



LIBERTARIANS FOR GAY AND LESBIAN CONCERNS
P.O. BOX 75841, WASHINGTON, DC 20013

George Meyer
National Coordinator

June 28, 1984

Charles Lederer
Box 444
Rock Island, IL 61201

Dear Mr. Lederer:

Thank you for your note concerning the rantings of Bill O'Brien. The only thing you can realistically do about him is to let the publisher know that you are cancelling your subscription to the Evening Herald in protest. Obviously, O'Brien is a very homophobic person and I wouldn't waste my time writing to him. The only thing gay people can do in this situation is to boycott papers who run stuff like this.

Enclosed is LGLC's latest newsletter. Please let me know if you wish to subscribe. It would certainly be a more productive way to spend your money than on a subscription to the Evening Herald!

In liberty,

George Meyer

GM/st
enclosure

Hi -

I saw your ad in the Advocate and thought you might like to see this piece of garbage. There ought to be something we can do about this guy!

C. L.

Charles Lederer

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1984

That bum again

Bill O'Brien, Herald writer

A wandering fruitcake

BACK IN MAY, we published a letter here from a fairly nice fellow named Charles Lederer of Rock Island, Illinois, who said he once lived in Shenandoah. His name is not familiar here, nor did he say when he lived here or what he did here. But it's safe to say that one thing he surely must have done here was to sex it up in the local pansy population.

The day after the letter from the "Rock Island Fag" (that's what he calls himself) appeared here, a duplicate of the letter appeared in the Hazleton paper, signed by the same Charles Lederer, who stated in that letter that he once lived in Hazleton.

It appears that the Rock Island Fag did some traveling during his sojourn in the coal region.

THE PURPOSE of that Lederer letter was to attract public sympathy for the queer cause and discredit those who would oppose the AIDS Brigade. Cried he: "God save us from Jerry Falwell."

Rev. Falwell is the voice of The Moral Majority in America. Homosexuals have no use for him because he makes them squirm by telling them bluntly that their actions are forbidden by Holy Scripture. But fags like Charles Lederer declare, "Perhaps it would be best if you left the judgement to God."

That is precisely what the man is doing. It was not Rev. Falwell who put the homosexual condemnations in Holy Scripture, such as Leviticus 20:13 — "And if a man lieth with mankind as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them."

But the Rock Island Fag and his anus-reaming friends are too wrapped up in their abominable lust to pay attention to the Bible. Like the men in the Biblical city of Sodom, the modern day fags will not be stayed from the pursuit of fellow men and boys.

GETTING BACK to Charlie, at the time his letter was published here, it was duly responded to by O'Brieny (the bigot) who wrote one of his usual biased columns spiced with concentrated bigotry, and sent a clipping off to the Rock Island Fag. In turn, the fag sent another letter in which he complains:

"I must say that I haven't read such concentrated bigotry as you wrote in your article since I received some KKK literature in the mail a few years back. While I have always tried to have the attitude that most people are basically decent, cordial and fair-minded, reading what you wrote tends to give me second thoughts.

"For what it's worth — You know, a person's sexual orientation is not the total sum of his or her life. I pay my taxes, mow the lawn, drive the speed limit, work hard at my job, contribute time and money to charities, love my partner, etc.

"How you can presume to judge my worth as a human being when you have never met me and do not know me, is puzzling. Perhaps it would be best if you left the judgement to God."

NOW ISN'T he one sly son-of-a-gun, that Charlie. Notice how he tries to sneak in that gay phrase: "...I love my partner..."

He loves his partner. Well, yippee. A real everyday ordinary pillar of society. And what a lucky guy his partner is. Charlie loves him.

Okay, Charlie, if "a person's sexual orientation (or any other habit) is not the total sum of his life," let's look at some other lives who had minority habits. Like Adolf Hitler and Josef Stalin.

Like Charlie Lederer, Adolf and Josef were everyday guys who did everyday things such as paying taxes, mowing the law, driving the speed limit, etc. But they had one other habit that set them apart — they had a habit of killing other humans.

But, as Charlie Lederer declares, we must tolerate that one anti-societal orientation and not consider it as the sum total of the lives of Adolf and Josef.

NOW CAN'T YOU JUST hear Charlie crying foul? "How can you compare homosexuals with Hitler and Stalin," he'll cry. "Homosexuals don't have the habit of killing people," he'll point out.

Ah, but beg pardon, Charlie. Check again. Get yourself a June 4 edition of "People" magazine and read the story entitled "Unseen victims: Kids killed by AIDS."

And check the latest official statistics (June 7) from Pennsylvania: A total of 94 state residents confirmed as having AIDS since the health department began tracking cases in 1981, and 42 of them died.

Forty-two people killed by AIDS are just as dead as 42 people killed in Nazi gas chambers or Soviet exterminations.

And who, pray tell, is spreading all this AIDS across the land? It sure isn't Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority.

All O'Brieny has to say to you, Charlie, is that the mayors of San Francisco, New York and Philadelphia have been "decent, cordial and fair-minded" to gays. These mayors have invoked laws giving full governmental respectability to gays. And what did it get for their cities? Only the worst outbreaks of AIDS in the nation.

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Looking around

By BILL O'BRIEN Herald writer

AIDS brigade to march

GET READY for another nauseating spectacle from the AIDS Brigade. Here's the story from the UPI wire datelined San Francisco:

—"Tens of thousands of lesbians and gay men will hold a march on the eve of the Democratic National Convention, the same day a huge labor rally occurs. The purpose of the march is to move the issue of lesbian and gay rights to the center of political debate, said Paul Boneberg, coordinator of the National March Committee. The convention is scheduled July 16-20."

There was no mention of who will be the grand marshal of the gay march, but O'Brien has the perfect guy for that position of honor — give it to the queer who made all those blood donations that killed eight of the 12 people who received the tainted blood and left the other four with a life of agony that will end only at the graveyard.

The way this country has been headed, with the depravity of abortion and homosexuality placed on a pedestal as national norms, it wouldn't be surprising to see the Democratic party adopt the fags as national mascots for the presidential campaign platform — and "Who's afraid of AIDS?" as the national slogan.

Sodom and Gomorrah, U.S.A.

Out in San Francisco, the west coast capital of queers, efforts to close homosexual bath houses have been met with a gay cry that has a familiar "constitutional rights" ring:

—"Today the tubs. Tomorrow your bedroom!"

That was the slogan on a sign carried by a fag named Bob Alexander whose photo appeared in the papers showing him on a picket line with fellow fags wearing bath towels.

A much more appropriate and factual slogan would be:

—"Today AIDS. Tomorrow the grave."

Listen to the pitiful protest from fag Alexander: "I do believe in my heart that he (the city health director) understands the severely deleterious effects to the gay community of closing the bathhouses."

