

ADAMS TO HELP MOBILIZE YOUTH

Sam Adams, who is vying to become Portland's first openly gay city commissioner, will participate in an afternoon of politics, music and fun June 21 to energize young people between 16 and 30 to be more civically and politically active.

The event is part of the March Across America, a series of voter registration drives, rallies, concerts, speeches and other summer activities organized entirely by young people. It will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the South Park Blocks across from Portland State University's Smith Student Union, 1825 S.W. Broadway.

"Young people have a strong voice that sometimes isn't heard," said Emily Ryan, a member of the Multnomah Youth Commission. "The March Across America is one way we can stand up and say we are here and involved."

The event will kick off with a panel of youth leaders followed by Adams, Portland mayoral candidate Tom Potter, City Commissioner Erik Sten, Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury and other local and state leaders.

Music bands also will be on hand to liven things up.

The 2000 election saw the lowest turnout among young voters since 18-year-olds gained the right to vote in 1972.

Mobilizing America's Youth, a new national nonprofit, has teamed up with local partners including the Multnomah Youth Commission, Oregon Student Association, New Voters Project, Rock the Vote and Common Cause Oregon to make sure that doesn't happen again in 2004.

"The dedication and passion radiated from these leaders of our generation prove that our country will not only be in good hands tomorrow, but that our country needs these fresh young voices today," said David B. Smith, Mobilizing America's Youth executive director.

For more information visit www.mobilize.org.

GLAAD HIRES MEDIA WATCHDOG

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation announced April 8 that Kathy Sanchez is its new Northwest regional media manager. She will work with journalists and queer organizations in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming and will be based in GLAAD's Los Angeles office.

"With the recent advances the LGBT communities have made in the Northwest region, it is more important than ever for GLAAD to continue its work towards fair and accurate media portrayals in cooperation with community organizations," Sanchez said. "I'm excited to work for equality with dedicated activists in the Northwest."

Sanchez has a long track record as an activist. Her media and communications experience includes work with the LA Gay & Lesbian Center, the Christopher Street West Association in Los Angeles and the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California. She also served as a reporter for National Public Radio affiliate KRWG-FM in southern New Mexico and is a contributor on Pacifica Radio affiliate KPFK-FM in Los Angeles.

Sanchez received a bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communications from New Mexico State University. While there she co-founded the Next Rainbow Generation, a queer youth group in Las Cruces, and served as communications committee chairwoman for the New Mexico Coalition for Equality, which helped defeat statewide anti-gay legislation and brought queer discrimination issues to the media forefront.

"We are extremely pleased to add Kathy to our regional team," said Michael Young, GLAAD's director of regional media. "Kathy's strong experience working with LGBT communities coupled with her passion and dedication for the work made her the ideal choice for this position, and she will be a tremendous benefit to the region as we tackle important issues facing our community." □

—Emily Ryan

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Portland City Council candidate Sam Adams (center, with partner Greg Eddie, left, on election night May 18) hopes to energize young voters June 21

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