

HOMOPHOBIA IN THE AIR

**Fort Worth, TX (*Washington Blade*)** - American Airlines has apologized for an incident involving crew members who changed blankets and pillows in a flight that carried March on Washington participants from Washington to Texas.

Bob Crandall, chair of the airline, said in a statement to employees that "the company views these events as deplorable." A March on Washington spokesperson called the incident "outrageous."

A copy of an American Airlines Flight Irregularities report, obtained by March organizers and released to the *Blade*, says that the inbound crew "requests complete change of all pillows [and] blankets due [to] Gay rights activists group on board" and says that the outbound captain agreed to the request.

The April 25 flight, 701, was en route from Washington to Dallas-Fort Worth.

Gregory Adams, a spokesperson for the March, said, "That crew's behavior is no different in its chilling effect than African Americans being made to drink water from separate fountains 30 years ago. It is offensive, it's discriminatory - it's just wrong."

HAWAII'S EPIC RULING

**Hawaii (*Washington Blade*)**-The Hawaii Supreme Court issued a landmark ruling 5/5, saying that the state constitution's provision for equal protection requires the state to issue marriage licenses to both Gay and heterosexual couples.

The ruling sent the case back to the lower court level to give the state a chance to prove that it has a compelling reason to treat Gay couples differently

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# QUEERS JAM DC

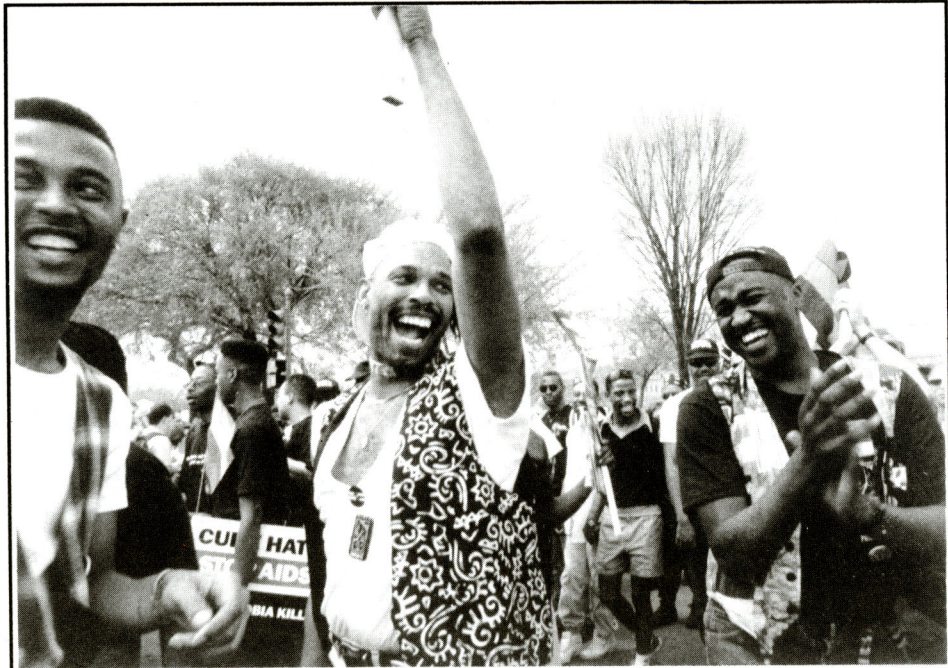


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by Annette Dragon

Queer America has a face. One million - count them - one million people marched past the White House and filled the Mall Sunday, April 25th, to proclaim their defiance and pride. The 1993 March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian and Bisexual Liberation began at noon; the last contingent passed the White House 6½ hours later. Ninety-eight huge official contingents represented all 50 states and many different subcultures within the queer community. Hundreds of unofficial groups and 1,000s of individuals joined the march en route.

Over 300 events were scheduled for the week leading up to the 25th, including conferences, workshops, unveilings, lobby training, parties, memorials, breakfasts, dances, singouts, speakouts, and comeouts.

Others came to DC early for pre-march political actions. Friday included an ACTUP dyke action at the Department of Health

and Human Services to denounce government inattention to dykes with AIDS and to demand access to services and treatment for dykes with AIDS or HIV. A general ACTUP action against pharmaceutical profiteering followed.

For many the march was a celebration as well as a demonstration. Paule from Maine joined Friday's Sing Out on the Capitol Steps. "It was a beautiful sunny day. Thousands of people singing freedom songs were draped up and down the steps of the Capitol. I have to say, in spite of all the things that are wrong with America, I felt very patriotic."

**WEDDING** - At 11:00 in the morning the day before the March, queer couples jammed Constitution Ave. in front of the IRS Bldg. to exchange vows in a giant public non-sectarian ceremony of commitment. About 2,200 couples registered officially by paying

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## LETTERS

Dear APEX,

Personally and for the community, I would like to thank all the people who worked on the Maine March on Washington contingent and especially Jim Estes and Rick Foss who took up the gauntlet in January when ill health forced me to abandon it. Because of their efforts and the efforts of the others working with them at least one hundred people were able to attend the march who otherwise may not have been able. All together Maine had a good representation in the March and thanks should go to all who did attend. There was great potential in that huge crowd!!!

Let's remember that and use some of that power here in Maine as we continue to work on our local issues in Lewiston and in Augusta and statewide when the upcoming anti-gay referendum has to be fought!

Sincerely,  
John H. Waugh, Jr.

*Ed. note: The following letter was recently sent to President Clinton.*

Dear Mr. President,

I am furious! I just heard on the radio that your research team has suggested to you to forget lifting the ban on gays in the military and to be content with what you have - not asking newly enlisting people of their sexual orientation. This is crud!!!