The poor boys will die in the throes of desire if they aren't allowed to do their dirty thing in their city shrines, of which there are at least 20 in the city of Flower People.

Of the 3,899 confirmed cases of incurable AIDS in the United States, 500 are from the San Francisco bay area, and 95 per cent are gay males.

San Francisco — the city almost destroyed once by an earthquake. Wethinks that the good people in San Francisco would be well advised to move elsewhere.

WASHINGTON MERRY GO-ROUND

By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON — If any man can be said to have wrecked the Reagan administration's hopes for 1984 would be Hafez Assad, the stubborn Syrian stror outfoxed and outwaited the American peacemaker until he got what he wanted: Syrian do Beirut.

But Assad may not have long to gloat. U.S. intelligence sources agree that his health is so poor that he will soon die.

When Assad goes to his dubious reward, Syria will be left to the state of coups and chaos that reigned by

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FROM THE READERS

Vandalism must stop

TO THE EDITOR:

In regard to the vandalism at the Shenandoah Valley School, I do not relish those students destroying property that I helped pay for with my taxes.

The next thing we will hear is the taxes should be raised to repair the school or better yet buy a new school in a few years.

LEONARDO ROMANUSKI Shenandoah

friend who borrowed it.

Is it right to assume the driver is the owner or vice-versa just by looking at him, especially if the driver has a full-face shield helmet on. Did Girardville police get new x-ray glasses issued to them?

The police do not believe my son was not the driver of the bike but at the time the arrest was to have taken place, my son and his wife were in Ashland at the Acme craft store and

st... children in school here. In fact, his rivals have rumor that Rifaat is on the CIA's payroll.

The Soviets are undoubtedly aware that their role in Syria should be more limited. army's providers, the Soviets could exercise influence in the post-Assad power struggle.

The Israelis at this point are betting that they will be able to stay at the top in Damascus; he just enemies. The Israelis predict — perhaps a bet that Syria will deteriorate into the anarchy of



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June 28, 1984

E. Scott Royce
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Dear Scott:

Thank you for your letter dated June 24 concerning the death of Vincent. I am happy to enclose a copy of our first newsletter which was dedicated to Vincent's memory.

It's hard to think that he is no longer here. I was pleased to see so many people at his memorial service.

For your information, I have enclosed the latest copy of LGLC Newsletter.

Please let me know if I can provide you with additional assistance.

In liberty,

George Meyer

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1236 S. Taylor St., # A
Arlington, Va. 22204
June 24, 1984

Libertarians for Gay & Lesbian
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P.O. Box 75841
Wash., D.C. 20013

Dear LGLC:

I am currently working to assemble a collection of papers by and about Vincent A. Drosdik, III, one of your members who was killed in an auto accident last August.

It is my understanding that the initial issue of your newsletter, which appeared not long after Vince was killed, was dedicated to him. I would greatly appreciate it if you could provide me with an original or Xerox copy of that issue, and of any others subsequent to it which might have contained material related to Vince or the trial of the driver who killed him.

Needless to say, I'll be more than happy to reimburse you for the cost of these materials. If you have any questions, feel free to leave a message on my phone answering machine (920-3552), and I'll get back to you.

Yours for liberty,

E. Scott Royce
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October 26, 1984

James Grauerholz
William Burroughs Communications
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Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mr. Grauerholz:

Thank you for responding to my request to reprint Burroughs' "Thoughts on a Gay State" from the June 26th issue of THE ADVOCATE in LGLC NEWSLETTER. Please pass along my sincerest thanks to Mr. Burroughs for granting reprint permission. I am glad that he is able to waive his usual fee since LGLC relies on the generosity of authors.

In regards to our non-profit status, I am in the midst of applying to the Internal Revenue "Service" for 501-C3 tax exemption for LGLC. When we are granted this status, I will be happy to pass along the news to you for Mr. Burroughs' financial records.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to bring to libertarians the incisive views of Mr. Burroughs. I will send a copy of our newsletter when the article is reprinted.

Sincerely,

George Meyer

WILLIAM BURROUGHS COMMUNICATIONS

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15 October 1984

Dear Mr. Meyer,

Thanks for your letter Sept 11th about your wish to reprint Burroughs' "Thoughts on a Gay State" from the June 26th ADVOCATE in the LGLC Newsletter. I am sorry for delay in response.

Normally Burroughs would receive a fee of \$500 to \$1000 for such a reprint, however he would be willing to permit a reprint in your newsletter. Perhaps LGLC or a parent or sponsoring organization is a nonprofite foundation, so that Burroughs' usual fee may be treated as a charitable contribution.

I await your answer, and send best wishes for you and the Newsletter.

Regards,



James Grauerholz

cc: Andrew Wylie Agency
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George Meyer
National Coordinator

September 11, 1984

William Burroughs
William Burroughs Communications
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Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mr. Burroughs:

I am writing to request permission to reprint your article "Thoughts on a Gay State with Chinese Tongs as a Model" that appeared in the June 26, 1984 issue of THE ADVOCATE. You make a number of interesting points about the importance of gay and lesbian self-sufficiency which would be of interest to the members of LGLC. If permission to reprint is granted, the article would appear in the Sept/Oct issue of our newsletter.

I have enclosed a copy of the most recent LGLC Newsletter for your perusal.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

George Meyer
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P.S. Please note that the address on the newsletter is now wrong since I have just moved to San Francisco.

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CULTURAL EDITOR

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20 August 1984

Dear George Meyer,

Robert McQueen passed your letter on to me concerning reprint rights of William Burroughs "Thoughts on a Gay State."

Mr. Burroughs retains copyright permission. To reprint the piece you should write him at the following address:

William Burroughs Communications
Box 147
Lawrence, KAN 66044

I'm sure you'll have no trouble obtaining permission rights from Mr. Burroughs.

Best Regards,



Mark Thompson



LIBERTARIANS FOR GAY AND LESBIAN CONCERNS

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George Meyer
National Coordinator

August 16, 1984

Robert I. McQueen
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213-469-3571

Dear Mr. McQueen:

I am writing to request permission to reprint William S. Burroughs' "Thoughts on a Gay State with Chinese Tongs as a Model" that appeared in the June 26, 1984 issue of THE ADVOCATE. If permission was granted, it would appear in the Sept/Oct issue of our newsletter.

