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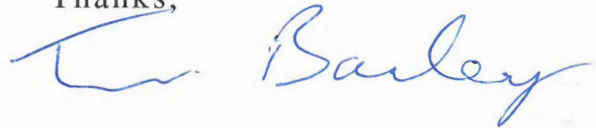
Dear Mayor Clark and City Commissioners,

I wanted to thank you and the city of Portland for your financial support to the S.E. Uplift Program. I currently finished their 10 week anti-racism training offered by Guadalupe Guajardo, Kathleen Herron, and Cliff Jones. The experience was above and beyond my expectations.

As a white male raised in the West Hills of Portland, where the ignorance of racism is endemic, I have finally been given the tools to address much of my conditioned racism. Before entering the training I feared being condemned and hated for my attitudes, but what I found was safety, caring and respect from the leaders and those who took part. The three leaders were inspiring in their ability to work together to push our awareness. Their strength of perseverance in a society that has chosen to ignore the oppression of people of color is a great source of hope. With the knowledge I gained I'm better prepared to confront the issues of racism in the community.

Following the race riots around this country it should be apparent that the issues of inequality and neglect of people of color needs to become a central issue for governments. I believe the work of Guadalupe, Kathleen and Cliff should not only continue to be funded but it is of utmost importance that their teaching be expanded! I strongly urge that you invite them to do a workshop with you-all, if you haven't already. I guarantee they will give all of you some beneficial insights into addressing and solving the problems of racism.

Thanks,



Tim Bailey

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Howard N. Dana
2125 NW Glisan #303
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Police Chief Potter
Portland Police Bureau
1111 SW 2nd
Portland, OR 97204

March 27, 1992

Dear Chief Potter,

I am writing to express my discontent with a situation currently being handled by the Portland City Police Department. It has come to my attention that a group of fundamentalist Christians have been gathering outside the City Nightclub at 1313 NW 13th every Friday and Saturday night.

These fundamentalist Christians have been arriving around 10:30 pm when the club opens and remain in a group across the street until around 12:30 am. They are there to pray for the closure of the club and to try to disrupt its operation. In recent weeks they have set up tables of food in an attempt to lure club-goers and homeless people to their side of the street. While their numbers started out small, they have recently been bringing in bus loads of people to stage their demonstration.

I have no problem with the rights of a group to rally around a cause which they feel strongly about. I do, however, have a problem with the very real possibility that violent acts will be promoted by what this group is doing. It is no secret that at least half of the City Nightclub's clientele is gay/lesbian/bisexually oriented. The City Nightclub offers a fun and comfortable place for young people to express their different lifestyles. This is the main reason the Christian group is staging its protest. These young people, by virtue of their sexual orientation, are often victims of society's homophobia which manifests itself in violence against gay and supposedly-gay people. By attracting homeless people to the area and by holding a rally whose sole purpose is to "save" these young people, the Christian group is placing these youth in an even higher risk situation.

It is my understanding that the Portland Police Department is fully aware of this situation. I know that the police have been called to the City Nightclub concerning this incident on numerous occasions, yet the police have brushed it off as a non-priority item. They have allowed the fundamentalist Christians to block the sidewalk as well as the street. The police have done nothing when these Christians have approached and verbally harassed and

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threatened City Nightclub patrons. This is inexcusable!

All citizens of Portland should have the same protection by the police. In this incident, I see a clear case of favoritism toward the fundamentalist Christian group. They are spreading bigotry and hatred which is manifested in violence. I support the right to demonstrate and peaceably assemble. However, when hate-crimes of harassment and intimidation occur, the law is violated and must be enforced. I am asking that the Portland Police Department be aware of the implications of this situation and that they deal in an unbiased way toward the demonstrators and offer much needed protection to the patrons of the City Nightclub.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Howard N. Dana". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Howard N. Dana

cc: Queer Nation / Portland
Dan Stutesman - American Friends Service Committee
Donna Red Wing - Lesbian Community Project
Bud Clark, Mayor

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Office of
J.E. Bud Clark, Mayor
1220 S.W. 5th
Portland, Oregon 97204
(503) 823-4120

February 20, 1992

Mr. Lawrence Taylor
42 N.E. Monroe Street
Portland, Or 97212

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter concerning the OCA's recent attempt to revoke Portland's civil rights ordinance. A large number of invalid signatures on a petition does not constitute election fraud, according to the City Auditor. From the results of their efforts it appears that the OCA failed to convince Portland voters to support their petition.

Judging from the organized opposition to the OCA there are many people watching that organization for any evidence of wrongdoing. I am also certain that the City Auditor, Multnomah County Elections officer and Oregon Secretary of State are watching for election law violations from all groups involved in the initiative petition process.

Thank you for taking the time to write to Mayor Clark.

Sincerely,

Christine Tobkin
Assistant to Mayor Clark

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February 3, 1992

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Mayor Bud Clark
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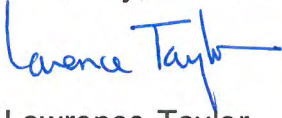
Dear Mayor Clark:

I am very concerned about fraud being committed by the Oregon Citizen's alliance on their recent petition to revoke the Portland city ordinance banning discrimination against gays. The number of invalid signatures has been extraordinary high and has caused the petition to be invalidated.

The OCA has been fined for previous election law violations. Given their last-minute desperation attempts to collect signatures, I would not be at all suprised if signatures had been forged in order to get their total signature count higher. The OCA should be investigated for fraud, and if evidence of fraud is found, the OCA should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

I am tired of this Wilsonville hate group waging their religious battles in Portland. Whatever happened to separation of church and state? They are entitled to their opinions, but they are beholden to the law, just like the rest of us Portland taxpayers.

Sincerely, from an Oregonian who votes,



Lawrence Taylor
42 N.E. Monroe Street
Portland, OR 97212

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December 19, 1991

Dorsey Griffin
P.O. Box 85
Netarts, Oregon 97143-0085

Dear Dorsey:

Not having had the privilege of hearing "the Mad Dog of KLCC" it is difficult to reply to your letter of December 9 regarding the guest speaker from the Oregon Citizens Alliance. From the context of your letter, however, you seemed to think that the OCA representative you heard was a homosexual; in fact, the OCA is vehemently anti-homosexual. The OCA's message can be quite hateful, and the organization is promoting an initiative petition to amend Oregon laws to declare homosexuality "abnormal".

As to your concern about gay marriages, the city of Portland has no role in performing marriages. The legal definition of marriage will not change simply because some individual or group wishes it to be so. For gays to legally marry each other would require a change in state law. That change would be subject to the legislative and political process in which all views have an opportunity to be heard. Until such time as the law changes, the county courts will continue to refuse to perform marriages between unauthorized persons. You should direct concerns you have on this issue to your state legislators.

