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This issue is Number 30 (of Volume II) and is intended primarily for LASFAPA 12 (September 17, 1977). (By now it may really be SCAPA FLOW...) Next issue: probably for APA-nu, so see you in two.

WHAT, NO SUNCONZO?

Well, as most of you already know, Susan and I changed our respective minds, right after I announced otherwise in the last issue, and sure enough, we made it to WorldCon again this year. (For those who give a damn, that makes every one since 1969 except 1970 (Heidelberg), 1972, and 1975 (Australia)). The whole trip was quite hectic and fairly rushed, unlike the two-week road trip to Kansas City and back last year, so I didn't take notes. Furthermore, I spent much time in the pursuit of personal pleasures which don't exactly count as fanac. So the Con Report is just not going to be another Conzo.

But there are a few things worth mentioning. Although I slept through the programming (or otherwise frittered it away), we did make the Hugo banquet. The highlight was the triumph of No Award for Best Dramatic Presentation of 1976. Silverberg's classic line, asking how the studios will feel when they hear that their big budget blockbusters were considered worth than nothing, elicited a standing ovation. If I had not been soured on the number of standing ovations already given out, I would have joined them. And the special plaque for *Star Wars* rubbed it in beautifully.

I also was pleased at friend and fellow libertarian Dick Geis' double victory: best fanzine (*Science Fiction Review*) and tie for best fan writer (which he is). Most of the rest of the awards were passable, and seeing the sweep of the top honours by women (Wilhelm, Cherryh, Norton) warmed this feminist's heart.

Unfortunately, I did not agree with either Wilhelm's award or Norton, but especially in the latter case, where I feel C.S. Lewis has too long been slighted as the logical winner of his good friend, J.R.R. Tolkien's Grand Master of Fantasy (Gandalf) award. Next year for sure. Consider your vote solicited starting now!

And Bova's winning best prozine editor yet one more time, when it was Jim Baen's last chance, was disgusting. Maybe we can get Jim one more nomination for the part of this year that he ran *Galaxy*? (It is the best prozine, and has a good chance under Pierce of remaining so.)

I cruised the parties and met some of you for the first time, but the turnout at the two LASFAPA parties was not terribly encouraging. Two of you turned out to be actually more enjoyable in person than on paper (Lee Ann and Bobbi, if you must know). That was unexpected; one can always use a little editing, I think. Actually, there was only two or three of you I actually saw for the first time, partly because I've seen a lot of you at other regional and worldcons. (Maybe I'm just getting old? Let's think of it as "getting around.") Nonetheless, I think the basic idea of the party is a good one, and if no one else wants it, I'll keep up the tradition at Iguacon. Hell, I'll throw one at LosCon!

Those of you who want to know what Sercon stuff went on at the Con should check the other reports bound to be in this collation. For that matter, look elsewhere for any more

fannish stuff. I was concentrating mainly, as I said, on faanishness. And to that end, thanks for a great con to Richard & Judy, Marc & Lee Ann, Phil, Ira, Bobbi, Laurel, Ruth, and my various drinking buddies. Hello to new friends, including Fred, Danny, and Mark M. And to all the drinking buddies I left out, and those who were just nice to have around or bump into. And above all, thanks to Susan for making the Con... for me.

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Cover I just finished *The Quest for Tanelorn* and thus the Hawkmoon series. The cover didn't really convey the first book to me.

Organ Hmm, Bill Bridget has 13 pages listed, but split in two zines. Cantor has 12 straight. Who should get the "Stevie" (Steve Tymon Award) this ish? || Any fanartists out there want to send me their idea of what a Stevie would look like? || Just noticed that Marty has another two pages separate, and a flyer as well. Gotta give him it (third disty in a row) but I wonder how to handle it in the future. I'd say maximum pages no matter how many zines they've split into. || Ghu and begotten daughter! I've been alphabetized!

Tim Kyger I never received my SunCon Progress Report 3. You will be happy to know (or maybe not) that I've finally decided to register for Iguacon—though under protest (object to GoH).

Alan P. Winston 'Bagdonovich'? || How did you solve your residency? || Very good on Scapa Flow recognition. || I'll be there for *5,000 Fingers* etc. || It proves Susan was a popular name about 25 years ago. || Nobody was arguing (between Lee Ann and I) about forced chastity; I was discussing the voluntary kind. As a matter of fact, it could not be forced by medieval morality for it would no longer be a virtue. My point was that it has been popular and "with it" several times in history and may yet make a comeback. || No, Rann Gold (my fictional anachronism) is shown to be a pseudonym in the first story "Agent for Anarchy" and hence he is not likely a descendant of Lee and Barry. (Besides, they have no offspring.) || If you are still confused about whether the label Romantic applies to you, read Ayn Rand's *Romantic Manifesto*. || Kentucky Fried Chor-

us Girls? || Nitpick on Hatshepsut. || Hear, hear on your SW comment to Elena. || You are welcome to EIAA! Speaking of which, have some egoboo for your gripping MCs.

Lee Ann Goldstein As you must have noticed by now, The Jedi Knights or possibly "Jedis" are the preferred labels of us *Star Wars* fen. || Yes, Vic formed it. || "Ozzie never stops" doing what? || I definitely do not see how group "marriage"/polygamy is "a lot harder than traditional, but the rewards are that much better." So far, no nester has even attempted to answer my challenge on the degree of intimacy (love) possible in a bipolar mating vs multipolar mating (how do you like those terms?). I think it's obvious that two people concentrating on each other can develop a much higher quality (and quantity) level of mutual affection and attention than any "time-sharing" system. Of course, I suppose one could run laboratory tests to settle our differing hypotheses. || I won't avoid you at cons, but if you're "allergic" to tobacco smoke, you may wish to avoid me. || You don't like New Jersey? Well, you can't possibly like New York, so why not try California (shut up, Alex—she's one of the Good People who get to move, not just visit)? || Where can you get a lightsabre? In a galaxy far, far, away...

