

Marriage Battle

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signed to allow states to make gay marriage illegal, was passed by the federal government.

In Hawaii the case waits to hear back from the Hawaii supreme court sometime this year or the next. Judging by how the supreme court has ruled in the past, it is likely that they will legalize same sex marriage. The next battle would then move to the voters who in 1998 will be asked whether or not to amend the Hawaii constitution to outlaw gay marriage. The religious right, including the Catholic and Mormon churches, has been campaigning heavily for the amendment.

Gay Minister

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the St. Johnsbury Universalist Church." said Hadash. "It is a small church but it has great potential for growth. I feel that people in the St. Johnsbury area are looking for an ecumenical spiritual home that is friendly to gay and lesbians." Hadash has been a supply preacher at the church for the last two years. During this time the church has grown from three members to over twenty. The church then decided to call Hadash as their first settled minister in twenty years.

Unitarian Universalism is a non creedal, ecumenical faith that teaches that love is the essence of religion. Members hold many different beliefs ranging from humanism to Christianity, and from eastern beliefs to Judaism. The denomination has long supported gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender rights. They officially endorsed same gender services of Holy Union in 1984. Hadash and his spouse, Alan, were the first gay couple in the State to have such a wedding.

St. Johnsbury Universalist Church is at the corner of Cherry and Eastern Avenue (across from Canterbury Inn). For further information call Rev. Brendan Hadash at 525-3856.

Jeffords interview

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in the U.S. Congress since 1972 yet it was until 1994 that you cosponsored the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). What changed over time for you personally to make you the lead sponsor of ENDA?

Jeffords: It was probably more of a personal awareness of gay friends and the importance that it became as an issue. As more and more people came out, there's more and more alienation and evidence of discrimination which I thought was very unfair. I guess it became more apparent-the unfairness of it.

OITM: How do you explain the lack of openly gay Republican party activists in Vermont?

Jeffords: I hadn't concentrated on that. I've been to the Log Cabin Republicans of Vermont. I met with a group six years ago. I don't know the answer to that.

OITM: Do you have any final message you'd like to share with the readers of OITM?

Jeffords: It's incredibly important that they understand the importance of recognizing the difficulty some people have with going too far like DOMA. I think that people really just don't want to go that far that fast. They think that it's perfectly appropriate that you should not be discriminated against in the workplace but they're not sure about all these other changes.

Faith Matters

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I believe we will have come of age as a tribe, and as a country, when the names on the second list (those who come from theological and religious communities) are as well known and as well regarded as the people on the first list. For now, the people who can be the sacred icons in our midst are too few and far between. We are fortunate to have the ones we do. In fact, I am pleased to tell you that Barry Stopfel and his partner, Will Leckie, have accepted an invitation to speak here in Burlington on Saturday, October 11th at 7:30 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral as part of UVM's 1997 observance of National Coming Out Week. Barry will also preach at St. Paul's on the morning of Sunday, October 12th.

The Reverend Barry Stopfel was the first openly gay deacon ordained in the Episcopal Church. His ordination in 1990 led to the heresy trial of Bishop Walter Righter in 1996. Barry and Will have written a book called, *Courage To Love*, published by Doubleday. In it they share the inspiring and compelling story about their journey as a couple, Barry's call to ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church, and how they kept their faith and sanity throughout Barry's preparation for ordination and then ordeal with the heresy trial of Bishop Walter Righter. Everyone is invited to come and hear them speak on the 11th of October, and also enjoy the first concert of the newly formed Samadhi Singers, A Sacred Music Chorale for Friends and Members of the G/L/B/T Community.

For myself, I am exceedingly grateful to M.R. Ritley for her engaging premise, and to all those who accepted The Holy One's call to be icons in my life. Because of them, I have found my way home to our tribe, The Holy One, and myself. Now all I want to do is celebrate and enjoy who we are, and grow in my own willingness and ability to be an icon for others who have not yet found their way home to God's gay tribe.

Rev. Christine Leslie, the first openly ordained lesbian in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), is founder & director of Triangle Ministries, A Center For Lesbian & Gay Spiritual Development near Burlington, VT. Rev. Leslie is available for counseling, commitment services, workshop & retreats, and specializes in the integration of sexual-identity formation & spiritual development. See ad on page 16.

