Before Christmas* fan.

Lee Grixit kicked off the Moment of Science report by reporting on a retinal replacement to combat the loss of vision from macular degeneration. Unfortunately, one of the companies involved in the creation of these replacements went bankrupt and disabled the devices. (*I've heard of your prescription running out, but that's ridiculous.*)

Nick said the Earth has, not one extra moon, but as many as eight, at least temporarily. They are in an position in the Earth's orbit that is NOT in the LaGrange Points. They are also not in any trajectory that they might impact this planet, so Hollywood can keep its disaster-from-above movies in the vault.

### Reviews

Eylat reviewed the gala she attended early in the evening, along with Wil Wheaton. at the Valley Relics Museums. It has lots of old iconic signs, like the one for Mel's Diner and the original Foster's Freeze. It even has a few vintage arcade games. Nick added later that it also houses a secret movie archive.

Lee has been watching a Youtube channel called *Crecganford*, discussing mythology from the Ice Age to the Information Age. The host is apparently a very good storyteller.

Nick reviewed a series of T Kingfisher books regarding mythical European countries that had women enlisting in the army, and then weirdness happens.

CL had a whole plethora of reviews, from Lugosi & Karloff movies to funny horror films from Universal, mad scientist movies with gorillas,

spider-women and zombies, enough to put you off popcorn for life.

Cathy and Dean saw *The Nightmare Before Christmas* in 3D in the theater. (*Maybe they're the ones who called Pepperidge Farms...*)

Eylat, having finally made it back home, reported that she saw a musical last Saturday: *Pirates of the Penzance* featuring our own Cathy Johnson! She and Mark loved it. Their kids didn't seem to get into it, but as Cathy said, "Gen Z – whaddaya gonna do?"

A quick Miscellaneous question: Dean is trying to make a new tablecloth for Loscon, to take to conventions to hype our little con, and he needs the Loscon logo in sufficient size and resolution so that enlarging it won't make it fuzzy. This generated a couple minutes of back-and-forth discussion about finding the original artwork or a reasonable facsimile thereof.

Eylat reminded everyone of the loading schedule for LosCon towards the end of next month, then moved to adjourn. The members favored the motion at 9:19 p.m.

### **Roger Hill is Groot October 30, 2025 Meeting #4603**

Cathy Johnson, presiding  
Matt Mitchell, Scribe

The non-existent wind on Zoom whistled through the virtual trees on this All Hallows' Eve Eve as president Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. She and Dean scrambled to find a prop in their office to reflect the spooky season and settled on a bat. After various remarks about trick-or-treaters, or lack thereof, Charles Lee Jackson II gave a pearl of wisdom: "*Candy will get you through times of no kids better than kids will get you through times of no candy.*"

### Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings

Nick Smith gave us the following Hatchings:

- 1923, William Campbell, actor (Star Trek)
- 1934, Hamilton Camp, actor, voice actor and songwriter
- 1947, Tim Kirk, Hugo-winning fantasy artist
- 1951, P Craig Russell, graphic novel illustrator

- 1960, Jane Hightmyer, actress, Earth Final Conflict

Media anniversaries included:

- the 1981 premiere of *Looker*, a movie written by Michael Crichton
- as Matt Mitchell reminded us, the 1938 radio broadcast of *War of the Worlds* by Orson Welles and the Mercury Theater, which managed to scare the jelly beans out of a good number of listeners.

The Dispatchings included:

- June Lockhart, actress, known best for *Lost in Space*
- Maria Riva, actress in various s-f TV anthology series
- Prunella Scales, British actress known best in *Fawlty Towers*
- Tony Adams, British actor

Susan Fox added that Andy Monson III, known as "Andy Astronaut," longtime costumer and supporter of the space program, had recently passed away.

#### Reading of the Minutes

After Matt read the minutes of meeting #4602, Dr. Susie Searight bid \$10 to name the minutes: "The Great Pumpkin." After a little presidential prodding, Dean moved to approve the minutes and the members sustained at 8:28 p.m.