Bobbi Armbruster Yep, you were in California. And at SunCon. (We got to stop meeting like this, Ron may be getting suspicious.) Of course, your secret remains safe with me. What you orally ingested is really nobody else's business, even if you said you would never do it. || On the other hand, you could resolve the double standard by taking the "attached male" out of circulation. Wonder why the "double standard" is usually resolved in favour of decoupling? || Ac-

tually, I was using Rand's definition of profit. If I were to get really technical, I would use Ludwig Von Mises' definition which boils down to a reduction in cost through innovation. But that's also "morally earned wealth"—just a bit more exclusive (and more praiseworthy). || Speaking of typewriters, did I mention mine has French accent marks? Maybe I'll type you a letter to exhibit and we can trade *umlauts* for *tremas*. || Oh, don't be silly. I don't need an agreement to leave a room by the door. In fact, that is precisely my point: traffic laws are statist and arbitrary. In a free society, "public" traffic would obey Natural Law (like leaving by a door). || No, somebody forced me at the point of a gun to get an Alberta Driver's Licence. He had a blue uniform on when he kidnapped me and took me to a building with iron bars on the window. || Thank you for the birthday greetings across the sea. When's yours? || What is an example of soft porn for women? (I work in a porno factory but it's "reader written" and most of the women writing in are into swinging, looking for bi females, and exhibitionism. Yes I'd be willing to look up and read what you consider good soft porn for women. || I play Hearts—not necessarily well ("Play the Bitch!—No, not on my trick! Aaargh!") || "...by Kee: to Same Konkin." And you had the gall to chastise The Thorn ton! || Right, Harry Rule.

Marty Cantor Heroic job as OE Marty! The Mailing must go through! || Actually the "Puritans" split, with the Rhode Island faction being in favour of religious tolerance, minima government (or even anarchy in some cases), and laissez faire. They were corrupted in the opposite direction. (See *Conceived In Liberty*, Vol. I, by Murray N. Rothbard, Ph.D.). || You're right; I'm not voting. Nor do I agree to abide by the results. || My zine had no comment hooks? Gad! || As to your comment to Charles, I think others may hold honestly differing political opinions, but politicians and bureaucrats live on taxes—theft—and hence are crooks. That's what Charles meant. || And I've spotted your problem (philosophically): government does not exist because of "need" but is imposed by force for illegitimate gain. Yes, *always*. (See *The State by Franz Oppenheimer*.) || Well, I'm smoking your blend as long as it lasts. But *then* what? *fret* || Naw, Tom's trouble (politically) is that he

doesn't believe anarchy would work and supports a government which imposes *his* view. Can you imagine that? || *Star Wars* is not childish and Space Opera is a superb form of SF. Boy, are you getting nasty this disty. || The Soviet Union does not allow their slaves to own guns or anything else. Where did you get your information?

Cyndi Warren-Moslow Great Con Report as usual. So that's what Susan was up to. And my thanks to Alan for his chivalrous remark. || Don't know "Helplessly Hoping" but the other two filks were worthy of you. || Susan's been reading your zine so consider her told.

Kara Dalkey Trip report hilarious. Gonzo! || Yes, your ideas for a fannish care package are good. Maybe we'll have a meeting/party around here to gather material to send the German Fannish Mission. || Of course the Pentagon is "in a tizzy" about a possible enemy—they want bigger budgets and job security.

Tom Digby Agreed, but a State "owns" nothing. Theft does not confer ownership. I'm quite happy to obey Disneyland's traffic rules—or not patronize them if I don't wish to. || See my comment to Bobbi on "profit." || Never heard of homosexual activity with cats before. Male ones as well?

Ruth Judkowitz Hope your depression's over. Stay away from shrinks. || Did you really think *Star Wars* was sexist? Example? || My Ghu, a Museum report! Oh well, Conzo!

Elena Pirov I lived in New York five years and I agree with Carol Sather's judgment on less evidence. || Disagree on Rand's writing. After all, she held my attention all the way through *Atlas Shrugged*. || Your name in type again. Enjoy. || Your statement proving that I am wrong proves I am right. Hence you are now right (as well as wrong). || Moorcock may be New Wave as editor, but not as writer of his *Eternal Champion* multi-series. || No, guns save lives by stopping killers—especially mass killers. || Sorry you didn't make David's lust list; would you settle for mine? || Don't you know what the original Scapa Flow is either? Tsk. || Beth can also be on my lust list. I like bear traps and electric chairs too. || Ghu, how I hate toothaches. My sympathies.

Victor Koman You did a filk. In public! || Hear, hear on people being allergic to smoke being defective! || If I can't be trust-

ed any more, discount all your egoboo accordingly. || All we need now is a revolution. || Why not drive that far for a Con? Or anywhere I can get to by any means I can afford? || Never heard of masturbation being prohibited by chastity. OK? || Yeah, I read some Legion of Super Heroes but it was probably before your time, kid. And before "ARM." || I asked her. Sorry about that, Vic. || Here in the APA? Well, why not. *kiss* || Uh, sorry to correct you, Vic, but there is a "Woodstock Anarchist Party." It has received similar criticism from our leftist brethren as we heap on the LP. || And a hearty "hard core" as usual to all your other comments.

David Schlosser True on Elric vs Hawkmoon, but the addition of the Castle Brass trilogy to the Hawkmoon depresses the latter. Nonetheless, the final ending was quite upbeat for Moorcock.