Burroughs makes a number of interesting points about the importance of gay and lesbian self-sufficiency which would be of interest to the members of LGLC. You granted us permission to reprint an article by Pat Califia on the sex industry that appeared in early 1984 issue of LGLC NEWSLETTER. That article provoked a number of positive letters to me from readers.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

George Meyer
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November 14, 1984

Brian Davenport
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Dear Brian:

Thank you for your Oct 31st note about LGLC and the Libertarian Party. LGLC was founded in 1981 by a number of delegates at a Libertarian Party national convention. After being dormant for two years, I helped revive it in August 1983. While a number of members of LGLC are active in the Libertarian Party, LGLC is not affiliated with the Party. We are interested in only issues directly affecting gay men and women and do not take stands in unrelated fields. For example, while we have published three articles on David Bergland, the Libertarian Party candidate for president in 1984 because they were relevant to gay libertarians and friends, we did not endorse any candidates. Believe me, if any other candidate for president espoused libertarian-oriented views in a gay magazine, we would reprint it! (if reprint permission was granted first, of course).

The goals of LGLC as stated on the back page of every issue of our newsletter, is to broaden the debate on gay issues in the gay community and to lend support to gay men and women who find themselves suspicious of big government and all its threats to gay freedom. We recently endorsed an ad hoc committee to counter the government's bathhouse closure here in San Francisco. This committee has been endorsed by two of the Democratic and the Republican gay political clubs in town.

If you find yourself among the supporters of freedom in the libertarian tradition, we welcome you. If you are still unsure you want to be "counted as a member" you can still subscribe to the newsletter to keep in touch with the libertarian alternative.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

In liberty,

George Meyer

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Oct 31, 1984

Dear George,

Thanks for sending the newsletter.

There's one question I'd like to ask:

Is LGLC an affiliate or a spin-off
of the Libertarian Party? I see
the article on Berglund, and I see the
word "Libertarian" being used both
by the party and the LGLC.

I can see the Libertarian party as
espousing policies favorable to Gay People,
but some of its other policies might be
quite controversial.

Thanks,

Brian Doremont



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December 12, 1984

Andrea Rich
Laissez Faire Books
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Dear Andrea:

Thanks for your note about what's going on with you, the store and Roy. I don't have Roy's address (does anyone?) so I guess I'm have to send things c/o the store. I'm glad that he is working, it was sad to see him year after year at Cato not doing anything really worthwhile. The only time one saw the famous Roy energy was when he did that "Fury" column for Update. Tell him that I miss him and that I'll be sending him a note soon. 12/12

Bergland, who's Bergland? I didn't know the Libertarian Party was still around. Whatever happened to that group that was doing alot, you know, I think they were called something after some bird - yes, the Heron Machine, that's it!

I recently talked to Jim Peron. He is taking over the libertarian bookstore here. Not much to take over, actually. The Radical Caucus is D E A D....Long Live Extremism In The Defense Of Ego! Ever since Cato, LR, the LP, and SLS moved out from here, there hasn't been any sort of libertarian movement. Just alot of burnouts.

Greg's father came from New York to visit for 2 rainy weeks and actually said that San Francisco was the only other place in the U.S. that he would think of moving to! And he's a real New Yorker...

Merry Christmas! Keep up the good work on the publishable front!

Fondly,

P.S. I'll be sending 10 copies of the newsletter when they come out, if that's okay. Please let me know your new address.

12/1/84

LAISSEZ FAIRE BOOKS

206 Mercer Street New York, N.Y. 10012 (212) 460-8222

November 19, 1984

Dear George:

Thanks for your note and the LGLC Newsletters.

We are moving next month and will no longer have a storefront although we will continue to have some sort of showroom. Therefore, don't send as many next time cause I don't expect to have as many people passing through.

Roy is doing remarkably well (knock wood). He's currently working on our next catalog, due at the typesetter next Monday. He comes in everyday by 11:00 or calls to say he will be late (20 minutes or so). He keeps saying he's exhausted and I'm sure he has never worked so hard -- but that ain't all bad, right? Of course, we have had a couple of disappearances but not since he started working on the catalog. Keep your fingers crossed.

Don't you feel just awful about the Bergland results? Yeah.

Glad to hear how much you and Greg like San Francisco. Did you know Jim Peron is moving out there in March? He's going to revitalize the Radical Caucus Bookstore from what I understand.

Happy Thanksgiving!





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December 24, 1984

James Grauerholz
William Burroughs Communications
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Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mr. Grauerholz:

Enclosed is a copy of LGLC Newsletter #7 which reprints William Burroughs' "Thoughts on a Gay State" from the Advocate. Once again, LGLC thanks Mr. Burroughs for granting us reprint permission.

If you wish additional copies of this newsletter, please let me know.

All the best for 1985.

Sincerely,

George Meyer



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Sincerely,

George Meyer



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*12/29 Sent #7 + brochure
put on mailing list 12/31*

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December 24, 1984

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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting information on LGLC. I'm sorry you didn't feel comfortable in writing under the auspices of your SLS Chapter; SLS certainly should have been supportive. Kathleen Jacob is a friend of mine and I began a SLS Chapter at my alma mater (Juniata College, 1980), though it was short-lived (as was SLS, as a matter of fact...)

We don't have student rates so I am putting your organization on our list and when you have the bucks, join at your convenience. Please stay in touch and let me know if we can be of assistance at Northwestern.

All the best for 1985.

In liberty,

George Meyer
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11 December 1984

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I recently had the opportunity of reading some of your literature in my role as treasurer of Students for a Libertarian Society of Northwestern University, but didn't really feel like asking our president to contact you. Under the auspices of GALA, however, I would like to personally request (beg?) you to add our organization to your mailing list and to send us any information, newsletters, etc. you might have available at this time.

Thank you very much, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eric Holeman".

Eric Holeman

August 3, 1983

3502 16th St, NW
Washington, DC 20010

Dear Bob,

Well after a lapse of time, that was quite a letter! And done on a word processor too (though not right-justified, that's okay...) I am very sorry to hear about your run-ins with the government.

The drug situation is very frustrating to a libertarian. Right now, the District of Columbia has a big controversy over the crowded jails. You see, our noble mayor has ordered massive drug sweeps of the city. This results in having huge numbers of people arrested (again and again.) Which fills up the jails. Which has lead to prison riots. It now takes up to TWO YEARS for these people to come to trial. I don't think the LP has ever run anyone for mayor here but if we do, abolishing drug laws will certainly be high on the list of issues.

I must say I was a little surprised at your offer of appointing me LGLC National Coordinator. I have thought about it for a month and have decided to take the position. I believe I can be an active coordinator and will put in as much effort as I can. It also makes sense for the National Coordinator to be a large city such as D.C. There is a large gay population here and ~~we~~^{we} are a recognized force - both politically and economically. Of course, the political end of it revolves around the Democratic Party but at least people are tolerant.

I have tried to be active on a local level here. Last year we had two meetings, I was interviewed on a local gay radio show, and had a table on Gay Pride Day. This year we had 15 to one meeting (without a special event or anything), have gotten acquainted with the gay media, and had another table on Gay Pride Day which was quite successful. Several gay libertarians have either written articles or are planning to which I think was stimulated by having a gay libertarian group. My mailing list has approximately 40 people. A copy of the general handout for Gay Pride Day is enclosed. Our biggest event this year was sponsoring Mel Dahl's visit to D.C. on his walk across the country. An article from the Blade is enclosed (not the best article but it is nearly a page long.) A fundraiser netted around \$150.00.

