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## Coalition Notes:

### Anticipating A Queer Town Meeting on November 12th

MIDDLEBURY -- The Vermont Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights is busy planning its 2nd Annual Statewide Conference: A Queer Town Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, November 12th, 9 am until 6 pm at Middlebury College in Middlebury.

This year's Conference promises to be even better than last year's with a full day of workshops, merchandise ven-

dors, networking opportunities, an entertaining and informative keynote speaker, a lunchtime fashion show, and lots of cruising and schmoozing. (Oh yeah, the food will be better too!) Middlebury College is wheelchair accessible, ASL interpretation will be available, and childcare will be provided on site.

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### AIDS Memorial Quilt blanketing Rutland

Joseph Watson

RUTLAND -- From October 30th through November 26th, 1994, portions of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display in Rutland at the Chaffee Art Center and the Rutland Free Library. Open hours will be 10-4 Thurs. - Sun. and 10-7 Mon. - Wed. The Quilt was developed by the Names Project Foundation to commemorate those who have died from AIDS. If all its panels were displayed together, they would cover six football fields. The major sponsors of the effort are Chaffee Art Center, Rutland Area Visiting Nurses and the Vermont Community Foundation.

The "Power of Thread" Host Committee, which is a coalition of Rutland area cultural organizations, health agencies, businesses and concerned individuals, requested portions of the Quilt more than a year ago. In a letter asking for volunteers, the committee states, "The purpose in displaying the Quilt in Rutland is three-fold: first, to honor those who have lost their lives to this terrible disease, including members of our own community; second, to have the display serve as the centerpiece of a comprehensive educational effort designed to heighten community awareness and understanding of the HIV/AIDS pandemic; and third, to provide funding for local groups dedicated to providing support and care to those suffering from HIV/AIDS, as well as their family members."

According to Chaffee Art Center's Karen Ostrom, more than twenty requests have been received from Rutland area residents for panels that memorialize specific people. "We are hoping to bring the human

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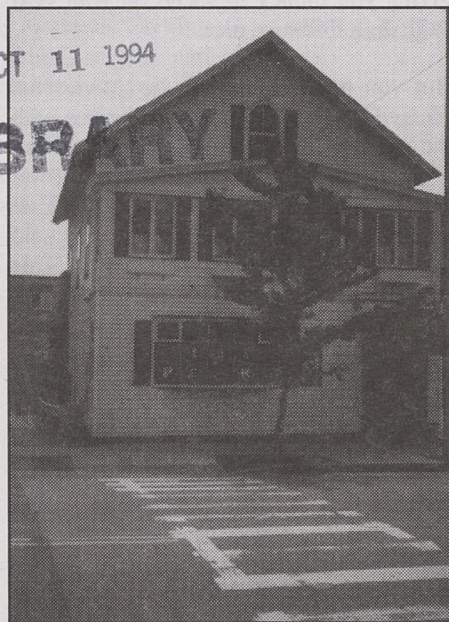
### The Race to the House: Sanders & Carroll on Lesbian/Gay Issues

Paul Olsen

WINDSOR/BURLINGTON -- The race for Vermont's lone seat in the U.S. House of Representatives is one of the more interesting races of the 1994 campaign season. Incumbent Independent Representative Bernard Sanders is being challenged by three-term Republican Windsor County State Senator John Carroll. Both Sanders and Carroll agreed to be interviewed by *Out in the Mountains* to discuss the upcoming election and national issues of importance to lesbian and gay Vermonters.

Former Burlington Mayor and two-term U.S. Representative Bernard Sanders views his reelection campaign as a continuation of his longstanding fight for social justice, decent paying jobs, a peaceful world, a healthy environment, and a fundamental change in our national priorities. If reelected, Sanders pledges to

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