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George Meyer
National Coordinator

September 17, 1985

Steve Smith
213 Stacy Circle
Birmingham, AL 35213

Dear Steve:

I have enclosed some information which should prove helpful. Selling the libertarian position on anti-discrimination laws is never easy, the article in LGLC Newsletter #1 gives some good ammo on the subject. When discussing this subject, I always say - look, do you want to work for a homophobe or would you rather work in a place where they really want you?

Also enclosed are articles on Bergland's views and why capitalism is best for the gay movement. The brochures on LGLC can be handed out and I can supply more at 10¢ each.

We are having our first convention in October and I have included some brochures on this.

Please call me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



George Meyer
National Coordinator
LGLC
415-552-0838

George: Your material was gratefully received. It has been a big help here. Thanks so much!!! Enclosed is a small token for the LGLC's assistance. I hope groups such as yours will continue to thrive even as, perhaps,

the LP fades from existence.
The overall movement is more
important than ever!

- Steve Smith



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George Meyer
National Coordinator

January 10, 1985

Mark Rogers/Chris Tame
Libertarian Alliance
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Covent Garden
London, WC2E 9JY ENGLAND

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your letter dated 4 September 1984. I received it, finally, here in San Francisco in December. Remember, we also have a government mail system!

I assume you have our new address as listed above. The post office box in Washington, D.C. has been closed.

Thanks also for all the material you have sent me! I am in the midst of reading it all. Especially enjoyed the article on the television show THE PRISONER, since it was my favorite show when I was growing up. I made a copy of the article and sent it to my sister who also immensely enjoyed the show. Now, how about the follow-up article???? Here's a buck (probably worth 5 pounds by now) to help with postage.

In America, as in Europe, gay support for Marxism exists. However, there has been a lot of criticism of Cuba and the Soviet Union now because of their obvious harassment of gays there. One magazine from New York City, CHRISTOPHER STREET, has had a number of articles about Cuba and Castro's persecution of gay men and women. So there's hope...

I will be writing to Ed McArthur shortly. All the best for Libertarian Alliance in 1985.

In liberty,


George Meyer

Libertarian Alliance

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George Meyer
Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns
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USA

Received NOV 30, 1984

4 September 1984

Dear George,

Many thanks for your letter of August 7 and the sample copies of the Newsletter.

I have put you on our exchange list and have also enclosed back issues. Incidentally, all special book offers etc. are applicable to yourself as well.

If there's anything we can do to help LGLC, please let us know. If you like, we could send out your flyer to the LA membership list (400 people).

I enjoyed the contents of the Newsletter. I would certainly like to see more detailed material analysing and refuting the voluminous gay Marxist literature.

Best wishes,

Mark Rogers

pp Chris R. Tame

PS Please let me have your new address as soon as possible.

PPS One of our colleagues, Ed McArthur, runs a small distribution service, Free Spirit Publications, serving London bookshops. There are a number of gay bookshops which would surely be interested in stocking your newsletter and any other future publications, so why don't you drop Ed a line (c/o this address) with some proposals re discounts etc.

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2/85 Put on mailing list

George Meyer
National Coordinator

February 11, 1985

John Dentinger
P.O. Box 692200
Los Angeles, CA 90069

Dear John:

Thank you for responding so quickly to my letter requesting reprint permission for your Oakland Tribune piece on gays and conservatives. I appreciate your making available several pieces to be reprinted in LGLC Newsletter. As I mentioned before, I would like to run your Tribune article (perhaps the original version) in the March/April issue.

I diligently set about finding your location - I even called Gary Meade whom I had been told was your lover. Gary never returned my call. However, I recalled that the head of the Tribune's editorial page is a former editor at Inquiry magazine. Since I used to work for the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C., I called Jonathan Marshall and was given your address.

Your name has been put on LGLC's mailing list; enclosed is the current (^{#8}) issue of LGLC Newsletter. Are you interested in doing any more libertarian/gay writing? We don't pay money but you do get to see your ideas transmitted to several hundred libertarians/conservatives an issue. Let me know what you think. Will you be attending the California LP convention? If so, let's get together then.

In liberty,

George Meyer

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John Dentinger P.O. Box 692200 Los Angeles CA 90069 (213) 659-5072

January 17, 1985

George Meyer
National Coordinator
LGLC
P.O. Box 953
San Francisco CA 94101-0953

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Thank you for your letter of Jan. 14. I was already aware of LGLC, as my lover, Gary Meade, started the local gay libertarian organization and ran it for several years. He was present at the national organizational meeting and objected (as I would have) to the use of the word "Lesbian" in the title, with the obvious implication that lesbians are not gay. But then, even the logically correct must bow on occasion to the politically correct.

You have my permission to reprint my piece from the Nov. 12, 1984 issue of the Oakland Tribune, subject to a few minor conditions. One is that you spell my name correctly. I would also like a year's subscription to your newsletter in exchange. And I would prefer for you to publish the original version of the piece (enclosed), which you may describe as an expanded version of the piece in the Oakland Tribune.

To make the piece more salable to a general circulation publication, I had moderated the tone of it considerably; also (for reasons of space, I assume) the editor cut a few lines. For a limited circulation publication, I don't believe the same terseness or moderate tone is necessary; and I believe the enclosed version is more entertaining. The second half of the original version is much more clearly a parody of William F. Buckley's style of writing.

I have also enclosed copies of three of my op-ed pieces which ran last year in a Los Angeles gay magazine called Frontiers; you may reprint any or all of them at your discretion. They cover the subjects of anti-discrimination laws, anti-prostitution laws, and anti-drug laws.

