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## **STUFF HAPPENS**

### **Socrates would probably approve**

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In an age when trends sweep this country like an Asian bird flu,



I'm always on the lookout to see what's next. I'd hate to think that I might be the last person on the planet to buy an iPod, eat carbs or know

that Paris Hilton is *so* five minutes ago.

So, whenever I see more than one instance of something in the listings I think, coincidence or trend?

There are three local venues that host **Socrates Cafes** each month: **Borders Books** and **Blackbird Books** in Nashua and the **Toadstool Bookshop** in Milford.

This makes me wonder: are there enough people who are interested in discussing more pressing questions than "Is there life after Sex and the City?" or "Will Marissa (on The OC) really have a same-sex relationship this season?"

Who are these people? Do they not have cable?

If you're one of these enlightened souls (or aspire to be), you can find yourself among kindred spirits at any of these events. Each are held monthly and are billed as discussions of life's big questions.

Borders touts theirs as being based on a book, *Socrates Cafe: A Fresh Taste of Philosophy* by Christopher Philips. But none of the venues have any required reading.

The only prerequisite seems to be an inquisitive mind and a willingness to think about life's big questions.

And I don't mean, "Are Manolos still *in*?"

What I'm watching this week: Sex and the City Season Six (Part 2) on DVD (over and over and over again). I sure miss brunch with the girls.

What I'm reading: *He's Just Not That Into You: The No-Excuses Truth to Understanding Guys* by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo.

If this book and Sex and the City had been around when I was in my twenties, my life could have been dramatically different.

Now that's something to ponder.

Check the listings for details and have a good week, Nashua.