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Sunday Afternoon
September 2, 2001

Noreascon 4 to be the 2004 Worldcon

The exact voting results for the 2004 Worldcon Site Selection are shown below.

| | Mail-In | THURS | FRI | SAT | Total |
|----------------------------|---------|-------|-----|-----|-------|
| Invalid | 12 | | | | |
| Boston MA | 264 | 170 | 307 | 455 | 1,196 |
| Charlotte NC | 151 | 72 | 223 | 386 | 832 |
| No Preference | 9 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 30 |
| None of the Above | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| Rottnest Island | 1 | 1 | | | 2 |
| Minneapolis in '73 | 1 | | | 1 | 2 |
| Aruba | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Illegible | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Niew Amsterdam | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Blank | | | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Hogsmead | | | | 1 | 1 |
| New York City, NY | | | | 2 | 2 |
| 95 in 95 | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Total w/ Preference | 419 | 245 | 535 | 849 | 2,048 |
| Grand Total | 440 | 248 | 540 | 866 | 2,094 |

The 62nd Worldcon will be Noreascon 4, to be held Sept 2-6, 2004, in Boston MA. The chair is Deb Geisler. Boston won the Site Selection by 364 votes over Charlotte NC.

Departing slightly from tradition, apparently, the Guests of Honor at Noreascon 4 will be split between Pros and Fans. The Pro Guests of Honor will be Terry Pratchett, creator of the *Discworld* series of novels, and Philip Klass, bka William Tenn, the great satirical short story writer. (This is a much-deserved honor for Mr. Klass, who is a gentleman of true class, and one that he should have enjoyed years ago.) The Fan Guests of Honor are Jack Speer, "fandom's first historian and prophet of Foo," and Peter Weston, a UK fan and rocketmaker.

The site for Noreascon 4 will be the Hynes Convention Center in downtown Boston, with the main hotels being the Sheraton Copley Place and Sheraton Boston. Other hotels will also have rooms blocked. Even though the convention

organizers were proud to announce at the Sunday WSFS business meeting that they had actually signed contracts with the two main hotels immediately following recognition of their victory the previous night, fans will be not able to reserve rooms at either hotel until at least late 2003.

Fans who presupported Boston and voted in the site selection may convert their supporting membership to a full attending membership for an additional fee of \$50. Fans who voted but did not presupport may convert for \$60. Fans who voted and were Friends of the bid automatically convert. Presupporters who did not vote may join for \$90. A nonsupporter/nonvoter may join for \$100. A supporting membership for anyone who did not vote is \$35, regardless of whether or not you presupported. There are other membership prices for children. These prices are guaranteed through the end of 2001. Following the very popular policy of ConJose,

Amazing News!
Con Suite to be Closed for Cleaning!
In an astounding break from convention conventions, the Con Suite will actually be cleaned this afternoon from 5-6pm.

Regency Dance



Sartorially resplendent, John Hertz conducted yet another astoundingly successful Regency Ball this Saturday afternoon. Emulating the titled and unhurried leisure class of the early 19th century, we (more or less) gracefully passed the afternoon with dancing and conversation.

Noreascon 4 will also have an "installment" plan to pay for a full attending membership in more economically manageable chunks, instead of having to pay the full nut at once. They will also have an Internet payment option available soon, taking Visa, MasterCard, and American Express.

At Sunday's WSFS business meeting, Deb Geisler paid tribute to Charlotte for running a spirited bid. The only thing worse than losing a Worldcon bid is winning one, and we wish Noreascon 4 good luck!

For more information, go to www.noreascon.org, or write to Noreascon 4 at PO Box 101, Framingham MA 07101, USA; their fax number is 1-617-776-3243; email is info@mcfi.org. Progress Report 1 will be published in Jan. 2002. Art Show and Dealers Room information will be available in late 2002.

