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STRIKE THREE AND OFF THE PLATE

For those few of you who have not yet heard, the great anarchomatch of the century is *pfft!* Any specific comment would only give her an excuse to reply, so I'll refrain. If she will keep her word just this once, I'll be back in full swing next disty when she drops out. If not, then I bid you all tearful farewells, save those I'll see in other APAs and in correspondence.

There will be no *IguanaConzo*. I tried, but there's just too much I don't want in print for me to do a good gonzo. Suffice it to say that on the whole the WorldCon was a balm to my wounded soul, and I am getting heavy into money-grubbing to hit both SeaCon and NorthAmeriCon next year.

There was one exception: the LASFAPA party occasioned one of the worst moments of my life, when I discovered not one, but two of my ex-fiancées were at the party. For those who may have wondered why I stayed less than an hour, that's how long it took me to realize I was in the Conjunction of a Million Spheres.

Let me, then, act as though I'll be around and comment on the last two disties, or as much as I can get done before collation. And, before I forget, let me apologize in advance, should I be forced to leave, to those of you I brought into this "Thing Of Ours." Look me up in *Frefanzine* or *APA-nu*—if it's worth your effort.

You know, I'm beginning to notice a homogenization of APAs. Whatever the reason for a given APA's mutual interest, it all gets around to personal discussions anyways. So it really doesn't matter where we meet; it only matters to me where I do not meet someone in particular.

For those of you I met for the first time at LASFS and Iggy, you didn't look anything like I pictured you either. Congratulations, though, to Carol and Lee for *sounding* in person like they do in print.

And a special thanks to those special few of you who rushed to my aid when the crunch came. *hug and kiss*

IN GARDE AT THE RIPOSTE OFFICE

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Cover Meant to be a wrap-around?

Stannous Martinate Anybody not get a postmailing from me?

Write; I got more copies. ¶

Another Stevie for Marc Glasser, though only because of the Em-piricon stuff. Gunderloy, Lillian

And Hershberg all mentioned

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honourably. (At least in this regard.) ¶ Not your fault, Alan, but that LASFAPA Party had to be the low point of the year for me. Not one but two ex-fiancées showed up; talk about the Conjunction of the Million Spheres. Sorry to everyone for running out

so early.

David I. Solo Sympathy on minac, and maybe see you next Worldcon?

George J. Laskowski, Jr. (I) Actually, the East Coast twist Boston, Pittsburgh and Washington gave me a Con a month (minus two). Didn't know Midwest had that many. Not counting Fringe Cons, West Coast can barely make every other month, if you drag in Vancouver and Phoenix.

Marc Glasser Perhaps you could use the Ms. Glasser mailings to set up an entire new set of I.D. to beat taxes and stuff (and even get to write for feminist publications!). It should be exploitable. ¶ Instead of "neat" or "cute," how about just "approve?" ¶ Yes, said *APA+nu* received without postage affixed. Good memory, Marc. ¶ (Ct Andy) "De Profundis" is part of the LASFS club motto, ("from the depths to the stars") and is the clubzine title. ¶ Did "tritalomony" end in divorce? What happened if a partner died; were substitutes allowed? And how did the author intend to convert our present polygamous society (with a diehard monogamist minority) into the new system—force? ¶ (Ct Rita) Poooor me, I hab a code. ¶ (Ct Ozanne) Filks of *Band on the Run*? Surely you remember my *Bund on the Run* back in 1975? I know I sent Cyndi a copy. ¶ I believe you subscribe for a year, not *M* issues. ¶ Do I ever experience any but radical changes in my life? Well, I'm beginning to think not. Still, I would be much less likely to remember the glacial ones. ¶ But no one in LASFAPA (save you) would get that *Lord of Light* reference. ¶ "Old NYUSFS" is gone; but the *Solarians* are coming! ¶ Some-

thing completely different. "The Monday of each year just prior to May 24th." Nitpicker. ¶ Notice I didn't say I was capable of simultaneous devotion to my causes either. No, I know I am incapable of polygamy, or any other form of divided loyalty. ¶ "I like its bias therefore..." is a reasonable response if one's likes and dislikes are keyed to rational responses. And surely New Wave and Old Wave will not agree on the dichotomy, any more than the combatants in other debates can: atheist/theist, minarchist/anarchist, romantic/naturalist, and so on. What the sides do is itself a central issue of contention. ¶ Han Solo has a tendency to blarney, b.s., or "tell tall tales;" that's what the "parsec error" was. ¶ WRVR had The Goon Show around 1970-72. ¶ Whatever happened to Ms. Weller since KC? As far as ERA boycott effectiveness, by what standard to what end? Again, I ask her to consider the case of the radical NOW member who owns a consumer store in Phoenix or New Orleans who is driven out of business by her "sisters" boycott of her. A boycott specifically of anti-ERA businesses known to have political influence would be a different argument. ¶ Cookingpig was disposed of in *APA-nu*. On to cleaner, inspirational subjects. ¶ Be seeing us? At LosCon? Wanna crash at the Anarchopad?

Greg Brown No comments? Why do I think you'll be disappointed by your response next disty? ¶ More to the point, is *Lucifer's Hammer* science fiction? ¶ Cogent and penetrating insight on Liberal Paternalism—but don't say "we" when referring to the State and its sycophants, at least not as long as I am in this APA.

Jenny Montaire The air was fairly clean, but then again it was a holiday weekend. L.A.'s air is always clean on Sundays and holidays. ¶ (Ct Seth) Of course American Nazis want attention and would dry up and blow away without it. There are vested interests among American Jews who will use their media influence to play the swastika-flashers up in order to milk their co-religionists' unwarranted fears. So what else is new . . . ¶ In *The Wake of Poseidon* came before *In The Court of the Crimson King*? I wish I still had my albums to check the dates. I really didn't care as much for *Poseidon*; my favourites are *King and Lizard* ("Prince Rupert's Lament" especially). I can see "21st Century Schizoid Man" being considered "social protest," but I don't remember them particularly identified with it. ¶ (Ct Cal) The networks are not "competitive" with the wide-open, eighty-channel market that *could* exist and provide for smaller "share" markets.

Mark R. Sharpe Well, greetings, any friend of Cyndi's . . . give or take a couple of exceptions and an ex-fiancee, that is. ¶ If you're going to pick nits on the definition of homosexual (vs "gay" in your ct Carol), I'll point out that intellectual and physical *attraction* are insufficient conditions for homosexuality to be defined. The act is required for a clincher. (Yes, same for hetero. And bi.) ¶ Your story of infiltrating your local Nazi group gives you a distinctive honour: you are *not* invited to crash, visit, or attend any functions in the Anarchovillage. A fink is a fink is a statist pig, regardless of the movement involved. Ever thought of becoming a narc—or have you done that too? To tell the truth, I feel inhibited by your very presence in these pages; I am illegal to the hilt and proud of it . . . but I'd be crazy to tell you anything.

Greg & Elena Chalfin & Pirov I love lizards. I can say in defense of them (not that they need defence) that they are related to dinosaurs. And dinosaurs, as we all know and love, justify not only their own existence, but that of anything even remotely associated with them. (*hug Dinny*) ¶ *split*

Greg Chalfin (solo) Sound definition of postmailing. And then there was mine . . . ¶ Damn! Now I have to buy one more *Galaxative*. I sure hope you're worth it,

Chalfin.

Elena Pirov (Solo) Extol Greg if you wish, but I never even thought of his writing as humorous. Overly dry, perhaps? My personal choices for most humorous (I guess I mean who most amuse *me*) are you and Bobbi. If I may chance a (very) loose analogy, your irony tickles my Jack Daniels' taste; Bobbi's my taste for Tab. (No, I can't stand them mixed!) ¶ I had the Macademia Nut Ice Cream at the Hotel Bonaventure but, who knows, the restaurant may have obtained it from Haagen-Dazs. I did go to the Haagen-Dazs on E.86th St. when I lived in Manhattan but don't remember the flavour there. ¶ Now, if talent is "inherent," how does one derive the talent (a complex series of actions, after all) from genes coded for, at best, simple actions? Breeding for talent (including cloning) would be risky, long-range investment at any rate. ¶ Thassenough. ¶ You've never heard of Wagner's teas? Seek them out! ¶ O.K., I'll notify you of future Libertarian Supper Club meetings until you find a topic you think may not bore you overly. ¶ Contempt implies insensitivity? I always thought indifference implied that. I have been, on rare occasions, contemptuous of my own actions on hindsight. ¶ Well, 36 point is my absolute maximum for type. I suppose I could have your name blown up photographically. ¶ I did not think acknowledgement constituted public discussion. Otherwise, I do not have said habit.

Marty Cantor You remembered? *sniff* ¶ I'm a pizza gourmet. Think of it as American crepes. (Italian? Hah! They make the damn crust too thick.) ¶ "It would be much easier to allow the State then into chaos slip . . ." Really? Let's do it! ¶ Wrong, Marty. The *Brigate Rosse* have hit only statist up to two months ago [at typesetting time I had just read another news report of a bust: only "crimes" mentioned were against statist] and the identification of a target being just a businessman may be wrong—or someone else may have done it. I met a peripheral member of the group at Iguanon and have had my faith in them renewed. ¶ You cannot murder a murderer, or even a thief in the midst of a crime. And that is what politicians are. All of them, of all parties, for all time. ¶ I (and Boopsie) remain true to Elvis. You ain't nothing

but a Hound Dog, Marty. Don't be cruel; I'm all shook up enough. ¶ Borrowing by either companies or anyone else creates neither jobs nor anything else. Entrepreneurs do with the capital. But states appropriating capital, either by force (taxation) or fraud (paper money inflation) create products wanted less than that which the capital would have otherwise produced. If this was not the case, force and fraud would not have been needed; the more avidly sought product would have been produced anyways. The State fears human reason as the cobra does the mongoose. Finally, if paper money is *voluntarily* being accepted, why are there laws (legal tender) calling upon the arms of the State to prevent gold being demanded in payment of debt and paper money compelled to be accepted in its stead? ¶ Canadian government restrictions are part of the protectionism which is tariffs and taxes. To be specific, there is a 100% profit tax on said oil. But, c'mon, who dictates Canadian economic policy if not U.S. plutocrats? ¶ (Ct Celia) Social Security has been bankrupt since the 1930s and remains so. All Ponzi scams are from birth. ¶ "That is why I got so upset when I was accused of proselytizing. . . —I do no such thing. . . I speak up for ____ rights." Tell me about it, Marty. *been there.*

Celia Chapman Thanks for being a bright light at a decidedly wretched (for me) party. Sorry if I were less than bright and chipper and attentive. ¶ You're right; you're meant for better. Move on out—and up! ¶ I've seen a lot of alcoholics up close—including two uncles. ¶ Where did the rest of the comments go?

James Langdell Onward and upward. I'm getting into money-grubbing also. ¶ *Super Mouse* was also one of my favourite comics, better than *Mighty Mouse*. And I also heard of fandom through Carter in *If*. *snap, snap, snap* ¶ Great *Freddy* titles. *waves of nostalgia* ¶ The best book I found introductory to libertarianism is the original edition of Murray Rothbard's *For A New Liberty*. (He's since gone deviationist.) There's also my humble publication (*ahem*) but it's pretty much for those advanced in libertarian lore. Maybe I'll finally write a definitive book on *Counter-Economics* this year. Aspects of libertarianism can be gleaned from the following major works:

Economics: *Human Action* by Ludwig Von Mises.