Kees Van Toorn Is Ambon one of the South Moluccan islands or an alternate name? || Soon as I catch up on my correspondence (or even sooner) I'll try to send you a letter. Feel free to send me a copy of your prozine (even if I can't read it) and bill me. Maybe I'll send you some of my zines. NLW has two Dutch subscribers now. || If I make it to Seacon, hope to see you there. (Or maybe I'll even make it to the Netherlands?)

R. Laurraine Tutihasi On the contrary, since a libertarian will never initiate violence against another person regardless of their views, toleration is no virtue for him/her. Toleration appears worthwhile only because most people wish to *coerce* dissidents. || And that is not true that other people's views don't "hurt" me—ideas have consequences and deserve to be combatted by better ideas. || I am an Albertan, if you accept that as a "nationality." || Right on! about psychologists knowing nothing. || Restitution (as opposed to penal system) should cost nothing; it would be paid for by the criminal and, properly, run on the free market.

Beth Schwarzin Thanks for the birthday greetings and yes, I made *Frefanzine*. || *The Lords of Chaos* is a new D&D APA—just received #2. Want their address? || Boy, did you miss the start of the discussion on Romantic. Want me to send you my *col* on the subject? || "Piglet" = George Alec Effinger. || Same feeling on privacy and being alone. || I can make vapid slurs on computer pro-

grammers. I peddled my FORT. RAN too; I paid my dues. || Thanks for agreement and all the rest and if you can take my pipe smoke without complaint, sit close by—you're welcome. || Your position on the pill (on trusting males to take it) is that of most females I know. Probably makes sense. I do wish the people with good genes (the ones I like, of course) would have lots more offspring. || Much as I am growing to like Lee Ann, I agree with your remark to her on honesty. But I think she said she moved out, so all's well.

Cover 2 Like the idea. One might say "a classic."

Bill Bridget Planet of the Sea Apes? || The thought of an APA-zine for academic credit is so repulsive I cannot believe you're serious. || If you want to be a writer, write. Don't waste time writing about writing. || No way I would loc an "academic project." That's not my idea of fannish. || Who's Brian Earl Brown? Then again, who's Jayn Gallion? I suppose distance makes pettiness stand out. || Making a mockery of college degrees is not a serious issue—they are degraded now to the level of 1923 German marks—but making a mockery of fanac is. Fanac is *real* accomplishment; university work is phony game-playing with the rules bent at whim.

Marty Cantor's Irrational View There is no "sound in space" in *Star Wars*; the sound is in the ships. (Tell me you can't hear the rocket's roar when you're in the ship.) || The music was great, and millions with taste and discernment (and money for the recordings) agree. But you're right about it being unobtrusive and fitting. It was not until I heard a recording of the soundtrack without the movie to distract me that I realized how good it was. || Princess Leia a "cardboard character"? Wash your mouth out! || And the plot was the best part of it all. Space Opera is the highest form, the be-all and end-all of Science Fiction. Hail Smith! Vive Verne! Ave Campbell! This movie is the first cinema that I have ever acknowledged to even be SF. And I will point proudly. You closet Ellisonian New Wave low-life! || You don't understand our behavior because you don't recognize the achievement of *Star Wars*. SW is to ST what a 747 is to the Wright's 1903 model. (The Force is not with you.)

Charles Curley I agree almost totally with your comment to

Marty on the new "rules" we have to put up with. || While I also agree with your position on ERA (I originally heard it from Abby Goldsmith, actually), I find it saves friction by not saying I "oppose" ERA but simply to say I find it irrelevant. Usually opens any further discussion in a better frame of mind. And if ERA is passed, why, we'll break that law with all the others! (More black market opportunities, more pissed-off people oppressed by legislation to recruit.) || Your answer to Alan is not bad either; sometimes we even complement each other. (But compliment? *Jamais*. Hardly.) || Agree, agree, agree, ... (*yawn*) || You and The Thornton are not speaking?

Bill Bridget You are back so soon? || I glean from your remarks that you also do a *genzine*? || I suggest you don't emulate Ellison—one is too much already. Especially if you are "in LASFAPA to find some friends for a change." || Ah, I see you realized that yourself later on.

Jeni Roberts Good luck but I'm still not voting; not a good way to decide things. || Thanks for the answer; now where are you moving? || Agree on not trusting doctors. || Are you talking about little Vic Koman, that crazy kid who wrote me how he wanted to grow up to be a real live revolutionary too? The one who lives next door in the Anarchovillage and drives me to various events? He's *attractive* to women? (There may be money in this . . .) Er, anyone else we both know? (I see it now, nude shots in a female porno zine; or maybe just cheesecake . . .) || The only move I did not dislike in your list (or refused to see) was *Star Wars*. Now we know we can trust each other's reviews and taste.

Rita Prince Winston And a big Conzo to you, too. Wish I could have been there and glad to have you back. || Naturally, I agree with you on Canadian beer, and I suggest you try the Molson's which is sold down here. It's watered down to conform to American statism, but retains much of the superior flavour. || Given your make-up, your position on smoke is not unreasonable. Feel free to leave my presence at any time without comment or hard feelings. || If you think SCRTD has "the best public transportation of any city I've tried," I feel sorry for you for being forced to live in such cities. Edmonton, Alberta, has the best bus system I've lived in