Some ideas about my job responsibilities: basically three goals are what I have in mind - 1) to produce a newsletter that will keep gay libertarians, gay media, libertarian groups, and others in touch. News would consist of happenings of local groups (see second goal), what the government is doing to gays around the country, articles by gay (and straight) libertarians on gay-related issues, etc. I think for now it will come out (come out, come out!!!) quarterly. I really don't know if realistically it can be produced more frequently than that for now. 2) developing local chapters. There is no reason why we cannot have local chapters (failing that, local contacts) in every major city. The amount of activism on this level can be very minimal but could include having one's name listed in the local gay directory (mine is in the Blade) and the state LP's directory and

providing a presence at gay pride days and state LP conventions.*

I would like to do something at the LP convention this September as you suggested. Perhaps the best thing would be for me to put together the first revived issue of the newsletter. This would be a great thing to hand out there. This first one may not be as professional as it could be but its important to have something to show people. Do you think the Christian group would let us meet in their suite if they have one? Do you have a contact there? If you do, let me know immediately and I'll call them to see if anything is possible. That way we can meet either once or twice so people can meet each other and sign up, ideas can be tossed about, and money raised.

This last point is very important. Unlike you, I do not have friends who will product and mail a newsletter for free. I also do not make a whole lot of money. What I will really need is for 20 people to donate \$10.00 each (or 10 people \$20.00 each) to get me going. If you send me the money in the LGLC I will be able to open up a bank account here for LGLC.

Please go ahead and work on the position papers and send them to me as soon as you can. If possible, I'll get them together for the convention. If not, they can be incorporated into the newsletter or put together as a LGLC manual.

Libertarianism has alot to offer homosexuals. It is important to provide gays with an alternative to the Dems & Repubs which is based on individual liberty and freedom. And it is up to gay libertarians to do this. Please feel free to let me know what you think I should be doing to fulfill this goal. I will try to be open to all points of view so we don't get bogged down in internal fighting, something the LP has trouble with.

Oh yes, please send as much info as you can including the mailing list and one copy of each newsletter that you put out. I look forward to a speedy reply.

*for the
first mailing*

In liberty,

* Whoops! The third goal is to work with the gay media, something I have had success with here in DC.

JUNE 2, 1983
POB 6175
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84106

Dear George,

Well, I am still alive (barely) and have finally stopped procrastinating long enough to write you a letter of explanation as to what's been happening. I feel pretty bad -- seriously-- about my lack of responsibility as coordinator for LGLC. So, as my first act of expiation, let me resign as coordinator and by virtue of whatever authority I do have, appoint YOU as national coordinator of LGLC. That'll teach you to be active!

Seriously, of all the people initially involved you seem to have been the most active. I think leadership should go to those that are able and willing to do something with it. So, PLEASE, take the gavel. Assuming you agree, we'll make it official. If you don't, perhaps you have a suggestion as to someone that is willing.

As to what's been happening with me, shall we say that the power of the State has fallen on me (personally) in a big way. And when that load of bullshit falls on you, it tends to take most (sometimes all) of your time, effort, and resources.

For some time I had had a thriving business here in SLC distributing various "recreational" herbs, potions, and powders. Unfortunately, I was not licensed by the State to distribute medical potions, nor as a recreational advisor. I didn't even have a business license much less collect sales tax. Well, to make a long (and tragic. . . listen for the violins, they're playing my song. . .) story a little shorter, a former "good friend", business associate, and customer, introduced me to a member of the Salt Lake Metro Narcotics Strike Force, masquerading as the bartender of a local biker bar.

About two months after the unfortunate introduction, while in the process of conveying to the same gentleman one half pound of psilocybin mushrooms, the door was kicked in by a dozen criminals, who then came storming into the apartment which was my place of business, and then proceeded to kidnap me, booking me into the SLC Jail on three counts of Distribution of a Controlled Substance for Value (Third Degree Felonies).

They really worked a number on the apartment. I had been working on some local mailing lists for the LP -- mainly placing members and supporters in groups by state legislative and senatorial districts, as well as voting districts. They later questioned me about those lists (which of course they grabbed), claiming that they were lists of my customers and the numbers were some kind of esoteric codes concerning their business activity and what drugs they bought from me. They were really disappointed when I showed them -- on an election map -- what they really were. Luckily, they didn't hassle anyone on the lists and gave them right back after they realized their error.

I tell you. You really haven't lived until the pigs come through the door like shit through a pig. It makes you able to empathize a little more with the "midnight knock" referred to by various refugees from communist countries. They didn't even have a search warrant -- they only had "probable cause". They also had a TV camera.

Two months and \$2000 later (legal fees, you know), I ended up copping a plea and received a five year suspended sentence (suspended on the condition that I fulfill two years probation, pay fines of \$2500, and pay

\$900 in "restitution" to the pigs drug buy fund (they had bought two pounds of pot from me on two previous occasions). So, the truth comes out. The price of my freedom was a \$3400 legal bribe to the state.

If it was possible, I have an even lower view of the state these days than before.

In a nutshell, that is the main reason I have been so lax as LGLC coordinator.

One other tragedy occurred, that has bearing on LGLC, and that concerns the mailing list. Prior to all the legal bullshit, I was about to send another tardy newsletter and went to get the floppy disk on which the mailing list had been stored (some friends with a word processor had put it on a disk for me free of charge after the last mailing). When we went to print the list, the info was hopelessly garbled. It is still unclear just how it got garbled, but I suspect the disk had an intimate relationship with a magnetic paperweight on my desk. I thought they had made a copy of the disk but it turned out they hadn't.

So we have a very incomplete mailing list to work with. If you actually do decide to take over as coordinator, I will send you a list I assembled from some correspondence I had lying around. It at least is a start -- I suspect that a press release to the state newsletters saying we're still here and please write since our list was accidentally destroyed, will bring in plenty of responses -- most of them probably complaining about me but that's OK.

I will warn you, however, being coordinator is sometimes depressing. After I sent that last questionnaire out, only five people responded. I had little success getting people to send in ideas for the newsletter. Several times I sat down to compose one, but was stymied for lack of material.

On the bright side (Hah! just when you thought I was descending into terminal gloom and depression) we do have a treasury that amounts to \$125.00. We didn't really have any expenditures from the funds people donated since printing and mailing was donated here locally, by yours truly and a couple of others. So, if you want the job with the list I will send a cashier's check for the treasury.