#### Patron Saints:

Of the first Saint, **Francis Hamit**, Matt said that besides his other nice qualities, Francis was the first to give Matt feedback on his first issue of *De Profundis*. Nola Frame-Grey said that while she doesn't necessarily agree with what Francis says, his take on history is very thought-provoking. Cathy agreed Francis is very knowledgeable about military history. After consulting ~~The Joy of Cooking~~ the Patron Saint archive, Matt reported that Francis has published more than 1,000 pieces of writing since 1968, including several Elizabethan-era plays, the non-fiction book *Virtual Reality and the Exploration of Cyberspace*, and several novels. Francis was given three cheers.

Our other Patron Saint, the late and very much lamented **Bill Rotsler**, was (as CL reminded us) a writer, a cartoonist, a filmmaker, a performer, and pretty much anything else that brought amusement or enlightenment to other people. He added that of the many stories told about Bill, all of them are true. Larry Niven added that Bill would draw cartoons during boring banquets. Nick remembered that as talented a writer as he

was, he was nevertheless impressed whenever someone read one of his books. Bill was given three cheers.

Cathy, in an attempt to expedite the evening's program, tried to initiate 30-second Committee Reports, with varying levels of success.

**Honor Guard:** CL said the Spot of Honor was held this week by his Halloween Haunts, Highlights, and Hijinks FaceBook page. However, as this was the end of the month, a quick auction was held, resulting in Eylat Poliner bidding \$25 to have Loscon 51 hold the spot for November.

**Registrar:** We had no Matthew Tepper, as well as no guests.

**Treasurer:** Elayne Pelz said we had two unpaid peeps. Susan helpfully posted rates in the chats. It's getting close to the time where one can pay for an annual membership. There was some debate as whether that was \$170 or \$175. Elayne said we have to amend the standing rules as they still show the old dues schedule. CL suggested Matt check the *De Profundis* archives for the new correct dues.

**Board of Directors:** Michelle Pinus said the next Board meeting will be November 16th at 11:00 am on this Zoom channel.

**Loscon 51:** Guests of Honor and info, and Club Programming for November and December, were put in the chat for all to read.

**Fannish wellness:** as Chris Marble was absent, everybody was feeling great!



### Old Business

CL reminded us that next week are the nominations for the three open seats on the LASFS Board of Directors.

Any New Business the club might have had was put under the pendulum, to allow CL to proceed with the main program: his reading of Edgar Allen Poe's classic work, "The Raven." Following this, CL answered a couple of questions about the two movies inspired by this poem, and also satires of same by *Mad Magazine* and *Rocky & Bullwinkle*. Truly, a hallmark of any great work. Heidi mentioned the book *Ballads of Songbirds and Snakes* by Suzanne Collins, part of the *Hunger Games* milieu inspired by "The Raven." Roger Hill put forth the theory that the raven's "Nevermore!" is the same sort of all-encompassing phrase as "I am Groot".

### Regular announcements

Eylat Poliner called out for loaders of equipment for Loscon on Wednesday, November 26th at 10 AM at Elayne's residence. Later that day at 3:00 would be loading stuff from the storage unit. Thursday the 27th is going to be unloading and set up. Sunday the 30th is when the process is essentially reversed. Monday, December 1st everything gets put back, more or less. Exact times can be discussed with Eylat.

### Miscellaneous

Eylat thanked Dean and Susan for the artwork for the new Loscon tablecloth. Susan mentioned that the artwork is now in the digital hands of several people, so this won't be a worry in the future.

Nola thanked Dean for the Loscon flyer she was able to distribute to her s-f group.

Nick reviewed T. Kingfisher's *Wizard's Guide to Defensive Baking*, calling it "one of weirdest examples of practical necromancy he has ever encountered, and a reason why you would want to be able to animate an undead horse." (So you can beat it?) But it does feature baking-related magic and mixed Halloween-Christmas themes.

After Cathy put the link for the Aftermeeting in the chat, Eylat moved to adjourn. It was multiply seconded and sustained at 9:14 p.m. Quoth the Scrivener, "Nevermore."

