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March Update

Deborah Bell

As we go to press with this second issue of the 1993 MOW Newspaper, the organizing for the March and the many events planned around it is gaining momentum. Projects from the creative and exciting (designing the rally stage and selecting the performers and speakers) to the mundane and practical (obtaining the permits and filling the merchandise orders) are underway with the help of many talented volunteers. The 120-member National Steering Committee (NSC) meets in Denver this month to review progress, finalize the platform, and stoke the organizing fires that have been ignited in all fifty states and the territories. Just recently organizing committees were formed in Rio Rancho, NM and Wichita, KS. The national office is operating as "organizing central"—tucked in between the offices of HRCF, the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, and P-FLAG in a downtown D.C. office building. We already have a number of volunteers helping out at the office. If you have plans (or need a good reason to make them) to visit Washington in the next few months, call about becoming a volunteer in the office.

Already over 30 events—from a Texas two-step party to a Lesbian physicians conference to The Wedding (sponsored by the

Rev. Troy Perry)—are scheduled to coincide with the March (see listing on page 7). More are being planned. And that's the result of the work of only one of the twenty working committees of the NSC. The Fundraising Committee, for example, in addition to a direct mail solicitation, has undertaken a major donors campaign, and is submitting requests for foundation funding. To date the march has been supported by

contributions of \$20 to \$100 that members of the community have been sending in. Keep mailing those contributions. Special thanks to those organizations that have made contributions, including HRCF, GMHC, Broadway Cares/ Equity Fights AIDS, Athletic Supporter Ltd., and NGLTF.

Official travel agents and a DC-based hotel bureau have been selected (see listing on page 5), and are busy with reservation

requests. The Merchandise Committee has been working overtime to fill orders for buttons and t-shirts. Keep your eyes open for stickers and posters; they will be available soon. The Newspaper Project printed and distributed hundreds of thousands of copies of the "Pride Events" issue around the country during the past summer.

We have just begun an advertising campaign with a full page ad in *The Advocate*. Advertisements are planned for other community publications.

The campaign to get endorsements is underway. We already have the support of several members of Congress and mayors. Region 1 led the way earlier this year by obtaining dozens of endorsements of public officials from the northwest. A preliminary endorsement list will be released in the next issue of this newspaper. Although there were only a handful of local governments endorsing the March in '87, our goal is to have all of the cities with Lesbian, Gay, and Bi civil rights protections as endorsers.

Wherever you go now, talk about the march so that every Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgenderal person knows about it.

See you in Washington! ▼

Deborah Bell is the national organizing coordinator for the 1993 March.



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Roger Doughty and Rebecca LePere

Five years ago we experienced the magical gathering called the March on Washington. As the banners around us declared, For Love and For Life, we were never going back.

Thousands of us were never going back after the March in 1987. We cried for old pains and fresh losses, and laughed and shouted in jubilation. We danced in front of the White House. We covered the Mall from end to end. We filled the Metro stations. We were there to change the world.

June 28, 1992. Freedom Day in San Francisco. We're working our way up Market Street, going through the wall of people waiting for the Dykes on Bikes to lead off the

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parade. We're passing out neon orange stickers saying "I'll be there" for the next March on Washington. It's slow going because so many people ask for the stickers. Roger gives out a few, and twice as many hands reach out for one. So many people want to go to D.C. So many people—women, men, older and younger, of every color—are going to D.C.

Why march? Why now? Why 1993?

"Why go back?" That's what one man, hesitating when Rebecca offered him a sticker, asked on Freedom Day. Before she could answer, a woman within earshot said, as she slapped a March sticker on her chest and one on her three-year olds, "Because rights don't show up all wrapped up in a bow. We'll keep going back until we get what's ours." That about summed it up.

We're going to march on D.C. because we must. We're returning for the most fundamental reasons, for the reasons that have inspired every great march in the Capital: To declare to our elected officials and to the nation that we, as human beings and as citizens, demand our rights. We go back to protest the infinite, unjustifiable ways we are treated in this country, not just as Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual people, but also as people of color, women, and people with disabilities. We go back to celebrate ourselves and the incredible community of which we are a part. And we go back because it'll be a hell of a party.

We've come a long way since October 1987. Our community is more organized, visible, vocal, and powerful than ever before. A lot has changed in five years, but far too much remains the same. We still live in a world scarred by violence, bigotry, and discrimination. A world in which we are viewed with such hatred that our very existence has become the centerpiece of a presidential campaign.

