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The purpose of *Out in the Mountains* is to serve as a voice for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgendered people, and our supporters in Vermont. We wish the newspaper to be a source of information, insight, and affirmation. We also see OITM as a vehicle for the celebration of the culture and diversity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered communities here in Vermont and elsewhere.

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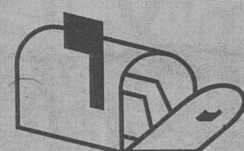
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## Letters



### Kudos I

I have been an avid reader of *Out in the Mountains* for many years now. Never before have I felt like I wanted to be so active in our community.

I enjoyed reading last month's paper and loved the changes to nearly everything. I feel the paper now has depth and caring that I haven't witnessed in the past. Not to say that past editors haven't done a good job, not at all, they have done an exceptional job. I, as a reader, love the variety that each editor brings to OITM.

As a writer, I can tell that there is a new direction that this is heading in — one of feeling and caring. I think those two variables are often missed in a gay society where we are often competing with one another.

So, I applaud your changes and hope the rest of the community will agree that there is a fresh new wave of talent just around the bend, and we are lucky to have Jason Whipple as Editor-in-chief of our primary newspaper.

On another note, I just wanted to tell you that, in a fit of cabin-fever, my friend Matthew and I went up to Richmond to help with the monthly stuffing festivities and had a blast. It takes a lot to get us going, but Bennett Law proved to be up to the task.

Thank you Bennett for making us laugh heartily.

To the readers, I just want to tell you that this twenty-something will be going back for more, and you should really consider getting up to Richmond for a stuffing party because not only do you leave with a sense of Pride, but with a renewed sense of humor. You guys are great up there. Keep up the excellence.

Nicholas T. Bania  
Randolph, VT

### Kudos II

Naked Curiosity is fucking amazing! I have been so secret about all the wild action that gets me off, but I've started telling some of my friends and they have been great about it.

Your editorials have been great, too. You and the writer of Naked Curiosity oughtta be boyfriends. Keep it up.

John

*From the Editor: Thank you, Nicholas and John. I was once told that this was a thankless job, but that has not been my experience so far. At times, it does feel as if I am working in a vacuum, but I appreciate being reminded that people do indeed read Out in the Mountains.*

*As for the boyfriend com-*

*ment, John, you'll see from Dennis's column this month that he is happily married to his partner, Martin. And at this point in production while writing this, Bradley will be home in seven days.*

*Yet, circumstances aside, Dennis and I have certainly had our share of flirtatious fun on certain Sunday mornings.*

### The Not-So-Kudos

I cannot believe that your newspaper devotes so much time and energy to promote an abnormal, deviant lifestyle when we have so many dire needs and important issues facing the country today.... It totally amazes me and others that homosexuality is considered such an important issue....

Frank



### Correction

In the April issue of OITM, Anya Raven Hunter presented an eloquent article called *Living the Questions*. The chakra graphic we used, unfortunately, did not line up with the text that Anya presented. We apologize to Anya, and to any readers who were confused by our error.

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# YOUTH PRIDE 2001

## SATURDAY, MAY 5

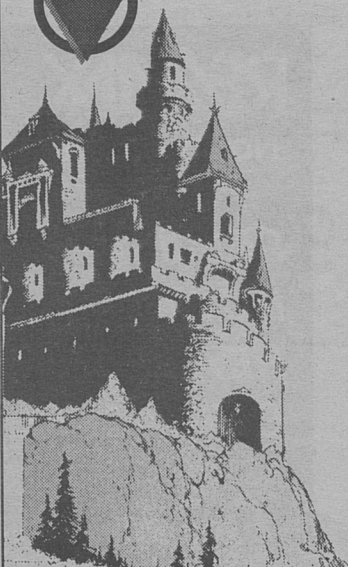
**3:30pm Speak Out: Be Proud, Be Loud, Be Fabulous**  
Gather at Burlington City Hall, Corner of Church and Main

**5:00pm Youth on Parade: Take Our Message of Justice into the Streets**

**7:00pm Youth Pride Prom: Once upon a Time**  
Come as your favorite fairy tale character!  
Memorial Auditorium Annex, So. Union and Main Streets

All Youth Pride 2001 events are open to anyone of any age. We are particularly welcoming and affirming of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, Questioning and Allied youth, ages 22 and under. We ask for a \$5 donation to attend the Youth Pride Prom. More if you can, less if you can't. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

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