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Congress Votes: Gays in Military Are An 'Unacceptable Risk'

New Law Set To Go Into Effect October 1



HIGH TIMES—Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist and basketball star, Magic Johnson help cut the ribbon at the start of the Wisconsin AIDS Walk on September 26, 1993.

'Daddy's Roommate' Will Stay In Sussex Library Children's Section

By Sue Burke

The children's book **Daddy's Roommate** will remain on the shelves of the Sussex public library, but the library's board of directors will form a committee to consider the selection and placement of children's books and whether children should have access to any book in the library.

In a 5-2 vote on Sept. 23, the board of Pauline Haass Public Library voted to keep the children's picture book, which tells about a boy's divorced Gay father and the father's lover from the boy's point of view.

The decision to appoint a committee of five or six citizens to study the library's children's policies worried a Hamilton High School teacher who had supported keeping **Daddy's Roommate** in the

library.

"What they did tonight was scary as far as I'm concerned," said Bill Bodette, adding that the decision opens up every book in the library to possible censorship.

The decision also worried the library's director, Joy Botts, who wondered where the library would draw the line.

Library Trustee John Squier, a retired man, cast the lone vote against creating the committee. "I don't want a library saying what books I should take out," he said. "You start with the children's section, and then it can go to young adults, and then it can go to adults, and then to old geezers" like himself.

But board President Richard Allen, who had proposed creating the committee, defended the idea by citing a tradition in society to protect children. He said having non-traditional children's books on the open shelves "plays havoc with parent's expectations of a library" and suggested placing **Daddy's Roommate** in a parenting section for adults.

Botts said parents are informed when children get a library card that children have full access to all books, as guaranteed by the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, and it is the parent's duty to monitor their children's library use.

Nationwide, **Daddy's Roommate** has sparked controversy. Five libraries have

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First Openly Gay Business Begins Advertising on Milwaukee Buses

[Milwaukee]- Alternative Connections, Inc., a locally-based dating service exclusively for Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals, has become the first openly Gay-owned business in Wisconsin to purchase display advertising space on Milwaukee County Transit System buses. The 21" by 72" poster includes a photograph of two men and is featured on the outside rear of numerous County buses through the month of October.

According to Steve Petullo, owner of Alternative Connections, the ad campaign has a two-fold purpose. "It is my desire to reach, not only the large, diverse Gay and Lesbian market, but to represent an accurate, positive image of the Gay and Lesbian lifestyle to the community at large."

Alternative Connections was founded in

[Washington, D.C.] The House of Representatives on September 28, passed a modified version of President Clinton's policy on Gays in the military by an overwhelming vote. By a 301 to 134 vote, the House followed the Senate's lead, adding language to the Clinton "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't pursue" policy that called Lesbians and Gays an "unacceptable risk" to the military's morale. White House officials however, said that the additional wording did not change the workings of the President's plan.

The measure won with 140 Democrats joined by 161 Republicans in voting for the measure. Voting against were 121 Democrats, 12 Republicans and 1 Independent.

In the Wisconsin House delegation, Democrat Thomas Barrett and Republican Steve Gunderson voted against the language; Democrats Peter Barca, Gerald Kleczka, David Obey and Republicans Scott Klug, Thomas Petri, Toby Roth and F. James Sensenbrenner Jr. voted for it.

"The White House completely acquiesced on this," said Peri Jude Radevic who takes over as the Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) on November 1. "They allowed supporters of the ban to carry the day," Radevic added.

In the previous vote in the Senate, Russ

Feingold voted against the language. Herb Kohl voted for the additional wording.

Before passing the measure, the House voted 291 to 144 to reject a Republican amendment that would have required the Defense Department to ask recruits if they were Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual, thereby codifying the former ban. The House also voted down a liberal alternative that would have entirely dropped the ban, leaving the issue to the discretion of the President.

The Clinton policy of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" will take effect on Friday, October 1, 1993. Under this, Gay conduct will still be banned on and off base and Gay and Bisexual troops can still be dismissed for declaring their sexual orientation.

However, recruiters will no longer ask about sexual orientation nor will a person be investigated unless there is evidence of "homosexual conduct."

Pentagon spokespersons said there had been no change. They noted that the law left the drafting of the regulations, that will determine how the policy is applied, to civilian officials in the Pentagon.

"The legislative chapter of this issue is now closed," said NGLTF's Tanya Domi. "This issue won't go away and we're not going away."

David Mixner To Speak In Milwaukee At National Victory Fund Gathering

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee will hold its very first Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund event on Sunday, November 21, 1993 at the new Skylight Opera Theatre.

The Victory Fund is a nation-wide network of donors committed to helping qualified openly Gay and Lesbian candidates win elections. By pooling resources and targeting contributions, the Victory Fund provides candidates with the financial resources and expertise they need to become winners.