I never heard anything from the people that were supposedly writing LGLC a constitution; likewise Jim Peron sent one letter concerning his revisions to "Gay Rights: a Libertarian Approach", but I heard nothing more. I do have 7 or 8 position papers roughed out; one of them (on anti-discrimination laws) in a fairly complete shape. If you think its worthwhile, I'll continue with them and send them off for your approval.

For what its worth, I do have a few thoughts about organization. First, it seems to me that the key to LGLC lies in getting local groups or chapters started. I'm not sure about the best way to get something like that going, since it revolves a lot around local efforts, but I do think its the key.

Second, the newsletter is probably the key to the whole organization. With my irresponsibility concerning the newsletter, you will probably have the most success by actually producing a newsletter on a regular basis. It sounds easy until you start figuring out what to put on those bare pages every month. In fact, you might decide to send a newsletter every other month until activity warrants an every month newsletter.

Third, the loose organization we started with is probably the best to keep going with. That is, we should elect a national coordinator at each

liaison between local groups. I think also that LGLC National can do some good work with the gay press, in the form of press releases. It also may be that with the upcoming elections LGLC will be more active.

Anyway, I hope you decide to take the job. I think you'll do a good job. If I had the energy I'd probably make a stab at it. Right now, however, most of my political activities are being expended locally. I was re-elected SL County chairperson for the LP (despite -- or perhaps because of, you never know about these libertarians -- my felonious status). Right now the Utah LP is gearing up for our most massive activity to date. We intend to get an initiative petition going to abolish the state liquor monopoly and open up a truly free market in liquor in this state. It means getting over 60,000 signatures on the petition between now and next August (1984). I did run for county commissioner last November (shortly before the bust), and received two percent of the vote. We had 36 candidates in the state, so we were busy.

Well, brother, I hope to hear back from you soon. It'll take a load off my mind. You can write to the address above, or you can call me at my work (801) 532-6205. My schedule is variable (sometimes I work days, sometimes nights), but I am usually here (whichever schedule) around 4 PM (either just leaving or just arriving). You can try late, as when I work nights I'm usually here until midnight or 1 AM MDT.

Remember, the Great Values that Really Count are Peace, Love, Liberty, and Prosperity!

In Liberty,



Bob Waldrop
Soon-to-be-past National Coordinator LGLC

P. S. I think we ought to do something at the convention, which I will be glad to help with as I think I'm going to make it to NYC. However, most of us out here are wondering when we're going to receive some registration packets or even info concerning the cost. It's less than 90 days away and we have received ZILCH info. The local rumor is that certain unnamed factions are deliberately delaying the info so that certain other factions will be under-represented at the convention. Utah used to be off the track for LP rumors, but lately it seems as though we're back in the thick of it. I sometimes wonder if some of the people that start these rumors ever remember what we are ultimately working for. Since you are back there, you will be in a better position to find out how to schedule a meeting or buy a table, or whatever. If you decide to do a table, let me know ASAP, and I'll donate some \$ from my stash that the cops didn't find. Can you believe it, they seized my BANK account? "Racketeering", they said. See you soon!



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George Meyer
National Coordinator

October 3, 1983

Bob Waldrop
3699 McCall St.
Salt Lake City, UT 84115

Dear Bob:

This is to remind you that I have yet to receive any mailing list or money from the LGLC account. I asked you for this material several months ago and you promised that you would send them. It is vital that the names you have get a copy of the LGLC Newsletter. The next issue will be out next month and I would like to send the first one to those on your list.

Response has been very encouraging. We had about 40 LP delegates attend two meetings at the convention early last month. Everyone was very enthusiastic, as they saw the potential LGLC has. I am in the process of obtaining the addresses of the major gay media and will send some sort of press release when that goal is accomplished.

I know I sent you the first issue of LGLC Newsletter. I hope you think it is effective. Of course, I welcome your suggestions on how to improve it. We have already gotten media attention to our views on anti-discrimination laws. I have attached a copy to this letter.

I look forward to a speedy reply.

In liberty,

P.S. Materials can be sent to the above address.

November 2, 1983

George Meyer
LGLC
Washington, DC 20013

Dear George,

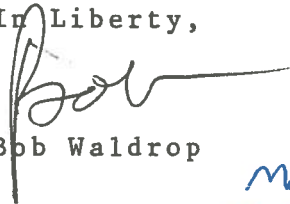
Better late than never, I guess. Enclosed is a money order made to LGLC for \$ 175.00 representing our entire fortune at this stage of existance. Names will follow shortly.

The correspondence I have will be sent in a couple of days. We are getting ready for Mel Dahl's visit. I have sent a press release (copy enclosed) to our local media, and are attempting to schedule him on a couple of talk shows. We have one firm commitment from a public radio station that has a weekly radio program entitled "Concerning Gays". I will send some press clippings to you as we get them.

I am also taking Mel (if he gets here in time) to the monthly meeting of the Salt Lake Business Guild, an organization for gay business people. I tried to get him scheduled as the speaker, but they aren't having a speaker this month since its going to be a social affair.

Looks like you're doing a great job. I will try to help, not hinder future efforts by sending the material I have ASAP. Please send me a note to let me know this check arrived safely, since my trust in the mail is not great. In fact, I'll probably send this certified mail.

In Liberty,



Bob Waldrop

Money received,
Note sent 11/18/83

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PRESS RELEASE

NOVEMBER 2, 1983

For more information contact: Bob Waldrop (SL County Chair LP, Utah Coordinator Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns) or Mel Dahl, Libertarian Activist. Both can be reached at the Libertarian Party number given above.

GAY LIBERTARIAN ACTIVIST CHALLENGES MILITARY POLICY ON GAYS

Mel Dahl joined the United States Navy in 1980 and was discharged from the Navy in January, 1982 for stating a homosexual preference. After being discharged against his will, with the assistance of an American Civil Liberties Union cooperating attorney, Mr. Dahl filed suit in the U.S. District Court in Chicago seeking (1) an order striking the regulation requiring the discharge of people from the military who state a homosexual preference unless the military can prove they are lying, and (2) his own personal reinstatement into the Navy.

While in the Navy, Mr. Dahl held a secret clearance and never received less than a 3.8 on the 4 point scale the Navy uses to grade its sailors.

In order to protest his discharge, as well as to draw public attention to the discriminatory policies of the U.S. Armed Forces, Mel Dahl has been walking across the United States. His walk began at the Statue of Liberty and will end in San Francisco. Mr. Dahl arrived in Salt Lake City today, and will be here until Monday.

Mr. Dahl is an active member of the Libertarian Party as well as Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns (LGLC). LGLC members across the country have been coordinating his walk, providing lodging, etc. He is also raising funds for his legal defence expenses, which are expected to reach \$40,000 before the fight is over.