## **Oh, The Pain! November 6, 2025 Meeting #4604**

Cathy Johnson, presiding  
Matt Mitchell, Scribe

Lee Grixit related a just-so story from the old comic strip *Gordo* about why roosters crowed. Not missing a beat, president Cathy Johnson used that as the clarion calling of the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

### Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings

Nick Smith gave the following hatchings:

- 1907, Catherine Crook DeCamp, member of Science Fiction Writers of America & First Fandom, and wife of L. Sprague deCamp
- 1914, Jonathon Harris, actor best known for *Lost in Space*
- 1966, Peter DeLuise, actor and director
- Emma Stone, actress (*Amazing Spider-Man I & II*)

Media anniversaries:

- 1981, *Time Bandits*

Dispatchings:

- Diane Ladd, actress
- Adam Greenberg, cinematographer
- Ralph Senensky, director of *Twilight Zone* and *Star Trek* episodes

Charles Lee Jackson II added that LASFS member Roger Hill, who had attended just the previous week, has passed away. He was active in the mid-to-late sixties and was one of a group of members from CalTech. Besides s-f, he liked railroads, trolley cars, traveling down Route 66 and folk dance groups. Matthew Tepper added that Roger was a guest at his & Debra's wedding. The members gave Roger Hill a minute of silence.

### Reading of the Minutes

As a further tribute to Roger Hill, after the minutes of meeting #4603 were read and corrected, Cathy bid \$6 to name the minutes: "Roger Hill is Groot". Approval of the minutes came at 8:30 p.m.

### Patron Saints

Our Saint of the week, **Woody Dodge**, had been commemorated by Robbie and Marty Cantor as having donated auction items for the Down Under Fan Fund. Matthew Tepper remembered that Woody had given him some advice about his Subaru. Woody also attended the LASFS memorial for Len Moffat in 2011. He

was given 3 cheers by the members. (Addendum: Matthew reported that Woody passed away in 2018)

From there we went to Committee Reports.

**Honor Guard:** CL reported that the Spot of Honor was held by LosCon 51 "Tell Me A Story," an event which CL reminded us was happening in less than a month.

Registrar: Matthew reported that everybody was already a member.

Michelle Pincus reminded us that the next **Board of Directors** meeting will be on the 3rd Sunday, November 16th, not the 2nd Sunday, the 9th. The meeting will start at 11:00 a.m. on this Zoom channel.

Despite her sore throat, Eylat Poliner let the Loscon 51 volunteers know that loading the technical equipment would start Wednesday, the 26th at 10 a.m. at Elaine's place. 3:00 p.m. the same day, loading the truck from the LASFS storage unit. On Thursday the 27th, the stuff will be moved into the LAX Hilton Hotel starting at 9am and stopping at noon. Load out from the hotel will commence around 3PM on Sunday the 30th. This information will also be on the Facebook page. Eylat also mentioned the Loscon 52 party, where one of the activities will be making Friendship bracelets.

**Fannish wellness:** Chris Marble reported that George Mulligan is stable, though he has made little progress even to sitting up by himself, and they are threatening to move him to a no-rehab center. Meanwhile, Don Fitch is turning 97 this week.

#### Old Business:

After CL explained how the Board of Directors is the corporate face of the LASFS, and how directors are elected in staggered rotation over the years, he then listed the requirements for potential nominees. Particular attention was given to the recent expansion of residency area, subject to restrictions. CL began the nominations with the members who are current on the Board and therefore not eligible to be nominated to fill another space. Then he listed the three Board members whose terms were expiring, but were certainly eligible to be nominated to serve another term: Gavin

Claypool, Dean Johnson and Heidi Nichols. CL then declared the nominations open.

1. Elayne Pelz nominated Gavin Claypool, who accepted.
2. Michelle Pincus nominated Heidi Nichols, who accepted
3. Cathy Johnson nominated Dean Johnson, who accepted
4. Elayne nominated Nick Smith, who declined.

After that, there were no more nominations, so CL declared them closed and that it would be an easy election next week.

Along with her **Treasurer's** report, wherein some people were not paid up through this meeting and were told pony up, Elayne Pelz reported that the clubhouse construction is finished. They are laying down the carpet this week. Elayne is arranging to unload the large storage unit and also getting a storage shed in the back of the clubhouse. The possibility of holding a meeting in the clubhouse by the second or third week of December exists, but is by no means a certainty.

#### New Business

None.

