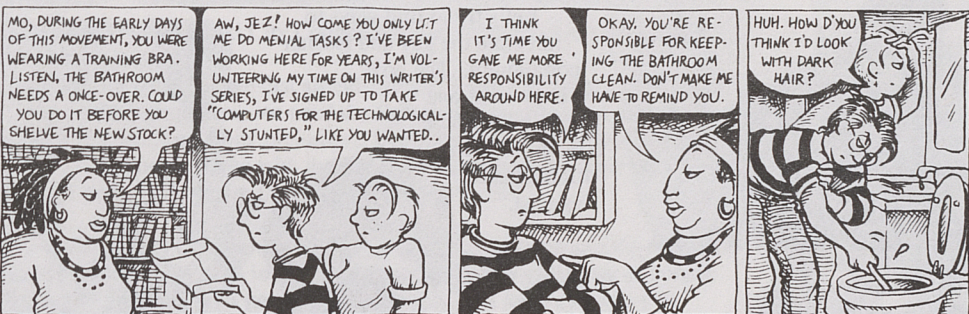
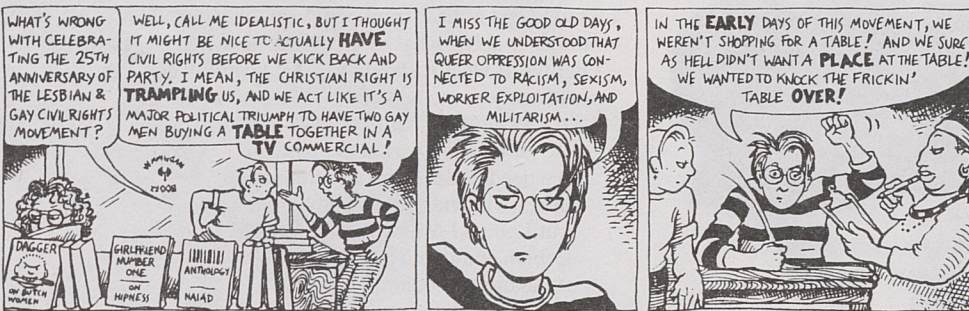


Dykes To Watch Out For

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Spotlight On... Pride Day

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BURLINGTON -- On June 4, 1994, the Vermont Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual community celebrated its eleventh annual Pride Day. Dubbed "Stonewall 25", this year's Pride Day celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, noted as the start of the modern gay rights movement. This year, the festivities included a Pre-march Rally on the front lawn of the Unitarian Universalist Church, a March through downtown Burlington, a Post-march rally in Battery Park, and an outdoor dance party courtesy of Pearl's.

The tone for the day's events were set by the pre-march speakers which included Karin Eade and Jeremie Monahan, both from Outright Vermont, who spoke of the concerns facing today's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and questioning youth. The March itself, led by the groups Dykes on Bikes and the Vermont LGB Marching Band, brought the community face to face with unsuspecting shoppers and diners on the busy Church Street Marketplace. Without incident, the March emptied into Battery Park for an afternoon of entertainment, speakers, food, and vendors pedalling queer merchandise. The band, Chin Ho!, provided the rally's finale.

The Burlington Free Press, reported that 1,500 people took part in Pride Day, surpassing last year's count of 950. ▼

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