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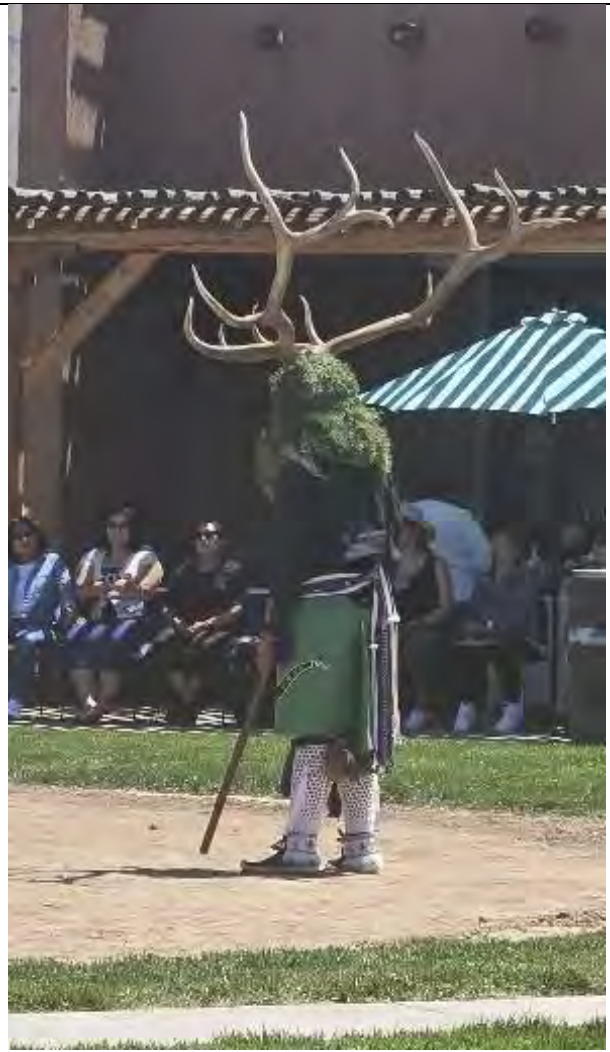
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Briefs

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In June, ye editor had to go to Albuquerque on business and got in too early to check into the hotel. To pass the time, she went to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and happened into these dancers. Various groups were performing traditional dances. These, with the buffalo and elk costumes just were a stand out.

Facebook Finds

The Bocksten Man

is the well-preserved remains of a man from the 14th century CE, discovered in a bog in Sweden. His body, along with his original garments, was remarkably intact due to the unique preservation properties of the bog environment.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1CRFbWJcn6/>

Sleeve styles <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1GKoQCso9z/>

Recent Events

We missed the live event, but it's been recorded

The Silicon Web Costumers' Guild Presents webinar, "Costume-Con 2026 Virtual Competitions" with co-directors Pierre & Sandy Pettinger, Bruce & Nora Mai, and Philip & Kathe Gust took place on September 7, 2025. A recording is now available on the "Webinars" page of the Silicon Web Costumers' Guild website.

<https://www.siwcostumers.org/webinars.html#webinar-2025-09-07>

If you are not already a member, consider joining the Silicon Web Costumers' Guild. See the "[Join Us!](#)" webpage for information. Members receive the earliest notifications of new webinars and have priority for registration.

Please join us for the second webinar of the 2025-2026 season. There is no charge for this webinar but capacity is limited, so please register soon. By registering, you will also receive notification when a recording is available.

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/PQCtn5ldR_Sc6VhVk7jPrA

See the "[Calendar](#)" page of the Silicon Web Costumers' Guild website for information about future webinars in the series.

Minutes

Nothing to report

But here is a minute of humor - from Paul this month

What do you call twin policemen? Copies...

Why did the blond die raking leaves? She fell out of the tree.....(apologies to blonds, but I know 3 natural blonds who loved this)

What an automated society we live in. Have you ever noticed that when a traffic signal turns green, it automatically activates the horn of the car behind you?

Calendar

Do you know an event of interest to Arizona costumers? Please contact your editor with the details. **Red text and an asterisk*** designate an SWCG-sponsored event. *Unless otherwise noted, our monthly meetings start at 1PM.*

Harmon Library Annual Halloween Costume Drive - 1325 S. 5th Ave., 85003

Sept 13 = Oct 11

Mon 9 a.m. to 10 p.m T/W/T 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. -- F/S 9 a.m. to 10 p.m - Sun Noon to 10 p.m.

September 13 marks the start of donations for [Harmon Library's Annual Costume Giveaway on October 18](#). Please bring gently used costumes or accessories for children ages 0–17 to the anniversary celebration or drop them off anytime at the Harmon Library Welcome Desk between September 13 and October 11. Your donations help make this beloved tradition possible for the children of Central City South. For more information call 602-262-4636.