Special Guests

David Mixner As senior advisor to Bill Clinton and the Clinton-Gore Campaign, Mixner played an instrumental role in helping forge an unprecedented alliance between Clinton and the nation's Gay/Lesbian community.

Of late, Mixner has been especially out-spoken in criticizing the President for his action (or lack of same) on lifting the ban against Gays in the military.

Rep. Tammy Baldwin Baldwin is the first openly Lesbian elected to the legislature in Madison. She is known for strongly championing the rights of Lesbians and Gays as well as all people deprived of their civil rights. Baldwin's



DAVID MIXNER

stellar performance in the legislature has won her the plaudits of her colleagues as well as oppressed people throughout the state.

Bob and Rod Jackson-Paris Bob has earned both titles of Mr. America and Mr. Universe. Bodybuilders Bob and Rod are blessed with intelligence, success, celebrity and each other. This couple draws an extra sense of purpose from their union.

As has been said of them, "They have one heart in two bodies."

William Waybourn As Executive Director of the Victory Fund, Waybourn has been an advisor to President Clinton and speaks before Gay and Lesbian groups throughout the U.S.

Be sure to set aside Sunday, November 21, 1993 as a date that will help shape your future.

For more information, call: Tom Reed or Jon Martin at (414) 962-3741.

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Gays Protected at United Airlines

[San Francisco]- United Airlines, the nation's largest airline, recently revised its corporate Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy to prohibit discrimination against Gay and Lesbian employees. The new policy, which became effective July 1, states that, "it is corporate policy to fill positions with qualified candidates regardless of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation," and that the policy applies to "employment, subsequent job placement, acceptance into our apprenticeship programs, training, compensation and all other areas of personal practice..."

The EEO policy revision makes United Airlines one of the largest corporations and the first U.S. air carrier to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Sodomy Law Dropped in Washington

[Washington, D.C.]- Sodomy between consenting adults is legal in the District of Columbia for the first time because Congress allowed the local law barring it to lapse in September.

A repeal law passed by the D.C. Council and signed by Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly in May had been subject to a 60-day review period, during which Congress could have overturned the measure. But without a word of debate in the House or Senate, the review period ended on September 14.

The repeal ends a 12-year battle by Gay rights groups and civil libertarians. Since 1961, 30 states, including Wisconsin, have overturned laws against sodomy.

On Capitol Hill, Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) was ready to introduce a measure to overturn the law, but was prevented from doing so by Republican leaders who had been lobbied by Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA).

500 Gays March in Mississippi

[Ocean Springs, MS]- In an update to a Letter to the Editor that we carried last issue, the Associated Press reports that about 500 Gay/Lesbian supporters marched through downtown Ocean Springs, Mississippi on Saturday, September 18, in a spirited but peaceful march.

"We had no problems. Everything went well," said Police Chief Carolyn Frayser. The only open protest came from a D'Iberville church group, which distributed tracts and quietly held signs, asking the Gays to repent.

'Paris Is Burning' Film Draws Heat

[Iowa City, IA]- A teaching assistant at the University of Iowa has received a letter of reprimand for failing to warn students before showing a documentary about Gay men who dress up as women. The teaching assistant in the American Studies Program was disciplined for showing **Paris Is Burning** without warning the class about the contents, said Ann Rhodes, vice president for university relations.

"The person was not reprimanded for showing the film, but for not complying with our expectations that students be warned about contents," Rhodes said.

Gay Couple Closer to Adopting

[Seattle, WA]- A 4-year-old boy is a step closer to adoption by a Gay couple. A judge in Bellingham, Washington, on September 20, rejected the 22-year-old mother's bid to further block adoption proceedings so she can try and regain custody of her son.

The child probably will be transferred within a week from foster parents in Bellingham to Louis and Ross Lopton of Seattle, who then will become his foster parents.

Washington is one of six states that permit adoptions by same-sex couples. Since 1985, about 100 Lesbian and Gay couples have gained parental rights in court, according to the National Center for Lesbian Rights in San Francisco.

According to Assistant Attorney General Dale T. Wagner, the mother is probably powerless now to prevent the transfer of the boy to the Gay couple.

News Briefs are compiled by the Editor from mainstream newspapers and wire services, organizational press releases and Gay and Lesbian papers from across the U.S.

One Can Really See the Light When Walking Down Castro Street

By Bill Steffenhagen

Castro Street. The name beckoned from afar with its media images of affectionate Gay couples, trendy shops and restaurants, and casually Gay-friendly atmosphere. For years I hoped for the opportunity to personally walk among those handsome men with the flashy smiles and know the comfort of being enveloped in that Gay enclave, safe among my own.

