

Letters to the Editor

Dear Lesbians and Gay Men of Vermont;

I am currently researching legal and non-legal remedies for domestic violence within lesbian and gay relationships.

I am interested in any experiences anyone has had with police, legal systems, shelters, etc. here in Vermont or elsewhere. I am also interested in any non-legal mechanisms anyone has either utilized or theorized for dealing with battering or domestic violence within our community.

Please send any information you are willing to share with me. Confidentiality is assured and taken seriously. Anonymous letters are welcome too.

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The most controversial aspect of the legislation is expected to be the provision which forbids testing as a qualification for health or life insurance. The provisions, which are in line with recommendations made by a study group of the National Association of State Insurance Commissioners, may be opposed by the powerful insurance industry lobby.

Constituents concerned about House Bill 239 are encouraged to write their representatives at the State House, Montpelier, VT 05602, or to leave a message with them by calling 1-800-322-5616.

Purpose

The purpose of *Out in the Mountains* is to serve as a voice for lesbians, gay men and our supporters in Vermont. We wish the newspaper to be a source of information, support and affirmation for lesbians and gay men. We also see it as a vehicle for celebration of the goodness and diversity of the lesbian and gay community.

Editorial Policy

We will consider for publication any material which broadens our understanding of our lifestyles and of each other. Views and opinions appearing in the paper do not necessarily represent those of the staff.

This paper cannot, and will not endorse any candidates and actions of public officials on issues of particular importance to lesbians and gay men.

We will not publish any material which is overtly racist, sexist, anti-Semitic, ageist, classist, or homophobic.

All materials submitted must be signed and include an address and/or phone number so we can contact the author should we need to consider editorial revisions. However, within the pages of the newspaper, articles may appear anonymously, upon request, and strict confidentiality will be observed. No revisions or rejections of materials will occur without dialogue with the author.

We welcome and encourage all readers to submit materials for publication and to share your comments, criticisms and positive feelings with us. This paper is here for you.

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Being Harassed

To the Gentleman Who is Being Harassed by Teenage Boys;

I can sympathize as I am sure many other gays can to this growing problem in our society--as the AIDS epidemic worsens more violence against us by homophobes will increase. Already in New York and Boston a dramatic increase in violence against gays has occurred. We should all

Problems with Harassment

To the Editor,

This letter is in response to the letter from Stan Woodward about "Harassment in N.H." in the Feb. 1987 issue.

I personally have not had any problems with harassment. I think this is due to keeping a low profile while dealing with the "straight" world. But this is at the cost of not being "myself" at all times. This has lowered the quality of my life at many times.

A possible solution to Stan's harassment would be to file a formal complaint with the police, against the

use a little more precaution in our dealings with strangers for the time being.

Back to the gentleman's immediate problem. I feel that he should contact an attorney who might have to write a strong letter to the parents of these boys. If they (the parents) feel they could be legally liable for the safety of this man or his property, they might take a more serious approach to this problem, and resolve it rather quickly. I sincerely wish him the best of luck.

Name Withheld by Request

teen(s) involved and have them charged with the applicable charge--assault, destruction of personal property, etc. Even though they may be minors, the court system is set up to deal with them.

The threat of going to court could result in the end of the harassment. The danger here could be an increase in harassment--either short-term, until these teens learn that you are going to stand-up for your rights, or it could result in long-term "revenge" harassment. Stan would have to weigh the possibilities and the costs to himself and then decide what action to take.

A Gay Brother
Lebanon, N.H.

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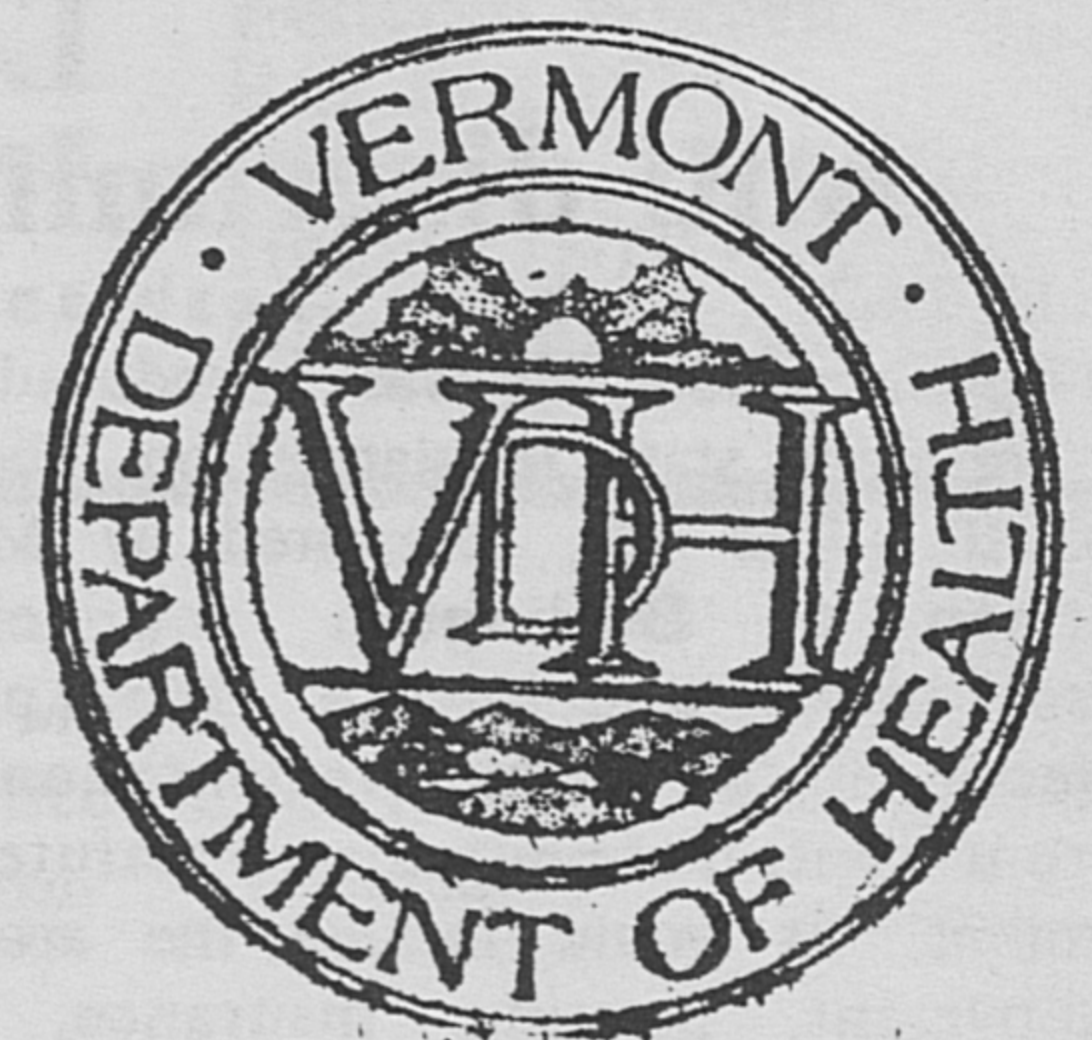
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