Psychology: *The Myth of Mental Illness* by Thomas Szasz and (though less recommended by me) *The Psychology of Self-Esteem* by Nathaniel Branden. **History:** *Revisionist Viewpoints* by James J. Martin, *The Triumph of Conservatism* by Gabriel Kolko.

Philosophy: *Introduction to Objectivist Epistemology* by Ayn Rand. Libertarian SF classics include *The Moon Is A Harsh Mistress* by Robert Heinlein, *The Dispossessed* by Ursula LeGuin, *The Syndic* by C.M. Kornbluth, *The Great Explosion* by Eric Frank Russell and *Illuminatus!* by Shea and Wilson. Other introductory works on libertarianism as a whole include *Rational Anarchy: Pre-condition for Peace and Prosperity* (Richard and Ernestine Perkins) and *The Market for Liberty* by Linda and Morris Tannehill.

Sally A. Syrjala I shall cherish the memory of the "flagless Finns." The present Finnish State, by the way, has the foreign policy closest to the anarchist idea of any I know today. ¶ Alas, the *Guardians of the Galaxy* lost their own book and have been relegated to guest appearances, most recently in *The Avengers*. ¶ I'm not sure if it was the cable or the set, but I had trouble with colour last night on, of all things, *Battlestar Galactica*. *Grr* ¶ If you're willing to buy "used," it should be possible to get an IBM Exec under \$300. I'm in the market myself, probably next month. ¶ (Ct Cal) But what of the people who are mortified by the bad associations with names like McDonald's (Irish repressed by Scots), Burger King (German republicans) or Jack-in-the-Box (children traumatized by toy shock)? Why stop at Sambo's? ¶ By the way, "ct" = "comment to" not just "comment." I made the same mistake myself at first. ¶ (Ct Lynne) The only thing I currently find *attractive* about religion at present are the doctrinal debates. Wish I could believe in one so as to get involved. ¶ Your ct Rita on marriage was wonderful! Why can't I meet someone like you? Stay alive and keep inspiring me, Sally.



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Seth Goldberg It's pathetic that there is one atrocious AM Country station in New York—no FM—and only one FM Country station in L.A. Yet riding through the South in 1973 with an FM car radio, I picked up many truly superb country stations, some quite Progressive. Hawaii is now added to the cultural desert. ¶ Conrad? Of the *LA Times* editorial page? A second-rate Herblock, whom I truly despise (probably the only cartoonist in the world I feel that way about). Interlandi is crude, but his heart's in the right place. Auth (*Washington Post*) is good, but Oliphant! Yeah! ¶ Another fearless cockroach killer! Stomp them! To the ovens with the lot of them! Death to their offspring unto the seventh generation! ¶ The issues I read and those I published of *Renaissance* were quite rational; in fact, I considered him kind of soft-core on New Wave-stomping. ¶ But multi-valued logic depends on A, not-A. Set [A, B, C] contains logically A, not-A = (B, C), B, not-B = (A, C), C, not-C = (A, B). ¶ Needle-phobes: our name is Legion. ¶ August and September? Ah, yes, the prime tourist months. ¶ Hah, noticed I anticipated your Boolean argument in earlier comment. ¶ I could have sworn I wrote about that earlier in CE!, but if not, here it is. SF went through several historical periods (and will go through more). Verne was heroic, pro-life, pro-gadget, etc. Wells was anti-heroic, anti-life, anti-gadget ("gadget" = innovation, technological advance). Gernsbach comes in the end of this doom and gloom phase, "some things man was not meant to know" crap. Smith, Campbell, and the Space Operatics created the Renaissance in the thirties, which moved into a sophisticated phase, naturalist in style but romantic in outlook, in the forties. This was Old Wave. The Wells and Verne strains weave through all periods in different strengths, and even in the same writer. But Old Wave is predominantly Vernian—and since essence is necessary for definition, the romantic element is selected for definition. New Wave is unrelievedly Wellsian. I swear I'll read the first self-admitted upbeat, pro-life, gung-ho New Wave story that is seriously recommended to me, and if it passes, I'll surrender. Anyone out there rise to the challenge? ¶ How wrong you are about "heroes... could never be real"! You can be one; I certainly

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am working unceasingly to live up to that. Dealing with real people in the real world is best done *without* compromising. What happened to your heroic commitment is exactly what I am fighting against happening to another. Whatever traits of mine you find displeasing, I have never betrayed either my



Cause or my Woman and never will. Oh, Seth, never give in to the bastards who want you to flaw, to compromise, to destroy in order to make themselves feel less guilty. Hang on! ¶ There are many "True Ways" in one sense, but there is a set of [Good Ways] and a set of not-[Good Ways]. I tend to agree with some Christians who perceive all Evil tending toward sameness and Good promoting variety and interest. C.S. Lewis has superb images in his fiction. ¶ Without the State, Hitler would have got nowhere. Read the history of the Brown Shirts and other para-military groups in Weimar Germany (Socialists, Communists, conservative *freikorps*) to see that they were just furtive thugs until one of them finally got their hands on the State and used it to its full potential for coercion. But even then, Hitler was *not* overly aggressive in *foreign* policies, i.e., dealing with *other* States. The "democracies"—U.S. and U.K. particularly—are the most imperialist and aggressive in

the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. ¶ Wrong. Science's metaphysics—and epistemology—are changing. Quantum Mechanics added considerably to the philosophy of science; so did Relativity and Stat Mech. Statistical Mechanics seems to me to be drastically radical, especially in causality. ¶ Evil is a reactionary label? *sigh* Score one point for the Bad Guys if they sold you on that. ¶ 50/50 again. ¶ Chemistry does *not* deal with life; biology allegedly does. I think I described the border sufficiently; let me recapitulate here only that it's similar to the micro/macro split between quantum and thermo. ¶ You're probably right and it was not only meant humourously, but I was probably thinking of rockets, not car seat belts. ¶ Trade you an *NL* for a *Mongoose*. ¶ Wonderful meeting Leslie, wish she was around L.A. area. Did Mike Okuda make it? I don't remember meeting him. Leslie Blitman Thanks to my procrastination in doing these

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comments, I actually met you before reading your first zine. (And a most pleasant encounter it was. Anyone who can groove on the lunacy of a NYUSFS filk sing is truly constructively chaotic—Hail Eris!) ¶ What! Not considering Theoretical Chem! What do you want, to make a living or something? ¶ Ellison? Delany? Lupoff? Have you tried any of Smith, Heinlein, De Camp, Asimov, Campbell, (Cordwainer) Smith,...? ¶ (Ct me) Hmm, that sounds like a come-on. Oh, well, I said I'd do *anything* for artwork... (HHOK LB). ¶ No news to you I'm sure that I find your feelings about children painful to read.

Kees Van Toorn Great illos! I believe her chains are broken? It would make a great libertarian logo. ¶ On the way home from Iggy, we gave a ride to the reporter from the French SF prozine *Futures*. She turned out to be an Anarchist! What do you know of *Future*? ¶ Did you get my mailing to you? ¶ Your exclusionary idea (we call it blackballing in this country) to kick people out of the roster is unacceptable to me. I have strong grudges against two of the people in this APA right now, and if the one who promised to drop out breaks that oath (as well), I will simply leave myself. Nonetheless, I don't consider this inconsistent with what I have said; the three who did not join reportedly had no personal contact with Bridget and he had done nothing to them except offend them by his writing. ¶ Agree on not needing a bureaucracy to publish a good prozine. ¶ Dick Kyle sells French comics, probably would sell Dutch ones if he was sent some. I'll have access to his fanzine when he finally pubs the next issue; I'll be setting it. ¶ Yes, your second tobacco arrived and was interesting. Please, no more aromatic tobacco. Tell the tobacconist I like Virginia and Burley blends particularly. ¶ What's a "prison-tenant"? I'll agree or disagree when I find out. ¶ It would be great if the Dutch police and army went on strike—for good. Wish the U.S. Army and police would unionize and strike. ¶ Lure her away, please. (Ghod, how old mcs come back to haunt me.)

R. Laurraine Tutihasi Really? Last I heard brain cells do not regenerate at all. ¶ "If you had a son, would you change his diapers too?" Darned if I can figure out what prompted that, but yes.



What's the "too"? ¶ I, on the other hand, plunged the depths. Keep your high, though. ¶ Thanks, fellow virtuous person. ¶ I on the other hand am constantly probing for gut reaction reasons, or rather was. I think I've got mine all figured out now. But should one catch me by surprise, I'll hunt down the hidden premise relentlessly. ¶ Rapid evaluation of the Macro Philosophy: I find no evidence for the concept of soul, though one could consider it metaphorical for the Stirnerist Ego. Forming a group soul repels me as a goal; I wrote half an SF story (pubbed in *APA-nu*) on the concept. Harmony is, on the other hand, a worthy goal, usually espoused by Natural Law people (Frederic Bastiat, C.S. Lewis). Love and Wisdom are all right, though I'm a bit wary of Leadership. I've seen no evidence for telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, psychokinesis, telekinesis, or astral projection. Non-interference principle for souls seeking sal-

vation akin to that professed by libertarian Christians—but violated by the statist variety. Is Macro an "established church" anywhere in the world? Help offered only when sought sounds deliciously anti-welfare. I am aware that there is indeed absolute right and wrong aside from the non-interference principle. On a scale of 1-10, with the average ("mere") Christian position about 5, I'd give Macro a 4 on your presentation. Maybe more if I heard more of the theology. Highest religious score I would give is about a 6 for Lewis' rationalist Christianity. Certain atheist philosophers have hit 7. Number indicates percentage of correspondence with reality possible; that is, the "map matches the territory." ¶ The original grading system I was raised in had 50% of the papers get less than 65% and the letters corresponding to H = (100, 85), A = (84, 70), B = (69, 50), C = (49, 40), D = 39, 0). Since then, all the grading sys-

tems I've run into were relatively inflated. ¶ (Ct Dennis) A French tickler is a rubber ring with protrusions to be placed on the base of a penis (or built onto a dildo) for clitoral stimulation during penetrative intercourse. O.K.? ¶ Ova bank? Now if we could only develop synthetic wombs, the race may still be saved. ¶ Conebulus? How dare they hold a Con during the Heinlein-Konkin Birthday Party! Alan P. Winston (Ct Bobbi) "... perfection is just not attainable." Aargh! What a truly disgusting philosophy, as exemplified by that Hawthorne story. *ick* ¶ But the "fuggheaded" drummer—half the Crickets—was so because of jealousy (as portrayed in the movie). Surely I must have told you at least twice before that I am interested in SF reviews for NL. Submit, already. ¶ Your intercourse synonyms to Celia elicited a chuckle.

