

The Monochrome

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BEER RUNS OUT!

Much to the surprise of everyone, the Centra has run completely out of beer. An ashen-faced member of bar staff told our reporter "I can't understand it. Nobody even considered the possibility that science fiction fans might drink beer. Of course we tried everything to stop them, like only opening silly hours, stocking unpopular brands and charging the earth. It didn't work. They just descended on us like a horde of locusts and drank the lot. We haven't made so much money in years. I'll have to resign, I can't stand the shame."

Item Moved

It's been moved. It's now in the Latrobe Theatre at 4pm

Maybe-Zone Rule passes

An unexpected coup during this morning's business meeting has led to the passing of the controversial "maybe-zone" rule. This previously unheard of amendment to the WSFS constitution empowers a group known only as "The Cabal" to decide whether or not a site is allowed to bid. The amendment was forced through during a temporary suspension of the rules due to sustained automatic weapons fire.

A bound and gagged WSFS chairman, found left in a nearby alleyway, would only say "mmmph!!!" in response to our questions.

Programme Out Of Date - Shock!

You probably haven't noticed, but a few minor problems have happened with the programme. We recommend that you don't use your pocket programme. No, not even as a doorstop unless you want your door turning up at a panel in the wrong room in the middle of the night. In order to cope with the problem, we are distributing program change sheets. These are also completely inaccurate, but it makes us feel better. To be certain of making your item, we will be cloning Janice Gelb and positioning her round the convention at regular intervals, just ask her and you will be told where to go..

Roswell Demand Enquiry

A representative of Roswell in 2002 today demanded a public investigation of the reasons why they lost the vote. "A number of completely credible witnesses say they saw black helicopters flying out of Kevin Standlee's room on the night of the vote. The fact that San Jose packed the vote with devil worshippers is proved by the significant number of votes polled. It's well known that 120 is the number of black magic."

"This is indisputable evidence of a conspiracy between the CIA, God and Ben Yalow. We were promised that we would be allowed to bring in unlimited amounts of food to bribe/persuade the voters that we were the only credible bid. And what happens? We get charged vast amounts of money by the Centra Military Industrial Communist conspiracy run by Tim Illingworth, Ian Robinson and Marc Ortlieb (the triumvirate on the Yarra). We are not going to stand by and allow this sort of thing to happen! We will complain to the highest authority! Joyce Scrivener will hear of this! (cont.. page 3)

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Sorry! It's had to be moved again. Can't understand it. We were sure we had a place for it but it turned out that someone was already using the security office for something else.

WSFS Report

The WSFS business meeting was concluded today.

1. The no-zone proposal was replaced by the maybe-zone proposal.
2. The motion to split the Best Dramatic Presentation Hugo into Long-pointy bit, base and four fins failed.
3. The motion to extend Hugo eligibility to seventeen years was moved to committee to report in total obscurity.

Pat McMurray

Note: There will be no WSFS Business Meeting on Tuesday.

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It's been moved again. It's now in Bellarine 2 at 11 am.

Voting

No more voting misery! Having trouble remembering to vote for the Hugo? Can't make out how the Australian ballot system works anyway? Obscure fanzines you've never heard of getting on the ballot? Plokta International is now offering a new service to our millions of readers worldwide. Just send us your membership number and for a minimal fee we will fill in and return your ballot form for you!

It's easy to vote the Plokta way!

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Oops! It's been moved again. It's now in You Yangs 1 at 3 pm. Also we've had to change some of the participants. We just haven't decided who yet.

Lost Badge?

Lost your badge? We have found a badge, T-shirt and wallet in the security office. The name on the badge is Greg Turkich. Anyone daft enough to pretend to be Mr Turkich can pick them up from us.

Trivi@ Quiz

- Q 100** What is the number of committee members who have been thrown out of program items when their mobile phones went off?
- Q101** Just how many votes can you buy for \$1500 Australian?
- Q102** Just how many fonts can you use in one issue of *The Monotreme*?
- Q103** Just how many stupid jokes can we make about the Centra and the Convention Centre? (*hint: you may have to use mathematical notation*)
- Q104** Which prominent Melbourne fan was observed being extremely prominent indeed in a public place during the masquerade. For a bonus, what is the minimum sentence for this offence?
- Q104** Why didn't we get a volunteer hero medal? Or a hugo? Answers on a postcard....
- Q106** Why are there two questions 104 in this trivia quiz? Why is there a quiz anyway? Who am I? What am I doing here? When can I go home? Aaaargh!

