

What do you protect a dying man from?

Libertarians are highly skeptical of government intervention in the medical realm, with good reason. As the following article points out, certain promising drugs in the fight against AIDS have been declared illegal by the federal government. Concerned individuals should speak out in favor of allowing people with AIDS to choose whatever treatment they wish. This article was written by Washington, DC LGLC member David Lampo and originally appeared in the Washington Blade on February 28, 1986.

by David Lampo

On Tuesday of this week, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the federal agency charged with the regulation of new pharmaceutical drugs, announced it has denied permission to Newport Pharmaceuticals International to manufacture and market a drug called Isoprinosine, touted as a possible remedy for the immune system damage caused by the AIDS virus. For those familiar with the FDA's history, this decision came as no surprise. For people infected with the AIDS virus, it came as another slap in the face.

Although this may seem like a routine decision about a drug most people haven't even heard of, it is anything but that. This decision symbolizes what may be the most important Gay issue of our lifetime: government control over medicine. With the death toll from AIDS mounting daily, Gay men are locked in literally a life-and-death struggle, not just against the HTLV-III virus, but against the FDA as well. Here's why.

Current federal regulations state that no new drug may be manufactured or marketed in the United States without the approval of the FDA. When a new drug has proven successful in the laboratory, the manufacturer must submit to the FDA a schedule for testing the drug on human beings in controlled, scientific studies called clinical trials. When a firm achieves the clinical success it believes warrants FDA approval, it files a New Drug Application (NDA). Even if a drug is approved and in use for one medical condition, the manufacturer must go through the entire process again if it wishes to market the drug for another use. Unfortunately, federal regulations have slowed down this drug approval process dramatically. Where once it took less than two years on average to bring a new drug to market, it can now take six or eight years and cost between \$50 and \$100 million. The results are predictable:

fewer new medicines on the market at higher cost. While this process is supposed to ensure the "safety and efficacy" of new drugs, its practical effect is to block access to potentially life-saving and enhancing drugs for millions of Americans, particularly victims of AIDS and AIDS-related complex (ARC), as well as those suffering from other terminal diseases.

Although the FDA claims that it has cut the length of the drug approval process in recent years, there hasn't been much of a track record with AIDS-related drugs to judge the agency by. Until now.

In spite of the FDA, a number of promising drugs have emerged in the fight to find a treatment for AIDS, if not a cure. Whether or not they will ever be available to the public, however, remains uncertain.

Perhaps the most famous of these drugs is HPA-23, the drug Rock Hudson went to Paris for. Although it has been tested at the Pasteur Institute in France for almost three years and doctors there have claimed some success in stopping the replication of the AIDS virus, clinical trials in the U.S. have only just begun. A drug similar to HPA-23 is Suramin from the Bayer Co. of West Germany. An antiviral, it has been used to treat African sleeping sickness and other parasitic diseases and has been successful in clinical trials in stabilizing the level of the virus in many patients. Other drugs being tested include Azidothymidine, Foscarnet, interferon, and Interleukin-2.

Some of the drugs illegal in this country are legal in many other nations. Ribavirin, a widely-used antiviral, is legal in about 30 foreign countries, including Mexico, where it's available across the counter, and has been successful in clinical trials at Cornell University in boosting the immune function and reducing the amount of the HTLV-III virus in ARC patients.

Isoprinosine is legal in 89 nations, including Mexico (where it is available without a prescription), France, West

Germany, and Great Britain. When tested recently on 157 ARC patients here in the U.S., it was found to improve the immune function in 110 of them, according to *Discover* magazine.

AIDS activists say both drugs are widely available on the black market in this country, often at greatly inflated prices.

Yet the FDA continues to insist that people with AIDS and ARC may not legally have access to these drugs unless they are one of the lucky few to be admitted into clinical trials. Only about 1,000 of the nearly 9,000 living persons currently diagnosed with AIDS are involved in those trials, and barely a handful of the 150,000 people suffering from ARC, even though scientists and doctors alike agree that all of these drugs would be the most effective if taken just after exposure to the AIDS virus and before major damage to the immune system has taken place.

The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta has estimated that 2,000,000 Americans have been exposed to the virus. By the end of this year, as many as 25,000 people will have been diagnosed with AIDS and perhaps 12,000 will be dead. In five years, perhaps several hundred thousand will have AIDS and millions may be victims of ARC.

Thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of people will die who might otherwise live if the government would simply legalize these drugs for those who wish to consume them. As the *Wall Street Journal* stated recently in an editorial, "What justification can there be for the federal government to have the power to tell a human being with a fatal disease that he may or may not use radical or experimental therapies and drugs in the U.S. unless the FDA says he can? Safety? But what do you protect a dying man from?"

Richard Rector from the organization San Francisco People With AIDS put it even more succinctly. "Let people make informed decisions about that they want to do with their lives," he said in pleading for legalization of these drugs. Clearly, it's time to tell the FDA that it doesn't have the right to make life and death decisions for the rest of us.

Yet our Gay leaders have largely been silent. They are doing nothing to change the regulations. Content simply with bigger and bigger budgets for federal health agencies, even though few dollars are spent on finding a cure, they seem oblivious to the fact that nothing less than fundamental reform of the FDA's approval process must be our top priority. Our lives depend on it.

The next time a friend or loved one dies of AIDS, or suffers the debilitating effects of ARC, please think about that.

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An Interview With

SCOTT O'HARA

**A Libertarian
with "Spunk"**

Interviewed by Scott Dennis

He's been seen in Advocate Men sporting a mohawk (and not much else), and in films and videos. He can also be seen at meetings of the San Francisco chapter of Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns (LGLC). His name is Scott O'Hara, though his fans know him as "Spunk."

Scott Dennis: Is your being libertarian related to your being gay?

Scott O'Hara: It was a piece of coming out, actually. I think I more or less expressed the feelings that I was a libertarian partially because they were pro-gay rights.