That hope was realized recently on a two week vacation to visit my sons in California. From the Sonoma hills and the Russian River to the San Diego surf and sun, I traveled the long, dry interior freeways and the winding coast road.

It was mostly family and touristy stuff; a Marine boot camp "graduation" ceremony and parade for my youngest son in San Diego, a shopping dash to Tijuana, a groggy drive through smog shrouded L.A. in the wee hours, lunch of wine, bread and cheese on a Carmel beach, hiking to a lovely waterfall in a rugged ravine on the Big Sur, getting spectacular photos of Golden Gate Bridge from Lands End in San Francisco.

But there was time to be Gay. In San Diego it was wall to wall country hunks at Kickers, a dark leather ambience of "pecs," and a young, to-die-for

Hispanic... There was "Jeff" at the Rainbow Cattle Co. in Guerneville, a handsome woodsman type who quietly, stoically told me how he learned of his best friend's death the day after he began his trip from Seattle to San Francisco.

My oldest son and I enjoyed a superb dinner (and I enjoyed the gorgeous waiter!) at The Patio on Castro Street, and 99 cent beers at the Badlands.

Another time, alone, I chanced to meet Michael Goodwin, male film producer, in an erotica shop off Castro. He turned me on to a private club called Blowbuddies where the action, safe and monitored, amidst a dark maze of rooms, catwalks and cubicles enveloped me in a stunning sense of hard, male sexual camaraderie.

And there was Castro, where everyone was friendly and I missed Darren terribly. I had no hand to hold, no buns to pat, and I was feeling a little left out as I strolled into a literature shop called A Different Light and saw the light, **The Wisconsin Light**, the issue with my story of Darren's vigil in La Crosse and his photo!

And it all came together, Jeff, Michael, Kickers and Blowbuddies and a bit of home spanning the miles; we are all one, despite our seemingly incongruous diversity. I was home in California basking in the rays of our common **Light**.

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Several Coming Out Week Events Planned in Madison Oct. 10-16

[Madison]- In celebration of Coming Out Week '93, Madison's Ten Percent Society is sponsoring a number of events.

Oct. 10 Interfaith service at University United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 11 The Rainbow Flag will be displayed all day on Bascom Hill.

At 7:00 p.m. at UW Memorial Union there will be a lecture: Leading to Stonewall: The Construction of Homosexuality in America: 1880 to 1960 by Jay Hathaway, Professor of History at Edgewood College.

Oct. 12 A panel discussion: Coming Out on Campus at 7:00 p.m. at the UW Memorial Union.

Oct. 13 Coming Out issue, *The Daily Cardinal*

At 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Union, a safe sex workshop for Gay and Bisexual men. At the same time and place, there will be a similar workshop for Lesbian and Bisexual women.

At 9:00 p.m. at the Lesbian, Gay and

Bisexual Campus Center the video *And the Band Played On* will be shown.

Oct. 14 At 6:30 p.m. at the UW-Memorial Union, a panel discussion: Out at Work. Participants will include, Rep. Tammy Baldwin, Prof. Jay Hathaway, Leslie Kohlberg, advisor in the Career Advising and Planning Services at UW, Alix Olsen, a detective with the Madison Police Department, Martha Popp, a high school teacher and member of Gay and Lesbian Educators, Ralph Rodriguez, a former manager at several Silicon Valley computer companies.

At 8:00 p.m. at the Memorial Union, a lecture by Valli Kanhuha on health care issues.

Oct. 15 Coming Out Dance.

Oct. 16 Noon at Brittingham Park, Community picnic. In case of rain or cold, alternate location is the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Campus Center, 336 W. Dayton Street.

United Celebrates Coming Out Week With Two Events

[Madison]- Madison's United is sponsoring two fundraising events to celebrate National Coming Out Week in October.

A National Coming Out Day Party at The New Bar will be held on Saturday, October 9, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. The \$5 cover will include music, dancing, food and door prizes. Cover good for the entire night.

A pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Community, Housing and Services (the old YMCA) located at 306 N. Brooks on the UW-Madison Campus. The price is \$8-\$12 sliding scale; kids half price. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee and juice.

Methodist Church Plans Coming Out Service Oct. 10

[Madison]- There will be an interfaith celebration of diversity and inclusiveness entitled "Coming Out — Coming Out Together" for the Greater Madison Bisexual, Lesbian and Gay community, their families and friends on Sunday, October 10, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. The event will be held at University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Avenue in Madison.

A service of celebration or our community will be held with a period of friendship and sharing to conclude the evening. For further information, call Pastor Cornelius Kanhai at (608) 256-2353.

