

fundamentalist minister gave on the topic of children needing to be punished, complete with citations such as the well known "spare the rod and spoil the child." Dozens of parents whose children attended that school were active members in that church. Many of those children often came to school physically bruised from the beatings they endured.

Fat too many gay persons have assumed a "live and let live" attitude while dozens of Vermont Christian right ministers are unleashing the same facist-like rhetoric heard prior to World War II. We cannot afford to deny the power of that rhetoric as, unfortunately Jews and gay persons did over fifty years ago.

Mel White's book should become a best seller among the Vermont gay population. We may have won some hard legislative battles, but the war is still being waged with heavy verbal artillery while a majority of us deny its very existence. ▼

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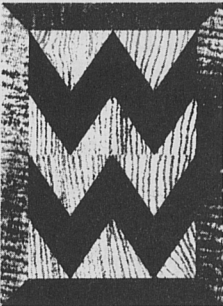
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Previously, he had been laid off because his employers said there was not enough work for him, after enduring weeks of harassment by co-workers.

An interesting and a final note--Senator Eleanor Podles asked to be escorted home by State Police Thursday evening, after killing House Bill #1432, saying she was scared and felt threatened by a series of phone calls from a voter in Hooksett who wanted the bill passed. ▼


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