You may identify me as a free-lance writer whose work has been syndicated by the Los Angeles Times, and whose opinion pieces have also appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, the Santa Ana Register, and other papers.

I am glad you were able to find my address, but I admit I am curious as to how you did so, as I had not been very diligent about notifying my political confreres of this new address when I moved some time ago. The address you used was slightly incorrect; the correct P.O. Box number is 692200.

Sincerely,


John Dentinger



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George Meyer
National Coordinator

January 14, 1985

John Detinger
P.O. Box 69220
Los Angeles, CA 90069

Dear Mr. Detinger:

I am writing for permission to reprint your article "Gay-Baiting Hurts Conservatives' Cause" that appeared in the November 12, 1984 issue of The Oakland Tribune. Your article was forwarded to me by our San Francisco Chapter Coordinator and we feel that our members would benefit by reading it. If permission is granted, your article will appear in the March/April issue of LGLC Newsletter.

Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns (LGLC) is a national organization of gay and non-gay libertarians interested in gay and lesbian issues. Our membership consists primarily of Libertarian Party supporters and conservative-leaning individuals. A copy of the current newsletter is enclosed.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

George Meyer
National Coordinator
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George Meyer
National Coordinator

February 25, 1985

Nathaniel Branden, Ph.D.
The Biocentric Institute
P.O. Box 4009
Beverly Hills, CA 90213

Dear Dr. Branden:

Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns' (LGLC) latest issue of our newsletter contains an article by Jonathan Carriel on your homosexual views. We feel it important to monitor the viewpoints of prominent people in the libertarian movement. Enclosed is a copy for you.

As you can see, the article is not too favorable. I would like to give you time (or rather space) to rebut Mr. Carriel's arguments and expand on your own views. Your submission, as was Carriel's, is subject to editing to fit our format.

If you wish to respond, please note the following deadlines for our newsletter: Issue #9 - March 20th and Issue #10 - May 15th. I realize that the March deadline is not far away so if you do wish to respond but cannot make this date, let me know and I'll put something in to advertise your rebuttal for Issue #10.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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National Coordinator
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George Meyer
National Coordinator

March 1, 1985

John Northrup
Accounting Department
Northeastern University
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Boston, MA 02115

Dear John:

I attended the California LP convention the other weekend and one of the REASON staffers gave me your new address. I recently moved to California from Washington, D.C. and I know how mail gets forwarded (or rather how it doesn't). First off, are you still interested in LGLC? According to my records, your membership expired two issues ago.

If the answer is yes, please send your renewal form to me today and indicate where mail should go to. As you may remember, the newsletter is sent without an envelope.

How are you finding Boston after laid-back California? I am very glad to have moved to San Francisco and am enjoying myself very much. Jim Peron, owner of Free Forum Books and LGLC author, recently bought the Libertarian Bookstore here in San Francisco and is moving from Connecticut next week. He is quite a businessman and I'm sure the now sadly mismanaged Libertarian Bookstore eyesore will come back. Did you read that according to the Rand people, Boston is considered the second best city to live in? Now, if I did that ranking, San Francisco would have gone up from its current fourth position...

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

In liberty,

George Meyer

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George Meyer
National Coordinator

April 18, 1985

Joseph W. Nelson
310 Weart Avenue
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

Dear Joey:

Thanks for your March 6th letter. Usually, I respond quicker than this but this has been an extra busy Spring.

I understand and agree that we must look professional in order to appeal to the gay community. I believe that I have talked about this with both Jon and Milton and have offered suggestions to improve our product. My suggestions have probably made some sense to the New York Chapter. However, I do not look to find fault with whatever anyone has done - the fact that someone has taken the time to work on LGLC is very important and the last thing I want to do is alienate an active member.

I have been impressed with the consistent stream of meeting notices and information from New York - your chapter is the most active one around (although San Francisco is now giving you a run for your money.) It would be nice if someone invested a little money so your local newsletter had a readable title.

I'm sorry you are moving to Dallas. What takes you there - work or school or a lover? I don't think we even have one person in Dallas on the mailing list. Local Contacts usually will have themselves listed in the local gay paper as the contact. You might want to contact the LP in Dallas to see if there are any gays in the party.

About writing for the national newsletter - by all means! I am always looking for good writing on any subject of interest to LGLC and an article on strengthening the group would be fine. As editor, I do have the right to reject articles and to edit accepted ones so as to fit the style and space of the newsletter. So, sharpen your pencil and write out your article. The deadline for #10 is May 20th and #11, July 22nd. I'd also be happy to consider any other topics you might want to pursue.

All for now. Please feel free to send me comments on practically anything relevant. If you ever find yourself in California, I'd be happy to put you up for a weekend.

In liberty,

Joseph W. Nelson
310 Weart Avenue
Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071
(201) 933-6239

March 6, 1985

Mr. George Meyer
641A Castro Street
San Francisco, CA 94114

Dear George:

Thank you for your kind words regarding the March 1985 issue of our local newsletter. Those 'slap on the back' compliments are very necessary and timely during periods when people begin to question whether it is all worth something. However, while your support for my efforts is obvious, I am not sure my colleagues here in New York City are as convinced. Increased professionalism will enable continued membership growth as well as assist in accomplishing other goals. Perhaps some words of encouragement that such things are worthwhile might be in order. With only 40 persons on our mailing list, some seem to think it hard to justify.

As I mentioned to you when we spoke on the telephone, I am considering whether to relocate in Dallas, Texas. Milton, Jon and the other members of LGLC are unaware. I do not intend to inform them until things are more definite.

I am interested in finding out how the contact persons of LGLC advertised to begin new active local chapters. My gay libertarian activism will certainly continue if I move to Dallas.