Milwaukee Cable TV Program To Be Devoted To Coming Out

[Milwaukee]- On Tuesday, October 5, the Milwaukee cable access show, *The Brand New Queer Program*, will kick off the start of the city's National Coming Out Day activities with a show devoted entirely to the concept of "Out."

The live weekly call-in show airs at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and is replayed Thursday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 11:00. National Coming Out Day is October 11.

During this show, viewers will be encouraged to share their coming out stories and, if they choose, come out in some new way.

Politicians and Others to be Outed

Michael Lisowski and Dan Fons, the show's producers, will continue to "Out" Queer politicians and local media celebrities and welcome debate on "Outing." There will be a discussion on

why current community meetings with local politicians need to be held out in the open, and time permitting, videos of "Out" celebrities will be shown.

Coming Out is the strongest statement each of us can make in our fight for equal rights, and coming out is a continuous process, say Lisowski and Fons. The two producers encourage everyone to join them in this process and to participate in this program.

Any persons interested in contributing to the Queer Program can call in, write, or create a video for the show. Also, persons are welcome to make an appearance on the program with a relevant topic or to discuss an upcoming event.

Write to Queer Program at P.O. Box 93951, Milwaukee, WI 53203 or call (414) 265-8500 to contribute items or to get further information.

AfterWords Bookstore Plans Coming Out Party, Other Events

[Milwaukee]- Just a reminder from AfterWords, the East-side Bookstore and Espresso, of its October calendar.

October 7 Jay Hanson will be appearing. Hanson is one of Milwaukee's most interesting poets. The time: 7:30 p.m.

October 11 AfterWords will be having its "Coming Out" Party to celebrate National Coming Out Day.

October 14 Barbara Lindquist and Jeanne Arnold of Mother Courage Press will be discussing book publishing and perhaps reading from their own works. The time is 7:30 p.m.

October 19 Milwaukee author Elizabeth Ridley will read and sign copies of her latest book: *Throwing Roses*. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Previously Unannounced

Previously unannounced events at AfterWords include a reading and book signing with local novelist Michael Craft, *Rehearsing*, published by Los Hombres Press.

Says Quentin Crisp of *Rehearsing*: "Michael Craft has written a taut, introspective story about ambition and passion..." Craft will appear at AfterWords on Thursday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m.

In early November, AfterWords will present two special programs. On Monday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m.,

members of the Collision Theatre Ensemble will offer a presentation and discussion of their upcoming play, *Lonely Planet* which deals with AIDS.

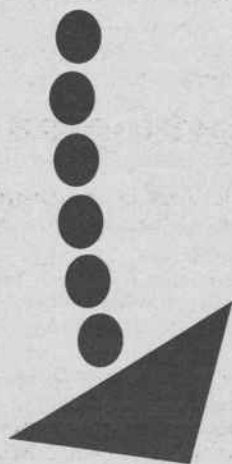
On Tuesday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m., Jen Benka, Jennifer Geigel, Jennifer Morales and Stacy Szymaszek will read from their powerful book of poetry, *No Line: Poetry by Milwaukee Women Under Siege*.

Lesbian Avengers Take to the Road In a Freedom Ride

[New York, NY]- The Lesbian Avengers will be embarking on a Freedom Ride through New England from October 8 to 15, 1993. The purpose is to raise awareness about the threats to Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gay men from the Christian Right. The Avengers also aim to organize grass roots activity against the Christian Right Wing and urge the need for national Lesbian and Gay rights legislation.

According to an Avengers spokeswoman, "The Lesbian Avengers denounce the Christian Right's ultimate vision of a white supremacist, homophobic, theocratic America." For further information about the Avengers, call (212) 967-7711, ext. 3204.

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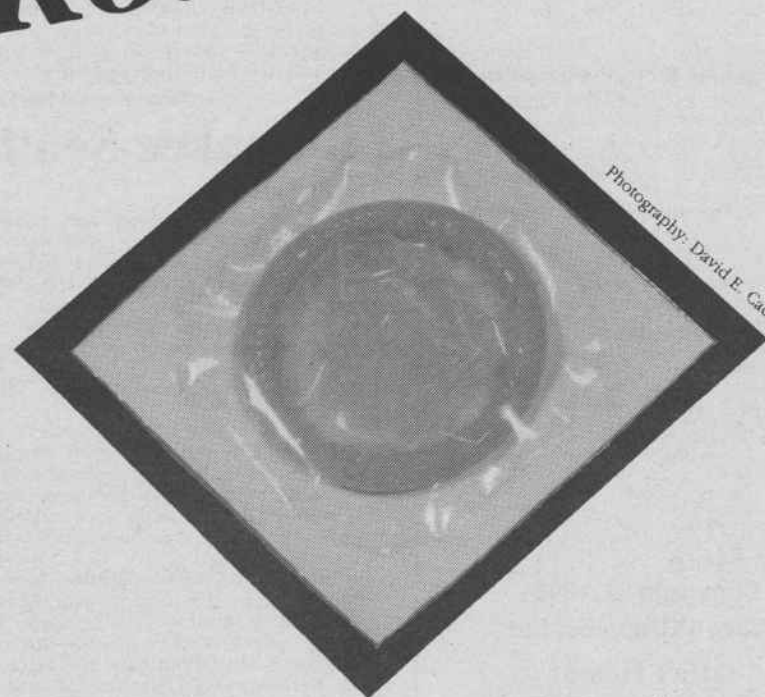


