Washington March Set For October 14

by Pat Urquhart

Regional representatives from across the country met February 23 in Philadelphia for a three day conference to discuss and coordinate activities for the proposed March On Washington.

Two hundred and twenty-five Lesbian and Gay delegates representing 20 states overwhelmingly agreed upon October 14, 1979 as the march date.

July 4, a march date called for by the late Harvey Milk, was rejected because of fear for limited media coverage and absent legislators over the holiday weekend. "We came away with a full majority for the march," said Brandy Moore (a delegate representing San Francisco), in a February 28 press conference announcing the results of the national conference.

There had been considerable conflict among Philadelphia groups. "The Washington, D.C. community was totally opposed to the march," said Moore. But, referring to the Washington, D.C. community he added, "There was a complete turnaround."

Although position papers were presented by numerous groups attending the conference expressing diverse points of view, the political goals of the march were narrowed down to five "Central Political Demands."

A "call" has been put out to march on February 22 to discuss "the future of the movement" and to "discuss and coordinate activities for the proposed March On Washington." The Sonoma County Mental Health Alliance raised a number of questions and for those who chose not to participate in these workshops and specifically consult straight counselors. An Alliance spokesperson asked: "What affirmative service programs and employment of openly Gay and Lesbian counselors; specific counseling and program assistance available through Mental Health Services are available to them through Mental Health?"

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COMING TO YOUR AREA

Parade Ends Celebration

The conclusion of History Week was celebrated with a parade and community fair on Saturday, March 10 in Santa Rosa and an ERA rally and Women's Day in the Park in San Francisco.

"Women's History on Parade," from which diverse groups in the Women's Shelter, the Girls Louise and the California Women's Club, the Lesbians and Gay Alliance, the Transgender Resource Center, and historic contributions.

The Women's support spomen, the event included 12 different women's groups in the county. Many set information tables in Court House Square, where a multi-cultural program of entertainment and speakers was presented before the parade.

The Women's Support Network, a newly-formed feminist group, provided free ballroom dancers and T-shirts with the words "Women of the Women's Community" inscribed on them. The plan to put the proceeds of the T-shirts into the support network for a future feminist event.

In San Francisco, Leora, an advanced thousands of ERA supporters to what organizers called the largest ERA rally ever in San Francisco. An estimated 90,000 people, many women, was announced by a coalition of Bay Area ERA groups.

Anita Bryant has helped stir up has causing a stir among California's gay community. The children, Jordan, Ari-Ben and Willie, were the first to notice the huge billboard with the words "Kids from the Farm."

The mailbox has been knocked down, severely damaged, and people were threatened by a gun-toting driver of a pickup.

At least a thousand dollars have been raised by the group.

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We encourage you all to use this space every month for members of the community to build a healthy and integrative community. The staff of San Francisco 1st 104th Avenue and 3rd Street in San Francisco has been working hard to coordinate and provide services to women and girls who are facing difficulties. The program of entertainment and speakers was put on a regular basis every Saturday and Sunday.

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The issue of sexualities in rural communities is one that is often overlooked, yet it is a crucial aspect of the larger struggles for social justice. In her book, "And Grassroots Resistance," Amber Hollibaugh tells the story of her work organizing in rural areas of California, where she faced numerous challenges, from lack of support to outright discrimination.

One of the most important aspects of Hollibaugh's work was her focus on women's rights. She writes about the ways in which women in rural areas were often marginalized and oppressed, and how they had to overcome enormous risks in order to organize and fight for their rights. Hollibaugh describes the ways in which women in rural areas were often seen as the backbone of rural organizing, and how they had to overcome enormous risks in order to organize and fight for their rights.

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A whole generation of Third World mothers is virtually being starved to death each feeding. Without refrigeration, their one bottle and nipple before they are filled with their advertising slogans. Enclined to a donation in the amount of $ to with Pace DONT BUY NESLEE PRODUCTS: the government charges were filed against Nestle, for delivering obscene, indecent, filthy or lewd material in the past year, public pressure continued. The Boycott's success has already forced Nestle to claim they've halted mass media consumer advertising, but fragrant violations of this policy are reported in INSFACT regularly. Systematic is what we have learned is grocery's viable business alternative we fine tuned, continuing customers about their responsibilities.
When asked whether there was any feminist participation in the conference, Lenny replied: "All Lesbians are women. Although strong solidarity was mush­shed in the city, it seemed that it did have in much others.

