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# La Estrella Solitaria San Antonio, Texas

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## Remember...

In addition to the Alamo, please remember to drink lots of water and wear sunscreen if going outside during the day.

Also, remember to tip your hotel cleaning crew every day. Panelists and moderators should remember a Worldcon hour-long panel is 50 minutes to give everyone time to travel to the next item.

## Don't Miss...

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Exhibits Hall

**Star Trek Bridge Set.** Sit in the Captain's chair on the bridge of the original Enterprise. A fan's dream photo op!

**The WSFS Business Meeting: How Does It Work**

CC 102A at 3 PM Thurs.

Learn about the purpose of the Business Meeting and why you should get involved.

**Opening Ceremonies**

CC Ballroom A at 5 PM Thurs.

A Texas-sized opening to Worldcon featuring all the guests of honor.

**Ghost Walking Tour of San**

**Antonio.** Front of the Alamo at 8:30 PM Thurs. Whether you be "Real," "Original" or just Ghostbusters, this walk may change what you think about the afterlife.

**Fan Fund Delegates Reception.**

Rivercenter Conf. 17-18 at 9 PM Thurs. Meet Jim Mowatt from the U.K. and Bill Wright from Australia

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## Welcome to LoneStarCon 3

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Welcome to Worldcon! Worldcon is the big event for science fiction fans with lots to do. But avoid falling into a rut and going to the same thing over and over. Yes, there are lots of panels featuring some of your favorite authors, artists, editors, and fellow fans. But don't neglect other aspects of this convention. We have lots of exhibits with a different theme each day. Author readings are a great way to experience writers who may be new to you. A story is always better when told by the actual author. Kaffeeklatsches and Literary Beers are a fantastic opportunity to chat with program participants in a small group. You must sign up in advance at the Information table at Registration. The art show answers the question, what if great museums had science fiction art; the best way to experience the art show are the docent tours—ask at the art show desk. Everyone knows about the Hugo Award Ceremony, but don't overlook other awards, from the Chesley Awards for art (Fri. 9 PM CC103B) to the Golden Duck awards for Children's and Young Adult (Sat. 5 PM CC008A). And don't forget about the filking (singing), films, and dances. You may even want to stop in at the WSFS Business Meeting and help govern Worldcon fandom.

## TODAY'S EVENTS

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### MUSIC

Thursday is our special music night (not that there won't be music at other times.) It starts at 6 PM in CC Ballroom A with a special concert featuring the multi-talented Seanan McGuire & Dead Sexy (eligible for her first nomination in Best Dramatic Presentation). At 7 PM, our Guest of Honor Leslie Fish will give a concert showing why she is one of the best-known filkers. The CC Ballroom A concert continues with the Captains of the Chess Team, a Texas triumph, at 8 PM, or play Name That Tune! In CC 101B. At 9 PM, SF author, scientist, and singer Catharine Asaro performs music from her *Diamond Star* novel in CC Ballroom A, while Leslie Fish runs her own filk room in Rivercenter Conference 12. There is a Regency dance at 9 PM in CC 008A. Open filk starts at 10 PM in Rivercenter Conference 7, 8, and 16. There will be a music related panel, Texas Roadhouse Blues: Speculative Fiction and Rock and Roll at 3 PM in CC 006A. Sing out!

### FILM FESTIVALS

Three Hugo Nominees will be shown Thursday. *The Avengers* (CC 006D at 8 PM); *Doctor Who: Asylum of the Daleks* (CC 202A at 8 PM); and *Doctor Who: The Angels Take Manhattan* (CC 101B at 9 PM).

LSC3 Short Fan Films Festival - Rivercenter Conference 13-14 from Noon-2 PM. Five short fan films including *Hughes the Force* and *Batman Puppet Master*.

LSC3 SF Shorts Film Festival - Rivercenter Conference 13-14 from 2-4 PM. 10 short SF films including *Giant Rubber Monster Movie* and *Starboy Eternity*.

LSC3 Horror Shorts Film Festival - Rivercenter Conference 13-14 from 8-10 PM. Nine short horror films including *Wrong Number* and *Suckablood*.

**NOTE:** The HEB Grocery listing on the back page of the Dining Guide is actually their corporate office. Don't go there expecting to buy food, they just have paperwork.