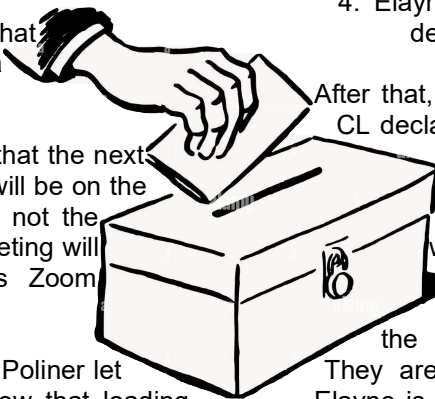
#### Timebound announcements

Nick mentioned the Burbank Book Festival at Buena Vista Branch Library in Burbank this Saturday. He also mentioned movies at venues such as Brain Dead Studios (which is having a Godzilla Day marathon), and other offerings at the Frida, the New Beverly, the NuArt and so forth.

#### Science report:

Lee Grixit reported on a robotic bowel probe that could replace having to have a colonoscopy. So instead of having the *Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau* done to you, you could just have *Fantastic Voyage*. (Raquel Welch sold separately.) CL argued that if such a probe were truly autonomous, it would not be a robot. This led to a scholarly discussion with Nick, Matthew and Lee about the Kapec play *Rossum's Universal Robots*.

Heidi managed to mention an article from the Guardian newspaper which stated that the expanding universe is not expanding as fast as it



used to. (See, we're all getting older.)

### Reviews

Chris reviewed the World Fantasy Con in Brighton the previous weekend. Good attendance and all went well.

Nick reviewed a movie called *The Gunfighter's Deal* which beside the usual western cliches also had a gunfighter making a deal with the devil.

### Miscellaneous

CL ordered a new chair for himself at the new clubhouse. Now all he has to do is put it together and get it over to the clubhouse – not necessarily in that order. Susan offered to take it to the clubhouse for him, but he demurred, wanted to assemble it at home, disassemble it and then put it back in the box. Nick said he'd never get it back in the box.

Eylat moved to adjourn at 9:13 p.m., at least partially to stave off the discussion of fitting round chairs back into square boxes.

### **Help, I'm Stuck On The I-5! November 13, 2025 Meeting #4605**

Cathy Johnson, presiding  
Matt Mitchell, Scribe

While the in-person members waited at the Denny's for the meeting to begin, many of the Zoom participants played with video avatars, so the screen started to look like *Animal Farm*. In spite of the tech issues she was having, president Cathy Johnson managed to gavel the meeting to order at 8:17 p.m. before a communifascist regime was formed.

### Hatchings, Matchings and Dispatchings

Nick Smith began with these Hatchings:

- 1850, Robert Louis Stevenson, author of *Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*, among others
- 1888, Philip Nolan, who wrote the source novel for *Buck Rogers*
- 1894, Nita Naldi, actress who had a role in the *Jekyll & Hyde* movie starring John Barrymore
- Garry Marshall, producer of TV shows from *The Odd Couple* to *Mork & Mindy* (but no version of *Jekyll & Hyde*, as far as I know)
- 1953, Tracy Scoggins, actress known for *Lois & Clark* and *Babylon 5*, who also

starred in a *Jekyll & Hyde*

- 1957, Even Baxter, mathematician, engineer and writer
- Marty Massoglia, LASFS member and longtime book dealer
- And last but not least, as announced by Debra, our own Eylat Poliner!

Media anniversaries:

- 1987, *The Running Man*, the original with Ah-nold.
- 2012, *Space Janitors*, web series

Dispatchings:

- Sally Kirkland Jr., actress (*Ray Bradbury Theater*)
- Tatsuyama Nagamine, animation director

Susan bid \$10 to name the minutes "Oh, The Pain!" Approval of minutes was moved, seconded and sustained at 8:39 p.m.

### Patron Saints:

Starting off: **Milt Stevens**, who as Christian McGuire related, worked in technical support for the LAPD. He also purchased couches for the Tyrone clubhouse and among other positions, was co-chair for L.A. Con II in 1984. Hare Hobbs added that Milt was the chair of the L5 conference. Matthew Tepper said that after a period of mutual antipathy, he and Milt became very good friends, and he could always count on an interesting review or other tidbit from Milt during meetings he presided. Charles Lee Jackson II said Milt was a member of Epitome of Evil, Ltd., one of a long and distinguished list of silly organizations under the LASFS umbrella. Milt was given three cheers.

