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Dear Zeva,

Since I firmly believe that the whole A/L/C banquet pomp and panoply is a crock, I'm very much in favor of something like free access to the speeches for anyone (even in an auditorium-type setting) followed by a reception (a small fee charged, maybe, for wine, or even a cash bar) where anyone who wants to can meet the award winners. If A/L/C wants to have that silly semi-private reception before the speeches, that's A/L/C's problem, but I'm invited to about 6 publishers' private pre-banquet receptions, so it seems redundant and to me. I must confess, however,
The bus is not going to arrive on time. I've never seen it be on time. In any event, when it does arrive, someone falls off it. I saw the YASD office is closed off. It's a conference, as far as I know. I'm about to leave the office. If my flight leaves at 9:30, I better hurry. This is a very late flight. I really need to be there by 2:11. Somewhere to the south. It should be the same day. My family lives there. Dallas.