Why did you send all **men** of the military, to ask **military men** about their opinion of gays in the military? Where are the women? Where are all the civilians? In case you haven't heard, the military has had a ban on homosexuals for many years. So, you send **military men** who have taught **military boys** to **hate homosexuals** to ask these **military boys** how they feel about homosexuals in the military. I am sorry, but it seems to me, all these men are just thinking about their penises! They are asking the most ridiculous questions I have ever heard. What will happen in the showers, what if they come after me? **They** need a little education. These are myths handed down

from people who are afraid of their own sexuality and shadow! And, I cannot believe that we fire people because of sexual preference. These people are just like you and your people in the White House. They have feelings, they love, they cry, they defend their country, but they can't retain their job because they are homosexual. **THIS SUCKS!**

Yesterday, a man who marched in the Washington parade to end the ban on gays in the military (the march you decided to conveniently miss), received his dismissal from the Armed Services. He has many honors, yet you are still letting the military discriminate against homosexuals. I hope that you never are dismissed while you are in the White House for being from Arkansas, middle aged, white or heterosexual.

How will we ever get past this shit? There are militaries around the world that have integrated gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals into their Armed Services. **They are educating their people.** When will our education come? We are the most powerful, richest, yet dumbest people on the globe.

This country cannot change if we do not put some of our ancient laws and rules behind us. We are creating a war on our very own turf. Watch this war, people will not be putting up with this blatant molding of morals any longer!

An approximate one million gays gathered on your front lawn to let you know we are here. The papers wrote the estimation at 300,000. Why are they falsifying the numbers? I am sure you saw the video on C-Span. There were tons and tons of people there representing the fact that the ban on homosexuals is no longer needed in this country. The only people this ban helps are the evangelists, the bigots, the uneducated, and the Nazis.

Mr. President, get with it. Let's start taking care of matters on a federal level.

I want you to know I was part of your campaign; I still have a Clinton/Gore bumper sticker on my car. **END THE BAN ON GAYS IN THE MILITARY!!!**

Sincerely,  
C. Oebel

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# NO BUSINESS AS USUAL - this month in local activism

by Bee Bell

One million, my ass. It was easily five. My favorite was the Saturday night Dyke March, in which 20,000 torch-bearing lesbians seized the streets and the Clintons' front yard and remade the very quality of the air into a fine dykey grand thing. A first on the face of the earth.

Also nice were the punx, anarchists, and anti-racist skin-heads, chanting "Oy, oy, oy, I like boys" and matching even the drag queens for good hair days. They marched with us in the no-queers-in-the-military contingent of the big march: "We like our queers out of uniform," read our banner, and "Homosexual, not homicidal: Fuck the army."

Repercussions of the march have already started to hit the scene back home in Maine. Many of the Mainers who made it down to D.C. to chant "We're here, we're *wicked* queer" were also among the 100s who rallied at the State House on 5/6 to protest Jock McKernan's election-day veto of the state queer civil rights bill. (The state senate failed by just two votes to override him.) Some of the angry humor that day was homegrown - "No Support from My Jock," read one set of signs - and some were clearly inspired by D.C. fierceness. "We're here, we're queer, we're fabulous, don't fuck with us" was a popular import. Another fave: "What do we want? OLYMPIA! When do we want her? NOW!"

Marching across the street to the Blaine House after the rally, queers and supporters lined State Street and chanted to passersby. One bunch

stepped right up to the Gov's doorstep and rang his bell. While Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance prez Paula Aboud spoke her mind to the anxious guy who answered the door, another MLGPA member suggested tying up some traffic. A dozen or so people proceeded to sit down in the middle of State

Street with their signs and banners, and six or seven stayed standing in the road when the cops arrived. After one arrest, and a good forty-five minutes of stalled traffic on State, it still took a couple carloads of state troopers to finally clear everyone off the road. I'd bet part of the rowdy spirit of the day came from the march on D.C., because that march brought a lot of Maine people out of the closet and into a new certainty that we are right, that anger is very

appropriate to our situation, and that civil rights are the least our governments can do about it.

As to the future of state queer rights, watch out for the Carolyn Cosby Show. Cosby's group, "Concerned Maine Families," is working to get a Colorado-type referendum on next year's ballot. If a majority of the public passed the measure, it would repeal Portland's and Lewiston's ordinances and keep the legislature from ever passing a state civil rights law. This is exactly what happened to Denver, Boulder, and Colorado last November.

But first these concerned families have to get over 55,000 signatures on a petition to put their concerned little question on the '94 ballot. And to do that, they have to come up with a question that will legally work. So

far, the secretary of state and the attorney general have remained unsatisfied with the confused wording of Cosby's petition, and as of 5/20 she had withdrawn it without yet submitting another version. When she does, the Maine Civil Liberties Union and Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) may plan legal challenges to the petition - as Colorado queers did after the fact. Meanwhile, as you read this, right wing phobes are plotting and paying for similar hate-state efforts in nine other states, too, including Oregon. Call MLGPA at (207) 445-2863 to get in on the fight.

At least some May parades didn't get rained on. Equal Protection Lewiston sponsored a float in the Maine State Parade on 5/15, complete with a waterfall and pretty purple flowers ("Not pansies," one EPL member elucidated). Twenty-five people rode the float, the adults in EPL T-shirts. The float's message politely mixed queer concerns in with the day's green theme: "A Clean and Safe Environment for Everyone." And Portland Pride, the following day, beat last year's parade hands down with sunny weather, good noise,



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ACTUP/Portland zaps the universal health care bill hearing at Portland City Hall on May 5.

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# WHERE WE'VE BEEN - an exploration of lesbian and gay history

by Stan Clough

This last April, hundreds of thousands of lesbians and gays marched on Washington. This month, hundreds of thousands more will march in Gay Pride events throughout the country, commemorating the uprising at Stonewall in 1969. Throughout American history, parades and marches have been important strategies for all oppressed groups seeking to claim power through visibility.

