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Musings

Thoughts from the Editor

Wishing for peace and knowledge

Student fights homophobia... Magic Johnson announces he is HIV+... Catholic bishops say only "safe sex" is abstinence... Fox TV accepts condom ads... biblical scripture posing as TV commercial condemns homosexuality... December 1 is World AIDS Day.

Can you imagine—we have a day to commemorate AIDS, a day the world observes. Maybe in 5 or 10 or 15 years when AIDS has a vaccine, we'll still keep December 1 as World AIDS Day and remember all the death, political infighting, and homophobia we experienced in the 1980's and 1990's.

The buzzword during the past month has been education. How do we educate young people about safe sex? Is safe sex abstinence or protection from condoms? Watch the TV—sex sells. Now we're hearing sex kills. If you are confused as adults, imagine what a teenager is going through.

Recently I attended a dinner party. Magic Johnson's name came up. AIDS. Education. Homosexuality. All distinct issues but inextricably entwined.

A colleague began talking about his right to privacy when it come to letting his co-workers know he was gay. After all, it was his livelihood, and if it got out, business would erode and was that fair to him? No, it's not fair.

My colleague went on to say that education was the only way to eliminate fear and build understanding. Yes, absolutely.

My colleague had recently overheard a co-worker comment that she knew that a salesman visiting the office was gay by the way he moved. My colleague didn't say anything. Nothing to stop the stereotype. Nothing to educate this woman about gay people. Nothing.

I have two conflicting emotions about this scenario. The first is anger—that he would talk about education and then do nothing to educate. After I calm down, I am saddened by

his choice, knowing I have made the choice in my past, knowing that many other people make the same choice. Therefore, by our silence, we condone the misperceptions of gay people that are part of our culture.

Courage and care

I get somewhat disheartened when I hear stories like this from friends and colleagues. As editor, I've had the opportunity to read hundreds of articles over the past year about discrimination, hate, fear, and violence against gays and lesbians. I've also been privileged to read about the extraordinary courage and care individuals across the country, nay world, have provided in their community to fight for equal human rights.

I support my colleague, though I may not agree with his choice. Now it is up to me to "educate" him, and hope that he takes my views and rethinks some of his choices. Perhaps some day he, along with hundreds of others, will be strong enough to add their voices to the injustice, and a better world will finally come.

Many years ago while working the summer stock circuit, a wonderful person and actress left this message on the callboard: "Fear knocked on the door. Faith answered. No one was there." It was a very powerful message to me, and I have used it often to remind me that most things are not as daunting as they seem. Now I pass the saying on to you with hopes and wishes that your holiday season is one of peace and joy. A wish that you find what you need to create your own everlasting happiness. A wish that homophobia will end—especially among gay people—and that we will live in harmony. A wish for your good health, and a hope that you will use your body and mind to do good for yourself and others.

May the universe protect you, guide you, teach you and love you always.

—Dan Kirsch, Editor

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
10:45A MCC Charlotte 1-ish GROW Branch Buddies - Wilmington 1-5P Bryant Park Social Club 6:45P New Life MCC 7P MCC Hickory 7:30P MCC Charlotte	7P GROW - Wilmington 7:30P Time Out Youth Group 9P Bowling League Coliseum Lanes	7P Closer - Asheville 7:30P MAP - FFP/PWA support group (MAP) 1st & 3rd weeks 7:30P MAP - Bereavement support group 2nd & 4th weeks 8P Acceptance AA	4P Women and AIDS Support Group (MAP) 7P MAP-HIV-Positive Support Group 7:30P NAMES Project Panel-Making	11:00A MAP-PWA Support Group 7PONE VOICE Rehearsal 7:30P MAP-HIV-Positive Support Group 8P C.A.R.E. Group (Gay/Lesbian AA) 875-1482 or 336-3067	8P Acceptance AA	4P Gay/Lesbian Overeaters Anonymous
THE MONTH'S HAPPENINGS 1 World AIDS Day Open House at MAP and Red Cross; House of Mercy performance S.A.L.G.A. (Asheville) 5P Lutherans Concerned 8 Triad Coalition protest at Cracker Barrel Asheville Gay Men's Chorus Christmas Concert 8 pm NC L/G Political Action Agenda meets 6:30P Integrity 15 1P O.W.L. Meeting at Liaisons 376-4745 8P Covered dish at New Life MCC 22 MCC Charlotte Pot Luck after morning service @ 12:30 563-5810	9 MAP Board Meeting.	3 7:30P First Tuesday Mtg. 334-1886 10 7:00P Charlotte Gay/Lesbian Leadership Coalition 532-8484 31 PARTIES GALORE!!	4 7P Gay Parents 11 & 24 7:30P Queen City Friends 18 7:30 WOW Mtg. (535-8435) at Unitarian Church	12 7:30P PFLAG Mtg. 364-1474 8P Gay/Lesbian Film 376-9563	13 7:30P Lutherans Concerned/ SC 803/736-1648 ONE VOICE Christmas Concert	7 Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus Concert 7:30P Mature Gay Men Call 882-1747 8P BWMT Game/Bar Night 9P Tradesmen Night Out 14 ONE VOICE Concert QCF Christmas Party 3PMENAMORE Mtg. 9:30P MENAMORE Bar Night at Mickey Ratz
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