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in their work to pass legislation guaranteeing equal rights to Lesbians and Gay men in Vermont and insuring protection for People With AIDS and HIV+ persons. Contribute to our cause and add your name to our mailing list. We need your help.

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More Letters

Dear *OITM*,

As a child I read a story written by Dr. Seuss entitled *Horton Hears a Who*. Until April 20 I had forgotten the story and almost lost its powerful message.

In the story, Horton is the only supporter for an entire group of people. The "Whos" are very tiny people who live together on a dust speck. No one else believes the Whos exist, yet they want to destroy the dust speck. They weren't listening, so they couldn't hear the Whos.

As in any child's story, good triumphs over evil. To save themselves, the Whos join their voices together in a chorus of "We are here! We are here! We are here!" Said convincingly enough and loudly enough, it could not be ignored.

On April 20, sitting in the Unitarian Universalist Church surrounded by hundreds of gay, lesbian, and straight people, I was reminded of this story. We were united. It was a joining together of our voices and our hearts to let the rest of the world know that "We are here!" As long as we hold on to the strength and power in our spirit of unitedness, we will make it obvious to those who choose not to hear us that we, too, are here. We are part of the community, and we belong to that community.

Michael Warner, Bridport

Dear *OITM*,

I have been in a relationship for the past two years, but most of that time has been spent apart because she lives and goes to college in England and I do the same here. After she graduates, she plans to come live with me here, but that may mean mar-

rying a man for convenience just to obtain residency so that she can work. Neither one of us wants to give up our citizenship, but if I have to I will. We are very much in love and want to spend the rest of our lives together, but we need information so that we may know how to go about it.

Is there any other way other than to marry? She plans to come here sometime in August.

Please reply to this letter if you can provide more information or refer me to the appropriate sources. Thanks.

B.R.

Dear *OITM* Readers,

Are you a Gay or Lesbian Catholic, former Catholic, Episcopalian, or other Christian believer who has longed for a more open and understanding Church, a more meaningful workshop service, or a faith community rooted in mutual respect and fellowship? As a practicing Catholic in the Springfield, VT/Claremont, NH area, I have longed for just such a miracle and I would like to find out if there are others in this area who might share my hopes.

As part of my coming out process a few years ago, I joined a group called Dignity. This is an international organization of Catholic gay men, lesbians, friends and families united to promote spiritual development, social justice, and the acceptance of gays and lesbians in the church and in society. Unfortunately, the nearest Dignity chapter is in Boston and the nearest Integrity chapter is in Burlington (Integrity is a similar Episcopalian organization). As
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