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AIDS QUILT DISPLAY — A showing of panels from the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt at Dartmouth College's Thompson Arena in Hanover NH. For more info, contact ACORN at (603) 448-2220.

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"THE INCREDIBLY TRUE ADVENTURES OF TWO GIRLS IN LOVE" — Maria Maggenti's touching and comic story of first love between two girls in their senior year of high school. Sponsored by GLITTER at the Blue Couch Cafe in Burlington, 7:45-10:00 p.m. For more info, e-mail glittervt@aol.com or call Steve at 434-5653.

"IT'S ELEMENTARY" — The ground-breaking documentary about teaching g/l/b/t issues in school will be shown by GLSTN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Teachers Network) of Southern Vermont. 7:00 p.m. at Landmark College in Putney. For more info, call 387-6752.

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ADDISON COUNTY G/L/B/T SOCIAL — Come and meet the groups working in Addison County and around the state on behalf of g/l/b/t people. Food, drink, music, and new acquaintances waiting to be made. 7:30 p.m., Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, Middlebury. For more info and/or directions, call Hugh at 388-6503.

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SAME-GENDER MARRIAGE FORUM — Presented by Central Vermont NOW and the Montpelier Unitarian Church. 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Church.

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VERMONT AIDS SYMPOSIUM — A two-day conference addressing issues in mental health, substance abuse, and pain management. At the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center, Burlington. For registration materials and more info, call (802) 656-2292.

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"I AM WHAT I AM" YOUTH CONFERENCE — A conference on working with gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth. Sponsored by Planned Parenthood of Northern New England. In Hanover NH. For more info, call (800) 488-9638.

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(RE)BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS — Amelia's women's group celebrates May birthdays and rebirths with a potluck at 5:30. For more info, call 296-2095.

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READING GROUP — This month's selection is *The Folding Star* by Alan Hollinghurst. Sponsored by GLITTER at the Blue Couch Cafe in Burlington, 7:45-10:00 p.m. For more info, e-mail glittervt@aol.com or call Steve at 434-5653.

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RAINBOW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION — Monthly meeting of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered business group. Noon, location TBA. For more info, call 351-5527.

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YOUTH AWARE COFFEEHOUSE — An open reading and coffeehouse sponsored by Youth Aware of Addison County. All are welcome; bring your prose and poetry to share. 7:30 p.m., Star Mill Conference Room, Park Street in Middlebury (near Ben and Jerry's). For more info, call 399-6503.

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VERMONT NOW CONFERENCE — "Envisioning a Feminist Future: Turning Ism's into Wasm's." The annual conference for the Vermont National Organization for Women. 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Otter Valley Union High School, Brandon. For more info and registration costs, call 362-2005.

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"PARTING GLANCES" — Two young New York City lovers weather a separation and the HIV status of a friend in one of the first and still best cinematic portrayals of gay life in the '80's. Sponsored by GLITTER at the Blue Couch Cafe in Burlington, 7:45-10:00 p.m. For more info, e-mail glittervt@aol.com or call Steve at 434-5653.

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ADDISON COUNTY AIDS NETWORK — Monthly meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the Ilsley Library Meeting Room, Middlebury. For more info, contact Dick at 352-4146.

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"LIFE'S A DRAG" — The New York group *Angels of Illusion* present a musical revue, "Life's a Drag." Tickets \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. At Blairs bar in Plattsburgh, 9:30 p.m. For tickets or more info, call (518) 561-9071.

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TAKE BACK THE TRAILS — A nationwide weekend initiative for women to reclaim the safety of our nation's trails following the deaths of Julianne Williams and Lollie Winans. See cover story for more details or call 223-1302.

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"BAR GIRLS" — Writer/producer Lauran Hoffman dishes up an L.A.-style lesbian love drama to rival "Melrose Place." Sponsored by GLITTER at the Blue Couch Cafe in Burlington, 7:45-10:00 p.m. For more info, e-mail glittervt@aol.com or call Steve at 434-5653.

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WOMEN MEETING WOMEN TEA DANCE — At the Alpine Grove in Hollis NH, 1-6 p.m. For more info, call (603) 882-6148.