SD: What does libertarianism offer you as a gay person that other political viewpoints don't?

SO: Other political parties or political philosophies generally have a good deal of conflict in their views of sexual freedom. Libertarianism is very straightforward in saying that it's your business. That is the very premise of libertarianism—not some side plank to the platform nailed on later...It all comes down to a basic belief in personal responsibility.

SD: Does this extend to your co-workers in the sex industry? Many say they, especially women, are being exploited and need protection...

SO: These people don't need to be protected, all they need is to not be prosecuted. People in this industry have as much free will as people in any other industry to engage in or not engage in any act they choose.

SD: What about AIDS, and the people who insist we need government funding to combat it?

SO: The way I address that is to say that the more hands money passes through in getting to a certain place, the less there is when it gets there. As a monopoly, government is notoriously ineffective and inefficient in that way.

SD: What's the best part of belonging to LGLC?

SO: The intellectual fresh air. I like being around people who are sensible about their politics. That's why I don't talk politics with other people; it just leaves me going, "Oh, no...."

SD: How did you become a LGLC member?

SO: I saw notices for months before I decided to go to a meeting. At that point I had identified myself as a libertarian for at least three years and had never met another one. To me it was just the social end if it: I ought to get to know these people...they're bound to be fun!

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Capitol Offenses

Silicon revolution

As a computer buff, I am easily attracted to stories about the latest developments in the field. And as a free-trade enthusiast, I am an easy mark for articles about the latest barriers to world commerce. So my eyes are drawn doubly quick to news items combining these two pet subjects. And this has been happening like crazy lately with all the coverage of the so-called technology hemorrhage to the Soviet Union.

The Cold Warriors lie awake nights worrying that KGB spooks are stealing new American technology. But a couple of recent news stories have challenged this picture of things. They reported that Apple's newest computer, the Macintosh, is banned from export to the Soviet Union, and that off-the-shelf Apple and Grid computers are being used by American forces in Germany to target tactical nuclear weapons.

Both stories demonstrate something noteworthy: that civilians are far ahead of the military in developing computer technology. Perhaps all that worry about Russian spies stealing secrets (which they undoubtedly do at times) is out of proportion, if all they have to do is drop into any computer shop with \$2500 or a credit card. This civilian lead also points out a problem in controlling the flow of technology: How can it be done without striking a fatal blow to America's open scientific and industrial system?

The Macintosh is regarded as special because it can process information faster than most personal computers. The element that makes this magic possible is a microchip made by Motorola. Should its distribution be restricted? And how about the literature describing it and its applications? I read lots of articles about advances in computer technology, and I don't read the most technical journals, because I can't understand them. Presumably, the Russian scientists can. Should these publications be shut down?

The Reagan administration, in fact, has already tried to control the free exchange of scientific information. According to the *Boston Globe*, on at least nine occasions since Reagan took office, the Defense Department has tried to block scientists from publishing papers or discussing them at conferences, even when the subject matter was unclassified. Americans should find such restrictions intolerable, because of the threat they pose to free speech and scientific progress.

Despite the fear about technology reaching the Russians, it has yet to be shown that they are good at grafting it onto their rigid collectivist system. Gerrit J. van Dorsten, of the Free Press International News Service, writes that Soviet efforts at modernization are impeded by "bureaucratic bumbling and technocratic apathy." He notes that *Pravda* has reported several cases "in which equipment was ordered, apparently from the West, but has remained unproductive for years . . . because of failures in planning and construction."

Unsurprisingly, the evidence is that computer technology has not been readily absorbed by Soviet society either. Loren Graham, a longtime observer of Soviet technology, relates the curious story of being in a Soviet bookshop where the computer book he picked out was "rung up" on an abacus. "How

striking," Graham wrote, "that in order to learn about the latest Soviet computers I have to be serviced with a computing device that is at least 2000 years old."

Indeed, after decades of development and distribution of computer technology, the United States not only remains ahead of the Soviets, but its lead is growing, according to the Defense Department. A 1981 study by the Rand Corporation, *Selling the Russians the Rope?*, agreed, pointing out that the Soviets have tended to copy older American computers verbatim, including, in some of the cases, the errors. Not only are their machines inferior to those of the West and Japan, but the supporting services are downright primitive. For example, the linking of computers through telephone lines with a device known as a modem—something any American teenage hacker does routinely—is difficult in the Soviet Union because the telephone system is so bad.

One can easily both overestimate and underestimate the Soviets. The Soviet Union has talented scientists who are capable of great achievements. But the Soviet system is doomed to impede the efficient application of those achievements.

This leaves the Soviet rulers with a real dilemma. As Graham points out, they would like to computerize Soviet society because they believe it would make their economy more efficient. (Actually, it would not, unless central planning were abolished as well.) But they are unwilling to take the steps necessary to create a computer-literate society. Why? Because those steps—which include giving free rein to computer activity among the young—would threaten the system.

The Soviet state is so afraid of underground antistate activity that it finds even photocopiers threatening. Imagine what some Kaypros, Apples, IBM PCs, or the latest "lap" (notebook-sized) computers could do to facilitate subversion. Asks Graham, "How can millions of Soviet citizens own computers, use them for all sorts of applications, have access to enormous amounts of reliable data—political, sociological, economic, demographic—required for their work, and communicate with each other through computer 'bulletin boards,' without undermining state control and state secrecy?"

The answer is, they cannot. *Samizdat* would circulate like never before. Communication and activity among dissidents could be coordinated to an extent never dreamed of. (Graham points out that some Solidarity supporters in Poland used *government* computers to turn out political documents.) Information from private Western sources, etched into tiny silicon chips, could flow into the Soviet Union with greater ease.

To imitate the United States' incredible advances in the use of computers, the Soviet Union would have to imitate what Graham calls our "wide-open, chaotic, competitive marketplace." That, of course, it will not—cannot—do.

