

Save our city from Gay Pride Parade

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Perhaps the only things more disgusting than the display of debauchery and decadence that marched through Boston on June 8 are the superficial claims of outrage made by our political leadership.

"I will not tolerate it," said Mayor Tom Menino ("Lewd acts decried in gay March," Metro, June 12). My dear Mr. Mayor, you led it. And need I remind you that the same Boston Police Honor Guard that was barred from marching in South Boston in 1995 was ordered to lead the Gay Parade in 1996.

"We will investigate," said a Police Department spokesman. That's somewhat like Pontius Pilate asserting that he'll look into reports of a crucifixion occurring in Jerusalem on Good Friday. And as for the lack of arrests, as a Boston police officer myself, we are all well aware that the unwritten rule for the Gay Parade is



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"carte blanche and laissez faire," while another standard entirely is applied to South Boston on St. Patrick's Day.

Not to mix the two issues, but perhaps Rosemary Powers and her residency group should get involved, because the Gay Pride Parade is certainly something that we need to "Save our City" from.

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