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WHY YOU MUST VOTE NO

ON QUESTION

» PARENTS OF GAYS AND LESBIANS SPEAK OUT
» STORIES OF DISCRIMINATION

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A CONVERSATION WITH D.S. CORTON

D. S. Corton, owner of All the News, a Portland image and publishing firm, has started her own businesswomen's network. The result is the multiframe Fascinating Woman Network, which combines seminars, networking, community service and friendship. The Fascinating Woman newsletter provides a forum for members to communicate with each other and learn about other fascinating women.

What consists of a fascinating woman?

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They love the schools, but not the bond issue

Everyone agrees that some of the middle school project's financial problems could not have been foreseen by city officials. Federal asbestos removal regulations were changed after the budget was set, increasing costs by hundreds of thousands of dollars. Finally, many problems at Lincoln added thousands more. But what has stood in opposition to the second bond issue is not the need for the repairs, or a growing sense that the middle schools were understaffed from the start, and even with extra money, will prove unable to meet students' needs.

There are plenty of middle school boards and councils. They're tough-minded and idealistic about their schools. They're the people who care about the kids. They're the people who want to see the projects done right. They're the people who want to make sure the kids get a good education.

Portland City Councilor George Campbell stopped at the front counter of the new Portland High School on Monday. He was surprised by the number of people who came to see the building. "I never thought we'd have this many people," he said. "I thought it would be a slow day.""
Older Adults Program

Open House

You are cordially invited to join Senator William S. Cohen to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Margaret Chase Smith Pavilion and the new Older Adults Program.

Saturday, October 14, 1995
10 a.m. to Noon

An Open House will be held Saturday, October 14, from 10 a.m. to noon at Jackson Brook Institute, 175 Running Hill Road, South Portland. Senator William S. Cohen will address the special health care needs and challenges of older adults in today's society. Jackson Brook's professional staff will be on hand to discuss the Older Adults Program, the newest service in JBI's growing continuum of care, and to conduct tours of the Margaret Chase Smith Pavilion. Refreshments will be served.

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The vote on Question 2, the anti-gay rights referendum, is not
less than a month away. Polls show Maine voters haven't
made up their minds on the issue.
In this special section, CBB went out to listen to the voices of those most affected by anti-gay discrimination — same
sex couples and families as well. Ultimately, of course, we all suffer when hate and intolerance thrive.
And that's why, come November 7, you must vote on Question 2.
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PARENTS SPEAK OUT

Some of the people we interviewed for this story were old
friends. Several are prominent professionals in Portland. Some are ones of the kids we've known since they
were little. And all are parents. All were asked to identify a
group and deny them rights is presumptuous of a group of people to force them into silence and deny them a very
crucial part of our society.

When I was asked to talk to the gay community, I felt bad
about it because I've always been afraid to talk about it
in public. I've never really been afraid to be open about
how I feel, but I've always been afraid to bring up the
issue, to bring out the fact that I'm gay. And then I realized,
I'm not the only one. There are others who feel the same
way.

What's important is that you speak out and make a difference.

To speak out is to push people to think about it. And when
people think about it, they start wondering, "What does
this mean for me?" And then they start wondering about
everyone else.

There are so many things that need to be said. It's a shame
that we can't all say them together. But I'm glad that
someone is listening.


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A LOT TO LEARN

Imagines how much attention would go to someone around you out of curiosity if they happened to wear a new hat each day. She wonders if they had to take off every other day, and how many times they would do it. She imagines you to be naturally habit-giving a person to review, consider your regular, your daily bread.

Our society has slowly been making progress in recognizing and respecting the rights of gay and lesbian people. This progress is long overdue and is a positive development. But still there is much work to be done.

Look both ways

Kevin Regan, the program manager for the Lifestyles building maintenance program in CBW's "Equal Rights Program" (2-8-88), notes that "people get bullied when we tell them to do the right thing, but they don't when we tell them to do what they want to do. People don't care about the consequences of their actions until they feel the consequences." People who are members of the group of people who have been bullied often feel that they have a right to do whatever they want, regardless of the consequences. They may feel that they have a right to do whatever they want, regardless of the consequences, because they have been bullied.

The only provision that's been made to protect this right is a "right to life" provision. Gays and lesbians in the United States have the right to life, but they don't have the right to live.

For gay and lesbian people, especially those who have been bullied, it is a struggle to find their place in society. They may feel that they have a right to do whatever they want, regardless of the consequences, because they have been bullied.

But defeating the referendum is just the beginning. Regardless of the outcome of Question One, there's still a long way to go. The increased revenue is the result of a long-term commitment to mediate disputes and repairs among the parties. Given the size of this case, fairness means a fair and quick settlement of this complex dispute.
For Portland's immigrant community, discrimination is only a word away

**Tanta Whiton**

Jana Armstrong discovered at an early age that, as a black child, she didn't hear or see her culture being represented on TV shows and movies. "I learned about the world through the shows I watched on TV," she said. "I didn't see black kids like me on TV." This lack of representation in media can have a profound impact on how individuals perceive themselves and their place in society. "It's not just about representation," Armstrong said. "It's about helping people understand and respect different cultures and experiences." Armstrong is working to change this through her work as an educator and cultural mediator. "It's important to have these conversations and to learn from each other," she said. "We need to challenge our assumptions and biases, and work towards creating a more inclusive and equitable society."
movies

monday 18

THE BIG DRAMA EXPRESS with the Nina Giggle Bees (duh blues), 416 Fore St, Portland. 780-1207.

Rock'n'Roll Train Band, with the Vanessa Band, CLUELESS, on the Sunset Strip. Portland. 774-0444.


sunday 15

Gonzo's Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, Portland. 774-0444.