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## Restaurant Reviews

Adina Adler writes: "For lunch today I went to Rosario's Cafe y Cantina, at 910 S. Alamo Street. It's a .9 mile walk from the Marriott Rivercenter, but it's definitely worth the effort. The complimentary chips come with a salsa that was green and smoky and just a little spicy. I ordered chicken mole, which was a boneless piece of chicken that was perfectly cooked and completely enveloped in a delicious and slightly sweet sauce, accompanied by rice, refried beans, and tortillas. All that for \$6.95, which I thought was a pretty good deal. My dining companion had a small bowl of chicken posole soup, which was so good that he regretted having only gotten a small bowl."

Dave Weingart added, "Heartily seconded for Rosario's. Order the cheese enchiladas with the mole sauce. Mmmmm." He also recommended the Green Vegetarian in the Pearl, about 2 miles north in the riverwalk. Vegetarian food, kosher. No alcohol, but very tasty food. Closed on Saturdays.

Laurie Mann recommended The Friendly Spot beer joint which is less than a block further down from Rosario's on S. Alamo. She also suggested Best Upscale: Restaurant: Gwendolyn and Best Breakfast: Taco Haven.

Richard Duffy said that coffee drinkers should skip the hotel Starbucks in favor of local outlets that use the Rewards benefits. Instead, go to the Starbucks at the lowest level of the Rivercenter Mall, tucked behind the Andean Fusion musicians' stand at the north end of the strip of water whose southern end is at the Convention Center. Easiest from the Marriott Rivercenter's western exit (Riverwalk-level), then down to the water and around the bend at right. Opens 7 PM every morning.

## Rayguns Over Texas

Rayguns Over Texas: Reception & Readings, Thurs. 6:30-8 PM will take place at the Central Library ("The Red Enchilada"), 600 Soledad (zip: 78205). Note that transportation is not provided for LSC3 attendees.

Most of the 21 contributors—including Chris N. Brown, Mark Finn and Joe R. Lansdale—will be present for reading, talking, noshing, selling and signing—in other words, the whole enchilada of a "launching" sort of event.

This is open to the public, so come one come all. From the convention center, it's a .9 mile walk, a short bus or trolley ride, or a \$6 cab ride. If you're driving, there is a city parking structure next to the library; the first hour is free for library users.

For more info about the event: [liboutreach@lonestarcon3.org](mailto:liboutreach@lonestarcon3.org).

In addition, there will be an old fashioned group reading in CC 007A on Sat. at 5 PM.

## Hi WiFi

In the Convention Center Gallery there are three WiFi networks. Free Internet in the public areas is limited to 256K max. (Marriott lobbies also have free WiFi.) "Instant Internet" covers meeting rooms and Gallery, but not Hall A, at \$12.95 per calendar day for one device. Exhibitor Internet covers Hall A and is higher bandwidth for \$80/day (or \$240 for 5 days.)

## Run (or Walk) Away

LoneStarCon begins each day with a Stroll with the Stars walk/run featuring some of your favorite science fiction people. This is a great way to get your exercise with Phil Foglio, Joe Halderman, David Brin, Shelia Williams and many others. Meet on the riverwalk downstairs from the Marriott Riverwalk at 9 AM.

## Volunteer

The best way to enjoy LSC 3 is to volunteer. Even a few hours volunteering can be vital. Stop by Member Services at Registration. 15 hours gets you a free t-shirt, eligibility for prizes and access to the staff den. Volunteer 20 hours and you will be reimbursed if LSC3 makes a surplus.

## Be Select

Help pick the sites for the 2015 Worldcon (Helsinki, Orlando, or Spokane) Visit Site Selection in Gallery next to the Dealer's Room. The voting fee of \$40 gives you a supporting membership in the winning convention. You can also vote for the 2014 NASFiC site (Detroit or Phoenix) for \$35.

### PROGRAM UPDATES

The pink Thursday Convention Guide Corrections flyer has changes for the whole convention, not just Thursday.

### NEW ITEMS

**Brotherhood Without Banners**  
Meet the GRRM Fan Group  
CC 008B: Thurs. 4 PM

**Just a Minute**  
Based on the British Game Show  
CC 007CD: Thurs. 9 PM