



CONAN CHATS

AMERICA ONLINE

Question: *I adore you, you are the light of my life....What did you study in college?*

Conan: The art of Mass Media Manipulation. Your response was exactly what I intended.

Question: *Where do the writers get their ideas for some of the scripts that you do?*

Conan: We get them from a company in Minnesota. It's called "Gags A-Plenty."


Question: *How much time does it take to prepare each show?*

Conan: As much as eight minutes. One time it took 15 minutes.

show's shaky start: "Early on, we attracted some attention because the computer people said, 'This won't be around long, we can make it ours.' Then we disappointed some people by actually succeeding." Then again, he cautions, "You feel really flattered that people are paying that close attention, and then you realize there's a Web page for the new halogen bulb and it has as many hits as yours."

So how does the Web-surfing experience compare to the TV-watching experience? "It's very intense," O'Brien says. "TV tends to move a little faster, and it requires no intelligence at all to operate. I come home, I turn my TV on, and whatever channel it's on, I watch it. This Web stuff actually requires a little bit of intelligence and knowledge—it asks too much of me, that I point and click, when all I like to do is press the TV remote for 'up station' and 'down station.'"

And, of course, there's that ever-frustrating technical aspect. Toward the end of our session, our Netscape connection expires for the third time in the space of an hour. "Really," O'Brien quips, "science hasn't evolved much past Thomas Edison, has it?"

Overall, though, he seems impressed by his first intensive foray into the Web. "Now," he says, rubbing his hands together, "if there was only some way to abuse it." 

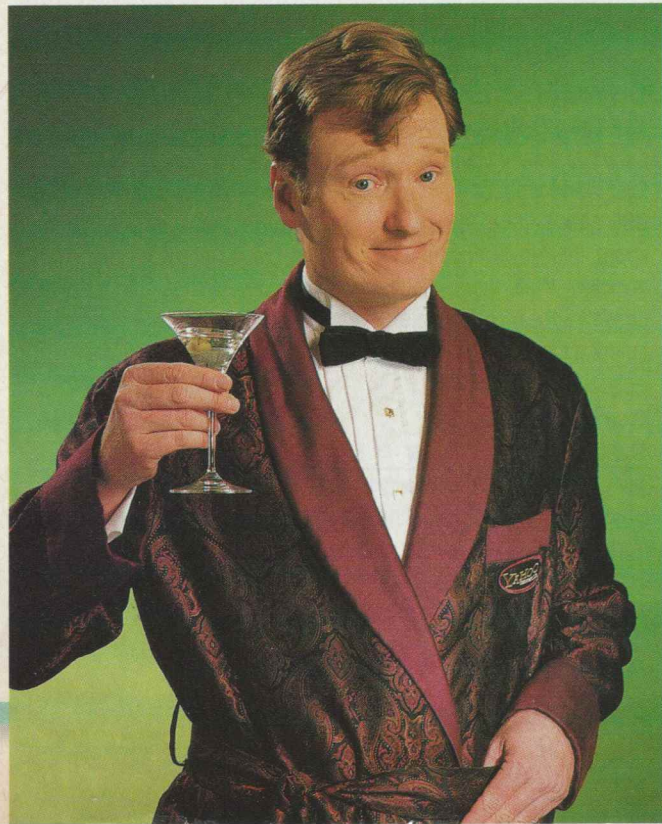


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Cool Sites of the Nite

BY "CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD" RON BEL BRUNO

Space-Age style, juiced-up cocktails, and hip amigos...ya dig?

The Pad...

Vik Trola's Lounge of Self-Indulgence

www.chaoskitty.com/t_chaos/lounge2.html
Let Vik give you a guided tour of his ultimate pad. Sound out "Space-Age Bachelor Pad" music and eyeball Vik's must-reads on the movies and culture of happening bachelors and bachelorettes.

The Snifters...

Shaken Not Stirred

www.axionet.com/key/books.html
A "pit stop on the road to perdition," this includes tips for theme parties, a list of likely lounges, snack ideas (olives not enough for ya?), history, and a "salon" page of dry—really dry—humor.

The Snacks...

Soup & Sandwich

www.oscar-mayer.com/soup.n.sandwich/
Get trad, daddy-o, with Oscar Mayer's soup and sandwich tribute, which provides the how-tos for pigs-in-a-blanket and grilled cheese (guess some people still don't get the hang of that one).

The Role Models...

The Rat Pack

www.primenet.com/~drbmbay
With icy links to Frankie, Dean-o, Sammy, world-class "kitten" Angie Dickinson, and many more, this is cool central. And if you buy this scene, there's a place you can buy the sounds.

...And an Open Call to Groovesters

CafeAmericana

www.sd.cybernex.net/cafe/
Inspired by Rick's Café Américain, Bogie's watering hole in *Casablanca*, this is an Internet Relay Chat site that is all about after-hours. You can download the mIRC access software, then round up the usual suspects for some late-night rumination. Here's chattin' at you, kid.

or CompuServe

www.compuserve.com
And don't forget, of course, the newly redesigned CompuServe—if you can't wait for American hours to get your manicure around a martini, and if your jet-setting hasn't quite run up the air miles required to fly you to their native lands, drinking Brits and Germans will welcome you here at almost any time of nite!

...And finally, here's an idea that doesn't need an address: Get some sleep. After this, you're going to need it, Little Space Cadet.

COOL SITES IN THIS STORY

PIMPBOT5000 acad.fandm.edu/~MB_Schuster/pimpbothome.html
CONAN O'BRIEN ATE MY BALLS theriver.ou.edu/~yak/conan.htm
THE MAX WEINBERG HOME PAGE www.columbia.edu/~bkm6/max.html
GET YOUR ASS KICKED ON THE WEB www.hypno.com/ass.html
BUTCHERING THE HUMAN CARCASS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION
www.paranoia.com/coe/e-sermons/butcher.html
CONAN O'BRIEN FAQ styx.ios.com/~damone/gconanfaq.html