

# community compass

Organizations from around the state are encouraged to provide descriptions of recent or upcoming activities and events. E-mail your submission to [editor@mountainpridemedia.org](mailto:editor@mountainpridemedia.org)

## Outright Vermont's Very Exciting Month

Outright Vermont has a month full of eclectic activities planned for September! All youth ages 22 and under are invited to attend the following events.

**Alternating Mondays:** Womyn's Social/Support Group and Trans Group from 6:30p-8pm. Wednesday nights: Drop-In – come learn something new or just have some fun. Upcoming Drop-in events for September: we'll be heading to the last VT Expo game of the season, seeing a very funny movie, having a Peer Outreach Worker meeting and some fun thoughts on the new hip cartoon *Spongebob Squarepants*.

The VT CARES AIDS walk hits Burlington the last Thursday of the month. Join the Outright Team to walk and show your support.

Friday Nights you can always find the Youth Activist meeting happening from 5:30-6:45pm, followed by the longest running activity at Outright: *Friday Night Group*. Come by from 7-8:30 pm and meet lots of queer youth from around the state, check in and find out what is going on.

The first Saturday of the month we are putting on our comfy shoes and hiking Mt. Philo.

Finally, Sunday Sept. 15th slam poet Alix Olson comes to town and she's stopping by Outright in the afternoon, 2pm-4pm to lead a poetry workshop for youth.

For more details, specific dates, times, or to get on our mailing list: contact us at Outright VT at 1-800-GLB-CHAT or 802-865-9677. Check us out online at [www.outright.org](http://www.outright.org).

## R.U.1.2? Launches Popular Education Initiative This Fall

R.U.1.2? will begin a new program that offers a series of workshops and seminars covering a variety of issues faced by the queer community. The "Popular Education and Life Skills Series" will pick up on R.U.1.2?'s past success with the Summer and Winter Semester initiatives. Those programs invited community members and agencies to teach 6-week long courses on everything from public speaking and economics to yoga and LGBT-storytelling.

Mike Bense, an R.U.1.2? Board member, called the Popular Education series "an amazing opportunity for R.U.1.2? to expand upon its social programming and offer practical and fun programs with tangible benefits."

Like the Summer and

Winter Semesters, this series will offer participants personal and professional contacts with the center as well as other queer-friendly agencies and individuals.

The Popular Education Series may include seminars like: How to fix your own car/bike, Buying your own home, Family planning, and interview/resume skills. R.U.1.2?'s new AmeriCorps VISTA position, made possible by Burlington's Community Economic Development Office will help extend the Popular Education series to a wide and diverse audience, including the low-income LGBTIQA community.

"We want to make sure it's a community-driven effort," Bense said. "Right off the bat we want the community's input and communication."

In the past, R.U.1.2? board members have used direct surveys and participant comments to assess the community's needs. A lot of the feedback from the last educational series explained how committing to a six-week semester often put a strain on people's volunteer, family and work schedules. The new Popular Education series responds by incorporating the same quality, intentional programming in one-time monthly seminars, trainings and interactive panel discussions. This program is a way for R.U.1.2? to

respond to and anticipate community needs.

If you have ideas about popular education activities that you think R.U.1.2? should pursue, email [khristian@ru12.org](mailto:khristian@ru12.org) or call 802-860-RU12 (7812)

PS: Check the Calendar (or our ad!) for info on our benefit performance of "The Life and Art of Isadora Duncan" with Lori Belilove and Peter Kurth at FlynnSpace.

## Shape Pride at the Pride Vermont Annual Meeting

Tuesday, September 10 is the Pride VT Annual Community Meeting. Any and all are invited to attend and give feedback about the June events as well as learn more about what the Pride committee does in those other months of the year. We will be presenting our achievements from this past year and looking to set goals for the upcoming one. Elections for Executive positions will also be taking place. The meeting is at the McClure Multi-Generational Center, 241 N. Winooski Ave, Burlington and will start promptly at 7pm and go until 9pm. Refreshments will also be provided. For more information about Pride VT, please call Brian at 859-9238 or Kenny at 288-1588.

## Vermont CARES Steps Out

Vermont CARES annual AIDS Walk Vermont takes place on September 26, 2002. Register at the top of Church Street in the grounds of the Unitarian Church at 5pm – the walk begins at 6pm. Call 800-649-2437 or register online at [www.vtcares.org/aidswalk.htm](http://www.vtcares.org/aidswalk.htm)

The money raised in Vermont stays in Vermont to support people living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS. Our prevention activities have connected many folks in the LGBTQI community to critical community resources. The dollars raised at AIDS Walk Vermont help to support these essential services.