(with one exception—service stops at night). Next is New York, filthy and crowded as it is, but for regular, oft-running subways and buses, can't be beat. I would rate L.A. next (including Long Beach system, which is very, very good [and 25¢] but again quits at midnight). Anybody from Santa Monica, Culver City, Torrance or other systems I've not been on want to speak up? After that comes Ottawa and Madison, Wisconsin, for rock bottom. Only tried Bay Area system for a week, but didn't seem bad. Subways in Toronto and Montreal look nice but they really don't go anywhere much. || You're far too hard on Alex and none of what you claim are your "rights" are in fact rights. You have a right to your life and property; imposing what you have called for requires stealing and enforcement by murder. You will always be paid "equal to another's value" as perceived by the payer. If you get this means there should be wide-ranging pay differentials in all fields based on the individual, you're right on. Insurance premiums should and are based solely on risk. If you want low rates, insure yourself where you are least likely to collect. Since you pay for your own "medical benefits," I assume, how could ERA affect them? Social Security is immoral and should be destroyed. I don't pay it, but several of my good friends are regularly robbed. Since the ERA flies in the face of reasonable existence, its passage will increase law-breaking and disrespect for the State. Add to this the disaffection the feminists will receive when they find it is another failure (like the 1965 Civil Rights Act) and their subsequent radicalization, and we should have some excellent revolutionary conditions from the ERA. So let it pass, *laissez passer*. || It is *not* true your comfort is less important than that of other people, and this is one smoker who has never said any such thing to you. The fact that you would suffer discomfort for my company would, in my case, make me wish to do the same for you. Some of us are traders in value, Rita, not takers. (Yes, my market's open for you, as I said a few zines back.)

Bob Cohen *sigh* Bob, that's not the right sales approach for this market. Think. Test.

Carol Sather I'm going through much of what you are, but in reverse. I'd rather not get personal in an APA (so I'm different) but I'd like you to have my

empathy. || One easy way to be a night and morning person is to sleep afternoons, say noon to ten or whatever. I cycle around the clock on twenty-six or seven hour days (varies up to thirty or more sometimes) and try to get ten hours of sleep (often settling for much less). I could not function on 5½, let alone four. || Was that bonus a surprise? || So be it (on the rape discussion) but if you won't seek redress after being raped, all the aggressor need do is wait until you're unarmed and preferably incapacitated (sleep, drink). Then he walks away without a care. Would you not even sue the bastard? And to gain redress, you (or your agent) *must* use force, i.e., threaten to kill if necessary to gain your restitution. || You're going to be in Garden Grove for Christmas? While visiting Curley in the Anarchovillage, visit his LASFAPAn neighbours—Vic, Andy, myself. || I have brown eyes but have never been told they were sexy. || I think Southern California is beautiful, and I once lived near you (Madison, Wisconsin).

Frank & Fang Laissez faire! It's fine like you who've made this anarchy what it is today. Keep 'em rolling . . .

Bill Bridget (yet again) Ah, I espy a mailing comment in faded, shrunken Xerox in your third hunk of paper. You almost won a Stevie, by the way; considering much of your wordage is reduced and Marty's is not, you probably should have won. By the way, care to spell my name correctly? || I thought Thiel was weird until I saw your stuff. There really is a whole colony of you out there in Indiana. || Come on, now, *SFR* and *Locus* will keep winning Hugos until they slip badly or are gone. All the maneuvering now if for their eventual replacement. || Ah, I see you your spelling of my name below. Thanks for taking the trouble.

Susan Leigh Fox Like your new (or newly revealed) middle name. || Jason has relatives in the Old Country? || Actually, Vancouver's got a lot more to offer than you saw. Ah, but wait until a Con in Edmonton! || God knows how they do spells in Texas; I was having enough trouble on the phone while Lee was teaching them how *Alf* runs spells—or else. || And what did the Lensman do in *The Vortex Blasters* other than be background? || Of course you are not a neo; you may make make paleo before you're twenty-

one! (I went to my first fan club meeting and first Worldcon at 22.) Good luck! || Of course, on *Star Wars*.

Bruce Pelz Thanks for the statistics on the FAAn awards. I now know and can back up how little they are worth. (Did you have similar motivations for the publication of the Gallion speech?)

Therri Moore Nice self-portrait. **Virginia Bauer** I think there is a Volvo plant in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick, to add to the irony. || EIAA! and thank you. || With you on D&D (didn't know you played) and *Star Wars*, opposed on *SCAPA FLOW*. (After all, it was my original name for this APA—before LASFAPA.)

Junk Mail Only thing in the minutes of interest was that two fuggheads were out to prevent frefan Curley from membership. I suppose they were trying to trigger a walkout of the rest of us? || Yes to LA in '81, yes, yes to the First Order of Jedi Knights, screw Fantasy Faire, and is Jeni into limericks or something?

LASFAPA 11

Cover OK, but I've seen better Deckert. That APA-L cover a few weeks back, for example.

Ballot I did not vote, of course, because I object to this APA being run by ballot. If it becomes unbearable, I'll take the opportunity to vote with my feet. (Lee Ann, Cyndi, Marc and Fred take note; however, I will try to find you an alternate agent if you should then wish to remain in.) || My position, for the terminably curious, on the issues expressed: Cantor is the only serious OE. Nonetheless, I would like him to stop playing democracy and return this APA to a proprietary. The roster should be unlimited—no limit. And while I really don't care what the hell this Thing Of Ours is called, I suggested the original *SCAPA FLOW*—Southern California Amateur Press Association Fans Laying Off Weeklies.

Voyager Bulletin Why was this not stapled in?

Wurlitzer Cantor loses the coveted Stevie thish! The new holder of the Steve Tymon Award for maxac is now Marc Glasser, at 14 pages plus auxiliary (and it's all my fault!). || It's not clear as to whether waitlisters get to vote. || Sorry to see all those dropped from the APA go, all good people. At least one I know will not bother with the waitlist nonsense to get back in. And I suppose it should be noted that the deified number of 40 contri-

butors has been achieved. Whoopee. || That's SCAPA FLOW, all right. Remembering that ex-Britisher Andruschak was founding OE of this APA, you can now figure out how I came up with the name. || Why the second ballot stapled in the zine?

