

PRIDE NORTHWEST PRESENTS GAY, LESBIAN, BI, TRANS

# PRIDE 1969 PRIDE 1999

June 19th & 20th Waterfront Park Celebrating Stonewall 30: Revolution/Evolution

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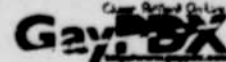
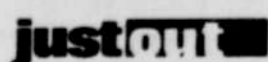
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## Speak Out

### Debate rages on

TO THE EDITOR:

The Lesbian Avengers would like to thank Marty Davis for her editorial suggesting that we make pride more respectable ["Your Grandma Is Watching. Keep Your Pants On," *Just Out*, June 4].

We at the Avengers couldn't agree more that what is important about pride is not celebrating our own unique culture; it is making us "presentable" to straights. In fact, gays can learn a lot from straight people. Our goal should be to emulate them as much as possible if we want that all-important corporate job or marriage license.

As a group, isn't the goal of gays to gain a seat at the table, because really, the only difference between us and straights is who we love? We should abandon drag queens, queers in leather, those embarrassing dykes on bikes. These would just confuse grandma and grandpa, and our goal is not to live our lives as we choose, it is to conform to their traditional notions of "family values." Instead, why not parade our stock portfolios, Log Cabin Republicans and lesbians with BMWs? Our straight grandmas would surely be impressed by that.

The Lesbian Avengers have seen the error of our ways. No more eating fire, no more street theater around queer bashing, no more getting in the face of those who want to take away our rights.

Instead, we will take out our piercings, put on our shirts, and head to the state Capitol in our business suits (blue of course) and politely ask our legislators to give us our rights, because after all, we're just like them. We won't hold the hands of our girlfriends, because we know Aunt Mary doesn't understand and that would just be flaunting it. We'll laugh at those racist, sexist, misogynist jokes of our co-workers, because we don't want to be seen as radical dykes who just can't take a joke. Assimilation all the way. Bush in 2000!

THE LESBIAN AVENGERS  
Portland

TO THE EDITOR:

Thanks to Marty Davis for her editorial regarding our behavior at pride events.

Although some may throw slams about free speech and acceptance, there are many important points to keep in mind, including the fact that most people want to be able to invite their families and children to pride.

One issue, however, has not been mentioned. It deals with the legality of public nudity. If it is illegal to take one's clothes off in a public forum, why would we support that action in a pride event?

I enjoy going to festivals where nudity is an expected and acceptable behavior. I believe the human body is beautiful, but nudity for its shock value is not beautiful to me. Displays of inappropriate behavior to gain attention are not appreciated by many individuals who wanted to visit with friends, listen to music, explore the many booths and celebrate the acceptance we have worked so hard to gain.

There are individuals in our community who are a bit more conservative, but that does not mean we advocate violating free speech or freedom of expression.

DONNA LUCKETT  
Portland

TO THE EDITOR:

I was appalled by your editorial imploring the community to have "good taste and manners" at this year's gay pride festival.

There are so many flaws in this diatribe that I scarcely know where to begin. Your call to

change should be directed at the media, which covers the parade in what you purport to be an unbalanced way. This is a systemic problem with the media and not one specific to gay community coverage (the "if it bleeds, it leads" mentality).

To suggest to the community we should put on our Sunday best because of the unbalanced media coverage has sadly missed the mark of the real problem. Let us complain to the media outlets and demand balanced coverage, and not stifle ourselves instead. The fact is, our community is made up of a virtual rainbow of people, and that is what gives us strength.

You miss the point on another score. While some queer people may "bare their breasts, wear a G-string and show their bountiful buttocks," so do thousands of straight people at celebrations such as Mardi Gras and spring break festivities.

Many people in our community make plenty of accommodations to the straight world—which you so desperately think we need to impress—in their daily lives. Let's have one day a year in which we can live fully as ourselves, in whatever beautiful, funky, sexy, bare-breasted or, yes, even suit-wearing manifestation that may take.

In addition, while you are imploring others to put on their "best behavior," you publish in your very newspaper ads for sex lines, bathhouses, escort services, complete with sexually suggestive photographs. I believe these ads should be in *Just Out*, and I am in no way advocating their removal, but your hypocrisy is amusing.

BOB BASQUE  
Portland

TO THE EDITOR:

Kudos to Marty Davis for her June 4 editorial. I have lived in Portland now for 11 years, and have attended almost every pride parade and festival since moving here.

Although I am all for freedom of speech, I agree that we are making a statement to the rest of the country during our pridefest, and it is important to make it a positive one.

Here we are, almost the year 2000, and we as a community are still fighting for our basic rights. If the world sees us acting crazy and showing off, it just makes it that much harder to move forward.

When we finally have an outlet like gay pride, and the world is watching, we should be a little more discreet. That way, when we are out there fighting to get the rights we deserve, maybe we will be seen as human beings rather than those damn fags and dykes running around downtown.

We can, after all, act crazy and silly every other day of the year. Maybe this one day a year should be something that we can all be proud to be a part of. And then, we can show the rest of the world just how incredible our gay community really is. Talk about pride. Now that would really give us something to celebrate.

DAVID M. COCHELL  
Portland

TO THE EDITOR:

Marty Davis' call to put pride back into pride day by employing "good taste, good manners and good common sense" frightens and sickens me.

What qualifies as good taste? Good manners? Good common sense? Who gets to define what is implied by the use of these seemingly agreeable terms? Good manners, good taste and good common sense strike me as being code words for white, Christian and middle class. By asking queers to tone ourselves down and by saying that this toning down is what is best for the