

TropiCon Daily Frefanzine

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Libertarian-SF Fen Arrive in Florida — Stop U.S. Elections!

Coincidence — or conspiracy? Just as Frefen arrived in Fort Lauderdale to prepare for their first presence at a TropiCon, the American election process ground to a halt. As of press time, recounts and lawsuits churned about, and the epicenter of this Disturbance in the Electoral Force was pinpointed strangely proximate to where **Daily Frefanzine** (and **NEW LIBERTARIAN**) editor Samuel Edward Konkin III (better known by his fannish tetragram, **SEK3**) was staying with South Florida Frefan activist **John Fast**. SEK3, based “somewhere in Los Angeles but, no matter what you hear elsewhere, not in Beverly Hills” — denies unconvincingly being part of a conspiracy to stop the American presidential selection.

Asked bluntly whom he voted for, he replies incredulously, “I’m a Libertarian. Of course I don’t v*te! And stop saying that four-letter word in front of me.” When persistently asked about the existence of a contestant in the election who purported to represent something called a “Libertarian” Party, SEK3 retorts scornfully, “You ever heard of an oxymoron? Like ‘military intelligence’ or ‘honest politician’ or ‘altruist lawyer?’”

He does allow that it was thoughtful of the American State to cease its obscene re-productive act in front of him and not resume until after he’s enjoyed South Florida fan hospitality and a few good beers.

Although the frefen are renowned for their Frefan Parties at Worldcons, NASFiCs, WesterCons, LosCons and other regionals (as well as the only independent daily convention newsletters, since 1995), they will not be hosting one this year at TropiCon. But next year is another matter...



Debbie Does Chicon...and Daily Fref!



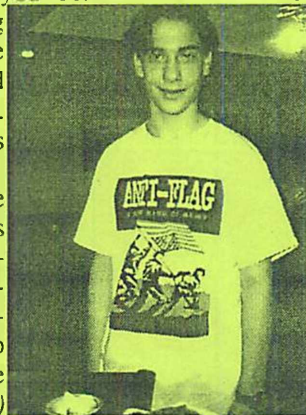
Siclaris steppin' out at Chicon

Why TropiCon? Of all the hundreds of regional science-fiction conventions around the U.S., Canada, Europe, etc., why have scattered frefen gathered in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, two weeks before LosCon (Los Angeles’s regional SF Convention, over Thanksgiving weekend, is the largest, and Frefen have been hosted parties there for decades, and published several issues of the **Daily Frefanzine** there as well)? Well, we could say we like the weather (while moping our brow hourly from the humidity); we could point to the Con chair whose MagiCon bid we helped put over the top by showing them how to throw really popular bid parties; we could even point out that some local frefen wanted us out here so badly they were willing to assist the effort substantially.

But, instead, we’ll flatter the heck out of you and say, you look like a fun bunch of trufen to hang out with at the right time and right place. So, let’s party!

(See page two to find us after TropiCon and to offer to write, illustrate, photo or contribute to *Daily Fref*.)

“What’s a fan?” asks local Libertarian. “What’s a con?” Come and find out...



TropiCon’s Pro GoH Fresh from Double Victory!

TropiCon’s Professional Guest of Honor **Vernor Vinge** pulled off a feat worthy of the region that set records for close election results. His 1999 novel, *A Deepness in the Sky* was the first to win in the same year both the Prometheus Award for Best Novel and the Hugo Award for Best Science Fiction Novel.

Vinge accepted his Awards embracing both fandom and libertarians, though he opined that



he wasn’t *Accepting Prometheus Award for Best 1999 Novel* sure all factions of libertarians would accept him as one of them! (Ah, he knows the Movement all too well...)

For those new to Freprodom, here’s a quick list of the best-known libertarian sf-writers. In the Golden Age (more or less) generation:

- Robert A. Heinlein (see special tribute issue of *New Libertarian* for more);
- Poul Anderson (since Heinlein’s death, the Dean of Libertarian SF);
- Eric Frank Russell, especially for his classic Libertarian *The Great Explosion*;
- C.M. Kornbluth, especially for his portrayal of a stateless U.S. in *The Syndic*;
- A.E. VanVogt, especially for *The Anarchistic Colossus*;
- Ursula K. LeGuin, especially for *The Dispossessed*.

And current-generation frepros, most of whom got their writing start in *NL*’s annual all-SF issues in the 1970s and 1980s:

- Robert Anton Wilson • L. Neil Smith
- Victor Koman • Victor Milán
- Brad Linaweaver • J. Neil Schulman

...and the list goes on. For more, see the site at <http://www.frefan.org>.

Program Notes

Well, that's what we would normally have here, selecting out those program items of special interest to Frefen. Alas, we were unable to get a program by press time. So we'll just duly note that any program event with Vernor Vinge (see page one, column three) will be worth attending, and any panel with a frefan participating.