Carol Sather Not counting Glasser's assist from Donna, you would have had the Stevie. Since it's a left-handed compliment at best, I'm glad you were edged out. You were worth reading all the way. But then I'm an unabashed, militant Romantic. || I once made a flight to California to follow a female. The mission was ultimately unsuccessful, but one of the side-effects was to confirm how much I loved this place and so here I now am... || Your food tour makes me hungry. I may start saving up for the Mardi Gras immediately. This year for sure... || So that's the real name of Farouk Von Turk! I heard about him in *Tanstikkerzeitung* and met him at DisCon (where he never used his real name). || A Romantic woman! May you live long, prosper, and beget many more of your kind.

More Carol Sather Wonder if I saw you at SunCon? I heard you were not there. || OK, I can see how you can talk about affection (of that type) becoming a burden. I have got into spells where I'm like that. I have also got to the point where I both admit it and concede that there must be a better way. Nonetheless, you probably would never want to get involved with me. Ah, but 2,000 miles apart, we can get along just fine! || Flowers? To Minnesota? Well, why not? || Oh, hell, don't be hurt by anything dashed off in an APA thousands of miles away. I've been a bit more sensitized than usual (I usually don't get anywhere near this personal in print) and you are probably in a similar state following your wonderful adventure. Forget whatever I was complaining about; I already have. Don't let any rain fall on your parade. || I was slightly older when the Queen was crowned. The following year I remember seeing her pass through Edmonton (part of the Commonwealth, of course) standing on the rear platform of a Royal Train. || I'll tell Steve what you said whenever he surfaces next. (Somebody else beat me to it.) || I also tend to elide over long, descriptive passages in books. Small world.

Elena Pirov Failed to make your saving throw against D&D, eh?

If you wish, I'll send copies of my D&D issues of *clear other!* for *Alarums & Excursions* with inventions such as Damsels, Anti-Thieves, Orthogonal Alignment and Lawful Demons. And if you are really desperate for standard equipment, I can pick it up for you at the local wargamers shop. || "I don't think it's quite sense but not nonsense either." There's a third possibility? A or not-A. The occult may be anything from amusing to instructive (by analogy, for example), but it has no correspondence with reality. || "My, but you're weird sometimes." Undoubtedly, but in reference to what this time? || David Schlosser and I are chemically identical. Burn us down and analyze our elemental proportions. Before you do that, you can check to see that the elements constituted the same compounds with the same stoichiometry. Maybe you are not chemically identical with me; if so, tell me how you accomplished it. || "Overly introspective" is what I term those who sit around introspecting in their fanzines. I don't know about you, but I write for my readers, not for therapeutic reasons. || "Something nice" back. Russians never seem to get along with each other once they get to know each other. Vic and I are almost an exception, but we still have the occasional private snarl. (We've discussed in some length our totally separated but surprisingly similar upbringings.) Something in the blood... || Mondo Con and Infinity Con used to run in New York in November; Philcon in Philadelphia in December. || Speaking of Russian weirdness, will you really hang yourself if Marty is not wearing silk pajamas to bed? Is he obligated to save your life by either starting to wear them immediately, or lying about it? || Hyphen between Obi and Wan. || Image of someone drowning in LSD: conspicuous consumpton. || You miss the point as to why Curley and the rest of us suggest moving libertarian discussions to *Frefanzine* or dropping them. We have already gone through a hassle with APA-L where every little mention of our position was denounced as propaganda. In my case in particular, I was being whipsawed between those who would challenge me on everything to defend it on libertarian grounds and those who damned me for always dragging in libertarianism. The final straw came when Bill Warren, whom I had been defending against Imperialist-Zionists,

said he would no longer read and comment on my zine because of the overly libertarian content. I realized there was no way out of that kind of mess so I pulled out. Now we frefen attempt to pre-empt the bitching by cutting off the debate ahead of time ourselves. Turn that "excuse me for living" around. || Your lifestyle sounds great—for about two weeks. By the way, anybody in this APA developing the same distaste for the word "lifestyle" as I?

Harry J.N Andruschak I suppose a bus depot 4/\$1 type picture is appropriate?

R. Laurraine Tutihasi I fail to see how "non-aggression will not work with the present human race." Maybe *non-violence* "becomes a synonym for suicide" but hardly non-aggression. How do you keep your life or better it by attacking others? And how in the world did you ever get to calling yourself a libertarian if you believe in aggression? || Listen, kid, I'm getting tired of putting you down. You pushed all the wrong buttons with me. If you're willing, we can drop the whole thing here. || You've given up "rational decision"-making for "intuition"? Aargh! You're not long for this world. Might even miss you.

Guy H. Lillian III Where did you get the autograph? (Show-off. *gnrff*) || My phone number is unlisted for good reason. (But I'll phone back anyone who requests by card.) || I'd go further than you. There's at least one person I like better in this APA than in person. And another is an old friend who talks about things he never does in person. I know I tend to be a lot more brazen in print. || It's too late to do anything about it now, but frankly if I had worried about my Hugo ballot as you did, I'd probably have called up Lundry or someone else I knew on the committee and kicked ass. There was a screw-up on my membership (my card has no number) and I got some satisfaction that way. || Ah, I see you got your ballot. Oh well, advice was free and good; let it stay in. || You're a state worker and you complain about the post office? Boy, that kettle sure is black... || I disagree—the *Star Wars* plot was superb! || Thank you and your salute returned. EIAA! Actually, I'm a bit heavier into comment now than I like, but everybody is so damned interesting. Hope to do some fiction and non-fiction (sercon and fannish) Real Soon

