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Reaping a Just reward

To the Editor:

I was intrigued by the "Further depressing note" — the 2nd of two April editorials on the recent gains that homophobia has made in the greater Portland community. You reported that in January the manager of the Lloyd Center Tradewell store removed the Just Out newspaper rack and its contents because 8 to 10 people complained to him about the store distributing the paper. I could not help noticing the parallels to another incident of discrimination that, coincidentally, also occurred in January.

I, having written an article on the 1984 national conference of the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) which appeared in the November issue of Just Out, and having also placed a classified ad about NAMBLA, went to your office in January to place another ad. Your advertising director told me that the paper had received a complaint by telephone from one woman and hostile inquiries from a local reporter regarding the previously published material on NAMBLA. Also, several of Just Out's advertisers had called the paper - not raising any objections to the publication of the article or ad - but merely to inform the paper that they, the advertisers, had received a complaint from one woman. I was told that a decision had been made that Just Out would not accept any more ads about NAMBLA nor any further articles "from NAMBLA." Reading your editorial, I was struck by the coincidence that the Tradewell newspaper rack was removed in January - presumably a few days or weeks after the decision was made for the paper to be in the closet about man/boy sexuality and love and to be "just out" in regard to more nearly acceptable forms of socially deviant sexuality and affection. I guess that's what's meant by the expression, "What goes around comes around." Since the first time I saw your publication, I had assumed that the "Just" in your name meant "newly" or "freshly"; after your decision to exclude NAMBLA from your pages it appeared "Just" meant "only" or "selectively." But, perhaps I was again mistaken. After learning of your being the victim of the Tradewell manager's discrimination, I wonder if "Just" refers to your karma, as in "reaping your just reward." (Surely it doesn't mean you are "Out of" or "lacking" "Justice.")

Although it's not usually manifested so quickly, the reality of our world is that, just as "violence begets violence," so also does prejudice beget prejudice. Denying certain people or beliefs access to the media closes us all off from new ideas and fosters an environment of bigotry and of insensitivity to the rights and feelings of others. When we base

our decisions and actions on prejudices, we set an example that encourages, rather than discourages, others to act on behalf of their own prejudices or the prejudices of the people around them.

Please allow me to make one more parallel with your editorial by borrowing your question to your readers, reworded to address the issue of excluding NAMBLA from your pages: How many children and former children object to the editor's decision? We would like to know. Call or write *Just Out* if you routinely expected *Just Out* to include news and viewpoints of *all* divergent sexual preferences and opinions — or at least all homosexual ones — or if you would like it to. Sincerely, to a letter sent April 4 which addressed these issues.

I am asking that your readers appeal to the manager of the Dyketones to please return to the policy they followed before November 1984, which included outreach to the disabled and interpreters for the hearing impaired women. We would once again like to be included at their performances.

- Susan Grimes

"Not OK" to endanger wildlife

Dear Readers of Just Out:

I write in response to an article in the Oregonian about the City's plans to construct a four-lane highway for big trucks along the Columbia Slough or through the West Delta Park area. In concordance with this news, PGE recently reported their request to construct a 500-acre waterfront industrial development on West Hayden Island. PGE admits that this "development will have significant effect on the West Hayden Island habitat." These companies talk about how little land there is left for development. They apparently do not care that there is no land left for wildlife. I am amazed at people like John Gray, coordinator of the City's project, and the employees of PGE involved in their project who

are so pretentious to think a dollar value can be placed on life.

It is NOT OK to construct any highway or development which will further affect or endanger the Great Blue Heron rookery or any other wildlife in the West Delta Park area or on West Hayden Island or anywhere else in Oregon.

We must not let these people who are protecting their wallets destroy our lives. As we continue to destroy our environment, we destroy ourselves. Will you help?

> Sincerely, — Ann Hay



J. Pinocchio

The editor replies:

Touche!

While the editor does not, personally, feel that NAMBLA deserves rejection from the Just Out classified ads, the consensus of the Just Out staff is to refuse further advertising from NAMBLA.

Compromise, it seems, is inevitable. Isn't it, J. Pinocchio?

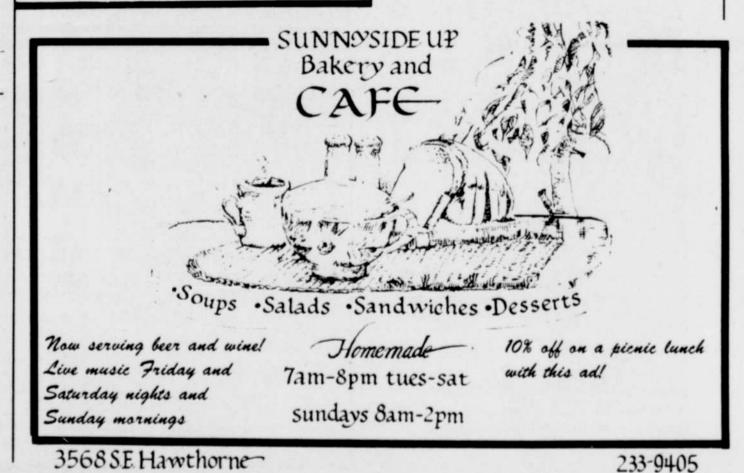
- Jay Brown

Outreach to disabled

To the editor:

In 1984 Char Priolo attended a Lesbian Forum where women from the disabled community discussed, among other issues, the need for events that are accessible to disabled to be advertised as such. Also a woman representing hearing-impaired women discussed the desire and need of including hearing-impaired women by providing an interpreter.

I called Ms. Priolo, the manager of the Dyketones, and asked for a personal interview at her convenience, to discuss the accessibility and disability outreach issue. She refused to see me and has yet to respond TUPERT E. KINNARD 242-2463



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