

confidentiality. "I am assured by Kate (Hill) and David (Curtis) that some (client files) were destroyed by fire but none appear to have left the building." He went on to say that the other issues of concern deal with what will happen to Vermont CARES in the future such as office space and support groups. "They have made arrangements for substitute space in the basement of the Unitarian Church for the rest of the summer." Anderson sees a temporary space as a plus since it allows them to take their time in making permanent decisions instead of making rash decisions that they may regret later.

Fear, he continued, is a big issue that needs to be discussed and conquered. "The final thing we want...is to make Burlington feel safer again for everybody who felt really, really threatened by what happened...Certainly a lot of people with HIV are very much feeling like targets right now." Although police have not labelled the attack as a hate crime, Anderson said that the motive is secondary to the effect the incident is having on the community. "It was an act of terrorism because it produced terror...In our guts, we all believe that we are the targets of these kinds of things, so it doesn't surprise us when something like this happens. It takes a lot, then, to make us feel, again, like we belong in this community." Although he agreed that part of this fear is irrational, he said that it is also rational because "given the opportunity, there are people who would (attack) you, and this reminds you of that." The widespread support that Vermont CARES has received, Anderson continued, will help diminish that fear. "The degree in which the mainstream community has rallied is an important part of creating that sense of safety."

As far as the future, Anderson said, "I am absolutely confident that CARES is going to end up coming back from this much stronger." ▼

Announcements

Day of Spiritual Renewal and Remembrance

DIGNITY/Vermont in cooperation with the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont will co-host a day of Spiritual Renewal and Remembrance at the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul in Burlington on Saturday, July 30. The event is planned as an occasion of spiritual renewal and introduction to new friends in a warm and non-judgmental but traditional church setting. It will be an opportunity to share in the vast reservoir of spiritual enrichment that is present in the gay community in Vermont. The day of Spiritual Renewal and Remembrance is open to all faiths, churches and unchurched. There will be no charges. Registration will be between 9 and 10 am in the lower level conference room of the Cathedral (Cherry St entrance). The day's festivities will begin at 10 am in the main church with an ecumenical inter-faith liturgical service. The day will end at 4pm with a Healing Service conducted by Dean Dan Riggall, Rector of the Cathedral.

For more info call Arnie at 802-863-1337 or Kevin at 802-879-4823.

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What - First Time Home Buyers Seminar

**When- Monday July 25, 1994
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**How- Call Ed Kaufman,
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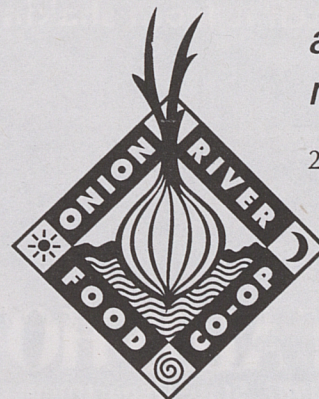
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