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E D I T O R I A L

If the '60s were the dawning of the Age of Aquarius, then the '80s must surely be the Age of Cynicism. In just one month, January 1984, we witnessed the following: Ronald Reagan nominated Edward (There are no hungry people in America) Meese as his choice for United States Attorney General; Linda Chavez, a recent appointee as Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission, said that the reason women and blacks do not get traditionally white male jobs is because they do not apply for them.

In a memo urging the commission to study the issue, saying that it may emerge as the most important civil rights issue of the 1980s, Chavez said, "The principle that underlies comparable worth is a fundamentally radical one that would alter our existing marketplace economy."

Inequality in salaries among races or between the sexes is due in large measure to choice, she said — women or blacks often choose jobs that pay less. She cited herself as an example:

"I could make more money in the corporate world, but I choose to be in public service."

And if that isn't enough; the same week that Reagan said his massive stockpiling of munitions and nuclear warheads is keeping the world safe from nuclear destruction the *Oregonian* carried a half-page story outlining the Pentagon's plans for WWIV. That's World War 4. According to the scenario, after all the nuclear devices have been exchanged in World War 3 a Poseidon submarine hiding under the Arctic Icecap will provide the denouement, "You let the other guy know that no matter what happens, we're still going to be able to make his rubble bounce a bit." This last is a comment made by an adviser to several congressional nuclear-freeze leaders.

Jay Brown

LETTERS

Enthusiasm and appreciation

Dear *Just Out*,

A good many of my guests and I wish to express our enthusiasm and appreciation of the article on *Unlearning Racism* by Dennis Peterson.

My experience in being discriminated against when I was a child is very minimal compared to many others — but how clearly I remember it.

It's my belief that every parent and every teacher needs to be made more aware of the self-esteem robberies caused by racism and discrimination. Congratulations on the good quality of *Just Out*!

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Barrett
of Jacqueline's See Vue Motel

Excellent forum

Dear Staff:

I want to take the opportunity to thank you

for your excellent handling of some important and controversial issues in our community. *Just Out* provides an excellent forum for good investigative journalism and the valuable exchange of ideas and information.

Working with your editorial staff has been a delight. Best wishes for continued and increased success . . . we need you.

Sincerley,
Roseanne King

Unlearning Racism enlightening

Dear *Just Out*:

I would like to offer a hearty "HEAR, HEAR" to Dennis Peterson's enlightening article on "Unlearning Racism" in the January 6th issue. What a relief and joy it was to hear others vocalize their hurts, frustrations and anger at an age old malady of our seemingly "civilized" society.

I have been greatly concerned with the

attitudes of bigotry in people for the greater portion of my life. However, the past year has seen a resurgence in my fire for militancy against racism as I have realized my own homosexuality and have been witness to a myriad of homophobic statements from possesses the virtue by which we can condemn someone else." I remember tears coming to my eyes when she so eloquently told me that principle which has guided her life, and it was shortly after that, that I made the decision of choosing her to be the very first 'straight' friend to hear that I was gay.

I find it ironic that we as gay people can become outraged to the point of physical violence at the injustice portrayed because of the untimely release of convicted killer, Dan White, but still insist on continuing to judge people, even of our own sub-culture, on the basis of color, social status, clothing, appearance, or sexual preference. I'm even more dismayed that we as gay people can continue to consider ourselves so almighty when we ourselves are the victims of countless inferences, put downs, and jokes of bad taste by 'straight' society. Personally, my coming out heterosexual 'friends.' How dare we as members of a culture of proclaimed equality consider ourselves any better than our neighbors? With what standards or criteria

are we to judge anyone?

As a very close heterosexual friend once told me: "We are all on this earth doing the very best that we can and if one of us stumbles, it is up to the rest of us to help that hurt one along. We *all* make mistakes, and that is without exception. Therefore, not one of us process has been the single most enlightening and educational experience of my life, especially in reference to attitudes of patience, tolerance and understanding concerning those groups who were at one time repulsive to me. Civil rights has become of paramount importance to me, because now it hits at home. (Once a Republican, now a Democrat?)

The answer? First and foremost is an increased attitude of pride and confidence in who we are and that we are still viable contributors to our society. Our battle cry should be: "Sexual Preference Does Not Determine Personality!!" Then a relearned attitude of tolerance, patience and genuine concern for all individuals regardless of any quality in them which may not appeal to us. And finally, a little unconditional love never hurt anyone!

(If this letter is printed, you may print my name boldly, with pride!!)

Roger Wilson