

ask the sexpert

How do you say "No" if a gay friend approaches you?

Pretty much the same way you would say "No" to someone of the opposite sex. If a friend approaches you, and you do not want to get sexually involved (whether the person is the same or opposite sex), you should make your feelings clear.

Your friend may have mistaken some clues you gave out and may think you are interested in a sexual relationship. Let this person know, through both words and actions, that you want to be friends — but not lovers.

Help! The last few times I had

sex with my girlfriend, I was unable to maintain an erection. What's wrong with me?

Most men experience impotence (inability to get or keep an erection) at one time or another. There are several possible reasons for this. Fatigue, depression, and alcohol or drug consumption may be factors.

The cause often is more psychological. Lack of privacy (roommates nearby), fear of causing a pregnancy, or stress in other areas of life (school or a new job) can affect a man's ability to maintain an erection. Impotence also may be a signal of guilt feelings about sex or

other concerns that should be discussed with a partner.

For some men, not being able to keep an erection on one occasion causes so much anxiety that it becomes even more difficult the next time. It can be helpful to simply identify these kinds of feelings and concerns.

Try to relax and avoid feeling pressured to "perform." If impotence remains a chronic problem, it would be wise to consult a doctor.

This column is written by Planned Parenthood, a non-profit agency providing complete birth-control services, pregnancy testing, counseling and referral for pregnancy planning. If you have inquiries or Sexpert questions, we can be reached at 344-9411 or 134 E. 13th Ave., Eugene.

Underground vault protects documents

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — The Western States Underground Storage Vaults Co. advertises "absolute protection" for vital documents.

They aren't kidding. Their vault, in an old railroad tunnel in the Santa Cruz mountains 70 miles south of San Francisco, originally was billed as able to survive a nuclear holocaust.

Today, depositors ranging from IBM to Walt Disney, from the Rolling Stones to the U.S. Defense Department, keep records there to ensure their survival in an increasingly perilous world.

"Although the United States has been spared the menace of enemy aggression thus far, the threat grows with each passing year," says a brochure.

Whether thanks go to the Soviets, terrorists, or just fear of an earthquake, business at the vault has grown steadily — up

between 8 percent and 10 percent each year.

In addition to the papers of leading corporations, the vault contains the records of universities, cities and 46 of California's 58 counties. The 246-foot-long tunnel keeps documents at a constant 63 degrees and 46 percent humidity.

"We have 16mm and 35mm microfilm records dating back to the 19th century down there," said Warren Slocum, assistant recorder for San Mateo County.

In addition to the obvious security of a three-ton steel door, four guards and a burglar alarm system hooked into the local sheriff's office, the vault offers economic advantages, Tinney said.

"Companies don't have to pay insurance on their property, which would be high," he says. "They don't have to hire extra security guards to protect it."

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Vote-by-mail gets high turnout

SALEM (AP) — Linn County voters defeated two school spending measures in Oregon's first vote-by-mail election, but the record turnout shows democracy works, Secretary of State Norma Paulus said Wednesday.

Voter turnout was 77 percent, according to Del Riley, Linn County elections clerk. "I think we've had the highest turnout in the nation for a special-district election," he said.

Asked if increased voter participation will make it harder to pass spending proposals, Paulus said, "You're asking if sometimes you can have too much democracy, and I don't agree with that."

She said Oregon and California are the only

states that allow elections by mail. The Oregon law, passed by the 1981 Legislature, applies to special-district elections in which measures but no candidates are on the ballot.

Paulus said the mechanics of the mailed voting went smoothly, and about 60 percent of those voting turned in their ballots earlier than expected.

Signatures were verified before ballots were counted. About 50 voters were asked to come to the courthouse to doublecheck their signatures.

"I'm absolutely convinced that the chance for fraud is less in this election than under the prevailing system," Paulus said.

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will be at the University of Oregon on Wednesday, November 11 from 9:00 am until Noon and from 1:30 until 3:00 pm. Your questions are welcome. For location and other information please call Miriam Dannenfelser, Career Planning & Placement Service, U of O.