In the early 19th Century, many cities held parades honoring George Washington's birthday, which were sponsored by WASP (White Anglo-Saxon Protestant) merchants and artisans. Initially, women's participation was limited to symbolic representations of American themes and ideals, such as "Liberty" and "Patriotism." Eventually, with the development of the labor movement, women came to represent themselves, thus claiming space in these civic rituals.

But only WASPs were welcome in these early parades. Irish immigrants, in seeking to demonstrate their devotion to American cultural ideals, sought to march in these patriotic events. The WASPs tried to keep them out, but through persistence, the Irish gained a place in the parades. The Irish eventually created their own rituals, most notably the St. Patrick Day parades. In turn, modern day Irish lesbians and gays are seeking to claim space within the Irish-American culture through participation in St. Patrick Day events. It is ironic that members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are seeking to exclude lesbians and gays from their parades, just as WASPs sought to exclude them a century and a half ago.

In the early 20th Century, immigrant and working class women sought to overthrow the notion that they should not have access to the public sphere. During the Lawrence, Massachusetts "Bread and Roses" Strike of 1912, female mill workers marched on City Hall. In leaving their working-class tenements, they were symbolically demonstrating that they, as workers *and* women, were claiming their share of city government and economic self-determination.

We see this type of action today. Women in "Take-Back-

the-Night" marches are demonstrating their desire to reclaim urban streets from perpetrators of physical and sexual violence. Likewise, Gay Pride marches symbolically express the lesbian/gay reclamation of the streets: their sheer weight of numbers make those streets safe. These massive displays of pride also create an unavoidable expression of visibility, as the original Stonewall rebels, in combatting police harassment, threw off their cloak of anonymity.

Gays and lesbians symbolically conquered Washington D.C. in April 1993, just as the Lawrence strikers "captured" City Hall in 1912. The message to the nation was clear: gays and lesbians are citizens too, and *will* have equality through political action. Martin Luther King and his followers expressed similar ideas in their August 1963 March on Washington.

Street theater has been another important strategy used by oppressed groups to achieve visibility and social action. Shortly before King's assassination in 1968, African-American activists defied Memphis police by sitting in the streets and blocking traffic. In the 1990s, ACT UP and Queer Nation similarly use street theater and civil disobedience to call attention to oppression and injustice.

Gay and lesbian parades, marches and street theater are part of the continuing tradition of social protest and community building in America. This tradition of radicalism, from the actions of Irish immigrants, women workers and African-American civil rights agitators, to name but a few, is alive with lesbian and gay activists today.

## Books to read:

Susan G. Davis, *Parades and Power*.

Barry D. Adam, *The Rise of a Gay and Lesbian Movement*.

Ardis Cameron, *Radicals of the Worst Sort: Laboring Women in Lawrence, Massachusetts, 1860-1912*. ▼

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# THIS DYKE'S PERSPECTIVE - a few critical thoughts and questions

by Ana R Kissed

Within the past month, i have participated in 1 dyke march, 2 dyke rallies, 4 lesbi-gay-trans-kinkyhet marches and 3 lbgtkh rallies. The differences between the dyke and the all purpose events are at least noteworthy. What i have noticed is that dykes and other lesbians are made invisible at the all purpose events. We are made invisible when the generic "gay" or "queer" is used to reference dykes. Using the generic "gay" or "queer" to refer to dykes is like using the generic "man" to refer to wombyn.

Dykes and other lesbians are again made invisible when men of whatever sexuality wear stickers and t-shirts that identify them as lesbians or dykes. If a person with a penis or a person who is sexual with a person with a penis can claim the identity dyke or lesbian then they have appropriated my lesbian identity and robbed it of its meaning. So when men and bi wombyn name themselves lesbian or dyke they are essentially denying the fact of my existence as a female born female who is sexual exclusively with other female born females and i and all the other dykes like me are made invisible.

Now if the concept "Lesbian Visibility is Lesbian Survival" has meaning, and if we are being made less visible in a progressive movement that is supposed to include and represent lesbians, then i question who is benefiting from making dykes invisible. Even though

it is sometimes lesbians who make us invisible, we won't benefit.

A related thought regarding the dyke march on DC which i had put my time and money into organizing to ensure that separatist communities across the country knew about it and could arrange to be there. I was totally pissed off that throughout the dyke march there were men who felt they had the right to penetrate dyke space. Many of them, when specifically asked by dykes to leave refused, insisting on their right to violate lesbian space. One responded "fuck you, i am here to support my lesbian sisters, they want me here." There were some men who respected our right to march ourselves and stayed on the sidelines and watched. Many of them seemed to expect dykes to show our appreciation to them for leaving us alone. I would like to suggest to men who think of themselves as being well intentioned toward lesbians that the next time they could organize a men's action to support lesbians doing stuff for themselves and do it separately from what the dykes are doing and really leave us alone. When men, who believe they are well intentioned toward lesbians, expect lesbians to be grateful to them for leaving us alone they essentially claim their right as men to determine whether or not we get to be left alone.

And i would also like to suggest to the wombyn who invite people who

are not wombyn to wombyn's events that they do not have the right to do that. I know there are wombyn who are uncomfortable doing things without men of whatever sexual preference. And that is too bad. But that does not give them the right to inflict the men they know and trust on the wombyn who are choosing to be with wombyn only. When opportunities for wombyn to get together without men are so few it is a grave violation of wombyn when men penetrate those few spaces and moments we are able to carve out for ourselves.

Many lesbians laughed at the banner "cock suckers for muff divers" that some gay men had brought to the dyke march. Other lesbians, myself included, didn't notice it and when we heard about it perceived it as another instance of men insisting on taking the focus from lesbians. Many lesbians, i again include myself, don't want to think about cocks at our events. Many of us have experienced cocks as weapons used against us and cock sucking as an activity we were forced to perform to stay alive. It would be nice if we could have a dyke march that wasn't about cock sucking.