Responding to allegations that the military is an inappropriate place for gays, Mr. Dahl states:

"Military regulations say that homosexuality is incompatible with military service. That contention is unhistorical to the point of being ridiculous. For example, four of the five greatest generals in world history (Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Richard the Lionhearted, and Frederick the Great) could not have served in the US Military because of its anti-gay policy. Napoleon, while not gay himself, nevertheless passed special laws protecting gay people because it was his opinion that they made the best soldiers.

"The only countries in the world today that prohibit gays in the military are the United States, fascist South Africa, the Communist bloc countries, and one or two British Commonwealth countries."



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George Meyer
National Coordinator

February 22, 1984

Robert I. McQueen
Editor, The Advocate
P.O. Box 5847
San Mateo, CA 94402

Dear Mr. McQueen:

Thank you for granting LGLC Newsletter permission to reprint Pat Califia's "The Sex Industry: Do These Unique Workers Deserve Respect?" from The Advocate's Oct 13, 1983 issue. This article appeared in the Jan/Feb issue of our newsletter. The response to Califia's article by our readers has been quite favorable. Enclosed are two copies for your files.

Again, thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

George Meyer
National Coordinator
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5 December 1983

George Meyer, National Coordinator
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Dear George Meyer:

I am pleased to grant permission for the LGLC newsletter to reprint Pat Califia's "The Sex Industry: Do These Unique Workers Deserve Respect?" from the October 13, 1983 issue of The ADVOCATE. I ask the you include the following credit and copyright lines with the reprint:

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Sincerely,



Robert I. McQueen
Editor



LIBERTARIANS FOR GAY AND LESBIAN CONCERNS
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George Meyer
National Coordinator

November 16, 1983

Robert I. McQueen
Editor
The Advocate
P.O. Box 5847
San Mateo, CA 94402

Dear Mr. McQueen:

I am writing to request permission to reprint Pat Califia's "The Sex Industry: Do These Unique Workers Deserve Respect?" that appeared in the October 13, 1983 issue of The Advocate. I am the coordinator of the national organization Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns, which publishes a bi-monthly newsletter. Califia's article is an excellent treatment of the prostitution "problem" and it would be of benefit to our readers to see it. If permission to reprint is granted, the article would appear in the January/February, 1984 issue. A sample copy of our newsletter is enclosed.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

George Meyer
National Coordinator
LGLC
(202) 234-6976 Home
(202) 546-0200 Office

March 13, 1984

P. O. Box 527
Richmond Hill, NY 11418-0527

Dear George:

Your letter was forwarded to me by The Advocate. If you have need to write in the future, my post office box is above.

Thanks for taking the time to drop me a letter and a copy of the reprint. It looks very nice. Of all the times my work has been reprinted, libertarian groups tend to treat me the best. I'm sure it's no accident.

If you'd like to send me the newsletter, please do. I'd enjoy keeping in touch with your organization. And if I am in Washington, D.C. in the future, I will let you know. My mother visits there once or twice a year to go to workshops about grant agencies and such stuff, and I'd like to fly down and meet her the next time she's there.

Once again, thanks for your courtesy. I was pleased to give my permission for the reprint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Califia'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'P' and a cursive 'C'.

Pat Califia



LIBERTARIANS FOR GAY AND LESBIAN CONCERNS
P.O. BOX 75841, WASHINGTON, DC 20013

George Meyer
National Coordinator

February 27, 1984

Pat Califia
c/o the Advocate
P.O. Box 5847
San Mateo, CA 94402

Dear Ms. Califia:

I would like to thank you for writing about the sex industry and the problems of prohibiting it which appeared in the Advocate. The article was so good, I obtained the Advocate's permission to reprint it in LGLC Newsletter, published by the national organization Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns (LGLC). My only regret is that due to our very limited budget, we cannot pay you for your work.

Enclosed are two copies of the newsletter for your files. If you wish to be on our mailing list for future newsletters, please let me know to what address they should be sent.

Again, many thanks for your clear, concise, and intelligent article on a subject that many people, including gay men and lesbians, find unpleasant.

In liberty,

George Meyer
National Coordinator
LGLC
202-234-6976 evenings

P.S. If you plan to be in the nation's capital in the near future, my lover and I would be pleased to have you come to dinner.



LIBERTARIANS FOR GAY AND LESBIAN CONCERNS
P.O. BOX 75841, WASHINGTON, DC 20013

George Meyer
National Coordinator

April 30, 1984

John Frazier
290 Orchard St.
Sharon, PA 16146

Dear Mr. Frazier:

Thank you for calling to ask how to approach the gay community in this political election year. Enclosed is a copy of each of our past newsletters for your reference.

I have been told that the Bergland for President campaign will be producing a gay handout and I'll send you one when I get it. Also, we have a brochure in the works to introduce people to LGLC and libertarianism and you'll get one when published. — Sent 4 6/23/84

Gays have been the victim of government harassment for years and therefore appropriate that libertarians seek them out. The call for liberty and tolerance of alternative lifestyles is very appealing. Unfortunately, the gay leadership tends to look to government for help instead of relying on gay institutions and the free market. So, our work is set.

Good luck in your endeavors. I would like to know how it goes. Please call or write if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

George Meyer
National Coordinator
LGLC

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Mr. George Meyer
National Coordinator
Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns
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Dear Mr. Meyer:

Thank you, very belatedly, for your very welcome letter of February 24th, commending me for my stand on the Georgetown University lawsuit. As you can imagine, I received a lot of criticism for my position, both from gays and non-gays, and from ACLU members as well as non-members. It's good to know that at least some people understand my point and agree with it.

Enclosed, for your interest, is the memorandum on the case that I wrote for my local Board of Directors. It succeeded in persuading the Board not to file an amicus brief supporting the gay student groups, but it did not succeed in persuading them to authorize me to file an ACLU brief supporting Georgetown. As you probably know from the reports in the Blade, the National ACLU then decided to file a brief in support of the gay student groups. I plan to go ahead and file a brief, on my own behalf, on Georgetown's side. Happily, the ACLU believes in free speech for its own staff, even when the staff disagrees with the ACLU.

It strikes me that your organization might be interested in filing an amicus brief in this case. If that is true, you might give me a call; it's possible that I could connect you with a lawyer who would be willing to write one at no cost to you.

Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,



Arthur B. Spitzer



LIBERTARIANS FOR GAY AND LESBIAN CONCERNS
P.O. BOX 75841, WASHINGTON, DC 20013

George Meyer
National Coordinator

February 24, 1984

Art Spitzer
Legal Director, DC Area Chapter
American Civil Liberties Union
600 Pennsylvania Ave, SE, Suite 301
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Spitzer:

You are to be commended for your principled stand on free speech in the Georgetown University gay student group lawsuit. It is correct, I believe, to support Georgetown University since as a private institution, they should be free to discriminate against any group or individual to which they are philosophically opposed. Unfortunately, anti-discrimination laws inevitably clash with basic civil rights such as free speech, freedom of religion, and the right to privacy.

