

THE HASSLE RUN

"Official" Hoaxzine

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Making Up the News in Less Than 12 Parsecs. This is Not the Newsletter You're Looking For

Real Hugo Results

Typos and misprints afflicted our last issue with the Hugo results. We accidently printed last year's Hugo results for the best editor, best semiprozine, and best fan writer as well as the 1999 result for best pro artist. Here are the corrected results.

Best Novel: *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Firewater*. Harry Potter learns that England's drinking age is substantially lower than that of the U.S.

Best Novella: "The Ultimate *Earth-2*" Jack Williamson's tie-in story to the TV hit.

Best Novelette: "Millennium Beanie Babies" *F&SF* editor launches first series of SF stories on the back of toy packages.

Best Short Story: "Different Kids of Darthness" about kid dark lords of the Sith.

Best Related Book: *Beatings from Earth: The Brutal Art of Bob Eggleton* about violence done to the long-haired in the 60s.

Best Dramatic Presentation: *Crouching Hamster, Hidden Lemming* the all-rodent martial arts fantasy film.

Best Professional Editor: Mike Nelson (awarded posthumously to his headless corpse)

Best Professional Artist: Egg Bobbleton's hair

Best Semiprozine: *Locust* edited by Snoopy

Best Fanzine: *File 666* edited by Fake Liar

Best Fan Writer: Dave Bowman

Best Fan Artist: Teddy Bear Hardware

John W. Cambell Award: Kristine "E.E Doc Cordwainer Joseph Wooden Leg Named" Smith

Worldcon Final Count

The Millennium Philcon committee apologizes for not having official attendance figures. The publications division manager was supposed to count the numbers. He promises to have them for the final issue of the ConJose daily newsletter.

Number of live bodies on site: Oodles
Number of headless bodies on site: 1

Party Reviews

Once again the best party of the Worldcon was that of the Masquerade Judges. In their luxuriously furnished suite with a beautiful view of Philly, well-supplied with the finest Champagnes, the Judges nibbled on caviar, dined on prime London Broil, perfectly-prepared *potatoes au gratin*, and petite vegetables. No wonder the judges didn't want to leave the judging room.

At the Charlotte party, organizer Lanze Oszko announced the formation of the SONiC (Southern National Convention in Country) bid for 2005.

Restaurant Reviews

For early morning breakfasts on Sunday or Monday nothing beats Dunkin Donuts (perhaps because nothing else is open.) The place is loaded with atmosphere, some of which was actually breathable oxygen. Eggs can be nuked using 600 watts of power and dumped on your choice of roll disguised as bagel, roll disguised as muffin, or roll disguised as croissant. The prices are reasonable as donuts with extra calories from chocolate coatings and gooey cream fillings cost the same as the plain ones.

Bidding War

The announcement at the WSFS business meeting that Minneapolis in '73 had finally won a Worldcon bid, albeit for 2004, stunned everyone present, including the people making the announcement. They immediately vanished behind a closed door for a quick meeting, retracted the original announcement, and then declared Boston the winner.

Minneapolis immediately demanded a recount, but the Worldcon committee ruled all votes from Florida invalid. "Their votes don't count for President so why should they count for Worldcon?" said Chad Jaffee. The U.S. Supreme Court will rule on the matter shortly.

Lost and Found

Missing: One head of Newsletter editor Mike Nelson. Please return to the Newsletter office.

Schedule Changes

All Monday afternoon panels have been moved to the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society's building across the street from the Marriott, under the giant glowing red letters saying PSFS.

Panels Added

Breaking In -- It's Illegal. 2pm (PSFS 231) Rackspace Hogg and other writers explain that the SF field is already full and there is no room for any new authors. Sorry.

Worldbuilding 107: Resting Once You're Done 2pm (PSFS 862). How to rest after creating the world, land, water, animals, and your intelligent species. The panel will discuss resting tips, proper length of naps, and debate couch potato versus bedrest.

Why Can't They Be Like We Were? 3pm (PSFS 671) A bunch of old fogies will discuss why science fiction hasn't been any good since whatever year they were 12.

Anime Panel: Pokemon versus Disney: Who'd Win? 3pm (PSFS 497) Anime experts analyze the powers of Nintendo's Pokemon versus the abilities of Disney's characters and predict the results of battles like Pikachu versus Pinnocchio.

Buffy's Dead: Get Over It. 4pm (PSFS 384) Professional grief counselors will help fans adjust to the tragic death of Buffy and accept the fact that she's gone and really won't ever be coming back. The similar panel for *Voyager* was cancelled when the counselors determined that what they thought was an Irish wake really was a celebration that the show's gone.