Finally, I am interested in writing an article for the national newsletter. The topic would be on how I feel LGLC can be strengthened. Do you think such a topic would be appropriate? It would not take up more than a page in the newsletter.

When and if you get a chance I would like to hear from you. Maybe you can send along a letter? Until then. . .

Regards,



Joey Nelson

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George Meyer
National Coordinator

April 27, 1985

Ms. Kathy Harrer
1985 National Convention Committee Chair
Arizona Libertarian Party
P.O. Box 501
Phoenix, AZ 85001

Dear Ms. Harrer:

Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns (LGLC) would like to be active at this year's national Libertarian Party convention. LGLC was founded at the 1981 national convention in Denver, Colorado and again had a national meeting at the 1983 New York City convention. We feel that a speaker or panel of speakers on gay topics would be beneficial for delegates since there are estimated to be 20 - 30 million gay people in the United States who form a natural constituency for the libertarian movement.

May I suggest a couple of speakers? Jim Peron, owner of Free Forum Books in San Francisco, has written extensively on a number of gay topics. These topics include: "Capitalism and the Rise of Gay Liberation" which contends that only in a free market can civil liberties flourish and allow a gay community to exist; "Gays Under the Cuban Revolution" which explores why so many gays are attracted to totalitarian systems that mistreat gays; and "The Church and Free Will", covering the differences between legality and morality. I also have experience in discussing a number of gay topics of interest including sodomy laws, anti-gay immigration laws, age of consent laws, gays in the military, AIDS research and the government, etc.

What would you suggest? At the past two national conventions, there have been a significant number of gay delegates who were interested in gay topics. Also, non-gay libertarians tend to be interested in learning more about the problems gays face so they can reach out to the gay community during elections.

Besides having one or two panels, LGLC would like to schedule a membership business meeting and an evening party to which everyone is invited. I have enclosed our latest LGLC Newsletter which describes our activities at this year's California LP convention.

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Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

In liberty,

George Meyer
National Coordinator
Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns

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George Meyer
National Coordinator

861-7610

May 15, 1985

Armistead Maupin
655½ Noe Street
San Francisco, CA 94114

Dear Armistead:

Thank you for granting LGLC permission to reprint your Advocate article. Enclosed is a copy of our most recent issue of LGLC Newsletter. This is a bi-monthly newsletter which goes out to about 300 members, subscribers and friends of LGLC. If the Advocate also grants permission to reprint, your "10 Ways to Strengthen the Body Politic" will appear in the special Gay Pride May/June issue which will be handed out at Gay Pride Day celebrations in New York City, San Francisco, and San Diego.

I hope your schedule permits you time to speak at LGLC's first national convention, October 12 and 13th. The convention will be held at the Swedish American Hall and will feature a number of speakers discussing issues affecting gay freedom. We have reserved the Cafe DuNord next door for the Saturday night banquet (50 people maximum) and would be honored to have you address the group. We would be able to give you a small honorarium, if you can attend.

I look forward to hearing from you and/or agent soon. Thanks again for the permission to reprint your article.

In liberty,

George Meyer
National Coordinator
LGLC

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P.S. Will you be free this Memorial weekend to attend a picnic of some of your neighbors? My apartment building is having an afternoon celebration Sunday, May 26th with hot dogs, chicken, fixin's, soda, beer, etc. The party begins at 3:00pm and we would love for you to drop by. My address is: 641A Castro. Please give me a call at 552-0838 if you can attend.

Freedom Reborn



1985 National Convention
of the Libertarian Party
Hyatt Regency Phoenix

10851 N. 43rd Avenue #131
Phoenix, Arizona 85029

May 17, 1985

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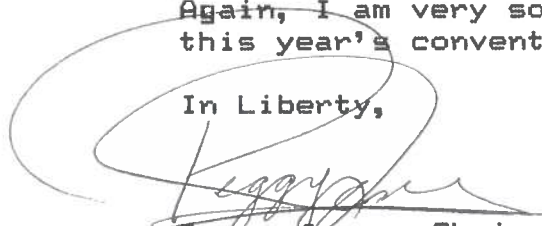
Dear Mr. Meyer:

Your letter of April 27 was forwarded to me as chair of special events for the Libertarian convention to be held in Phoenix this August.

I am sorry to have to tell you the speakers for the convention are booked and have been since early April or before. We had printing deadlines to meet for the preregistration mailer which went out two or three weeks ago. We are stressing defense issues and future of our party at the convention this year. Any requests for panels or speakers were honored as they came in, until our printing deadline. I would suggest you remember these deadlines for the '87 convention, which is to be held in Reno, Nevada.

I am forwarding your letter to our hotel liaison to schedule a room for your business meeting and evening social event. You should be hearing from Tyler or Julie Olson in the near future. Again, I am very sorry we did not get a gay speaker scheduled for this year's convention.

In Liberty,



Peggy Jeney, Chair
Special Events
1985 LP Convention



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George Meyer
National Coordinator

June 19, 1985

602-261-2317 Day 602-952-9001 Night

Julia Olson
Exhibit Chairperson
Libertarian Party of Arizona
Freedom Reborn
PO Box 501
Phoenix, AZ 85001

Dear Julia:

Enclosed are the following items:

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1. Exhibitors Form and a check for \$75.00. Please make sure that our booth sign actually says "Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns".
2. Registration Form and a check for \$25.00. This is my personal registration since I am an alternative delegate from California.
- 3. A copy of the Hotel Registration Form for LGLC's Friday night party at 10pm. With the motto "You Don't Have to Be Gay to Party", we do expect non-gays to attend. Our party at the California LP State Convention was quite successful (see attached story in LGLC Newsletter #9.)