Sincerely,

Christine Tobkin
Assistant to Mayor Clark

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DORSEY GRIFFIN
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(503) 842-6237

December 9, 1991

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MAYORS OFFICE

Mayor Bud Clark
Office of the Mayor
1220 S.W. 5th Avenue
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Clark:

I hear on Public Radio KLCC a preponderance of programming that advocates "equal rights" for homosexual men and women, but NO voices heard from the other side. A church in Ashland and "gays" and lesbians in Portland are on the streets and public offices seeking to marry each other--men to men, women to women.

I hope the city will hold the line on this foolish and destructive social movement, no matter what.

I heard programmer Allen Soporan, "the Mad Dog of KLCC," I call him, two weeks ago. He put on a guest speaker from the Oregon Citizens' Alliance. It was a surprisingly unfair, lopsided and hateful message these people have to offer normal people. And it offers an insight what conditions will be if these people can have their way in their special interest activities.

Homosexual people have every right under the Constitutions that every citizen in the state and nation have. Any such laws as they seek to have enacted, or any such laws they seek to circumvent, will be made giving these people rights that no one else has. They are not satisfied living in a tolerant society; and they themselves are the least tolerant of any I have seen. And it is only then a matter of a short time when normal children and adults will be victimized by these truly violent people.

Sincerely


Dorsey Griffin

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Mayor Bud Clark

City Hall

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January 19, 1991

Dear Mayor Clark,

I write you today

in strong support of

existing government

regulations guaranteeing

equal rights to all

Portland residents to

live and work without

regard to their race,

sex, political, or

sexual orientation. Please

stand firm against the

tactics of the OCA.

With thanks,

Karen Henell
4605 SW 27th Ave
Portland 97201

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December 20, 1991

Becky Fako
7875 S.W. Carol Glen Place
Beaverton, Or 97007

Dear Ms. Fako:

Mandatory contraception or sterilization is and has always been a difficult subject for government to address. As witnessed with the debate on abortion, reproductive rights are such an immensely personal issue that there is no clear direction for public policy to take. For example, the Catholic Church would be as opposed to mandatory contraception as it is to abortion. Pro-choice advocates would also have a lot to say about forcing contraception on someone on welfare or public assistance.

Since AFDC and CSD programs are entirely state-run, the City of Portland has no power to affect policies on the subject you have raised. The question must be debated in the Governor's office and the Oregon legislature. If you feel strongly that the state should mandate contraception in cases such as the Geer family, then you should make your views known to your state legislators and to Governor Roberts.

Thank you for taking the time to write. These are difficult times and difficult issues; there are no easy answers.

Sincerely,

Christine Tobkin
Assistant to Mayor Clark

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MAYORS OFFICE

7875 S.W. Carol Glen Place
97007 Beaverton, Oregon
November 25, 1991

Mayor Bud Clark
City Hall
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Just because an infant is physically healthy, doesn't mean it is being well cared for. Take for example seven month old Steven Geer. He was living in a station wagon with his mother and father, Betty and Stanley Geer, and five animals. The child was flea bitten and sitting in vomit or mashed food. No child should have to live that way. I've read alot about Steven and his family and I'm glad to read he's been taken into CSB custody and will be in foster care until at least January, 1992.

The mother, Betty, is pregnant again so soon another innocent child will be brought into a world of mashed food, dirty pajamas and flea bites. I feel that as soon as Betty's baby is born it should be taken into CSB custody.

To prevent the Geer's from bringing yet another human life into those awful circumstances I think Betty Geer should be implanted with the contraceptive Nor-plant. I know the surgey will cost someone money but it will also cost someone money to have the Geer's new baby come and stay in their home as a foster child. People around me feel Steven Geer is a neglected child and I agree. Please do something about this problem.

Sincerely,

Becki Falso
Becki Falso

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Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Conference

Chemeketa Community College

P.O.Box 14007

Salem, Oregon 97309

For **hotel accommodations** contact the Greenwood Inn at 1-800-289-1300. If you make reservations before **April 9, 1992**, mention that you will be attending this conference to be eligible for their conference rate of \$59.00 for 1-4 occupancy.

A limited number of **participant scholarships** are available. For information about how to apply, contact **Loretta Slaughter** at Oregon Health Division (503) 731-4029.

For **general information** on the conference, contact **Greg Asher** at (503) 399-5197.



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LESBIAN, GAY & BISEXUAL YOUTH

EMERGING INTO THE '90s

A discussion with and about sexual minority youth,
their issues and concerns
for educators, youth service providers
and everyone that cares about young people.

April 23-24, 1992

Greenwood Inn
Beaverton, Oregon

With the advent of the sexual revolution and the gay liberation movement of the past two decades, gay and lesbian youth have been increasingly aware of their feelings and coming to terms with their orientation at an earlier age than ever before. This has placed them into direct conflict with all of the traditional childrearing institutions and support systems of our society. Increasingly, this occurs while the youngsters are still living at home with their family, attending public school and developing a sense of their own self-worth in comparison with their peers and the expectations of society as a whole.

Gilson, P.(1989). Gay Male and Lesbian Youth Suicide. In M Feinleib, (Ed.), Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Youth Suicide (pp. 3-110). Washington D.C.; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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THURSDAY AGENDA April 23, 1992

7:30 - 8:30 - Registration and Morning Hospitality

8:30 - 9:10

A Personal Welcome Gail Shibley, Oregon State Legislator

Getting Here : Warming Up Claudia Webster, Oregon Health Division, HIV Program

9:10 - 10:00

Gay Youth and Same-Sex Sexuality in America: Identity and Behavior in the 1990's Pepper Schwartz

In this sociological overview of gay, teenage sexuality, Pepper Schwartz will discuss general issues of teenage sexuality; the "state of the nation" on gayness, with special consideration of the formative years; the different issues for young male and female populations; and the change, or lack of change, in the behavior of young gays.

10:00 - 10:20 - Break

10:20 - 12:00

Homophobia/Heterosexism: Definitions and Explorations Peggy Hackenbruck M.D., Psychiatrist in Private Practice, Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists; Dan Stutesman, Director, Lesbian and Gay Program - American Friends Service Committee

This workshop will blend information and discussion with direct participation to facilitate participant understanding of and personal reactions to homophobia and heterosexual bias.

12:00 - 2:00 Lunch

Sex Education in the Public Schools: A Contemporary Quandary

Matthew Prophet, Superintendent - Portland Public Schools

2:00 - 5:00

"We're Here, We're Queer - Get Used To It": New Attitudes Toward Identity and Coming Out Greg Asher, Social Science Department - Chemekata Comm. College; and a panel of youth led by Brooke Gelfand, Student - Oregon State University.

After defining the five sexual minority communities that are generally included under the umbrella of sexual minorities, the presenters will explore our concept of the "closet" and review the developmental stages that are associated with the process of "coming out." Using edited videotape from discussions held last summer with youth 15-21 years old, they will encourage participant involvement as they examine contemporary variations on the process of self-identification and coming out.

