

# Commentary:

## A Queer Holiday Gift List

by Paul Olsen

- Anne Landers: just one "how we met" letter written by a queer couple.
- The Burlington Women's Council: friendship rings.
- Peter and Stan, Lois and Holly, Nina and Stacy: the freedom to marry.
- Vermont Representative Nancy Sheltra (R-Hell): an experience with a woman.
- Vermont Representative Ricky Westman (R-Cambridge): *ibid.*
- WIZN: non-homophobic replacements for Corm and the Coach.
- U.S. Senator Rat Leahy (D-Vermont): a lifetime of guilt over his anti-gay DOMA vote.
- Co-liaisons uptight about this list: a dish of prunes.
- IDX Employees: domestic partner benefits.
- Men's Night at 135 Pearl: men.
- Ellen Degeneres: Cherrie Tartt's wardrobe.
- Attorney General Bill Sorell: courage.
- VCLGR: Board members who serve for more than one year.
- Vermont Agricultural Commissioner Leon Graves: the blessing of queer children.

It's hard to believe that a year has passed and the holidays are, once again, upon us. Well it has and you know what that means. As we "don we now our gay apparel," it's time again for OITM's irreverent look at holiday gift giving. In the spirit of the holiday season, this list pokes fun at hypocritical politicians, satirizes queer news events of the year, and looks at the, at times, absurd nature of Vermont's glbtq community. With those qualifications, here's what Santa Claus would deliver in 1998 if he were to take my advice:

- Yolanda: even bigger eye lashes (if that's possible).
- VCLGR members: an annual Town Meeting in Chittenden County.
- Chris Moes: an OITM pension and nine inches.....of snow.
- U.S. Senator James Jeffords (R-Vermont): an understanding of the linkage between employment discrimination and gay marriage.
- Governor Howard Dean: a position on gay marriage.
- VGSA members: an audit. What does that \$15 go for?
- Vermont CARES: an annual dinner keynote speaker- Princess Diana canceled.
- Bill Lippert (D-Hinesburg):

- election to Speaker of the House.
- U.S. Representative Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont): a fashion makeover from the house of Yolanda.
- Men's Health Project: Chris Tebbetts.
- Christian Coalition: Christianity.
- Rainbow Business Association (RBA): a commitment to more than just the dollar.
- Blairs Bar: a subscription to House Beautiful.
- Amber and Marguerite LeMay: Cherrie Tartt's agent. Cherrie Tartt: a Suzanne Sommers Thighmaster.
- Vermont Representative Steve Howard (R-Rutland Town): even more optimism about his race for Secretary of State.
- UVM Theater Department: Angels In America Part II: Perestroika?
- Radical Faeries: a microwave oven for their new home.
- Pearls: a straight employees alliance.
- Vermont's queer community: The ability to laugh at ourselves.
- (Paul Olsen: lots of letters over this! -ed.)

### Curbside



- Peter Kurth: chiropractic adjustments. I hear he has a crick in his neck.
- The Promise Creepers: another Million-Moron March. This time off a cliff.
- The 1998 Pride Pig Dance: a new advertising agency.
- Beth Robinson: a televised gay marriage debate with Nancy Sheltra.
- Noel: success with her new CD.
- State Auditor Ed Flanagan: another leather dog collar.
- The Vermont chapter of the gay republican Log Cabin Club: a member.
- Outright Vermont: the recognition they deserve.
- Peggy Luhrs: dinner with Peter Freyne.

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