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# National March on Washington

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## Supreme Court Nominee Bork; How the Man Thinks



Robert Bork Supreme Court Nominee

by Bill Whitesides  
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During the past few weeks, one man has created a great deal of controversy on the floor of the United States Senate. That man is Robert Bork, a federal appeals court judge for the District of Columbia and the man nominated by President Reagan to succeed retiring Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell Jr. Bork's proposed elevation may set in motion a series of reversals that could hamper the advances of many minority groups, including

Gays, for a long time to come.

Known as an ultra-conservative, Judge Bork, if confirmed, would be taking the place of Powell, a moderate, who has voted with the liberals on many social issues. Bork's placement could shift the Supreme Court's balance to the far right. More than 75 civil rights groups and special interest groups, including the NAACP, ACLU and the National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) have joined many Senators in opposing Bork's nomination to the Supreme Court.

Born in Pittsburgh in 1927 as the only child of a middle class couple, Bork's life has been one of unusual contrasts. After 34 years as a lawyer, professor, and judge, Bork tends to portray himself as a rigid conservative. But there are a few twists. As a young lawyer, one of Bork's "heros" was Socialist Eugene Debs and in 1952 Bork strongly supported Adlai Stevenson, the saint of liberals, for President. And though he is touted by fundamentalist Christians as one of their own, Bork is ironically a confirmed agnostic married to a Jewish woman.

Robert Bork is an ardent free marketeer who believes courts should seldom interfere with the majority rule. Following this belief, he has

often opposed the social advances of women, blacks and most certainly gays. As a judge in the 1960's, Bork condemned federal legislation that required hotels, bars and restaurants to serve black customers. Bork stated that this type of legislation requires people to associate with those who they do not wish to associate with. Though he has backed away from some of his more narrow minded views, Bork still opposes many of the gains that blacks have gained over the years.

Needless to say, Bork is no friend of Gay & Lesbians. Gay legal activists are highly concerned by the nomination of Robert Bork. The turning back of privacy and civil rights in general, and the continued rejection of gay rights in particular are gloomy scenarios that gay legal activists fear could become realities if Bork is confirmed by the Senate.

### QUOTES FROM ROBERT BORK

"We would find it impossible to conclude that a right to homosexual conduct is 'fundamental' or 'implicit' in the concept of ordered liberty..."

-1984 U.S. Court of Appeals, Dist. of Columbia

"We as Americans have not been willing to say that homosexuality is wrong. It's morally perverse."

-1982 Speech in Boston

"I cannot take seriously the dissent's suggestion that the Navy may be constitutionally required to treat heterosexual and homosexual conduct as either morally equivalent or as posing equal dangers to the Navy's mission..."

-Dronenberg v. Lech Decision, 1984

As a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Bork wrote an infamous 1984 decision upholding the Navy's right to

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## Time Short on DC March

Time is drawing near for what is being called one of the most significant marches in the history of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Movement.

Sunday, October 11 will be the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

This will be the 2nd Gay/Lesbian march in the nation's capitol in eight years, and organizers predict that this will be the largest demonstration ever of Lesbian and Gay unity in the United States.

Don't you think you ought to be a part of it?

It will be worth travelling to Washington just to wreck Ron and Nancy's face.

The national organizers of the March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights are anticipating 250,000 marchers. A local contingent, escorted by Ken Stikeleather will join the marchers for this history making event. Contact Ken at 704-333-4213 for complete details.

Stikeleather has scheduled a meeting on October 5 for those persons registered to travel as a group by train from Charlotte to DC. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize details and answer questions. A film on the 79 DC march may be shown.

The Charlotte group's departure will be Oct. 10 at 12:59 a.m., scheduled to arrive in DC at 8:55 a.m. This will be via Amtrak's northbound Crescent. The group will be staying at the well known Dupont Plaza Hotel. A reception will be held there from 6-9 p.m. for all the Carolinians.

The group will leave Washington on Monday, Oct. 12, also via Amtrak, with arrival time estimated Sunday for 2:20 a.m.

Carolina participants in the

march will meet at 17th & Constitution Avenue between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. There will be a NC Banner and light blue balloons to identify the group. A rally will follow the march.

Sunday bus trips to Washington are being organized by the Triangle Lesbian/Gay Alliance from Durham, Chapel Hill and Raleigh. Call 919-832-7440 (Raleigh), 919-942-2384 (Chapel Hill, Durham) for information. For information on a Winston Salem bus call the Unitarian Fellowship at 919-722-0421.

The purpose of the March on Washington is to bring attention to Lesbian and Gay issues and to the following demands.

1. An end to the discrimination against people with AIDS, ARC, HIV positive status, or those perceived to have AIDS. Massive increase in funding for AIDS education, research and patient care. Money for AIDS, not for war.

2. Legal recognition of lesbian & gay relationships.

3. Repeal of all laws that make sexual conduct between consenting adults a crime.

4. A presidential order banning anti-gay discrimination by the federal government.

5. Passage of the congressional lesbian & gay civil rights bill.

6. Reproductive freedom, the right to control our own bodies, and an end to sexist oppression.

7. An end to racism in this country and apartheid in South Africa.

If you are interested in marching with your fellow Carolinians or pledging your support, contact Ken Stikeleather at 704/333-4213 for more information.

## King Resigns Q-Notes QCQ Continues Publication

by Jim Yarborough  
President QCQ

This in an open letter to the many loyal readers, advertisers, and subscribers of Q-Notes.

As you might have noticed, this edition of Q-Notes is a little on the thin side. With good reason.

Don King, editor of Q-Notes for almost 2 years, has resigned to accept a position with the front page, another North Carolina Gay newspaper. The move is an excellent one for Don and we here at Q-Notes wish him well in his future endeavors and are looking forward to some good natured competition with our brother in print to the east. His resignation has however left us in somewhat of a quandry. Don, had access to, and utilized to a masterful level, some of the best typesetting equipment in the world. State of the art, if you will. He was able to bring to you one of the finest gay papers produced in the country. You have come to expect this level of service, and we here at 'tha Note' will settle for no less. It is, however, difficult to gain access to this type of equipment overnight. This edition is thin

because it's the best we could do on short notice. We will be up to full speed with the November issue.

We are in the process of assembling a small, lean and mean staff to replace the efforts of one man. If you have newspaper experience (professional, college, student, underground, etc.) we would love to hear from you. Come join the gang at 'tha Note.' We offer no pay, but all the newsprint you can eat, and ink you can drink. Contact us at: QCQ, P.O. Box 221881, Charlotte, NC 28222, 704/339-0679.

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