Cover (Section II) Another NA-SA shot. *jadedness*

Guy H. Lillian III If this was D&D, I'd swear you meant anti-Saint Mick. Did you see the October *US* wherein Mick is alleged to have said he couldn't possibly do all the things he is supposed to be doing, and that he is a loving father, husband and homebody? Is this a New Image? ¶ (Ct Elena) Whatever you heard about uncircumcised males is nonsense: no pain, or anything else—I know. I should think the converse is true but what do I know? I had no idea that infant mutilation was so common in this barbaric country. ¶ *Bright Leaf* was pretty good. ¶ "Why are those men who seek to control private enterprise any better or necessarily more scrupulous than those who would deal in the public business?" O.K., you asked, I'll tell you why. First of all, the only people trying to "control" private enterprise are politicians—statists. Entrepreneurs "control" nothing but their own property. Enterprise requires production, persuasion, and perspicacity, and at least sufficient sensitivity in one's specialty to create what the consumers want. Politics requires coercion, plunder, fraud, double-dealing and only enough understanding of the masses to find their gullibility, not to mention the need of the politico for tremendous insensitivity for the suffering he causes. Will that do? ¶ So Carter's no FDR, eh? Give him a chance and he'll match that bloody maniac yet. Take a look at that hor-

rendous piece of war-setting-up in the so-called Israeli-Egyptian treaty. Cleverly he (or Zbig) manipulated the treaty negotiations so the U.S. would be involved *guaranteeing* the defense of Israel against aggression—the very same set-up that Halifax engineered with Poland to get World War II started. The media manipulation of the Event will convince the most isolationist senator to ratify it—and all it will take is a Syrian or Iraqi shot and the Marines will be off to the Middle East to make it safe for Democracy. Got to save the Jews *this* time, right? I sure hope you're over the hill for the U.S. draft, old buddy. I'll miss your zine. ¶ You think Carter won't shoot demonstrators at Kent State who come out to protest the U.S. involvement in the next Middle East War? ¶ I've got a copy of *Apocalypses* on my Must Read shelf, and I'd like to do a review for your genzine. However, I must warn you, it won't be utter admiration—for the writing, he's another matter—unless he surprises me. I got strong reactions to *Fourth Mansions* but it's not above criticism. (*Only Doc Smith is*) What's your deadline? ¶ Not all Indians were ever considered black. India, after all, has its own racism with the dark-skinned Dravidian stock dumped on by the light-skinned Northerners. ¶ Well, maybe we wee yearning for the chilly climes of home, but driving back into the first rain in six months is *too* much. Hot is good when dry. *yum* ¶ Really? I thought genzines were on the rocks and APAs running amok. Look at L.A. Not one big name genzine, but APA madness (Thursday Night Fever and "This Thing Of Ours"). ¶ I haven't seen much of Asimov since I moved West, and read nothing by him except one of his new zine editorials. Sorry to hear he's fallen for his own schtick. ¶ I haven't seen much of Wright and I don't recognize MacNelly, but we agree on Oliphant and political cartooning. ¶ Well, at least I'm not a red-headed Canadian. (Except for Ann-Margret when I was about 16, redheads don't particularly impress me.) ¶ I thought the Panshins were New Wave? Then again, I only read half of one novel (in serial—missed the next issue and never found a copy). ¶ So I lose again. But how about Mardi Gras? ¶ No political comments in *that* mc, but how about all the others? Not to mention mentioning my *blanching*, etc. ¶ Para-

MISCELLANEOUS REVIEWS

Battlestar Galactica (TV) Hail Dykstra! *snap* *click* The first hour lacked nothing on *Star Wars* but a big screen. (Some Con Com should pull a real coup by getting the two-hour movie version, which will not be shown within this country). During the second hour the tight plotting of *SW* was lost and by the third hour one began to see *deja vu* of *Lost in Space*. Whatever TV executives were responsible for twisting the super Space Opera of the opening into standard "sci fi sitcom" should be shot and Dykstra given full control. I shudder to think of subsequent episodes. ■■■

[Addendum: Since I wrote the above, I have seen two sequels and they rate far higher than expected. I attribute this to their following a serial mode of every episode dependent upon the previous one, rather than the episodic mode of *Trek* and *Lost in Space*, whose shows could be scrambled and run in any order.]

Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band (Cinema) Truly mixed, both in premises and execution, is my summary description. There were several clever plot set-ups for the Beatles' songs, but others fell flat. I believed Steve Martin could do no wrong—but his number was a bomb. George Burns was wasted on dances with little kids. From what I've heard of him, Frankie Howerd was also wasted.

More positive were the general high level of musical performance, the Hollywood seduction scene (Yay! Donald Pleasance—I know someone who looks just like his character), and the Future Villain Band sequence (ripped off from the climax of *Illuminatus!* methinks.

The funeral scene was incredibly long in proportion to the rest of the movie, overly down I felt. It did give a chance for some good numbers, especially "Day in the Life." On the other hand, what could be more natural than Bill Preston as *Deus Ex Machina*? ■■

Animal House (Cinema) Anyone wondering if the flavour of *National Lampoon* can be faithfully brought to the screen, wonder no more. And my rating reflects my very mixed feelings about *NatLamp's* sicko-yock stuff. Belushi was overrated to me, but several of the others were superb and badly underrated by the reviewers. And there were some to-be-classic scenes.

noia, schmaranoia, Roosevelt conducted a regular orchestra of incidents to provoke American entry into World War II both in the Atlantic and Pacific. If you want an "authoritative" source, see Charles Beard's *President Roosevelt and the Coming of War 1941*; also works by Tansill and by Barnes. Roosevelt not only provoked Pearl Harbor, his military men sent orders that would cause maximum damage, rather than the minimum General Short and Admiral Hummel (the scapegoats) would have suffered should they have followed their usual precautions. See also the Congressional hearings on the incident after the war. They are cited in Beard, *op cit*. ¶ Another Freddy Fan? The closets are emptying. ¶ Vasectomy is *sometimes* reversible. ¶ Never did get to talk at Iguana-

con. Oh, well...

Virginia Bauer Well, perhaps we can set up an Expedition into *Wargrypt* for you. ¶ Ghod, D&D classes! As bad as teaching SF for credit. If only Prop. 13 would close down all the schools. ¶ Wait a minute. *LASFAPA* I would have to be dated 1976, not 1967. And I just missed that collation (*as usual*) with my first *Conzo!*

Rita Prince Winston If you regard consistency as a principle, then there is no problem about ordering other principles, moral or otherwise. As a matter of fact, consistency is a philosophical imperative, axiomatic and requiring no "proof." The penalty for inconsistency is death by Nature. ¶ (Ct Vixen) I have never seen you called a name in any zine in this APA. Ever. ¶ The Romans had divorce? I never

One thing I haven't noticed mentioned: in its own hyperbolic way, *Animal Farm* is as accurate nostalgia as *American Graffiti* and reminded me of the frat I was in far more than *Fraternity Row*. It was worth sitting through the end just to find out what happened to the characters in later life. ■■

Beatlemania (Stage) My refanem friend Sheila called it necrophilia. Starting from that, it gets a few redeeming points for the efforts of the actors. Boy, have I soured on multi-media presentations (first seen in 1973 by me)! Good music, of course. Don't waste \$13.50 at the Pantages. ■

Death on the Nile (Cinema) Good mystery, incredible acting, smooth as Jack Daniels. Perhaps if I loved mystery as much as SF/F, I'd give it the other black flag. ■■■

Omni (Magazine) Jeez, I could write this—if I wrote down. And considering what they pay, I damn well ought to send them something on spec. Same for most of the rest of you. I like a lot of what Bob Guccione's done for libertarianism in *Penthouse*; let's hope he can do the same for SF/F and science. By the way, his heavy emphasis on Science Fact is neither deplorable nor innovative but a throwback to Uncle Hugo. Though the factual stuff was simple to moronic, aimed for the masses I guess, the Goulart and Sturgeon was good enough to match industry standards on fiction. I withhold a black flag only because I'm hopelessly snobbish about Scientific Sophistication. ■■■

Movie Movie (Cinema) This has not yet been released as I typeset this review, but it may be out by the time this disty gets to you. I caught a Sneak Preview. The first half was funny (a satire on B&W fight films), but the colour second half of movie musicals was truly hilarious. One-joke, true: the premise of *Movie Movie* is that one can write a dialogue entirely of cliches...but twisted. There were several visual mangled cliches too, though I'm less sensitive to them. Special note to *Rocky Horror* fandom: watch for Barry Bostwick doing a wonderful Dick Powell in the "Baxter Girls" segment. I walked out singing "Gee Whiz" and tap dancing. ■■■

Rating System: 4 black flags: flaws excusable to perfect. 3 black flags: good to great. 2 black flags: all right, you won't waste your money. ■: redeeming social value found. 0 = 0.

heard this before. Where did you hear Calpurnia was divorced? She was, as far as I knew, warning him not to go to work on the Ides of March. ¶ In that case, why didn't you walk out of the dull party and find worthwhile people to talk to? ¶ Breakfast teas are supposedly what the English, Irish, Ceylonese and so on drink for breakfast and do not denote tea type otherwise. Your taste is correct. ¶ Jelly (for bread) was rare in Edmonton when I grew up and preserves were what Grandma canned. Jam was it. I find strawberry/apple jam (very common at home) nearly impossible to find in most states. ¶ Your comment to Carol had no relation to what she actually said. If she misread you, you certainly returned the favour. (And I'm not exactly her knight-defender,

if you'll check the last couple disties.) ¶ You also describe Lee's position incorrectly. And you are again wrong about the mass media and the trend-setters. Your anti-child position is "in" today; you've won. And you really don't know it? ¶ Well, I'd list all the people you know that I like, but those who were left out might feel bad. Hell, I would not want to be left out. Maybe it would be better to mention that the only two people in *LASFAPA* currently I actively dislike were the one I was about to marry and her current...whatever. So you read me wrong.

David Schlosser If you've never lived outside of L.A., by all means move to Minneapolis. (*You'll come crawling back*) ¶ (Ct Elena) I don't know about this "sex aura" thing; I get



turned on by Dorothy Parker-style writing by women (like Elena, for instance)...or any sign of achievement or ability. (All I need to find out now is that Elena is insulted at being compared to Dorothy Parker. *sigh*) ¶ Circumcision is most definitely mutilation; any removal from the human body is, and there is *no* good medical reason for the act. It was religiously inspired (by the same mentality that threw people into the Aztec pits) and rationalized by doctors on flimsy grounds of hygiene which would justify fingernail removal. *grr, gnash* Right on, Elena! Save them kids! ¶ Anti-ook on SchLASFAPA, especially on lowering the first vowel to mak the pun work. ¶ Well, did you get "my share?" ¶ "I do not claim to be logical when it comes to Nazis." So what do you want us to do? Tie you down whenever someone flashes a *heukenkreuz*? ¶ And you got said buttons, I hope. ¶ Spoken like a true bureaucrat. Now that I am Official Heretic of the Bobbi-Ghoddess, I intend to jump channels. Isn't that a heresy? *heh, heh* ¶ "Spontaneous" seems to mean "accidental" in this case. So be it. ¶ While your chemistry ratio is exceedingly

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low for the system I went through (over 50% Chemistry courses counting lab time), it's comparable to the Chem major requirements I've seen in some American colleges (*smirk on last word*). At least I will not treat you as a Chemical illiterate. ¶ Suppose making a profit suits me? Or you? If you ask me (did you?), we're only haggling about price. (*Would you do it for a million? Well, then how about \$20...?*) ¶ No, I wasn't the only complainant. ¶ "Rather unique?" Oh well, the nitpickers already got to you by now. (*There's Schlosser's bleached bones, all that's left...*) ¶ Hermes? Could be worse. Who's Hades?