Jim Peron is expecting your call regarding his speaking on "Capitalism and the Rise of Gay Liberation" which I think will go over well with both gay and non-gay libertarians at the convention. Giving the pitch for gay freedom and free markets is one that the gay community could always hear and convention-goers will find it stimulating too.

I look forward to meeting you at the convention and I hope you are able to give us a good parlor and bedroom for the LGLC party. See you in Phoenix!

In liberty,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Meyer".

George Meyer
National Coordinator
LGLC

P.S. Both Jim and I will be arriving on the same flight at 3:30pm, Wednesday afternoon. Will we be allowed to set up our respective booths that night?



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George Meyer
National Coordinator

849-3983

June 26, 1985

Armand Boulay
1363 Addison Street
Berkeley, CA 94702

Dear Armand:

Thank you again for allowing LGLC to reprint your B.A.R. article on China and gay people. It was featured in the special summer issue of LGLC Newsletter (see page two).

LGLC will be sponsoring a two day convention in October on freedom and gays. Details are on page one of this newsletter. Would you consider speaking on a world view of gay freedom? We could title it something like "Statism and Gay Freedom: A World Perspective."

Think about it - I'll give you a call soon.

In liberty,

George Meyer

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George Meyer
National Coordinator

April 18, 1985

Armand Boulay
1363 Addison Street
Berkeley, CA 94702

Dear Armand:

Thank you for your willingness to speak at the May LGLC meeting. I enjoyed talking with you the other night and look forward to meeting you in person.

Enclosed is the latest LGLC Newsletter which was just send out last night.* Also enclosed is a copy of the meeting announcement which has been sent to the gay press and local political groups.

If you have any questions or comments regarding LGLC or the next meeting, please feel free to call me at 552-0838. See you May 18th!

In liberty,

George Meyer
National Coordinator

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* The May/June issue will feature your B.A.R. article.



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George Meyer
National Coordinator

August 21, 1985

Armistead Maupin
655½ Noe Street
San Francisco, CA 94114

Dear Armistead:

As promised, enclosed is a copy of the Washington Times article attacking LGLC, Armand Boulay, and you. As you can see, the guy completely distorts the newsletter articles and leaves out the reasons why they were included in a libertarian newsletter. It is ironic that he makes fun of the Boulay article since the point was to show how communism oppresses people - the same conclusion that raving conservatives like Masty are always shoving down people's throats.

Anyway, feel free to respond if you wish. I don't happen to have the Washington Times address on me but it should be easy enough to find. If you are struck by a brilliant insight, I'd be happy to print it in the next issue of LGLC Newsletter as a rebuttal. Please let me know.

Also enclosed is a brochure on LGLC's first national convention. Allan Berube has agreed to be our banquet speaker.

In liberty,

George Meyer
National Coordinator
LGLC

George I. Meyer
641 A Castro Street
San Francisco, California 94114

September 11, 1985

Dear Scott:

Thank you for sending the Washington Post clipping about the settlement about Vince. I'm glad to see there is some form of justice in this world. While nothing can bring Vince back, at least the settlement reached provides some restitution for Vince's family.

It still seems a shame that West only got one year in a work-release program. I hope he never forgets the horror for which he is responsible.

I have enclosed a brochure on LGLC's first national convention. I'm sure Vince would have enjoyed attending if he was still with us.

Sincerely,

E. Scott Royce
1236 S. Taylor St. #A
Arlington, VA 22204

D.C. Rent Control Referendum Clears Hurdle

By Ed Brukic
Washington Post Staff Writer

A proposed November voter referendum seeking to revoke portions of the District's new rent control law cleared a legal hurdle yesterday when the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics turned back a challenge to the ballot measure brought by a coalition of landlords.

The board denied an attempt by the landlords to strike thousands of signatures from a petition supporting the referendum, and it rejected arguments that the proposed ballot issue is invalid.

An attorney for the landlord group, called the Committee to Oppose Referendum No. 001, said the landlords are considering appealing the ruling to the D.C. Court of Appeals.

Calling the referendum a "knee-jerk response" to the city's housing problems, attorney Vincent M. Policy suggested that the group will mount a campaign to defeat the referendum at the polls.

An ad hoc tenants group calling itself the Emergency Committee to Save Rental Housing submitted the referendum in an attempt to block portions of the rent control law passed by the City Council in April.

The new law would loosen rent controls on some single-family homes and on buildings that are 80 percent vacant, and it contains provisions that are less stringent on landlords than the previous law. The referendum proposed by tenants would restore those controls.

In their effort to keep the new rent control law intact, the landlord group challenged the referendum on technical legal grounds, arguing that it is invalid because the rent law has taken effect.

After the law was passed by the city, it went to Congress for a 30-day review. Under the D.C. charter, Congress must suspend its review when it receives notice from the elections board that a referendum petition challenging the law has been filed.

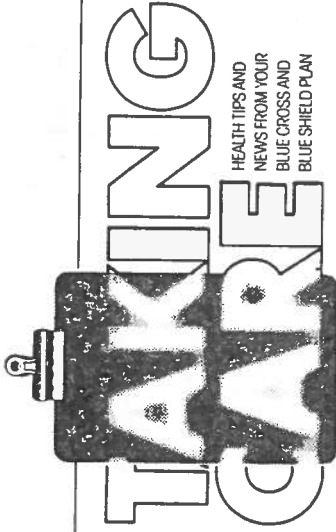
In this case, the elections board sent Congress notice of the rent control referendum July 16, the day the review period was scheduled to end. Congress has not returned to the City Council the challenged portions of the law, as required by the charter.