Restaurant Reviews

Blue in Green, "Jeweler's Row" between 7th and 8th streets (Jeweler's Row is actually Sansom St.) Great service and lots of room for breakfast. Might be fuller at lunch. Recommend the smoked cheese and mushroom omelette. The restaurant was very welcoming to con folk. About a five-minute taxi ride from the Marriott. (Lisa Padd)

Penang, 117 N. 10th Street. A lively, busy Malaysian restaurant with a frantic open kitchen. The spicy prawn soup was indeed spicy and the fried striped bass was perfect. Everything was freshly made and had wonderful and unusual flavors. Good service. Beer and wine available. Open late. Highly recommended. (Adam Smith)

Friendly Donuts, across 11th from the Hilton, has a succinct selection of cheap sandwiches. It's run by a nice young Indian couple who live up to the store's name. The donuts are also excellent. (Richard S. Russell)

Asian Fusion, 1002 Arch Street. The creative Chinese cook gave us a dish of lemon linguini under Cantonese roast duck. The restaurant handled a food allergy calmly and well. Served a variety of good teas, and the meal ended with the best almond cookies I have ever tasted. Final price was about \$20 per person. (Vicki Rosenzweig)

Staff Den in Marriott 2084. Best gopher food I've ever had. Thanks to Den Mother Sue Kahn for keeping me alive! (Michael Nelson, beleaguered newszine editor)

Monk's Cafe, 264 S. 16th Street. More than 500 beers. Michael "the Beer Hunter" Jackson visits here when he's in town. Amazing selection of Belgian beers. Just a good old fashioned pub - not new or trendy.

Correction: Kabul is at 106 Chestnut near Front Street - not 1060 Chestnut as previously reported. The food is still fabulous! (Eric M. Van)

Alas!

The Reading Terminal Market is CLOSED Sunday and Monday!

SF and MORMONS and CLARION, oh my!

William Shunn will read "Words and Phrases You Must Never Use in Utah", an excerpt from his irreverent memoir *Missionary Man*, on Sunday at 1pm in CC106B.

Gor Help Us!

A supposedly reliable source tells us that information on John Norman's new book, *Witness of Gor*, is available on www.WorldofGor.com. --John Norman

Honesty Among Fans

Merav Hoffman would like to thank the lovely person who found and returned her con badge. There is indeed honesty among fen.

Poe House

The Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site is located at the corner of 7th and Spring Garden. It is open daily from 9am to 5pm and is strongly recommended to Poe fans. --R. Laurraine Tutihasi

Library Needs Books

Need a good home for books you no longer want? Leeds Middle School Library in Philadelphia could use your help. Contact Neil or Rachelle Lerner in the Art Show for more information, or e-mail rblerner@hotmail.com after the convention.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to long-time New Orleans fans Ann Cavitt and Robert Neagle on their marriage on June 30, 2001. Much love and many years from the Porno Patrol.

1950s SF Film

The PSFS homemade short SF film "Longer Than You Think" will be shown on Sunday at 1:15pm in the video room in Marriott 407. Producer Hal Lynch will be on hand to describe the film and answer questions. --Skip Morris

Volunteer Thank You Party!

Volunteer Coordinator Melanie Herz announces that there will be a Volunteer Thank You Party in Marriott 362 (the Gopher Lounge) at 8pm Monday, September 3rd. All volunteers are most welcome to attend.

Labor Day Parade

There have been rumors of a parade. These rumors were confirmed by an ad on TV yesterday. Philadelphia is holding a Labor Day Parade tomorrow (Monday). Benjamin Franklin Parkway will be closed for the parade, which starts at 10am. According to the Marriott Concierge, the side streets will not be closed, and the parade should not affect fen trying to get home from the convention. --Julie Stickler

Physical Laws of the Convention Universe

1. The shortest distance between two programs is locked.
2. The cost of the hotel food is proportional to the distance to the nearest fast food.
3. The Information Booth isn't.
4. Fifteen people trying to get on the elevator will block the ten *in* the elevator from getting out.
5. The three panels you absolutely *must* see are scheduled at the same time.
6. Saturday's schedule changes will be published Sunday morning.
7. Nature fills a vacuum, except when it's an ice machine.
8. Panel audiences of 100 or more will be scheduled in rooms for 30, and audiences of 30 will be scheduled in a theatre for 1000.
9. The panelist who swears he or she doesn't need a microphone will be heard only by the first two rows.
10. Only one panel will stay on topic - and you will not find it.

Overheard at the Con...

In the endlessly winding corridors, "I hope there's cheese at the end of this maze!" --Carolyn Morgan

"I made a bit of a mistake. Apparently the 'his' in 'For His Glory' does not refer to Zeus." --A. Nonny Mouse

In a restaurant, "It's the third brownie that killed me. All right, so maybe a double devil would have done it. Mmmm!" --Jan van 't Ent

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