

letters

Not OK to Disclose Name

In your wrap-up on openly LGBT candidates around the state, Paul Olsen discusses Karen Kerin, who ran in the Republican primary for Attorney General. I was surprised to see that Olsen disclosed Kerin's birth name, although Karen is her legal name.

Even mainstream publications have style guides for this situation - not disclosing transgender status unless pertinent to the story, using pronouns of the person's identity and choice, and not disclosing birth names for obvious reasons of privacy and respect. To do so belittles the choice and hard work that goes into a name change and serves to subtly (or not so subtly) dismiss that choice.

Thanks for taking more care in the future.

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Paul Olsen Responds

Style guidelines from the *New York Times* permit citing "a person's transgender status only when it is pertinent and its pertinence is clear to the reader."

As a candidate for public office who has taken positions on issues impacting Vermont's GLBT community, I viewed Ms. Kerin's gender identify as relevant to the story about her unsuccessful campaign for Attorney General.

My apologies to any *OITM* readers who were offended.

PAUL OLSEN
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Closing Thoughts from the Office

Twenty-one years is a long time for a GLBT organization. I was recently told that *OITM* is probably the oldest GLBT organization in Vermont, something that I did not know as Patrick and I moved to Vermont in 2004.

Having served on the MPM

Board of Directors for 2 1/2 years and most recently during our troubled times as the first full time employee, it has been a great honor and a wonderful experience to work within and for our community.

I want to extend my appreciation and gratitude to all of the MPM Board Members that I have worked with over the years, and to our staff, volunteers, vendors and supporters that have made the paper a reality for our readers. I want to extend a special thanks to Euan Bear, Michel DuBois, Don Eggert, EJ Haley, Tania Kupczak, Lynn McNicol, Roland Palmer, Joe Swinyer, Greg Thompson and Bob Wolff for their effort in making the last few months of *OITM* such a wonderful paper. It has been fun working with everyone!

Let us celebrate the greatness of Out in the Mountains and focus on our future as one community.

GREG WEAVER
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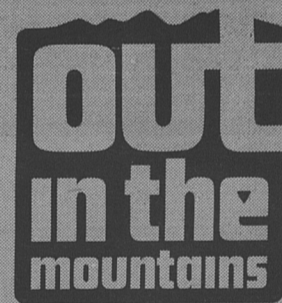
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Thank you for your love and support!

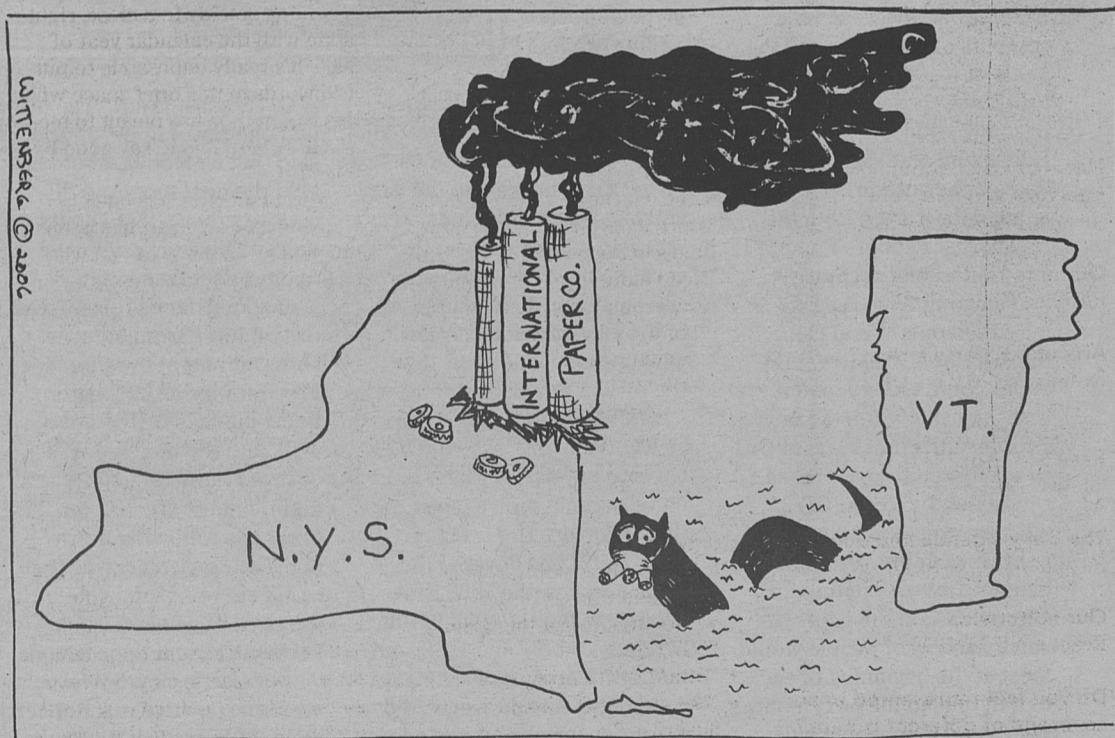
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