That's it for some thoughts from this dyke's perspective this month.▼



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a \$10 fee; 1,000s more participated for free. "I always wanted a big wedding," said Richard Inness from Texas.

The ceremony was occasion for gowns, jeans, tuxes, tees, and leather. Big chalk hearts with couples' names covered the street. Following speeches honoring 'pioneer couples' and demanding rights, the wedding was performed by the Rev. Troy Perry.

Reaction to the event was varied. A bride from Connecticut described her participation: "Weddings are mostly about patriarchy, but my lover and I took what we wanted from this ceremony. We kind of tuned out the minister and talked to each other of our love. We took the opportunity to create our own ritual, repeating things we've said before, but this time surrounded by 1,000s of queers."

An unattached dyke from Maine summed up her experience: "There was so much to that day - a lot of conflicting feelings. Whenever I'd see a couple dressed alike I felt smothered. Sometimes I was really happy to be single; at other times I wished I was in a loving relationship, making a commitment. My feelings kept changing all day. I didn't know whether to vomit or to cry."

**DYKE MARCH** - One of the most popular

events of the weekend was Saturday night's Dyke March, organized by ACT UP Women's Network, CLIT, Lesbian Avengers, Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, Puss and Boots, and WAC/San Francisco. Twenty thousand women took to the streets to march from Dupont Circle

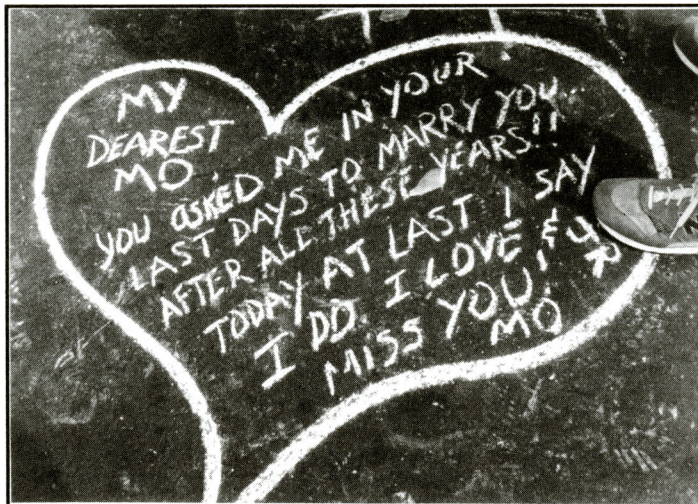


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to the White House to the Washington Monument. If Bill Clinton had been home on Saturday he might have heard shouts of, "Red rover, red rover, send Hillary right over."

Organizers said, "We march to celebrate lesbians." The turnout of supporters was huge too. People lining the streets cheered; 1,000s waved from hotel windows.

The high point of the March on Washington for Ana R Kissed of Maine was the Dyke March. She enthused about the volume of women, but was angered that men also marched. Most refused to leave at her request. "If they really supported lesbians, they would leave when asked to by lesbians."

One man who participated in the Dyke March is Del Wilson of Maine, who said, "I knew as a man I could be invading their space, and I was very uncomfortable about it. But I respect my friend who asked me to march with her and that was enough for me. It's something that I was really torn about, but I would want her beside me if it was a man's march."

**THE MARCH** - Sunday's weather was perfect for the March on Washington. The lineup of marchers, which had been determined by lottery began with Seniors/elders led by Senior

PWAs and Holocaust survivors, and ended with Delaware and Dykes on Bikes.

Marchers were greeted enthusiastically, especially PFLAG - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. "All those proud parents - it made me cry. There's such a difference in those parents and mine," said

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Jennifer from Maine.

A thin line of intrepid and stupid counterdemonstrators on Pennsylvania Avenue greeted marchers with signs like "FAGS DOOM NATIONS" and "TWO FAG RIGHTS - AIDS AND HELL." Most marchers responded with anger and chants of "Shame! Shame! Shame!" No arrests were reported; however, police thought it prudent to form a human barricade when a lesbian martial arts group held a demonstration, kicking and chopping directly in front of the counterdemonstrators.

**MILITARY** - One of the most well-received contingents was the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans Association, 1,000 strong, many in uniform. A call to end the ban on queers in the military was supported by much of the crowd. Service people discharged for homosexuality got huge ovations at

the post-march rally. Flanked by about 30 gay vets and active duty personnel, Congressman Gerry Studds, D-Mass., said about the ban, "If at 12:00 tomorrow every gay and lesbian person in America stood up for two minutes in the Army, in the Navy, in the Air Force, in the Marine Corps in the House and Senate, ...this debate would be over."

Not everyone was pro-military. A dyke from Chicago described marching with a group of leftist anti-military queers from Chicago, Maine, San Francisco, Los Angeles and elsewhere that staged an intervention into the military contingent. As she pointed out, many queers do not want to prioritize access to "serving" in the military. As one of the stickers the group distributed read, "Remember Viet Nam? How about El Salvador? Don't be a part of the U.S. War Machine."

Ana R Kissed of Maine gave her perspective: "I'm sick of all the energy that went toward the military. What's the military about except killing people of color and women and children? All this support is coming from supposedly progressive people saying 'Let us go kill with you.'"

And not everybody, it turned out, was pro-diversity. One woman was asked, first by her state contingent, and then by PFLAG, to have her son remove his "Hillary and Tipper - Get It Girls" t-shirt, which they considered (no joke) too inflammatory. Get over it girls.

