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n June 19, the eve of the summer solstice, Pride Vermont '99 took place under a spectacular sunwashed sky. Truly, one could not have asked for a better day. Hot sun (but low humidity), an azure sky, and white puffy clouds in the distance mixed with rainbow flags, balloons, and a large spirited crowd of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, and allied revelers at Burlington's Waterfront Park.

From early Saturday morning until well into the evening, the GLBT community of Vermont came together to celebrate strides made in recent years and to hear about the challenges facing the future.

At 11am, a rally began with the reading of President Clinton's proclamation naming June Gay Pride Month. Keith Goslant of the Vermont Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Rights made note of the chasms that have developed between gay and race issues and between men's and women's health issues, and issued a plea for us all to



Clockwide from left: -The vendor tent at Waterfront Park in Burlington

-Cherie Tartt later thanked Jay Schuster for helping her realize a lifelong dream of being a "biker bitch." -Pride Vermont 1999 staff

work together whether fighting AIDS or breast cancer. Mike Bensel and Anne Moore of the Burlington RU12? Community Center project spoke of the importance of building and maintaining community; attorney Beth Robinson spoke on the freedom to marry cause; US senatorial candidate Ed Flanagan related a touching experience of how he met resistance for speaking at a Vermont high school and seemed to touch his harshest critics by the end of his talk.



## THE PRIDE VT. '99 COMMITTE

FROM PLANNING,

## FOR HELPING MAKE THE DAY SUCH A SUCCESS

WITH 50 MANY PEOPLE TO THANK INDIVIDUALLY BY NAME. WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS PUBLIALLY TO EACH PERSON, COMPANY, AND ORGANIZATION WHO HELPED, WORKED, AND SUPPORTED OUR DAY, IT'S A HUGE UNDERTAKING THAT COMES TOGETHER ONLY WHEN PEOPLE WORK TOGETHER.

WE'RE ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO CREATING NEXT HEAR'S EVENTS