

NOVEMBER

CALENDAR

special events

- 2▼ "Ecology and Feminism" free. 7-9 pm. Contois Aud., City Hall. Burlington Women's Council. ☞
- 8▼ ELECTION DAY! Your VOTE counts. ☞
- 11▼ Veteran's Day
- 15▼ "Violence Against Women" free. 7-9 pm. Contois Aud., City Hall. Burl. Women's Council. ☞
- 18▼ Lesbian Social Club Dining Out at Sam Bel's in Northfield. RSVP by 11/16. ☞
- 19▼ Integrity Thanksgiving Potluck ☞
 - ▼ Third Saturday Solree with representatives from Bush, Dukakis and Us Sen. and Cong. candidates. For more info call 259-2876 or 885-3327.
- 24▼ Thanksgiving
- 30▼ "Feminism and Religion" free. 7-9 pm. Contois Aud., City Hall. Burlington Women's Council. ☞
 - ▼ Lesbian Social Club Dessert Potluck and Planning Session. 6:30 pm. ☞

organizational meetings

- 5▼ Integrity 7:55 pm. St. Pau's Cathedral - "Reflections" (see related article). ☞
- 7▼ OITM Article Deadline for December Issue. Send to OITM, P.O. Box 177, Burl., VT 05402.
 - ▼ GLBA 7:30. 102 Pomeroy Bldg. UVM. ☞
- 9▼ OITM Editing meeting. 7:30 pm. Call 865-3941. Help us shape your paper. ☞
- 10▼ OITM Typing. For more information call 862-6377.
- 12▼ UULGC 6:30 pm Unitarian Church ☞
- 14▼ GLBA 7:30 pm. ☞
- 17▼ OITM General Meeting. 7pm. P&J Center. Help us plan the January Issue. ☞
- 19▼ Integrity 7:55 pm. ☞
 - ▼ Burlington Peace Coalition Annual Meeting. 4-9 pm. ☞
- 21▼ GLBA 7:30 pm. ☞
- 26▼ UULGC 6:30 pm Unitarian Church ☞
- 28▼ GLBA 7:30 pm. ☞

Please send calendar submissions to "Calendar, P.O. Box 4154, Burlington, VT 05401, or call 864-8259.

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Self Defense *from page 9*

ing 911 will connect you with the police switchboard.

2) Blow a whistle. Yell "FIRE!" or "POLICE!" Bang garbage cans. Try to get help.

3) If your community has a Lesbian/Gay anti-violence project, call and make a report. If not, call the NGTF Crisisline [(800-221-7044) outside New York State, Alaska, and Hawaii; (212-807-6016) inside those states.]

What to Do After an Attack

1) Get medical attention if you need it from the nearest hospital emergency room. Many states compensate victims for injuries sustained during a crime.

2) Report the attack to the police; you can call from the hospital if necessary. Don't let anyone discourage you from filing a report or pressing charges. Write down the number of the report form and the names and badge numbers of any police officers you talk with. Ask to see mug shots in case your assailant has a record.

3) Don't try to deal with the incident all by yourself. Often after street attacks, victims are disoriented and may have diffi-

culty attending even to simple tasks. This is normal. Ask your friends for help in dealing with the police, doctors, and the criminal-justice system.

4) Even when a victim is not physically hurt, the fear and emotional trauma of an attack can linger for a long time afterward. If you have been victimized, talk with someone about it. Get mad about it. Get it out of your system. If you are having trouble coping, don't hesitate to seek short-

term counseling to help you work through it. Get in touch with local support services for gay crime victims by calling your local gay switchboard or the NGTF Crisisline. (See Phone numbers above).

5) Let the gay and non-gay community know what happened to you. If anti-gay assaults are chronic in your area, channel your rage by working to organize a project to combat them. For more information contact NGLTF, 1517 U Stret, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20009.

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