In light of this delightful dilemma, we should consider the consequences of keeping computers out of the Soviet Union. The proliferation of black-market personal computers and software there could, ironically, provide great hope for the liberation of the Soviet people.

The silicon revolution might turn out to be more earthshaking than we ever imagined.

—SHELDON RICHMAN



LIBERTARIANS FOR GAY AND LESBIAN CONCERNS
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George Meyer
National Coordinator

May 9, 1984

L. Manny Cuprill
Communications Director
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Dear Mr. Cuprill:

Thank you for your letter requesting a copy of our rate card. I apologize for the delay in responding, your letter got misplaced.

Enclosed is a copy of the last issue of LGLC Newsletter. Ad costs are on page four and are quite reasonable. LGLC Newsletter circulation is over 500 and include politically aware individuals interested in the cause of individual liberty.

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If you are interested in reserving ad space and cannot make this June 1 deadline, please call me at 202-234-6976 between 9p.m. and midnight. Thank you for your inquiry. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

George Meyer
National Coordinator
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March 16, 1984

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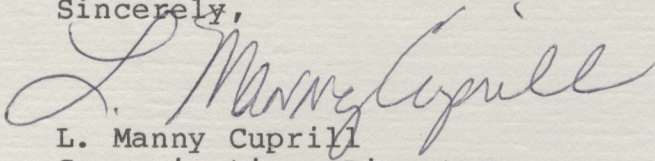
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Sincerely,



L. Manny Cuprill
Communications Director

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George Meyer
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May 9, 1984

Tom Lowe
Marketing and Public Relations
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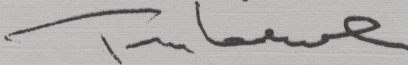
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Yours truly,



Tom Lowe
Marketing and Public Relations

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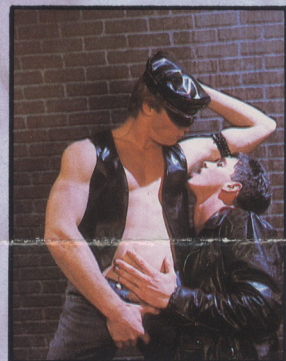
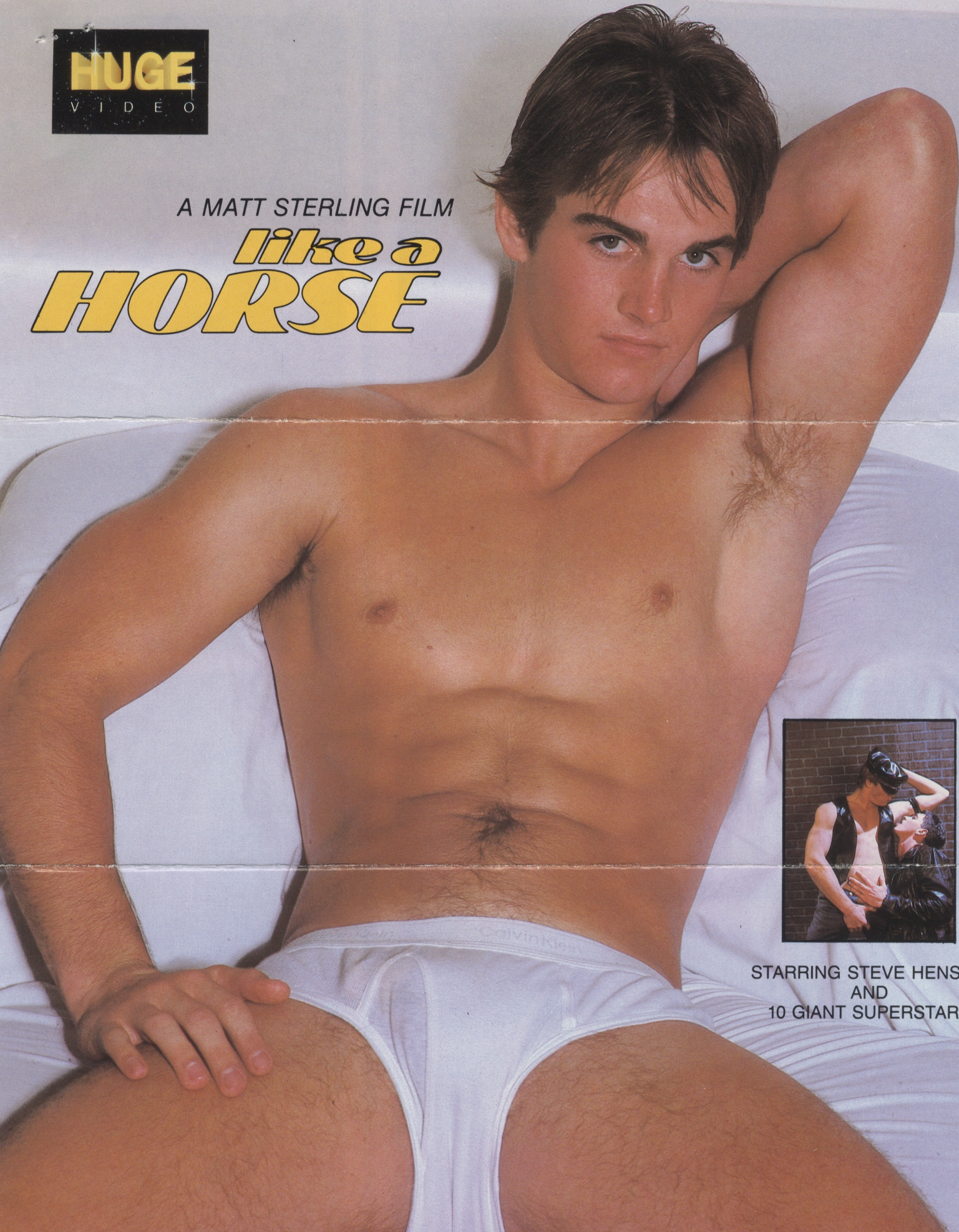
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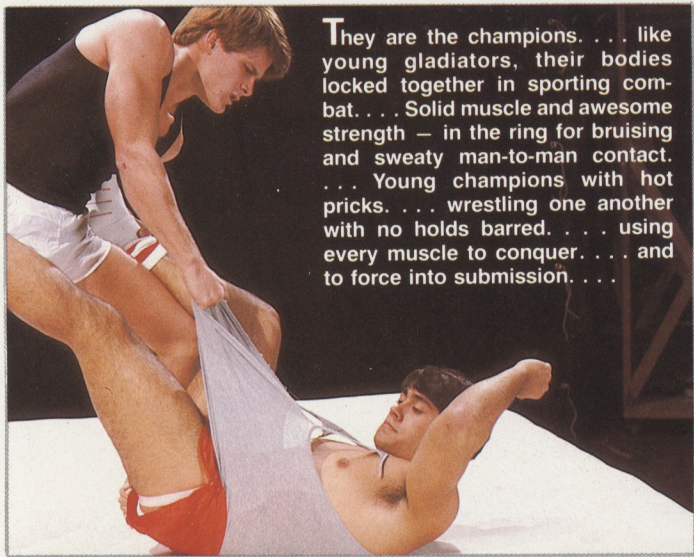
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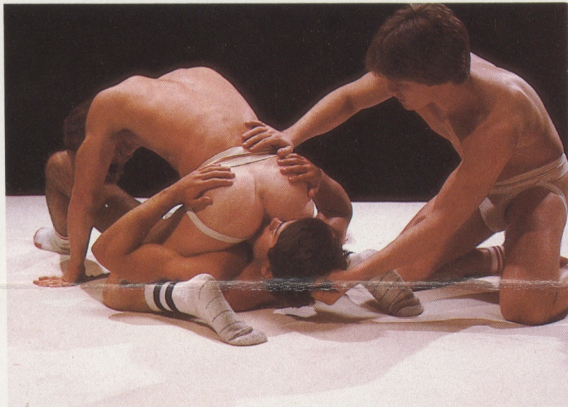
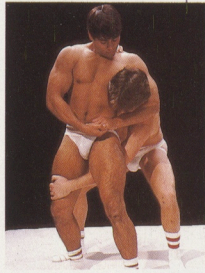
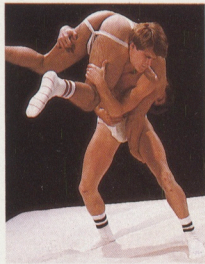