And we'll be cruising the parties and even the halls looking for good pix of you South Florida frefans for our webzine and, of course, the *Daily Frefanzine*. We are big on party

reviews, and *Yeah, this is TropiCon... (Where are you from?)* what you don't see and read *this year could end up in next year's zine...*

Friday night we arrived too late to register, attend any preliminary events, or game (Frefan John Fast's vice), but not to party! Apparently Boston's bid party had closed, but the Con Suite was still going strong at 2 a.m. with food, good company, and the Sacred Bheer still flowed!

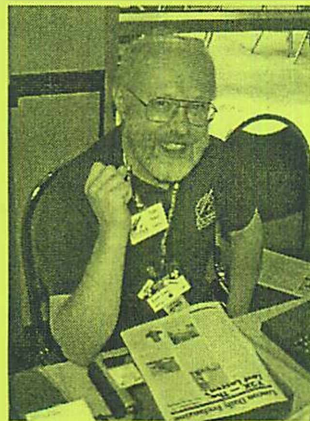
Libertarian Attends First Worldcon, then Breaks Election Record in Chicago!



Stephanie Sailor (left) attended her first science-fiction convention just this Labor Day in Chicago, dragged to the Frefan Party by her "boss," the Director of the Henry Hazlitt Institute and Free-Market.net, Chris Whitten (right), and, of course, SEK3.

Although she (alas!) remained in the "Libertarian" Party even after such enlightenment, she did rack up the highest percentage vote (12% at last count) of any LP candidate in Illinois and one of the highest in the nation.

Those X-File election results just keep coming this year, don't they?



Tom Veal, who helped run *Magicon* (1992), chaired this year's World Con in Chicago. Photographed at last year's LosCon, he proudly shows us what he's reading — us!

Two the Victors...



New Mexico frepro Victor Milán (The Cybernetic Samurai, etc.) meets California libertarian-sf writer Victor Koman (Jehovah Contract, Kings of the High Frontier) recently. Too many Victors for one battle? (And, as *Seinfeld* might say, what is with all the Neils? Smith, Schulman, Wilgus...)

Be Careful What You Wish For...

Back in the Con Suite, our intrepid reporter asked to see the TropiCon daily convention newsletter. Told there was none, *Fref* editor SEK3 exclaimed, "Then what can I compete with?"

Replied the acting Con suite chair, "Why don't you publish one."

And Finally...

A salute to TropiCon Fan GoH Dave Langford who, though not as far as we know a frefan, has been fanpubbing almost as long as SEK3 ("Yeah, I remember hecto but that doesn't mean I used the blue crap.")



"If I didn't read it in Fref..." con.

The *Daily Frefanzine* returns in two weeks at LosCon, then the Portland Westercon, and Millennium Phil-

Where to Find Frefen the Rest of the Year

NEW LIBERTARIAN (p-mail to AI address below). \$20/year. <http://www.newlibertarian.com>

eMail: sek3@newlibertarian.com

The Agorist Institute, 291 S. La Cienega Boulevard, Suite 749, Beverly Hills, CA 90211-3325. *Agorist Quarterly* \$25/year, *New Isolationist*, \$20/6 issues, *The Counter-Economist*: \$50/6 issues.

<http://www.agorist.com/...aq.../ni.../ce... etc.>

Frefan web page: <http://www.frefan.org>

Movement of the Libertarian Left web site: <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Lobby/9167>.

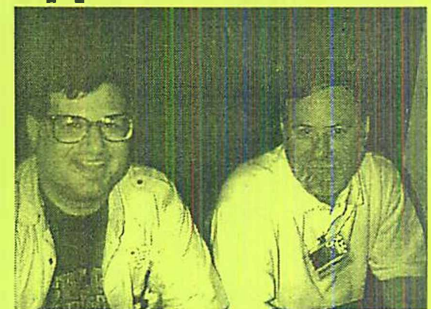
The Heinlein Journal, edited by Bill Patterson, 112 North Croft Avenue, No. 3, Los Angeles, CA 90048. \$5/issue.

The Henry Hazlitt Foundation/FreeMarket.net 401 N. Franklin Street, Suite 3E, Chicago, IL 60610. (312) 494-9433. <http://www.free-market.net>

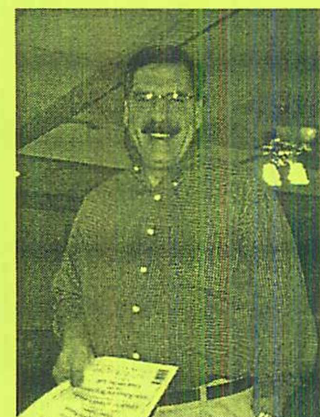
The International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL), <http://www.isil.org>

Libertarian Party: <http://www.lplac.org>

Support Your Locals!



Behind the scenes: Local Lauderdale frefan John Fast sits next to Prometheus Awards organizer Fred Moulton at private after-awards dinner.



Local Broward County Libertarian activist Brian Bustamante is unfamiliar with SF fandom, but he's now reading the Heinlein Tribute issue of *NEW LIBERTARIAN!* Meet the Broward

County Libertarians every Second Wednesday of every month. at Denny's at Powerline and Oakland Park; party and anti-party Libertarians are all welcome; newcomers especially so!