EVENING BANQUET/GALA

6:30 Evening Banquet

7:30 Entertainment

Bridges is a choral ensemble of lesbians and gay men committed to exploring similarities and differences; humor, passion, and commitment; and to life affirming ideals through the creation of music together. Initially formed from members of The Portland Lesbian Choir and Portland Gay Mens' Chorus, Bridges is now in its second year. This active, witty and challenging group will share music from their recent concert production, "Myth America."

8:15 Documentary Film

FRIDAY AGENDA April 24, 1992

8:30 - 8:45 Greetings and Housekeeping

8:45 - 9:45

Gay and Lesbian Youth: A Population at Risk Virginia Uribe

In this address, Virginia Uribe will outline the special needs of lesbian and gay young people and discuss how their needs intersect with our educational system. She will confront the educational system's failure to provide support for this group of young people, challenging all to develop a plan to remedy the homophobia that stands in the way of permitting these young people to be a more vital and productive part of the educational domain.

9:45 - 10:15 Break

10:15 - 11:30

IYG - Reaching Out to Gay and Lesbian Youth: The Indiana Approach Christopher Gonzalez and young people from IYG

During this session Christopher Gonzalez and young people of IYG will highlight the risk factors facing lesbian, gay and bisexual youth and explain the strategies that IYG has developed to assure that these young people have safe and supportive places to socialize and to grow. The young people will discuss their involvement with IYG and the benefits they have gained from their participation in this model program.

11:30 - 12:00 Time to Visit the Resource Fair and Book Sale

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch

The Heart of the Matter: Understanding, Compassion, and Being Real

Judi McGavin, Director - Harry's Mother

1:30 - 2:45 Breakout Sessions

This small-group time is designed for more specific discussions and to encourage interaction with presenters on a more personal level. Topic options include:

Project 10: Virginia Uribe

IYG: Chris Gonzalez

Issues Facing Youth of Color

HIV and Sexual Minority Youth

The Climates on College and University Campuses

A Gathering for Young People (Option limited to youth)

2:45 - 3:00 Break

3:00 - 4:30

Responses, Conclusions, and Looking to the Future Moderator: Mimi Luther, HIV Education and Resource Coordinator - Cascade AIDS Project; Panelists: Delegates from "A Gathering For Young People" and the youth of IYG will be joined by Virginia Uribe and Chris Gonzalez,

During this session the young people who have been attending the conference and the keynote speakers will respond to the discussions of these last two days. This will be a time to put closure on the conference and discuss the strategies we are formulating as we look forward to returning to our communities and to our work.

PRESENTERS AND MODEL PROGRAMS

Christopher T. Gonzalez is co-founder and current Director of **IYG**, a social support and educational program offering a wide range of activities designed to provide healthy choices for gay and lesbian youth under the age of 21. For the last five years, **IYG** has focused its efforts on reinforcing self-esteem and positive health behaviors. **IYG** was founded in Indianapolis and has successfully started 10 chapters in cities across Indiana. **IYG** has been nationally recognized by *Time*, *NBC News*, *20/20*, and *The Advocate* and is supported with funding from the Federal Center for Disease Control, the Indiana State Board of Health and the United States Conference of Mayors. In addition to his work with lesbian, gay and bisexual youth, **Mr. Gonzalez** has implemented central Indiana's comprehensive program for hispanic youth and was selected by *New Times* as a "Local Hero" for his work with youth.

Pepper Schwartz Ph.D. has been on the Sociology faculty at the University of Washington since 1972 and currently serves as Special Assistant to the Provost. Her professional affiliations include the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex, of which she is currently President, and the NIH Research Review Panel on AIDS. **Dr. Schwartz** serves as Advisory Editor of the *Annual Review of Sex Research*, and Associate Editor of the *Journal of Sex Research* and of the *Journal of Family Issues*. She is the author of five books and numerous articles including: *Gender and Intimate Relationships* (co-edited with Barbara Risman), and *American Couples: Money, Work, and Sex* (with Philip Blumstein).

Virginia Uribe Ph.D. is a veteran teacher and counselor for the Los Angeles Unified School District, having been at Fairfax High School since 1959. While studying for a degree in psychology, **Dr. Uribe** became interested in the treatment of adolescent homosexuals in the public school system and created **Project 10** with a focus on education, reduction of verbal and physical harassment, and integration with other dropout prevention programs. In its nearly six years of existence, **Project 10** has affected the lives of thousands of lesbian and gay youth. **Dr. Uribe** speaks regularly in seminars geared toward educating both school counselors and educators on the subject of sexual orientation. **Project 10** has no precedent and serves as a national model for other schools and school districts.

Scholarships for Youth

The conference planning committee has made a commitment to the involvement of youth in this event. We are offering a limited number of full tuition scholarships to enable them to attend. If you know of a young person 14-20 years old who would be interested in attending, please contact Greg Asher at (503) 399-5197.

Production of this program is
made possible by a generous grant from:
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Bud,

May your holidays be filled
with warm and happy memories.

They look you for being
there. You will be missed!

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MAYORS OFFICE

Mayor Bud Clark
City Council Member
Portland, OR

Dear Mr. Clark,

Thank you for your attempts to help the gay community of Portland. Your caring and your sensitivity to our pain means a great deal. I'm sure I speak for several thousand perfectly good and decent people.

I am sending you copies of several letters I have sent to the Oregonian over the past few months. I have put them in order except for the first one, which is the most recent, because that one kind of tipped the scales for me and for my family as you can well imagine.

None of the editors at the paper will even acknowledge our cause since they met with the OCA last summer. When you call them, you get their voice mail and have to leave your name and phone number. I am afraid to do that. You will see why in the letters. (My deepest respect to Mike Lindbergh who has much more courage than I...or any of the Oregonian editors except David Sarasohn.)

You have already spoken out with your ordinance. I probably have no right to lay on you a request for more. But maybe if you talk to the Oregonian, you can convince them that they should not buckle under the pressures of this mean-spirited group of people (The Oregon Citizens' Alliance).

Have a nice holiday. And thank you for whatever you can do.

A Disillusioned Man



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December 20, 1991

THE OREGONIAN
1320 S.W. Broadway
Portland, OR 97201

First off, let me apologize for delivering this letter instead of mailing. I simply cannot afford the stamps anymore. Also, I did not intend to bother you with what is apparently my insignificant problem anymore.

But then the event about which you are about to read occurred. I'm hoping someone there (besides David Sarasohn who showed a remarkable courage in speaking his mind about the OCA in Sunday's paper. I imagine you suffered quite a bit of agony from your bought colleagues. Thank you, Mr. Sarasohn.) will have the compassion to feel some kind of journalistic duty to come to our defense. I honestly don't know where else to turn.

I rewrote the poem I had originally sent you a couple weeks back and dedicated it to the OCA. I have mailed them copies of the poem and the letter, but I don't have much faith that it will make any difference to these people.