OITM MAILING — Come help send out the June issue. New volunteers are always welcome. Mailing at 10 a.m., Board meeting of Mountain Pride Media, Inc., at 1:00 p.m. 109 South Winooski Avenue (2nd floor) in Burlington. Call Steve at 864-6399 to confirm date.

WALK FOR LIFE — Tenth annual fundraiser for the Brattleboro Area AIDS Project. Pledge sheets available at the BAAP office. 2-5 p.m. For more info, call Michael at (802) 254-8263.

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AMELIA'S MEETING AND POTLUCK — Join Amelia's women's group of NH and VT for a meeting and potluck at 6:00 p.m. For more details, call (603) 632-7146.

ALISON BECHDEL BOOK SIGNING: Vermont Peace & Justice Store presents Alison Bechdel signing her new book, *Hot, Throbbing Dykes to Watch Out For*. 1 PM.

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RAINBOW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MIXER — A chance for businesses and individuals to find out more about the Rainbow Business Association. Time and location to be announced. For more info, call 351-5527.

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HIV+ WOMEN'S RETREAT — This weekend event will offer information and relaxation while providing an opportunity for HIV+ women to network and socialize. At the Weston Priory in Weston, VT. Sponsored by the Twin States Women's Network. For more information or to register, contact Margo Caulfield at 226-7807 or margoc@mail.tds.net.

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ALISON BECHDEL DYKES TO WATCH OUT FOR PARTY — Chassman & Bem Booksellers hosts *DTWOF* creator Alison Bechdel signing her new release, *Hot, Throbbing Dykes to Watch Out For!* 81 Church Street. 7 PM. For more info call 862-4332.

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VERMONT PRIDE DAY — A day-long series of Pride events in Burlington. Details to follow. For more info, call 865-3734 or 658-1602.

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

<http://www.vtisl.com/~oprairie/>

Made to be Broken (262)

Moment of Truth (263)

JEZANNA! SO GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT!

