

sound bites and the statistics. The hecklers and homophobes will get their share of air time, as will the drag queens and dykes on bikes. You will be able to capture all that on your unattended VCR. But if you want to understand the true enormity of who we are and how much we are America, you must be there with us in the streets.

On Monday, when the world returns to business as usual, acknowledge our presence among your staff, among your family, among your friends. Let your office be a safe place, not just for the high profile activists who are there because they are visible, but for those who have less self-confidence, for those just beginning to come out, for those who personally cannot afford to identify themselves. Remember that good intentions are not enough. They do not stop a teen who commits suicide because it is too painful to be gay. They do not stop the spread of a deadly virus. They do not stop the beatings and the knifings. We have been part of a great social experiment to wipe us out. It is time for that experiment to end. We need actions which start with the ordinary interactions of our daily lives and extend to the furthest reaches of government. Make symbolic gestures and substantive changes which will acknowledge our existence and confirm our basic rights.

In the months ahead, remember the sum of our faces as the countless hours of meetings, hearings, lobbying and arm twisting goes on and on and on. Remember that the angry, threatening phone calls and letters you receive are part of our lives and do not go away when the topic of the day changes.

Vermont has some of the best protections for gays and lesbians, not the result of professional lobbyists, but a true grassroots effort over several years that reached out to our legislators and our governors as friends, family and fellow elected officials. Talk with our Senators and Representative, talk with former Governor Kunin, now in your Administration. The heat may be on in Washington; come visit us in the cool mountains of Vermont.

Respectfully yours,

Larry Wolf  
Cabot, Vermont

cc: *Out in the Mountains*; Vice-President Gore; Senator Leahy; Senator Jeffords; Representative Sanders ▼

