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hours (Monday through Thursday from 10 to 5), we need volunteers who are interested in helping out with organization, production, and general office duties. Contact the editor-in-chief, Jason Whipple, at editor@mountainpridemedia.org, or call 434-6486.

Getting involved with MPM (Mountain Pride Media) is a great way to help the Vermont GLBT community. Our mission is simple: to develop and strengthen the community of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning Vermonters through the development and maintenance of communication vehicles. Although the mission isn't complicated, implementing it can be challenging. It requires volunteers with particular skills who are willing to put their abilities to work for us in serving the community. If you have energy and expertise, please consider contacting us immediately to learn more about our organization and the needs I have outlined. You can contact us at mpm@mountainpridemedia.org, or you can contact me directly at ramp@middlebury.edu.

And I'm serious - we're not foolin'! We need your help to keep our organization viable!

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**Curbside**

by Robert Kirby

**I REMEMBER**

..WHEN I FIRST MET HIM I SAID TO MYSELF, "THIS BOY HAS NEVER HAD A SINGLE REGRET IN HIS ENTIRE LIFE."

HE WAS MY DREAM COME TRUE.

I TOLD HIM EVERYTHING, INCLUDING THOSE THREE FAMOUS WORDS..

I REMEMBER A LINE FROM THIS WOODY ALLEN MOVIE THAT ASKS, "IS A MEMORY SOMETHING YOU HAVE, OR SOMETHING YOU'VE LOST?" IN THIS CASE, I THINK IT'S BOTH.

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**PARTING GLANCES**

IF THIS WERE A MOVIE THE CREDITS WOULD BE ROLLING RIGHT NOW AND I'D HAVE LEARNED TO GO FORTH WITH NO MORE ILLUSIONS AND THAT WOULD BE THAT. IN REAL LIFE HOWEVER, THERE IS ALWAYS THE NEXT MINUTE, DAY, WEEK, ETC.

EXCEPT AFTERWARDS THOSE BOYS WERE GOING TO BE IN SO MUCH TROUBLE -- NOT ONLY WERE THEY TOTALLY GOING TO GET EXPELLED, BUT THAT HEADMASTER WAS PROBABLY GOING TO BE WAITING ON THEIR NUBILE YOUNG ASSES WITH THAT BIG S'M PADDLE OF HIS THAT WE'D SEEN EARLIER.

IT WAS LIBERATING TO TELL NATHAN THAT IT WAS BEST TO AVOID CONTACT FOR THE TIME BEING. I'M GOING TO DEEPLY REGRET THIS DECISION AT TIMES - POSSIBLY WITHIN THE NEXT TEN MINUTES - BUT AT LEAST RIGHT NOW I AM THE CAPTAIN OF MY FATE, NOT NATHAN.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE FINAL SCENE IN THAT MOVIE, DEAD POET'S SOCIETY? HOW THE STUDENTS STOOD UP ON THEIR DESKS TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THEIR INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER, WHO HAD JUST BEEN FIRED? THEIR ACTIONS WERE IN DIRECT DEFIANCE OF THE EVIL HEADMASTER AND THEIR DUMBASS PARENTS - THEIR SINGULAR TRIUMPH OVER SUFFOCATING CONFORMITY. THE MUSIC SWELLS, "THE END."

Dear Santa,

I am at a loss for what to buy my friends. I want to get something useful. Any suggestions?

Puzzled in Vermont

Dear Puzzled,

Don't waste another minute thinking about it. The perfect gift for your friends is a subscription to "Out In The Mountains". It is always full of news and interesting information that affects the lives of GLBTQA Vermonters. You can't go wrong and it helps support the paper! See you soon!

Santa