For **John Trimble's** remembrance, Hare said that he, along with his daughter Katwen, organized the clowns at the Special Olympics who hugged the athletes. CL said that John was "good to his mother," in reference to an old Daffy Duck cartoon. John was given three cheers.

And finally, the birthday girl **Eylat Poliner**: Heidi Nichols relayed a testimonial from Tom & Annamarie Safer about Eylat being their sister. Heidi added her own accolade, stating Eylat is family, a wonderful cook and a wonderful person. Chris Marble says Eylat does wonderful things with chocolate. CL didn't have a clever anecdote, but threatened, "she's young, she'll get hers." Debra Levin considers Eylat to be her best friend. Mark Poliner, some stranger who wandered in, said Eylat was one of the two best things, along with their daughter, that had ever

happened to him. The only problem he has with Eylat is her inability to say "No." Larry Niven remembered that Eylat had driven him to LASFS on many occasions. She was given three cheers, Happy Birthdays and Death By Chocolate.

#### Committee Reports

**Honor Guard:** CL reported that, some miles to the east and a couple of south, Loscon 51 holds the Spot of Honor.

**Registrar:** Matthew could not see any guests this evening, but is hoping we have some after Loscon. The room was pretty packed, as it happens.

**Treasurer:** Elayne Pelz shook her virtual finger at several members who needed to come up and pay their dues. She also reminded us that we can start paying for the 2026 annual membership next month, in \$25 installments.

**Board of Directors:** Michelle Pincus reminded us of the Board meeting this Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

**Loscon 51:** Eylat listed the loading schedule. CL asked her to post it on the FB page.

**Programming:** Tonight is Board elections. Next week is Evan J. Peterson's reading. December 4th is the nominations for club president, and the

## Letters of Comment

**Baltimore Science Fiction Society, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 686, Baltimore, MD 21203-0686**



Dear LASFS Members,

The membership of the Baltimore Science Fiction Society would like to officially congratulate you on the acquisition of your new clubhouse, and your upcoming grand opening in January 2026!

May your new venue be filled with fun, activity, books, and memories for years to come.

**Sincerely,**  
**Patricia E. Kinlock, Corresponding Secretary**

*Thank you very much for your wonderful letter. Rest assured, after several years (and a couple of false starts), LASFS is definitely looking forward to having a regular venue for in-person meetings.*

*Due to various unpredictable and unavoidable factors (mainly, the weather – so much for the perpetual California sunshine...) we've had to push back the grand opening of the clubhouse a couple of months. We've had to re-assemble the club library (sitting in storage for several years) and install a audio-visual system to be able to continue hybrid in-person/Zoom meetings. We are having a "soft opening" of the clubhouse for the general LASFS meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2026, to test out the system.*

*In addition to the eventual grand opening celebration, we will be having a "Housewarming" festivity on a weekend in the next couple of months. Further details will be in a future issue of De Profundis. -- M.M., Scribe*



week after is the procedural officer elections.

**Fannish wellness:** Chris reported George Mulligan is unchanged, although he made an effort to sit up in bed..

### Old Business

Appending her treasurer's report, Elayne reported due to heavy rain, the movers cancelled moving stuff from storage to the clubhouse. The building itself is 99.9999% done. The DWP meters have to be rehung because the wood behind them is rotten. The Grand Opening and the Open House events are getting pushed back an indeterminate amount of time.

CL announced the Board of Directors election tonight. None of those who accepted the nomination last week withdraw, so we had what's called an Alderson election (as in the same number of candidates as that of open seats) and declared it over and done with. Subsequently, Matthew bid \$20 for the right to name the color of the phantom ballots "mallard drake head green."