**POST MARCH RALLY** - A huge rally followed the March. Politicos and celebs spoke, comedians delivered, and musicians played. Gay and Lesbian movement leaders included Urvashi Vaid, Tim McFeeley, and David Mixner. Stars included Donahue and Cybill Shepherd. Politicians included Jesse Jackson, Gerry Studds, Barney Frank and David Dinkins. Queer veterans and lesbian mothers spoke. Melissa Etheridge, Girls in the Nose, Pussy Tourette, Clinch, the Indigo Girls, and

Rhythm Express performed. RuPaul said what the March meant to her: "It's peace, love and hair grease. It's actually not just a gay issue." Women comics Kate Clinton, Lea Delaria, and Suzanne Westenhoeffer entertained. In a historic first, leaders of the NAACP delivered messages of support for queer civil rights.

President Clinton, who was in Boston speaking before newspaper publishers, chose not to attend the rally or make a video or audio presentation. He sent a "put aside what divides us and focus on what we share" message which was read by Nancy Pelosi, a San Francisco Democrat. During the March, the SM contingent chanted, "Where's Bill? He's all tied up."

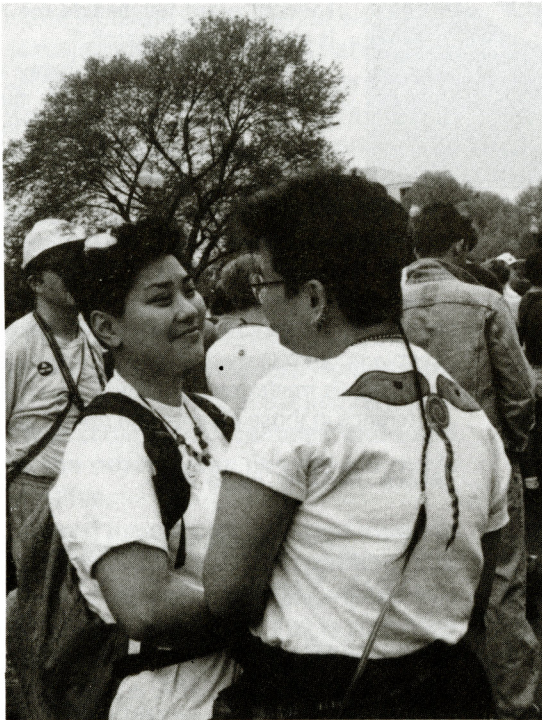


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March leaders had chosen 50 political speakers from a total of over 300 names to address the nationally televised rally, but members of the AIDS protest group **ACT UP** created a slot for one unscheduled guest, activist Larry Kramer. Torie Osborn, executive director of the **NLGTF**, persuaded rally producer Robin Tyler to let Kramer speak after **ACT UP** threatened to "storm the stage" and disrupt the rally.

Kramer accused national gay and lesbian leaders of "Kissing this president's ass." He slammed Clinton for not keeping his **AIDS** promises, including one to name a Government **AIDS** overseer. He then outed Dept. of Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala as a lesbian, which upset March organizers.

**THE GAY NINETIES** - If there was one central message iterated by almost all of the rally's speakers, it was the importance of coming out, being out, living out. Many saw the week of events as the start of a new era.

Chris Newcomb, by being open about his participation in the March, is now out at the conservative school in which he teaches. "If my school freaks out because they see me on TV or in the newspaper, that's their problem."

Laverne Bishop sells health food in New York. "For the first couple of weeks after the March, I took every opportunity I could to out myself to regular customers. People who noticed me gone for a week would say, 'Have you been sick?' and I'd say, 'No, just the opposite - I've been to the March' and then I'd tell them all about it. It's good for them to hear it."

Noreen Hogan describes her return to **SALT** magazine, a Maine publication at which she interns. "All the straights there asked me about the March; they all wanted stories about it. I give them credit that they could ask. It feels nice to have people interested. All my contact sheets from the march got passed around and talked about at **SALT**. Every single day now you read something about gays. When you combine the media coverage with the personal account that all the marchers bring back to their friends and community, you get a real powerful picture of the thing."

Also from Maine is a person with Parkinson's disease who spent the hours preceding the March in a wheelchair. With the aid of "friends who would help me get to the end, no matter what," he succeeded in walking the whole route. "We have to use our experience as people who are isolated to help others. People told me I gave them courage. Once I've come out like this I'm never turning back."

Anne Perron states, "I want to stay as flamboyant up here in Maine as I was in Washington. I was in the middle of a motley crew. I saw Universal Unitarians, cops from Miami, **SM**'ers, and drag queens all in the same block." She sums up the general feeling about the March, "Everybody was together and they didn't have a big ol' stick up their butt." ▼



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**Best name of a dance event in honor of the MOW:** "Let My People Go-Go."

**Low point of the March:** Lorna Luft singing "I'll Be Here Tomorrow."

**Best creative display of pride:** The DC design firm of Magnet Design and Communication, Inc., illuminated its 150 foot smokestack in lavender throughout the weekend.

**Most unexpected request on a t-shirt:** "Thank you for not projectile vomiting."



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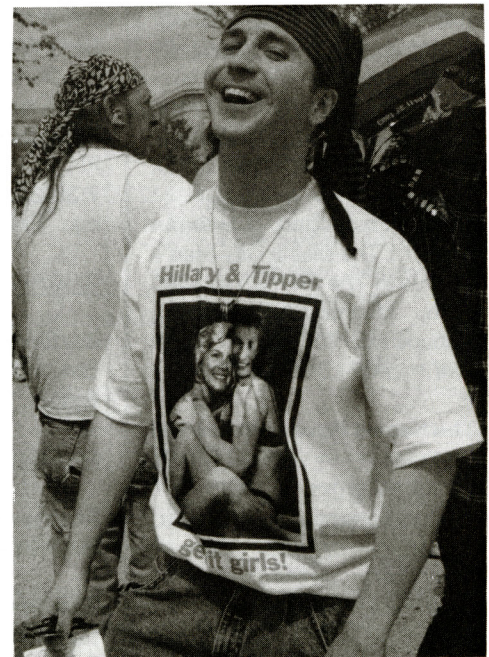


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# CALENDAR . . .

