

Health Resource Organizations

AIDS HOTLINES:

Vermont	1-800-882-2437
New Hampshire	1-800-752-2437
New York State	1-800-541-2437
Massachusetts	1-617-522-4090
Maine	1-800-851-2437
National	1-800-342-2437
Canadian	1-613-563-2437

AIDS Community Awareness Project (ACAP)

PO Box 608 • St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
(802) 748-1149

AIDS Community Resource Network (ACoRN)

PO Box 2057 • Lebanon, NH 03766
(603) 448-2220

Bennington Area AIDS Project

PO Box 1066 • Bennington, VT 05201
(802) 442-4481 or 1-800-845-2437

Brattleboro AIDS Project

PO Box 1486 • Brattleboro, VT 05302
(802) 254-4444 (Helpline)
(802) 254-8263 (Office)

Franklin-Grand Isle AIDS Task Force

P. O. Box 241, St. Albans, VT 05478
(800) 524-7742 • (802) 638-7834

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous

GLAA, P.O. Box 5653 • Burlington, VT 05402

Lesbian Cancer Support Group

(802) 660-8386

North Star (Holistic Health Care)

RR2 Box 3255
Morrisville, VT 05661 • (802) 888-2858

Vermont AIDS Council

PO Box 275 • Montpelier VT 05601
(802) 229-2557

Vermont C.A.R.E.S.

(Committee for AIDS Resources, Education, and Services)
PO Box 5248 • 30 Elmwood
Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 863-2437 (Burlington)
1-800-649-2437 (Outside Burlington Area)

Vermont Department of Health

1-800-882-2437 (AIDS Hotline) or
(802) 863-7245 (AIDS Program office)

VT PWA Coalition

PO Box 1055 • Brattleboro, VT 05302
1-800-698-8792 or (802) 222-5123

Vermont Women's Health Center

336 North Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401 • (802) 863-1386 ▼

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Roundup: State, National and World News Briefs

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Fletcher Allen Health Care extends benefits

BURLINGTON -- As of January 1, 1995, Medical Center Hospital of Vermont, University Health Center and Fannie Allen Hospital have merged to form the state's largest health care network, Fletcher * Allen Health Care. Fletcher * Allen is the third largest employer in the state of Vermont and one in a growing list of employers that extend health care benefits to the same or opposite sex domestic partners of its employees.

Fletcher * Allen Health Care asks that those applying for dependent benefits meet criteria from one of two "menus". The first "menu" consists of only one item, a valid marriage certificate. The other "menu", the one of interest to domestic partners, contains a "smorgasbord" of conditions that must exist in order to qualify for benefits. One must meet three of four criteria in order to qualify, ranging from joint ownership of a home to joint checking.

State's Gay Concerns Office closes its doors

ALBANY, NY -- The four staff members of former Governor Mario Cuomo's Office of Lesbian and Gay Concerns packed their bags as newly elected Governor George Pataki (R) started his first term.

The office officially closed Jan. 1 and Pataki has not expressed any intentions of keeping it open. Cuomo, a Democrat, established the office in September 1989 in response to a recommendation of a task force on gay issues. According to Sheila Healy, who served as the office's last director, New York had been the only state with such an office.

"I think the office was historically an effective point of access to the governor and his staff," said Michael Rosano, a political organizer at the Empire State Pride Agenda, a statewide gay lobby. "What I found in terms of working with the office was if you had a complaint, it was dealt with a great deal of efficiency and resolve." The office handled complaints of gay bashing and discrimination and pushed issues such as domestic partnership within the Cuomo administration, according to Rosano. *(The Washington Blade)*

Maine ballot battle underway

PORTLAND, ME -- The Secretary of State for Maine announced yesterday that a group in that state did collect enough valid signatures to put an anti-gay initiative on the ballot there this year. Gary Cooper, deputy secretary of state, said that his office will now send its report to the legislature. The legislature has the option of either enacting the measure itself; drafting its own, competing initiative to put on the ballot alongside the anti-gay one; or simply doing nothing. The legislature which meets until June 21, is expected to do nothing, which means the initiative will automatically be placed on the ballot in November.

"We were expecting it," said Karen Geraghty, president of a statewide gay group, "and we have been working really hard, organizing within the queer community and also within the non-queer community, so we're really excited about

CELEBRATE
the end of winter
and a return
engagement of

The Adventures of
PRISCILLA,
Queen of the Desert

starring
Terence Stamp
"A splendid amusement..."
The production design and costumes
are sheer sensation."
-Los Angeles Times

Come as you are or
in Priscilla-inspired attire!

Friday, March 31 &
Saturday, April 1, 11 PM
Pre-film (9-10:30) food & festivities
at the About Thyme Cafe,
40 State St., Montpelier

THE SAVOY THEATER
26 Main St. Montpelier 229-0509

**Don't forget
your rubbers.**

You don't get it from toilet seats.
You don't get it from coffee cups. You
don't get it from desk tops in a school
room.
It doesn't fly through the air or
swim around in hot tubs.
You don't catch it from shaking
hands, kissing, sneezing, wrestling or
dancing.

According to the Surgeon General,
your best protection against AIDS,
barring abstinence, is use of a condom.
For the facts about AIDS, call the
Vermont AIDS Hotline.

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