From there, the Committee to Gouge Money in the person of Christian preceded to open the auction and encouraged people to bid on the following:

- Trouffout's Hitchcock book, \$5 to Gavin Claypool
- Anime LA T-shirt, XL, fannish S, \$5 to Krystal Rains
- *The Last Companion*, P. McCormack, uncorrected proof, \$2 to Nick Smith
- *Unhinged* by A.G. Howard, uncorrected proof. \$1 to Julie Scott.
- *Star Wars* aluminum luggage tag \$5 to Krystal
- Dymo label printer. \$10 to Matthew
- Ear buds, wireless, made in China. Apple-looking. \$5 to Hare
- *Zen as F\*ck* \$5 to Eylat
- *The Northman* Bluray DVD, \$5 to Hare
- 2 DVDs, *Percy Jackson*, \$2 to Chris
- "Yes I'm Still Freezing" t-shirt, long sleeve \$1 to Julie
- *Jumper* DVD \$1 to Heidi
- *The Maids* DVD \$1 to Julie
- *Star Trek Cookbook* \$20 to Matthew
- *Star Wars* necklace/choker with lightsaber medallion, \$15 to Krystal
- Pin of Earth and other planet, \$7 to Elayne

- *Sherlock Holmes and the Telegram from Hell* by Nicholas Meyer, \$5 to Hare
- Andre Norton signature, \$10 to Scott Beckstead.

(*Special thanks to Susan for her help. - Scribe*)

After all the items had been auctioned and all the money ripped from the hot little LASFS fists, Cathy opened the meeting up to Miscellaneous:

- Tom Safer announced a concert with choir and orchestra at St. Francis Catholic Church in Sherman Oak this Sunday
- Hare has actually started buying comics, having found some by J. Michael Straczynski.
- Mark Poliner showed via zoom his Starblazers model, and a gnome.
- Christian finally saw *Superman*, and decided to only say that he liked the Green Lantern.
- Scott recently went to the DMV and said it has actually improved.
- CL on the other hand, gave the TV series *DMV* the Evans-Freehafer Raspberry. Christian proposed a TV show called *Chicago Refuse*, people who investigate illegal dumping. Matt called it the epitome of trash TV.
- Gene Turnbow brought copies of his book, and anyone who bought one might just get an autograph to go with it.

Eylat moved to adjourn, and Cathy threw it to a vote with a reminder to pay your dinner tab, at 9:34 p.m.

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## Upcoming Conventions

**February 1:** Turlock Toy-Anime-Comic Con  
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

**February 6-8:** The 36 Legends of Gallifrey One, Los Angeles <https://www.gallifreyone.com>

**February 7:** Elk Grove Toy-Anime-Comic Con  
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

**February 7-8:** Anime Gaming Con, Fresno  
<https://animegamingcon.com/>

**February 8:** California Card Festival, Lake Forest <https://calicardfest.com/>

**February 13-16:** DunDraCon, Santa Clara



<https://www.dundracon.com/>

**February 13-16:** Orccon, Los Angeles  
<https://www.strategicon.net/>

**February 14-15:** TCG Now, Santa Clara  
<https://www.eastbaycardshow.com/>

**February 15:** Castro Valley Turlock Toy-Anime-Comic Con  
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

**February 19-22:** GameSchoolCon, Irvine  
<https://www.gameschoolcon.com/>

**February 22:** Hanford Toy-Anime-Comic Con  
<https://ohanacomicon.com/upcoming-cons/>

**February 27-March 1:** Corflu, Santa Rosa  
<https://corflu.org/>

**February 28-March 1:** StocktonCon Winter  
<https://stocktoncon.com/>

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### Upcoming Events

**February 1:** *Batman Begins* screening at the New Beverly Cinema

**February 1:** *Ghost in the Shell* and *Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence* screenings at Brain Dead Studios

**February 3:** *Frankenhooker* and *Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part 2* screenings at the Alamo Draft House, L.A.