I know unsigned letters cannot make it into your paper. But perhaps at least an "Anonymous" poem can. Policies are broken in the name of decent causes all the time. Please help a large part of your readers and fellow citizens live in less fear and rejection in "our" city.

Please take your stand. You can. They will only attack your income...and not all of that. I cannot. Those who believe what these people are saying about us will attack me...my home...my loved ones.

David, Margie, Phil, Robert, Donald...someone.

Please.

A Disillusioned Man

WHY THE PAIN?

Please don't just throw this away unread.

It holds the hearts of too many.

I'm not a screwball.

Really, I'm not.

I'm not a threat.

I'm not, I promise you.

I'm rather a decent chap.

Really, I am.

With a mother, father, relatives, friends and lover.

I have a home.

With mementos on the mantle.

Memories of vacations, sharings,

Birthdays,

Laughter,

Anniversaries (25 of them),

Happy events.

Just like you.

And then there's the Christmas of '91...

Among the smiling faces...

Your dark rejection in the malls.

Why the pain?

Why now?

Couldn't you at least have left us the warmth

Of this season of love?

Would it not have been kinder?

The Oregon Citizens' Alliance
9150 S.W. Pioneer Ct.
Wilsonville, OR 97070

I took my mother...she's quite old...shopping for Christmas presents. We were feeling happy, looking forward to the excitement and the warmth that we always feel at this time of year.

Until now.

There, in the midst of the joy and camaraderie were a group of people dedicated (however indirectly) to making me feel unwanted, unwelcome; not a part of the spirit of this season. I could probably have passed this up, though it would have been difficult not to let the depression overwhelm me. The depression brought on by the insensitivity of these people, people to whom I present no threat, no danger and certainly whom I have never hurt as they were now hurting me. I might have been able to shrug this unkindness off.

But my mother could not.

She put her arm around my waist and squeezed very tight. I'm not sure if it was a hug of reassurance or a clinging on for support. But she started to cry. She is a tough old dear. I don't remember the last time I saw her cry. I asked her what was wrong and all she could do was hang on tighter. We sat down for a minute. Then she asked to go home. When I reminded her we still had a lot of Christmas shopping to do, she said she did not feel like it anymore. She also said she could not understand how I could even make myself go into places with that much unkindness in them.

I cannot yet get her to come out of her house or to acknowledge that this is the Christmass season. She doesn't have the heart to go out and see the lights. She doesn't want to hear the music. She doesn't want to run into people like she saw at the mall...

...your people.

I cannot be gracious and say that I understand that you did not think of these ramifications of your acts. You

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are adults. You are responsible to think of these things. If your compassion has been dulled, if your heart has been hardened, if your conscience-sight has been blinded, it is your malady, your choice of weaknesses. I do not feel like forgiving and forgetting.

I don't think my mother's Christmas can be salvaged.

I don't think mine can be. Or my lover's of over twenty-five years. (Oh yes, twenty-five years of devotion to each other as well as dedication to social services in a community that now tells me I am an undesirable, unworthy of municipal services granted to everyone else, harmful to Oregon and to its families).

I do hope that your Christmases will be as warm and joyful as you have made mine cold and sorrowful. It would be a shame if your actions didn't do **some** good, create **some** happiness somewhere.

I hope you will pass this around to your people. Though I suspect you will not. I do not hold much faith that you are willing to hear about such things.

But then hope springs eternal. Maybe there will be compassion somewhere in your ranks. Maybe someone will come to the defense of the persecuted. "Blessed are they...etc."

One more thing. I must remain anonymous. Want to know why? Because I fear you. I fear my name getting into the wrong hands in this state. Do you know what it is to fear for your safety, the safety of your home, the safety of your loved ones? Do you realize that when you call me a pervert, a threat to the decent way of life, you telegraph to the youth and to the skinheads that they are doing the community and God a favor when they 'get rid of' the perverts? Have you thought about that?

Do you care?

Does anybody care?

Is anybody there?

A Disillusioned Man
(Thank you.)

November 22, 1991

THE OREGONIAN
1320 S.W. Broadway
Portland, OR 97201

My life's partner and I have shared each other's lives for over twenty-five years. We are both in the kind of work that is geared toward service to the underprivileged and toward education. We have both always been involved in volunteer work in our communities. We have a nice home and a fine circle of friends, both heterosexual and homosexual (though we never gave it much thought until recently). We chose Portland as the place we would like to spend retirement years. We chose it because we fell in love with the atmosphere of community that we felt when we first visited a few years ago. We have always bragged about the area's beauty, both of its physical settings and its friendly and kind people.

But now I don't know.

Now the ugly and mean business of the Oregon Citizens' Alliance and its campaign to make this kind and giving human being with whom I have lived most of my adult life into a pervert, a criminal of sorts, a threat to their families and children, is slowly turning the dream into a nightmare.

The laughter and joy that has always been a part of our home and our lives is slowly turning to a heavy silence that hangs in the air; that makes us wonder at every Portlandian we see, "If she knew I was a homosexual, would she have smiled and said hello?" "If he knew, would he call in the Skinheads to beat me up?...Burn my home?...Kill my basset hound?"

Or would they just turn their backs on me and my best friend? Ostracize us like they did in times long gone by when the established powers wanted to inflict the maximum pain on those they considered evil? Would we become non-persons in this city and state to which we have given our hearts?

Or have we already become cellophane people?

Is the OCA's insensitive initiative already in place?

It feels like it. Want to know why?

Let's start with this: The Oregonian, as an entity, is nothing more than sheets of paper with organized blotches of ink. It does not create its own policies or choose what to defend or condemn. People do that. Editors do that.

At The Oregonian, Fred A. Stickel, William Hilliard, Peter Thompson, Robert Landauer, Patrick F. Stickel, David Sarasohn, David Reinhard (and possibly others whose names are protected) create the policies, defend or condemn, acknowledge or ignore, stand up or knuckle under, exercise journalistic integrity...or sell out.

Is that what happened, MR. Hilliard? Did Lon Mabon threaten you at that meeting a few months ago? That meeting that marked the end of any opinions being expressed for fairness in this matter?

Mr. Landauer, why has there been no mention of your feelings about the outrageously unfair film the OCA has been using to malign a whole group of people? You printed many opinion pieces about the unfairness, the danger of letting the OCA's initiative gain credence BEFORE that meeting some months ago. Won't Lon give you permission to speak out anymore? Or do you somehow believe that their film represents the primary truth about us?

Mr. Sarasohn, I am probably more disappointed in you than in any of your cohorts. How did they shut off the flow of your opinions? Will Lon get you fired? Start a write-in campaign to censor your column?

Mr. Thompson, is it you who have mandated that Margie Boule and Phil Stanford must remain silent on the subject? Who, then? Surely these two people have not suddenly, after that strange meeting, decided to keep silent on an issue that could make so much pain and suffering on the lives of quite a large number of Oregonians. Won't Lon let them speak out, either?