Since 1987 the national legislation on hate crimes—the Hate Crimes Statistics Act—specifically included crimes against Lesbians and Gay men. But in the 1990s, bashings are daily occurrences. It was in the 1990s that our friend Rod was beaten by attackers screaming "Die, faggot!" and two Michigan women, Susan and Christine, were shot to death by

a neighbor because of their open displays of affection.

Since 1987, AIDS and Gay/Lesbian/Bi organizations helped enact the first major federal AIDS funding plan to help cities and states with disaster relief funds to care for and treat people with HIV disease. But in the 1990s, the Ryan White CARE Act remains pitifully underfunded, with a mere fraction of desperately needed funds trickling out of Washington. And at the CDC, officials drag their feet in changing the definition of AIDS to include infections particular to women.

Since the 1987 March hundreds of local organizations have sprouted around the country. We've formed thousands of political, healthcare, service, and support groups. We are visible as never before. Yet in the 1990s millions of our sisters and brothers have no connection to a Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual community; millions of us remain silenced and alone.



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Since 1987 we've begun to develop programs to support Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual youth in this country. Countless young people drew hope from the phenomenal March itself, from which they learned that they were far from alone. Yet in the 1990s, one out of every three teen suicides is a Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual person. In the 1990s, the federal government suppressed its own findings that queer youth kill themselves at rates far exceeding those of their straight peers.

Since 1987 we've seen an explosion of queer art, films, literature, performance, and 'zines that celebrate and explore our lives in the words and images we choose. But in the 1990s Congress goes through an annual spasm of bigotry and hatred in censoring the work of artists in our community.

Women still have a precarious grip on their right to choose, but we confront a Supreme Court just one vote shy of ripping it away. Some cities and states have passed Gay and Lesbian civil rights protections, but other jurisdictions have repealed them. We've built a movement to end discrimination in the military, but every day Lesbians, Gays, and Bisexuals are searched out, tossed in jail, and thrown out of the armed forces.

We're still denied housing, jobs, promotions, hotel rooms, children, medical benefits, visitation rights, access to places of worship, health care. Just because of who we are.

Many of us are hoping and working so that November's election will bring real change, perhaps even leadership in Washington that will listen to and respect our community. But we would have to forget our history to expect that our rights will appear on a proverbial silver platter. No matter who sits in the White House or the

Congress, they will respond to pressure. The March is our chance to exert that force.

We need to march because no matter how strong we are in our hometowns, no matter how powerful our voices have grown in Washington, there is no single action that our community can take that promises more than this march. Nothing else so loudly shouts to America our numbers, our demands, our strength, our diversity, and our absolute determination to accept nothing less than equal rights.

In fact, for every small gain we make, we have to fight off a new attack. And let's make no mistake: in the 1990s, we're under attack. The more visible we become, the more threatened become the Quayles, the Sheldons, and the Helmses of America. Every advance spurs the bigots to new action. In Oregon, voters will decide next month whether the state should be required to discriminate against us. And we all know that Oregon won't be the last right wing backlash we'll face.

The backlash is here. It's time to march.

There are as many reasons to march next April as there are queer people in this country. If you, like us, watched a close friend die recently while the government pinched pennies on health care, then you know it's time to march. If

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you're pissed off by a Congress that refuses to grant us the most basic civil rights, then you know it's time to march. If you remember what it was like to grow up queer—alone in some homo-hostile place—and if you want to show Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual teens that they're not alone, then you know it's time to march again. If you rage against a "justice" system that dares to call our lovemaking a crime, you know it's time.

Beyond Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual issues, the diversity of our movement requires and compels us to oppose all forms of oppression that diminish the quality of life for all people. We march on Washington to celebrate each person's story, realizing that no one individual can speak for any group as a whole. Come see our diversity. Come tell your story.