**February 3:** *Twin Peaks: Season 1, Episode 4* screening at the Los Feliz Theater

**February 5:** *Dracula* (2026) screening at the Alamo Draft House, L.A.

**February 6:** *The Thing* (1982) screening at the Alamo Draft House, L.A.

**February 7:** *Whistle* and *OBEX* screenings at the Alamo Draft House, L.A.

**February 7:** *Monty Python and The Holy Grail* screening at The Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

**February 7:** *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* (1990) and *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure* screenings and Q&A at the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

**February 7:** *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart

**February 8:** *Heaven Can Wait* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

**February 10:** *Tales from the Crypt: Demon Knight* screening at the Alamo Draft House, L.A.

**February 10:** *Twin Peaks: Season 1, Episode 5* screening at the Los Feliz Theater

**February 11:** *A Door Into Ocean* by Joan Slonczewski: Reading Orbit at Dennys, Garden Grove. Email: [cdcurl@aol.com](mailto:cdcurl@aol.com)

**February 14:** *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart

**February 17:** *Twin Peaks: Season 1, Episode 6* screening at the Los Feliz Theater

**February 19:** *Somewhere in Time* screening at the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

**February 20:** *Groundhog Day* screening at Vidiots, Eagle Rock

**February 20:** *The Cabin in the Woods* screening at the Alamo Draft House, L.A.

**February 21:** *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart

**February 21:** *Blithe Spirit* screening at the Egyptian Theater

**February 22:** *Solaris* (1972) screening at Brain Dead Studios

**February 23:** *The Found Object Society* signing by author Michelle Maryk at Vroman's Bookstore, Pasadena

**February 24:** *Twin Peaks: Season 1, Episode 7* screening at the Los Feliz Theater

**February 26:** *I Am The Ghost Here* signing by author Kim Samek at Skylight Books, Los Angeles

**February 28:** *The Fly* (1986) screening at the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana

**February 28:** *The Day The Earth Stood Still* (1951) screening at The Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

**February 28:** *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* screening at the Landmark Nuart

Please contact the con, store, or venue (or visit its Welb 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 50 sf clubs around the world. Some of them

reciprocate with their own publications. Since the last issue, we've received:

- *Starship Express* (Science Fiction Association of Bergen County, January 2026)
- *OASFiS Event Horizon* Vol. 38 Issue 455 (Orlando Area Science Fiction Society, January 2026)
- *The Mark of the B\*E\*A\*S\*T* (Baltimore Science Fiction Society, January 2026)

### Available Fanzines

Those interested in new fanzines (*should*) refer to <https://efanzines.com> and <https://fanac.org>.

## *Dearly Missed...But Not Released*

### **Sanford Jerry ("Sandy") Cohen 1948 – 2026.**

Sandy Cohen passed away January 20, 2026 due to medical complications from a bad fall. Sandy had been a member of LASFS since 1967, and was present at the opening meeting of all three previous clubhouses (Ventura Boulevard in 1973, Burbank Boulevard in 1977 and Tyrone Avenue in 2011). He served on the Board of Directors of the Southern California Institute for Fan Interests (SCIFI), Inc., which is running LA Con V this year. He has staffed many conventions and served as auctioneer for numerous convention Art Shows. He was a fan writer & editor and published a fanzine called *Overlord*. He was known as the Sacred Chancellor of Chocolate; at the LASFS meetings during his Patron Saint week, he would burst into the meeting room and throw chocolate around to the members. In recent years, he traveled to such places as Budapest and the Great Wall of China. He is survived by his older sister Rose.



*Thanks to File 770, the LASFS Patron Saint archive, Rose Cohen-Brown and the members of LASFS.*



# LOSCON 52

## BEYOND THE UNKNOWN

*Hilton Los Angeles Airport, Nov 27- 29, 2026*

<b>Guests of Honor</b>	<b>Membership Rates</b>
<b>Writer – Bill Wolkoff</b> <i>(Star Trek: Strange New Worlds and Star Wars Rebels)</i>	Now thru April 30 <sup>th</sup> : \$55.00
<b>Artist – Selina Phanara</b>	May 1 <sup>st</sup> - Aug 31 <sup>st</sup> : \$65.00
<b>Music – Griff the Filker</b>	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> – Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup> : \$75.00
<b>Fan – Chris Marble</b>	Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup> – at the door: \$85.00
<b>Science – G. David Nordley</b>	Child (ages 3-11) year and at the door: \$25.00 all
	Registration link: <a href="https://losangelessciencefantasysociet.regfox.com/loscon-51">https://losangelessciencefantasysociet.regfox.com/loscon-51</a>

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