

LETTERS

Boycott continues

Carl Cadonau
Alpenrose Dairy
6149 SW Shattuck Road
Portland, Oregon 97221

Mr. Cadonau:

This letter is to inform you that I am boycotting Alpenrose products due to your homophobia and your blatant attack on free speech by attempting to prevent Food Front from spending its advertising money as it chooses. Since you are uncomfortable with the idea of having your product advertised to gay people I can only assume that you do not want gay money to be spent on your product and to find its way into your bank account.

I use a half gallon of milk daily, in addition to other dairy products, and am now buying Carnation. Word of this boycott has spread throughout the gay community and is being observed as well by our straight friends who cannot in good conscience contribute toward bigotry. I am sending a copy of this letter to my neighborhood Thriftway store to let them know why they have lost my business. Unfortunately, there is little point in shopping at their store for my other needs if I can't purchase the milk label of my choice there.

Since gay people make up 10 to 15 per cent of the population, you have been collecting gay money all along before making your prejudice known. Because not all gay people and their straight friends read *Just Out*, it would be more effective for you to advertise

in the newspapers and on TV urging gay-supportive people not to buy your products.

But for your own sake, it would be better for you to get psychiatric help to overcome your homophobia. It is indeed an irrational fear to be afraid of gay people, and irrational fears are a sickness that can be treated. As the old myths are dispelled and the walls of prejudice are broken down as more and more gay people "come out" and claim their place in the world, homophobia is increasingly becoming a handicap to functioning in modern society.

Sincerely,
with Gay Pride,
Marvin Moore

Boycott heats up

To the Editor:

Thank you for the recent coverage per Alpenrose. Also thank you for printing the most heart-warming and sensible letter of Ann Marcotte Shepherd in your current issue.

I wrote Mr. Carl Cadonau, President of Alpenrose June 3rd. To date I have received no response. However I remain confident that he does not wish me to purchase his products.

On that date I began my personal boycott of all Alpenrose dairy products. Being one who boycotted all Florida Orange Juice products while Anita Bryant waged her hateful campaign, I am confident I can go many months, even years, without Alpenrose.

I would also encourage lesbians and gay males to stop buying Alpenrose products. We

live in very interesting times. Having just celebrated Liberty weekend, the same week that the Supreme Court refused to address sexual issues fully... the same week they decided what humans can do in their own bedrooms... it is time for us to take a stand.

Chuck Engel

Lesbian wedding a joyful event

To the Editor:

On May 31, 1986 at 3 in the afternoon in Leach Botanical Garden, my lover and I promised to be life partners "in the warmth and witness" of the fifty guests encircling us. The dream was coming true. Friends were not only supportive, but excited. The jeweler, the stationer, the baker more than courteous. Everyone involved in the endless details of planning our "handfasting" reacted as though a lesbian wedding was a customary, joyful event. Everyone, that is, except me.

As Lee Lynch points out (*The Amazon Trail, Just Out* Vol 3 No. 8) the difficult task before us is to give ourselves the approval and right to form such unions. The disapproval and the feeling of doing something wrong was mine. It was the only flaw in what I think was a perfect wedding.

Yolanda

Letter to Penny

Dear Ms. Harrington,

In light of the recent events and your resignation as Police Chief, we want to express our regret and continued support. We, the members of the National Organization for Women, have followed your career with interest and respect. We have stood behind you in your efforts to bring public accountability to the Portland Police Department. Your courage and determination have been a model to us all. To us you are still the chief.

We have been deeply disappointed by the lack of support that you have received from Mayor Bud Clark and the police force. We are most interested in your future plans, and if there is any way in which we may be of service to you, please call upon us.

Sincerely,

Kathy Frederick
President
Portland NOW

Diane Rulien
Vice President

Terry Wright
Recorder

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