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Bernadette Bosky (Continued) (Ct Robert Sacks) I didn't think of that 50th Anniversary angle; you're right! They might even win the bid with that campaign base. ¶ (Ct Charlie Belov) "Psychokiller" is a song, but you may already know that. ¶ Non-choice noted.

Velma J. Bowen A nude portrait, no less! Ah, now 'nu keeps changing.

Vicki Rosenzweig Penguin? So do you know fan Jim Langdell? Don't think he'd explode them though. ¶ What? Cut off commenting just before you got to my zine? Grr!

Charles A. Belov Great Adams' fanfic. I used to try to write like this in early 'nues; you're better. ¶ But that doesn't get you off the hook for not commenting (to me, that is)!

Elly Freeman (Ct Dana H.) I think alcohol is edged out by caffeine. Then again, you may not consider caffeine recreational.

Cathy Silverstein Nice history. Give my regards to Charles Platt. But how about comments?

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Mark W. Kennedy (Ct Maria) "Open relationships are the best theoretical system..." Prove it. And if you're going to (1) give others advice and (2) live your own life according to some theory, you better be damned sure you can prove it. ¶ Lot of psychology in your zine. Your prime interest?

Elayne Wechsler Hasn't your name been bandied about here

before? Hello, anyways. ¶ Your story out-observed me. ¶ Slighted on the comments again, I see.

J. Spencer Love nco nci

"Fanac 103" I hate anonymous zines almost as much as pseudonymous ones. ¶ This con report is a put-on, right? I was there and nearly none of what you write happened. Did you stay at home and write this? ¶ Some obvious, insulting and possibly harmful (should anyone take this seriously) nonsense corrected: ✓ Pournelle's toast is *not* traditional and I heard none of the audience respond; ✓ corkage fees were generally *not* enforced and most fen knew that; ¶ one assumes that the item about NY in '86 was *meant* as humor; ✓ the remarks about LA in '84 may have been meant in humor but *sound* plausible; however, for the record, LA fen could care less about "hot tubs;" that's a *Northern* (Marin-S.F.) mental infection; ✓ Don Markstein was nowhere around Chicago; ✓ Dead Dog Party was held in the Con Suite and uncombined. One scandal this "reporter" (who would have been canned by Rupert Murdoch for inaccuracy) *failed* to mention was the appalling lack of bheer. Several major con bids had none, including LA! I have moved up to neutrality on the '86 bid because NYC (originally my last conceivable choice) *did* maintain bheer. Frankly, Philadelphia and Atlanta cannot be *trusted* with a Worldcon if they are soft core on bheer.

Apricon Why no overnight parties? Why no cheques? Who are these people?

Hexacon Looks like a *real* con; wish I could have been there.

New York Fandoms Calendar

What are ESCO, Pandemonium, MFW&SFA, APA-THOS, and MENTAT?

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Cover *The Spirit's* Octopus is now a derelict, Jeff? Fighting aliens?

ToC I appreciate the energy that went into it. And I still can't believe I made it when the *printer* mailed it on *Tuesday* of that week (I told them the previous Friday).

Jeff Grimshaw "Job Action" could fool someone into thinking it's a real story. But underneath that pseudo-plot, I see the... *psydada!* *Eat flaming death, anti-life!* ¶ *Warning!* Innocents beware, Disch is arch-New Wave. If I knew you didn't know I'd made collation, I'd swear you were out to provoke me. ¶ What's *Q* (And I don't care "what's *Q* with you?") ¶ [Later addition] I finally saw *Times* (L.A., natch) ads for *Q*. "Quetzlcoatl," the Aztec god, is now just a monster? *Yucch*. Think I'll pass. ¶ Your story on file at **NL** currently is "Sha La La Means The Heat Death of the Universe."

Me I just had a horrible thought? I wonder what kind of postage Jane put on this zine to get it on time? *looming bankruptcy* ¶ Typoes everywhere. *sigh* I need a proofreader.