You've read the papers. You've seen the TV. You know the score. Take the Next Step! AIDS Walk Vermont.

## MPM Needs Volunteers, Has Entertainment Books for Fundraising

Each month, Mountain Pride Media (MPM) acknowledges the individuals who help get *Out in the Mountains (OITM)* out into the community by attending the monthly "stuffing." Thanks to Tania, Roland, Dustin, Judy, Daryl, Elizabeth, Marsha, Dan, Rick, Stephen, Denny, and

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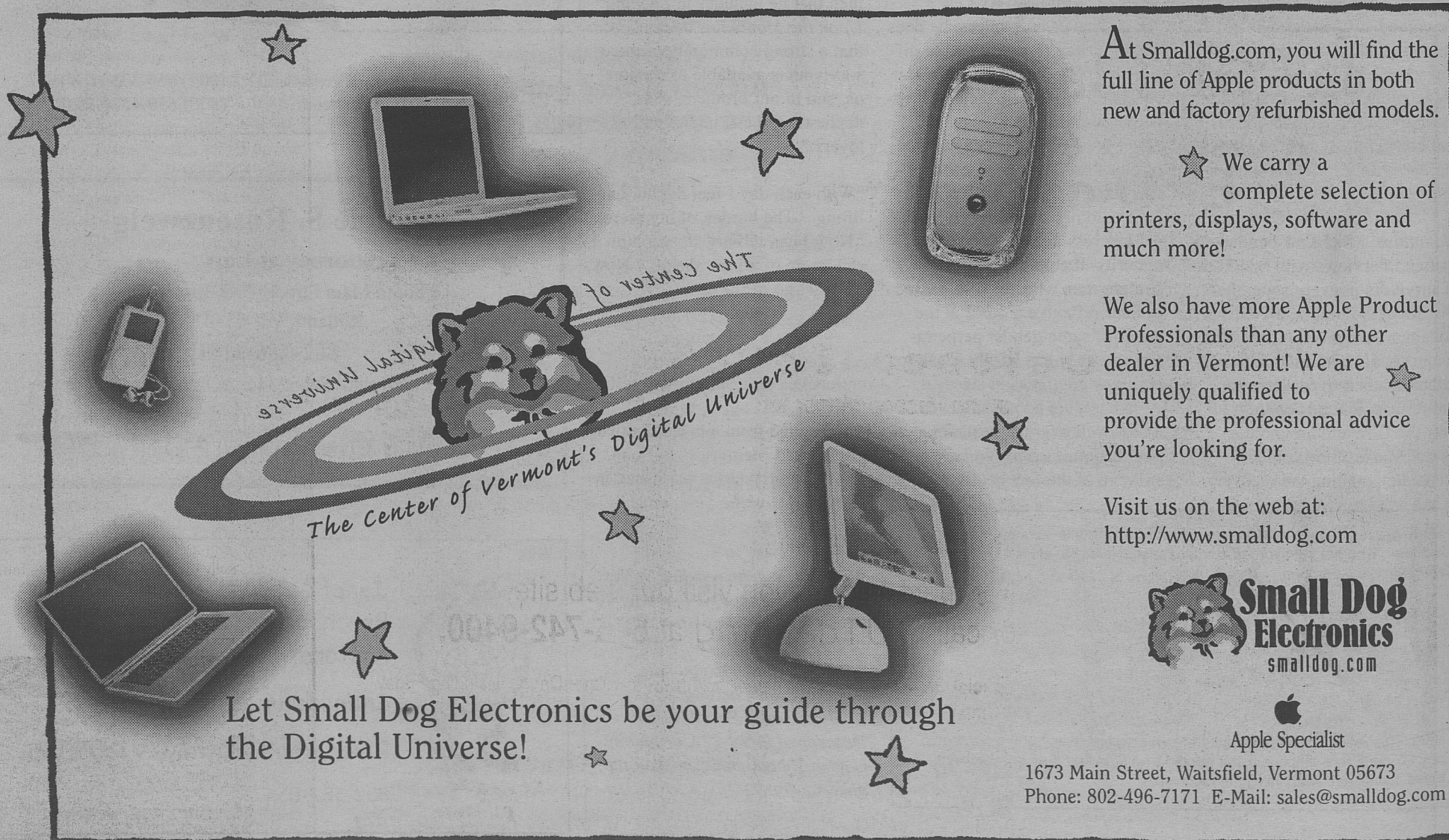
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