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COMMENTARY

BY MARTY DAVIS

Adventure and adieu

The national queer rights march is one big party; a longtime *Just Out* staffer heads off to get a bite of the Big Apple

In 1993, close friends of mine attended the national gay rights march in Washington, D.C. They returned home joyous, enthusiastic and possessed of a sense of community and empowerment. To this day, attendees of that march speak of it with pride and heartfelt sentiment as a turning point in their lives.

Last month, I attended the Millennium March on Washington and returned home sunburned, blistered and possessed of the uncomfortable residue of lemminglike behaviors. The meaning and purpose of the march wasn't all that clear to me before I made the trip, and there is still no clarity after the experience. Apparently the event has been deemed a success, at least from a numbers standpoint, but as a call for unity or empowerment I think it best to just write off the weekend as one really big gay pride party in D.C.

The tone for the event seems to have been set at Equality Rocks, a slick, well-produced concert that paraded out proper amounts of music, malarkey and obligatory heart-wrenching sentiment and tears. The lowlight was some very tall sitcom star—straight-identified—who loudly chirped that she was there because she loves "the gay people." I felt so proud. This event also brought to my consciousness the soul-searching question: What the hell is wrong with k.d. lang?

Movie-of-the-week qualities aside, Equality Rocks did produce a moment that will not likely be seen again by most of us. Imagine the sounds and sights of 45,000 queers chanting "Go Tipper, Go Tipper" as the first lady wannabe enthusiastically flailed away at a defenseless set of drums. Apparently she preapproved the lyrics to the song? It was definitely not a George W. moment—and the lady deserves some serious credit for being there (and looking like she was having a fabulously good time).

I'd like to be able to share more of my experiences at the march with you, but time and space challenges in this issue aren't going to allow that to happen, so I guess we'll just have to have lunch and I'll tell you all about the rest of the sights I saw.

In the meantime, I need to use the rest of this space to tell you about more changes that are underway at *Just Out*.

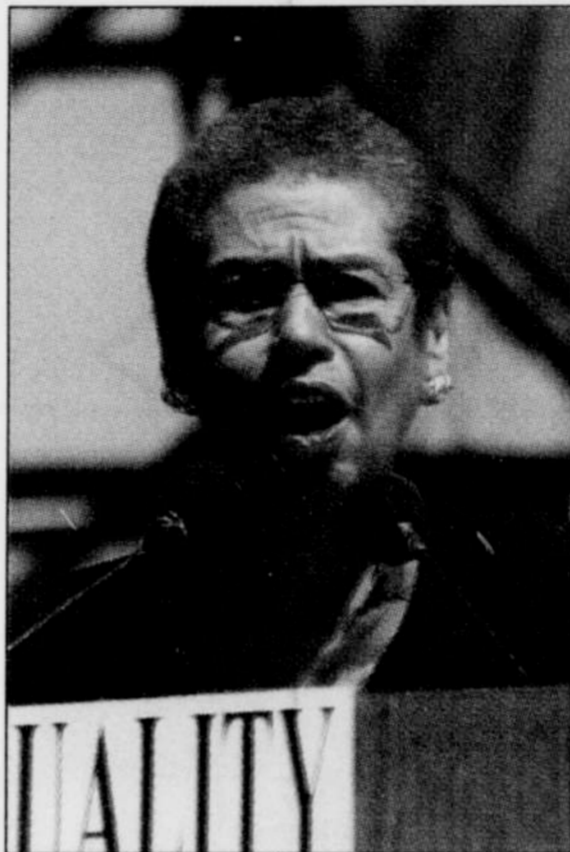
In our April 21 issue, I addressed planning for the future and accepting that change is a constant. Well, guess what? My lesson for this issue is that you can plan for change but you cannot always or often plan when it will happen—and change doesn't necessarily happen according to the plan.

For close to a decade, the pages of *Just Out* have featured the reporting of our current news editor, Inga Sorensen. Her presence has been a constant, stable factor in our coverage of Northwest news, leaders, events and community. Now it is time for Inga to move on and take her skills and experiences to higher levels of personal and career growth.

This month, she heads off to New York City to take on a news editor position in Manhattan. We'll miss her, but wish her all the best and thank her for her contributions over the years.

Meanwhile, here at *Just Out*, you'll be meeting and reading more from the likes of Katy Davidson, Marc Acito, Jonathan Kipp, Christopher Cuttone and others who will continue to make *Just Out* flourish, grow and, yes, change.

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Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton speaking at the Millennium March

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Toto, I don't think we're at Rooster Rock anymore. (These photos were taken at Winter Park in Clark County, Wash.)

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