

letters

Thanks

Putting together a monthly newspaper on a shoestring budget is a tough job, and you do it very well. Kudos to all of you for publishing such an informative and entertaining community resource.

I particularly enjoyed this month's column by my friend Anne Moore. Her writing sparkles with vim and verve. I laughed out loud reading her frisky, frank, profanity-laden prose. Please print more Moore!

Cathy Resmer
Winooski

We plan to publish more Moore – but this month, Ms Moore is on vacation with her parental units in Texas and begged off. Look for her column in the October issue. – EB

Make a Difference

The election is less than 65 days away. Are you sure your name appears on the voter rolls? If you are not registered to vote or need to update your voter registration information, you can use the "Register To Vote" link on the Mountain Pride Media web site or go to www.yourvotematters.org/TurnOutVT.

With the 2004 presidential race less than 65 days away and shaping up to be just as close as it was in 2000, each and every vote will be vital in determining the course our nation takes in the future.

You can't vote if you're not properly registered. This year, millions of new voters are being registered nationwide. Because of massive efforts to register new voters, in some states it might take election boards weeks or months to enter new voter registration cards onto the official voter rolls. Mountain Pride Media has partnered

with Working Assets to register voters for the upcoming election. There you can register to vote or change your registration address. Just fill out the form, print, sign, stamp and mail.

Don't wait until the last minute to register – if you do, you may arrive at the poll on Election Day only to find that your name is not on the list!

Thank you for all of your support and for taking a quick moment to help increase civic participation!

Roland F. Palmer
Hinesburg

Roland Palmer is the immediate past president of the Board for Mountain Pride Media.

Trans Wisdom

After reading Sierra Burke's article "Why Do We Transition" I just had to write. With eloquence, insightfulness, and above all, Love, Sierra Burke "hit the nail on the head." Transitioning is about LIFE! All the doctors, lawyers, judges, and legislators, can argue until they're blue in the face, but until they realize that "transgenderism" is more than just a word to be bandied about and debated in legalese ... until they come to know someone who's committed suicide rather than face the ignorance, indifference, and hatred of society ... in short, until they "put a face" to transgenderism ... I fear society as a whole will just shrug the whole issue off with the old "well thank God I don't know one of 'those' people" mindset. Sierra Burke's article goes a long way in educating folks in and out of the GLBT community about what the issue is ... LIFE for the transgen-

dered individual. Personally, after much prayer, therapy, crying, talking with fellow transgendered individuals, I've come to accept myself for what I am ... ME! No more, no less. Recently I read an interview with the irrepressible RuPaul. One of her quotes really hit home ... in response to the question "what is RuPaul?" she said, "I'm a spirit having a human experience, that's it." Isn't this what it's all about? I hope and pray that more voices like Sierra Burke's are heard in the mainstream of our culture.

Thanks, Sierra.

Marla Evans
Via the Internet



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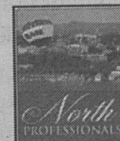
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