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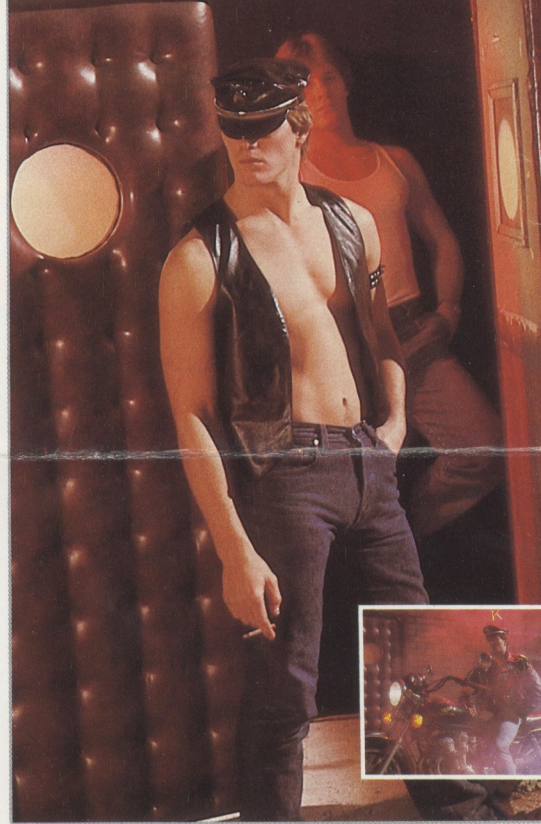
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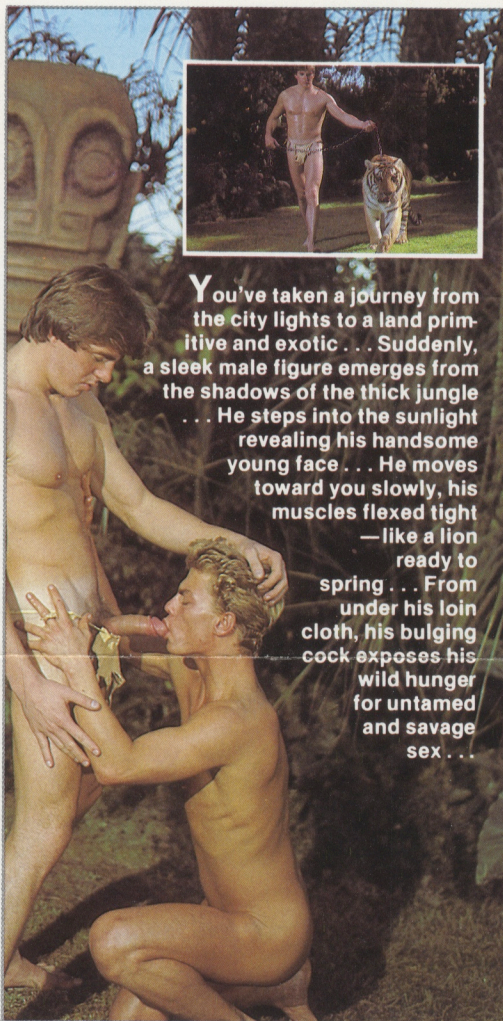
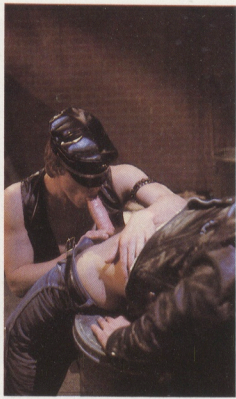
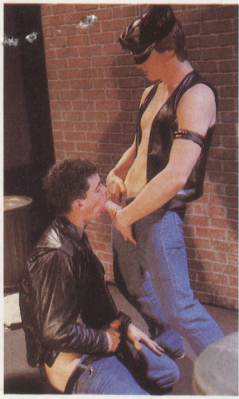