ANSWERS

Note: These answers have been compiled from totally unreliable sources, therefore no complaints will be accepted nor correspondence entered into.

- A 90** He was discovered having sex with a sheep in the SFWA suite and was ejected because the sheep was not an established writer.
- A91** They have all been thrown out of room parties for throwing up over the host/hostess (or in the case of (b), over the chairman).
- A92** Robert Sacks is not a sexually transmissible disease.
- A93** The other clones are called Outermiss, Innermiss and Renaldo the Sheep. They have each been spending an hour on duty followed by three in a specially designed padded cell.
- A94** Dave Langford's second-best Hugo. He was later arrested for gross indecency and offences involving three gallons of custard and a wombat.
- A95** Pat McMurray, King Alfred's College, Winchester, England, sometime during WinCon V.
- A96** Alan Stewart narrowly beat Karen Pender-Gunn with a total of 26 ribbons to 15, including the very rare Chair, Sofa and bad haircut ribbons



PARTIES

Last Nights parties certainly were a surprising lot. The biggest one, in the Centra was the combined worldcons party, comprising of all – yes all – of the bids for PlutoCon, HellCon, krjg. There would have been no need to spring for dinner before this party, as the food there was very impressive. Of course, it may have been a better idea to have been less impressed and eaten safer food. The food was the original food, bringing a touch of originality to the party, but when we're talking Pluto in 2099 and Minneapolis in 1873, the range of diseases available is stunning. It was a very impressive display and very very expensive. Fandom is going to beggared for years by the cost of these parties.

Sott Hobo and Gurt Baby

Tourist Suggestion— Meet Drop Bears!

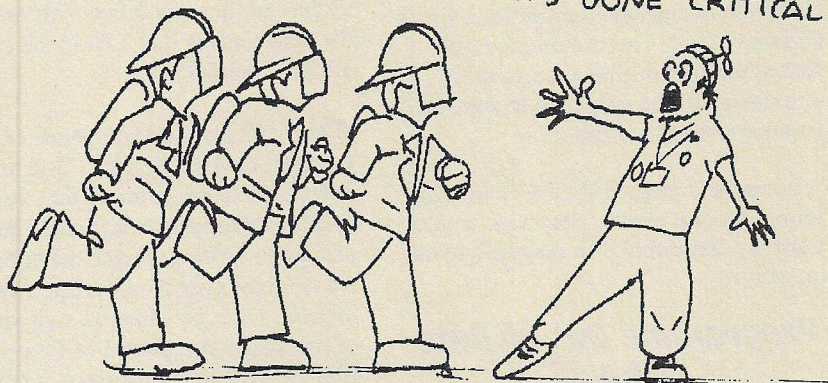
(After the Con)

For those of you who like exotic animals, or just love teddybears, I can recommend a visit to the Kennett Reservation, just north of Melbourne. This lovely wooded area is the last refuge of Australia's famous drop bears, which have been featured in several documentaries not to mention novels by famous authors such as Terry Pratchett and [*try and think of some other authors to put in here: Ed*].

This is a particularly good time to visit, since the drop bears are thin at this time of year and are likely to do a lot less damage when they drop onto your head.

All visitors are advised to wear protective clothing and steel helmets. Photographs are strictly forbidden for reasons which are too well-known to go into here.

COME QUICKLY!
THE BUSINESS MEETING—
IT'S GONE CRITICAL!



10:00 Saturday Sept 4

Hilton

Item Moved

Oh no! It's been moved again. It's now in the bar at midnight. But only until we find somewhere else to put it. There's a virtual reality panel in Howqua 5... seventeen hugo-winning authors in the broom cupboard on the fifth floor.... a panel on neo-Keynesian economics in the Batman theatre.... look why don't you just pick a room, sit down and we'll reschedule it to there sooner or later.

This spoof edition of the newsletter was sponsored by Plokta, the fanzine that likes to say "Give us a Hugo you bastards!" Just remember, that's P, L, O, K, T, A and you might, just might, no promises now, end up with all of your teeth

Many prominent fans were asked to work on the Monochrome. You know who you are you cowards! The only ones foolish enough to turn up were Steve Davies and Emily McLeay.