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National Coming Out Day Celebrates Sixth Year On October 11

[Washington, D.C.] National Coming Out Day, October 11, is an annual event recognized by Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals and their supporters as a day to celebrate the process of accepting and being open about their sexual orientation.

It is held on October 11 to commemorate the 1987 March On Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights. October 11 also commemorates the inaugural visit of the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt to the nation's capital. This year's celebration is the first since National Coming Out Day merged with the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

The first National Coming Out Day was held in 1988 as a positive and pro-active statement of pride on the part of the Lesbian/Gay community and received media recognition from over 41 mainstream and 58 Lesbian and Gay publications.

Several celebrities and prominent figures have come out this year and made it easier for others to take that first step. These include tennis great Martina Navratilova, singers k.d. Lang, Janis Ian and Melissa Etheridge, media mogul David Geffen, and former Mr. Universe and Mr. Olympia Bob Jackson-Paris.

"Coming out and having a political impact are integrally linked," said Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "Every poll shows that American voters who know a family member, loved one or

someone close to them is Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual support federal protection against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Coming out to the people who love and respect you is the most political act you can do."

Celebrations in Wisconsin, the Nation and the World

In Wisconsin, in Madison, the Ten Percent Society will be holding a Coming Out Week dance (see elsewhere, this issue). The United in Madison will be holding two events (see elsewhere, this issue).

In Milwaukee, the Brand New Queer Program will be centering its show on Coming Out.

In Brookfield, the Unitarian Universalist Church, a predominately non-Gay congregation, will be focusing their Sunday morning worship service on October 10 on Coming Out. Reverend Douglas Strong's sermon for the morning is entitled, "Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are" and will focus on Gay rights and abortion.

"Both issues are deeply intertwined," said Rev. Strong. "Both issues concern privacy and choice. Both issues have become ensnared in politics and religion and both issues are top priorities for the Religious Right."

Strong added that for centuries "the church" has condemned and hunted Lesbians and Gays. "What better time to celebrate the diversity of the human community than on this special day."

The Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 13001 W. North Avenue in Brookfield.

In a sampling of other celebrations from around the nation; In Las Vegas, a festival featuring noted veteran Miriam Ben-Shalom, author Michaelangelo Signorelli and Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Roberta Achtenberg is being held.

Additional National Coming Out Day events are planned in Atlanta, Chicago, Pasadena, Denver, Omaha, Santa Fe and

many other cities.

Internationally, the largest and most gala National Coming Out Day event will be celebrated in Montreal, Canada with a "Black and Blue Party," an all-night mega-dance, October 10-11. According to organizers, between 5,000 and 10,000 people are expected to attend.

In addition to celebrating Coming Out Day, the Party will be a fundraiser for AIDS and is intended to promote Montreal as a key continental Gay destination

The Party, sponsored in part by Bad Boy Club of Montreal, will be held at 1000 de La Gauchetiere Street West.

The Black and Blue Party will kick off a weekend of pride and AIDS fundraising events.

If you're in the vicinity of Montreal or are planning to go, this, we are assured is an event not to be missed. For more information, call Robert Vezina, Event Coordinator, at (514) 393-9500 or (514) 342-8727.



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Transgender Series

TO THE EDITOR:

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! In my humble opinion, you have been doing a wonderful job publishing *Wisconsin Light*, and running the transgender series is the frosting on the cake! This is a subject which I feel needs more exposure. (Many people just think we transgenders are just "queers" that go overboard!) I published the article and hope to publish the rest of the series. (Also, I have just made contact with a pre-op transgender who is currently an inmate of the Wisconsin penal system).

I have only one negative comment to Samantha however: SEX is what people do in the privacy of their bedrooms. When a person walks down the street, s/he are not showing the world their SEX, they are showing the world their GENDER! Even though there is great discomfort in the pre-op transgender regarding the genitalia, there is also great discomfort with the stereotyped roles which society forces upon us.