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CHANCE CALL Hi, this is Pete. Give me a call when you get a chance. You know what do. Let's talk and see what we can come up with. (Boston) ☎5134

SEEKING JO BUDDY I'm a 48 year old, Gay, White male, hairy and trim. Give me a call. (Boston) ☎5026

BOSTON UNCOMMON This good looking, rugged, muscular, 24 year old, White male seeks other built, masculine dudes, in the Boston area. (Boston) ☎4802

ASIAN DATE Clean shaven, attractive, White male, 5'9, 155lbs, with Black hair and dark eyes, seeks Asian guys for dating and casual fun. A long term relationship is a possibility. Your age is not important. (Boston) ☎3998

New Hampshire

THE MATING SEASON This mature, slender, 18 year old, White male, 6'1, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeks another slender male, 21 to 30, who is serious about beginning a relationship. If you seek phone sex, I'm not the man for you. (Laconia) ☎31070

TALK AMONG YOURSELF I'm a 40 year old, curious, Bisexual, White male, cross dresser. I'm looking for other cross dressers who are interested in phone sex. Let's share our interests together. ☎4950

SEEKING INTIMATE HOUSEMATE I'm a 49 year old, 5'10, 175lb, Brown haired, Blue eyed, retired, professional, vibrate middle age man, with an empty house and lots of toys, but nobody to play with. I'm looking for someone who is young and fun, who likes to party and travel. I liked to meet other riders, boaters, free wheelers, and Montreal lovers. ☎5260

DO YOU WANNA KNOW A SECRET? I'm looking for other hot, horny guys for casual, discreet fun. I'm a nice looking, White male, 5'11, 150lbs. Do you promise not to tell? ☎32353

New York

CAN'T GET ENOUGH Horny college student, 20, 5'9, with Brown hair, Blue eyes, a juicy piece of meat, and a bubble butt that won't quit, likes to do it all. I want to play with hot, horny, hung, smooth, solid studs. (Albany) ☎3258

HAPPY AND HOPEFUL I've accepted the fact that I'm HIV positive and am going forward in an optimistic, life embracing, frame of mind. I'd like to meet other African American, and Hispanic, men, in the same situation, who are as hopeful and comfortable. I'm an attractive, 37 year old, African American male, who's a lot of fun to be with. (Albany) ☎4461

SKINNY DIPPER Gay, White male, teddy bear, hairy, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeks another Gay, White male who enjoys country walks in the moonlight, cuddling, watching movies, camping, skinny dipping, and music, among other things. Let's start as friends and see what builds. (Albany) ☎3844

BUFFED BLOND BOD I wanna meet other good looking, masculine, buffed guys for hot times. I'm an attractive, rugged, very well built, White male, 26, 6ft, with Blond hair and Blue eyes. Let's show off what our hard workouts have done for our bodies. (Albany) ☎1473

Vermont

TO BE IN BENNINGTON Good natured, White male, 37, 290lbs, wants to meet men who are unafraid of being who they are, and who like to be pleased. (Bennington) ☎4126

AT THE VERY BEGINNING Anybody out there ready to begin something real? I'm a good looking, good natured, White male, 6'1, 290lbs. The next step is your call. (Bennington) ☎1862

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT This masculine, White male seeks other men for fun times. (Bennington) ☎21178

THE URGE TO MERGE Good looking, well built, White male seeks a hot man to satisfy my needs. (Burlington) ☎4270

ACTIVE PASSION This very active, passionate, White male, 39, 5'7, 155lbs, wants to get to know someone special, 19 to 45. I love to dance, bike, hike, ski, swim, take walks in the woods, go to movies, and enjoy nice dinners. Are you the partner I've waited for? (Burlington) ☎33845

EXPERIENCED GUIDE I'm a good looking, White male, in my early 50's, 6ft, 200lbs. I seek younger men for casual meetings or more. (Rutland) ☎1015

PREPSTER WITH PERSONALITY This cute college guy, 21, 5'10, 170lbs, with Brown hair and eyes, is looking to meet other hot dudes, and see what happens. ☎27433

BEEN WAITING FOR DADDY? Daddy's home. I'm looking for young guys, between 18 and 29, who need a daddy figure in their lives. I'm a nice looking, 50 year old, White male, 6ft, 195lbs. I can't wait to have discreet meetings with my boy. (Rutland) ☎30225



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Massachusetts

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FASCINATING FEMALE I'm new to this but am excited about exploring my fascination for womyn. I'm a 43 year old, African American female, looking forward to talking with you. (Boston) ☎33105

New Hampshire

WATCH AND LEARN I'm a large breasted, Married, but discreet, White female, 5'6, with Auburn hair and Brown eyes. I love oral sex, toys, and have a fascination for watching. I want to explore and have some new adventures. (Concord) ☎1446

New York

LESBIAN LONGING Twenty six year old female seeks a Lesbian, 20 to 27, to fulfill my desires. (Albany) ☎3864

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