Mr. Fred Stickel, did you know that the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (17 denominations and 2,000 congregations) has called upon its members to refrain from signing 'the petition'? The board of this organization calls the initiative one that "...promotes a climate of bigotry, hatred and intimidation." Did you know that? You didn't find it out from your editors. Lon wouldn't let them print that, even though it would seem to be something the public "...has a right to know."

Mr. Patrick Stickel, why have you not informed the public that the "Coalition For Healthy Family Living" (which includes the Oregon Psychological Association, Phoenix Rising, the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers) has denounced the OCA and its initiative? Has Lon threatened you with removal of advertising dollars?...more boycott? Is Lon the real power that runs the Oregonian now, instead of you and your fellow journalists?

Mr. Hilliard, is the denouncement of the OCA's initiative by the Oregon AFL-CIO and the Oregon State Industrial Union Council something else that Mr. Mabon will not give you permission to print?

Mr. Reinhard, why have you not done a column about Kathleen Saadat, Gretchen Kafourey's assistant, and her decision to speak out...a brave decision. The lady is braver than I. I am still controlled by fear. But more about that later. If you ask Lon, maybe he will at least let you mention that this person has come out of the closet. Tell him you won't mention, or even imply, that she might be a good person (I'm sure he wouldn't want you to do that).

On Tuesday, November 12, you printed a column by Linda Ellerbee. I quote the ending..."We already know what silence gets us. Silence got us George Wallace. Silence got us Joe McCarthy. Silence got us Adolf Hitler. Yes, people did speak up, did fight to get them out of power...eventually. But it was hard work."

And, Mr. Sarasohn, it left a wake of pain and suffering behind it.

And, Mr. Landauer, it created disillusionment and bitterness in the hearts of thousands, maybe millions, about the silence of good people. The silence that allowed evil to succeed.

Ms. Ellerbee goes on to compare David Duke to a fascist. I will not do that, Mr. Hilliard, in regard to Lon Mabon. I'm sure he is not. But he is incredibly insensitive and he and his followers are behaving in a very mean-spirited way. I hope that meanness is not really indicative of the spirit of the Oregon people. I hope you and the others who have fallen under Mabon's control will look up in time to see what you will cause by not speaking out for your convictions...at what were your convictions before that meeting so long ago.

Now, why is there no name anywhere on these pages to indicate who I am? If I am so ready to demand that you stand up for your convictions, why am I so cowardly as to hide myself behind anonymity? Let us refer once more to Linda Ellerbee's column. She was inspired to write it because of a letter she got hold of that warned the Jewish people of Louisiana to NOT SPEAK OUT against David Duke for fear of later reprisals. I and my life partner live in the same fear right here in Oregon. We fear that Our names will become known and, if this horrid initiative gets passed, we could become the victims of harrassment for which the law would not be legally bound to protect us. We fear that we could somewhere down the line, even

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be 'sent away', banished in order to protect the children of Lon and his friends. And yes, since the great silence has fallen over you and your editors, Mr. Fred Stickel, we fear that there are some among you who would prefer to see us leave your state, feel that our absence would make Oregon a better placeto live.

Isn't that nice?

Isn't it comforting to know that your silence, your allegiance to the Oregon Citizens' Alliance might be of some help in getting rid of us? Has already been of help in bringing sadness into our home. With any luck, it will make us unhappy enough to cause us to leave.

Then Mr. F. Stickel, Mr. Hilliard, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Landauer, Mr. P. Stickel, Mr. Sarasohn, Mr. Reinhard and all the other journalists can breathe a sigh of relief knowing that they have done their moral duty to the families of their city and state. They can raise their heads high and be proud of their journalistic integrity.

And Mr. Mabon can bestow his blessings on all of you and allow you to go on publishing whatever you want...as long as he gets to read it first and pass final approval. (Just in case one or all of you should decide to get feisty again).

I will not apologize for the sarcasm or the bitterness in this letter. If you knew how much effort it has taken to hold back and how long, you would be surprised that the letter is not twice as bitter. I will not even apologize if it turns out later that you have been holding back in order to spring a major article of support for us closeto the time for voting. I will thank you for the support. I will congratulate you for showing a great deal more integrity than I now think you have. But, at this time, I can go only by what I see and by what you have revealed. And that, gentlepersons, is not very laudatory.

Your families and your children are not endangered by our being here, nor will they be safer if we have to leave because of our neighbors' hostility.

All that will happen is that Oregonians will have proved to be a little crueller, a little meaner, a little more indifferent to the suffering of the suppressed than we would ever have thought possible.

I needed to say these things. I hope it will inspire in you a need to speak out as well.

November 30, 1991

Ms. Rebecca Morris
THE OREGONIAN
1320 S.W. Broadway
Portland, OR 97201

Dear Ms. Morris,

Thank you for writing the article mentioning the "Day Without Art" observance. It is the first I have heard of this event. It is the first anyone who is reliant on The Oregonian for news has heard of this event. It is an important event. But it is one which, I'm afraid, will have little impact in Oregon.

Why is that? Is it because, as you say, Oregonians are low-keyed about causes? Portland that even the highest officials of this land are hesitant to visit because of the potential violence of our demonstrators? Come now, Ms. Morris! That is not the reason at all, and you and I and many other people in this state know it.

The truth is that Lon Mabon and his buddy, Scott Lively, will not allow you or your editors to give credence to the homosexual community. I was surprised enough when Willim Hilliard, Robert Landauer, Donald Sterling, David Sarasohn, John Terry and the other editors of The Oregonian allowed themselves to be intimidated into ignoring a large portion of our population that is in pain. But I did not think it would reach even unto you and the other 'arts' writers. I should have known better the extent to which the arm of censorship and insensitivity is capable of reaching. (You carefully avoided making any reference to the gay community in your article. Even though it is the gay community to which the largest part of the intent of "A Day Without Art" is dedicated). Were you ordered not to mention us? Did you mention us and have one of your editors censor it out at the demand of the OCA?

What will be next? Will Peter Farell be reprimanded for praising the upcoming "Dame Edna Show"? Will he be allowed to recommend any future "Golden Girls" episodes that speak approvingly of Blanche's gay brother? How about Bob Hicks? Will Lon and Scott allow him to give a good review to any visiting company of "La Cage Au Folle"? Will they even permit such a show to come to their state for fear it will endanger their children, threaten their families? And Ted Mahar...is he being raked over the coals for liking "My Own Private Idaho"? Probably not because that movie

doesn't exactly indicate that there could be such a thing as a decent person in the homosexual community. Lon and Scott don't mind that.

I hope I am wrong about all this. I really do. But since "actions really do speak louder than words" I fear I am not at all wrong. Someone has been...threatened, payed off, blackmailed, strong-armed (pick one)...and they have buckled under the pressure. I am only sorry that it had to be our journalistic membership. I expected more from this corner...more integrity, more courage. more human compassion.

