

David Curtis Named Chair of Democratic Party

The new chairman of Vermont's Democratic Party is preaching a theme of including people of all ideologies and beliefs in the political process.

David Curtis, an openly gay lawyer from Burlington, was elected by the state Democratic committee in early November.

He told the state committee that the party "must make sure that all Democrats, conservatives, liberals, and progressives are ... truly welcome."

"If we are not the party

of inclusion," Curtis added, "we will suffer the consequences at the polls."

A former state defender general under former Gov. Madeleine Kunin, Curtis is currently chairman of the board of the Vermont Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. He also has been active with Vermont CARES.

Curtis says his primary goals as chairman would be getting more women into elective office and getting the party out of debt.

"I just feel the need to



encourage women to get out there and run for election and support them so there is equality in purpose and in fact," Curtis said.

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dimensional. Darcy, the main character through whose eyes the book is written, has the hots for the Ice Queen. I wish she's gotten over it. Darcy, a PI, is a much better detective than Lindstrom. She has compassion, a trait woven into the scenes and not merely pasted on the surface. And, she gets into trouble, she won't let anyone tell her what to do. I like her, even if she is stupid about her feelings for the Ice Queen.

Darcy tells us about the mystery as it unfolds before her. She does her best to separate the emotionally from the professional when she takes a case for a friend, Ann, the upper-crust straight friend, needs help finding her missing aunt. When the aunt (Aunt M; cute, huh?) is found murdered, Ann needs Darcy's aid even more. Darcy struggles to eliminate Ann as a suspect, being that she is an heir to her aunt's fortune. She feels that Aunt M's murder relates to the murders of elderly homeless women, but she doesn't believe in the guilt of the suspect Lindstrom has arrested. Who will solve the case first, Lindstrom or Darcy?

This mystery is pretty good, as mysteries go, but it is incomplete. It is interesting that it took two authors to create only one believable character. The name, Jean Marcy is a combined pen name. The authors should try again. Next time please find more depth and breadth to lend to the mystery. Doing this will also serve to create more complete, human characters.



The Rainbow Business Association (RBA) elected a new board recently. They include: Doug Clarke, Lois Farnham, Kathie Sawyer, Joy Griffith, Robert Simpson, Sarah Harrington, and Donna Freeman.

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