The medical term for the conditions is "Gender Dysphoria," literally "Gender Dis-satisfaction" or "Dis-satisfaction with one's GENDER. Therefore, I (personally) much prefer the term transgender to the word "transsexual." Others disagree with me on this or just don't care about the difference.

— Name Withheld on Request

Milwaukee Sentinel

TO THE EDITOR:

The *Milwaukee Sentinel* and homophobia seem like a plastic bag filled with water: try to push it in one place, and it simply bulges out in another. Most recently it is the *Sentinel's* editorial of September 25: "But 'Daddy's Roommate,' which is marketed by a Gay and Lesbian publishing company, has as much — and perhaps more — to do with seeking legitimization of a certain lifestyle as it has with parenting."

Whether the *Sentinel* likes it or not, the fact is that many Gay people have children. In most cases, this occurs because they are prodded by people like those who write editorials at the *Sentinel* into trying the heterosexual lifestyle, having been told all their lives that it is the only "normal" thing to do.

It may well be that the *Sentinel* agrees with Virginia judges that Gay people should have their children taken away from them, but the majority would support parents' rights. And Gay parents should not have any extra burden that heterosexual parents do not have: heterosexuals regularly get divorced (almost half of them) and have a variety of non-"traditional" family arrangements, including live-in partners. Strange, the *Sentinel* has never editorialized about promoting this "alternative" lifestyle.

Daddy's Roommate and a similar book about a Lesbian family were written with the children in mind: to try to show children living in Gay families that they are not freaks, and to help them to weather the taunts of their classmates who are the products of the family type the *Sentinel* and book censors promote as being "non-alternative." A secondary purpose would be to send the same message to the taunters: your classmates from Gay households are not freaks, and you should stop making fun of them.

The *Sentinel* seems more concerned with the rights of some parents than with the welfare of some children. We saw the *Sentinel's* approach to "alternate" lifestyles at work in the unfortunate suicide of 14 year-old Brooks Fain two years ago, and in the callous attitude of the parents of some of his classmates who drove him to it.

— Al Gellersbach
Milwaukee

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OBITUARIES

Steven T. Beaudin

Stephen T. Beaudin, 31, died Tuesday, September 21, 1993 at St. Mary's Hospice in Milwaukee of complications due to AIDS/Cryptosporidium. Stephen returned recently to Milwaukee from Michigan to be with his friends during his illness.

Stephen was born in Manistique, Michigan, April 1, 1962. He went to school in Manistique and later, served his country for three years in the Army from which he was honorably discharged.

He came to Milwaukee and drove truck for various companies, last working for General Pet Supply Company, Inc., of Milwaukee and D.G. Robinson Company, Inc. of Oconomowoc.

Stephen is survived by his father, William "Bill" Beaudin, Sr. of Menominee, Michigan; his mother, Mrs. Phyllis Beaudin McCorkel of West Bloomfield, Michigan; one brother, William Beaudin, Jr. of Lake Orion, Michigan; one sister, Mrs. Beth Eisenlohr of Constantine, Michigan; his



STEVEN T. BEAUDIN

grandfather, John F. Pierce of Utica, Michigan; uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and many loving friends in Michigan and Wisconsin.

Visitation with cremains for family, relatives and friends was held at Wisconsin Memorial Park, Chapel of the Chimes, with services, Saturday, September 25. Services were conducted by Rev. Charles J. Wheatley, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in West Allis.

Stephen's cremains will be returned to Michigan for interment in the family plot in Newberry.

E. Byron Gill

E. Byron Gill passed on to the big cruise in the sky on September 20, 1993.

A native of Duluth, Minnesota, Byron spent a great part of his life in Shorewood and Milwaukee's East Side. He owned Mr. Byron's Beauty Parlour on Oakland Avenue.

He lived his final years in St. Paul, Minnesota close to two sisters and a beloved nephew "Duck" Jones and his family, Cindy, Charmin and Bert. Surviving Byron also is longtime pal Allan R. Eslinger.

Interment and memorial service was held in St. Paul. Byron was 71 years-old.

Life is richer for having known him.



E. BYRON GILL

Brady East STP Clinic to Elect Board Directors

[Milwaukee]- The Brady East STD Clinic will hold elections in November, 1993, for three positions on its Board of Directors. The Board develops policies for the operation of the Clinic and its outreach operations. Candidates from the general community and the Clinic volunteer staff are invited to apply for these positions.

Interested persons must, By October 15, 1993, submit a statement to the Nominating Committee detailing relevant experience, background, interests and reasons and objectives in seeking a Board position. The statement should be accompanied by a brief biography of the candidate.

All candidates will meet with the Nominating Committee and the Clinic Executive Board prior to November 1, 1993. The election will be by ballot cast by all of the Clinic's current volunteer staff.

