

December

CALENDAR

special events

organizational meetings

- 1▼ **World AIDS Day.** Service of remembrance and candlelight vigil. 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Church.
- 2▼ **New Victoria Book Party.** 8 p.m. Norwich Inn. *Found Goddesses* - authors Morgan Grey and Julie Penelope will be there! AE. ☞
- 3▼ **Women's Peace Fair.** Randolph. For more info call P&J Center. ☞
- 4▼ **First Day of Hanukkah.**
- 7▼ **"Lesbian Health Matters."** Workshop 7-9 p.m. Howe Public Library, Hanover, N.H.
- 9▼ **Jaime Morton.** 8 p.m. Maverick Bookstore. Original music. Call 658-2523 for information.
  - ▼ **VT CARES Holiday Party and Memorial Tree Lighting.** 6-8 p.m. Vt CARES office. ☞
- 10▼ **International Human Rights Day.**
  - ▼ **LSC Games Night.** 6 p.m. Huntington. ☞
- 14▼ **"Choosing Support".** 7-9 p.m. Contois Aud. City Hall, Burlington Women's Council. ☞
- 17▼ **Third Saturday Soiree.** A Lesbian Social. Call 865-DYKE for information.
- 18▼ **LSC Tacky Christmas Gift Swap.** Northfield. ☞
- 21▼ **Winter Solstice.**
- 25▼ **Christmas.**
- 31▼ **New Year's Eve.**
  - ▼ **LSC New Year's Eve Party.** Holly and Claire's.

- 3▼ **Integrity** 7:55 pm. St. Paul's Cathedral - "Advent: Psychological Preparing for the Holidays" ☞
- 5▼ **GLBA** 7:30. 102 Pomeroy Bldg. UVM. ☞ OITM
- 7▼ **OITM Article Deadline** for January Issue. Send to OITM, P.O. Box 177, Burl., VT 05402.
- 8▼ **OITM Editing Meeting.** 7 p.m. P&J Center Come help us shape your paper.
- 9▼ **OITM Typing.** For more information call 865-9759
- 10▼ **UULGC** 6:30 p.m. Unitarian Church. ☞
- 11▼ **L/G Coalition Meeting.** 10 p.m. South Royalton House in South Royalton. ☞
- 15▼ **OITM General Meeting.** 7:30pm. P&J Center. Brainstorming for the February issue. ☞
- 17▼ **Integrity.** 7:55 p.m. Holiday Project Gift Wrap. Bring gifts for hospital and nursing home patients.

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

**Commentary** *from page 9*

you. Attend the hearings. Who can tell by looking if you are a lesbian or gay man? We know of no one who has lost their job because of being there. Look on the back page of Out in the Mountains and support/network with one of the groups listed. We are a diverse community, something must be of some interest. Talk to each other about issues. Educate one another. Power comes from information. Ignorance breeds fear.

I know our community has the resources to achieve civil rights if we band together and truly behave as a community. The time is NOW.

*Happy Holidays*

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**Bear** *from page 1*

cult. Those voices have two fronts to work on, the sexual abuse and the fact that you're gay or lesbian.

Q: In the book you write about survivors "working to change the world." Is this book part of that process for you?

A: Yes, I would say it was part of the process. It wasn't like I thought up the idea of this book as a way to get somewhere in my process; but certainly it had a big effect. Every time I've spoken it's felt like I was liberating myself and that I was making a difference for someone else. It's a way to not be a victim. It's a way to say, "I can help stop this, not just for me."

Q: What are your future plans for writing?

A: I don't have plans at the moment for another book. I've been doing some freelance editing. I've recently edited a book on the role of pornography and child sexual abuse. I'm now writing a column for Vermont Woman. I have stories in mind that may end up as a book or a collection of short stories. I'm doing some writing and some editing and I'd like to be doing more of both.