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 rampp@middlebury.edu.

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

Carrie Rampp has served on the Mountain Pride Media Board of Directors since 1999 and has been the President since June 2001. When she's not thinking about Mountain Pride Media, she and her partner, Jenn, are regularly found picking away at the slow renovation of their 1790's federal-style bome, · known by most as "the big white shack," in Leicester, Vermont. Carrie is also the Web Manager Communications Middlebury College.

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DREN, TO LIKE FOR YOU TO MEET NATIONAL NATIONAL IS MOVING INTO STANS OLD ROOM.

HILL

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

I WAS INTIMIDATED AND GAVE HIM NO-THING BUT ATTITUDE.



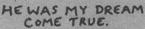
HEY NATHAN! CHECK SOUNDS LIN THE VIDEO STORE: THE LAST FUN, DREW COPY OF "BEAUTIFUL THING." BUT I'VE GO THE GAY TEENS IN LOVE FILM! YOU WANNA WATCH SORRY. IT WITH ME TONIGHT?

EVENTUALLY, I ADMITTED TO MYSELF THAT
I WAS MAD ABOUTHIM,
AND HAD BEEN, RIGHT
FROM THE GET-GO.

by Robert Kirby

BEAUTIFUL AND A LITTLE BIT FUCKED UP...







IT.

IT WAS A BLISSFUL COUPLE OF YEARS...

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



TO BEN YOU TO SEE THE SECOND S

BUT NATHAN- MY IR-RESISTIBLE DREAMBOY-WILL NEVER EVER BELONG TO ANYONE EXCLUSIVELY.

TREMEMBER A UNE 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

SO WE SAID OUR FINAL GOOD-BYES, NATHAN AND I, AND IT FELT LIKE A GOOD THING, FOR NOW AT LEAST.



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.



by Robert Kirby

DO YOU REMEMBER THE FINAL SCENE IN THAT MOVIE, BEAD 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 HEAD MASTER AND THEIR DUMBASS PARENTS—THEIR SINGULAR TRIUMPH OVER SUFFOCATING CONFORMITY THE MUSIC SWELLS, "THE END."



EXCEPT AFTER WARDS 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 WAILING ON THEIR NUGILE YOUNG ASSES WITH THAT BIG S IM PADDIE 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 LEASTRIGHT NOW I AMTHE CAPTAIN OF MY FATE, NOT NATHAN.

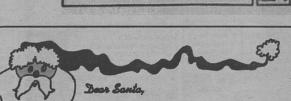




THERE'S DOUBTLESS MORE TO COME IN THIS LITTLE SAGA I CALL MY LIFE, BUT FOR NOW,

COME IN THIS LITTLE SAGA I
CALL MY LIFE, BUT FOR NOW,
COMPLETE WITH THIS SHOT OF ME
PRIVING OFF INTO THE SUNRISE,
LET'S PRETEND THAT WE CAN
GO AHEAD AND CALL THIS

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

Puggled 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 intersting information that affects the lives of GLBTQA Vermonters. You can't go wrong and it helps support the paper! See you soon!

Santa