The elections board in yesterday's ruling acknowledged the lack of response from Congress, but it held that this should not prevent the referendum from appearing on the ballot.

The board also rejected arguments by the landlords that the petition was submitted in the wrong form.

"This is a classic case of form over substance," said Gottlieb Simon, a spokesman for the tenants group. "They [landlords] have not only scraped the bottom of the barrel, they are now scraping under the barrel."

The elections board must complete a survey to verify signatures on the petition before approving the referendum for the ballot.



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FROM THE MADRID

\$637,500 Settlement Reached in Va. Drunk Driving Death

By Caryle Murphy
Washington Post Staff Writer

The family of a 30-year-old Bethesda editor killed in a 1983 Arlington automobile accident caused by a drinking driver is to receive \$637,500 from the driver and the driver's employer in an out-of-court-settlement, attorneys in the case said yesterday.

Under an agreement reached last week in the chambers of U.S. District Judge Richard L. Williams, the driver, Hugh West, and his employer, Polaris Aircraft Leasing Corp. of California, agreed to pay the damages to the parents of Vincent Drosdik.

Drosdik was killed at 11 p.m. Aug. 24, 1983,

when his car, traveling west on Arlington Boulevard (Rte. 50) was hit head-on by a vehicle driven by West that had crossed the highway's grassy median strip.

At the time West's blood alcohol content was .28, according to court records. A level of .10 is considered legally intoxicated in Virginia.

West, who is from California and was on a business trip at the time of the accident, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in Arlington County Circuit Court in June 1984. He was sentenced to a year in jail, which he served in a work-release program.

"It is one of the largest settlements in Virginia related to DWI [driving while intoxicated] cases on behalf of beneficiaries who are not widows or

children," according to the Drosdiks' lawyer, Brian P. Phelan.

The settlement stemmed from an \$11 million suit filed by the Drosdiks against West, Polaris Aircraft and Hertz Rent-A-Car that was set to go to trial in Alexandria yesterday.

Phelan said the family sued West's employer because he was on a business trip at the time Hertz was sued because West was driving one of their vehicles. A \$100,000 insurance policy that was part of West's rental contract with Hertz will go toward the settlement, according to William J. Virgulak, an attorney for Polaris.

Drosdik was an editor with Phillips Publishing Inc. in Bethesda. His parents live in Farmington, Maine.



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George Meyer
National Coordinator

September 16, 1985

Mr. Steve Masty
The Washington Times
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Dear Mr. Masty:

A friend of mine in Washington, DC sent me your column on Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns. Needless to say, I was disappointed that you concentrated your remarks on the lesser important facts of our newsletter: the purpose of the Chinese article was to show how communism destroys civil liberties, and how free markets such as Hong Kong's allow greater freedom for all.

It's a shame that conservatives have repeatedly heaped revulsion on decent American gay men and women which helps push them further into the arms of the Left. I have many conservative gay friends who are justifiably embarrassed by the anti-gay ravings of their political brethren.

One final comment on the source of the "unsolicited" newsletter that found its way into your hands. I did not send you this issue. Perhaps one of our subscribers thought you might be interested in it, although I doubt he expected you to use it as a source of ridicule and derision.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Steve Masty
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Dear Steve:

I am belatedly writing to chide you for your column on Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns. Perhaps it was a slow news day, though it's hard to imagine the U.S. government doing nothing worth satirizing--even with Congress not in session.

You mocked the article on gay rights in the three Chinas as "how to get a date in China." But clearly the point of running the article--explicitly stated by the national coordinator--was to illustrate the contrast between communism and free enterprise in nurturing civil liberties. Surely that's a point you agree with, and surely it's an important one to make to a gay audience. Thanks to conservative hostility, gays are being pushed into a leftist camp where they don't belong. Articles like this help to overcome that tendency.

I know you're writing a humor column, but I don't see how that particular column helped to advance the cause you support.

By the way, I'll bet you could do a great piece on Meese flying all the way to Arkansas to crack down on independent businessmen, wearing his Adam Smith tie.

Cordially,

David

Newspapers abound in frantic letters and press releases, sounding the alarm on every imaginary and real crisis from The International Conspiracy of Jewish Bankers to the abysmally high price of buying a district court judge.

Curiously, just as a bunch of mail arrives from social conservatives, asking if I really know what homosexuals are up to, I get an unsolicited newsletter from Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns, tell-

CAPITAL SKETCH

By S.J. Masty

ing me what homosexuals are up to.

Libertarian ones, that is. They do not include the ones in Congress dubbed the Lavender Hill Mob.

Generally, this column couldn't care less what adult Americans do, if it involves neither the public trough nor the Russian army, and if it doesn't take place on the street and scare the horses. Still, silliness is amusing. So many write in wondering what homosexuals do, it might be worth a look. Make that a reading.

Judging by the volume of copy, the major concern of homosexuals of the Libertarian bent seems to be getting dates in Communist China.

It seems an immense problem few American families — and apparently Chinese families —

Libertarians crusade for Chinese gays

fully appreciate. "The greatest obstacle to gay consciousness in Chinese society," the article begins, "comes from strong family values which stress marriage and the raising of children."

Not only are the Chinese backward on trendy sexual options, but Chinese teen-age males spend so much time chopping bok choy for dinner (an hour later and they're hungry again) that they never get around to consider going out behind the rice paddy with the boy next door.

If you just bought tickets for a dirty weekend in the Peoples' Republic, sell them. "In Shanghai," they write, "it is very easy to meet friendly Chinese men by the Bund, a promenade area by the Hwang Pu River in the city's old center."