So you will know where all this is coming from...and why I choose not to reveal myself...I am including the letter I wrote to your editors and to Margie Boule and Phil Stanford last week. I apologize for not including you and your fellow arts writers. I just did not dream that the OCA's grip would reach your area so soon. Perhaps it has not, but I am still glad I perceived enough missing from your otherwise fine and worthy article to write to you.

Because it could happen. And it will happen if good people remain silent and let it happen.

A Disillusioned Man

cc: Bob Hicks
Ted Mahar
Peter Farrell
Randy Bragg
William Hilliard
Robert Landauer
Donald Sterling
David Sarasohn
David Reinhard

Please don't just throw this away unread.

I'm not a screwball.

Really, I'm not.

I'm rather a decent chap.

Really, I am.

With a mother, father, relatives, friends and lover.

I have a home.

With mementos on the mantle.

Of vacations, happy events.

Just like you.

I read what you write.

Please extend the same courtesy to me.

Thank you.

December 9, 1991

THE OREGONIAN
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What a wonderful gift of joy was your **IN MY OPINION** column of December 6! Good choice. I can't tell you what a great boost it was to feel that the editors at the Oregonian are allowed to print the insensitivities and mean-spiritedness of the Oregon Citizens' Alliance. I do not call them hate-mongers as McCain suggests. If you will look over the letter I sent to you a couple weeks ago, you will note that I specifically stated that I am sure Lon and Scott are **not** Nazis or anything like that. They are simply insensitive to the pain their actions are bringing to a great many people. Have we brought them such pain? Have we attacked? When? How?

It is **not** just a matter of preventing us from "special treatment" as the OCA likes to bandy about. We already get "special treatment". From skinheads. From 'good people'. It is actually a license to take jobs from human beings. Their amendment..(and I quote you.) **"...may permit the city to discriminate in municipal services solely on the basis of sexual orientation."** How nice. What a fine, upstanding group of people you have bedded down with. Thank you for your defense.

I've noticed that you've suddenly begun to refer to homosexuality as a sexual 'preference' rather than an orientation. Is that part of your bargain with Mabon and Crew? I will not go into the graphic details of what happens to a man's body when he is near someone who has a sexual effect on him. I'm sure you know. I'm also sure you know that he has little to say about it. It just happens to his physiology. He is programmed for it. It is his 'orientation'. It is not something for which he can be blamed. If there is blame, it is to Nature, or God, or whatever you feel is responsible for programming human sexuality. Of course I also 'prefer' that sex to which my programming draws me. Don't you? And yet you defend (by your silence) these people who want to deprive me of those services to which all other municipal citizens have a right...even criminals! Or do Lon and Scott (et al) want eventually to have me declared a criminal, too?

What kind of stranglehold have you allowed this mean

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group of self-righteous extremists get on Portland's primary news source?

On November 27, 1991, you ran the article about 32% of family practitioners of medicine not wanting to treat homosexuals because they see us as "...a threat to many of our basic social institutions."

Doctors refusing to treat human beings because they are homosexuals!

Do you have an opinion about this outrage? Will Lon or Scott (Lively) give you permission to express it? Do you see where these people's aggressions can lead? Can you try to imagine yourself in the position where your society's medical profession will not help you if you become sick? Where your society's journalists will not defend you? Where no one in your society seems to care enough whether you live or die, are in pain, feel hurt? **WILL** you try it? Will Lon and Scott let you do so?

And now, as I and my life-partner go shopping for Christmas presents, can you imagine how we feel as we see our fellow Oregonians asking people to sign a petition that will give government permission to discriminate against us ('discrimination' is such a lovely euphemism for 'the practice of bigotry, meanness and silent support of hate', isn't it?). Can you have any feeling for the pain that shoots into both our hearts during such an otherwise happy time. If this is what our society thinks of us, why should we work so hard, spend so much of our very meager moneys, to spread joy during this season? To rise above those who are busy spreading pain? Give me break. Better yet, set forth a role model in this nightmare.

We are "...a threat to many of our basic social institutions." How? We have spent twenty-five years devoted to each other. We have spent those same years working in fields that help the underprivileged, that encourage a sense of civic pride and civic duty. And, as a reward we are to be denied work because of our sexual orientation? We already face incredible difficulties should anything happen to one of us. We receive no comfy benefits, medical or otherwise simply because we are homosexual. Now they want to put that into law. It's already law. Unwritten law. We have basically none of the rights you have. It may say we do, but we both know that, if you were in need of any kind and I were in need at the same time, who would be helped and who would be left to suffer... and exactly what would be the criterion for the decision.

We have done no harm to these people. We have not

threatened their family, their family values or their children. **They** have attacked **us**. We are defenseless because they are putting into law that we are not worth defending. We are defenseless because their actions confirm the belief that some of their young hold...that it is a service to society to harrass, to beat up, even to kill 'queers'. That is the message that their impressionable youth can very easily pick up.

That's not their motive? It doesn't matter. They (the OCA) and you (the journalists, the defenders of truth) are adults. You are responsible for the results of your actions as well as your inactions when it comes to hurting others and creating pain.

You have the influence. You wield it by taking stands in all sorts of causes. Why not this victimization? If you who have the influence keep silent, if you do not stand up for the victims, you are sitting down with the victimizers.

Something for you think of this Christmas: While you and your friends, Lon, Scott and the Oregon Citizens' Alliance, are laughing and enjoying your families, there will be at least ten people (I, my mate, our parents and a brother, sister-in-law and their children) whose joy will be dampened by the meanness we feel outside the walls of our home. We'll have a tree. We'll have a fire. We'll have presents. But the tree will not seem as sparkly, the fire not as warm, the presents a little more hollow under the pretense that we live in a good place. We will not be going to church this year. It is obvious that your society and its church(es) do not want us. We are the undesireables. Thank you for this lovely Christmas present. Thank Lon and Scott and their friends for us, please.

Yes, I must still remain anonymous. I still live in fear for my safety in this city. My mate and I are not leaving Oregon yet, though I more and more seem to feel that saddening inevitability in the air. Maybe that's what you want. Maybe that will make Oregon a little safer for Oregonians and their courageous journalists. Part of the OCA's state initiative does state that we are harmful to Oregon, doesn't it? What do you think of that?

Is anybody there?

Does anybody care?

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November 6, 1991

Mr. Greg Lathrop
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Portland, Or 97225

Dear Mr. Lathrop:

Thank you for your letter regarding the recently passed city civil rights ordinance. There appears to be some confusion about the ordinance. A number of people have written to explain their feelings about homosexuality, thinking that the ordinance "condones" homosexual practices. The ordinance does not condone or promote homosexuals any more than it condones or promotes members of any race, religious belief, nationality, age group, or gender, which are the other groups included in the civil rights ordinance. The sole purpose of the ordinance is to protect the civil rights of all of these groups from discrimination by people who would deny them basic rights because of who or what they are or choose to believe.