Finally, the March on Washington isn't just about our anger, as powerful as it is. It's about celebration of our community—all the communities of people that together make up this movement. The March is one time—maybe the only time—when all of us, from every state and territory, of every color, with various disabilities, women and men, come to one place to shake our fists, to shout and cry, to strategize and build—to link arms to demand what's ours. ▼

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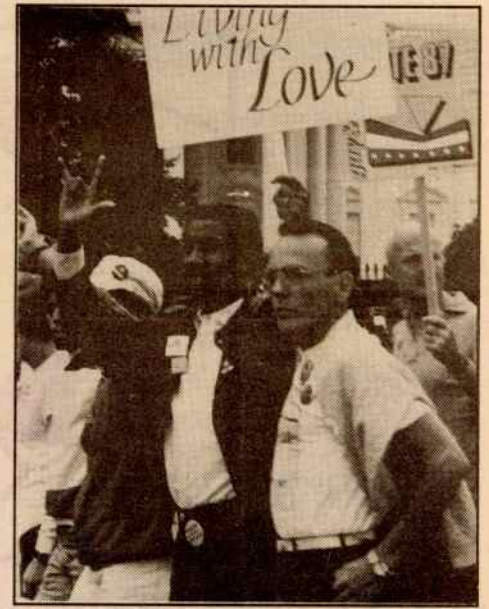
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Reflections of an '87 Marcher

Tim I. McFeeley

On October 11, 1987 over a half million people assembled on the Ellipse behind the White House and marched up Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol of the United States, and none of us will ever forget the experience. Beyond the sensations—the sight of blocks of Gay and Lesbian Americans of all ages, races, shapes, colors, and dress walking, wheeling, riding, and skipping behind fanciful and creative signs and decorations past the monuments and museums; the sounds of laughter, shouts, speeches, chants, songs, and applause; the smells of crisp October, salty hot dogs, popcorn, incense; and the feel of hands, hugs, bumps, feet on pavement—the things that I most remember are the emotions that welled up over and around me as we tried to make ourselves visible as a people and as a movement of power, passion, and pride.



It was a joyful experience. Smiles were everywhere. We were proud and reflected that pride on our faces. I remember not one complaint—can you imagine?—from anyone about the hours of waiting, long-winded speeches, aching backs and sore feet, bursting bladders, and lack of space. We were creating the biggest and loudest demonstration that Lesbian and Gay Americans had ever mounted, and one of the biggest and loudest marches in the history of the United States. We couldn't stop smiling. We were visibly happy and happily visible.

That night as we watched the national news broadcasts that made no mention of our march, we realized we were still invisible, and we weren't happy. The world had not noticed. Our smiles disappeared and we were puzzled. Was Sunday's march a dream, or was there a conspiracy of silence? If the world didn't see us or hear us, what was the point?

The 1987 March on Washington was certainly a turning point in our history. Pride marches and demonstrations of solidarity and visibility, begun in 1969, culminated in this massive march. But the march showed us that visibility was a beginning, not an end. Marches precede and follow battles, but they are not the battle. After we left, Washington and the world were the same—oftentimes hostile to our community. Individually and collectively, we realized that if we wanted change we'd have to work for it. As important as these events are to building solidarity and affirmation, marching one day a decade won't cure AIDS or cancer or bring us our civil rights. The '87 marchers went home and started Lesbian and Gay political and advocacy

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groups, publications, ACT UP chapters, Queer Nation groups. The hard work carried on for years by a small group of dedicated activists was now being shared by many more people. The progress and change that this work has effected in the past five years are a direct result of the March on Washington. And that progress and change are visible and have been noticed by the United States and the world.

The enduring legacy of the 1987 March on Washington was not the unforgettable sensations and euphoria, but the sobering reality that no matter how large and loud we are, the world will never give us our rights. We have to work and fight every day we're alive.

On April 25, 1993 we'll march again. And it's time we did. Because of the hard work of the past five years, this time the world will notice. What the world will see is not only pride, but also power. See you all on April 25th! ▼

Tim I. McFeeley is executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. In 1987, he marched as a member of the Board of Directors of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders of Boston. HRCF is a sponsoring organization of the 1993 March.

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A Lesson in "Family Values"

My Daughter is a Lesbian

Robert A. Bernstein

Typically, the parent of a Gay child passes through successive stages of shock, disbelief, sorrow and, sooner or later, acceptance. For many of us, however, there is yet another phase: outrage against society's stereotypical thinking that would relegate our Gay loved ones to second-class citizenship.

Some of us have a dream. It is that millions of angered parents will someday coalesce in a powerful crusade for societal change.

My daughter is a Lesbian. She also is the light of my life, a warm and talented young woman whose joyous spirit helps brighten the lives of others. Ironically, she is now an even better person for having learned to live honestly and openly in a hostile society.

