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Massachusetts

READY TO STRUT MY STUFF

Very attractive, White male, 28, 5'10, with Brown hair, Green eyes, and a smooth, muscular, body, seeks other well built, good looking, guys for fun times. I'm new at this. (Boston) **#3953**

NORMAL GUY, ODD HOURS

I'm looking for a guy, 35 to 50, with whom to enjoy walks on the beach and quiet times together. I'm an attractive, 32 year old, Bi, White male, 5'6, 160lbs. I work odd hours at a restaurant. A relationship is possible but not necessary. (Brockton) **#8110**

CHANGE THE STATUS QUO

Many people consider me very attractive but yet, I have no partner. I'd like to change that. I'm a 36 year old, Gay, White male, 180lbs, with dark hair and Hazel eyes. I love the great outdoors and hanging out with that special someone. (West Springfield) **#8233**

TWENTY PAST FOUR

I'm a good looking, Bi male, 6ft, 155lbs, with a milky White, clean cut body, I like my men smooth, young, clean cut, and hot. I'm into sports, movies, and getting it on quick. My favorite time of the day is 4:20. Let's talk. **#8385**

BREATHLESS PARTIER

Very good looking, total all man, into kinky scenes, wants to meet guys who love to be served. Who demand it, in fact. I'll do as I'm told. I love videos and partying. I'll travel to you. (Boston) **#18206**

VIDEO PARTIES

Into watching the latest porno? This good looking, well endowed, 38 year old, Latin American male, 5'11, 240lbs, which looks good on my broad shouldered physique, Black hair, Brown eyes, and moderately hairy body, wants to get together with groups of men, over 25, for video parties. Let's watch, talk, and give each other a hand. Call for more details. (Boston) **#4229**

New Hampshire

LET'S GET AWAY This smooth, well endowed, White male, 42, 6'2, 180lbs, seeks someone who enjoys traveling, going out, and getting away from it all. (Laconia) **#7678**

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

I live in central New Hampshire so it's easy for me to get to anyone in the state. I'm an attractive, White male, hoping to meet young guys, 18 to 27. **#8105**

DISCREET RELATIONS

This good looking, 36 year old, Bi, White male, seeks discreet relations with other guys. I'm totally into oral sex. I enjoy good company, laughing, and having good times with other hot guys. **#6979**

New York

NEAR THE COLLEGE

I'm a cool, likeable guy, 22, 5'6, 130lbs, with Blond hair and Green eyes. I just moved here and want to make some friends. I don't have a car so I hope you're in the area. (Cobleskill) **#6912**

SPIFFY CLEAN

I'm a masculine, well tanned, Gay, White male, 24, 6ft, 160lbs, very clean and neat. I like all music (except country), hanging out, and having fun. I don't smoke or do drugs. I'd like to meet a similar guy for fun times. (Plattsburgh) **#6901**

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**

DANCE WITH ME

This 38 year old, White male, 6'1, 285lbs, wants to meet someone who likes to go out dancing and having fun. We'll take it from there. (Brattleboro) **#21178**

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**

JERSEY GENT

I just moved here from New Jersey. I'm a sweet, honest guy, looking for friendship or more with someone special. I'm a Gay, White male, 5'9, 258lbs, with Brown hair, Blue eyes, glasses, and a mustache. (Newport) **#8514**

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION SITE

I'm looking for hot, young guys, with tight chests and big personalities, for oral action and lots of fun. (Randolph) **#5968**

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**

IN A RUT

This good looking, sexy, Black male, seeks new people to hang out with. Let me make your acquaintance. (Rutland) **#8363**

THE URGE TO MERGE

Good looking, well built, White male seeks a hot man to satisfy my needs. (Burlington) **#4270**

NOVICE EXPLORERS

This good looking, submissive, leather man, in my 40's, 6ft, 195lbs, is a bearded, balding, hairy chested, bear type, seeking dominant men for kinky, creative encounters.

Adventurous explorers and novice guys especially encouraged to call. A long term relationship is possible. **#8557**

LEAN AND LIVELY I'm a Gay, White male, in my early 20's, 5'10, 140lbs, with Brown hair, Blue eyes, and a swimmer's build. My interests are many and I'd like to meet and share them with you. (Rutland) **#8359**

JUST LIKE OLD TIMES

I'm a smooth, muscular, clean shaven, White male, 46, 5'8, 148lbs. I need an angry, hot, fat daddy, or an angry, Straight husband, to pull my pants down, turn me over his knee, and give me a good, hard, old fashioned, bare bottom spanking. I deserve it. **#8280**

BUNKHOUSE BUDDIES

Good looking, well endowed, White male, 6ft, seeks handsome, very discreet men, for daytime or weekend get togethers. (Bennington) **#7634**



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New York

I WANTED TO SAY I'm an attractive, intelligent, fun loving, adventurous, kind hearted, White female, who'd like to find a similar womyn who's trustworthy and very good looking. (Albany) **#8565**