I understand that sincere and reasonable people differ about whether homosexuality is right or wrong. I also respect your concern about raising your children according to your beliefs. I hope that they will grow up to learn that they are free to believe what they choose; but so is everyone else. I hope they will also learn that when society decides to criminalize certain kinds of behavior we do not do so by making people targets for harassment, intimidation, injury or death. We do so through the law. I supported the city's civil rights ordinance because there is far too much violence toward homosexuals in Portland and that makes the city less safe. Homosexuality is not against the law. As long as that is the case, it is my duty as mayor to assure the safety and rights of every Portland citizen.

Thank you again for writing. These are difficult times and there are no easy answers.

Sincerely,

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J.E. Bud Clark
Mayor

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Greg Lathrop
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The Honorable Bud Clark
Mayor of Portland
Portland City Hall
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Portland, Or. 97204

Dear Mayor Clark:

I am writing in response to your support for the recently passed city civil rights ordinance that affords special protection to people based upon their private sexual behavior.

I am very disappointed in your support for adding "sexual orientation" as a protected category to an existing state law. Government legitimization of abnormal behavior such as homosexuality has the effect of promoting this type of behavior to our impressionable and sexually emerging young people.

I am a resident of Portland, and I am raising my children here. I do not want my children to be getting the message from their government and from their public schools that homosexuality is legitimate, normal and healthy behavior; it is not.

I had hoped that you would have thought more about the children of your community, rather than going way out of your way to protect and promote abnormal and socially destructive behavior. I am sure that we can now expect a great influx of people from various homosexual communities into the city of Portland. Many Portland residents are opposed to this happening.

You have proven yourself to be not worthy of my support in the future.

Sincerely yours,



Greg Lathrop

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The Honorable J.E. Bud Clark
City Hall, 1220 S.W. 5th
Portland, Oregon 97204

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MAYORS OFFICE

Dear Mayor Clark:

I was pleased to receive such a timely reply to my letter of October 22, 1991. I was however very disappointed that you did not respond to many of the issues I presented. It had been my hope that you would speak to the issues of immorality, the spread of AIDS, your views on the destructive behavior of the alcoholic compared to the destructive behavior of the homosexual, and most importantly the deterioration of the family structure within our country.

I would like, at this time, to briefly respond to the issues presented in your letter. Would it not be logical to conclude that homosexual behavior, which brings upon itself one of the deadliest diseases ever known to mankind, is in and of itself dehumanizing? Any human behavior which goes so against the natural laws of reproduction must of necessity be labeled perverse, or at very least abnormal! You mention the violence perpetrated against the homosexual. I enclose for your consideration, an excerpt from a letter I recently received in the mail. It outlines purposeful and willful violence committed by the homosexual community just this past September. It appears this violence took place without provocation from any outside agent. I conclude that the avenue of violence is not quite as one sided as you make it sound in your letter.

I am in total agreement with you when you say that we must live together peacefully and learn to treat each other humanely. I do not agree that this must be accomplished by compromising what is right for what is wrong. Magic Johnson has recently come forward as a spokesman for AIDS. He admits he caught the disease from a prostitute. His message to our youth, is not that he has done anything wrong, simply that he didn't do it safely. In Portland, we are fining, jailing and confiscating personal property for such behavior. What kind of a mixed message is this to send to our children? These are certainly difficult times and issues, however the answers are easy, let's just do what is morally right.

Jerry A. Gardner
749 SE 112th
Portland, Or. 97216

I await your reply,

Jerry A. Gardner
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6. Let's talk for a moment about homosexual activists and their recent intimidating behavior around North America. On September 28, 1991, strategists attending a gay rights meeting in Washington proposed a terrorist campaign against members of Congress and their staffs. The *Washington Post* put it this way: "... some suggested, maybe it's time for Senate office sit-ins or, perhaps, a campaign to 'terrorize' House and Senate aids so lawmakers will have trouble getting staff." Democracy at work?

On September 8, 1991, more than 75 militant homosexuals descended on a large church in Southern California, Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, and disrupted the Sunday service. They were enraged by the church's street witnessing team which visits West Hollywood every Friday night to share their faith with anyone who will listen. The incident lasted more than three hours and was organized by the radical groups Queer Nation and AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP).

Just days ago in San Francisco, homosexual rage was displayed in the most vicious ways. Angered that they had been unable to ram a so-called "gay rights bill" into law, militant homosexuals demonstrating in the "City by the Bay" overpowered the police at one point. The police sought temporary cover in a large government building nearby, while awaiting reinforcements. The demonstrators used the police

department's own barricades to smash and destroy the building's huge plate glass doors in their efforts to reach outnumbered police. The activists vented their fury by taking pieces of the broken glass and, slinging them like frisbees, hurled them with velocity at the knees of the police. At least one policeman had his knee cap painfully shattered. They then set fire to the building, causing \$250,000 in damages. No arrests were made during the riot because police feared that a confrontation would have led to a full-scale battle.

On September 5, 1991, ACT UP members attacked the home of Senator Jesse Helms, broke a security fence and inflated a gigantic balloon in the shape of a condom above his house. At the time, the senator was at the bedside of his ailing wife.

Isn't it interesting, in light of these kinds of intimidating tactics now being employed routinely throughout the U.S. and Canada, that California's Governor, Pete Wilson, referred to Christians and conservatives as "mean-spirited, gay-bashing bigots" in his recent message to the state legislature. He made no comment about homosexual anarchy and rage. And the campaign of terror continues.

Incidentally (or *not* so incidentally), as on other occasions of violence, *NO* arrests were made by the local police at Senator Helms' home, and *NO* charges were filed. The press virtually ignored the matter. Alas, do you recall the scene in Wichita last summer, when more than 2,600 peaceful pro-life demonstrators were hauled off to the police station? Some were subsequently sentenced to prison for as long as 12 months for simply trespassing on private property (a misdemeanor). Apparently, the historic lady who holds the scales of justice is inclined to peek from under the blindfold when politically incorrect behavior is on trial!

By the way, homosexual activists in Canada are on the verge of having their own special national protection as a legal minority. A new federal ruling by Justice Joseph McDonald will invalidate Canada's entire Human Rights Act because it currently doesn't include "sexual orientation" as illegal grounds for discrimination. He's given the federal government six months to appeal his ruling — or amend the act to establish special legal protection for homosexuals.

John -
This could be
an endless argument.
Any ideas on a
response?

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November 4, 1991

Mr. Chris Lindley
611 Audel Avenue
Eugene, OR 97404

Dear Mr. Lindley:

I appreciate that you and I hold differing views about homosexuality. In responding to your letter I am not attempting to persuade you to change your views. I do wish to explain, however, that my comment about the OCA and Adolph Hitler was referencing the similarity I see between the two. That similarity is simply this: Extreme prejudice dehumanizes its object. Hitler dehumanized more than one ethnic group and a religion. What followed was a nightmare in human history. I believe that the OCA is attempting to dehumanize homosexuals by labeling them as perverse and less than human, and that such labeling is dangerous.