My own conversion to activism was charted by an organization called P-FLAG, an acronym for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. The political potential of such parental conversions was brought home to me at the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. My daughter's mother and I were among the marchers, with other members of P-FLAG. We made up a relatively tiny contingent, a grizzled crew of a few hundred parents in a sea of mostly youthful people.

Dramatically, however, this token symbolic presence touched off a stirring in the crowd that soon grew to a thunderous roar of cheers and applause following us all the way down Pennsylvania Avenue. At times, young people came running out to hug us, tears streaming down their cheeks. In all, the response was a measure, surely, of their yearning for the support and understanding of their own parents.

It was after the march, as I pondered the strength of the parent-child bond and the sheer numbers of homosexual Americans, that I could envision the doom of homophobia's reign.▼

Robert A. Bernstein is editor of P-FLAGpole. This article was originally printed in the *New York Times*. P-FLAG is a sponsoring organization of the 1993 March.

Action Statement for the March

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender movement recognizes that our quest for social justice links us fundamentally to the struggles against racism, sexism, class bias, economic injustice, and religious intolerance. We must realize if one of us is oppressed, we are all oppressed. The diversity of our movement requires and compels us to stand in opposition to all forms of oppression that diminish the quality of life for all people. We will be vigilant in our determination to rid our movement and our society of all forms of oppression and exploitation, so that all of us can develop to our full human potential without regard to race, religion, sexual orientation/identification, identity, gender and gender expression, ability, age, and/or class.▼

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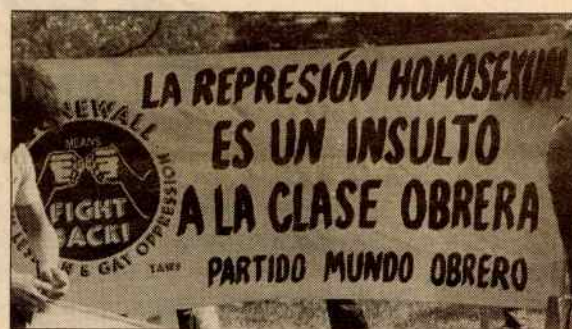
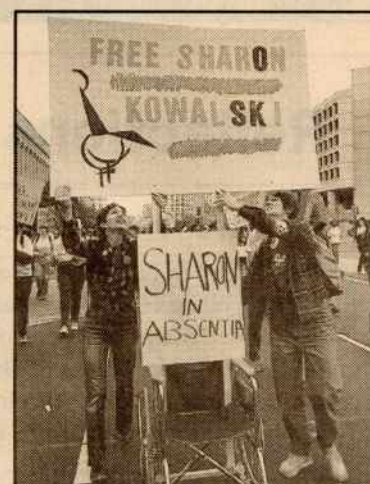
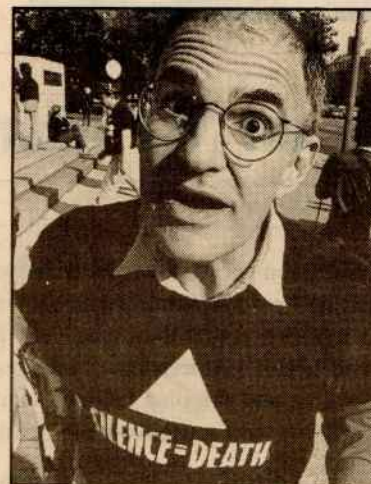
Lynn D. Shepodd

The 1993 March on Washington has the potential of being the largest civil rights demonstration in United States history. We are the present and future of Lesbian, Gay, and Bi America. We owe it to ourselves and our country to be proud, visible, and caring. Our commitment to stand in a predominantly non-Lesbian/Gay world and tell the truth about who we are will go a long way toward putting an end to all types of prejudice.

National Coming Out Day honors those who took their next steps at the October 11, 1987 March on

Washington, and those who come out everyday. 1993 is year six of the National Coming Out campaign, the campaign to see the members of our community live fully, openly, and honestly in society. The possibilities for celebration and learning abound in this campaign. We hope that you will commit to telling the truth about your life and participate in the most effective campaign our community will ever wage.▼

Lynn D. Shepodd is executive director of the National Coming Out Day organization. National Coming Out Day is a sponsoring organization of the 1993 march.



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MOW '87: National Focus, Local Impact

Mandy Carter

The '87 March was a watershed event for the North Carolina Lesbian and Gay community, propelling it down an exciting path of no return. It's been a journey full of surprises, triumphs and, yes, defeats.