Marc S. Glasser I see you have residents who are *not 'nu* contributors, or had. ¶ Looks like you've got a hit Con on your hands. It was bigger than Balticon ten years ago, so watch out next year! ¶ (Ct Sheila) What has a belief in a "grey world" that you here espouse, got to do with "simple-minded or irrational would turn 180° on a

major issue because of one incident"? (1) The simple-minded cannot conceive of the argument we're having and *either* a black-and-white or a "grey" world. (2) My position is that only the irrational believe in a "grey" world, and deliberately so, to escape (deserved or undeserved) guilt or decision-making. (3) *Au contraire*. A significant "radicalizing incident" nearly always accompanies a "spontaneous conversion." For C.S. Lewis, it was a bus ride to Christianity; for me, it was seeing the spontaneous reaction of "fellow conservatives" at the St. Louis YAF Con (1969) to a radical expression of freedom that converted me to libertarianism. ¶ If you can truly maintain the standard you set for yourself in conflicts, you are my first candidate for sainthood. Not a bad ideal to aim for. ¶ (Ct Elly J.) Two hard cores! ¶ (Ct me) Senior? Am I *visibly* over the hill now? ¶ I'll call your bluff. If I can get two or three offers for crash space to "spread myself around" (e.g., you, Richard, Dyanne), I may pop in to OI' NYC just before ConStellation (cheap as flying to Bal'more) and ride down after. ¶ Ah, someone may actually *show up* for a Dead³ Dog Night at Anarchovillage! Unless we get mass evicted, then, it's on. ¶ (Ct Judy) I thought Rich always called himself *metadox*. (Old Chem joke) ¶ (Ct Blackman) Your suggestion about post-menopausal women making the most sagacious leaders is borne out historically in many tribes. But old men do have dampened "raging hormonal imbalances" as well; castration may go too far. (*And yet, it's too good for politicians*)

Donna Camp Andrea said there was someone who wanted to talk to me? Not in the conversation I had with her. I heard her say she had someone in the store and I hurried to get off the line so she could attend to business and make money. There was *no* mention of you at all! ¶ Who is J.P.? ¶ Now that I think of it, I probably should ask "who's around?" when I call LFB. When I lived nearby, there was seldom anyone in the store but John and/or Sharon.

Jim Huang Hate New York being put down, eh? Boy, did you come to the wrong zine. I suggest you skip my contributions in the future. I'd gladly nuke Ol' NYC—but the damn cockroaches would *still* be there. ¶ (Ct Other Sam) I heard it as *woper-daughter*. ¶ (Ct Marc) I didn't realize that Robert Moses was a congenitally *lying* fascist. ¶ "The Church"? There has *never* been only one. And I am appalled at your *non sequitur* from State to stability as exemplified by...Lebanon?! You must be joking. A sick joke. How many *more* states do you *want* in Lebanon? You realize, I hope for the least, that the slaughter and instability in Lebanon is almost entirely due to the attempts to impose a "strong, stable state" on those who used to enjoy a weak, decentralized polity and were known as "The Switzerland of the Middle East." (Switzerland is one of the weakest states in the world and overwhelmingly decentralized.) How much more human sacrifice is needed to erect your new god, the Supreme State of Lebanon? ¶ (Ct Nina and Mike Ghu) Bullshit seems particularly appropriate in your challenge to Mike. Tell us how to get the road monopoly broken up and we'll be *glad* to drive on the non-State ones. The government does *nothing* for us but turn market services into monopolistic quagmires. Read the story of the heroic Lysander Spooner who successfully (and anarchistically) defied the monopoly post and delivered mail, with jury after jury freeing him after repeated arrests. He drove the price of first-class postage down from 25¢ to 3¢ before they finally "got him." And it stayed there for a century. Oh, and yes, I'm an anarchist—really! ¶ (Ct Jennie) "...a privilege which should rightfully belong to them." *Aargh!* Do you ever *think* about what you write? By definition, one has no right to a privilege. Jim, Jim, Jim... ¶ (Ct

Mark) *What* could possibly be a "sound policy reason" as opposed to a "bad thing" done by a government? Stealing your house? I swear, Jim, Ghod put you in this APA to stomp out libertarian complacency. ¶ You are in law school? May I recommend Lysander Spooner to you; he was also a heroic (and even Boston-area!) lawyer. Donna can probably get you a copy at LF Books; she can bill it to my account. Merry Revisionist Christmas!

Nina Bogin Where is Seaman Avenue? I don't remember the zip. ¶ (Ct Mike Ghu) "Right to complain" is multi-ordinal here. You always have a right to complain (to lip off) but have not *earned* the right to a respectful hearing, says Mike. And in this case, I quite agree. Voting is an obscene, vicious, cowardly, and, most of all, coercive act. ¶ (Ct Mark) Denmark 20 years ago? You had a phenomenal memory for a babe in arms.

Arthur D. Hlavaty (Ct Blackman) Outlaw cats? What have I missed? ¶ Actually, while Leia may be a Val, Carrie Fisher is a Bev Hills brat. Similar, but richer and hence more spoiled. ¶ Did you do those collages? (**Didn't know he'd been to collage, ma**)

I Abra Cinii I think last time we shared a collation, I questioned your existence. From whence comes your name? ¶ No comments and lousy repro. I pass on. Oh, spelling is *Lene Lovich* and she is unmistakable for *Blondie*...or even Debbie Harry.