## FRI. 6/4 - SUN. 6/6

**Women Outdoors Annual** Gathering at BU Sargent Camp in Peterborough, NH. FMI ☎ Nancy (603) 287-8379.

## FRIDAY 6/4

**MAW Discussion Group** meets at 7pm at Jane & Amy's new house in Rindge. FMI ☎ (603) 899-6174.

**Women's Spring Soiree** at Clay Hill Farm in Ogunquit, ME. FMI ☎ (207) 361-2272 or POB 2202, Agamenticus Rd., Ogunquit, ME 03907.

**Amelia's Singles** meet for fun 'n' games. FMI ☎ (603) 763-4112 or (802) 674-6316.

## SATURDAY 6/5

**Lucie Blue Tremblay** performs at the First Baptist Church in Lexington, MA. 8pm, \$14. FMI ☎ (617) 861-0142.

**Kite flying and picnic** with Laurie at Mt. Sunapee Ski Area. FMI ☎ (603) 542-2690. An Amelia's event.

**Out on Stage Theatre Group** presents *Pride's Place*, an original real to life comedy-drama. 7pm, Brattleboro Union HS, 50 Fairground Rd., Brattleboro, VT. FMI ☎ (802) 234-5009.

**Equal Protection Lewiston** presents The Maine Gay Men's Chorus in *The Rhythm of Life!*, 8pm, Universalist Church, Auburn, ME. \$10/Gen.; \$8/Sen. FMI ☎ (207) 786-8733.

**The Names Project/Maine** will participate in WCSH-TV6's World's Largest Garage Sale at Cumberland Co. Civic Ctr. Donations of sale items & volunteers needed. FMI ☎ (207) 774-2198.

## SUNDAY 6/6

**Hike up Mt. Monadnock** with the Wilderness Women of the Nashua, NH YWCA. FMI ☎ (603) 883-3081.

## MONDAY 6/7

**Out and About - Lesbians in the Seacoast NH area** holds open forum discussion. Also, discussion of Pride and video. 7pm. FMI ☎ Keryn (603) 659-2139.

**Seacoast Gay Men's Annual** Gay Pride potluck party. Uni. Church, Portsmouth, NH, 7pm. FMI ☎ Al (603) 898-1115.

## THURS. 6/10 - SUN. 6/13

**Springfest Maine '93 - 2nd Annual N.E. Festival** for Womyn. FMI/registration ☎ (207) 743-2787.

## THURS. 6/10 - TUES. 6/15

**Moose River Bow Trip** for Women Paddlers. All equipment and instruction provided. FMI ☎ (603) 569-5510 or POB 1597, Wolfboro, NH 03894.

## THURSDAY 6/10

**Edna Ward, editor of *Celebrating Ourselves: A Crone Ritual Book***, speaks on *Thinking About Lesbian History*. Matlovich Soc., Rines Aud., Portland Library, 7:30-9pm, Wheel chair accessible. FMI ☎ (207) 773-1209.

## FRIDAY 6/11

**Boston Gay Men's Chorus** Concert, 8:30pm, Park Plaza Hotel, Boston. FMI ☎ (617) 247-BGMC.

## SATURDAY 6/12

**Boston Gay Pride** FMI ☎ (617) 623-4500, ext. 316.

**Seacoast Gay Men** invite you to participate in Boston Gay Pride at 12 noon. Join us in

Copley Sq. FMI ☎ Al (603) 898-1115.

**Out on Stage Theatre Group** presents *Pride's Place*, an original real to life comedy-drama. 2pm, Catamount Film & Arts Ctr., St. Johnsbury, VT. FMI ☎ (802) 234-5009.

**Lesbian Health 101: What is It?** 10am-12:30pm. Peaches Bass, health educator and coordinator of the Maine AIDS Alliance, leads this workshop covering general issues for lesbians, how to access lesbian positive health services & sharing of resources. Spons. by Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Ctr., Bangor, ME. FMI ☎ (207) 621-2924.

## MONDAY 6/14

**Out and About - Lesbians in the Seacoast NH area** meets. Topic: Gay Youth: How to reach them. Guest speaker from Outright. 7pm. FMI ☎ Keryn (603) 659-2139.

**Stanwyn Clough, history** scholar at USM presents an illustrated lecture on the pink triangle & the Nazis at Seacoast Gay Men, Unitarian Church, Portsmouth, NH, 7pm. FMI ☎ Al (603) 898-1115.

## TUESDAY 6/15

**Gay Games & International** March on UN, Stonewall 25, '94. General mtg. All welcome. FMI ☎ Michael (207) 871-9940.

## FRI. 6/18 - SUN. 6/20

**3rd Annual Women's Campout** Weekend, Swan Island, Richmond, ME. FMI write Polly E. Dalton, RR 2, Box 204, Wiscasset, ME 04578.

## FRI. 6/18 - THURS. 6/24

**Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Film** Festival at the Savoy Theatre in Montpelier, VT. FMI ☎ (802) 229-0598 or (802) 223-0500.

## FRI. 6/18 - FRI. 6/25

**Gay Games IV, New York City**

## FRIDAY 6/18

**NH Pride Rally and March**, Concord, NH, 6:30pm.

## SATURDAY 6/19

**NH Pride day at Pat's Peak**, Henniker, NH. FMI ☎ (603) 382-9308 or write NH Pride, POB 396, Danville, NH 03819.

**Women's Dance at Temple Beth** El, 400 Deering Ave., Portland, ME, 8pm to 12. Chem-free, DJ, refreshments, \$5/adv., \$6/door. Spons. by Wild Iris Productions, Inc. FMI ☎ (207) 247-3461.

**Providence, RI Gay Pride**

**Hartford, CT Gay Pride**

**Out on Stage Theatre Group** presents *Pride's Place*, an original real to life comedy-drama. 7pm, Rutland Playhouse, Belden Rd., Rutland, VT. FMI ☎ (802) 234-5009.

