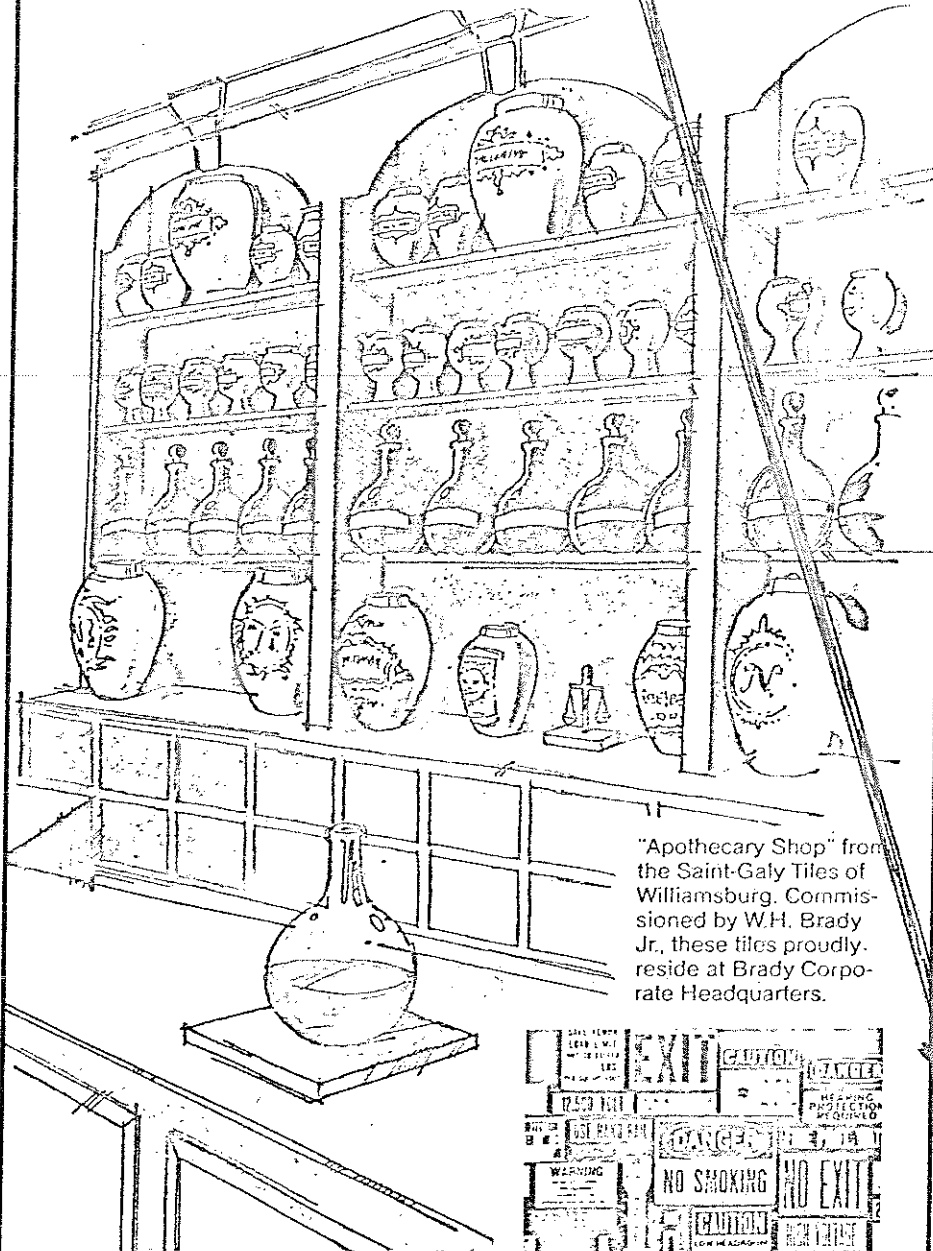
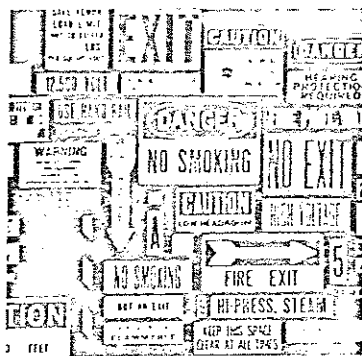


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who has become *NR*'s resident AIDS doomsayer. In his grasping for straws, Lutton has desperately clutched *Crisis*, which announces that "The AIDS virus is now running rampant in the heterosexual community." The review is devoid of all criticism of the book, and as such contains a few minor omissions.

Immediately after the book was released, the authors were forced to concede that their sampling methodology was so haphazard as to render the study useless for comparison to the general population. Which is to say that it's worthless, period.

Even if the sampling were proper, the complete lack of follow-up interviewing procedure would disqualify the results. Experience with follow-up interviews of those testing positive for the AIDS virus shows consistently that people are often initially reluctant to admit to high-risk activities. According to officials at the New York Department of Health, 60 per cent of the men in that city originally claiming prostitute contact as their only risk later change their stories.

Homosexuals, frustrated at a disease that has singled them out just as they were gaining respectability, have desperately tried to foster the idea that heterosexuals are now being caught in the "second wave." Conversely, Wayne Lutton and other conservatives seem to resent the evidence that the disease that has cut so cruel a swath through the immoral homosexual and drug-using populations has left promiscuous heterosexuals virtually untouched. Too bad. Better luck next virus.

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Buy George

Tom Bethell's "The Forgotten Right of Privacy" [July 8], although a very good piece, might have been improved by mention of Henry George's discussion of property. It seems odd that the *American* political economist—the one whose work outsold Adam Smith, John Stuart Mill, and David Ricardo combined—was left out of Bethell's survey.

Henry George was to political economy what Isaac Newton was to physics. He clarified and synthesized political economy from François Quesnay and Adam Smith on down to Mill and Herbert Spencer.

George was controversial in his own day and remains controversial today; then and now because he was not of academia, and because of his distinction between property that is private by nature and property that is private by law.

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