The comic strip consists of 16 panels arranged in a 4x4 grid. The first panel, 'Made to be Broken', shows a woman in a car with a speech bubble: 'I HOPE WE DIDN'T USE UP ALL OUR LUCK ON THIS PARKING SPACE.' The second panel shows her talking to a man: 'RAFFI, LET'S LEAVE YOUR LIGHT SABER IN THE CAR, OKAY?' The third panel shows her saying 'NO!' and the man replying 'LET HIM BRING IT, TONY. IT'LL KEEP HIM QUIET.' The fourth panel shows her saying 'OH MY GOD! I SHEAR, CLARICE. THIS IS THE LAST STRAW!' and the man replying 'NO WANDOO BE QUIET.' The fifth panel shows her saying 'CLARICE? TON? WHY ARE YOU HERE SO EARLY? I KNOW YOU'RE ANXIOUS ABOUT THE ADOPTION, BUT...' and the man replying 'ALEXIS! IT'S FIVE OF NINE! WHY ARE YOU OUT JOGGING?' The sixth panel shows her saying 'FIVE OF NINE? WHOA! GUESS I FORGOT TO SET MY WATCH AHEAD FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS! SO THAT'S WHY THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK NEWS WAS ON AT TEN LAST NIGHT?' and the man replying 'WILL YOU GO HOME AND CHANGE? THE JUDGE IS WAITING!' The seventh panel shows her saying 'I KNEW SHE WAS GONNA SCREW THIS UP.' and the man replying 'RAFFI! IF YOU CAN'T SIT QUIETLY I'M GONNA TAKE THAT FROM YOU!' The eighth panel shows her saying 'WHAP! WHAP!' and the man replying 'TOO GOOD!' The ninth panel shows her saying 'THE FIRST CASE WILL BE IN RE: R.C. THE JUDGE IS READY FOR YOU IN HER CHAMBERS.' and the man replying 'HI, DENNIS. UM... OUR LAWYER HAS HAD A SLIGHT DELAY... SHE'LL BE HERE ANY MINUTE NOW.' The tenth panel shows her saying 'IN FIVE, OR YOU'LL HAVE TO RESCHEDULE. JUDGE BOOKER'S POLICY.' and the man replying 'I WONDER IF JUDGE BOOKER KNOWS HER CLERK IS TREASURER OF THE LOCAL LOG CABIN CHAPTER...' The eleventh panel shows her saying 'IF WE RESCHEDULE, COULD WE GET JUDGE FAIRCHILD? (MOM, LET'S GET OUTTA HERE BEFORE THAT FRUITCAKE GETS BACK)' and the man replying 'I'M HERE! I SKIPPED THE SHOWER!' The twelfth panel shows her saying 'MORNING, YOUR HONOR! MAY I PRESENT CLARICE CLIFTON, ANTONIA ORTIZ, AND RAFAEL CLIFTON-ORTIZ...' and the man replying 'HOW DO YOU DO. PLEASE SIT DOWN, MY WHAT AN INTERESTING BLOUSE, COUNSELOR.' The thirteenth panel shows her saying 'WELL, LADIES. I'VE REVIEWED YOUR FILE. AS I'M SURE YOU KNOW, I TEND TO BE RATHER A TRADITIONALIST WHEN IT COMES TO FAMILY LAW...' and the man replying 'RAFFI! GIVE MOMMY THE...' The fourteenth panel shows her saying 'NO!' and the man replying 'CRASH!' The fifteenth panel shows her saying 'WELL, BOYS WILL BE BOYS, WILL THEY NOT?' and the man replying 'HEH HEH. I SWOT THAT THE TRUTH, YOUR HONOR? WHY, JUST THE OTHER DAY MY DOG BRUKE...' The sixteenth panel shows her saying 'THEREFORE, CONSIDERING THAT A CLEAR LEGAL PRECEDENT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED...' and the man replying '... AND THAT YOUR SON SEEMS PERFECTLY NORMAL AND HEALTHY, I CAN FIND NO LEGITIMATE REASON TO DENY THIS ADOPTION.' The seventeenth panel shows her saying 'WHAT MIGHT AT THE PARTY...' and the man replying 'MO, YOU CAN TELL SYDNEY WE FORGIVE HER FOR TURNING OUR SWEET LITTLE ANGEL INTO A SABER-WIELDING COM-PANION. THAT OLE PHYLIS SCHARLY CLOUZE ATE IT UP.' The eighteenth panel shows her saying 'YEAH! WHAT HAPPENED AFTER YOU TWO BABYSAT FOR US SAT-URDAY NIGHT?' and the man replying 'HAVE YOU DONE IT YET?' The nineteenth panel shows her saying 'I BET NOT. I BET SYDNEY TOOK HER HOME AND READ LURID POST-MODERN ESSAYS ON THE ONTOLOGY OF THE DILDO TO HER UNTIL THEY BOTH SAW GOD.' The twentieth panel shows her saying 'HEY, GIRLS! I HATE TO TEAR MYSELF AWAY FROM YOUR SWEET-SANCTIONED TWO-PARENT HOUSEHOLD, BUT I HAVE TO GET BACK TO MY DISSERTATION...' and the man replying 'GANGER, THAT'S GREAT! SO YOU'RE FINALLY DOING IT!' The twenty-first panel shows her saying 'YEAH. UNLIKE YOU AND SYDNEY, SHE SAYS YOU DISCUSSED YOUR MUTUAL ATTRAC-TION TILL 5 A.M. THE OTHER NIGHT, THEN YOU SENT HER HOME! WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR?' The twenty-second panel shows her saying 'GOD! WHAT IS WITH YOU PEOPLE? I NEVER MET SUCH A BAND OF VICARIOUS THRELLSETTERS! YOU'D THINK YOU DIDN'T HAVE SEX LIVES OF YOUR OWN!' The twenty-third panel shows her saying 'WHERE'D THAT JACKET GET TO?' and the man replying 'SAY, ARE THERE ANY MORE OF THESE KEEPS LEFT?' The twenty-fourth panel shows her saying 'I'LL GO CHECK!' and the man replying 'JEZANNA! SO GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT!'