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Sarah Schulman speaks

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dg: How do you think the gay community should be proactive about familial homophobia?
ss: What I think we need is a system of advocacy family therapy. Because one of the reasons that families feel comfortable being homophobic is that they're conformist. And there's no social pressure on them to act otherwise. But if we could pathologize homophobia and have a cultural agreement that homophobia destroys families— and if courts and social workers and family therapy would come at it from that point of view, and stop pathologizing the gay family member and start pathologizing the homophobic family unit. But this is very far in the future, because we don't have a cultural agreement that homophobia is wrong. In my mind, it's something like a twelve-step program, where on the sixth step you take account of all the people in your life that you've been homophobic towards. Or something like that. It's like, I was watching the Promise Keepers last weekend and I was mesmerized...

dg: You know, there's this group of gay Promise Keepers now?
ss: No I didn't know that. Are they going to beg women's forgiveness for their sexism? I hope so.

dg: In the late 90's, in the time of *Rat Bohemia*, when most of the Lesbian Avengers groups and ACT UP chapters aren't around any longer, what do people in communities like ours right here need to be doing?

ss: People need to start their own groups. Our generation started ACT UP, Queer Nation, and Lesbian Avengers. We did a good job. But it's not our turn anymore. People in their late teens and early twenties— they have to come up with the new ideas. They have to start the new organizations and movements that reflect their reality. And they shouldn't be imitating what people did before them. And I'm ready — I will follow. I'm waiting for the young leadership to emerge.

Sarah Schulman teaches at Goddard College and Barnard College, and lives in Greenwich Village in a rent-controlled sixth-floor walk-up. She's lived in the same apartment for the last eighteen years.

Schulman's next books will be released in September of 1998. *Shimmer* (Avon) is a 400 page novel about the early years of McCarthyism in New York City. The other book from Duke University Press is called *Stagestruck: Theater, AIDS, and Marketing*. It's about the similarities between the play *Rent* and Schulman's novel *People in Trouble*, and what market elements allowed *Rent* to become a huge hit.

Palmer Legare on "Making a Difference"

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mine.
"I can't take this anymore" he said as his eyes began to swell with tears. As I looked into them before he brought his head down to his folded arms, I saw more pain than I had ever seen before.

In that moment of sadness and tragedy, a rush of feelings came to me. But strangely enough, the feeling that was most powerful was one of joy. I felt joy because I knew I wasn't going to let people do this to a friend of mine. I felt joy because I knew I was finally going to speak up. In that instant, I realized that my excuse of staying quiet was derived from fear, not common sense. So I began to speak up.

I wasn't sure how to start, but I knew I had to. I wrote a petition to the entire school faculty, stating that if the word "nigger" was used as often as the word "faggot," there would be major repercussions. I was scared to even pass the petition around, but I knew it had to be done. Well over a third of the student body signed it, and I delivered it into the mail box of every member of the faculty on the day before April vacation started.

I had no idea what the response would be. In the letter I asked that the faculty have a meeting about the issues with a group of students. Would they do this? Would such a meeting be successful? How would the teachers respond? Would I be harassed even more by students? I didn't know what was going to happen, but I did know that something had to be done.

When I came back from April vacation, it felt like an entirely different school. Posted on all the bulletin boards were copies of the school's harassment policy, with the sexual orientation part highlighted. Also posted was a letter from one of the teacher's about the importance of school being a safe place. During third period, each class talked about the policy. Teachers were approaching me and telling me what a great letter it was, and that they didn't realize it was such a big problem.

Soon we had a meeting with members of our high school faculty and a small group of students. The students made a presentation about the problems facing GLBTQ (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and questioning) youth at Cabot school. Not only did we talk about the harassment problems, but we also talked about problems like isolation, lack of resources and the lack of mentioning homosexuality during classes.

The meeting went so well that we decided to have another one, this time inviting the entire faculty of our kindergarten through twelfth grade school. At that meeting we quickly outlined what we had gone over in our last meeting, and then had a dialogue with the faculty members about what we could do about these problems.

Cabot school has progressed very quickly in the months since I first passed out the petition. They have already had several groups make presentations to the high school, including Outright Vermont. The middle school has seen two presentations about homophobic harassment. Cabot even has a gay/straight alliance forming. We still have a long way to go, but we are finally headed in the right direction.

Not only has Cabot high school become comfortable talking about sexuality and equal rights, but so have I. I have realized that I can make a difference, a big one, right now. I have devoted a great deal of my time to bringing justice to sexual minority youth. I urge anyone who is reading this— whether you are a student, a teacher, a homosexual, a heterosexual, a concerned citizen— to take action towards justice at your school. There are many ways to do this, as I have found out. If you would like some ideas, feel free to email me at OutRight

You CAN make a difference. Join the fight for equal rights. Help make the world a better place. Thank you.
(This first appeared in *Reaching Out*, the 'Zine of and for OutRight youth.)

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