

community compass

Outright MasQUEERadE

Join tons of other young people who are under age 22 at the biggest costume party of the year. It's the 5th annual MasQUEERadE hosted by your scary hosts Outright Vermont on Saturday, October 22nd from 7-10pm at 242 Main St. in Burlington. Only \$5 at the door to dance to the crazy beats of the goulish DJ Llu. Dress to impress, we have costume contests & prizes galore! Questions? Call 802-865-9677 or visit our website at www.outrightvt.org.

PRIDE in Vermont Sailing

Come Sail Away! The PRIDE Committee is up and meeting and wants to thank YOU for making P.R.I.D.E. 2005 smooth sailing!

Now, come aboard and help us set our course for P.R.I.D.E. 2006! Loved marching in the parade? Want to dip your feet in Lake Champlain next year? Have a fantastic idea that just needs to happen? Come sail away with us on October 9 at 135 Pearl, from 5-8pm. We're looking for your ideas, interests, and input for next year, and we need YOU!

Rutland Vistas Second Community Meeting

Rutland Vistas, a new group in the greater Rutland Area for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and questioning community will hold its second meeting on Sunday October 16 at 5:30 pm at Grace Congregational Church (8 Court St.) in Rutland.

The aim of the group is to nurture the LGBT Community in the greater Rutland Area through social, recreational and education activities. The goal of the group is to be inclusive of all and to expand on other existing LGBT organizations in the area. This meeting will include a potluck, discussion, and socializing. Please bring a main dish to share and

a place setting. This is an important meeting where the goals and the direction of the group will be charted. Your input is very important to us!

Contact David at 802-746-8142 or email Rip Jackson at arborcelt@aol.com.

VT Law School: Serving with Pride

The Vermont Law School Alliance presents SERVING WITH PRIDE: Gays in the Military on October 6-7, 2005 from 9am -3:30pm.

The schedule (with a few unconfirmed speakers) begins the evening before with a showing of *Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story* at 7 pm.

On Oct. 6 a kick-off dinner will be held in the Yates Common Room. The Alliance will present its annual Simon Pearce Award to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. Bernie Sanders will offer remarks (unconfirmed).

The conference continues Oct. 7, 2005 at 9 am with opening remarks from President and Dean Jeff Shields, followed by Evelyn Monahan's talk, *A History of Gays in the Military*. The Department of Defense has been invited to send a representative to speak at 10:30 (an alternate speaker has been

enlisted in the event no DoD representative arrives, as we have had no response from the agency) on *The Current Policy and Implementation*.

At 11:45, Sharon Alexander, Esq., will discuss *Constitutional Challenges to DA/DT*. Sharon Alexander is a former Army Captain and currently serves as SLDN's Deputy Director for Policy, specializing in legislation and outreach.

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) recently filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging the constitutionality of the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy on behalf of thirteen servicemembers who were discharged as a result of their sexual orientation. *Cook v. Rumsfeld* is currently before the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

At 1 pm, Col. Grethe Cammermeyer, presents *Breaking the Silence*. Col. Cammermeyer is the highest-ranking military official to challenge the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy.

The final presentation will be held at 2:15, with Professor Kent Greenfield and Walter Galpin, Esq., *Debating the Solomon Amendment*.

Prof. Kent Greenfield is the founder and President of Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights (FAIR). FAIR filed a lawsuit challenging the Solomon Amendment on behalf of law schools. The Solomon Amendment requires law schools to allow Judge Advocate General recruiters on

campus in violation of the schools' non-discrimination policies or face the loss of federal funding. *FAIR v. Rumsfeld* will be heard by the Supreme Court on Dec. 5, 2005. Attorney Gerald Walpin, a partner at Katten Muchin Zavis & Rosenman, a former JAG attorney and a senior litigator for the Federalist society, will be arguing on behalf of the government.

Kopkind Harvest Late Brunch

Fresh from Texas, where war and its domestic blowback, from the Abu Ghraib scandal to the Gold Star Mothers' revolt to the hurricane exiles' cry, have suddenly, strikingly converged, journalist JoAnn Wypijewski will speak at Kopkind's annual harvest fundraiser on Sunday, October 9, at 2 pm at the Organ Barn at Guilford.

For the past year Wypijewski has been on assignment for *Harper's Magazine* covering the trials of US soldiers charged with torture at Abu Ghraib in Iraq. What for a brief time captivated public attention with photographs of abuse and sexual humiliation, the Abu Ghraib scandal has since been forgotten as crisis spreads abroad and at home: death, destruction, disaster and government failure. As one of the few reporters, and the only maga-

zine journalist, in the country to have attended all of the major trials in the case, Wypijewski has observed in the courtroom drama and the environs of Fort Hood, Texas, the story you haven't heard so far.

Wypijewski is a regular columnist for *Mother Jones* magazine, and a frequent contributor to *CounterPunch* and *The Nation*. Her story on the Matthew Shepard case, "A Boy's Life," won the GLAAD Media Award for best magazine article of 1999.

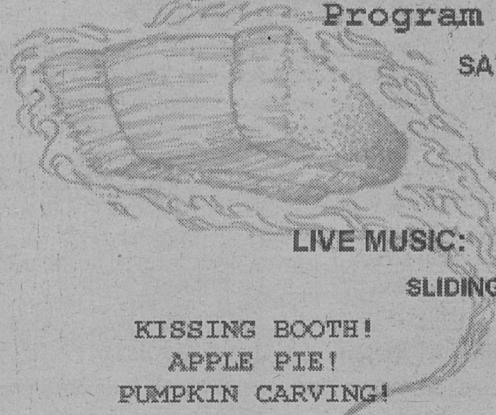
Kopkind was launched seven years ago as a living memorial to the late Guilford resident and journalist Andrew Kopkind, who wrote on politics and culture with a matchless style and depth for national and international publications until his death, in 1994. The project brings together journalists and activists.

The Harvest Late Brunch (\$25 adults, \$10 children) on Sunday caps a weekend of events on the theme of the conscience of soldiers and society in wartime. On Saturday, Kopkind will also present the Vermont premiere of a stunning new documentary *Sir! No Sir!*, a film by David Zeiger on the Vietnam-era GI antiwar movement. That will take place on October 8, at 6pm, at the Hooker-Dunham Theater, 139 Main Street in Brattleboro; suggested donation, \$10.

For more information call 802.254.4859, or email stonewal@sover.net. ▼

THE HARVEST FIREBALL!

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