

community compass

## Survivors Unite, Take Back the Night!

April is Sexual Violence Awareness Month. In recognition and support of survivors of sexual violence, SafeSpace, the Women's Rape Crisis Center, Women Helping Battered Women, and the UVM Women's Center invite the community to join us for Sexual Violence Awareness Month (SVAM). All people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religion, ability, income, nationality or age, are affected by sexual violence. The trans community is particularly targeted for hate crimes including rape and sexual assault, and statistics show that one in four women and one in six men will be assaulted in their lifetime. Sexual assault and rape is most often perpetrated by someone the victim knows and can occur within relationships.

The SVAM Planning Committee will be holding a variety of events throughout April in order to raise awareness and allow survivors to raise their voice against violence. Please check out the calendar for more information or call 802-863-0003 for more information.

Join us on April 4<sup>th</sup> for the Take Back the Night March and Speakout. We will meet at 5:30 at the Fountain in the UVM Green and march down to the Unitarian Universalist Society at 152 Pearl St. where survivors and allies can speak out against the violence that they have experienced. If you have a story to share, and want to tell it yourself, we welcome you to come to Take Back the Night and SPEAK OUT.

If you have a story to share, but don't want to identify yourself or speak publicly, you may send us your story and we

will read it anonymously at the Speak Out. We will not read any identifying information. This means that we won't read your name or anyone else's.

The march and speakout enable the community to come together to call for an end to sexual violence in all its forms-including sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, sexual assault and rape-and testify to the strength of survivors. We will accept stories until Monday, April 3. If you wish to send your story via email, please send it to hannah@safespacevt.org or call SafeSpace at 802-863-0003 or the Women's Rape Crisis Center at (802) 864-0555 or mail stories to: SafeSpace, Attn: Speakout, P.O. Box 158, Burlington, VT 05402. All submissions will be kept anonymous.

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## Run Against Rape

Join SafeSpace supporters for a fun 5K run/walk through Burlington in the spring-time! Saturday, April 29th, 10am registration, 11am start at Oakledge Park, Burlington VT. Participants collect \$15 minimum (or \$25 with a snazzy RAR T-shirt) in pledges for their run to ensure that SafeSpace can continue to support lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning survivors of partner abuse, sexual violence, and hate crimes. Contact Connie Beal at 863-0003.

## The Men's Program in Brattleboro

Saturday, April 1 - Men's Program bowls at Bowl for Kids' Sake

Saturday, April 1 - Gender Role Free Contra Dance, Montague, MA

Wed., April 12 - Core Grou at the Menspace

Friday, April 14 - Social Lunch at the Backside Café

Wed., April 19 - Connections at the Menspace

Thursday, April 20 - Men's Book Club

Tuesday, April 25 - Newsletter mailing night at APSV Office.

(Please see Calendar listings for more information).

## Join PRIDE in Vermont!

Want to make Pride '06 the biggest, baddest, best one yet? Well, get yourself to R.U.1.2? on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm and join the hardworking yet fabulous committee! We need help all over the board - from writing grants to planning fundraisers to tracking down vendors to finding volunteers - your skills are needed! Questions? E-mail Chelsea@pridevermont.org. We can't wait to meet you!

## Saturdays at R.U.1.2?

Are you interested in joining us for cooking classes, woodworking or crafts instruction, or a book club? R.U.1.2? will be open Saturdays from 10 to 6, and these are some of the classes planned, beginning April 8. Call the center at 760-7812 or 860-0705 for more information.

## "In the Life" on Vermont Public Television

April's program airs Sunday, April 2, at 11:30 p.m. on Vermont Public Television. There's good news for viewers in southern Vermont: DirecTV now carries Vermont channels, including VPT, in Windham and Bennington counties.

April's show, "The Power of Literacy," includes several segments exploring LGBT themes in fiction and a visit to the Black Gay and Lesbian Archives at the Schomburg Center in Harlem. A visit to the Texas textbook publishing industry portrays how this southern state largely determines which textbooks will be used in schools across the country. All this and more, including interviews with several writers.

## Fire Truck Pull

Outright Vermont wants you to form a team for our first-ever & Burlington's 3rd Annual Fire Truck Pull! Teams of 12 are needed to raise money to support Outright Vermont's work and to compete in a contest to see who can pull a Fire Truck up Church St. the fastest! (really!) Put a team together today and help make sure queer youth in Vermont are supported through Outright's work in schools and our peer social and support groups. Be sure to catch the fun on Saturday, April 29th at noon on the Church St. Marketplace! Details and team sign up information are on our website at: [www.outrightvt.org](http://www.outrightvt.org)

## Youth Pride Day

Don't miss the 7th Annual YOUTH PRIDE celebration in Burlington on Saturday, May 6th. Gathering over a hundred Vermont queer youth and their supporters, Youth Pride features a speakout, rally, workshops, film festival, and our fabulous queer youth prom. Planning takes place throughout April and everyone is invited--especially GSAs (high school & college) from around the state. Mark it on your calendar and check out our website for further details: [www.outrightvt.org](http://www.outrightvt.org)

## Jim Bailey is Judy Garland

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, April 29, Jim Bailey will appear as Judy Garland at the Colonial Theater on Main Street in Keene, New Hampshire.

Jim Bailey ([www.jimbailey-web.com](http://www.jimbailey-web.com)) performed with Judy Garland in 1969 and received her approval; after her death he performed as Judy with Liza Minnelli. For tickets, contact the box office at 603-352-2033 or go to [www.TheColonial.org](http://www.TheColonial.org). Proceeds from the show will benefit AIDS Services for the Monadnock Region.

## LGBT Family Conference

Family Pride, a national organization devoted to equality for LGBT parents and their children, will sponsor a family conference in Dallas on October 27-29. Families may register by going to <http://www.familypride.org/conference>.

## Writers Wanted!

Diversity is our strength! Bring your voice *Out in the Mountains*: send us your writing, art or photography. While we cannot offer monetary reward, we can offer you a byline and much appreciation by our readership. We distribute 5,000 papers monthly and receive 40,000 unique visitors to our website each month. Interested? Contact [editor@mountainpridemedia.org](mailto:editor@mountainpridemedia.org) or call 802.861.6486.



## HIV/AIDS PROGRAM info

To learn more about:

- HIV testing
- Benefits of knowing your HIV status
- Treatment, support and counseling options

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