There's only one catch: "As the wee hours approach, reality sets in." The Chinese man probably lives in a tiny apartment with an immense family, they explain, and Chinese are not allowed in commie-controlled hotels. It results in another lonely evening in the Shanghai Sheraton, reading "Hairdresser's Quarterly."

Peking is even worse, they say, due to stronger "Marxist and traditional, puritanical values." While "one may meet someone near Mao's tomb in the main square ...

the same problems exists as to the need for privacy."

For fans of individual liberty, this is distressing. If only Red China could be made to respect the rights of man and the sanctity of individual choice, Shanghai and Peking might become liberated zones. Voluntarily, of course, this might move a load of gays out of San Francisco and Washington, D.C.'s Dupont Circle.

There is also an advice column, telling the afflicted how to make peace with the cosmos by telling their parents they're fruity, and how not to be bamboozled into consumerism by the (apparently) massive amount of homosexual commercial items. They do not bear description, but imagine if Hustler's Larry Flynt directed "Son of Flubber!"

More ludicrous still, is the veneration Armistead Maupin gives to advice from his friend, Dr. Timothy Leary, on a speaking tour promoting the former's "best-selling gay novel," also named "Babycakes."

"Figure out what you want to say and don't be embarrassed to say it over and over again," says the father of LSD-flashbacks. "The hundredth time is just as important as the first." Dr. Leary has said this 101 times.

Suddenly, it seems worthwhile to write the social conservative groups and explain why it's not important if gays teach in public schools.

First of all, you have to be an idiot to send a child to a public school. Even if you do, the average 7-year-old will vastly prefer baseball. His innate sense of the absurd is too finely-honed.

Wash. Times, Aug. 1, 1985



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October 2, 1985

Carol Ruth Silver, Supervisor
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Dear Supervisor Silver:

Thank you for your letter dated September 4th in which you enclosed several Wall Street Journal articles on tolerance in America and sympathy for people with AIDS. I had not seen either article and appreciate your making them available to me.

The Wall Street Journal is an excellent source of news and opinions and I am aware of several self-described libertarians on the editorial page staff who favor freedom-oriented articles (such as yours on gun control).

As libertarians have argued for years, it shouldn't be a surprise that corporate America comes down on the side of tolerance. The dollar is both color-blind and sexual preference-blind. Indeed, while the record for passing government mandated anti-discrimination laws is dismal, nearly two-thirds of the Fortune 500 corporations have voluntarily included non-discrimination clauses in their hiring statements, according to a National Gay Taskforce study.

I am taking the liberty of including a brochure on LGLC's upcoming national convention, in order to give you an idea of what we are doing.

Sincerely,

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National Coordinator
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September, 4, 1985

CAROL RUTH SILVER

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Re: Wall Street Journal Articles

Dear friends at Libertarians for Gay Rights,

I want to make sure you didn't miss the enclosed Wall Street Journal articles from the Thursday, August 29, 1985 edition entitled, "Need We Guess Why Young Men Are Dying?" and "Forget Falwell--All's Well With American Tolerance". I am gratified--and I hope you will be also--that in the heart of corporate America there is sympathy for AIDS victims and a commitment to tolerance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Ruth Silver".

Carol Ruth Silver

Need We Guess Why Young Men Are Dying?

By DAVID SANFORD

Grandfather read the obituaries, looking for the names of friends. The death notices were the first thing he turned to in the newspaper.

As a teen-ager observing his morbid ritual, I thought the old man foolish to be so preoccupied with death, and I told him that. But he was unmoved by me. He would scan the page for the names of old Swedes—men he had worked with on the railroad—and then he'd move on to Dick Tracy.

Nearly 30 years later, I am reading obituaries, too.

The paid obits in the New York Times—the small paragraphs of agate type below the fold of the newspaper—have fascinated me for quite a while, actually. To read in the Times who has died, one gets such an interesting, though skewed, view of New York's population. Skewed because certain people seem to die in the Times more than others do.

Doctors, for instance. Times obits give the impression that physicians die in droves. So do employees and former employees of the Times itself. It must be some kind of perk. When a Times man or woman dies, he can rest assured he'll get a short paragraph regretting that he who "was associated with the Times from 1947 until he retired in 1968" has met his maker, or words to that effect.

Members of ASCAP, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, die a lot also. Their passing is always being commemorated in little blurbs signed by Hal David and other officers. Frank Sinatra and the local New York radio celebrity William B. Williams are forever sending up members of the Friars Club.

But what is relatively new—and especially sad—is the AIDS death. Roughly 6,000 AIDS patients have died in the U.S. so far, and a third or more of them have been New Yorkers. So it stands to reason that the obits would be full of such exits. They are fuller than people realize.

Everyone knows that Rock Hudson has AIDS. People know to expect more AIDS cases—and huge numbers of them as time passes—unless preventions or cures are found. But newspaper readers can't know how many accomplished young men in the arts are no longer alive to enrich American culture. To appreciate that, you have to read the death notices regularly, and

you have to read between the lines.

In the past year or so, there haven't been a half-dozen New York Times obituaries, paid or staff-written, listing AIDS as the cause of death. I have counted only four. Lynne Carter, a female impersonator who appeared in nightclubs as Pearl Bailey and Bette Davis, died of AIDS, and his obituary said so. William Mitchell, age 31, "a senior executive at Macy's," died of AIDS. So did one Joseph May, who was born on Nov. 7, 1948. He was an artist. An actor named Gene Masoner died of AIDS.