Carol Kennedy Loved your gunnut bio. (+1 Carol) (*May I stroke your trigger and fondle your butt? Ahhh...*) ¶ If you really ant, I could do another "Seth and Sam" show with you on Statistical Evidence vs Experimental Evidence (Ct Vixen). ¶ I'm attracted to powerful women, on the other hand, and rich only if earned. [I noticed that Celia later says the same in respect to her sexual preferences. Hmm. Too bad she's leav-

ing town.] Heiresses (and heirs) are usually decadent, unrealistic, and often statist. ¶ It had never been made explicit that your positions of seeming "intolerance" were *not* to be backed with either force or sanction. In that case, you are acting in an objectively libertarian manner and we have no further points of opposition. I salute you and graciously apologize. ¶ Even if you despised the bad motivations of many of those who supported the repeal of State interference in private discrimination, the action itself was a good result. Or do you think that Good can never result from the acts of Evil? ¶ No, I did not notice that. The women in LAS-FAPA who were in my proximity at the time agreed with my forceful rejection of the Schlosser-Pelton White Slave trade. ¶ No, the "programme" for learning is itself learned, and prodigies were imprinted with it earlier. My theory is easily verifiable: have a child and concentrate on teaching it firm logical principles and precise reasoning in the cradle. (Naturally, the exact methods have to be worked out.) And if you're thinking, "Well,

why don't you...?", believe me, Carol, I'm trying, I'm trying. (*I'm very trying*) ¶ 100% humidity is a supposedly saturated solution of water in air; as you must have heard in chemistry, such entities exist called *super-saturated solutions*. They *should* crystallize out excess solute *thermodynamically* (Hi, Seth!) but not *kinetically*. Eventually something triggers the precipitation and the excess falls out of solution. In the air, the water precipitation is called...rain! (Or snow...flakes.) ¶ Our minds are indeed alien. I do not think in Freudian or psychological terms, nor is my reasoning and motivations explicable in their model. Robinette, on the other hand, fit the theoretical model whipped up by the author perfectly, a *psychiatric* model based on stuff like mother complexes and irrational guilt. Now, maybe there are those who think like that—I cannot *know* what anyone else thinks, nor they what I think. That is forever private. But to the extent I would normally identify with the lead character of the story, I was thoroughly alienated. ¶ Great ct Celia on Indira Gandhi. My sentiments exactly; I'd add Golda Meir and Madame Sirimavo Bandaranaike. ¶ "Maybe all tastes are learned." I'm moving toward that conclusion too. Or at least imprinted. ¶ Er, you would not happen to have a poem that rhymes and scans, would you? ¶ Lee Pelton Nick Danger transpose? ¶ Congratulations on your First and all the benefits you perceive! ¶ (Ct Celia) We have identical definitions of what constitutes "being alone." When my mate's "being alone" excludes me, writing appears on my walls... ¶ Mike Gunderloy Was this best reported in the *Evening Star*? (Obscure.) ¶ Gct Vixen on eating. But I have strayed from the Path of the Righteous Eater, alas. ¶ (Ct Lee Ann) Well, I think you have superb musical taste. "We are Devo" is actually "Jocko Homo"—I have the recording. ¶ You...vote? *ick* ¶ "The Anaercentic Society?" Wow, you're a wealth of obscure information! Anything like the Hell Fire Club, by the way? ¶ "Will you grant...?" Granted. I am, after all, a libertarian. Or hadn't you noticed? ¶ Feynman Diagrams in High School? Ghod, this New Math... ¶ Let's split a pizza! Anchovies, too? I had a great one on the way to Iggy, with chilli, jalapenos, sausage, beef,

onions, pepperoni, mushrooms, green peppers . . . and oysters! ¶ *Times* is closest thing to a newspaper around here; maybe the *Santa Ana Register* too. ¶ Too obscure. ¶ Sounds good, Caltech (twixt midnight and seven. Any date in particular? ¶ No. Moods do not govern my actions. Even the most unstable people I know (and have lived with) would shrink from actual physical violence (like picking up a knife, let alone a nuke) when their mood was expressively homicidal. ¶ What I would love is unlimited use of *Sugar to Saccharin* right now. ¶ You should have your buttons. Any reactions from wearing them? (I get several a day.) ¶ EIAA! And TANJ—except a Gunderloy comment. ¶ "It is always permissible to multiply or divide by . . . constant to get the right answer." That should prepare you well for Phys Chem. (Right, Seth?) ¶ Someone consumed a Pig Trough at Bobbi's going-away party. Wish you were there. ¶ Prop. 6 is on the ballot; no on 6, no on 5, and No on voting. ¶ "U. of Montreal"? I didn't even know there was one . . . McGill, of course. But how could ou have forgotten the University of Alberta! (*everybody sing*: "*Quaecumque vera*"*) ¶ (Ct Eric) Queue is a common verb in England; I saw it often in the English comics I read as a kid. ¶ I saw Frazer Smith live before the Jimmy Rabbit Concert at the Golden Bear last night (Saturday, September 23). ¶ Here's a couple of thoughts back at you, Mike. While the Vatican can be considered a State, the papacy is not *inherently* statist. Let's just say it's tainted with contact with the ungodly institutions of this world. Also, I have no desire to see a "progressive" Pope. Since I'm not a Catholic, his positions would not affect me. But he would defraud his hundreds of millions of religious consumers, most of whom demand a "conservative." They bought the doctrine; they should have the straight goods delivered to them. As for how the election came out, I consider Pope John Paul [George & Ringo] to evoke ridicule for his office—he's a joke. ¶ No, it's not just your problem. ¶ Boric acid may have that effect on some people in large doses, but it's usually so harmless it's a common eyewash.

Vixen And . . . and not only that, I even saw you at Iguanacon! *En passant*. Glad you could make it. ¶ Wow! I never heard of

contacts being prescribed as better than framed lenses. May rethink the issue. ¶ **raise hand** I also "hear" songs, usually while I'm walking, more frequently when I am sleep deprived. ¶ And I personally know children who fit none of those characteristics. ¶ I love tall women (but have never had one reciprocate). ¶ Utterly disagree about penile mutilation. ¶ "Elena" pronounced Eh-lyen-ah, is quite Russian. ¶ Also wished our school had uniforms when I was a kid. ¶ "When I have the most free time is when I get the least done. But I function very well under pressure." Should we form a club? ¶ "You seem to be saying that discrimination against gays is okay, and veneration it with political rhetoric. Why should someone who has lost their job . . .?" Lots to untangle here. First, your remarks are just as puzzling and disturbing to me. If you meant to say that you would send troops to my residence and office to watch over me with raised weapons in case I committed discrimination, then you are indeed a statist and we can line up on opposite sides of the barricades. If, on the other hand, you are not for the legislative solution to social "problems" (which I describe without any "vener" at all above), then you are also *for* discrimination, since in a free society, some people will act in ways you find undesirable. My remarks are simply another facet of the gem of my libertarianism: I oppose the initiation of violence and coercion. While I discriminate quite heavily in my personal life and in whom I choose to hire, gays and blacks are not on the list, and women have gotten preferential treatment since 1971 (before "Women's Lib") simply because the imbalance in libertarian circles had disturbed me with the potential problems that could arise. But if you're a mundane, statist, or will create friction with others I hire, you may as well not apply with me. Naturally we're talking about equal competence. Finally, "political vener" is particularly insulting to me as a noted anti-politician. ¶ I was thinking of Susan Fox who was in *LASFAPA* earlier. Also intended the obvious pun. Sorry if it offended. ¶ Well, soon as I attend an appropriate party with the fen who told me the stories to refresh my memory, I'll write to them down and send them on to you. Assuming I do see said people again. ¶ Not

only should rights not be voted on, nothing should be. Ever. And, if you hadn't heard, I not only do not vote but actively campaign against this foul practice. ¶ Thank you for backing me up on Schlosser's comments: **Carol and David**, please note. ¶ I think Holly's looks *were* part of it, sort of perversely, but quite possibly he was someone for millions to identify with. I could have. ¶ ". . . ashamed of having kissed, because it involved having given in to coercion." Wow! A hard-core libertarian statement. Pleasant surprise. ¶ Same reaction on your comment to Carol on sharing. ¶ Watching TV and doing one or more other things—with instant total diversion during commercials—was my manner during my TV junkie phase (ages 10-20 roughly).

Tom Digby I am aware of the problem, and sympathise with fannish cons, but dislike your bureaucratic solution. I can see perfectly fine fannish cons not "certified" because of a fan feud with one faction controlling the Bureau. I use word-of-mouth propaganda myself, never missing a chance to put down "fringe" cons (ones, by my definition, which are all hucksters and programming) in favour of trufan cons (lots of parties). I do not see profit as either a desirable or practical distinction; fannish cons should profit too. ¶ I'm surprised at your definition of atheism. The historical one (and heavily current—see Rand, Branden, O'Hair, etc.) is simple lack of belief in a god. Thus one who thinks a god might be possible, but sees no evidence at present, is an *atheist*. An agnostic believes, on the other hand, that one *cannot* know—a position of irrational faith more repugnant to this atheist than that of a genuinely erring rational theist (e.g. C.S. Lewis). There is, I acknowledge, the self-named atheists who lik nothing better than to kick theist ass. I call them *anti-theists*, to distinguish them from us rationalists. ¶ Excellent discrimination on discrimination plebiscites. (**He's a credit to his sexual preference.**) **Jeff Siegel** Rae bnc in both respects.

Daniel Gordon (Ct Mike) No, he knows that Physics is only a small subset of Chemistry. ¶ Herblock never understood *what* McCarthy believed; most of the definitions of McCarthyism I have herd include things that never happened or were not believed by McCarthy. But the

point is that this was only one glaring case of Herblock unfairness, of resorting to *ad hominem* to attack a popular target without adequate understanding. ¶ *Even Creatures of Light and Darkness* seemed to aim for scientific rationalization, if not explanation. It's particularly difficult to classify because of the obscuring style. Still, *Lord of Light* and the Amber series are clearcut SF. ¶ Well, you and I made it to Iggy, but that coward Zelazny did not show. Wonder who warned him? ¶ I assume you're being witty on building of logic. ¶ I have read a lot of old SF and it, like the newer stuff, had wide variety of style and content. Shall I drop names? Kornbluth, Cordwainer Smith, Stanley Weinbaum, C.S. Lewis, Olaf Stapledon, Doc Smith—try to match any two. Better take back that bullshit (**wonder what he'll do with it?**). ¶ Rand is oversimplified? How simplified should she have been? Where did she say tht *all* life was not to be a part of art—or should I read you as "*reflections of all parts of life.*" She certainly didn't believe in reflection; her definition is selected *recreation* of reality. "The Whipper of Whipped Dogs" was based on a real event? Can you give me the time and place this god-thing appeared for its sacrifice in New York? ¶ I found neither *Annie Hall* nor *Star Wars* to be humorous. I lived both. Of course, I also lived *Animal House* and did find that funny—maybe because it was supposed to be.

Marc S. Glasser I like your new comment heading. ¶ (Ct Ruth) Did you get your *Saucer Sluts* from Vic? ¶ Ah, a Mike Moslow quote. How is he? ¶ Thanks for the definitive name of Delaney. Wonder why the ad-writer for the *Times* couldn't get it right? ¶ Yes, and I ordered said Cherryh (**with a fringe on top**). ¶ How about Franchise mortuaries? Forest Lawns across the country! ¶ IBM Executives could be obtained used in Manhattan (when I priced them) in 1975 for \$300. (**But they have to be bribed several times**) ¶ The tone of humour about us hard-core types may have been lighter, but still present. See, for example, the libertarian filk, "Cover of the *NLN*" to the tune of "Cover of the *Rolling Stone*" in *NLN* 32. ¶ I still haven't given up on that chocolate milk orgy, if I have to come to **ugh** New York just to meet you for it. Lime jello, move over! ¶ Back bacon is



called "Canadian bacon" here; Canadian beer is stronger than U.S. beer. French Canadian pea soup is quite different from, say, green pea. You can get a can from Campbell's, I believe.

