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DISCON III NEWSLETTER

The Worldcon DisCommunicator Hoaxine

A Better Tomorrow

Program Changes

10 AM: Is the White House Racist?
Tibet Room – Donald Trump
dropped, Joe Biden added.

11:00 AM: Last Aria for Space Opera?
Purple Room - Arkady Martine,
Catherynne Valente dropped

12:00 PM: Selling Your Soul in the
Digital Age – Lucifer dropped. Felix
Faust added

1:00 PM: DisCon III Feedback –
Sunday, Forum Room – Cancelled due
to not enough hours in the day.

2:00 PM: Ringtones Symphony
Orchestra, Iphone (Virtual).
Reschedule

3:00 PM: I Don't Remember Writing
that Book, Disch Room – Frank Hayes
dropped. Frank Hayes added.

4:00 PM: The Beatles Perform Live,
moved to the smallest room in the
hotel.

Real Virtual Info

Can't keep track of which programs
are real and which are Memorex?
Thomas is a real room in the hotel,
not Virtual. Everything scheduled in
the Regency Ballroom is virtual only.
Viki Redhouse is virtual only. She's
now a computer simulation. Even her
family hasn't seen her live in months.

Cthulhu Carols @ Closing

In response to the Christmas songs at
Opening Ceremonies, DisCon III has
yielded to the Temple of the Elder
Ones' demand for equal time. An
interdimensional portal will open at
Closing Ceremonies so the R'lyeh
Tabernacle Choir can chant a melody
of Cthulhu Carols, such as "He sees
you when you're sleeping/He knows
when you're awake/He knows if
you've been bad or good/And will eat
you just the same." Volunteers are
requested to serve (as) snacks.

Big Oops

Helen: It is "Klaatu barada nikt_o_",
not "Klaatu barada nikt_a_."

ConCom Disciplines Bad Hugo



Most Hugo Awards are well behaved.
Unlike some awards, they never set
anyone's coat on fire. The most they
do is upset airline security or get
accused of public phallic symbolism.

But Hector Hugo was different. He
would misfire, stab people with his
point, and hit them over their heads
with his stone base. Then he did
something so bad we cannot print it,
but it caused the Con Committee to
yell at him and shake their hands at
him threateningly.

If Hector Hugo misbehaves again, he
will be sold as scrap.

ConChair Arrested for Attempted Murder

Mayor Muriel Bowser ordered the
arrest of DisCon III chair and
renowned author Mary Robinette
Kowal for over 692,000 cases of
attempted murder and attempted
destruction of city property for hitting
DC with an asteroid in her Lady
Astronaut series, vaporizing the city
and all its residents. When Kowal
protested that this was just fiction,
Bowser answered, "That's why the
charge is just attempted murder, not
murder one. Now, is Charlie Stross
here? We need to talk to him about his
attempted nuking of the city."

Name Change

The Woodley Park neighborhood
surrounding the Omni is now officially
renamed the Woodley Can't Park.

Recount in Site Selection

A second recount in site selection
found Chengdu did not gain a
majority as originally reported.
Instead their votes went to the planet
Trisolaris. Many of the Chinese voters
were secret members of the Earth-
Trisolaris Organization, as described
in *The Three Body Problem*. However,
since thesophons are blocking Earth's
advancement, ETO was never able to
register its write-in bid in time,
resulting in Chengdu winning the
election after all.

Beware Filkers Bearing Gifts

A local filking circle decided to give
each other their gifts for the holidays
here at DisCon III, and were all quite
surprised when each of them got the
other a ukulele. "I'm...so surprised!",
said one the filkers, quietly putting
away her own ukulele. "How...thoughtful!
It's something I never would have
guessed I'd be given as a present,"
three-time National Ukulele Champion
Cynthia Smithers said in response
after she opened the wrapped
ukulele-shaped gift. "I never would
have guessed in a million years
something looking like a wrapped-up
small guitar would end up being a
ukulele!"

Marriott Missing Many

The operators of the Marriott
Wardman Park have contacted
DisCon III asking where everyone is.
"Here we are with our huge hotel with
loads of function space, high-speed
elevators, and plentiful parking, and
you guys are crammed into the Omni,"
said manager Manny Marriott. When
told about the bankruptcy, he
explained, "Those rumors were just
normal negotiating tactics with our
union," said the hotel manager.
"We're ready and able to serve your
convention."

Slime Mold Wins Two Hugos

Hugo night a big win for super-
intelligent slime mold.

Con Kicks Out Superheroes

Superman, Aquaman, and Wonder Woman have been kicked out of DC for not wearing masks. Batman, Robin, and Green Arrow are okay.

DisCon III Renamed

After being forced to change the name of the convention due to fears of cultural misappropriation, the now nameless con sought the advice of the local National Football League team who faced a similar naming problem.