Probably the best solution for those students who oppose Georgetown's position would be to leave that institution and urge all other gay students (and faculty too, for that matter) to do likewise. Why should individuals support an institution of higher learning that doesn't like them?

Enclosed are a couple of articles which you might find of interest on the problems anti-discrimination laws create and an individualist position on civil rights.

Again, thanks for sticking to your principles on this issue. It is examples such as yours which makes me proud to be a member of the ACLU.

Sincerely,

George Meyer
National Coordinator
Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns

Enclosed: LGLC Newsletter #1 and my Blade letter

ACLU backs Gays

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promise, but actually supportive of the students' side of the case.

The brief that Neuborne plans to have drawn up addresses one of the key disagreements between the students and the university: whether university recognition of the Gay groups means university endorsement of the groups. The students claim recognition does not equal endorsement; the university claims the opposite. The distinction is important because—as legal observers on both sides agree—a private institution cannot be forced to endorse, i.e. approve, something it does not agree with.

In a January 23 internal memorandum, Neuborne suggested that the ACLU, in its brief, "distinguish between the symbolic aspects of endorsement and the tangible aspects of equal access to University facilities." "If, as I believe all concede, the D.C. law properly forbids Georgetown from discriminating as to admissions, it also prohibits discrimination on post-admission access to tangible University facilities. It does not, however, require a University to endorse the group. Thus, the group should have equal access to student funding, but cannot force Georgetown to appear to endorse it."

Neuborne's statement reflects precisely what lawyers for the Gay students have been arguing from the beginning, at all times they are seeking is the same benefits provided other students—not endorsement or approval. The national board heard Sunday morning both Neuborne and Ron Bogard, attorney for the Gay students. Bogard

claimed the case involves strictly a matter of discrimination. However, Art Spitzer, legal director of the D.C.-area affiliate, argued, as he has consistently in the past, that the case involves the Constitutional freedom of speech rights of Georgetown University. He insisted that the university is entitled to believe that by providing tangible benefits to the Gay groups, it is also providing endorsement of their beliefs.

The board members engaged in a spirited discussion, much of it pertaining to the merits of the case, but some of it not. For example, several board members said the case is one of national importance and therefore deserves the national ACLU's attention. Some argued that the organization needs to side with the student groups to demonstrate its commitment to Gay rights.

"The Gay community really doesn't feel like the ACLU has done what it said it would do on this issue," said board member David Waxse of Kansas. "We've got to take a strong position on behalf of the students."

When the issue was called to question, the group of more than 60 board members voted by a nearly 10-1 margin to support Neuborne's proposal for a brief to be filed by the national ACLU.

Neuborne then appeared before the board of the Washington-area affiliate Wednesday night, asking the board to change its mind and join the national organization in its brief. Neuborne and Spitzer again took opposite sides of the argument, and after more than an hour and half of discussion, the board voted to stick to its original position and not become a party to the national ACLU's brief.

Although some board members—on both sides of the issue—put forth the same arguments that they did before last month's vote, it was clear that Wednesday's vote reflected a new sentiment: that the institutional integrity of the local affiliate would be compromised if it changed an already-established position just to be agreeable to the national organization's wishes.

The local board voted 11-7 against joining the national brief. Neuborne said he was not disappointed by the outcome. "I suspected that it would come out about like this. After all, they talked about it a long time twice, and it's a major thing to ask them to reconsider, especially in a situation where the national board had overruled them. So it's understandable for them to say, 'If the national board wants to file a brief, file a brief, but we're not going to change our mind.'"

Bogard did not comment about the local affiliate's decision, but said, "I'm delighted that New York is filing a national brief in a very important case. I think the New York position is the correct one."

Spitzer said he was glad the local board did not agree to join in the national brief, but would have preferred that the board authorize him to file a brief in support of Georgetown as he has sought to do all along.

Referring to the national board's vote, Spitzer said he was not surprised by it. "When most people in the ACLU hear that there's a case of Gay student organizations against a university, that won't recognize them, everybody's initial reaction, including mine, is that it's a violation of civil liberties."

ACLU national board backs GU students in appeal

2/3/84

by Dave Walter

The national board of the American Civil Liberties Union has voted overwhelmingly to file a "friend of the court" brief supporting two Gay student groups that sued Georgetown University. The board of the local ACLU affiliate, however, has refused to join the parent organization in that brief.


The case involves a discrimination suit brought by the student groups in 1980. The Catholic-affiliated university won the first round in court and the students are appealing.

The action by the national board came at a meeting in New York last Sunday. The local board voted Wednesday night to stick to its original position of not choosing sides in the case.

The national board was asked to take up the issue because of a conflict between the ACLU's Los Angeles-based Lesbian and Gay Rights Project and the ACLU's Washington-area affiliate. The Gay rights unit announced its intention to file a brief on behalf of the students, but the local affiliate voted last month not to file a brief supporting either side in the case, and voted further to oppose the Gay rights project's decision.

The national board deferred to ACLU Legal Director Burr Neuborne, who proposed that a "compromise" brief be filed by the national organization. However, both supporters and opponents of the Gay groups' arguments claim the still-to-be-drafted brief is not a com-

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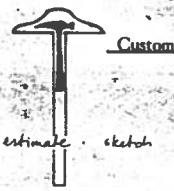


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About ACLU's Spitzer

If the Blade's coverage [November 16] of the recent meeting between Art Spitzer of the local American Civil Liberties Union and members of the Gay Activists Alliance was accurate, I can only say that the level of discourse offered by our so-called gay leaders was terribly low.

While Mr. Spitzer offered well-reasoned arguments, his critics apparently responded with clichés and ad hominem arguments.

As Mr. Jeff Levy and the others should know, the validity of an idea or concept is not determined by the race or sexual preference of its advocate. Mr. Spitzer's critics should have addressed his arguments, not his personal characteristics.

Furthermore, the analogy put forth by Mr. Spitzer between the gay student organizations at Georgetown and the KKK at Howard was valid. Obviously, it was meant to illustrate the issue of whether a private school (indeed, any private organization) should be forced by the government to deal with a person or persons whom it finds morally repugnant. If you believe in freedom of association, then clearly you must side with Georgetown University, whether or not you personally agree with its decision regarding the student group.

If gay people wish to claim the right to freedom of association for themselves, they must be willing to extend that right to others. It's time for all gay people to come to grips with that reality.

David Lampo
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Travesties

I wish to question the Human Rights Campaign Fund's method of selecting which House and Senate candidates receive campaign contributions [Blade, November 9].