Lee Ann Goldstein Sweltering, eh? It was 107° today (September 25) here. ¶ You moved to Manhattan? Ugh. I lived (with my first "ex") about five blocks from your present address (29 W. 26th). I think old-time fan Tom Collins (really!) lives near you too. ¶ (Ct Mike) When he takes Phys Chem, then he'll know that Physics is a small subset of Chemistry. ¶ True, my thinking and I are individualistic—could I be otherwise? ¶ What? You didn't know about that undercover statist holding a gun on me to force me to eat all that food? Federal Bureau of Obesity, I believe. ¶ I was in good sercon company, then. I saw no disclaimer. ¶ It doesn't sound warm and friendly to me. And I don't get why it's *zipless*. ¶ NYC may not be under water in the summer because all the water is in the goddam air. *swelter* At least this Santa Ana wind heat wave here is *dry*. ¶ The word "blond" comes from the French and the "e" is feminine. ¶ Really? Did the Orthodox in *Mea Shearim* own that land? And if they do, why did they allow the tourist buses on their property in the first place? ¶ Didn't see much of you at Iggy. Er... *reword*

Honorable Approaches

Section III (Cover) Speaking of anatomical impossibilities...

Ed Buchman ... and other putridities. But methinks your problem is not putridity but excess *brevity*. Where's *your* contribution to This Thing Of Ours, this soul strip-tease? We may start thinking of you as a voyeur, reading our racy revelations (*and pounding your putrid pickle*).

Lynne Holdom Was cover quote from Gilbert and Sullivan? ¶ (Ct Elena) What novel of ideas ("that tend to push a point of view") does not "contain a lot of ideas and opinions on the part of characters that [the author] doesn't agree with"? Did Ayn Rand agree with Wesley Mouch or Ellsworth Tuoeu or did Smith with Duquesne or Lucas with Darth Vader or... ¶ As you can see way back in my comments on the Pope, I disagree with you 180°. I hate wishy-washy moderates; I find extremists (by definition the only ones with standards and morality) to be the most appealing members of their sect. "Reform Jews and liberal Christians" are hypocrites and their ministers/rabbis frauds. ¶ Not bad on the height, but you miss Elena on the hair. ¶ I find hotel rooms usually freezing. ¶ "I'm not terribly interested in justice..." So you shan't have it—in abundance! ¶ I find

significant difference between Corum, Elric, Hawkmoon, and Erekoze series—not to mention Jerry Cornelius. Moorcock started with similar ideas, true, but changed a premise in each and spun out to conclusion.

Cal Johnson Many questions arise in your sad case. Personally, I only get into the well-explored dope. But what was the dope, what were the impurities, what kind of programming did she have as a child (repressed imprints unleashed?), and what were her circumstances? Suppose, just suppose, some kid takes a drug for the first time and somebody tries to rape her under the influence. Suppose again she is heavily imprinted against molestation but finds herself unable to resist. Suppose she tries to block out the bad experience and, finding everyone blaming the drug for her seemingly irrational behaviour, hides behind it. You probably know things that would invalidate this scenario. But there are others... The truly sad thing in your story is her ending up in a State Asylum. Now she is in real trouble and may never "function in our society." Her "insanity" symptoms will be reinforced and encouraged, not dispelled. Nothing you could do about it. ¶ It's over 100° right now here in L.A. (September 26). ¶ Damn! I just saw your request for a phone call. I would have been glad to. How about LosCon? ¶ Mexican pizza? Describe in detail, please. ¶ (Ct Kara) Why do

you think "a completely anarchic society would have little chance for remaining that way for very long"? Since a completely free market is more profitable and efficient at satisfying wants, why would a demand for a return to the Bad Old Days arise? ¶ EIAA! ¶ You're welcome. ¶ Ah, East Texan! My old roommate was West Texan so I'd love to hear the difference. ¶ Plano is also famous for its ultra-conservative college. ¶ Did you catch Steve Martin last night (September 25) guest hosting the *Tonight Show*? Shaved off Burt Reynolds' moustache. ¶ No, I wasn't going to say "that's the total and utter truth." Do you really think I would use such poor construction and low-grade vocabulary? Seriously, I'd say that it is *good* that people don't take anything the government says seriously. But when, in the last few millenia, did "lots of people" take the State seriously as a source of information?

David I. Solo Gct Guy. Hey, we can agree on Nixon! ¶ (Ct Marty) Should we also "evaluate individually" common murderers and rapists and "admire or despise or ignore as appropriate"? ¶ A non-breakfast eater? Oh, let's start another controversy then, shall we? I consider breakfast to be the most enjoyable of all repeats, the only reward sufficient to induce one from one's blissful bed of repose. It should properly, have five courses. First the juice or entire fruit of a citrus, chilled of course, sweetened when necessary. Then the cereal, hot or cold, depending upon taste, mood, and time of year. Hot cereal (porridge) should be liberally sprinkled with sugar of the brown or yellow persuasion, and butter is preferable to milk.

Just A Hard-Core Frefan

(Tune: "Sweet Transvestite," *Rocky Horror Picture Show*)

Well, how'd you do, I see you met . . . my
Friendly Neighbour Fan
He's just a little brought down . . . 'cause
When you knocked
He thought you were the Market Man.
Don't get strung out by the way I rap
Don't zap a zine by its cover
I'm not much of a fan when I sleep all day
But by night I'm one hell of a pubber.

Chorus

I'm just a hard-core frefan
From Lib-er-tar-ia, Anarchovillage.

Why don't I show you around?
Maybe set up a round.
What can I do for y'all?
And if you want something printed
That's not over stinted

We can read an old *NL* editorial.

I'm glad we caught you at home.

Can we use your phone?

We're both in a bit of a hurry. (*Right*)

We'll just say where we are,

Then go back to the car.

We don't want to be any worry.

Well, you got caught with a flat,

Well, how about that!

Well, babies, don't you panic.

It'll all be right on, in the Counter-Econ

I'll find you a fanatic mechanic.

Chorus

Why don't you stay for the night (*night!*)

And maybe a bite (*bite!*)

I'll show you my favourite obsession.

I'm denouncing a pro

A short little foe

You might say it's my profession.

Chorus

So . . . come up to my press

And watch me . . . redress

I see you "Hard Core!" with exCITE! . . . ment.

But maybe the State

(Which we can all hate)

Isn't the cause . . . of your incitement?

Samuel Edward Konkin III (1978)

Dry cereal, which has not its own individual and exquisite coating of frosting, may be sprinkled with sugar of snowy whiteness, then the milk poured gently over it—only enough to dampen the flakes or puffs . . . but no soaking into sog! One should have prepared one's cooking so that the eggs—fried, scrambled, omeletted or otherwise—are only just beginning to cool in the pan with the meat of the day: sausage, bacon—back or side, or ham, or occasionally . . . kippers? Smoked salmon? Whatever. The toaster should pop opportunely and the emerging white toast, English muffin, bagel or whatever hurriedly buttered. There should be sufficient not only to accompany the afore-described main course, but some left over to be coated with an appropriate jam of the flavour of the day. Perhaps one would wish to substitute pancakes, waffles, French toast, or blintzi for the toast, again leaving enough over so that a desert is created with but a quick coating of syrup. (One should not be constrained to maple as a flavouring.) Finally, the coffee—I usually have several at hand so I can blend a different combination every day. Of course, one can always try a brisk breakfast

tea to avoid routine, mere feeding. And only then is one braced for the day! ¶ EIAA! = Egoboo Is Always Appreciated! ¶ Centaurs are possible in *Spell for Chameleon* only in the Magic Field, not where it was blocked off. ¶ Look forward to your locs. ¶ Molson's Golden Ale I never heard of in Canada though many other Molson beers were around. Try a genuine Canadian beer in Canada. ¶ *Le Monde en francais? Bien!* I am currently reading *La Barbarie a visage humaine* by Bernard-Henri Levy. ¶ No, tell me something about *The Chinese Agent*. ¶ Monopoly is a "grant by the king" in original definition. There is a distinct difference between sole ownership of a piece of property and monopoly to a business. For example, you have ownership of all writing by David I. Solo—but a monopoly? Are you a government if you hire protectors to stop thieves to compel you to write and then sell it for their own gain? No, the *thieves* would be acting as a government, and if they controlled your writing sales and that of all authors in New York, then *they* would be monopolists. Same with private canal owners who built the canal themselves or acquired it from the creators. The U.S. State acquired the canal land from thieves. Suppose you created a product from stolen material, would you be entitled to it—or the rightful owners of the material? ¶ —*sky* is rarely Russian; I would love to see your "roots." ¶ You didn't mention the origin of the Flashman character—*Tom Brown's Schooldays*. ¶ (Ct Leigh) Lensman series held up well in *my* re-readings. Clear Ether! ¶ Gct to Alan on Lovecraft and C.A. Smith vs Howard and Moorcock.

Jim Hershberg (Ct Stella) No, ignorance breeds nothing. Bigotry arises from false premises. Were Houston Stewart Chamberlain, Count de Gobineau, or Dietrich Eckhart—intellectual racists if you're not familiar with them—ignorant? Education alone will not defeat bigotry; the current understanding of reality must be defended with reason—and, if necessary, with defensive force. ¶ (Ct Guy) Atheism is not a "faith." See my comments above to Tom. ¶ There is a distinction between "allies" and "satellites," and your distinction is close enough. But your suggestion that the U.S. has no satellites is wrong. Notice that the U.S. did not hesitate to

invade the Azores when Portugal as insufficiently "allied" in 1940; Iceland in 1941; France (while still under the Vichy non-Nazi regime) in 1942, and indeed all Europe and Asia because the U.S. was not in control. Then we can talk about Latin America, most recently the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Chile and Nicaragua. The only Latin American nations which have shown independence of the U.S. are Cuba (since Castro) and Argentina (waited until the lat moment before joining World War II). So there's another 25 satellites. Finally, Romania did *not* participate in the 1968 Czech gang-bang. ¶ Carol described said ordinance; I also read about it in the *Times* (L.A., of course). ¶ *Au contraire, Jacques*, I am saying (cheerfully) that the *Brigate Rosse* committed *no* "tactics that included murder, kidnapping, maiming, and other niceties." What I have been clearly saying is that politicians commit such acts—including mass plunder—on an institutional basis and the Red Brigades act only defensively. ¶ No, the Palestinians are *not* better off in Israel; there are many Arab lands with equal or superior (Kuwait) stands of living. Furthermore, the Palestinians have a reasonable chance of regaining their land. Finally, while the Dutch State did screw the South Moluccans, the latter have to deal now with the *Indonesian* state and the Dutch non-statists are truly innocent third parties. The Israelis who are actively occupying Palestinian land are trespassers and properly liable to be shot by the rightful owners. How's *that* for differences? ¶ Cal claims to be an Erisian—and the philosophy is explicitly anarchist. Hence neither of us believe in *legal* (statist) rights. I was merely reminding him of that. ¶ I wrote up the St. Louis Cons of 1969 in my "Anarchist Graffiti" nostalgia issue of *NLN* (#36) and will be glad to send it to you—for a \$1. YAF's epithet may have been earned by the actions of the leadership, but not by the beliefs of most of the members. There were as many anarchists in YAF in 1969 as in SDS—and both were purged by their respective "fascists." By the way, in the interest of pure language, those in this country who have an economic position closest to Mussolini fascism are the (old) Democrats. ¶ Learn . . . in a classroom? **hysterical laugh-*

ter* ¶ Trade on; I'm behind schedule on *NL* at the moment. ¶ I'd love to read of Thompson's campaign myself. Did you see what Trudeau's doing to Duke in the latest *Doodlesbury*? He's the center of a sports drug scandal. With Rick Redfern exposing him via a 15-year-old fink. (Say, you don't think Cal would rat on me...?) ¶ Goldwater. ¶ Shouting by whom? And the last time the Palestinians "shouted" at the Hashemite hobgoblin king, they were *shot*. ¶ *yawn* on democracy; I see no connection with relative freedom. Look at how many parties you can choose in (*smirk*) Lebanon. ¶ So parts of Israel are as religiously retarded as parts of Saudi Arabia. ¶ No, I'm just not in the habit of associating with people who wish to tell me how little they like associating with me because of X (smoking, drinking, doping, fucking, an-arching, ...). *Arguing* about such things is another matter. You're on! SeaCon? ¶ Yes, I remember them. But what is the ranking of the WHA relative to the NHL (which now has more than six teams, right?)? Which are those farm teams? ¶ ... and Freedom.

