

Random Notes

We would like to apologize for the following mistakes in the last issue:

- George R.R. Martin was misnamed as Connie Willis in his photo.
- The Royal Shakespeare Company, featuring Patrick Stewart and David Tennant, will not be performing *Romeo and Jules* at Chicon 7. It would have featured Tennant as Romeo and John Barrowman as Jules.
- David A. Kyle's first Worldcon was incorrectly stated to have been in 2009.
- Robert Silverberg's first Worldcon was incorrectly stated to have been in 6000 B.C.
- The animal in question was an armadillo, not a moose

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Credits



The Chicago Way? How Much For A Hugo?

Toastmaster John Scalzi Caught Paying Off

Chicon 7 Chair Dave McCarty

In an exclusive photo by *The Wrong Stuff* shutterbug Peter Parker, Chicon 7 Toastmaster John Scalzi was caught passing a wad of \$100 bills to Chicon 7 Chair Dave McCarty.

It is unknown if this was a final payment for being named Toastmaster, an appointment many had questioned given Scalzi's relative lack of Worldcon experience (his first Worldcon was only 9 years ago!).

An alternate theory is that the money was payment to insure that Scalzi wins the Best Short Story Hugo Award, for which he is nominated. Notice that McCarty is holding a Hugo, perhaps to be given as a token to seal the agreement.

To his credit, McCarty does not appear to be personally financially gaining from this. However, there have been several recent large deposits to the

Chicon 7 bank account, leading this reporter to wonder first, just how much George R.R. Martin would spend from his Hollywood funded, Scrooge McDuck inspired, money bin to win "The Big One," as he has termed the Best Novel Hugo.

Second, there is the question as to whether McCarty is an honest politician who stays bought, or if he could be swayed by greater amounts of money from other nominees in a category.

Spider-Man: Threat or Menace?

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Gophers Needed



All volunteers and potential volunteers should report to the Lido Deck as soon as possible.

Programming Update

The Stagg Field room has been irradiated. For the next two hours, its items will move to Meigs Field.

For Your Consideration

Since video of it was posted onto YouTube, this year's WSFS Business Meeting is eligible for next year's Best Dramatic Presentation Long Form Hugo.

"I have Marshall McLuhan right here..."

During Trivia for Chocolate, in the category "We name a fictional restaurant, you tell us the author who created it", the clue "Harry's All-Night Hamburgers" was given. The first reply was "Me", made by Harry's creator Lawrence Watt-Evans.

Hugo Ballot Scandal!!!

[No, Not the One on the Previous Page, A New One!]

The Wrong Stuff has learned that the three *Doctor Who* episodes on this year's Hugo ballot are not the episodes that received the most nominations.

An anonymous Hugo Administrator told us "Hey, we figured it'd have to be the Gaiman episode, a Moffat episode, and one with two Amy Ponds. So we didn't look at the ballots too closely".

The actual episodes making the ballot were *The Curse of the Black Spot*, *Night Terrors*, and, oddly enough, "all the mentions of Inspector SpaceTime on *Community*".

Votes for *The Doctor's Wife* will go to *Curse*, those for *A Good Man Goes To War* to *Terrors*, and those for *The Girl Who Waited* to Inspector SpaceTime.

"Does it really make a difference? We all know the *Who* fans only vote for the *Who* episodes, and then it's random which one wins. They're all pretty much the same; it's about a guy with a long scarf and flying telephone box who fights exterminators, right?"

Barkley To Propose Young Child Hugo Category

In an exclusive interview with *The Wrong Stuff*, Chris Barkley, the proposer of this year's Young Adult Hugo category, revealed that next year he wants to get the Hugos to appeal to an even younger audience by proposing a Best Young Child category for SF and fantasy books that appeal to the toddler set.

"It's important that we get really young kids involved in fandom, and the best way to do that is to give them a Hugo category that can be their sandbox," said Barkley.

To work around the argument that categories such as "Young Adult" or "Young Child" are too ill-defined, Barkley may retile his proposal to be the Best Board Book Award.

Peter Sagal Update Update Update

[Now With 40% Less Moose]

[But 100% More Flying Squirrel!]

Peter Sagal will not only be attending the remainder of Chicon 7, but he has been placed on every remaining program item. If he can be caught, *The Wrong Stuff's* staff plans to surgically attach moose antlers to his head.

Gale Crater Announces For 2015

Gale Crater, Mars, has thrown its hat into the ring for the 2015 Worldcon, with the Curiosity rover as bid chair. Curiosity was quoted as saying "I have a rock disintegrating laser and am nuclear powered; who can stop me? Besides, it's winnable.."