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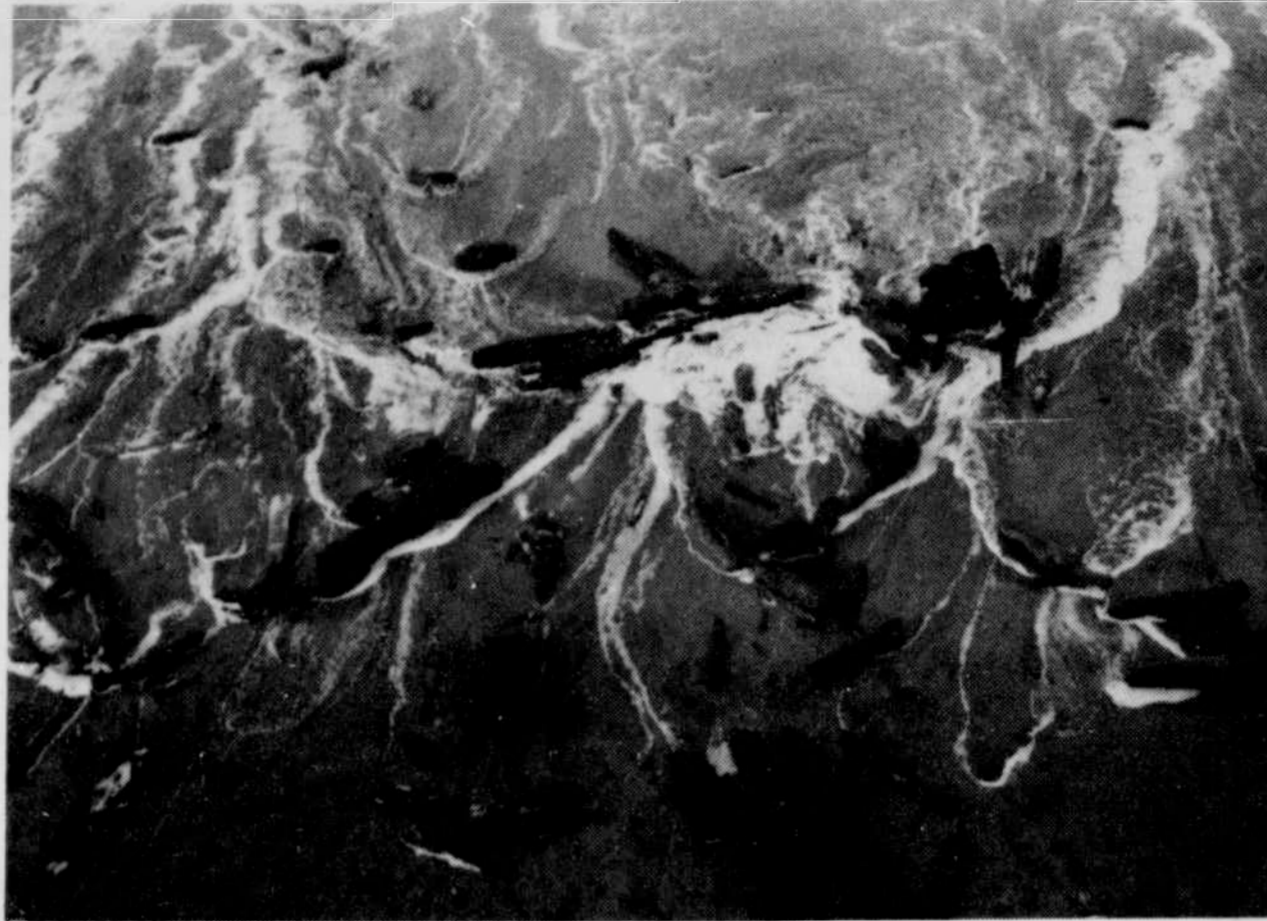
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Steppin' Out

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Taking it from the top

B Y J A Y B R O W N

This is one part of this job I really have problems with. You know, recapping the year, trying to distill it into ten inches. Maybe if I paid less attention, I'd have less to sort out.

So, in no particular order (except for the first item), here's 1987!



- The March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights must be the Number One experience for hundreds of thousands of people. The

March caused a resurgence of political activity all over the country and demonstrated the tremendous power of the gay and lesbian press. Pre-march publicity was virtually absent in the straight press and yet more than three quarters of a million people, some as far away from D.C. as Alaska and Hawaii, assembled on the Capitol Mall on that October afternoon.

- The rejection by the U.S. Senate of the nomination of Appeals Court Judge Robert Bork to the Supreme Court was a strong lesson in coalition-building. But then again, his looks may have had some bearing on the outcome. Next, to add insult to Reagan's injury, Douglas Ginsberg's marijuana use left many of us howling in glee.

- Kristine Gebbie, Oregon Health Division Administrator, was picked by the Reagan Administration to fill a slot on the President's beleaguered AIDS Commission. Considering the credentials of some on the Commission (Cory SerVaas, Penny Pullen), Gebbie's appointment may have hinged on the organized protest against her appearance at the AIDS vigil at Portland's Metropolitan Community Church last September.

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- Governor Neil Goldschmidt signed Executive Order 87-20, Portland City Council approved personnel rules banning discrimination against gays and lesbians. HB 2325 suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of a vocal minority. (I'm still amazed by the number of legislators who are intimidated by the likes of Priscilla Martin and Drew Davis.)

- Michael Stoops: *Willamette Week* demonstrated once again how low some people will scrape just to keep a roof over their heads.

- United Way of the Columbia/Willamette made an about-face after unfavorable publicity in the gay and lesbian press disclosed institutionalized homophobia in the organization. United Way sponsored a forum for the lesbian and gay community in December and will release a report on the forum in February 1988.

- Sixty percent of Oregonians favor a law barring discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and 58 percent agree with Governor Goldschmidt's Executive Order 87-20, according to a poll conducted by TH Research for *The Oregonian* in early December. Let's make that closer to 100 percent in 1988.

CATHARTIC COMICS

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