



TRIPLANETARY GAZETTE

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**Still Friday
Afternoon**

Yes, This is Issue 5b

You people are crazy with the announcements

There is also an Issue 5a! It has program changes, the party list, the business meeting notes, and other important goodies.

Washington SF Association Meeting

D.C., that is. Texas tea. Lobbyists. You know. That one.

A Washington Science Fiction Association short meeting will be held at 9PM in Hynes 109. DC-area fans, non-members, and former members are welcome!

2005 Chesley Suggestions Sought

ASFA is seeking suggestions for next year's Chesley nominees. Please submit artist and title of work to either the ASFA table (outside the Art Show) or suite (Sheraton 1808).

SF Oral History Association Needs Help

The Science Fiction Oral History Association is here at Noreascon actively recording sessions. You can help us. Instructions, release forms, equipment, tapes, and a sign-up schedule are available at the SFOHA fan table across from the exhibit hall main entrance from 9AM to 5PM daily. Please help. When done, return equipment, tapes, and release forms to the SFOHA table. SFOHA members are available at the table from 9-10AM and 1-1:30PM daily.

Friday Noon Raffle Winners

The winners of the Friday, September 3rd Noon Volunteer Raffles are: Dea O'Connor of Deerfield Beach, FL (staff) and Laurellin Wardell of Worcester, MA (gopher). Please stop by the Volunteer Office to pick up your raffle prizes.

Lost: Aluminum Clipboard

Not Shaped Like Flying Saucer; No Robot On Board

Lost: one aluminum clipboard containing photo enlargements, last seen in Room 206. If you have or find it, please return it to the information desk in Hall C.

Lensman Family Values

Doc Smith's family will be visiting the exhibit area (Hall C) on Saturday from 10-10:30AM and 3-3:30PM. They would love to meet and greet Doc Smith fans.

Attention All ASFA Members

Reminder for ASFA members present and future: please update your contact information for this year's directory. Updates can be submitted to either the ASFA suite (Sheraton 1808) or table (at the art show).

First Night

Festooned with glowing bracelets and plastic leis, fans descended upon the concourse for Thursday's First Night festivities, heralded by a fanfare by the Star Chamber. Dancers and gamers, vamps and politicians, Death and Agony Aunts and trolls wandered the halls, and the celebrations promised a weekend of fun.

The trial of Terry Pratchett (for such sins as inflicting Casanunda on Nanny Ogg and failing to stop at a trilogy) elicited shouts of "Guilty!" from onlookers. Though Terry's insanity plea was convincing, he was found guilty and sentenced to write more books – as well as being made a commandant of the Klatchian... er... Klatchian Foreign... er... thingy...

Outside the concourse, three groups of belly dancers undulated to music (one to the "Buffy" theme) and shook their jingling booty. On the other side of the hall, origami flowers unfolded, so to speak, and To Serve Fan tested for hot dog knowledge. Those still reeling from memories of another convention in the area may have suffered flashbacks as delegates stumped for the First Citizen of Fanitopia. The Hugo ring toss drew a crowd, as did the blindfolded sculpting – the results of which included a rather disturbed octopus. The blackjack tables stayed full all night, and therein enthusiasts got to create their own siren songs.

The First Night Times one-shot fanzine was much more successful than expected, coming up with 60 submissions. As a result, the fanzine will be a little late, probably collating sometime tomorrow.

Other events included a demonstration of swordplay (in which the participants threatened to sing if they didn't get any questions), a hugely popular bouncy castle, and Guest of Honor William Tenn's reading of "On Venus Have We Got a Rabbi." Those at the Mended Drum later on could hear Discworld songs over their beverage of choice, including another version of "The Hedgehog Song," and "On Top of the World, Looking Down at a Turtle." The night wound down slowly, with several fans attending a dramatic reading of "The Very Secret Diaries of the Fellowship of the Ring." After a few technical difficulties, the reading took off, and choruses of "Still not King" could be heard down the hall. Late-night Pictionary in the rotunda also ended the evening.

"I'm enormously grateful to all of the performers, clubs, and convention staff who pitched in to make First Night a success," said Leslie Turek, organizer. "Everyone who promised to come, came, and did what they promised to do – and more. Thank you all very much."

Congratulations!

The Greater Pittsburgh Area 1954 club congratulates all Worldcon members who turn 50 this year.

Yokohama Yokohama Yokohama Ichiban!

Cue the pom poms

Yokohama, Yokohama, Yokohama Ichiban!
Yokohama, Yokohama, Yokohama Ichiban!
Yokohama, Ichiban – Nihon-ni ikimasu!
Gaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaan-BATTE!

