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Thousands rally for abortion rights

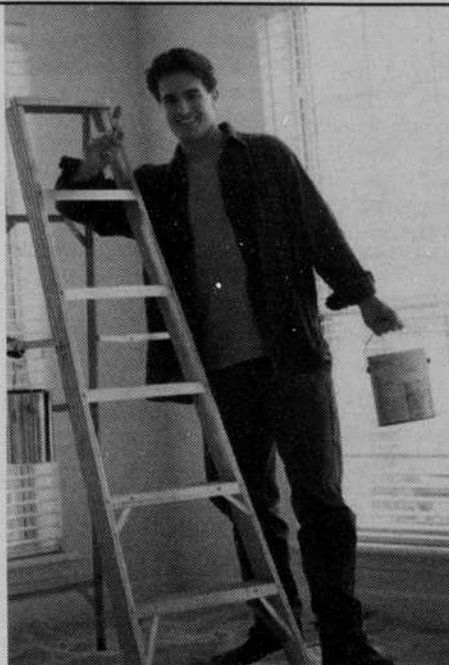
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Speakers including actress Susan Sarandon and former Secretary of State Madeline Albright blamed the White House's policies for the deaths of thousands of women worldwide — caused, they said, from its re-institution of a ban on federal funding for family-planning groups that provide information about abortions or perform them abroad.

Michelle Williams of Wilmette, Ill., met up with her mother, Lenore Zake of Palm Beach, Fla., at the march. The women, in homemade "Freedom" shirts, attended an ACLU-sponsored breakfast for Illinois activists Sunday morning. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill., received a standing ovation after she

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