## SUNDAY 6/20

**Healthy Strides Walk - a 3½ mile non-competitive walk** starting at Preble St. Ext. lot, across from Shop 'N Save Plaza on Baxter Blvd. at 9:30am. Regist. at 8:00am. Free event. After the walk, Back Cove Family Day. Sponsored by Portland Recreation. FMI ☎ (207) 874-8793.

## MONDAY 6/21

**Out and About - Lesbians in the Seacoast NH area** meets. Topic: Our "kids" are our pets! Bring stories, pictures, etc. 7pm. FMI ☎ Keryn (603) 659-2139.

**Arturo D. Nava from LEAGUE** (Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual United Employees at AT&T) talks about gays in the work-



place at Seacoast Gay Men, Unitarian Church, Portsmouth, NH, 7pm. FMI ☎ AI (603) 898-1115.

### SATURDAY 6/22

Join *Time Out* for canoeing at Brownfield Bog, ME. FMI ☎ (207) 871-0432.

### THURSDAY 6/24

A panel discussion on "Growing Up/Coming Out: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Youth." Matlovich Soc., Rines Aud., Portland Library, 7:30-9pm, Wheel chair access. FMI ☎ (207) 773-1209.

### FRI. 6/25 - SAT. 6/26

Women's Outdoor Adventure Co-op campout with children. FMI ☎ Mert (603) 763-4112.

### FRI. 6/25 - SUN. 6/27

7th Annual Golden Threads Celebration at the Provincetown Inn. Golden Threads is a contact group for lesbians over 50 and their friends. FMI write Christine Burton, Golden Threads, POB 3177, Burlington, VT 05401-0031.

### FRIDAY 6/25

Out on Stage Theatre Group presents *Pride's Place*, an original real to life comedy-drama. Two shows 7 and 9pm, Contois Aud., Burlington City Hall, Burlington, VT. FMI ☎ (802) 234-5009.

### SAT. 6/26 - SUN. 6/27

New York, NY Gay Pride

### SATURDAY 6/26

Vermont Pride Day, Burlington, VT. FMI ☎ (802) 655-6312 or write POB 1752, Burlington, VT 05402.

Bangor, ME Gay Pride

### MONDAY 6/28

**Out and About - Lesbians in the Seacoast NH area meets.** Topic: Financial Issues with Lesbians: What you need to know. Guest speakers. 7pm. FMI ☎ Keryn (603) 659-2139.

**Candice Cole-McCrea** talks about Native American Philosophy at Seacoast Gay Men, Unitarian Church, Portsmouth, NH, 7pm. FMI ☎ AI (603) 898-1115.

### CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

"Living the Rainbow, Gay Men and Lesbians in Interracial Relationships." FMI: Send SASE and brief bio to Jane Troxell, POB 53220, Washington, DC 20009-3220.

**Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St., Boston, MA 02118,** seeks personal stories from gay and lesbian teenagers (under 20 years of age) for *Two Teenagers in Twenty*.

**Bi erotic fiction sought for an anthology.** FMI: Karen F., 99 Newtonville Ave., Newton, MA 02158.

**Bi the Way: Anthology of Writings on Bisexuality,** seeks manuscripts. FMI: Sheela Lambert, 720 West 173 St., New York, NY 10032, (212) 928-3558.

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### FESTIVALS

**Springfest Maine '93 - 2nd Annual N.E. Festival for**

Womyn. 6/10-13. FMI/registration ☎ (207) 743-2787.

**4th Annual Northampton Lesbian Festival.** 7/23-25, Swift River Inn, Cummington, MA. FMI ☎ WOW Productions, 160 Main St., Northampton, MA 01060, (413) 586-8251

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### *More NEWS from page 1*

than heterosexual couples. Rights activists said they do not believe the state will be able to make the case. They hailed the decision as an "extremely significant" victory for the Gay civil rights movement nationally.

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which helped with the case brought by six same-sex couples, said that, assuming Hawaii fails to prove it has a compelling need to withhold marriage licenses from Gay couples but not heterosexual couples, Gays can become legally married in Hawaii. Under normal constitutional procedures, other states will then be obliged to recognize those marriages as legitimate, opening up doors to national benefits.

The 3 to 2 decision cannot be appealed, and the legal director for the ACLU in Hawaii said he believes the state may decide to end its opposition to same-sex marriages now, rather than go back to court and try to prove a need to withhold licenses from Gay couples. ▼

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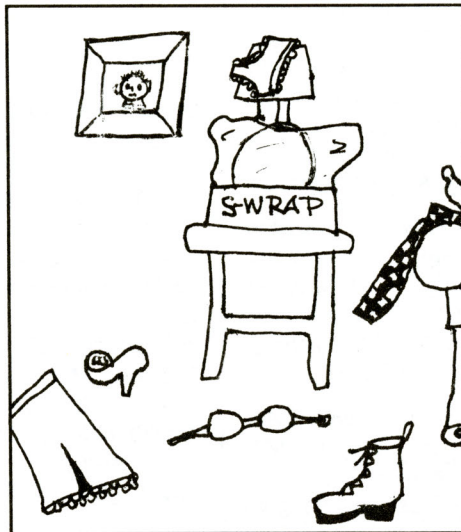
My true love of many years just doesn't seem to be hot for me anymore. I seem to remember a book called *The Total Woman* where the author suggested a woman dress up in Saran Wrap and yellow booties in order to reignite her sex life with hubby. Do you have a queer suggestion, short of getting a lover on the side? Flannel and hiking boots, perhaps?

