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# The Lonely Gasbag San Antonio, Texas

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## **GRRM Line Reaches Westeros**

The line for the George RR Martin book signing, stretched as far as Westeros. In order to get a book signed, fans had to defeat Gregor “The Mountain” Clegane in single combat. This new policy should allow Mr. Martin to finish writing *The Winds of Winter* before anyone actually wins.

## **Lost Children Policy**

Found children will be told the original Grimm stories behind the Disney fairy tales movies and then fed to Jareth, the Goblin King.

## **Save A Writer**

At the end of the con, the writer with the most books left on the free books table will be sent to the Piers Anthony school of book selling. “If we can’t give the books away...” said an agent. Save an author, take a chance on an unfamiliar book.

## **WiFi Access**

The committee apologizes for the bad WiFi. We emailed the SSI for the good superfast network to the Newsletter but they never published it. Also, the next newsletter will be delayed due to the staff Quake competition.

## **Staff Infection Box**

Publisher: Lone Starr. Editor: Perry Wright. Reporters: Klark Cent, Lois Road, and Chloe Minivan. Special thanks to “Beefy” and “Porky” who will be sent to the BBQ now that we don’t need them.

## **San Antonio Forgets That Mission Building**

*by David Krockett*

This morning, people in San Antonio woke up with a sense they couldn’t remember something. As they commuted, a few pointed to a small old-fashioned brown/white plaster and stone building that they had never seen before.

“I certainly don’t remember it,” said James Bowie. “The last thing I remember is some guy in a black dress pointing a stick at me and saying ‘Obliviate’”

“I saw a man in black too,” said Billy King, “But he was wearing a suit and flashed this high tech pen gizmo at me. Say, what’s that building over there?”

“All I remember are these big hypnotic eyes,” said Dena Wolf as she put a bandage on two holes in her neck. “I don’t know what happened.”

“I saw these funny lights in the sky,” said Bert Chong, who was in town for a convention. “I then lost all sense of time, and evidently my kidney too.” The doctor who examined him asked if he had been treated by two midget surgeons.

Your humble reporter will try to get to the bottom of this soon, wait, what huh.... Nevermind.

## **Hugo Proposal**

Texas governor Rick Perry has proposed cutbacks in the Hugo Awards. “I want to eliminate three Hugo categories – Related Work, Semi-Prozine, and, ah, um, give me a moment here...”

## **Sequester Forces Cancellation of Space Authors**

While Worldcon was able to sneak a few astronauts and space scientists past the sequester’s limits on government activities, the concom did not anticipate a shutdown of authors. All writers who have written about NASA or space must report to the nearest government facility to be held until Congress gets its act together or the heat death of the universe, whichever comes first. Ben Bova is exempt because he writes about a privatized space program.

## **Peggy Rae’s House Unveils Continued Worldcon Bids**

Peggy Rae’s House will bid for Worldcons 2016–2020 simultaneously. “We plan to get all our bidding done at once and over with,” said bid chair Bill Lawless.

“We have hundreds of inches of function space,” said house owner John Sequoia. “This way we get Peggy Rae’s lawn mowed. And half of fandom already shows up here most weekends.”

## **Media Track Up**

In a surprise announcement Worldcon chair Randy Shepherder disclosed the existence of a secret media & gaming track. “We didn’t advertise it because we don’t want the Worldcon to be mobbed like Dragoncon.” The media & gaming guests will be scheduled in our largest room so that when they are half empty due to lack of publicity we can say this proves Worldcon fans don’t want more media guests and programming.

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## Program Changes

WARNING: The mobile App is running an old backup from last year. There are no events scheduled in the Chicago CC.

### ADDITIONS

#### Live Action Grand Theft Auto (with scooters)

Monday 10 AM in Hall A

#### Future Doctor Whos

Panelists name the last five British white male heterosexual actors who have not already appeared on the show and so are eligible.

Sunday 11 AM in the Tardis on the Exhibit Floor (Hall A).

#### Why Aren't More People Reading

Panelists will confiscate all cell phones, videogames, tablets (except e-readers) and other devices.

Monday noon in CC102.

#### WSFS Mark Protection Committee

Committee will wrap Mark Olson in bubble wrap to protect him.

Monday 1 PM in CC004

### CHANGED ITEMS

All panels in 008B will be moved to sub-basement 0.05 because it is even further away & harder to find.

## Sight Selection

The choice of what sight Worldcon 2015 attendees would see through their hotel/convention center windows, was a hard-fought battle among Hellstinky, Spokant, and that Legolas actor. Hellstinky boasted about being the capital of Norway, Spokant countered that Washington DC is the capital of a larger country. Mr. Bloom said that he represented the Pirates of the Carribean. Voting was done Texas style, excluding everyone who eats BBQ Memphis style or puts beans in their chili. After much debate, voters chose a write-in, the planet Risa in the Star Trek Universe.

The Spokane Worldcon, Sasquatch 2, is advertising, "Camp out in the beautiful wilderness of the Pacific Northwest. Furrries welcome; shotguns and bear traps optional."

## Houston 2015 NASFic

Houston reopened its bid for the 2015 NASFic since Spokane is like a foreign country anyway.

## Texas Rangers Raid Worldcon

At 10am, Saturday, Worldcon was disrupted by a busload of Texas Rangers. It seems Worldcon had violated several local ordinances against critical thinking, teaching evolution, and holding pagan rituals and dances. Fortunately, an alliance of the Brotherhood without Banners, the Dorsai Irregulars, and the Capclave dodos, supplied with black powder & alcohol by Leslie Fish, kept them at bay. They were finally kicked out for violating the con's no weapon policy when they refused to be peacebonded.

## SFWA Enacts PC Police

Due to recent controversies SFWA has established several new policies. The covers to the SFWA Bulletin will now just be a solid color with a list of contents. All SFWA members will have to sign a ~~loyalty oath~~ non-offensive pledge. And the vote of any three authors can kick a fourth one out. All SFWA meetings must now follow Grandma's dinner table rules – no talking about sex, religion, politics, or body parts.

## Halderman Outs Spinrad as Artificial

On Friday, popular writer Joe Halderman denounced GoH Norman Spinrad as an artificial being. "He's as fake as a can of beans," Halderman said, knocking off Spinrad's faceplate and exposing the wiring.

The Spinrad entity denounced science fiction as failing to recognize the reality that artificial beings like him will destroy everything and end the universe. "So much for your glorious future," he said. "You will now follow this iron's dream."

## Brin Calls For Smarter Voters

In his reading, David Brin said his novel *Existence* was too intellectual to be understood by Worldcon voters. "Do you see it on the Hugo ballot?" He proposed a plan, Project Uplift, to raise the intelligence of humans by implanting brain matter from dolphins and chimpanzees.

## Newsletter Staff Dumb Too

The newsletter staff apologizes for prematurely firing off the Hugo issue to Facebook. We did not know the computer was loaded. P.S. Congrats to write-in *Star Trek: Into Darkness*.