



# STOAT!

## L.A.CON III



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### Submission (and dominance)

The staff of *STOAT!* is delighted to have so many people worshipping at our feet. We find this (how shall we say it?)....gratifying. Keep it up, or we'll bite your heads off. Peons.....

### Program Changes:

odd: The Time Travel panel will be held yesterday.

bark: We find it important to note that WOOOF will *not* be having a dead-dog collation.

arrgh: The Worldcon New York group will have a meeting if they can find people who really wish to be there. (Note the changed time due to reality checks.)

### Suckers still needed!

To the surprise of absolutely no one, the convention needs more slave labor to take care of the lazy gits who come here expecting to be entertained. If you are interested in working your kiester off for a lousy T-shirt you'll wear three times in your life (once to your wedding), then please stop by and volunteer. (Hey! at least that's a *clean* T-shirt!)

### No Open Flames in Hotels!

Please practice safe Internet..

### Lost

Who, us?

### Green Room/Green Room

All function rooms will now be known as "The Green Room." The committee feels that this will alleviate the confusion caused by the unfortunate nomenclature of specific hotel locations. Additionally, a contest (sponsored by unidentified benefactors) will be held tomorrow to select the shade of green (i.e., kiwi, melon, jolly-giant, forest, olive, motion-sick, kelly, emerald, Nile, ferengi, etc.) by which each new Green

Room will thenceforth be known. We hope this helps. Have a nice day.

### More on Dinosaurs

The old, grey, bearded, doddering fans found wandering lost on the Hilton's 5th floor have been discovered to be the remnants of the Registration line from L.A.con II. They were grateful to be found, and checked in within minutes by L.A.con III's Registration staff.

Apparently no one really *wanted* to have lines this time....

### Bad Signs of Party Signs

Inventive party hosts have been trying to get around the Hilton's *no party notices on walls* rule by nailing (ouch!) party notices on fans who are innocently standing/sitting still around the con. *This must stop.* If you *must* attach party notices to stationary fans, use duct tape. (Or ask politely. You *never* know what some people like....)

### Kudos for the Middle of the Con

L.A.con III's innovative Middle-of-the-Con Ceremony was so well received that future Worldcons are considering dumping Opening and Closing Ceremonies altogether. As one Worldcon chair said, (so there!) "Everyone's too busy at the start of the con, and everyone's too tired at the end. We'll put all the effort into this instead, close down everything, and have this big party for everyone at 3 p.m. Saturday of the con." (Then the committee will go home.)

### Notice from the party tzarita

Anastasia, please phone home.

### Next year

San Antonio has decided that the pocket programs were impressive, but could be made even better. Hoping for underwriting by Bill Gates, the next generation of pocket programs will be in the form of Newtons with wireless modems to facilitate updating.

This will, of course, make newsletters such as these obsolete.

(space for gratuitous art here. You too can win a Chesley....)

### Important Stuff

We figure we can talk about any other stuff we want to down here. We can even use **BIG TYPE** if we want (way cool). Anyway, if you've read this far, you obviously have far too much time on your hands, and hereby agree to help us do our housework this fall

### Secret of Worldcon Running: Communications

Back in the pioneer days of First Fandom, if you needed somebody during the con you only had to walk to the bar to find them. Nowadays, Worldcons spread over multiple hotels and there are too many bars to search. L.A.con III is meeting this communications challenge with radios, cellular phones, and the infamous alphanumeric message beepers. What better way for the committee to instantaneously receive such emergency messages as "Return all cats" -- actually sent yesterday when the office was trying to retrieve all its handcars.

But fans were alerted to be ready for anything on Thursday afternoon when the Dealer's Room PA echoed through Hall A the request, "Will any bagpiper please report to the office." Not too many places you would expect to find a bagpiper in the house.... Not too many you'd want to.

### WSFuss BM

The Business Meeting passed for the first time an amendment for a Best Ribbon Collection Hugo. If ratified next year at LoanStarCon, Bruce Pelz will finally get a Hugo.