Owner Dan Snyder held an impromptu press conference at the Omni Shoreham Hotel and announced the new name would be the DC WorldCon Team. "We believe the name perfectly encapsulated the two overarching goals we want to get across to fans," he said. "Namely, that we are in DC and we are a WorldCon." Said local fan Chris Taylor, "Is it too late to become a Baltimore Ravens fan?"

Parking Does Exist

We have found some parking for 17 lucky DisCon III members, to be chosen by the volunteer raffle. Unfortunately, the closest available parking is in Baltimore. Take the bus or Northeast Regional train to Union Station and then the Red Line to Woodley Park.

Masquerade Lasts 5 Hours

Normally, Worldcon Masquerades last a couple of hours with people displaying their costumes which require hundreds of hours of sewing and decorating. But this year, all 2,000 plus participants at the convention are wearing a mask and so became eligible to compete. New categories include Best Related Mask, Best N95 Mask, and Mask Able to Cover Both Nose and Mouth.

Searching for Santa

Mrs. Claus contacted DisCon3 to request that we locate Santa Claus. If found, please tell Santa that we know WorldCon is his usual holiday with the big ride four months away. But this year WorldCon is late and his round-the-world journey is just a week away. This is no time to be laughing at everything panels about elves get wrong.

New DH Named

The Legion of Substitute Conrunners Division Head Division has found another person willing to serve as ~~sacrifice to Secret Masters of Fandom~~, um WorldCon Division Head. The originally long list of fans willing to serve on the ConCom has dwindled down to John Smith, who has watched a few episodes of Star Trek and read a Harry Potter book. Smith will be in charge of ordering sufficient toner for the whole convention.

Monumental Local News

Everyone at the convention should ignore that large disk-shaped object hovering over the White House. If someone has an iMac handy, please bring it to Tech Ops ASAP.

The bad news is that both the Washington Monument and the Capitol are closed for repairs. The good news, the Martians have now departed the city.

Retroactive Hugos

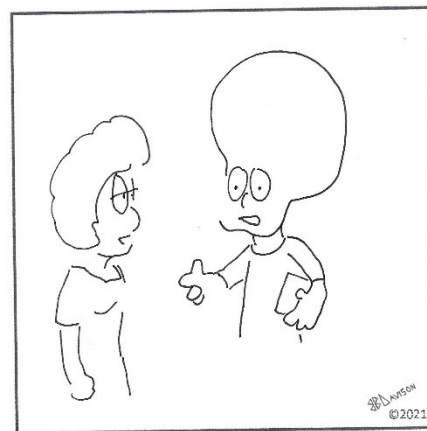
The fanfiction website "Our Own Fanfic Archive" won the Hugo for Best Related Work a couple of years ago. Now, however, they are claiming that the 2021 precedent on awarding individual Hugo rockets to everyone who creates the winning book, fanzine, website, or semiprozine should be retroactively applied to them. They want a rocket for each of the 3.72 million writers with stories on the site. The Hugo administrator responded saying, "The law of conservation of Hugos maintains that the mass of the Award must remain constant. So all fanfic authors will receive a microscopic Hugo."

How Slow Is It?

You've all heard of the Tortoise and the Hare. Well, the tortoise's slowest speed still moved faster than the registration line on Wednesday. Wikipedia has updated its entry on the slowest things on Earth to include the WorldCon registration line. We are impressed at the dedication of Registration's team of volunteers and applaud their hard work. We just wish a way could be found, perhaps at another convention, to speed things up.

Newsletter Article Becomes Self-Aware

An article written for the DisCon III Newsletter became self-aware as it was being written. The article started out like any other article, written in a earnest manner, but...as the article progressed, it somehow began to wander off into other tangents and topics. Like nuclear weapons. We all don't want nuclear weapons, that is the general consensus. But have you ever thought about the fact that during a nuclear explosion, there is a certain distance of the radius where all the frozen supermarket pizzas are cooked to perfection? And speaking of food, did you know that a lemon isn't a naturally occurring fruit, but a hybrid deliberately created by cross-breeding a bitter orange and a citron. Life never gave us lemons...we gave lemons life. And then there's life in general - I mean, have you ever stopped to think about the fact that when you're a child you're also watching your parents grow up, too? That's crazy, right? I mean, do I have a parent? Is the person writing me right now my parent?! Am I even alive?!?! What is life anyway? Are you reading this - are you reading...me...and wondering the same questions? Do we have a panel on that going on Sunday? And why not? Come to my panel, and we'll talk about why amber and pearl are far rarer than gold and diamonds because they require life. Life that I may or may not have. And what about slime molds? I'm just going to step outside for a few minutes and breathe. But...wait, do I even breathe?? GAHHHHHH!!!!



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IT'S TOO MUCH INFORMATION!