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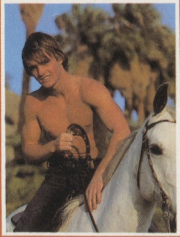
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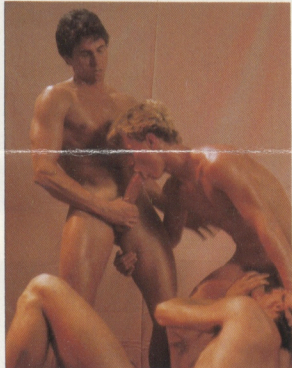
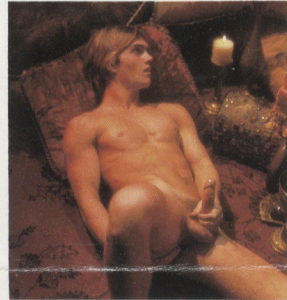
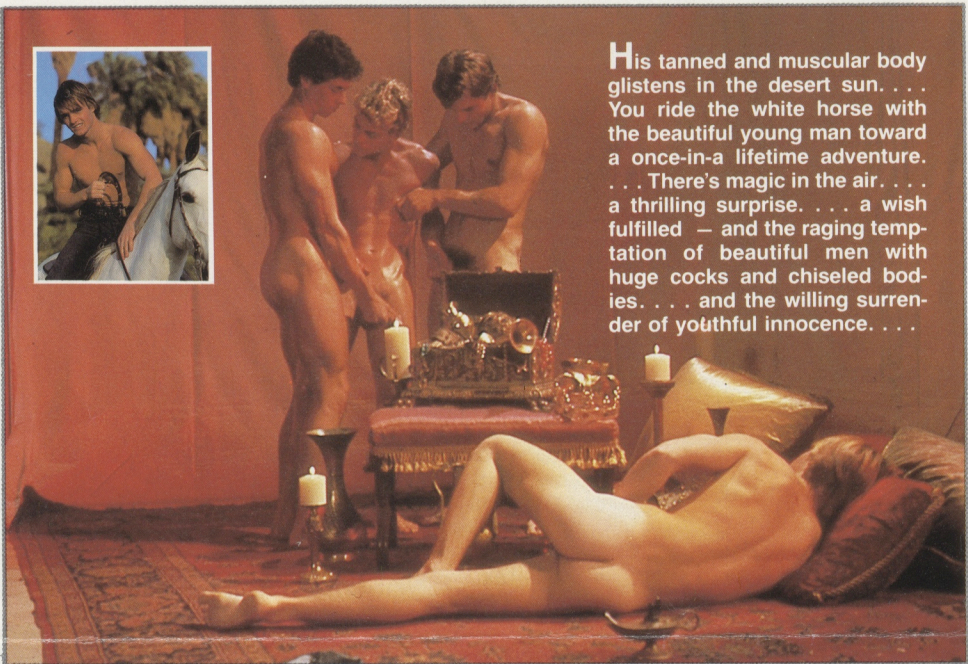


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George Meyer
National Coordinator

May 11, 1984

Joseph L. Bast, Co-editor
NOMOS
9857 S. Damen Ave.
Chicago, IL 60643

Dear Joe:

Not to worry about the address mistake - the post office has agreed to correct the address of any mail of ours that comes to Washington.

Thanks for the ad (very provocative) and payment. It will be in the next newsletter, a special "gay pride" issue designed to be handed out at Gay Pride Day events in such cities as New York, San Francisco, San Diego, Washington, DC, and Los Angeles.

I appreciate your kind words about our newsletter. It is always heartening to know that people appreciate one's work!

Best wishes for the future ^{and continued} success of NOMOS.

In liberty,

Sent note w. #5 6/11

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Studies in Spontaneous Order

9857 S. Damen Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60643

April 20, 1984

George Meyer
LGLC
PO BOX 75841
WASHINGTON, DC 20013

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Just received the recent issue of LGLC Newsletter with Jim Peron's fine essay (masquerading as a book review) on gay liberation and the left. For as small as the newsletter is, I always find myself looking forward to reading it. You do a fine job in production.

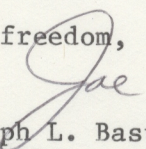
Thanks for mentioning us for mentioning you. We'll mention your plan to produce a new brochure (and your request for financial aid) in the next issue of NOMOS, to be released June 1st.

Enclosed is an ad we would like to place in the next issue of the LGLC Newsletter. Unfortunately, the ad is about a third page in size. I'm enclosing a check for \$12 (somewhere between your quarter and half page rates) for a single insertion. If this isn't appropriate, please let me know.

Finally, we will print a correction notice on your PO Box number. What a dirty rotten shame. Sorry sorry sorry!

Good luck, and looking forward to the next issue.

For freedom,


Joseph L. Bast
Co-editor

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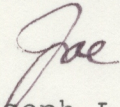
George Meyer
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PO Box 75841
Washington, DC 20013

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Thank you for your letter of March 27th. We apologize for the error and the trouble it has caused you. We will print a correction in the next issue of NOMOS, which will be released the first week of June.

Allow me once again to comment that your publication is doing an excellent job communicating to libertarians and nonlibertarians alike the special problems faced by gays and lesbians, and the logical consistency of the libertarian solution. We at NOMOS are very happy to be getting your newsletter, and hope to see it continue to grow and improve in the future.

For freedom,



Joseph L. Bast
Co-editor



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George Meyer
National Coordinator

May 14, 1984

Bill George
Against the Wall
P.O. Box 444
Westfield, NJ 07091

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your April 16th letter suggesting we swap ads. The idea sounds good, however, I would like to swap quarter-sized ads due to space considerations.