Dennis Jarog If Obi-Wan, Darth and Leia are Illuminati Primi, who are the other two? ¶ (*R2D2 and C3P0*) ¶ Eris? Pantheon a *quatre* then. ¶ Lee Pelton co-ed of *Rune*? Kinky. And is Carol the Headmistress?

Cal & Jim Sounds like fun. But you should have called out, "Eat Trekkies!" Ah, well...

H.J.N. Andruschak Ha! Egoboo buried there among the Con report. Just got to dig. EIAA!

Eric Lindsay Wonder where you will run out of pre-written zines? ¶ Interesting gennish articles but none pushed my buttons so RAE—and agreed—BNC.

Allan Beatty Hello again. Welcome to This Thing Of Ours. Awaiting further comments.

Lan Your reputation preceded you. Another welcome to This Thing Of Ours. ¶ That's xylotol—no zed. ¶ Didn't he say "You'll be a eunuch all your life!"? ¶ You're a "teacher"—in a State school system? A...warden in Day Concentration Camps for Children? ¶ What IBM Composer Selectric? I did a couple of days on one once; it's like driving a Mo-Ped after you've been in the Indy 500. Seriously, my zine is done on a Mergenthaler Linocomp, cold type (photographic process). It is a type-

setting machine; the IBM Composer is a glorified typewriter. ¶ You have no need to pass on your genes? Then again, I can understand how those who work around children a lot might anesthetize the desire for "their own." ¶ The "other meaning" had crossed my mind. ¶ Mike is *moving* from California? Well, I read it in *LASFAPA* first. Got to look Glycer up at a LASFS meeting RSN. ¶ Your coal information fits. There's a real Conspiracy afoot, Watson. ¶ (Ct Cal) Male orgasm without ejaculation is possible; I've experienced it twice. Both were, like yours, really good too. ¶ (Ct Celia) There are professions I cannot accept even among fans, although I can consider an agreed on *truce* for fan gatherings. I know both a Canadian and an American tax collector who are fen. But there is no *truce* with informers (See comment to Mark Sharpe). ¶ Seth has denied knowing Charles Korbas at least thrice—and no cock crew.

Me Everyone get pages 6 and 7 in postmailing? Let me know if not, I got a double run-off by the printer's mistake. And that's the last I'm gonna mention it.

Jenny Montaire (Ct Vixen) I love Vixen's certitude. One *should* believe in oneself and that one's opinions are informed. Other opinions offered to one should attempt to convince, realizing

they start off at a disadvantage. I note that you seem no less "opinionated." Therefore, I respect you enough to take your statements seriously and offer strong evidence and cogent reasoning in response. Weak opinion, whether stated in Milquetoast murmur or macho bluster (both signify lack of confidence) are generally met with dismissive retorts. ¶ Why do you think the commodity "justice" can be marketed socialistically (by the State) but not food and shelter and such? It's no accident that you get as good service in government courts as in the U.S.P.S. offices. ¶ (Ct Elena) Con. ¶ What name *should* I put in comments to you? ¶ Trekkies, human? What a novel idea. Sort of like missing links, you mean? ¶ Hard Core on Arizona not having Daylight Saving Time! ¶ (Ct Kees) Boy, are you behind on sales tax. New York City was a grand 8% in 1975; may be higher now. Quebec also has a provincial sales tax of at least 8%. ¶ You only use one hand to keypunch? On what device?

Greg Brown Reasonable positions. Actually I believe close to 50% of the American "workers"

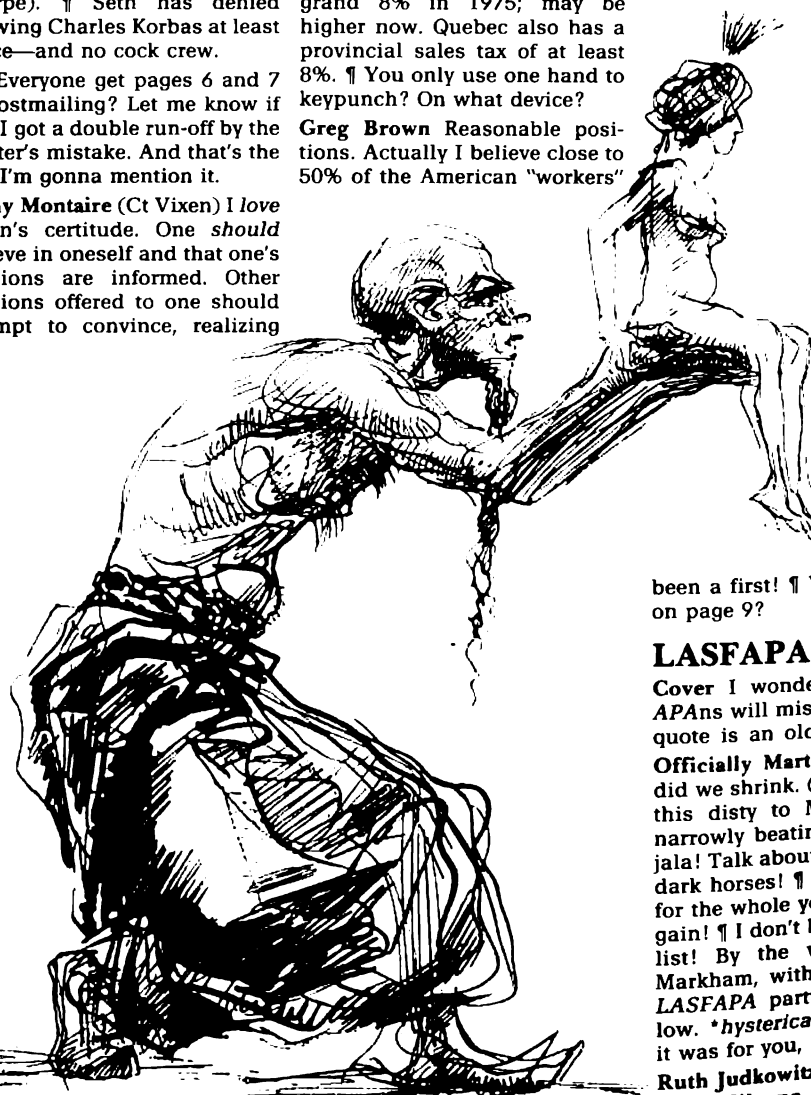
work for the State or statist industry (subsidized, dependent upon) which is 51% too much. Otherwise more or less agree with you. ¶ Superb ct Guy on Viet Nam. We were jumping up and down at *Twilight's Last Gleaming*, telling Burt to "push it!" (We = Vic, Neil and I.)

A. Trimpi Still no comments to me. And rumour has it our paths have crossed without our meeting more than once. Weird as your prose.

Fred Mazursky Rae Bnc to you too.

Cover (Section IV) Nice picture but was this really necessary?

Empiricon I'm surprised at how many of the Con Com I know. ¶ Programme is small enough but how were the parties? Any bids? ¶ Who conducted the interview with Bester? ¶ Marc, I liked your APA introduction in the programme book. This may have

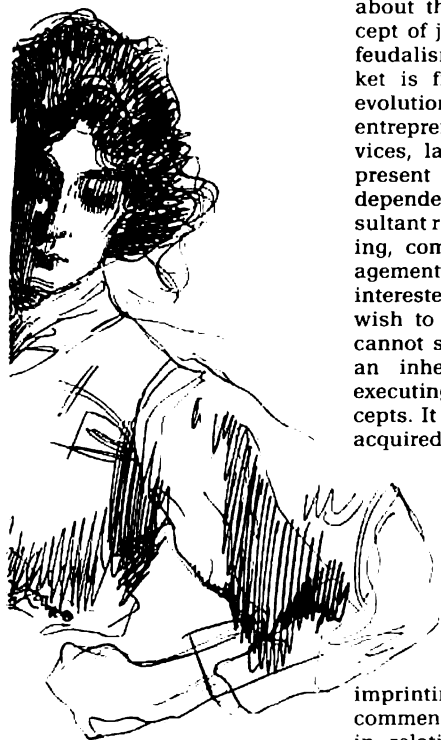


been a first! ¶ Who did the illustration on page 9?

LASFAPA 24

Cover I wonder if any LASFAPAns will miss the point? The quote is an old LASFS slogan. **Officially Marty's Organ Wow**, did we shrink. (*guilt*) ¶ Stevie this disty to Mike Gunderloy, narrowly beating out Sally Syrjala! Talk about newcomers and dark horses! ¶ \$2 and I'm good for the whole year? What a bargain! ¶ I don't believe that wait-list! By the way, that's *Tad* Markham, with an "A." ¶ "The LASFAPA party was very mel-low. *hysterical laughter* Glad it was for you, Marty.

Ruth Judkowitz Better late than never. Wanna contribute some *Impulse* art for covers? *duck*



Celia Chapman Ah, the rest of you. ¶ (Ct Marty) Ghod, I never though I'd defend Marty from you, Celia, but the NOW boycott showed very little understanding of political manipulation. Margo St. James of COYOTE had a much more realistic approach on how to pass ERA. ¶ And on AWAPA, you both have points. It is *not* intended to be fair and equal—but feminism never was intended to make women "equal" collectively to men. Feminism was started largely by women anarchists to free the individuals locked within servile woman's roles. ¶ Agree on avoiding dentists; I also got into sugar-free pop before the Diet because of that. ¶ Southern California C.S. Lewis Society meets Third Wednesday of the month at Fuller College in Pasadena, 7:30 P.M. to around 10 or so. Refreshments are brought by members in volunteer rotation. Want to come to one? My talk was on the Elegance of C.S. Lewis' Reasoning. Seemed to have gone over well. ¶ Then there's hope (hair-wise)! ¶ Science is concerned with that which is and how it operates. In order to make any statement about existents, one must accept existence, and make certain assumptions about it. This is the realm of metaphysics. Actually, *everything* depends on metaphysics. ¶ Thanks for the info. I must admit I see nothing desirable

about the zipless fuck. ¶ Concept of jobs is a hangover from feudalism. I believe, as the Market is freed, there will be an evolution to making everyone an entrepreneur of his own services, labour, or capital. Some present examples are the independent contractor and consultant relationships in publishing, computer work, and management. ¶ Ah. Consider me interested in advance if you wish to start conversation. ¶ I cannot see how one can obtain an inherency for "talent" in executing highly complex concepts. It seems to me it must be acquired through some form of

imprinting or learning. Counter-comments? ¶ Hope your comfort in relation to THEM has improved, one way or the other. ¶ Has Wol lost his porpoise in life? *duck*

Margaret Henry Lost your left margin. Nice to meet you at Iggy. (See my comments in APA-nu.) ¶ What? You're into D&D and didn't run in *Wargrypt* while I was in Phoenix? Aargh!

