

# L E T T E R S

## Congress mistakes fear for moral right

To the Editor,

The morals clause imposed by Congress on the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is symptomatic of this nation once more succumbing to its most tragic flaw: to mistake fear for moral right, to forsake the enriching trial of forbearance for the expediency of repression.

We of the Portland Women's Theatre Company stand against the covert censorship of the NEA morals clause in our unwavering commitment to lesbian performing arts. We will continue to challenge the stranglehold of homophobia by exposing it to light. We will continue, despite the fearful, to nurture respect for human diversities and dignity.

In this determination we are firm and urge those who think this is not their struggle to remember with grim introspection the words of Pastor Martin Niemoller:

"First the Nazis went after the Jews, but I was not a Jew, so I did not object. Then they went after the Catholics, but I was not a Catholic, so I did not object. Then they went after the Trade-Unionists, but I was not a Trade-Unionist, so I did not object. Then they came after me and there was no one left to object."

On behalf of the membership of the Portland Women's Theatre Company

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## Call to boycott the Oregonian

To the Editor,

I just returned from nine days in Vancouver B. C. as a member of Team Portland participating in Celebration 90: Gay Games III. The experience of being in a city with thousands of very visible gay and lesbian people from around the world was powerful and very affirming.

Upon returning I was disappointed, but not

surprised to find that the *Oregonian* had failed to give The Games any coverage beyond the miniscule "news brief" on August 1. As important as it is for the The Games to exist, it is equally important to access general media coverage to promote social progress. Prior to Celebration 90, I contacted several writers, columnists and editors at the *Oregonian* in an effort to increase Team Portland's media profile. The responses ran from the feeble excuse that Vancouver was "too far away," to the semi-supportive "It sounds interesting, I just don't know where it fits in."

By refusing to acknowledge our events they can pretend we do not exist. I urge you to join me in making our voices heard. I am proposing a one week subscription cancellation as a form of protest to the lack of coverage Team Portland and The Gay Games received from the *Oregonian*. I suggest we enlist as much support as possible from both inside and outside the community to flood the circulation (221-8240) and news department (221-8188) desks with calls on September 14 cancelling from September 15-21.

It takes numbers to make them listen. The price of inaction is too great.

Karen C.  
Portland, OR

## Belated thanks

To the Editor,

Lesbian and Gay Pride, Inc. and the 1990 Pride Planning Committee extends congratulations and thank you to the community and the many volunteers for their participation and pride throughout the month of June and particularly at the march and rally Saturday, June 16, 1990.

The march route and rally were the largest ever. Special thanks to Debbie Counts for coordinating booths, Bill Dickey for catering, the sound crew of Janna MacAuslen, Kevin Koesel for stage managing, Howie Baggadonutz and Carol Steinel for emceeing, and the outstanding performances by Kate Sullivan, Lady Elaine Peacock, Chris Schlegel and the Vital Moves. Credit goes to Donna Luckett for developing the program, thank you to the grand marshalls Paul Starr, Stephanie Holloway, Mr.

Bill and Velvet Monet for their continuing work in the community.

For those people who are interested in helping plan next year's celebration the International Gay and Lesbian Pride Coordinators Conference will be held in Minneapolis October 5-7. A community meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 11 at 7 pm at the Portland Building in Conference room C to begin plans for the 1991 Pride. If you can not attend the September meeting send theme suggestions, comments and ideas for next year to LGP, Inc., P.O. Box 6611, Portland, OR 97228.

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## Two happy notes

Lisa Bouslaugh, a founder of *Just Out* and former boardmember for A Woman's Place Bookstore, announces the birth of her daughter Cheyenne Delphine born June 29, 1990.

Bouslaugh left Portland to live in Eastern Oregon several years ago.

Louise Richards and Nancy Palmer Butler are proud to announce the birth of their son, Leo Palmer Richards. Leo was born at Providence Hospital July 25, 1990. Attending the birth with Louise and Nancy were Karen Rash, midwife and Corrine Richards, Louise's mother.

## In Memoriam

Rick Mueller

January 15, 1956 - August 5, 1990

Rick Mueller passed away after a long and valiant struggle with AIDS. As a leader in the community of people with AIDS he formed a group of empowered individuals called Genesis. His energy and humor will be greatly missed. He is survived by his lover Roland Cabrena, his best friend Ric Rease and his family and many friends.

## In Memoriam

Ric James Tolonen

Oct. 24, 1953- July 19, 1990

Ric Tolonen was larger than life. He was only 5'3" but his personality more than made up for his short stature.

He was funny, outrageous, loyal to his friends and loved his family dearly. He lived life to the fullest and touched many people's lives. We will miss you little guy. But we know you went to a better place.

Ric James Tolonen was 36 when he left us.

The family suggests that remembrances be contributions to the C.A.P. Research/Education Dept.

## In Memoriam

Dan Furrer

December 11, 1949-July 22, 1990

Dan Furrer died from AIDS at his home on Sauvie Island on July 22, 1990. Raised in Hermiston, Oregon, he graduated from the University of Oregon and moved to Portland.

Dan was active in many areas to support people with HIV infection and to educate people about AIDS. Since 1985, he had many roles in the PAL project, serving as a PAL, a PAL trainer, a speaker at PAL trainings and a member of the PAL training committee. He was also a facilitator involved in the Brinker Fund as his lover had been Chester Brinker. Dan shared his personal experiences about HIV infection as a speaker in an AIDS education program at US West where he worked, and as a panel member in talks sponsored by CAP's Speakers Bureau.

Dan was always proud of being gay and had been involved in many gay organizations, including EAGLE, the lesbian and gay employee association of US West. He was an avid photographer who loved nature, travel, the Rolling Stones, nudity and his dog Alfred. His constant concern and care for other people was inspiring and the memory of Dan will be cherished by his many friends.

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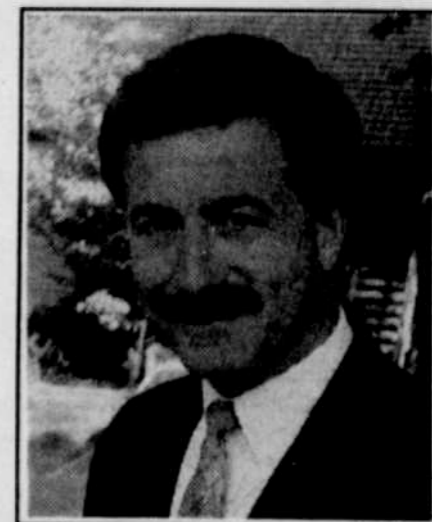


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