In 1986 the Durham Lesbian and Gay community joined other cities in commemorating the Stonewall riots by starting a local Pride march. In preparation for it, author/activist Mab Segrest asked the mayor to sign a proclamation acknowledging the contributions of the Lesbian and Gay community to Durham. Once signed, there was an immediate uproar from the religious right that resulted in the formation of the Coalition for Traditional Moral Values. They launched an effort to recall the proclamation. The Durham Morning Herald newspaper ran negative editorials daily.

We turned to the Black community and our progressive allies to help us beat back the recall effort. We said, "we've been there for you, now we need you to be there for us." The response was overwhelming, and with tabling, radio spots, media coverage, and national media attention we beat it successfully. As a result, we put the "Lesbian and Gay agenda" on the table. Appropriately, the theme for the Pride '86 March and Celebration was "Out Today, Out to Stay." We were 1000 strong when we marched that year, Gay and straight together. What started out to be city-focused became an annual, statewide Pride march and celebration rotating between the state capitol (during legislative sessions) and other cities. Pride '92 was held in Asheville.

In 1987, planning for the second Pride march inspired Queer Carolinians to revisualize the movement in the context of a national Lesbian, Gay, and Bi movement. The statewide outreach and organizing for the MOW committee was built atop the groundwork laid for the local march in '86. As coordinator for the committee, I was ecstatic about both the response and cooperative spirit that pulled us all together and got us to D.C.—2,500 strong!

I didn't realize it at the time, but the impact of the '87 March on the North Carolina community was dramatic. Almost overnight Lesbian and Gay groups sprung up all over the state. We began conversations about local organizing efforts and pulling together a common legislative agenda. We've kept in better contact with each other, and recently formed two new groups, North Carolinians for Lesbian and Gay Equality (NCLGE) and North Carolina PRIDE PAC for Lesbian and Gay Equality, our state's first Lesbian and Gay political action committee.

The '87 March on Washington has taken its place in our community's history alongside Stonewall. Now we turn our sights to the '93 March. From this march, we will improve our local and state organizations and strengthen our national network. The March will also be a helluva way to learn from each others' successes and failures. See you there!

Mandy Carter is the former coordinator of Senate Vote '90 and was a member of the 1987 March Steering Committee. She is the southeast organizing coordinator for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, and a Region 8 delegate to the National Steering Committee.

Two More Reasons to March

Billy Hileman

Several years ago I read about a woman who was seriously injured in a car wreck. After the crash, homophobia ran into her and her lover with an impact that wouldn't quit. On October 11, 1987, when I walked onto the Ellipse, I saw "Why can't Sharon come home?" on a placard, and I knew I would march with that contingent.

After the '87 March I became committed to Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual activism. My experiences with organizing have given me several reasons to march again in 1993. None of those reasons, however, is perhaps more compelling than the brutality of the violence that our community endures.

I made a Quilt panel a few years ago for a man who died of AIDS. His death was one of those instances where the doctors couldn't explain the chronic fever and debilitating headaches. The cause of death cited was "renal failure." But there is no doubt in my mind that the most threatening of all opportunistic infections, the homophobia, killed him.

In August, Fr. Edwards of the Wellness Community phoned the local activist group, to ask for our help regarding a vicious beating of a PWA by the police. I became involved in trying to raise money for legal expenses after Lance, the man who was beaten, told me his story.

Lance had gone out to a local Gay club for the first time since he was released from the hospital for PCP. He was feeling pretty good with his weight over 120 pounds for the first time in months. At 1:30 a.m. the street was crowded near a popular after-hours club. He gently bumped a car while trying to squeeze into a space. Giving up, he began to drive away when the bumped car—a police car—started up and followed.

The police made no indication that he should stay put. Lance turned left at the intersection, and within seconds heard the screeching and saw the revolving red and blue lights of the police car as it sped towards him. The police car slammed into Lance's car, backed off and slammed into him two more times. Lance's car was pushed into oncoming traffic and through a red light at a busy intersection, where it crashed into a utility pole. He sat in shock and terror peering at the buckled hood of his car.

Then he heard "Open that fucking door you faggot!" A male police officer smashed the window and grabbed Lance by the hair. The seat belt and Lance's grip on the steering wheel prevented the officer from dragging his face through the jagged glass in the window frame. A nightstick poked into the window. With Lance's hair still in his grip, the officer beat Lance's hands as they protected his face.