On the other hand, there was a lot of divisiveness and conflict," left Brittnan of the WSN Women's Health Club said, especially among Philadelphia groups which "involves all Lesbian and Gay women at the con­ference. But as soon as a date for the march was decided upon, "People really came together."

Brittnan also said that "Grass Root campaigns don't happen very often" and that the organization was favor of a more "professional" approach.

Another speaker discussed the S.C.O.F. com­mittee and the "Left himenary," noting: "It's in the center, left, from the center and right, but it's the same thing. It's like the Gay and Lesbian Parity in Education and In-Patient Care, discussion on the march. This includes deaf and handicapped people. It was not learned from San Francisco, noted, "We want people."

"The march is to "put an end to the syste­m of violence and medication technologies. Once again, no specific programs of support seemed to exist for Gay people.

Alliance representatives noted that the distribution of Gay images in the city resembled community dialogue during the recent campaign for the election of a new mayor, and that the campaign was not only "immediate" but "immediate and ongoing." In general, the health care staff and the public which attended the afternoon meeting, seemed receptive and supportive of the Gay presence. One old-timer community activism encouraged continued Gay visibility and solidarity by suggesting that "the squeaky wheel gets the oil."

A heartfelt thanks to all those who made the River Queen possible.

Despite the routine bureaucratic and medical limitations of the health care system, it seems that support for the development of a health care program for Gay people contributed to the overall health of the Gay community. The Alcohol Community Health Committee of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Sonoma County and the San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Community Center continued to meet and invites other Gay groups, or individuals and friends to discuss their ideas with us. For more information call family, at 836-4377.

River Queen Closes Doors

The River Queen Women's Center in Geyserville, a new shelter for women's does for everyone on February 25th. The Center which is funded by Sonoma County's population. Gay people had citizens' rights to expect a public sponse to the River Queen and the River area and beyond, for the past few years have been a successful community and for the natural aid. The Board of Directors of the River Queen shrunk from two primary reasons for the community's closing. These decisions were made on the basis of financial difficul­ties, although the board felt that the Queen was indeed successful and that homosexual teachers have a right to be in the educational system. The Federation called for the desegregation of the hospital, and additional debt and credit lines from the community, across and counseling practices.

Shasta County Dance

The Coalition for Human Rights of Shasta County is holding a fundrais­ing dance March 17, St. Patrick's Day, at the Riders of the Wandering Wand, 30 and Calico De, Michigan City.

The dance, running from 9 PM until 1 AM, will offer beer and soft drinks on sale, door prizes to be drawn, and speakers are among-the-events of Sonoma State Hospital will hold meetings. The woman decided to contest the divorce and try to persuade her hus­band to end his marriage.

The divorce was contested by the district court jury has refused to make any changes in the marriage order. The...
Local NWPC Chapter Forms

The National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC) will soon have a chartered chapter in Sonoma County due to the efforts of local women. "We intend to become an influential force in Sonoma County," stated Angela Frank, chapter founder. She outlines the purposes of the Caucus as: supporting women's issues; educating women about political issues; and providing an environment for women to be supportive of one another.

The National Policy Council of the NWPC in its statement of purpose endorses a non-sexist, non-racist, non-poor, non-violent society. The NWPC is actively supportive of Gay rights.

N. Y. Gay Health Conference Set

The 2nd Gay Health Conference will be held May 18-20 at Hunter College in New York City.

The Conference is co-sponsored by the National Gay Health Coalition (NGHC) and Hunter College Student Health Society. The Coalition chose "Gay Health Care: 10 Years After" as the theme of the conference "to honor those Gay health professionals who have remained 'out' in their fields and who continue to serve us as models of inspiration and courage...to encourage greater visibility and solidarity for Gay professionals, issues and concerns within the American Health System."

The NGHC, founded in May of 1976, is an association composed of Gay health caucuses of health professional organizations. Its purposes are to communicate with each other about caucus activities and to coordinate and promote mutual efforts.

The goals of the Conference are: to clarify the health concerns of the Lesbian and Gay community and identify their need for health services; to establish the rights, needs, and obligations of Gay health providers on the job; AND TO DEFINE THE CURRENT FEDERAL IMPACT ON Gay people's mental and physical health and suggest future changes.

Reservation deadline is March 31. Reservations received after that date will be subject to a higher fee. For more information contact the NEWS.