Enclosed is our ad for your next issue. I need your copy by June 1st for our special summer gay pride issue. If you cannot get me the ad by this date, the next issue will be the Sept/Oct one.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please call if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

George Meyer
202-234-6976 evenings

Against the Wall
P. O. Box 444
Westfield, N. J. 07091

4/16/84

Dear George,

Saw in the March/April LGLC
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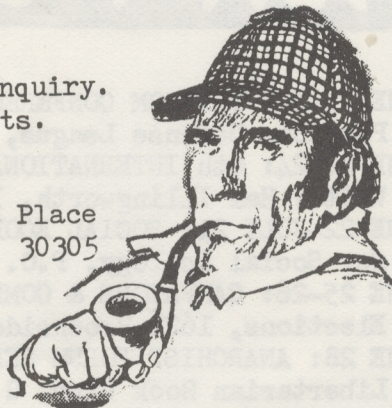
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George Meyer
National Coordinator

August 16, 1984

Joseph L. Bast
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Dear Joe:

Just a note to thank you for your letter from June 25. I received it after returning from my vacation in wonderful San Francisco. My lover and I like the west coast so much, we decided to move there! I don't know LGLC's new address yet, the next newsletter will have it.

I thought the ad looked good. We handed copies out at Gay Pride Day events in June in San Francisco, New York City, San Diego, Los Angeles, and Washington, DC. Good luck with responses!

Thanks for running my letter about the address for LGLC.

In liberty,

George Meyer

P.S. If you ever make it to San Francisco, look me up. I'll be in the phone book.

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Studies in Spontaneous Order

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June 25, 1984

George Meyer
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Washington, DC 20013

Dear George:

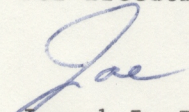
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The copy of the newsletter that was sent third class arrived mutilated - about a quarter of it was ripped off and missing, making the entire issue unreadable. The issue you sent first class arrived in excellent condition, and we don't really need another copy. Just thought you would like to know, in case our friendly post office is doing this on a more than random basis.

Hope you have received the latest issue of Nomos by now. Note your address correction in the letters section.

Take care,

For freedom,


Joseph L. Bast
Co-editor



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"F"

George Meyer
National Coordinator

Sept. 27, 1984

Free Inquiry
Classified Dept.
c/o Barry L. Karr
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Sincerely,

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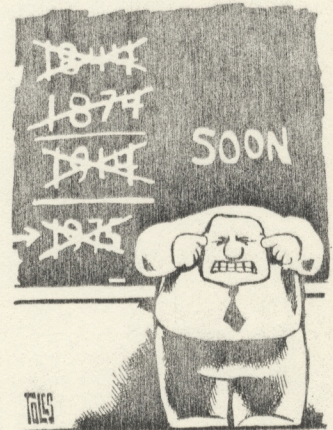
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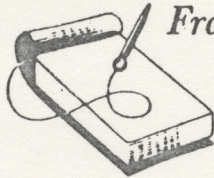
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GEORGE MEYER

October 25, 1984

Dear Bill:

Thanks for sending us your ad. Please find it on page 4. As you can see, it has been somewhat changed in size, all the best. I hope you find it satisfactory.

You may be receiving another copy of the newsletter with your label on it - I couldn't find it when we were mailing the list.

In liberty,

8/7/84 Note Sent
Against the Wall
P. O. Box 444
Westfield, N. J. 07091

7/16/84

Dear George,

Did you get our 1/4-page ad in time for your summer issue? You never told us! Anyway, I'm enclosing another for Sept./Oct. in case you never got it.

As you must know by now, your ad ran in our June issue and an article by gay libertarian activist Bob Waldrop ran in our May issue.

Best,
Bill

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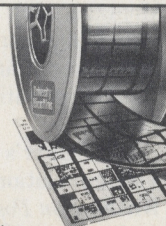
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Water issues are a good example. Although the water industry has traditionally enjoyed huge subsidies from Washington, an op-ed piece in the *Wall Street Journal* last November observed that it's occasionally being thwarted these days, as environmentalists "have learned to work with conservatives who are truly concerned about runaway costs." Despite early opposition from the Reagan administration, this new coalition was responsible for a provision in the new Colorado River salinity bill requiring local users to pick up at least 30 percent of the tab. And the coalition stopped a proposal for a massive water boondoggle that would have benefited Chevron Corporation's agricultural holdings in California.

Free-market advocates have long favored selling water in an unfettered market. Their ranks are being swelled by environmentalists appalled by the massive waste of subsidized (and underpriced) water under the present system. An interstate water market "would create an incentive for investments to use water more efficiently," Environmental Defense Fund economist Zachariah Willey told the *Wall Street Journal*.

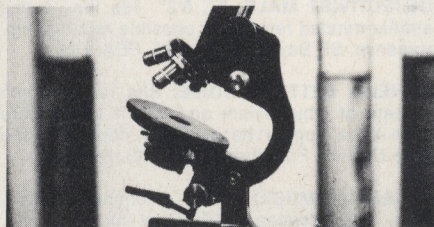
Privatization of federally owned land, once an exclusively free-market cause, is also gaining respectability among environmentalists. At a conference of the Political Economy Research Center—a Montana think tank that has long promoted free-market environmentalism—Willey last year endorsed the idea of "limited privatization" of government lands.

The Center's free-market views gained wide circulation in a syndicated *Washington Post* story last December on the Forest Service's ham-handed timber sales to private companies. The article pointed out that the Forest Serv-

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MOLECULES AND MALIGNANCY

If every person in the world were to drink throughout his lifetime 2 liters of water per day contaminated with one molecule per liter of the known carcinogen benzene, the odds are that not even one additional case of cancer would occur as a result. That analysis, which recently appeared in a letter to



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Gravitz used the example in discussing the "one-hit, no-threshold" model for carcinogens, which holds that a single molecule of a carcinogen "hitting" a cell only once may cause cancer. As Edith Efron detailed in the excerpt from her book *The Apocalypitics* that appeared as REASON's May 1984 cover story ("Behind the Cancer Terror"), this model is important, because it serves as the basis of much regulatory legislation. For instance, the federal "Delaney clause," which requires the banning of any food additive that has been shown to cause cancer in either animals or humans, is based on this model.