The car door opened. The shoulder harness stretched as Lance's head was pulled by the hair toward the broken glass in the street. "He ripped out chunks of my hair. I could see my hair being caught by the wind

and blown away," he said. The nightstick cracked down on the back of Lance's neck and he passed out.

When Lance came to, he was lying face down in the glass in the street, handcuffed. The officer was standing on his back. Lance looked up at the other officer and asked, "Could you please ask him to get off of my back?" "You're getting what you deserve," she snapped, and then kicked him three times in the head. Next she put the heel of her boot on Lance's head and pressed down. Blood began to run as pieces of glass cut into his chin.

"I have AIDS," said Lance, hoping for improved treatment. The male officer pulled Lance to his feet by the handcuffs. His silver chain was ripped from his neck and never found. The police van arrived and they went to the hospital.

At the hospital the glass was removed from Lance's chin and nine stitches were sewn. His blood alcohol level was recorded as zero. Neither his hands nor head were x-rayed for fractures. Months later, a healing fracture would be discovered in his hand. He looked at one of the officers and told him that he was going to sue. "Shut up if you know what's good for you," the officer retorted. The female officer was pacing around the room screaming, "I've been exposed to AIDS!" She looked at Lance and said, "If I get AIDS, I'm going to get you." Both assaulting officers had Lance's blood on them.

At the police station Lance was sitting in his cell when he realized it was time to take his AZT. He asked the guard for a cup, but the guard replied, "You don't need anything, they said you were OK at the hospital." Lance tried to explain that it was very important to take this medicine at certain times. The guard saw a flattened paper cup on the floor and kicked it under the bars while remarking, "Use this. You don't have to worry about getting anything anyway."

Lance was charged with resisting arrest, assaulting an officer, vehicular attempt to leave the scene, driving under the influence (DUI was dropped when it was discovered that the hospital recorded a blood-alcohol level of zero), driving on the wrong side of the road, and running a red light. He was billed \$1600 for the damage to the police car.

Lance lived with his parents in a small town outside of Pittsburgh. He moved home after he was diagnosed with AIDS. His family was horrified at what happened to him, and fearful of what would happen in their town if this story was carried by the media. Lance's close friend, who had witnessed the beating, was reluctant to testify. The ACLU lawyers in Pittsburgh said that judges do not rule against the police in that town, let alone against the police and in favor of a Gay man



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with AIDS. The best thing to do was to plead guilty and end it.

The system that beat him bloody, ridiculed him because he's Gay, showed contempt for his health condition, and destroyed his property, was now forcing him to walk into court and say, "I deserved it." The people who loved him were homophobia's pawns telling him to plead guilty.

Lance attended only one preliminary type of hearing. Court dates were continuously postponed because Lance was too sick to show up. He died before anything was resolved.

My housemate Denice and I attended the funeral. Lance's mother was pleased that the funeral home was being considerate about the cause of death and willing to keep it a secret. There was no mention of AIDS in the service. At the cemetery the priest said, "Lance died a comfortable death."

Homophobia bloodies people and kicks them in the head. Homophobia forces Lesbians and Gay men to say, "I deserved it," even when they know damned well that they didn't. Homophobia becomes more eager when you use a wheelchair or have HIV. Homophobia makes the family an accomplice in self-hatred. Homophobia silences the clergy. Homophobia activates HIV.

I'm going to go to the 1993 March for at least these two reasons: 1) Karen and Sharon may be there; 2) Lance won't. ▼

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About the Logo

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Being angry about how bad things are isn't enough; sometimes you have to do something about them. To me, protest in the sixties was an obligation as well as a personal expression of rage.

In 1979, I learned that marching for Lesbian and Gay rights had a special resonance for me. When a hundred thousand of us marched on Washington for the first time, I not only expressed my anger, I affirmed my self-worth. I found a whole community of people who shared my perspective and my outrage. I saw the potential for change in many ways. In the years following, I realized that our struggle is tied to a greater struggle for human rights and liberation and that working with Gays and Lesbians, I could help make a real difference.

In 1987, I served on the National Steering Committee of the march. We created an inclusive structure that put into practice some of the goals of the march: ending sexism, racism, and discrimination against any sexual minority. I joined the steering committee as a representative of the s/m-leather community, the first time any national coalition of Lesbian and Gay groups recognized the need to include our community in a leadership position.