Mark L. Blackman Hope you've recovered from the hit and run and will have comments this disty. Good column on Fed. Res. except for the part which seems to accept Legal Tender.

Bernadette Bosky I had no idea that Faeries had been defanged and shrunken as early as 1627. **sigh** ¶ (Ct Jim Huang) And even *with* "that redistribution of funds by the government, many of us...never have learned to read at all." Or *because of it*. The key difference between a *pure libertarian* and others is that we perceive that the State can do us *no* service ever by its nature. ¶ (Ct Nina) For the neo-English record, *putridity* (*qua fannish*) was "invented" in *APA-L* and is current in *LASFS*; it is strongly associated with a certain Mathematician. Marty Cantor picked it up there about the same time I did (we're *LASFS* contemporaries) and was somewhat more taken with it. ¶ (Ct Mike Ghu)

Good reasoning but you're missing one element. You *cannot* vote against, only *for*. If *Nobody*, *None of the Above*, or *Terminate The System* appeared on the ballot (with more than "advisory" effect, as in Nevada), your position would be sound. Still, a person who would *still* refuse to get involved would not be immoral (as voters are) but simply less actively moral. Remember, to a libertarian, inaction cannot be *socially* immoral (though individuals can make self-judgments about its *personal* morality). ¶ (Ct Mark) Do you think Milton's treatment of his daughter was liberating? oppressive? both neither? ¶ *Three Hearts and Three Lions* is *both* a Danish historical *and* a space opera. Delightful crossover. ¶ (Ct Elly) On fen & rentals: good economic reasoning; you have agorist potential. ¶ Does the Star (☆) after your signature have Crowleyite implications?

Sheila Wilding (Ct Donna) Your peroration is heartfelt but loaded with collectivist fallacies. Man does not poison the Earth, *some* individuals do. If you wish to deal with the problem by "Action," get your theory straight and conserve your scarce ammo by picking correct targets. In particular, I suggest you tackle *the* source of nuker-poisoning, the State, before you worry about a few freelance aggressors. ¶ (Ct Arthur) You are baldly wrong. Your definition as you printed it backs Arthur's statement that censorship requires force completely. Interestingly enough, I was recently upbraided by a conservative "libertarian" publication for accusing them of censorship (using the term too loosely) on those very grounds. "Official licensing" occurs at the point of a (police) gun. So does "suppression," *especially* "seditious" types. ¶ (Ct Mike Ghu) His principles are indeed wider than you suspect—or even he does. His policy of selective inaction on political issues is highly commendable and in line with the Great Libertarian Sages. ¶ (Ct Other Sam) *APA-nu* seems to be heading the way of *LASFAPA* but I fervently hope otherwise. (If this seems cryptic, Marc, Donna, and/or Mike can quickly decipher for you.) ¶ Enjoyed your revisionism on Education. Go further and deeper, please!

Second Section Cover I recognize Marc, Donna, and I *think* you, Nina. ¶ I received a handwritten note, "Gotta be quick

about it!" on the upper right. Anyone care to acknowledge and/or elucidate?

Elly Freeman (Ct me) Short, but it's a beginning. Let's see if we can expand a bit. ¶ (Ct Mike Ghu) At least his head's not buried in *radioactive* sand. Seriously, waste disposal (nuclear or otherwise) is an *economic* problem, caused by—what else?—State intervention. As in its subsidizing tobacco growing/suppressing its advertisement, the State is both responsible for irresponsible waste production *and* for smashing property rights so that no one can protect themselves from its proximity. Since Mike knows this, I dispute your charge against him. ¶ (Ct Bernadette) I agree about Joan Baez's singing, though I love her (anti) politics. ¶ An RN is clearly superior to a *Baccalaureate* (U.S. devalued type); it actually gets you gainfully employed.

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Mark W. Kennedy Interesting *bas relief* zine illo. How long does it take you to do these? ¶ I strongly prefer Job Time to Clock Time. That's why I work to deadlines and keep my own hours.

Miriam Ann Rogow Happy Birthday. Otherwise, nco nci.

Dick Campbell A little too poetic for my taste. Comments?

Beyond The Crudzine One (Cheap) Shot If it's the second one, it's no longer a "one shot."

Tech Illo So where's your commenting?

Bacover Eh.

A Revisionist Christmas & a Freer New Year!