Specifically, how is it possible for a contribution to be made by HRCF to candidate Paul Henry [Republican, Michigan's 5th district winner] who not only returned the money, but also stated he did not support HRCF's goals? Why, may I add, did money go to candidate Richard Saslow [Democrat, Virginia's 8th district] when HRCF itself said he wasn't very supportive? True, Saslow's incumbent opponent is very hostile to Gays, but I protest money being given to someone who is not unhesitatingly and openly supportive.

I received a phone call several months ago from HRCF seeking information about the U.S. House races in the Columbus districts. HRCF was very interested in trying to oust incumbent John Kasich. I explained that Kasich's challenger, Rick Sloan, only grudgingly accepted Gay support and should not receive HRCF money. I suggested instead that they look at the 15th district race between incumbent Chalmers Wylie and challenger Duane Jager. I explained that Jager had himself marched, in full view of television cameras, in last June's Stonewall Day Parade with a huge "Jager for Congress" banner. I also pointed out that every month Jager had paid for ads in both of the Columbus Gay newspapers. But, HRCF wasn't interested. It seems to me that HRCF had picked out certain races and couldn't have cared less about others. So candidates like Paul Henry and Richard Saslow got money, and Duane Jager, whose campaign literature said Gay rights was one of his legislative priorities, received nothing.

Let us hope that in 1986 HRCF will

select its recipients with more care to not let travesties like these occur again.

George Painter
Columbus, Ohio

HRCF responds: Before making contributions, we conduct a thorough political analysis of potential recipients. The two main things we look at are: a) will gay people gain through the election of the candidate; and b) does the candidate have a reasonable chance of winning. In each case, we seek the help of local gay rights activists in deciding whether or not to contribute to the candidates in their local areas. It was in this context that we called Mr. Painter regarding the Sloan-Kasich race. We accepted his recommendation that we not give money to Rick Sloan. We had already been in contact with Duane Jager, to whom Mr. Painter suggested we contribute. Well aware that Jager is a strong supporter of gay rights, we were quite interested in supporting him. In the end, however, we did not feel that he had a reasonable chance of winning and could not, given our limited resources, justify a contribution to his campaign.

We contributed to the campaign of Richard Saslow because we felt he would be a vast improvement over the viciously anti-gay incumbent, Stan Parris. While Saslow is not the strongest supporter of gay rights, he is sympathetic to our interests and we believe he would have provided much-needed support on key votes.

Upon contacting local activists in Michigan, we were led to believe that Republican Paul Henry was supportive of gay rights. After sending him our contribution, however, it became apparent that our information was incorrect.

Because there are no absolutes in the world of practical politics, making contributions is difficult. But we take our responsibility to our contributors—and to the entire gay community—very seriously, and we do the best we can.

Vic Basile
Executive Director,
Human Rights Campaign Fund

Unfair review

I have been mulling for weeks about Shelley Anderson's review [Blade, October 12] of *Triangles*.

I am not a disgruntled author with a fragile ego, unwilling and unable to take criticism. In the 15 years I've been writing, I have prided myself on being able to take fair criticism without defensiveness, since I believe that's the only way to really learn from it.

Shelley Anderson's review of *Triangles*, however, was unfair. It simply did not evidence a good reading of the book. More important, however, is that the tone of the review was flippant, careless, and insulting. Now, as any good writer knows, "attitude" can be shown quite clearly between the lines, and Ms. Anderson's attitude indicated that *Triangles* was not really worth very much at all.

I resent particularly her comment that *Triangles* would have been better written as an autobiography. Ms. Anderson has never met me and knows nothing of my life. Among other things, I did not have a daughter who died in a drowning accident, nor a partner who slept with my brother. (My partner really got a kick out of that one.) I do not work at a secretarial job with an Italian woman and a black woman. I do not have a pregnant sister involved with the peace movement. Those sub-plots, among others, are fiction. By saying the book should have been an autobiography, Ms. Anderson throws those fictional plots out the window and the book along with it.



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Dear William Daroff:

Thank you for your letter dated June 8. I will try to answer your questions and would enjoy receiving a reply.

LGLC was formed at the 1981 national Libertarian Party convention in Denver. After a brief flurry of activity, the group was dormant until August 1983 when I was appointed National Coordinator by the previous one.

During that month, the Libertarian Party had their presidential nominating convention in New York City where I coordinated two large meetings of LGLC. The response was tremendous and so we started our activities. We have a bi-monthly newsletter, a new introductory brochure, and have formed local groups in a number of cities. Our mailing list numbers over 200.

We have gotten good coverage by libertarian newsletters and by the Libertarian Party. David Bergland, the 1984 presidential candidate, gave us an interview for our second newsletter and is featured in the enclosed newsletter. I have not found much bias against gay people in the Party since libertarians, by nature, tend to be tolerant of other lifestyles.

The gay press has given us some coverage, especially on the anti-discrimination law issue. Libertarians are virtually the only group that can boast gay people who oppose these laws on an individual rights basis. Enclosed is an article one of our members wrote in Inquiry. I have used it to attack Bob Bauman's position on these laws.

I find that conservative gays feel very uncomfortable trying to reconcile their sexuality with their political views, especially when conservatives tend to be anti-gay. This works in our favor since it is considered "okay" in some places to call yourself a "libertarian" even if the person thinks he or she is a conservative.

The solution to anti-gay prejudice is not to force people to accept us via government strong-arms. This approach will, in the long-run, backfire. Rather, gays should use the market-place to

break down barriers (see the Capitalism piece.) Some people will always hate gay people and homosexuality because of their religious views or because they are afraid they may actually be gay. This is their right, as long as they do not express their bias in violence. This is where we disagree with what passes as the gay leadership in this country. Of course, if violence is used, gay people have every right to resist, including the right to be armed.

There are a number of ways to combat homophobia, too numerous to mention here. Boycotts, educational programs, "coming out" to neighbors, bosses, and families, ignoring religious fanatics, etc, are all good devices. A free society will always tend to go towards tolerance since to get along one must go along. Our money is just as green as a non-gay's (unfortunately, ours doesn't have anything backing it either.)

I hope this letter has answered your questions. If anything I have written makes sense, subscribe or join LGLC. Remember, our group is made of both gays and non-gay libertarians. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

In liberty,

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Dear Mr. Meyer:

My brother Robert sent for your LGLC pamphlet. We find your organization intriguing.

We have a few questions:

- 1) What is the LGLC position towards homosexual anti-discrimination legislation?
 - A) If you favor such legislation, isn't that position absolutely contrary to the modern libertarian viewpoint?
 - B) If you oppose such legislation, how do you plan to curtail homosexual discrimination?
- 2) Has LGLC had any communication with the Libertarian Party? What is their reaction?
- 3) What reaction has LGLC received from other libertarian and Conservative organizations?
- 4) When was LGEC formed? How many members do you have ?

Thank you very much, I am,

Yours in Freedom,


William C. Daroff
Chairman