
Pride parade organizers vow to end lewdness

Organizers of Boston's Gay Pride Parade announced last night that nonregistered participants will be removed from future parades, after lewd incidents in this year's march.

The policy came one day after Mayor Thomas M. Menino and several members of the gay community condemned the nudity and sexually suggestive actions of several marchers in Saturday's parade through the streets of the Back Bay and the South End.

The incidents, some witnesses said, included a man who walked on stilts while naked and two topless women who fondled each other on a bed.

Organizers of the 19th annual Gay Pride Parade said those participants were not registered and offered to help police track down the offenders.

"As Pride is an inclusive family and community event, inappropriate and unlawful behavior will not be condoned," according to a statement released last night by organizers, The Board and Committee of Pride Inc.

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