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I have been threatening to do this zine for some time now. The title has its origin in the parts of speech spectrogram that Tom Digby did some issues ago. Apparently nobody has used an article as a Lzine title before. Naturally I saw that someone ought to put out such a zine and that it might as well be me. I conceived the title as a device to discombobulate a classification scheme (an undertaking which I regard as a moral duty for all right thinking beings.) It was only afterwards that I realized that there would be an immense collateral benefit - the title of my zine will appear more frequently in the pages of APA-L than all other zines put together. I concede that the appearances will not be references but still... Considering the amount of egoboo to be garnered I wonder that nobody has thought of this dodge before. You may ask "What egoboo?" but believe me - the dedicated gatherer of egoboo will count every appearance of the name of his zine.

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One of the nice things about Noreascon was that I got a chance to meet a lot of the LASFS members for the first time and get acquainted with them. In fact meeting and getting to know people from LA was the high point of the con for me. Hello everybody!!

One of the things that made it particularly delightful was that I was meeting for the first time a number of people whom I felt I already knew but whom I had never met. (I am a natural gossip sink to begin with and all of the Boston people who were already acquainted with the LA contingent had told me many interesting stories ... very interesting stories... Besides which I have been reading other peoples APA-L's regularly and with great interest.) Still it was a very pleasant surprise to find out how likable the LA people were.

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Department of peculiar Physics: Consider a spaceship travelling very close to the speed of light. According to relativity it will appear to have a greatly increased mass and will appear to have shrunk in the direction of travel. When the ship gets close enough to the speak of light these effects will be pronounced enough so that it will appear that the ship is denser than degenerate matter. Because deg. matter is unstable when it is not confined in a star core it will appear to explode catastrophically. The people on the ship will not, of course, notice this because their density will not be changed in their frame of reference. However to them the rest of the universe will appear to be shrinking and gaining mass. Hence (since the universe is over the critical mass) it will eventually appear to undergo gravitational collapse.