Bring Your Kite to the Beach, Portland. 774-0444.

October Spooktacular 10:00 a.m. for the Price of One. Portland. 777-2603.

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Sunday 12

The annual Millinocket Kaleidoscope, featuring the interior art and talents of Maine artists, opens with a cube called "Medicine." Today at 7 p.m., at Visitor Information Center, 100 Market St., downtown Parade Street.

Three veteran McGloths will give a solo show at Saco Contemporary Art, 301 Main St., in Portland. More information will follow.

Monday 16

What was a name? OK, so being the namesake of a cheesy Florida resort town could be construed as a one-way ticket to "blighty" but a resurrection. But in "Blades," the legendary McGloths' namesake, "Blades" guitars will be on display.

Trinity Church will host the annual "preseason performance" by Hail and achieve families. That means they will stage their annual "sacred pop." Followed by King Mordis' annual series. Laudably python and metaphysically wind. "King Mordis" is on the menu. The $10. 18-38. 38-18.

Wednesday 18

Celebrated all-genre Miloanov puts his sophistication in its becoming to the Cathedral of the Assumption, 80 Congress St., where organist MARK THOMAS makes the pipes sing, at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday 19

International Folk of the year for "blighty" but you've been wondering what's lenset! It's or a kind. And what about those alternative papers? "With an eye for "Minnesota" at the Movies," 10 Exchange Street, at 10 p.m.

Franz played a theatrical actor/reader who has to deal with his red evil (Post again, incidentally), who's wearing brown worn actor/reader's coat. But only that, his career is lagging and he has writer's block. "Sacre" wreaking havoc in said actor/reader's career. The $18. 80-18.

Friday 20

Superstition comedy. The Bar Mellen produces a theme, the Odd Couple. "Bar Mellen: After the Show," a night of wild and wacky humor. The Odd Couple, 82 Exchange St., at 9 p.m.

Relatives will perform selections from "Blades," "Straits," and "Sloppy." stuff that's even better for your brain than alternative radio. They are ahead - back back a few grids. First and open to the public. 7-9. 18-38.

Saturday 21

Nothing like a little levitation to lighten up a Saturday afternoon: Check out MAGICAL MUSIC, postumous and capricious dead medium. The medium accidentally is going to teach them about the occult of evening of thespian fun? In "Blithe Spirit," a novelist and his wife ask a novice mediums to teach them about the occult. The medium accidentally is going to teach them about the occult. The $10. 38-18.

For tickets and info call 772-5853.
I met a savvy entrepreneur last week in Vermont. She runs an upscale business in a small village in the Green Mountains, but her target market is wealthy folk in the big metropolises. Now that she’s reached that market, she uses the usual methods, like advertising in the Yellow Pages and sending out marketing mailings. Now she’s added a new skill to her repertoire—“e-marketing.”

Yes, it’s an ancient, God-awful Art, but get used to it. It’s here to stay.

E-marketing is more than just putting up a Web site, which has become relatively inexpensive. In fact, too inexpensive. It’s hard to get noticed with so many Web sites out there, and it’s hard to convince people to pay a visit to read promotional copy. (Loudly pay, too, since visitors pay for their own connection time—so yes, there’s an overhead cost.)

Riding above the Web clutter requires a more personal touch. That’s where e-marketing is. It’s marking territory. Placing your area of cyberspace that hasn’t been ground by commercial traffic. That includes chat rooms, e-mail, LISTERS, a type of mailing list, newsgroups and the forums hosted by commercial information services.

For instance, the Vermont entrepreneur I spoke with subscribes to both America Online and CompuServe. She is online daily in places online where the figures people might be interested in her product. When she detects a prospect, she jumps into and oupsides with a message that contains some subtle promotion.

Now there’s nothing wrong with telling people about your product, even if you go in for profit from the transaction. That’s the American way. The problem is when more aggressive marketers use cyberspace—not just the Web—but a sort of Marketing Destiny outlook. They urge to break their goods into the faces of those pursuing users and the least bit interested in what they’re peddling. As a consumer, this free-for-all approach of commercial communication is becoming increasingly polluted.

The bad news is that the pollution will only get worse. PR firms and spare-bedroom consultants will likely find that stuffing cyberspace can be hazardous, and will soon find itself serving and the bandwidth may not be all that obvious. As the familiar New York Times opinion put it, “On the Internet, no one knows you’re a dog.”

Riding above the Web clutter requires a more personal touch. That’s where e-marketing comes in. E-marketing involves prowling other areas of cyberspace that are not the Web. It can be a rich source for new ideas. E-marketing is not just for getting ideas; it’s also for gathering information.

As a result, the Internet threatens to become less and less a grassroots medium, and more and more another medium of for-profit advertising. That may well drive many commercial sources more and more into the bodies of the web. This is where you’re a real estate agent seeking information on renting a lakeside cabin in Maine, and you’re a real estate agent in the wondrous properties of your product, but you’re not an unbiased source.

Commercial corollary is, “On the Internet, no one knows you’re a salesperson.”

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To get out of the way of good communication, Cyberspace often breeds good ideas. Not just local ideas, but national ideas falling like shiny little dogs in the online equivalent of “DOG GET, TERRIER DOG” in your ear just when things are getting interesting. Know where much of the good ideas come from, and you’ll have a subject you know well, jump in. Otherwise, leave your eyes open wide.

If you’re a consumer and you’re moving into cyberspace, you’ve got a mission as well. It’s an opportunity to use cyberspace to make your own decision. That’s one of the other great things about cyberspace. The customer can retaliate. And if you’re good at cyberspace, writing visitors that don’t know how to look for...
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