Now in *ca!* as well. || *Then again you may have just been reminded that you thought of her because she called. You may have forgotten the other times you thought of her because there was no reason to remember. Parapsychology is all claim and no hard evidence. The universe just is not made that way.* || I'm quite willing to risk the one chance in 20,000 that I may get lung cancer from smoke and the increased odds of head damage for not having a helmet. Next you'll have me put on a suit of padded armor to cross the street. Well, draw the line where you will. Any risk less than 10% does not require my taking precautions if I intend to perform the act once. And if it's less than 1%, I'll probably not waste effort on precautions up to ten times. And so forth. || "Male feelings are not conscious, nor controllable;..." Not true. For the record. Otherwise, I'll stay out of your line of fire. || I see no reason to thank Von Braun for PRing for the statist Space Bureau. He is morally culpable for that evil more than for is purely technical work at Peene-munde. || Nice to see you at SunCon, though all too briefly. Marc S. Glasser Good intro; I've watched your style mature. || "Wishy-washy libertarian"? When did you come over? You're getting bothered by your own wishy-washiness? Jeez, you have changed. (And for the better, clearly.) || Good quote from Richard—sounds just like him. || I suppose you noted by now that your Groucho contribution timed with his recent death. I suppose I'll be seeing a eulogy from you in these pages.

Donna Camp Interesting you decided to escalate this debate. First of all, most LASFAPAnas probably did not read the original comment I made since it was in the APA-v section. So you are clambering onto a bigger soapbox to spread your creed, regardless of "misinformation and misinterpretation to go unchallenged." And that was my central point. || No, I did not consider your original statement a personal attack, and no, there was no "vituperative name-calling," and yes, that was "an example of a...adult argument" though not particularly "calm." Nor was anything in my statement a personal attack, except of course challenging you at all. || Your references impress me no more than I'm sure my observations convinced you. Psychology is so far from a proven science that its "research" is worse than

worthless. Worse because someone might take the studies seriously. || Why is "inner-directedness" a sign of being "above-average"? And spontaneity? I've seen spontaneous drooling idiots. Needless to say, quoting "ability to transcend dichotomies" causes in me a scarcely-concealed grin. Would that you had fully embraced the premise! || Aw, guilt by association. Shame, shame, Donna. I could just as easily say I associate your polygamy with Anita Bryant's mysticism as both being manifestations of tribal primitivism. || You did score one correction successfully: I was not aware that you were supporting a "committed marital relationship"—by which I assume you imply exclusivity. That does raise the level of debate considerably. (By the way, why do you favor polyandry and not polygyny, besides the obvious narrow self-interest?) || What would you say about the self-esteem of someone who was willing to accept a lesser love-attention role than another in a polyad? We're not talking about trading anything but love now—metaphysically, physically, and emotionally, all at once and integrated. Anything less and we have no argument. All sorts of freakish situations could make nearly any combination of relationships better than the alternative—say on a lifeboat or a Lunar Colony—but what rational person would hold "make-do" and "get-along" as ideal, as a recommendation for living, as a goal to achieve? || You did not say "the lavishing of attention was an attribute of love;" I did. It's self-evident. I see no words put in your mouth, though the ones you accuse me of inserting would have made your position sounder. || If you are not an anti-smoking prohibitionist, what are we arguing about? And I saw no mention of any correction of "Conzo" in the one zine of Cookinham's that I've seen. All that appeared were lines calculated to bait me and maximize my annoyance. But let the little Partyarch come out from behind Big Sister's skirts and speak for himself. Last I heard you had quit Partyarching, and I see no reason to associate you with his evil. || Finally you are right that I most definitely did not want to extend this debate and I intend to end my half here and now. Since I am a hard-core libertarian you have nothing to fear from my position. You are free to do whatever you wish to yourselves and your consenting acquaintances. You

can have anything you want—except my approval or silence when you proselytize to the innocent. Since I'm sure your immediate response is that my approval could be valued less by you, why continued wasting your time, energy and Marc's space?

Marty Cantor I assume your page count has fallen due to your closing Gourmet Tobacco. Condolences. And that last pipe I bought is working out well. || Well, I managed to eke out one beautiful cover from Sandy McIntosh for the cover of NLN 40. But 27 covers in advance... may you perish painfully pen-pricked periodically by petulant, pathological painters. *gnrff!* || All right, Cantor, you asked for it. Challenge me on *chemistry*, will you? Let's be quite clear on what we mean here. Clearly you and I are not identical. Just as clearly an atom of carbon from your body is interchangeable with one from my body. So far so good? Now let's work our way up, step by step. At the atomic level, we are identical. The molecules formed by the atoms in our bodies are also identical. Finally, the macromolecules (polymers) in our bodies are identical as well. If you don't believe me, pick out corresponding tissue, burn it down and check the proportion of constituents. There is an additional problem here, granted, of stoichiometry. Here we move from the edge of chemistry to biochemistry. All the information I have received to date says that the orientation of these DNA and such organic molecules must be the same right down to the matching of left- and right-handed enzymes—or if not, we wouldn't be human! Above that level we are talking about relative orientation of molecules in clusters—genes and such. We are no longer talking about chemistry or chemical reactions at this complexity of ordering, but rather biology. And beyond that is the ordering of brain matter and its discharges, which moves us into psychology. And so on. The class human being requires chemical identity among its members, though differences may (and do) exist biologically, psychologically, and sociologically (praxeologically). Transplants are rejected on the biological level, not chemical. The fact that most of us do not react to certain substances that others claim to leads me to the conclusion that started this debate: "allergic reactions are not chemical" (or

nuclear for that matter). You claim that they are not psychological. I really don't care if they are psychological, sociological or biological. My point is that allergy does not describe a chemical reaction stands. I guess that it is psychological, but since I can't get into those people's heads, I'll never know. As to your other examples: some "medication" is chemical in nature, some biological. Note that it is concocted by *pharmacists*, not chemists. The fact that you may need 50% more novocaine on you than another is really irrelevant; first of all it's a quantitative difference and hence says nothing about chemical structure, and second it could very well be psychological. I'd be glad to take an extra 50% anesthetic if my dentist offered it to me. Blood types are clearly differentiated biologically, not chemically. || Shame ball returned to you with a strong overhand swing, skimming the net. || Curious you should dislike Ayn Rand and the New Wave—polar opposites on Romanticism. Guess you're a born middle-of-the-roader, Marty. || Bobbi signed no pact with the Bundesrepublik—she submitted to their Rule of Force to get a visa. Why the hell should she need permission to visit and/or work for the individuals located in the Central European continent from anyone but those individuals? Her submission under duress is no contract and not binding. || Your comment to Charles on strategy shows your historical ignorance to a far greater degree than his. Perhaps that's why you felt it necessary to resort to personal abuse. || May your next dream arise from those flames, like a phoenix.