Further Annotation of Cheap Protein for Proles

Chocolate Rations Increased 20%!

Top of the Hub

At the top of the Prudential Center Tower.

Reviewed by C&J O'Halloran.

We made reservations via the Sheraton Concierge and were seated immediately at a corner table with a view of both river and bay. We were also amazed by the quality and quantity of the food. Crawdaddies (crayfish) tasted like a combination of shrimp and lobster, and both the veal and the pork were wonderful. Although pricey at over \$150 for two it should be well worth your while.

Gyuhama

On Boylston, across the street from Prudential.

Reviewed by 639a.

Close to the con, but very high prices. Humachi was good, but avoid Wakame salad – reconstituted seaweed in overly spicy marinade.

Four House

On Boylston, just across the street from Hynes.

Reviewed by Karen Rothenburger.

When you get tired of the Food Court, try a local favorite. Sandwiches and burgers start at \$3.75 and come with lots of fries.

Bangkok Blue

On Boylston, three blocks down from Hynes.

Reviewed by Jan van't Ent.

Just a short walk away brings you to a Thai restaurant with a great variety of dishes to be enjoyed, from coconut soup to almost-Indonesian dishes (almost, because although good, to the Dutch eye it was rather different from their traditional rijsttafel).

Chili Duck

On Boylston, across the street from Prudential.

Reviewed by Anthony Lewis.

Good Thai food, which they'll spice to your taste; plenty of vegetarian dishes too.

Kashmir

Indian restaurant at Newbury & Gloucester.

Reviewed by David Havelka.

Excellent food and the lunch buffet was great value for money.

Pizzeria Regina

At the north end of Thatcher Street.

Reviewed by Sarah Fairbrother.

We hopped on the T and went to Haymarket. A 3-block walk brought us to a delicious pizza. While the menu is basic, the service is efficient, and the pizza – thin crust, good sauce, nicely cheesy – is delicious.

Ranzen Tibet

Pearl Street, Cambridge; near MIT.

Reviewed by Perrainne Lurie.

Excellent food, great value, helpful wait staff able to accommodate special diets such as vegetarian and gluten-free. Lunch buffet only \$7.50, papadams for \$1. Specially recommended: the Tibetan tea.

India Samraat

On Mass Ave., near intersection with Commonwealth.

Reviewed by Bibi Sandstrom

Coconut soup to die for. Mild and vegetarian – rare to find in coconut soup.

Prairie Star Grill & Bar

111 Dartmouth Street.

Reviewed by Karen Rothenberg.

FYI: For those who will be staying after the con, Prairie Star Grill & Bar is introducing Frugal Mondays. All dinner entrees are \$10 and under. Other daily and weekend specials available.

HI, CUTIE! ICH
BIN EINE ÜBERNERD!
WANNA GET IT ON?



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Equal Time for Buckeyes

At Least They're Good With Peanut Butter

Wahoo wahoo, rip zip bazoo,
I yell I yell for OSU!
Wahoo wahoo, rip zip bazoo,
I yell I yell for OSU!
Goooooooooooo COLUMBUS!

Convention Specials at the Foggy Goggle

The Boston Nightlife Group at the Foggy Goggle (right across from the Hynes at 911 Boylston) has set up some Labor Day weekend deals for fans to take advantage of, including 1/2 off Appetizers and \$35 for two hours unlimited drinking. They are also available to set up and host VIP parties (call 617/424-0200). Open daily from 4PM until 2AM. Flyers will also be available throughout the con.

Last Second Review Theatre

Dick's Last Resort

Prudential Center, 55 Huntington

Reviewed by Mike Nelson

Very loud, and very silly.

Item Found in Filk Ops

An item was left in Filk Ops (Sheraton). This item will be held in Filk Ops until claimed by its owner.

Exhibit Not So Hot, Says Fan

Despite the hype, the *Lord of the Rings* exhibit at the Museum of Science is of marginal interest. The actual objects displayed are splendid, but the captioning sucks lemons. (Example: "Orc short sword. Made by Three Foot Six Productions. Materials: Steel, aluminum, urethane.") Also, the charge for entry, \$19, could buy most of the DVD.

Flying Lobster Rescued

Thanks to Fred of Sheraton Engineering for retrieving my nine-year-old's lobster stuffie after my child tossed it so high it lodged within the big disk-shaped light fixtures in the lobby.

Annoying Fans Want to Know

... why the I Love Australia koala has "Made in China" stamped on its butt.