Celia Chapman (again) Ah, more of you! Good illo of you. ¶ Glad you broke out of your "retreat" for Bobbi's party. ¶ Great comment to Greg. ¶ Great revisionism on Pope Joan. ¶ Carter may not know how to handle a presidency, but those running him know well. ¶ By "big business," I was really referring to *statist* "business"—banks, Lockheed, large oil companies with heavy government tie-ins, welfare suppliers, and so on. They are "hurt" in the sense the State will have less privilege to bestow on them. The resultant freeing of the market by lower taxes will help the truly private sector. ¶ No weather around here? Yesterday it was over 100°; tonight it drizzled (Sunday, October 1).

Sally A. Syrjala What a book! ¶ Parts of the U.S. are "off-limits" to Soviet visitors? How unenforceable—and stupid. ¶ Your town community spirit may save you (for awhile) from a town State. Good luck. ¶ Business has no obligation that any individual does not have. I have no obligation to any community. Do you? How did you get it? ¶ I

hope Sambo's told the Selectmen where to go. Its name is *its* "lobster pots."

Dennis Jarog "...had to face police search and verification of id." How about their ego? I'd suggest you use upper case for abbreviations but you do occasionally generate the above hilarities. ¶ "...threst of the disty ..."? A new superhero? ¶ And a-poping we (not I) shall go again. ¶ You are a judge; *The Silmarillion* rightfully won. ¶ You were at Iguanacon? Missed you too. ¶ Comparing the Pope's committing an intelligent act to Guy's minacing seems particularly bizarre to me; do you want Guy to minac, or do you not want the Pope to commit an intelligent act? Well, Guy recently missed collation—and the Pope died again. How's that? **Guy Popebane Lillian III!** ¶ (Ct Cal) "RAY BUNK?" ¶ No, "the highest bidder" is obvious in unregulated industries: mass production and mass media are good examples. The few very wealthy cannot outbid the billions of less well off. A free market would provide many competitive protection agencies, catering to different needs and wants. ¶ Wrong. Pinkerton's was bought out by the State (for use in the War Between the States). Please note that the market invented protection agents in the 1800s; the British nationalized them into Bobbies; the Americans monopolized them into police, secret service, etc. ¶ Of course the anarchists have taken into account the "predatory nature of all humans." Name me one anarchist who did not. Tucker? Spooner? Rothbard? Chomsky? Kropotkin? Wilson? Bakunin? Godwin? Stirner? Me? ... ¶ You continue to miss my point. I am asserting that the State *cannot* protect anyone, *only* aggress. To abolish the State is to reject continual parasitism on your production. While there may be other "predators" to threaten you, at least there will be none you have actually accepted. ¶ Again, in response to your next comment: The State can only plunder; it is an instrument of theft and murder. There may or may not be threats in an anarchist society, but none so widely backed, and so monstrously large. *By definition*, an anarchist society is one without a monopoly of legitimised coercion. ¶ T.H. White quoted? But he was an explicit anarchist. See *New Libertarian* 3. ¶ Population

density is irrelevant to the philosophic premises held by the population. Ghod, where did you pick up that environmental determinism? ¶ You cannot oppose coercion as much as I and support a State. One last time, a State without coercion is like a computer without electricity, an engine without fuel, a human without food (*me without someone to set straight**).

R. Lauraine Tutihasi My gh, coincidence! Just got a letter from you today (October 2). *smof* ¶ Now I have to read *Night of January 16th!* ¶ Thanks on your ct Guy on Pearl Harbor. ¶ L.A. is (has) a seaport in San Pedro; also Long Beach has one. ¶ (Ct Tom) "Atheism does require faith." No, just lack of proof. ¶ Aha! So he was not replaced. Yeah, I've been into solid state "physics" (really chemistry, of course). So, my position holds. (No room for us in private industry.) ¶ My original comment on Mensa was that "it's for people so insecure about their intelligence they need a membership card to prove it." But I've met one good Mensan—a libertarian, natch. ¶ Passed on message to John. He said he's received your latest mailing and is working on his contribution. Hopefully he'll be in LASFAPA soon himself. ¶ The acceptance of the existence of reality precedes the ability to ask "What is...?" ¶ *Up Disney indeed.*

Marty Cantor If I didn't make it to collation this Sunday, I'll go out of my way next month. ¶ Aargh! You typoed H.L. Mencken, you...you booboisie! ¶ (Ct Sally) Hah! Soda is just carbonate or carbonated solution. Soda pop, maybe, but I grew up with pop. Tonic is what you mix gin with (lushes will say, "anything" or "nothing"). The real aberration is to refer to all "soft drinks" (anybody remember what a "hard" drink is?) as "coke" indiscriminately. Let's form a common front against this True Menace. ¶ As opposed to typical left-wing "claptrap that poses as journalism in many small-town newspapers"? You never saw any? Try Wisconsin, Minnesota, Saskatchewan, and other states and provinces with Progressive and Populist history. Then there's the typical middle-of-the-road claptrap which is what offends me. ¶ (Ct Virginia) And so you have the regulators ready to start to shoot violators of the regulations. So what have you changed? ¶

Wrong correction, Marty; LAS-FAPA #1 was pubbed in 1976, not 1977. ¶ Boy, do we disagree on marmalade vs jam. Let's resort to violence to settle this. Or should regulations be passed . . . ? ¶ One little ellipsis makes you a libertarian (Ct David). "There is no such thing as freedom . . . when laws can be passed abridging said right." —Marty Cantor, September 1978 (**heh, hen**). ¶ LASFAPA exploding? Yes, and some of us are becoming fragments. ¶ Dan may be free from nastiness, but hardly from erroneously emitting annoying statements. I agree with you that Dan would "Kitten is being silly" if he fully realized the effect it was having on Rita, but we have no reason to doubt her claim that he did. Dan has attempted dismissive argument with me, and I'm with Vixen in my reaction—though as a libertarian, I can only *feel* like belting him. Your use of it is even more extensive—and more infuriating. My rule is that one may use dismissive argument only after "proper grounds have been laid"—like dismissal in a courtroom. ¶ "Rational government" is an absurd contradiction. Government is force, not reason, and based on raw mysticism. ¶ I may conceivably have failed to make myself clear. The Red Brigades have committed no murders, filthy or otherwise. The term for offing a thief, murderer and fraud (= statist) is self-defense. ¶ You slur the name of Doc (Clear Ether!) Smith? Just wait until my tractor-pressor beams wrench that nega-matter planet out of n-space and I inertialess-drive it at North Hollywood! ¶ What? KROQ is still playing the same stuff. I saw Frazer Smith and Jimmy Rabbit live recently. Not bad. I especially like their funky, progressive C&W. ¶ (Ct Greg) So abolish the income tax so it won't get the money from the abolished property tax. ¶ Eisenhower, Kennedy, bah! William McKinley got the U.S. into Viet Nam! ¶ Kennedy was an anti-communist imperialist and was almost definitely aware of, if not responsible for, the use of the Peace Corps by the CIA. ¶ I don't think facts suffer from emotion. And in this case, Greg has a good grasp of fact and a fair grasp of reasoning. If you disagree with an assertion of his, present a counter-argument—not a put-down. ¶ I'll miss you anyways.

Lee Ann Goldstein LASFAPA's birthday is *this*, not lastish. ¶

(Ct Kees) Well, we know the government does not run Kees! ¶ Don't inflict Akim Tamiroff on Cal That was a putrid association, Lee Ann! ¶ Sneer? Only after I score my point. Ah, nothing like a pinch of well-earned sneer . . . **tchoo!** ¶ (Ct Lee) That's why a person who can drink it . . . has Moxie. ¶ Only MAC con report you ever saw? Never read my first Conzo? ¶ Sorry I missed your party—oh, no smoking? Not too sorry. ¶ No, I printed the meaning too. ¶ No. (Hi Lee Ann!) ¶ You're probably right on Dunhill's. Close enough. ¶ Your selection stopped at a higher number, that's all. ¶ Seth's humour usually warps well with mine. You should hear us trade obscure quantum jokes. ¶ True, you need not listen to him. Caveat accepted. ¶ O.K., resent. I freely admit that my being in love with someone affects my opinion of her opinions. I'm withdrawing quite a few comments on that basis right now, in fact. ¶ You can take my place in the cradle-robber's club. **sigh**

David Schlosser Read what I could read, bnc.

David Bratman Hello. Ghod, you must have got a lot of flak on your name as a kid. ¶ As a full-blown philosophical egoist, I dislike your lower case "i." Briticisms are fine, just good English. Where did you pick them up? ¶ Do you know what atheism *means*? It's absurd to not believe on faith. (See my ct Tom.) ¶ Another fan who got in through a Tolkien club! (I'm from UWTS, "Class of '69" so to speak.) ¶ APA-pi? Have you considered APA-nu?

Guy H. Lillian III Very upbeat; good to read.

Virginia Bauer Good tea choices but it's *Twining*. ¶ Got to get together for D&D some time.

Marc S. Glasser Comments on Filkhoots in APA-nu. ¶ Thanks for support on Israel to Marty. The judges *enforcement* is what is crucial, though, not their anointment. Enforcement was by disapproval, not coercion. ¶ Value of a Fringe is fun; what can you do with Clear Ether! (Don't say drink it!) ¶ Bum never caught. ¶ "Balance sheet morality"? Did you ever read Jeremy Bentham? ¶ I also feel guilty in such circumstances; I always try to get her off first. ¶ (Ct Mike) "Chemistry reduces to physics . . ." Indeed, physics can be considered a *reductio* (no typo) of Chemistry, in that it is a small

My Heart Belongs to Jedi

If Darth invites
A bunch of Knights
To work for the Empire steady,
He may lure thee
But not get me
For my heart belongs to Jedi.

While dueling with
A dark-clad Sith
I hold my light-saber steady,
But in the course
Of using the Force
O, my heart belongs to Jedi.

Yes, my heart belongs to Jedi,
So I'll never be straying off course.
Yes, my heart belongs to Jedi,
Je-je-jed, je-je-jed, je-je-jed.
So I want to say, "I'm ready."
And I'll never be straying off course,
For my heart belongs to Jedi
'Cause we Jedis have with us—The Force!

lead-in

I once had been
On Tatooine
Where times were lean
Flying faster
But now I chase
Through outer space
Often to face
A hot blaster.
For now I run the course
That is laid out by The Force.

The Death Star may
Blow worlds away
E'en children holding a teddy,
But I'll blow their game
With unerring aim
'Cause my heart belongs to Jedi.