Lynne Holdom I would never submit to a Writer's Workshop. Thanks for confirming my position with your description. || Yes, that's Scapa Flow. || That is Mike Moslow. || I'll be watching for your stories in the prozines. Sounds like Ted White is your best bet.

Rita Prince Winston Can males not attending Haverford view the May Day celebration at Bryn Mawr, which is what is was really asking you. || Then keep your air out of range of my smoke. Happy? || Sounds like you're in a great mood. Have anything to do with your cramped surroundings? I'd be glad to find you an apartment in the Anarchovillage, but I suspect it would be no fun commuting to Santa Monica for college.

Kees Van Toorn Your illo came out quite well. || Well done on that mugging incident; though I don't believe in statist police, I think you handled yourself well with the alternative you saw open to you. I'm proud to call you a friend. Right on, Kees! || Glad to hear you have good distribution. Who says heroes don't get their just rewards?

David Schlosser As I told Rita, if you don't like my flavoring, keep to your own air and away from me. I don't want to get particularly nasty, and I have no reason to pick on you, but I am furious at the Prohibition mentality being fostered by State-enforced anti-tobacco advertisements, smoking bans in theater publicized before each showing, and the snotty little lectures one gets from total strangers on the street. Smokers' lib! || A small ook on "Cure Light" for Bobbi's heels. || See my long answer to Marty on chemical identity of human beings. Sure you could make 20! polypeptides, but only one stoichiometry in the right place makes a human being. || Good point to Lee Ann on public displays of affection, but I'm sure she already agrees with us. || Very good reply to Cantor's *Star Wars* diatribe. || See my answer to Marty on passport and visa being a "pact" with the State.

Alan P. Winston Hope all your moving troubles are behind you and you had a great time at SunCon. || Guerrilla—two Rs and Ls—warfare works even better in a high-technology society. Remember that it was the higher technology brought over by the British/Vietnamese that made them vulnerable to such tactics. Think what one loyalist computer operator could do to his conquerors! || Noting your endorsements in the OE campaign, I see a bright future for you in politics. Watch out for scruples or principles!

Celia Chapman The woman on the ass looks a bit like you. Intentional? || I am not in the least touched by that jerk in New York who took my name in vain. And the individual terrorists are nettlesome at worst. Ah, but that monstrous Terror Machine located in Washington, D.C., which will beg for more power to handle the "terrorist problem," now that is to be feared. || Performing ritual murder on LAS-FAPA sounds really weird (even if you did stroke it out). Can I join you? *faunch* || You're welcome. || Oh, that Phoenix. How did a costume group get

you involved in fandom? Sounds like an interesting tale. || My critical comment on someone being "too introspective" was aimed at his appearance in print. I was remarking as to why I refrained from commenting. Introspect all you wish. || Carol gave an answer about "affection becoming a burden" not unlike yours. Yours is more clear-cut in that I would say that at the point the one pressing the affection realizes that the response is not forthcoming, to decide how valuable that response is and either seek from another market source (i.e. break up) or give up on receiving it. I find I make those choices constantly. I guess my quibble is that if the affection-giver persists to the point of guilt, anger or threats (beyond an initial, reflexive reaction, anyways), it is no longer "affection" that's involved. You don't deliberately hurt someone you care for, and if you no longer care for the former object of your affection, why are you trying to elicit some sort of response? A is A. || Nomadry appeals to me. || Check your evaluation. Cantor was uttering "glittering generalities," both unsubstantiated and internally inconsistent. Curley, on the other hand, was replying with well-developed conclusions, all provable in logic and demonstrated in reality. Let's start with one simple point: you claim we need government for some reason (let's say to protect us from theft, murder, rape, or whatever). But the function of the State is predation—taxation (theft), war (murder), conscription of our bodies (rape), and coercion in general. The only way to defend yourself is to defend yourself—including, nay, especially, from the State. Now for the empirical evidence, read the histories of all governments of all times known—or a digested view in one volume, such as Albert J. Nock's *Our Enemy The State* or Franz Oppenheimer's *The State*. Next point? || Concerning costumes and role-playing, have you read Thomas Szasz's *The Myth of Mental Illness*? I'm thinking especially of the second half. || You are quite unfair to Charles. I can personally attest to how he came to his libertarian position, kicking and screaming all the way. There were no "knee-jerk" responses; in fact, his statements were both appropriate and correct. If you do not wish to accept them, fine, but lay off the name-calling. I consider "pat," "knee-jerk," and "immature" to be

pejorative without meaningful content. || State laws make people aware of oppression, all right—the oppression of those laws. Natural law is not dependent on your perceptions, or influenced by any set of assumptions and preconceptions. It exists in a vacuum or space of any density. Nor do I see anything to do with Natural Law in the de Beauvoir quote (filled with wisdom as it is otherwise). || Do you occasionally restructure your prose to accommodate a typo, too? *mutual shame*

Beth Schwarzin You're excluded from being a Southern Californian, an APA Fan, or from Laying Off Weeklies? I assume the first, but don't worry. Consider yourself adopted. (Just don't call me Big Brother or Uncle Sam...) || Male/female differences are biological, not chemical. How can people be tested for allergies without their senses coming into contact with what's being tested? Organ transplant rejections are also biological, not chemical. (If you're really into this, see my comment to Cantor.) || I only saw Ned in the elevator, I think. Thanks for that *sigh* for having missed me. *ego-inflation* || Past generations generally did not remain chaste until the mid-20s; they already had all their family by then. Only recently, as civilization advanced, was chastity a luxury to be afforded. (Yes, a luxury; it was started by Romantic idealists as a popular movement during the Enlightenment.) || Hard core! on your answer to Rita.