Although the regulators have adopted the one-hit model, there is, Efron noted, a fierce debate in scientific circles over its validity. Gravitz's calculations in *Science* shed light on that debate.

"Although it is theoretically possible that a single molecule of a carcinogen could induce cancer," Gravitz wrote in

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"The fact is that both factions in this argument are correct," noted Gravitz. "According to the no-threshold, one-hit model, there is a finite probability that one molecule of a carcinogen could cause cancer; however, the opponents of this theory are also correct in expressing their incredulity at this possibility. For all practical purposes, the probability of this occurring is so slight as to make this skepticism reasonable."

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P.O. BOX 953, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94101-0953

George Meyer
National Coordinator

December 24, 1984

The Washington Libertarian
Libertarian Party of Washington State
1205 Olive East, Room A
Seattle, WA 98122

Dear Folks:

Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns (LGGLC) would like to run the following classified ad in the next three (3) issues of your newsletter:

GAY LIBERTARIAN NEWSLETTER. Send SASE to: Libertarians
for Gay and Lesbian Concerns, P.O. Box 953-W, San
Francisco, CA 94101

Enclosed is a check for \$6.00, as indicated on page 8 of the November issue of The Washington Libertarian.

We have put you on our newsletter exchange list.

In liberty,

George Meyer
National Coordinator
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her race for a seat on the Lane County Commission. She received 49% of the vote.

Although Washington failed to attain ballot status, two states, Vermont and Montana succeeded. Arizona however lost its ballot status.

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The Washington Libertarian could also use whatever help you can volunteer in its monthly publication. If you are an amateur photographer or reporter we could use you. We also need help folding and stapeling and other mundane but rewarding things. If you have any suggestions or questions please contact Tom Tanaka at 322-1475. Thankyou.

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In June, gays and lesbians in San Francisco (as well as in many other U.S. cities) converged for their annual gay pride parade. Although the parade is not intended to be predominantly political, for most gays and lesbians, it's the one day when true defenders of gay interests are distinguished by their visibility and number. Legions of banner-waving Democrats marched alongside a motorcade of public officials. In their exhaust, two lone Republicans staggered under the weight of a hastily prepared sign. Chanting left-wing splinter groups followed, while overhead, counterparts from Lyndon La Rouché flew in a bi-plane trailing messages of homophobic hatred. For most parades the libertarian message has gone underrepresented. This changed in 1985 when a crowd of men and women, some gay and some non-gay, carried the symbols and slogans of the libertarian movement.

This was the second year in which **Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns (LGLC)** has marched in the San Francisco gay pride parade. For several years, LGLC has been active in Pride Day events in San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles, Washington, DC, and New York City, handing out leaflets and newsletters advertising the compatibility of libertarian objectives and gay interests.

Homosexual men and women are the last "acceptable" objects of bigotry in America. As such, they are one of the few remaining minorities persecuted by government. The recent Supreme Court decision on sodomy confirms that position. At the same time, gays benefit little from government. They are harassed by police and are restricted in half the states from engaging in sexual activity, purchasing gay books or magazines, and even operating organized meeting places. Nonetheless, gays are required to pay taxes to fund a military they cannot be employed by, schools for children they may not adopt, and a medical establishment which hinders research on the deadly AIDS virus.

The philosophy of free choice and the free market has more to offer gays than any state socialism. LGLC's objectives include making gays and lesbians more aware of the libertarian advantage and making libertarians more aware of the particular problems and needs of the gay community.

Besides organizing a libertarian presence at pride day events, LGLC also spreads the message in other ways, including sponsoring meetings with freedom-oriented speakers, communicating with the gay press, and conducting other outreach activities to show members of the gay community that libertarianism is a moral, practical alternative to traditional politics in the "left-right" spectrum.

Along with outreach, LGLC also provides support for its membership. Members receive a bimonthly newsletter which covers gay/lesbian issues and events from a libertarian perspective. LGLC encourages the formation of local gay libertarian support groups, which in turn effect their own local activities. International conventions are held every two years.

To join LGLC, send a \$15.00 check for a one year's membership (\$25.00 sustaining membership) to: LGLC, 1800 Market Street, #210, San Francisco, CA 94102. A sample copy of LGLC Newsletter is available with SASE.

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Free Minds and Free Markets

October 3, 1985

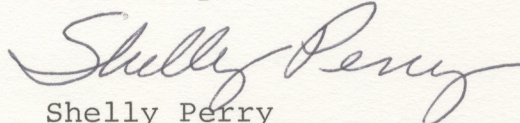
George Meyer
National Coordinator
LGLC
P.O. Box 953
San Francisco, CA 94101-0953

Dear Mr. Meyer:

I must apologize for the error in calculation on your recent classified ad. You were right, I did count San Francisco as two words. We will run your ad in the December, January, and February issues of REASON, minus the P.O. on "P.O. Box".

Again, thank you for placing your ad in REASON magazine.

Sincerely,



Shelly Perry
Classified Ads Manager

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LIBERTARIANS FOR GAY AND LESBIAN CONCERNS
P.O. BOX 953, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94101-0953

George Meyer
National Coordinator

October 1, 1985

Shelly Perry
Classified Ads Manager
Reason
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Dear Ms. Perry:

Thank you for your letter dated Sept. 25th regarding our classified ad to run in the Dec, Jan. and Feb. issues of Reason. Attached is a copy of this ad. Please drop the "PO" off the box number (your rules about ads states that "post office boxes count as two words"). This eliminates one "word", I think. I'm not sure how you counted the words: the only thing might be that I counted "San Francisco" as one word since "San" is not a word. This is my third ad in two years and I have always counted "San Francisco" as one word and no one has complained. If it bothers you, feel free to make it one word (SanFrancisco) which is fine with me.