My comments were not meant to imply that any member of the OCA has or would commit any act of violence against homosexuals. What alarms me is the relationship between dehumanizing labels and acts of violence directed against gays by people who find the OCA's message encouraging of aggression, regardless of whether the OCA intended to encourage that aggression. While each of us individually or as a member of a group has a right to free expression, we also have a responsibility that such expression does not incite violence in others. There is far too much violence against homosexuals now, and that makes Portland less safe as a community.

I see it as my duty as Mayor to insure the safety and fundamental rights of all Portland citizens. In my view, the protection of the City's civil rights ordinance is needed in response to the real physical danger and measurable discrimination facing gay people every day. If these conditions did not exist, there would be no need for this law.

It is my hope for Portland's future that as we live peacefully according to our individual beliefs, we will also learn to treat each other humanely, despite our differences. Thank you for taking the time to write. These are difficult times and difficult issues. There are no easy answers.

Sincerely,

J.E. Bud Clark
Mayor

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

October 17, 1991

Bud Clark,

Your comments hardly deserve an answer. Anyone as ignorant as yourself deserves sympathy because fascist liberals such as yourself are a dying breed. Thank God!

The nation as a whole is much smarter than to believe your lies. Oregon just happens to be a nest of morons such as yourself. The gays have made Oregon their fortress and have a loaded gun at the heads of weak people who have no morals and no principles.

I for one will not leave the state I was born in. I will fight to rid it of dangerous people like yourself even though you attempt to deny to me and the OCA the same rights as you give to perverse people on a silver platter.

Chris Lindley
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MAYOR'S OFFICE

MAYOR CLARK,

I JUST heard your endorsement of Homosexuality over the radio. you AS Mayor coming out For such A Filthy Life style is beyond My understanding. we Need To Teach our children To be Honest, Kind Loving & HAVE high MORAL STANDARDS.

TOO MANY FAMILYS Now Days Trying To raise children with ONE parent & NOT ENOUGH Time To be with Their children. children who Never see Their Father or get To KNOW him. children who DON'T KNOW who They Are sexually.

you WANT TO STOP Aids? STOP Drugs & Homosexuality! Both kinds of People are selfish & care ONLY For themselves.

Why DON'T you become A real Leader of the People & Fight For EQUIL RIGHTS For ALL The People?

SHAME ON you Bud CLARK.

Mr & Mrs. David Gill

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Ms. Brenda Lyon
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Hillsboro, OR 97124

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J.E. Bud Clark
Mayor

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Mayor Clark, MAYOR'S OFFICE

We have a problem in this state of Oregon where morality has been discarded by a few groups and these groups want to push their lifestyle onto everyone else with no limits. As a person in an influential place you must set the standard to uphold moral and Right decisions. When you were on the T.V. you not only stepped out of bounds, but were leading the group. Please, take a stand for what is Right. Homosexuality is wrong. A lot of people when they look at people think of a persons reputation. This is false. I look at the character of a person because that is what a person really is. It takes more courage to stand up for what is Right than to wallow with the filth.

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This letter will either prick your
heart and say what shall I do?
or you will become more crooked
and cruel.

Respectfully,

Brenda Lyon
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November 4, 1991

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

The Honorable Bud Clark
Mayor of Portland, Or.
RE: Homosexuality

Dear Mayor Clark:

Please take a moment!

On the news the other night, I heard you compare those in opposition to the City Councils new law regarding homosexuality to Adolf Hitler. After much consideration, I feel I must share with you my thoughts.

Although I am only 41, and was not a witness to it, in 1939 when the movie Gone With The Wind was released, there was, I understand, a tremendous public outcry regarding the use of the word damn. Society wondered what moral effect this might have on the country. It certainly does not take much effort to chart the degeneration of the movie industry over the last 52 years. Nor does it require more than a logical thinking individual to chart the degeneration of society during this same period of time.

Through the sixties, seventies and eighties we have witnessed a sexual freedom evolve in this country. One which strikes at the very heart and fiber of what has kept America strong during the past two centuries. The natural structure of the family unit, father, mother and siblings. During this time we have seen a marked increase in divorce, rape and incest. All of which further destroy the natural family structure. We've seen a great increase in venereal diseases such as syphilis and gonorrhea. And now we have herpes and AIDS, for which there are no cure. It does not require a college degree to see that the disease is a natural consequence of the behavior, and that the behavior only perpetuates the disease. Natures way of saying, this is not normal, not right.

In this country we have several million people, who by genetics or choice, are termed Alcoholics. Their moral behavior is socially unacceptable. Even though these individuals are entitled to the same equal rights under our laws as everyone else, we force them into treatment to change their moral behavior. Why? Their behavior is not only harmful to them, but to the rest of society also.

Homosexuals too, are already afforded equal rights as individuals who live under the laws of our land. Additional legislation in this area is not what is needed. Over 85 percent of the AIDS cases in this country are traced directly to the unnatural sexual behavior of the homosexual. The other 15 percent can also be indirectly traced back to that behavior. This is not an issue of equal rights, but an issue of the laws of nature, and what is morally right. Why do we force the alcoholic to change his behavior? It is harmful to him, and others in our society! Why then do we allow the homosexual to choose to continue in a behavior with a potential danger far greater? A danger not only to himself, but to society as well.

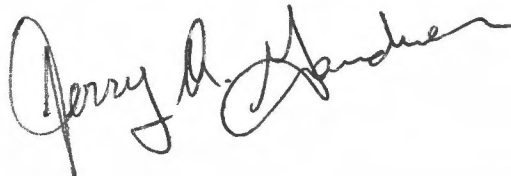
If we want to get a handle on the spread of AIDS in our country, the logical thing to do, would be to change the behavior which causes and spreads the disease.

My dear Mayor Clark, we need to build up the family structure in this country, not tear it down further by approving of behavior which calls for its near extinction. Adolf Hitler destroyed the family structure of his country. Children were taken from their parents, and educated by the state. Family members were encouraged to discredit one another to stay in good graces with the governing authorities. Many things took place under Hitlers rule that we call immoral. An individual or group of individuals that want to preserve the laws of nature which govern the procreation of future generations, who take their stand against the perversion of that natural law, I would hardly compare to Adolf Hitler.

I am not a member of the OCA or any other group currently challenging the decision of the city council. I am however a child of God, which we all have the potential of becoming. After careful thought as to what I've seen and heard taking place in the city of Portland in the past couple of weeks, I can only think of one more thing I need to say to you and the entire city council. Shame on you, shame on all of you!

Please reply,

Jerry A. Gardner
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Portland, Or. 97216

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry A. Gardner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

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Homosexuals are neither a religion nor an ethnic group. AND should not be treated as such.

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First-Jesus!!
and the OCA!
Also rid the country
of WACKO liberals*

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Rush Limbaugh for President

YAH Right!