Cover II Abstract? I don't get it, Bill.

Dennis Jarog How about moracle = quantum of morality?

Bobbi Armbruster Sounds like an exciting summer. Glad to see the good people rewarded in this life. Glad Ron made it with you to SunCon. And... I'll never tell! || [*To Ron:*] Hear, hear on the *Star Wars* theme! || What's a nice girl like you doing in EST? || Crazy ideas? Me? What crazy ideas? Where? Who said so? || Last I heard your room problem was solved. || I'll take your word about Long Beach trailer courts; I really don't feel like looking for them. || Only one remark on your comment to Curley: the Woman's Movement—by which I mean feminism—is rooted in something far deeper than legislation: the human right to life and property. Remember that laws—all laws—are largely unenforceable (no one watching, no one cares who

saw you break it, etc.) and are maintained by acquiescence of the victim—er, citizen. If legislation causes evil, do what's right regardless. And you'll find the "system" is "thrown out" before long as others follow you example. (I think of you as one of the Good People.)

Charles Curley Lot of good ideas in *Fan Feuds*, and a few clunkers. I think you were probably a bit rushed as well. That Queens bit snuck in a little autobiography, *n'est-ce pas?*

Cyndi Warren-Moslow Welcome to the SCAPA FLOW diehards! Lost causes never die (just lose)! || The phone call wasn't a total loss, you notice. Allowed me to slip in a little pathos in *Lepre-Conzo*. || Since I'm not Charles Curley, I won't tell you that I'll bet wearing "Pom-Pom Girls" on the back of your high school outfit got you a lot of flak. Remember, I didn't tell you that. || Who's Mary Scully (besides being a Libran)? || You spell quite well in English, my dear. (And in D&D?) || I thought my "asides" to "Caves of Steel" were not silly but merely foolish. Apt even. Maybe I'll write them down for you when you go into a new printing of the *Hymnal*. Interested? || The pictures were wrong. As Lee Ann could see at SunCon, this was not how I looked for *sure!* || If you revoke Vic's "adoption papers" for his Jedi Knights club, I'll revoke yours, li'l Sis! || As a *movie*, *Star Wars* is a major breakthrough for SF, bringing films from the turn of the century (Wells and Verne) to the early forties. (Doc Smith, Campbell, etc.) The differences between *Trek* and *Wars* is the difference between night and day. But I won't "badger you into saying it was a great film;" besides, it doesn't need your approval. (Or Mike's or Susan's, for that matter.) It's boffo—and hard core. || I think this is the first zine you didn't sneak in a reference to Susan. Notice how I covered for you in the MC—obviously you were trying to draw attention to her by omission.

Margaret Henry "But I am hardly going to abandon fandom for *Star Wars* fandom." That's the most ridiculous statement I can remember appearing in this APA. Would you "abandon fandom" for Robert Heinlein fandom or Mythopeic fandom? It's all one fandom—and *Star Wars* is *hard-core* SF.

Victor Koman Well, well... *sputter*... then I've got almost

nothing to say to you either! || What cover? I thought you'd passed out those pseudopamphlets before and everyone knew from whence they came. || Cotton-fish line not bad. Original? (very in-joke.) || "Gafiate" is v.i. || *Laugh* as allowed. Screw all seat belts! And the busybodies who bug you about them. || Naturally, sympathies to your sister and to you for your empathy. (I get sympathetic pains every time Susan stubs her toe or bumps her elbow.) || Pride (by which is usually meant *unearned* self-esteem) I do not consider a virtue, nor Sloth (as opposed to a well-earned rest). I sympathize with you on Gluttony and Lust, but remember, it's not stuffing yourself and busying your genitals that's the vice—but inappropriate usage and above all *obsession*. And I go along with Stinner (mostly) on "wheels-in-the-head." By the way, how about Avarice? (Yum, yum.) Hey, Vic, want to make some graven images? (Always wanted to try hot type—*another in joke*.) || Never knew you were also short originally, tall later. It must be our genes. But it makes you believe in happy endings, *nyet?* || I like your poem—but where's the sonnets?

Mike Glyer Sorry, I voted for SFR and am glad it won. May it keep winning. || *snicker* and a good point on defending the good name of fanzines. || The only fan programming I would miss at a Con is the parties. (Have another bheer, Mike.) || Geis in Oregon, and Pierce in New Jersey? || Mark me down as a Laumer fan as well. Retief and O'Leary are favorite characters and I'll read anything in which they appear. || No comments again?

Jeni Roberts Vote? *ptui!* || Nope, that's not me. No beard. No pony tail. Just the pipe.

Susan L. Fox You certainly got involved in the big move. I found out that we were meeting at a new clubhouse when I tried to correct Vic missing the exit. || Interested in band, but don't have my instrument. || Stray gusts of wind turning over our D&D percentile dice? What's the hit probability of a lousy gust on AC6+1 hit dice? Sheesh. || My point of view on 5'5½" is looking down. But look at it this way, when we're sitting down (preferred position) we're nearly the same height.

ENOUGH ALREADY! REST OF COMMENTS NEXT ISH!