

**2. Pride organizers snub Snelling**



(OITM file photo) Babsgate's namesake, Lt. Gov. Barbara Snelling

Lieutenant Governor Barbara Snelling did not celebrate Gay Pride Day this year. After accepting an invitation to speak at Vermont's "Queers and Friends Fight the Right" Pride Day celebration, Snelling was later informed that she was not welcome at the event. Some members of the lesbian and gay community expressed opposition to the invitation, citing her failure to publicly oppose the Graves Amendment to the Adoption Reform Bill and her failure to take a public position on the Gay Rights Bill in 1992. This opposition resulted in Snelling's 'disinvitation' and placed a divisive wedge within the community. The term 'Babsgate' was coined and the story even appeared in the mainstream press. When asked what she would have shared with Pride Day participants, Snelling said, "In general terms, that all individuals deserve equal and just treatment which must be backed by the law. I'm totally supportive of rights for gays and lesbians."

**1. OITM begins 10th year**



(Photo: Kip M. Roberson) Editor Fred Kuhr with former editor Deb Lashman and her son at OITM's 10th year celebration

*Out in the Mountains* has come a long way since its inception a decade ago. In March of 1986 the first issue rolled off the presses with the headline "HTLV-3 Bill introduced in Montpelier." The format was newsletter style. In March of 1995 OITM rolled off the presses with a new format, newsprint, and a self-congratulatory headline. Indeed, this 'pat on the back' was long overdue; OITM has served as the voice of Vermont's gay, lesbian, and bisexual community for a decade. Covering issues ranging from the fight for and eventual passage of the gay rights law to the evolution of Vermont Gay Pride Day to last year's arson attack on Vermont CARES, this

newspaper has continued to grow and mature along with Vermont's gay, lesbian, and bisexual community. OITM looks forward to serving your needs for the decades to come. ▼

# 135 PEARL

## December

### events

**Friday 1st--WOMEN'S DANCE**  
w/ Chef Angie

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**Sunday 3rd--OUTRIGHT HOLIDAY DANCE**  
(for 18-25 yr. olds)

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**SPEED THE PLOW**  
directed by Michael Evans  
6,7,8, & 9 8p.m.

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**Sunday 10th--GMHP's HOMO FOR THE HOLIDAYS**  
7-10p.m.

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**Thursday 14th--THE Christmas Party**  
tree trimming, decking the halls,  
& a cabaret show with  
Cherie Tart, cRAIGmITCHELL, Robert  
Toms, & Friends

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**Thursday 28th--Karaoke**

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**New Year's Eve Ball**  
20's style  
zoot suite & shimmy dresses  
champagne, buffet, dancing  
\$10 cover

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**135 PEARL**  
burlington, vt  
802-863-2343

Monday--free pool & Melrose  
Tuesday--\$1 Bud  
Wednesday--up & down bar dj Roberto  
Thursday--cRAIGmITCHELL  
Friday--cRAIGmITCHELL  
Saturday--Dan Shaw

**Join Vermont Gay Social Alternatives (VGSA)**  
for our third annual New Year's Eve-nt  
to be held at the Inn at Essex.

**THE ENTERTAINMENT**  
SONG WRITER- PERFORMER  
- RECORDING ARTIST -  
**TOM McCORMACK**

**THE DANCE** with Rolling Thunder  
Midnight champagne/sparkling cider toast to 1996!

What they say:

**BILLBOARD** -  
McCormack has an appealing vocal style and a clever way of turning phrases that should interest alternative, album rock, and even AC programmers.

**FEMINIST BOOKSTORE NEWS** - One of the best records of the year. This is spirited, compelling music which focuses on living proudly and happily as gay men and lesbians.

**HOUSTON VOICE** - I hope that you will let your curiosity get the best of you and locate this album. You won't regret it for a second.

**ALL MUSIC GUIDE** - One gets the feeling that this is the definitive gay album that artists in our community have been trying to write for years.

**IN TOUCH** - McCormack represents everything to be proud of about our community: great voice, great writer/producer and out gay performer. One of the strongest, most appealing voices in gay pop music.

**THE MENU**

prepared in the kitchens of the New England Culinary Institute

**The Soup:**  
Winter Squash Minestrone

**The Salad:**  
Seasonal Mixed Greens

**The Entree:**  
(please indicate your selection when making your ticket order)

**Beef Wellington**  
Madiera Sauce  
Potato Dauphinois  
**Roast Turkey**  
Apricot & Sausage Stuffing  
Roasted Garlic Potatoes  
**Vegetarian**  
(to be announced)

**Also:**  
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables  
Home Baked Rolls & Butter

**The Desert:**  
Vanilla, Chocolate and  
Mocha Yule Log

**TICKET ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 15**  
FILL OUT THIS FORM AND SEND IT WITH A CHECK TO:  
VGSA, P.O. BOX 231, BURLINGTON, VT 05402-0237

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**TICKET PRICES:**  
VGSA MEMBER - \$42.00 (must be purchased by 12/1/95)  
NON-MEMBER - \$52.00 (for everyone after 12/1/95)

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for New Year's Eve.  
Only one \$42 ticket can be purchased per paid membership. If ordering more than one member-priced ticket, please include the names of each member.

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$42.00    \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$52.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

Please indicate the number for each entree:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian    \_\_\_\_\_ Beef    \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:**  
BOB (865-3734)    MIKE (860-7129)    CLIFF (985-4937)

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UPPER CHURCH STREET, BURLINGTON**