Interested persons should submit the statement of interest and brief biography to the following: Brady East STD Clinic, Attn.: Nominating Committee, 1240 E. Brady Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202. For further information, contact the Nominating Committee at (414) 272-2144.

Sherman Park Rainbow Assoc. To Meet Oct. 19

[Milwaukee]- The Sherman Park Rainbow Association will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, October 19, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Catherine's on 51st and Center (use the 51st Street entrance). The focus of this meeting will be to organize committees based on areas of interest.

The organization's purpose is to allow Lesbians and Gays in the Sherman Park area to network, provide information on how we can become involved in efforts to improve our neighborhood, protect our civil rights and to promote Sherman Park as a Gay-friendly neighborhood.

The Rainbow Association's picnic in September was well attended and interest in the new group seems to be growing. The Association members would like the organization to reflect the make-up of the neighborhood and would especially like to encourage women and people of color to join the group in making the Association a positive force in the Sherman Park neighborhood and the Gay/Lesbian community.

For more information, write: Sherman Park Rainbow Association, P.O. Box 76115, Milwaukee, WI 53216.

Sen. Feingold Meeting Oct. 4

[Washington, D.C.]- U.S. Senator Russ Feingold will hold his 61st Listening Session of the year in Milwaukee County. Sen. Feingold will be at the Milwaukee County Public Library, 733 N. 8th Street on Monday, October 4. The Session will be held in Centennial Hall in the Library from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Men of All Colors To Address Racism Oct. 10

[Milwaukee]- Men of All Colors Together (MACT) will sponsor a forum entitled "The State of Racism in the Milwaukee Gay Community," on October 10. The forum will include brief panel presentations from representatives of BLUE, the Cream City Foundation, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM), Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) and Ujima, followed by an open discussion. Redonna Rogers will serve as facilitator for the event.

The program will be held at First Unitarian Church, 1342 N. Astor Street from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and is being co-sponsored by the Open Door Society of the First Unitarian Church. Anyone interested in learning about and addressing racism in the Gay community is encouraged to attend.

Flu Vaccinations Offered Oct. 14

[Milwaukee]- Influenza vaccinations will be offered on Thursday, October 14, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the upstairs banquet room of the M&M Club, 124 N. Water Street. Two nurses will be available during this time to administer the vaccinations and answer any questions about them. There will be no charge for these vaccinations, however people receiving them can make a donation to cover the cost of the vaccine and supplies.

Jeff Miller, RN and Barb Coyle, RN, have once again initiated this community service program as they have done for the past several years. Miller emphasized that all persons who are HIV positive and also their lovers, partners and caregivers should consider being vaccinated.

This service is being provided by the Gay and Lesbian Nurses Association, the Brady East STD Clinic, the Milwaukee Health Department and In Step magazine. For further information, call the BestD Clinic at (414) 272-2144.

Novelist David Leavitt Accused Of Plagiarism in His Latest Book

By Bob Roehr

Gay literary golden boy, David Leavitt's, image is tarnishing with his just published novel, **While England Sleeps**. He is being accused of literary thievery.

Leavitt won praise for his short stories, published in the **New Yorker** magazine while still an undergraduate at Yale University, and his first novel, **The Lost Language of Cranes**, which was made into a movie in Britain and subsequently aired in America on PBS.

The controversy stems from Leavitt's alleged appropriation of people, characteristics, and even language which appeared in British author Stephen Spender's 1948 autobiography **World Within World**. The setting for both is the Spanish Civil War of the 1930's.

Spender called it "plagiarism." He is particularly upset by the novel's sexual explicitness. "I don't see why he (Leavitt) should unload all his sexual fantasies onto me in my youth. If he wanted to write about his sexual fantasies, he should write about them as being his, not mine."

The controversy broke September 12 in the "Book World" section of **The Washington Post**, in both a review by Bernard Knox and a news article by David

Streitfeld.

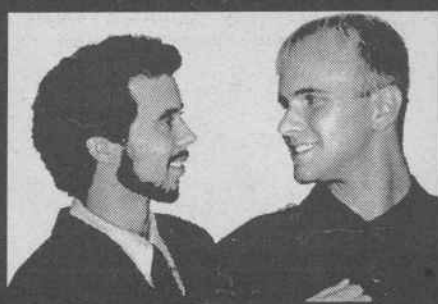
Leavitt first maintained that Spender's autobiography was a "springboard" for his novel and he had planned to state that in the acknowledgments in his own book.

However, attorneys for Leavitt's publisher, Viking, advised against that tack unless a release was obtained from Spender. No attempt was made to do so, perhaps because they thought Spender was unlikely to sign a release. Instead, the proposed acknowledgment was dropped.