Signed,  
Dry and Confused

Dear Confused,

Thighmaster is quite flattered, although a bit shaken, by how well you seem to know the inner workings of the Thighmaster mind. How did you know that Thighmaster's first suggestion would have been to get a lover on the side? Are you a discerning reader, or some crazed Thighmaster stalker? Whichever you are, you need to redirect your attention, because you seem to know Thighmaster much better than you know either yourself or your trash het love guides. First of all, you are not Dry and Confused. You are Wet and Confused - otherwise this lack of action wouldn't be a problem. It's your lover who's Dry and Confused, and you'd better remember that you and your lover are not, in fact, "one" if you want to reignite that erotic spark; you just can't get that far by presuming that her turn-ons are identi-

cal to yours. Second, if Ms. Total Woman used that Saran Wrap thing - and don't knock Saran Wrap, one of the best barriers around for mouth-to-chyck safer sex - she got it, Thighmaster seems to remember, from *The*



drawing by Naomi Falcone

*Sensuous Woman*. Why should you care? Because even though you asked for some specifically queer clothing tips, Thighmaster thinks that you would do well to pull out every sexwear tip you ever filed in your now-Thighmaster-filled brain, given both your state of desperation and one true fact: queer and straight turn-ons are not totally unrelated things. If they were totally different, the Victoria's Secret dressing rooms would not make for such fruitful dyke cruising. Of course, many straight fashion tips do

need some queering. Example: *The Sensuous Woman* spins out this scenario in which you don't wear underpants under your evening gown, and then whisper this information to your husband while he's chatting up his boss. Ditch the gown, ditch the husband, and you've got a strategy that works dyke wonders, at least according to testimony from reliable Thighmaster sources.

But, you ask, ditch the gown for what? Here's where Thighmaster would like more information on you and your lover, like where you think you are, and she is, on the butch/fem scale. Thighmaster suspects that you and/or your lover consider yourself aloof from the whole butch/fem concept, or you'd probably have more ideas than flannel. But Thighmaster will also venture a guess that you two are a fem/butch duo at heart. You've obviously been imbibing fem socialization that it's **your** job to do the sex-outfit-turn-on routine. And it's equally clear to Thighmaster, since you're looking just for a new outfit rather than for new erogenous zones, that she has this butch thing where she wants you to let her do the initiating. (More precisely, she wants you to let her feel like she's doing the initiating - actually, of course, it's the fem who's really making the first move in the classic fem display/butch "seduction" scenario, although you'd never know it from



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listening to all those stupid butch conquest narratives.) So, if Thighmaster's guesses are on target, the real trick is going to be figuring out how to add some of those tried and true fem flairs to your wardrobe without being so out there that your lover will have to admit to her butch side in order to respond to your charms. How about a sleeveless black t-shirt with skinny straps that accidentally fall off on one side? (A friend of Thighmaster attests that wearing such a shirt induced 3 different dykes - and dykes who were happily in touch with their butch side, no less - to say, in total bewilderment, "I have no idea why, but for some reason I'm totally turned on to you today.") Or how about a skirt that's long enough to make it sound plausible when you claim to be wearing it "because it's comfortable," and short enough to hint

at easy access for a hand up the thigh? If this doesn't work, you're not totally sunk. Three possibilities. First, try variety materials: fetish staples like leather and silk, certainly, and dyke staples like flannel, but try everything - for all you know, polyester will induce some transferable heat from her pantsuit days, or, if she's too young to have had pantsuit days, from her first-run or rerun crush on Laurie Partridge. Second, cruise her memorabilia, or burglarize her ex-lovers' homes, for clues about what's worked in the past - maybe she's hooked on elephant bells and, justifiably, is to ashamed to tell you about it. Third, which Thighmaster is obligated to say even at the risk of seeming totally predictable, get another lover on the side. There are no laws, only bad lyrics, that dictate that "true love" and "true lust" have to go together. Yours

is a case in point. Clearly, you get a lot from this woman; if you didn't, sexual frustration would have ended things a long time ago. Why can't you get sex somewhere else? Maybe you'd be relieved to share your soul with one woman and your body with another (or others). Maybe she'd be relieved to have you get it elsewhere - especially after you've tortured her with every fabric and fetish item known to woman. And, who knows, once you start getting it elsewhere, and the sight of your body no longer has to stress her out with guilt and responsibility, maybe it won't take more than the fashion style that drew her in the first place to induce her to rip your clothes off.

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## PORTLAND PRIDE

About 300 people took part in Portland, Maine's Gay Pride Day Sunday, May 16. The parade was led by Dykes on Bikes. Five major groups - ACTUP Portland, MLGPA, Equal Protection Lewiston, PFLAG, and Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Parents - and many unaffiliated individuals marched from Congress Square to a rally on the steps of City Hall. During speeches, ACTUP staged an impressive die-in in which up to 70 people participated.

A party celebrating the first anniversary of Portland's Human Rights Ordinance followed at the Mariner's Banquet Center in Portland's Old Port. A video of events resulting in passage of the ordinance was the highlight of the night. ▽

### MORE FROM WASHINGTON:

**Best Acronym:** SWAG - the method by which Park Police estimate crowd size - "scientific wild-ass guess."

**Best T-Shirts:** "Strong enough for a man but made for a woman," "What do Jesse Helms and I have in common? We both suck," "My Gay lifestyle: Sleep, eat, work, pay taxes."

**Best Chant:** "We're tired, we're cranky, we want our fucking rights!" (from Nebraska, who marched toward the end).



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and high camp. By blocking off an extra intersection, we also wrested from the cops - who wanted the march to go only three blocks - a last-minute extension of the parade to City Hall. Remember: Pride needs people; call (207) 871-0432 if you want to join up and rock the town even harder next time. ▼

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The D.C. Convention and Visitors Association estimates that the March on Washington brought at least \$177 million in revenue to the District and surrounding suburbs. Based on a three-day period, participants spent \$90 million in restaurants, \$50 million on shopping and entertainment, \$30 million on public transportation, and \$7 million on hotel rooms.

Maybe the next national march could be held at a location where there are no anti-sodomy laws. ▼

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