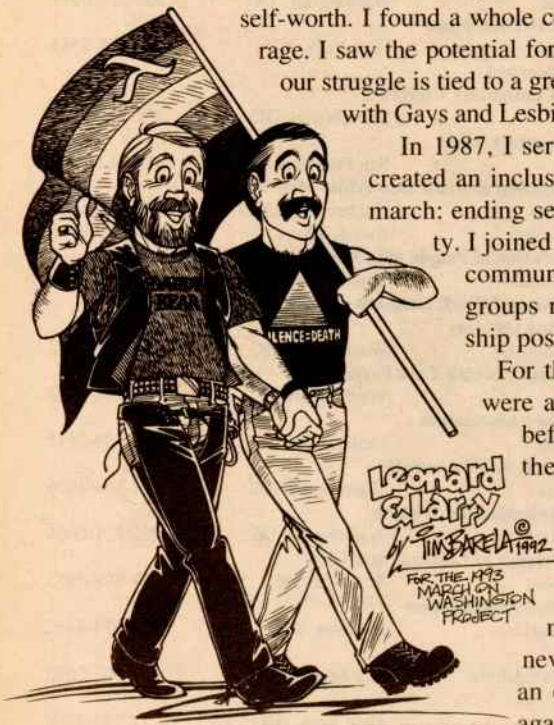
For those of us into s/m and leather, 1987 was a watershed. We were accepted and welcomed by the broader community as never before. Over a thousand people showed up at our conference on the Saturday before the march. A twenty-foot banner on a Justice Department building on Constitution Avenue proclaimed in letters five feet high: "S/M-Leather Contingent." Talk about empowering.

Now, as we approach 1993, the s/m-leather-fetish community has expanded to a size and breadth we old-timers never dreamed possible. Young men and women are providing an energy and creativity that is making political activism fun again. Our issues are the issues the whole community tackles:

violence against Gays and Lesbians, domestic partner recognition, AIDS, censorship, and sodomy laws.

We are again holding a conference in connection with the March. Again we will be in a government building, affirming the rights of all adults to express affection in private in any way that is safe, sane, and consensual. I can't wait to see what happens this time. ▼

Barry Douglas is director of Gay Male SM Activists.



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Calendar of Events

Wednesday April 21
Historical Exhibit opens

Thursday April 22
Historical Exhibit
Lobbying—MOW, NGLTF, HRCF
Student Conference opens
PWA Health Fair
Chorus Festival
Masquerade Ball
Victory Fund Candidate Training

Friday April 23
BiNet Annual Meeting
Historical Exhibit
Lobbying
Student Conference
Rainbow Alliance Conference
Chorus Festival
MOW Black-tie Banquet
Drag Show Extravaganza
Gay & Lesbian Parent Coalition
Banquet/Reception
Victory Fund Candidate Training

Saturday April 24
Wedding—Ceremony of Commitment
Historical Exhibit
Student Conference
Drag Show Extravaganza
Texas Two-step Party
Bi National Gathering

Chorus Festival
Harvey Milk Memorial Unveiling
Motorcycle Run
S/M Leather Fetish Conference opens
Interfaith Service
MSU/GALA Reunion
The Purple Circuit—Theatre Reception
National Minority AIDS Council Reception
Prisoner Proxy Project
Victory Fund Board Meeting
Lesbian/Gay Bands of America Concert

Sunday April 25
AIDS Memorial Quilt Display
Historical Exhibit
Lesbian Physicians Conference Opens
Opening Stage
THE MARCH
Main stage & rally
MOW Volunteer Thank You Reception

Monday April 26
Historical Exhibit
Lesbian Physicians Conference
Direct Action/Civil Disobedience

Tuesday April 27
Historical Exhibit
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Wednesday April 28
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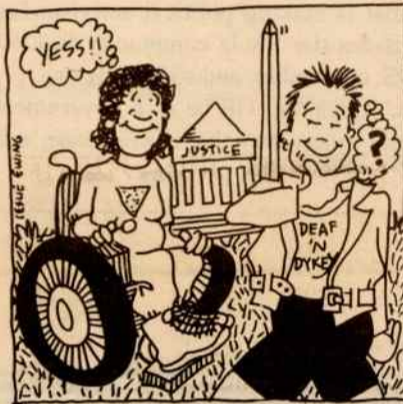
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