Equal Time for the Other Franklins. 4pm (PSFS 639). Satisfying the multicultural requirement, Ben Franklin's wife and slaves explain how Franklin was really just the front man for a vast enterprise of right-deprived women, slaves, and Indians. They explain how they tricked the whole country into thinking Franklin wasn't a committee even though no one person ever could have done all of the stuff credited to Franklin.

What Is The Sound of One Hand Filking?

After several noise complaints, the filkers were asked to find a way to keep the noise down. They resorted to performing all of their songs in American Sign Language. However, "Banned from Argo" was still banned from the room, as it was determined that the sign for "p'on farr" looks too much like an obscenity aimed at Leslie Fish.

Volunteer Raffle Results

The following people have won volunteers in yesterday's raffle: Benjamin Franklin, Dr. Susan Calvin, and Dave Bowman. Please be sure to pick up your volunteers in the Gopher Lounge before the end of the convention.

Top Curmudgeon Acclaimed!

Mark Olson Concedes Gracefully

An important and frequently contentious item of business was resolved amicably at the WSFS Business Meeting on Saturday when Mark Olson publicly conceded that Kent Bloom was more curmudgeonly than he. John Pomerantz opined that Bloom was probably more curmudgeonly than anyone else at the meeting. Someone shouted a second and the motion was carried by acclamation. Bruce Pelz, former holder of the title, could not be reached for comment.

Look for the Union Label

Following a complaint by local unions that all staff jobs at Millennium Philcon, from Chairman and Treasurer to Gopher, were being done by non-union, unpaid volunteers, there have been changes in the Mil Phil's personnel set-up. All staff positions at the convention are now being filled by Teamsters. Former MilPhil chairman Todd Dashoff's kneecaps are expected to heal by November.

How To Win A Hugo?

A group of artists were seen in the ASFA suite practicing tossing their hair. When asked about this, one of the hair-tossers, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that after Bob Eggleton's two-Hugo victory, they determined that the secret to his success was linked to his hair.

Translator for Fans and Church of Christ Attendees

It has come to our attention that SF fans have a lot in common with the other people sharing the convention center with us. Here is a handy translator:

CC Members

Hi, can we talk to you about Jesus?
We are here to talk about The Book.
The holy trinity.
God
Jesus Saves
Chants and Hymns
Talk about the Transcendent and Beyond
What Would Jesus Do?
Save your souls.
Those who don't believe will go to Hell

Fans

Hi, do you watch *Farscape*? Isn't it the coolest?
We are here to talk about lots of books
Asimov, Clarke, and Heinlein
Ghod
Cthulu Saves; He Might Be Hungry Later
Filk
Talk about transcending and going beyond
What Would Cthulu Do?
Save back issues.
Those who don't read live in Mundania

Fee or Flee

The Pennsylvania Department of Commerce has imposed a mandatory convention attendance license free of \$200 on all Millennium Philcon-goers. "We've known about this fee for months," admitted the convention treasurer. "But if we told attendees, they might not have come." The fee will be collected at the end of Closing Ceremonies. Those who refuse to pay will be required to live in Philadelphia.

Dealer Revolt

Yelling "Proclaim liberty throughout the land!" and "No taxation without representation!" MilPhil dealers marched on Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell to protest having to pay fees and taxes to Pennsylvania. Fortunately, no one was hurt save for a short "Philadelphia lawyer" trying to bar the way, whose last words were, "I tried to warn them. I tried to warn them all."

Newsletter Editor NOT identified by Dental Records

The headless corpse found tucked behind a bale of old newsletters was tentatively identified as former *Kessel Run* editor-in-chief, Mike "Ichabod Crane" Nelson. The reason for his decapitation is unknown at this time, but a number of people are being questioned as to why buttons with the message "Bring me the head of Mike Nelson" have been showing up around the convention. The police have reportedly found no leads at this time. Union workers have been called to move the body.

Newszine Title Revealed

The Kessel Run was not really named for the scene in *Star Wars* when Han Solo bragged about the speed of his ship. It is instead named for John Kessel, the SF writer and health nut, because it brings good news from outer space.

Aruba in '04 Worldcon Bid Files Protest

Aruba Worldcon bid committee chairman Dark Maul has demanded that the MilPhil committee fire daily newsletter editor-in-chief Mike "Don't Call Me Chief" Nelson for publishing the party reviews written by his evil minions, Tom Servo and Crow. Bid chair Dark exclaimed, "We have been throwing our bid parties for years and those people have never mentioned us in any of their reviews. We place full blame on Mike Nelson and his staff for our poor showing in the 2004 Worldcon Site Selection voting!" The Aruba committee has demanded a vote recount and has started a button campaign to show their dissatisfaction. Support their protest and wear this button:



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