A slightly larger number of death notices appear to be AIDS deaths: The dead man was relatively young, single, and died of cancer or pneumonia—illnesses that ultimately do in AIDS patients. The real tip-off is that the death notices request, in lieu of flowers, that memorial contributions be made to the AIDS Medical Foundation, the medical research of Mathilde Krim, Ph.D., the Gay Men's Health Crisis or the immunology department of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

I can list 130 recent deaths for which strong circumstantial evidence exists that AIDS was involved, though that wasn't the published cause of death. Obits in general

have a tendency to skirt the grim detail, but reference to this new killer is especially taboo. AIDS isn't mentioned for several reasons. The patient died a horrible death and suffered ostracism besides. His bereaved survivors would have to be uncommonly brave to add to the stigma without some compelling reason.

The squeamishness is understandable but selfish. If the public knew who is dying, that might increase funds for research. It might encourage more people at risk not to go on courting death. A good scare might be beneficial.

So who is dying of AIDS? Since AIDS is the number one cause of death in New York among males in their 20s and 30s, the death of any young man is suspect, the unmarried man particularly. If the young man is said to have died of pneumonia, lymphoma, leukemia, meningitis, or "a long illness" that he fought bravely, courageously or valiantly, the AIDS hypothesis is strengthened. If he was a painter, singer, designer or actor, if he lived in Greenwich Village, if he was buried by a certain mortuary not averse to AIDS corpses, and if he is survived by a companion named Chuck, then there can hardly be any doubt. Please excuse the stereotyping of homosexuals, but these are dead giveaways.

The list of deaths that meet enough of these criteria is terrifying and long. An assistant university dean, a jewelry designer for a Third Avenue department store, a planner for a TV network, photographers, dancers, three actors who had appeared on the same soap opera, a Tony-nominated Broadway director of many hit shows, movie actors with impressive credits, an opera makeup man, graduates of the Parsons School of Design, a restaurateur, a rock-music manager, conductors of opera and light opera, choreographers, a young lyricist, playwrights, architects, magazine editors and two men associated professionally with Andy Warhol.

In general, reading obituaries needn't be depressing. Read them every day as my grandfather did and you get in shape for it. People grow old, have heart attacks, get cancer and die. But the AIDS deaths are different. These young people lost the chance to do their best work and to live long lives. The loss to the rest of us is incalculable.

Mr. Sanford is on the page-one editing staff of the Journal.

Forget Falwell—All's Well With American Tolerance

An Associated Press dispatch from Lincoln, Neb., reports that Nebraskans are delighted about Gov. Bob Kerrey's romantic liaison with actress Debra Winger. They "decline to look askance at her overnight visits in the governor's mansion," the AP reports. "Even Kerrey's Republican opponents admit she is a political asset." An asset, no less. Polls show that three out of four Nebraska citizens think it's "all right" for Ms. Winger to stay at the mansion with Mr. Kerrey, who has an

Viewpoint

by Michael Kinsley

ex-wife and two kids living in Texas. One out of eight think it's "nobody's business." And only one out of eight are willing to say they disapprove. In Nebraska, mind you.

This heartwarming testimony to heartland values, 1985-style, is another bit of evidence for my pet theory that most politicians and commentators wildly overestimate the prudishness of the American people. One more recent bit of evidence is the generally sympathetic reaction to the news that Rock Hudson has AIDS. Far from killing off the gay-rights movement, as several Washington pundits have predicted, the AIDS tragedy may increase support for that movement in the long run by making people realize that other people they respect are homosexual and some of them are suffering for it. The media are eager for signs of an AIDS witch hunt, but they haven't been able to find one. So far, the only signs of overreaction have been in flighty Hollywood, where long-established customs such as social kissing and sharing of desserts at trendy restaurants are reported to have gone rapidly out of fashion.

magazine this week. Inside is the usual story of how a flood tide of politically awakened fundamentalists is sweeping through the American system, threatening to leave in its wake repressive new laws on abortion, pornography, drugs, sexual freedom and so on. I wonder.

No proper scare story is complete without numbers. Time reports that "as many as 10 million" people are "wholeheartedly" fundamentalist and repeats (though with skepticism) Mr. Falwell's claim to have registered almost that many voters in the past two national elections. Ten million is a nice, round, newsmagazine number, suitable for stories on topics ranging from abused children to income-tax cheaters. I don't accuse Time of making it up. But I do caution politicians who may be overly impressed with this theoretical 10 million to reflect on the concrete millions of men who cast their dollar ballots for Playboy and Penthouse on the newsstands every month, a pleasure Mr. Falwell's Moral Majority would like to deny them. Consider as well the obvious but easily overlooked truth that America has a "drug problem" because millions of citizens (most over voting age) wish to use drugs.

Not many people are willing to tell a pollster that they're strongly in favor of convenient access to pornography, or opposed to a crackdown on drug use. Even fewer are interested in organizing politically to promote the wider enjoyment of smut or dope. Most may not even want to see their own vices move out of the shadowy half-approval of society into the sunlight of total acceptance. But they're not interested in losing them, either, and will indicate as much in the privacy of the voting booth. That goes double for more serious "life-style" issues such as abortion and women's rights generally. And it's not a question of stands on specific issues. After

pay for women. It's a question of an atmosphere of toleration vs. an atmosphere of repression.

The Republicans are in a well-deserved bind about all this. It's one of the areas in which the majority Ronald Reagan has cobbled together is going to fragment. Social revisionists are a special-interest group that has trapped the Republican Party the way the unions, the elderly, and others have trapped the Democrats. They are by no means a majority. But they are a well-organized minority with a narrow agenda, over which they will punish defiance. At the same time, most of the voters the party is proudest to have brought into the fold and needs most desperately to keep in order to achieve "realignment"—college kids, young affluents, Sun Belt freedom lovers—have less than no interest in the social agenda. Most Republican politicians themselves have no genuine interest in it.

