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TO THE EDITOR:

The Sunday evening [May 29] "Holding Hands Across Hawthorne Bridge" was a wonderful gathering of LGBT people, showing enthusiasm, good cheer, solidarity and heart-warming spirit.

It is interesting, if not a bit astounding, that the illustrious *Oregonian* newspaper has nothing in this morning's edition [May 30].

Checking their website at 6:30 a.m. today, more silence on this event.

Perhaps their mission statement doesn't cover LGBT people?

We know though, as does any minority, that silence only leads to more abuse, and more violence.

Liberté, égalité, fraternité,

Steve A. Engel
Portland

mayor might by now be less of an obsession with you, I began reading.

So much for hope.

You ask why you are no longer printing the Pride Guide. I really don't know. All I know is that the *Mercury* long ago replaced *Just Out* as my choice for Pride information. I can trust its journalistic viewpoint. It seems Marty Davis has an axe that she grinds that overwhelms any sense of proportion and invalidates any feeling of trust for her integrity.

I don't condone our mayor's lack of judgment, I'm not certain that I'll vote for him.

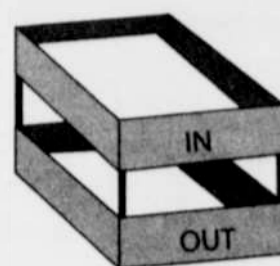
One thing is sure, continuing to bitch and snark at every opportunity means that I won't read *Just Out* when I need a reasoned discussion of issues. I'm not sure that the pages will ever contain anything except Marty Davis' unwavering cavil.

Sincerely,

Lee Findley
Portland

you had to say and its relevance to the LGBTQ community. It was very well put and needed to be said. Thanks again.

Ray Johnson
Portland



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In & Out
box

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Yours in sincere donor burnout,

[Name withheld]

Axe to Grind?

TO THE EDITOR:

My partner brought home the May 20th issue, and even though *Just Out* helped us decide to move to Portland in 2002, as we grew familiar with the city and its politics, we became less comfortable with *Just Out* [Vol. 28, No. 12, Page 3, "Missed Opportunities"].

Hopeful that your very obvious disdain for the

Word is Bond

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you so much for the very positive editorial about the Portland bond and levy measures [Vol. 28, No. 11, May 6, Page 3, "Pay It Back?"]. I was at first surprised to see you writing about that topic but really appreciated what



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