Yes, my heart belongs to Jedi
So I'll never be straying off course
Yes, my heart belongs to Jedi
Je-je-jed, je-je-jed, je-je-jed.
So I want to say, "I'm ready."
And I'll never be straying off course,
For my heart belongs to Jedi
'Cause we Jedis . . . have with us—The Force!
based on "My Heart Belongs to Daddy"

part of it. And mathematics is a subset of that. And philosophy . . . ¶ (Ct Lee Ann) I get just as uneasy around touchers as you do around non-touchers. (**We're incompatible, Marc**) ¶ Republicans in Manhattan? Oh, the Silk Stocking district, which elects Republicans to the left of the Socialist Party. ¶ Fred's comment is as lame as his alleged reasoning. ¶ Sorry, that was a rhetorical device: "You might mention . . ." ¶ Your LASFAPA

filk sing was far more fun (to me) than the "Official Party." Let the SCAPA Filk become a tradition! ¶ Yes, I firmly believe—know for a fact—that greys do not exist, except as little spots of pure black and white. You will never find full agreement on the definition of Old/New Wave, because one side (at least in this case) would have to concede the argument to accept a common definition. ¶ Wow! What a wonderfully putrid place to end your



zine—and in my comment! Right on a hyphen! Obviously a "raving psychopath, given the means would not systematically wipe out a hemi—" de:nisemi-quaver!

Cover (Section II) Great art, Kees. Who is Kathinka Lannoy (last name doesn't sound Dutch) and when is "Lente?"

Dan-don Gor-Iel (A Burroughs permutation). ¶ But that lily-livered Zelazny pulled a no-show! Next Con, next year... ¶ (Ct Marty) Younger seems to have been an even greater gift unto Brown. ¶ Heinlein doesn't have a "worst" novel—none are bad. They ranged from good to great. ¶ *New York Times* is not a real newspaper; it has no comics. ¶ Good routine, if only Bud and Lou were around... ¶ I assume your Prisoner Paradox was meant as a satiric argument against libertarianism. The prisoners are already submitting to force or they wouldn't be prisoners. ¶ You remember wrongly. All big business from Bank of America to the oil companies opposed Proposition 13. (I think I can find you a detailed list on request.) ¶ I think SQ can be made as good as D&D with some ground action addition. ¶ Government does not provide libraries and certainly not education. It does monopolize and ruin these industries, however, industries which would be provided to you if the State were abolished. Nor does the State restrict people so much as plunder and murder them. ¶ I see no important difference between the writings of the Smith; I could swing either way between their styles myself.

Mike Gunderloy (Ct Jenny) Nonsense! D&D fen are distilled from the cream of fandom, while Trekkies are the dregs left over

after everything else has boiled off. *race war; jihad!* Seriously, I have not noted similar reactions from trufen about said fringes. ¶ Congratulations on being the only other member of this APA to react strongly negatively to Sharpe's Informing. You I trust. ¶ Good radio station list; how about KGBS and KPFK (but only sporadically)? ¶ The *Brigate Grammati* may be the first terrorist group to gain favourable press. (May I write your press releases?) ¶ Politician reference caught. We run them (in LB) as subclass of thieves—Evil, of course. Used to argue about whether "Amoral" were possible. ¶ "Gross" obscure reference by any chance from D&D? ¶ Aargh! John Hospers is not recommended on libertarianism. He is a conservative-objectivist, a minarchist! Disregard his "*Libertarianism!*" ¶ Congrats on the car. I would not want one myself, unless it came with chauffeur, mechanic and lots of money for upkeep. ¶ Phil Ochs? Oh, these kids. Ochs was a left-wing folksinger of the 1960s who wrote one particular classic satire: "Love Me, I'm A Liberal." ¶ To the best of my knowledge, the Red Brigades shoot only statist. Problem is the news media are not too reliable on this matter. ¶ Yes, even those comics! (Even *Nancy*.) ¶ Out of 20 full-year courses in my 4-year Honours Chemistry programme at U of A, not counting lab time and Phys Ed, ten were chemistry, four math (half of one was Comp Sci for chemists), two physics, one scientific language (Russian for me), two arts options (took Poli Sci in 2nd year and Philosophy—Symbolic Logic in fourth), and first-year English. O.K.? ¶ LibSIG is the Libertarian Special Interest Group of Mensa—a sort of sub-club. There are other SIGs. ¶ Organic TC probably most likely to make

money—and potentially most boring (number crunching). ¶ Glad you're keeping up my fine tradition in A&E. Anyone accuse you of belligerence yet? ¶ Avoid Lee's editing by running off your own zines; I always did. ¶ See my recommendations of libertarian reading to Seth. Hospers is not recommended. (He'll turn you into a drooling deviationist!) ¶ *Compelling* equal rights is bestowing a privilege on those who would not have obtained it freely. ¶ Wilson is Robert Anton Wilson, author of *Illuminatus!*, *Cosmic Trigger*, a column in *NL*, former editor of *Playboy* (and my friend). ¶ If Nazi Germany is as Evil as say Poul Anderson portrays in *Operation Changeling*, it would be Neutral/Evil. All States are Law/Evil, but the worst one (if it really is) would be reserved for N/E. ¶ My second column layout? A flaw? ¶ No. ¶ Next comment skipped for obvious, painful reasons. ¶ I am now running *Frefanzine*. Send me 100 copies of an introductory zine by the end of the month. ¶ Also like "White Punks On Dope"—at any speed. ¶ Good ploy on your job, creating your own work. You look like a fine potential entrepreneur. ¶ I don't think any company is lobbying against ERA, though some owners are contributing to groups that are. I drink Coors anyway! ¶ (On postmailing) Because I get the urge around Christmas, silly. ¶ Erotic, pornographic, smut, ...*yawn* It's a living. ¶ And therein lies a tale of many splits. My method of achieving a Libertarian Society is called Counter-Economics. RSN I'll be writing a book on it; right now there are scattered articles, pamphlets and recordings of my lectures on the subject available. ¶ Uncle Sammy teach you self-defence? Aargh! ¶ Vic still has *Saucer Sluts* to sell. (**The pimp!**) ¶ Congratulations on your Iguanacon Report scoop!

Arthur Hlavaty Dated on my birthday, I see! All Hail Discordia! ¶ May I suggest you create your miniature sacred chaos by first drawing them large and precise, then reducing them by photostat or even xerox to the size you want. Make several at once. ¶ Long Beach Illuminatofen have not heard of your branch. Sounds like dynamically discordant organization. ¶ I most strenuously disagree with your evaluation of children. Have you considered what your reaction implies relative to your species-survival? Do you care? ¶ Fandom is not the

plural of fan but the *collective*. ¶ Well, welcome and I await your first *real* zine.

Seth Goldberg XPS = ? What did you say about single-scattering theory? ¶ Bet Sam was right about no comment zines. ¶ Now you can write Doc Goldberg Space Opera! (Old NYUSFS joke for Marc, sorry.) ¶ I'm very interested in what your plans are after graduation, post-grad, etc. Keep in touch.

David I. Solo My ghod, you'll be a long-time Boston resident for NorEasCon II! Smart move! ¶ Marc's *Lord of Light* comment to me was another Old Solarian (NYUSFS) standing joke. Some of them—like Glasser's launching to get laid unrequitedly—are terribly obsolete. ¶ Right on about walking around a city to know it intimately. (**I'm getting so intimate with Long Beach**) ¶ Praising politicians (Ct Marty) for space programmes? Hell, why not pick Hitler—where would the U.S. and Russian space programmes be without German rocket scientists? ¶ "Civilised" is proper English—though not Yankee speech. But you missed existence. ¶ Why is your defense of my comment about paper money any different than I meant it? You do seem to understand rudimentary economics. ¶ Another minority we share: well-done, well-salted meat. ¶ No one ever expects the grammish inquisition! ¶ **Rolling in the aisles**...ah, ha, ha! What a great hatchet job you did on Guy's Carter apologia. I forgot there were *statist* arguments against the jerk. I do hope you weren't serious about wanting a *strong* president to rule you (didn't know you were into B&D—Bondage & Dominance in the porn lingo) and your Archie Bunker anti-Southern bigotry. I can't wait to see Guy's reply to you! By the way, remind me never to criticise you for being a *wishy-washy* Liberal. ¶ Maybe (ha) we should restore the Pope in Avignon? ¶ (Ct Virginia) 1976. How soon you all forget. ¶ Well, you can't have the (NY) *Times*, but as of today, Murdoch got you back the *Post*. And screwed Sulzberger and Patterson (or his heirs) royally. (**chortle**) Hearst lives—in Australia! ¶ (Ct Dangor) I also read faster according to interest level. ¶ But Kiev is the capital of the Ukraine. Yet you asserted your ancestors were not Ukrainians. Then again, my impeccably Russian ancestors were herded to Tiflis, Georgia, before

being shipped to the New World. ¶ Wow! Nearly a whole page of comments. *dive in* ¶ But a decline implies continuing natural selection—that is, selection not controlled by the hand of man. Surely genetic engineering will soon be unleashed? ¶ Ha! on Chem Eng vs "pure" Chem. ¶ Actually, some scientific progress continued through the Middle Ages. Their problem was not religion but world-view (see C.S. Lewis, *The Discarded Image* for the best description of this I've seen). ¶ EIAA! ¶ You missed a premise in your argument. Statists are already declared murderers—the State's functions are murder and plunder. Therefore a statist is not shot out of differing beliefs, but only when engaged in the practice of them. Until you deal with this premise, the rest of your criticism of my position falls. ¶ Recently I heard about C&S supplements from John Strang. Well, there goes the last good

argument I heard for the game against D&D. ¶ Apologies for taking your name in vain. ¶ Fu Manchu was a Statist—but he did have style. ¶ I am avidly seeking Pilsner Urquell. ¶ Daraf has some relation to a farad, I assume? ¶ Your own petard is hoisted, sir! See your comment to Guy on distinguishing racists by their trying to implement their beliefs. ¶ Be good to see you in *APA-nu*. ¶ Dennis? Got to see that movie again.

Margaret Henry Rae bnc this time.

Jeff Siegel No comments to me when you finally do them? *hmp*

James Langdell Miss your comments. ¶ Great Schulman, as always. ¶ Talk about sources of obscure lore (as I was many pages ago to Mike). Let's sing "The Anacreontic Song" at the next filksing? ¶ Your namesake was an Overseer... of slaves?

Bruce Pelz Read with interest... bnc.

Leigh Strother-Vien Minac noted. Also, as I said to Carol, got anything in a nice rhyme scheme and scansion?

Alan P. Winston Mighod, with the cover I mistook this for Buchman! ¶ I often use Ook! for pleasure in non-humorous remarks, whenever Hard Core! is inappropriate, for example. ¶ (Ct Sally) What are the other stories in this "loose" Ellison series? ¶ I'll bite: what do Farmer, William M. Gaines, Ilya Kuryakin and you have in common? ¶ You like the poetry of REH? On that recommendation, I think I'll try it. ¶ (Ct Mike) Gunderloy should have expected, when he voted, for the earth to crack open in front of him, sulphurous fumes and flames licking up, and a yawning, beckoning chasm to open in front of him. ¶ In Greenwich Village, McDonald's could not afford the additional real estate for a golden arch. (I've been in a group thrown out of that one, by the way.) ¶ I've had trouble with picking up some words on Beatles' tracks. They are flawed. (So's Presley *sniff*)

¶ How can Jim H. do 22 pages? How can I do *this* mother? How? How? It's a Stevie for me this time, for sure. ¶ Your money, but remember who got sent for the bheer? ¶ Aargh! Cut me off!

Jeff Siegel (again) More rae bnc—except to affirm that you do not look like a moose.

Kara Dalkey Token comment for a placeholder. Glad you're alive and well.

A. Trimpi Much as I am annoyed by your continual lack of comments to me, I don't think you're particularly offensive and I think you do not deserve the perpetual back-of-the-APA treatment from Marty—unless you're habitually late making collation (*like me*).

Flyers & Propaganda (NASA) Junk mail.

NEVER AGAIN!

This zine dedicated to S. Tymon.

