

## Daily Grind refuses Lesbian money

To the Editor:

The lesbian and gay community should be aware that on Sunday, March 29, the cashier at The Daily Grind Natural Food & Bakery refused to accept my money stamped "Lesbian \$." She explained that the owner had instructed her to refuse money with "Lesbian \$" stamped on it.

I left without my groceries because ALL my money is lesbian money. A few days later, a friend spoke to the manager who confirmed this policy to her.

I was stunned and surprised. My friends and I have been using "Lesbian \$" since December, 1986 in a variety of banks and businesses in Oregon, including The Daily Grind. All businesses have welcomed our



money, with the exception of The Daily Grind.

Since money is extremely powerful in our present society, it is important that we make conscious decisions about what we do with our money and the people and organizations whom we support.

Because of this clear homophobia at

The Daily Grind, I will not shop there again. Plenty of other natural food stores welcome my "Lesbian \$" (People's, Food Front, Nature's, etc.). I urge the lesbian and gay community to support those who support us.

Azure Slavin

## Keep Just Out coming

To the Editor:

As I was reading your March issue this morning, I thought to myself, "This is really an exceptionally good paper." Very sharp layout, intelligent writing — I especially liked the Straight Stuff column. When I found a two-page spread on our book IN THE LIFE, of course, I liked your paper even better.

But even without that bias, I'd have to say *Just Out* has developed into one of the best papers around. So: Congratulations, and keep it coming.

With best wishes,  
Sasha Alyson  
Boston

*THIS SHOULD'VE BEEN ON TOP*  
*SOME THINGS WEIRD ABOUT THIS OF ALL*

## Just news

### GLPA urges consumer action against two condom makers

The Gay and Lesbian Press Association (GLPA), the nation's only gay and lesbian trade association, today endorsed a consumer action against two condom manufacturers — Carter-Wallace and Ansell Americas — to protest the condom industry's refusal to advertise in gay

publications.

"While it would be irresponsible for us to call for an industry-wide boycott because of the AIDS crisis, we are asking gay men not to buy Trojan or Lifestyles condoms and send wrappers from these companies' competitors to their marketing departments," said Don L. Volk, GLPA president.

Jo DiSabato, president of Rivendell Marketing in New York instituted the action after refusals by the industry to place ads in gay publications. Approximately 50 gay newspapers in the country ran an editorial by DiSabato "Can Anything Stop

Homophobia in the Condom Industry?" in March.

"It is becoming unconscionable that Ansell President John Silverman said, 'AIDS is a condom marketers' dream' when gay men are dying in large numbers," said Volk.

GLPA earlier this year sent letters to the three television networks encouraging them to run condom ads to help stem the spread of the disease, according to Volk.

"Gay and lesbian publications throughout the country have been at the vanguard in AIDS education," said Volk. "Without the efforts of the gay press, I believe there

would have been considerably more AIDS deaths.

"For condom manufacturers to ignore the gay market by featuring women or non-gay couples in their advertising is a gross insult to our community. We call for this consumer action to show that we are not the 'captive' audience condom manufacturers might believe us to be," he said.

GLPA is a trade organization of publications and individuals devoted to the gay/lesbian community. The group represents approximately 400 publications from weeklies to monthlies.

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