My New Republic colleague Jefferson Morley recently expounded on the tragic dilemma of the ambitious young conservatives around Washington: "They oppose sexual promiscuity but favor premarital sex (and even in cases not involving themselves!); denounce the drug epidemic among black teen-agers but tolerate the drug epidemic among their white friends; oppose the ERA, comparable worth and feminism yet postpone pregnancy (exactly how, I cannot disclose) and advance the careers of their sisters, girlfriends and themselves with NOW-like vigilance."

A foretaste of trouble ahead was the abandonment of Mr. Reagan by Jews in the last election. Jews tend to be prosperous, increasingly conservative, believers in a strong defense, opponents of affirmative action—in short, natural Reagan voters. Yet they are the only group Mr. Reagan did significantly worse with in 1984 than in 1980. By most accounts the main reason

ciation with the fundamentalists, and fear of where it might lead.

In general, though, Mr. Reagan has managed miraculously to maintain the support of groups that support him for disparate, or even contradictory, reasons. With his magic "communicating" skills, he has communicated to Moral Majority types that he shares their social concerns and their intensity about these concerns, even though his own life and career are no particular advertisement for the values of family, church and clean living. How he has managed to do so without turning off his more secular, worldly supporters is harder to explain. My colleague Hendrick Hertzberg theorizes (we talk about this stuff a lot in my office, as you see) that Mr. Reagan gives them the impression of actually being a "closet tolerant." His geniality, and his own history once again, convince them that when he talks social repression he doesn't really mean it.

Whatever the explanation, none of the Republicans battling to succeed Mr. Reagan has his gifts. It will be fun to watch George Bush bringing his puppy-dog enthusiasm to the task of convincing the audience at some fundamentalist prayer breakfast that he's as alarmed as they are about teen-agers watching R-rated movies. A comic foretaste of the pleasures ahead can be found in an interview with Jeane Kirkpatrick by the conservative columnist John Lofton, published in the July 25 Washington Times, in which this worldly woman struggles to avoid answering "Of course not!" to questions about whether she thinks Christ is "the sole source of truth" and whether God does or does not "govern civil government."

If the Republicans continue to pander to these hyperthyroid puritans, they may find themselves victims of a social-issue backlash from people who thought they had sent a message in 1980 and 1984 that they

November 15, 1985

Letters to the Editor
San Francisco Chronicle
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Dear Editor:

Dan Robinson's November 13th Letter to the Editor cited Garrett Hardin's "tragedy of the commons" to explain why people are not taking the AIDS antibody test. However, Robinson misused Hardin's term. Hardin coined "tragedy of the commons" to show what happened to communally held grazing lands in the Middle Ages. Individual sheep and cattle owners had the incentive to overgraze the land since because they did not own it, they did not pay the true costs of grazing. This phenomenon typically occurs when government owns land and property that individuals use at little or no direct cost -- like the subsidized, overused water in California.

But since AIDS directly penalizes those it touches, it does give individuals an incentive to take necessary precautions, such as following "safe sex" guidelines. Those who do not take these precautions risk getting the virus, so using the term "tragedy of the commons" is an incorrect analogy.

The most effective way to combat AIDS is to eliminate constraints on private companies' search for a vaccine and people with AIDS who are forced to travel to Mexico to purchase currently illegal medicine, and to educate ourselves about the actual ways this deadly virus is transmitted.

Sincerely,


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Editor — Is anyone concerned about the fact that several large segments of our society seem to work cooperatively to encourage the spread of AIDS? I refer to those who are afraid to take the antibody test, those who might take it as long as there is no attempt at any form of registration, and those who create reasons to be afraid, such as insurance companies, employers and landlords.

This is a good example of Garrett Hardin's "Tragedy of the Commons." Everybody looks out for individual or corporate welfare, and by doing so, creates conditions that eventually do greater harm to the whole society.

I would think this would be particularly obvious to potential victims and the insurance companies. We such suicidal tendencies, perhaps we will get what we deserve.

Yes, I've taken the test, because I'm more afraid of AIDS than human prejudice.

DAN ROBINSON
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Sent Newsletter #5 + 11

December 3, 1985

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Dear Mr. Youth:

First, please let me apologize for the delay in responding to your letter dated October 17th. LGLC is an organization where few do much and I'm afraid your letter got put on the bottom of the stack. I hope this isn't too late.

Enclosed are a number of articles and position papers on our beliefs as libertarians. Basically, libertarians (gay and non-gay) believe that the greatest social good is liberty - freedom for every individual to pursue what he or she wishes, without interference from others. This logically means that "risk" is in the eyes of the beholder and individuals must take full responsibility for all their actions. I have highlighted some information that's attached dealing with this.

Please let me know if LGLC can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern:

I am a student at the University of California, Berkeley. I am doing a comparative study on how different organizations perceive risk.

I am interested in finding out how different organizations, including your own--environmental groups, political action committees, conservative think tanks-- religions etc. perceive the risks AIDS--acquired immunodeficiency syndrome--and issues such as nuclear power and the environment(if possible) pose to the general public. I would appreciate you sending me any official publications, news articles, transcripts etc which you disseminate, or information leading to an organization's position, i.e. newspaper or periodical articles or their date and edition. Examples of positions on AIDS are quarantine and integration measures for AIDS patients.

I appreciate your immediate reply and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Youth".

Thomas Youth

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