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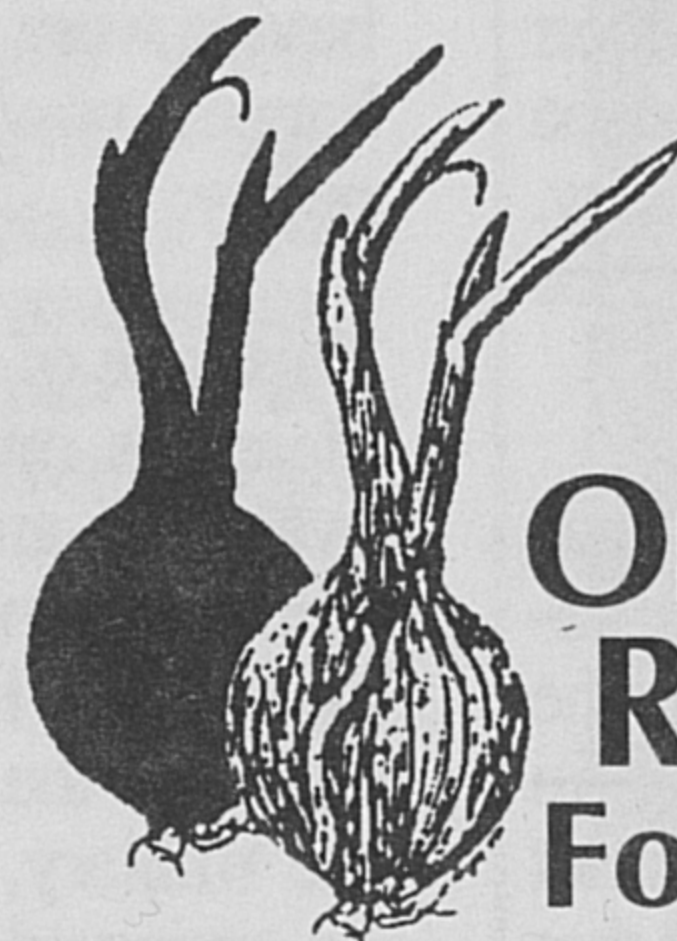
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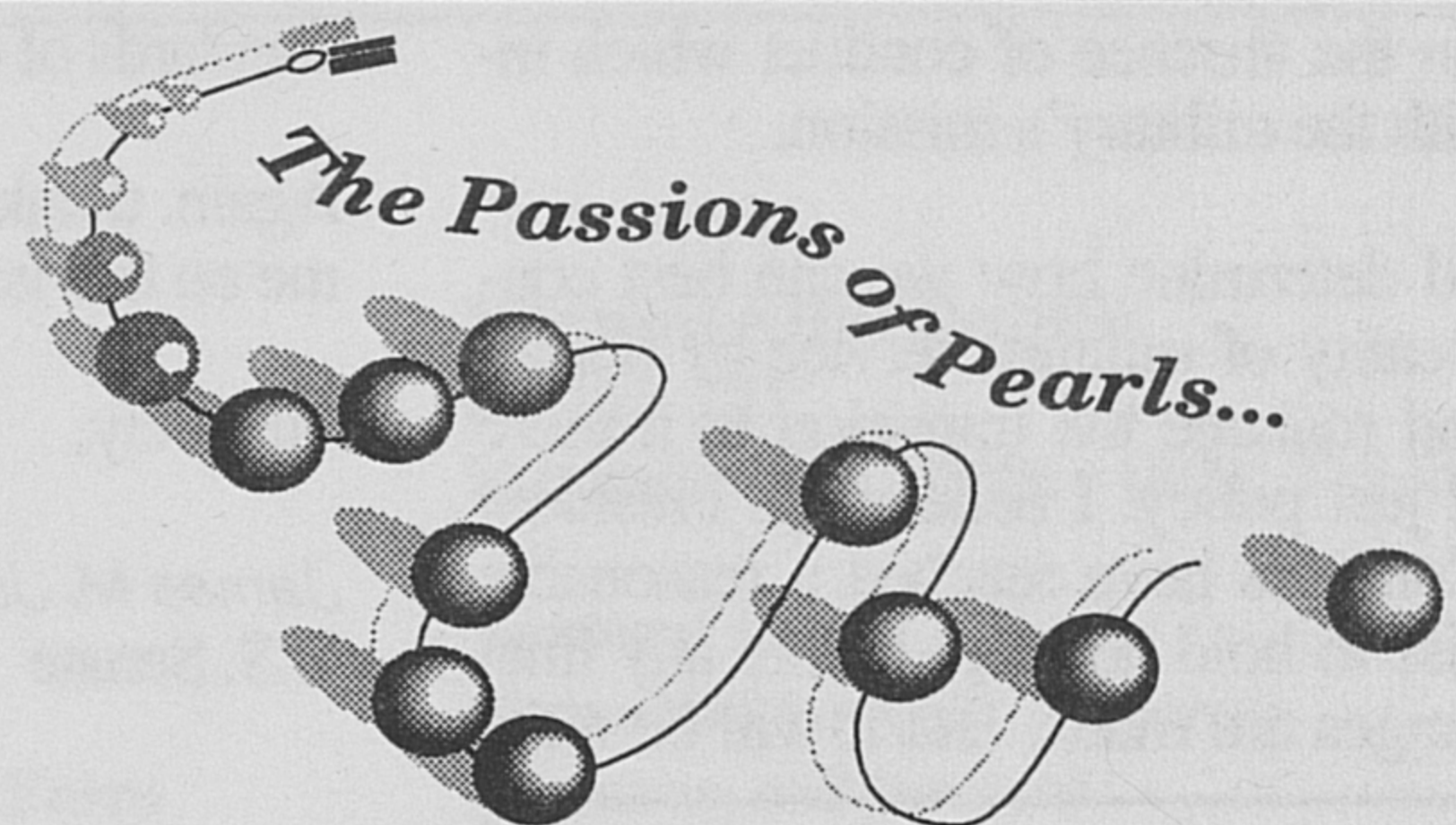


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