Gathering of the Ghouls - Az Haunters sponsored event

Sept 20-21

Rawhide Event Center

5700 W. North Loop Rd. Chandler, AZ 85226

Show Hours:

Saturday, September 20, 2025 | 11am - 7pm

Sunday, September 21, 2025 | 11am - 5pm

Tickets start at \$20:

<https://gatheringoftheghouls.com/tickets>

Horror Fest 2025 -- Az Haunters sponsored event

Fri, Oct 3rd, 2025, 4:00 PM - Sun, Oct 5th, 2025, 5:00 PM MST

Double Tree Hilton Tempe Conference Center, Tempe, AZ

Tickets start at \$21.40

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/horror-fest/horror-fest-2025>

Halloween Market – Oct 11 11am – 5pm

Curious Nature 4346 N. 7th Ave Phoenix, AZ 85013 Phone: (602) 314-4346

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1EQgrTYB64/> Sounds like an interesting venue with local vendors

"Fun with Embroidery Machines" with Jennifer Skwarski

October. 19, 2025 at 1pm PT, 4pm ET – Silicon web webinar - <https://www.siwcostumers.org/index.html>

Halloween ComicFest @ the Library Velma Teague Library (7010 N. 58th Ave.)

Saturday, October 25, from 5-8 PM

We'd love for you to be a part of this spooktacular all-ages Halloween celebration, held in collaboration with Drawn to Comics (5801 W. Glendale Ave.), downtown Glendale's source for comic books, gaming and collectibles. Come for three hours or fifteen minutes – we appreciate any and all support! Last year's event attracted 800 participants!

Attendees will be able to choose from an assortment of free comics, meet local comic book artists, shop with cool vendors, pose with cosplayers and enjoy fun games and crafts. Costumes are encouraged for attendees. Activities will take place both inside the Velma Teague Library and at the Drawn to Comics store located across the street.

Due to construction in the park surrounding the library, most of the lawn area in front of the library will not be accessible. There is only a small area of open park space directly in front of the library's entrance, but this might be enough space for mock combat practice from Syndicate Saber and the Kingdom of Umbria. If any of you would like to do something special during the event besides photo ops/hanging out (a performance, game, etc.), please let me know. Costumes should be age-appropriate for an audience including kids and teens. Prop weapons are permitted as part of your costume, but may be tagged by security. No real weapons are allowed.

Members of Southwest Costumers Guild usually stop by Halloween ComicFest for a bit, though it is an informal outing with three or four members, rather than an organized display for which we would need any assigned space.

TusCon 2025 – Nov 7-9 2025 – Doubletree by Hilton – Tucson Airport <https://tusconscificon.com/>

Full Event (3-Day) Membership/Tickets Adult (Age 16 and above): \$60 Child (Age 6 to 15): \$30

One-day memberships will be available at the door only.

Friday – \$30 Saturday – \$45 Sunday- \$20

Hotel info: <https://book.passkey.com/event/51018510/owner/50954/home>

Hello, fellow fans. Welcome to TusCon, Arizona! More specifically, welcome to TusCon 52, our 52nd annual Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and Horror convention in Tuscon... ah, we mean rather Tucson, Arizona. Attendees of TusCon are among the most dedicated fans of science fiction, fantasy, and horror and many attendees are professional writers, film producers, artists, and reporters who keep others informed about the goings-on in the industry.

TusCon is an annual literary-forward convention run by the Baja Arizona Science Fiction Association (BASFA), a Southern Arizona section 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization. The primary focus of TusCon is literary science fiction, fantasy, and horror, but we also embrace art, animation, science, media and gaming to provide a well-rounded experience.

Nov 28-30 Loscon – Hilton, Los Angeles Airport <https://loscon.org/>

Adult - \$65 thru Aug 31, \$75 thru Nov 20th Child 3-11 \$25

Hotel info - <https://book.passkey.com/event/51018510/owner/50954/home>

Saturday, January 31, 2026, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Tempe Public Library is hosting its 2026 Tempe FanCon

Comic and cosplay fans grab your capes and superpowers and come to the Tempe Public Library for a celebration of comics and pop culture. Join us for free family fun including costume contests, authors and artists, entertainment, activities for the kids, photo ops with characters, fandom related items for sale, and food trucks. There is no table fee for exhibitors and the event is free and open to the public.

The event will be held outdoors in the Library Plaza. All exhibitors are required to supply their own tables, chairs, and optional canopy with weights. The library will supply a 10' x 10' space for each exhibitor. External gas generators are prohibited. Battery packs are fine. Please leave all pets at home or you will be asked to remove them from the event.

Responding to Jill Brenner's invitation, your veep has reserved a space at Tempe FanCon, to be held on the Tempe Public Library grounds at SWC Rural Road and Southern Avenue on January 17, 2026.

We'll put up a canopy and table as a meet and greet booth, as we have done for the past several years. Last year's presence was a great success, gaining us three new members. Please join in!

I suggest you bring a project to work on and demonstrate while hanging at the booth. These always draw welcome attention.

Ye editor does not have much data further out

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