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The Wisconsin Light

Sept. 30 AIDS Walk Seeks 2,000 Walkers

[Milwaukee]- The first Wisconsin AIDS Walk is scheduled for Sunday, September 30, 1990 on Milwaukee's lakefront. Produced by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), the Walk will promote community-wide awareness of AIDS and raise essential funds to address the challenges of the disease.

"The Wisconsin AIDS Walk will be the largest fundraiser and educational event for AIDS ever produced in Wisconsin," said Doug Nelson, MAP's executive director. "Milwaukee has been urged to sponsor a walk by AIDS service agencies in Boston, Minneapolis, Seattle and other major cities where walks have been highly successful fundraisers. We are anticipating more than 2,000 walkers who, through pledges, will help raise our goal of \$175,000."

MAP will receive 75% of the Walk proceeds to support AIDS prevention education programs, volunteer resources and support services provided to people with AIDS. The remainder of the Walk proceeds will be disbursed to other organizations that provide AIDS services in Milwaukee and throughout Wisconsin.

Individuals interested in walking, pledging or volunteering should call Louise Searing, MAP special events coordinator at (414) 273-1991.

Gantt Receives \$5,000 To Fight Helms

[Washington, D.C.]— The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), has contributed \$5,000 to Harvey Gantt, the former mayor of Charlotte, NC, who is seeking the Democratic nomination to replace Jesse Helms (R-NC) in the U.S. Senate. The amount is the maximum contribution allowed by federal law in a primary.

Tim McFeeley, HRCF's executive director, said that Gantt, an African American, "represents the best of what North Carolina can offer the nation, independence and vision, not the ignorance, bigotry and hate that Jesse Helms embodies."

Calling Helms "a disgrace," McFeeley said, "The more voters of North Carolina learn about him (Helms), the more questions they have about whether he represents their interests." McFeeley noted, "Helms spends his time fighting needed AIDS resources, censoring art and opposing choice. His bigotry against Lesbian and Gay Americans has no place in the U.S. Senate."

Despite a recent string of defeats at the hands of his colleagues in the Senate, Helms is considered the front-runner in the election for a fourth six-year term. If he wins in November, he will serve until January of 1997.

Wisconsin Dentists Urged to Treat HIV and AIDS Patients

[Milwaukee]- Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), has made a special appeal to Wisconsin dentists to provide services to people living with AIDS. Nelson spoke at the Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Dental Association on Monday, May 7, 1990 and told the membership that MAP has had serious difficulties in securing dental care for its clients.

According to Nelson, "Currently MAP is able to count on only three to five dentists in Milwaukee to provide services for our 300 clients."

Nelson expressed sincere willingness to work towards a solution whereby MAP clients can receive the dental care they need while also being sensitive to the

Milwaukee County Supervisors Will Not Issue Proclamation

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- As we go to press, it has been learned that a proclamation honoring Lesbian/Gay Pride Week in Milwaukee will not be introduced in the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. However, according to Supervisor Dorothy Dean a letter will be sent to Jim English, President of the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC).

The letter will be signed, according to Dean, by herself and Supervisors Elizabeth Coggs-Jones, Sheila Aldrich, Anthony Czaja, and Paul Matthews, among others.

The letter, Dean said, will be "a meaningful statement, supportive of the event." (Lesbian/Gay Pride Week) and will "strongly support equal rights for all."

The introduction of the citation was planned for Thursday, May 17 and was to be sponsored by Supervisors Dorothy Dean, Elizabeth Coggs-Jones and Sheila Aldrich.

Late Wednesday, May 16, the sponsors decided not to introduce the measure.

Dean told *Wisconsin Light* that "We didn't have enough votes to get it approved." To have introduced it and then to have had the proclamation defeated, would have been a "propaganda victory to hate-mongers," Dean said. *Light* learned that several of those who would have voted against the citation, would have changed their votes if the hate campaign had developed.

Dean said that by a parliamentary rule of the board, one-third of members or eight Supervisors, would have been sufficient to delay the measure of a month. But, she explained, Board members did not want to be preoccupied for a month with harassment from right-wingers.

The right-wingers referred to were the Fundamentalists followers of Vic Eliason, owner of WVCY radio and WVCY-TV.

On Tuesday, May 15 an article appeared in that morning's *Milwaukee Sentinel*, headlined "Gay Pride Citation Planned." That afternoon, Eliason focused on the article on his radio call-in show, "Crosstalk", gave the names and phone numbers of all the Board members and urged his listeners to call "to make their views known on the subject" although for those tuning in, there was no doubt that he wanted his callers to oppose the adoption of the Pride citation.

That night, Eliason hosted his TV show "In Focus." According to one person who watches the show on a regular basis, "In Focus" is "A program of thinly veiled Fundamentalist propaganda."

Eliason showed film clips of the 1989 Gay Pride March as well as of the Fundamentalist rally held at Milwaukee's MECCA arena in June 1989 for the purpose of denouncing the proclamations

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Pride Week Rally Moved to Juneau Park

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee announced May 15 that the site of the Pride Rally has been changed from Cathedral Square to Juneau Park.

The reason for the change in site is the county's need to reseed Cathedral Square following the damage done to the park by Winterfest.

The change in site of the Rally to Juneau Park will have no effect of the original Parade route except to lengthen it by three blocks.



Sean (Mark Lamos) and David (Bruce Davison) enjoy a weekend at the beach with their friends in the film "Longtime Companion" which will be shown at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre on June 19 as a benefit for the Pride Week Committee. See details on pages 7 and 16.

Massive National Post Card Campaign Supports Civil Rights

[Washington, D.C.]— A massive post card campaign to increase support of the Federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill in the U.S. Congress has been launched by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

The post card campaign, part of NGLTF's commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the introduction of the Gay rights bill, is targeted at virtually every member of the House and Senate. NGLTF urges Gay and Lesbians to send post cards to their Congresspersons and Senators.

NGLTF has printed a first-run of 40,000 post cards, half for the House and half for the Senate. Each participant fills in the name of their Congressperson/Senators, their own name and address, writes a personal message, signs the

card, then mails it to the pre-printed address. Cards require a 15-cent stamp. The post card campaign, which will run through June, 1990, is part of an overall NGLTF Gay rights lobbying effort, which includes letters, National Lobby Days in June and other events.

The bill, officially known as The Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1990 (S47 in the Senate and HR655 in the House), would prohibit discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation in the areas of housing, employment, credit, public accommodations and federally assisted programs.

To obtain post cards and more information, write NGLTF Post Card Lobbying Campaign, 1517 U St, NW, Washington, D.C., 20009 or call (202) 332-6483.

WISCONSIN LIGHT and IN STEP Receive National Award

On Wednesday, May 16, 1990, *Wisconsin Light* and *Wisconsin In Step* were informed that the two publications had been awarded the President's Award by the Gay/Lesbian Press Association (GLPA). The Award is a national honor, given each year to an individual or publication for community efforts that go beyond the direct issue of the papers.

In Step and *Light* received the award for their jointly held symposium "Getting

The Word Out."

The symposium was held at the M&M Club on February 24, 1990 in celebration of Gay/Lesbian press month.

The symposium was designed by the two publications to inform the community about all that goes into putting out *In Step* and *Light*.

Members of the panel were Ron Gejman, Jerry Johnson, Jamakaya, Annabelle Havlicek of the firm of Havlicek and Associates and Terry Boughner.

The two publications have been asked to reprise "Getting the Word Out" at the regional meeting of GLPA to be held in Chicago this Fall.

Congratulations and thanks to all who made this award possible.

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