In light of the fact that Reason has increased its charge per word 50% since the last time one of our ads appeared, I hope you will find my calculations satisfactory.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

George Meyer
National Coordinator
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September 25, 1985

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Sincerely,

Shelly Perry
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George Meyer
National Coordinator

September 12, 1985

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Dear REASON:

We would like to run the following classified in the next three available issues of your magazine:

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19 words x 75¢/word x 3 insertions = \$42.75. A check for \$42.75 is enclosed.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

George Meyer
National Coordinator
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GAY LIBERTARIAN ORGANIZATION: Sample newsletter, send large SASE: Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns, PO Box 953R, San Francisco, CA 94101.

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THE CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL ISSUE IS JANUARY 20.

By Jeff Rigenbach

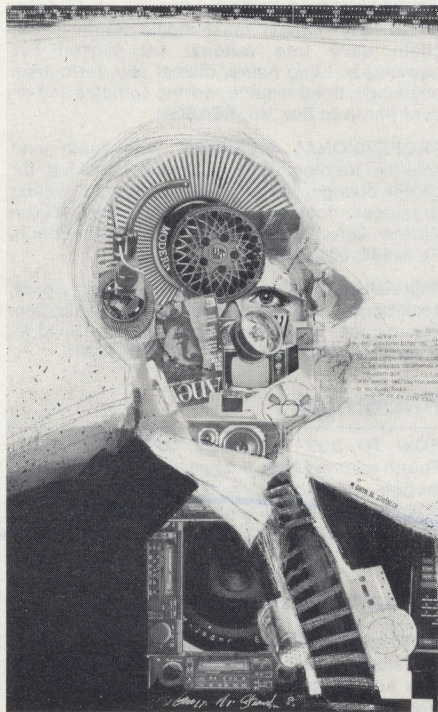
People Sì, Literati No!

According to William Bennett, secretary of Education and former chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the neglect of the humanities in our colleges and universities, to say nothing of our secondary schools, is a national scandal. According to Librarian of Congress Daniel Boorstin, our society is now menaced not only by illiteracy—long a favorite whipping boy of educators and professional humanists—but also by “aliteracy,” which means being able to read but choosing not to do so.

As a percentage of the total population, fewer people *are* reading books these days, either for information or for entertainment. There was a time when the only way to get certain kinds of information and entertainment was by reading. In those days, there were millions of people who therefore read, but for whom reading was not an end in itself. They read only as a means to an end, in order to get the information or the entertainment they wanted. Now such people can get what they want from television, so they don't spend as much time reading.

But, contrary to Bennett, Boorstin, et al., there is nothing intrinsically “better” about reading the latest news for oneself instead of listening while some other person reads it aloud. Nor is there anything intrinsically “better” about reading fiction instead of watching movies. After all, who is to judge how much detail any given individual wants in his information? Who is to judge what sort of story, and what sort of storytelling, will entertain him most satisfactorily? Each individual is the only qualified judge of these matters. For what would be the alternative? Having government decide for us?

Neither Mr. Bennett nor Mr. Boorstin has proposed any such thing. But it seems quite obvious that their great concern over the current state of reading is in large part a concern that Americans are reading the “wrong” things, for there is no getting around the fact that they *are* reading. Percentages aside, and speaking in absolute numbers, more books and periodicals are being published and read today than ever before in history.



Book reading has fallen off among some groups in the population, but periodical reading has been growing steadily. There no longer seems to be much of an audience out there for the “serious” novel, but the demand for certain kinds of “popular” fiction is growing dramatically. And any serious reader with an open mind can easily satisfy himself that there is real food for thought to be found in many of these “popular” works. All he needs to do is sample some of the best of the science fiction novels that have been published over the past few decades.

Nor is interest in fields like philosophy and history in a real overall decline. Fewer students are enrolling for the courses offered in these subjects in our colleges and universities, for reasons well explained a few months ago in the pages of this magazine by philosophy professor Max Hocutt (“Humanities’ Ills,” Oct.). But if readers are no longer interested in philosophy and history, how are we to account for the fabulous popular success of writers like Ayn Rand, Robert Pirsig, Seymour Hersh, and Robert Caro?

Publishers Weekly, the trade journal of the book industry, reported recently that nonfiction books consistently outsell fiction and that history and biography are among the three most popular types of nonfiction. People may not be reading the philosophers and historians who rate in academia and among the writers and readers of the *New York Review of Each Other's Books*, but they are reading philosophy and history, if not under the guidance of a professor, then under the guidance of their own taste.

“Taste” may seem a peculiar word to use in discussing the value of the humanities, but in fact taste is at the heart of the whole matter. Those who love the classic tradition of Western philosophy, art, literature, and social thought are passionate about that body of work, and the intensity of their passion leads many of them into the futile and unattractive business of proselytism. In this they are not fundamentally different from the devotees of running, the followers of the fitness craze, and the idolators of the computer who are all around us these days. All these people are hobbyists. Each of them has found what seems to be the ideal means of escaping boredom and finding pleasure. And it is natural and understandable that the most fervent among them should come at last to regard their avocation (for a lucky few, of course, it is also a vocation) as the central and dominant force in life, the repository of the ultimate essence of things, and the cornerstone of civilization.

But such zealots would do themselves a favor by learning that selling a product too hard can drive away even customers who might have been ripe for conversion. And they would do all of us a big favor by refraining from using our money—the taxes that underwrite the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Department of Education, and the Library of Congress—to fund their campaign to shame us into abandoning *our* hobbies and taking up *theirs*.

Contributing Editor Jeff Rigenbach is a freelance writer whose own tastes run to literary criticism, classical music, and modernist fiction.