Viking lawyer Alan Kaufman, first denied point blank that Spender's work was any source for the Leavitt novel. But in a subsequent conversation, after speaking with Leavitt and learning of his admission, the attorney backed away from such an absolutist statement and conceded "some" relationship between the two books.

Spender has referred the issue to attorneys with his own publisher, Farber, for possible legal action.

The point may become moot if other reviews of the novel parallel the pan which Knox gave Leavitt's book. He wrote: "One more difference between the two accounts is that Spender, who spent considerable time in Spain, knows what he is talking about, and Leavitt all too clearly does not."



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SCORSESE'S FEAST—Newland Archer (Daniel Day-Lewis), May Welland (Winona Ryder) and Mrs. Mingott (Mariam Margolyes) are visiting in Mrs. Mingott's parlor in 'The Age of Innocence.'

Ultra-Lavish 'Age of Innocence' Is One of This Year's Great Films

By Woodrow Thalberg

The Age of Innocence, a novel by the great American writer, Edith Wharton, has been brought to the screen with an ultra-lavish adaptation by Martin Scorsese, the American film critics community's favorite director. Here, he strays from Little Italy and his stock company of Robert De Niro, Harvey Keitel and Joe Pesci. The setting is still New York, but he has encroached on Merchant/Ivory's turf, the Victorian upper class.

Daniel Day-Lewis plays Newland Archer, a Manhattan lawyer engaged to May Welland, an angel in human form, played by Winona Ryder. Lewis falls in love with her cousin, Michelle Pfeiffer, the scandalous Countess Ellen Olenska, who smokes cigarettes in front of men! Although she wears the obligatory red dress, she is closer to Anna Karenina than Scarlett O'Hara or Jezebel.

Day-Lewis appears less confident here than in his previous great roles, yet this is appropriate to his part. He is a man endlessly torn between his head and his heart. When his law firm orders him to counsel Countess Olenska out of a divorce, he hems and haws between his duty as a lawyer and his chance as a lover.

A stunning Pfeiffer underplays a role most actresses would play to the hilt. Winona Ryder gives her best performance since she played Jerry Lee Lewis' child bride in **Great Balls of Fire**.

Among the supporting cast, Miriam Margolyes nearly steals the film as an immobile matriarch covered with pedigree lap dogs.

Sian Phillips, one of the better actresses in the English-speaking world, is woefully underutilized as Day-Lewis' mother.

Another great actress, an unseen Joanne Woodward, gives voice to Wharton's narration with such refinement one imagines she is wearing a full length gown and corset as well.

The real story here is Scorsese himself. Not only has he made a nonviolent film, the same man who directed Robert De Niro's Travis Bickle and Jake La Motta crafts a film full of understated performances. Here the intensity is in the camera.

While James Ivory lets elegant

interiors speak for themselves, Scorsese examines Victorian dining and drawing rooms like Robert Mapplethorpe examines the male form.

Never before have table settings, cuisine, floral arrangements, massive mid-Victorian furniture and kerosene lamps received such scrutiny. Circular and serpentine camera movements make sure we don't miss a single household ornament.

I'm going to go out on a limb and predict Oscars for Scorsese, Pfeiffer, Ryder, the cinematographer; the set and costume designers. Like John Ford who never won an Oscar for one of his epic Westerns, Scorsese will win for a film unrepresentative of the body of his work.

It's a fine film that challenges the viewer. Daniel Day-Lewis fans won't be disappointed. Antique collectors, florists, hair stylists, opera fans, chefs and designers of interiors and costumes, should all weep for joy at the sumptuousness of Scorsese's feast.

And contrary to rumor, one CAN NOT see a pack of Certs in Michelle Pfeiffer's lap during a kissing scene with Day-Lewis.

Benefit to Raise Funds for Children With AIDS

[Milwaukee]—The Oberons kick off their 3rd annual fund drive to raise money to buy Christmas gifts for children who are clients of MAP. The Christmas Club for Children With AIDS fundraising event will be held Saturday, October 9 at the Wreck Room beginning at 10:00 p.m. There is a \$5.00 beer/soda bust.

Last year the Oberons raised over \$2,000 to purchase gifts for 78 children. According to the Oberons, they have selected this charity because these, "children are mostly from homes where their parents are also affected by AIDS, and there are little resources in the household to spare for holiday celebration. AIDS is not a Gay disease, and if we want others to continue to help us we must do our part to help those among us who are less able than ourselves."

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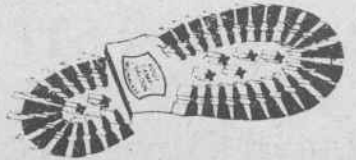
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Other News

The Cream City Chorus has resumed rehearsals for its holiday concert. The concert will be held on December 12, 1993.



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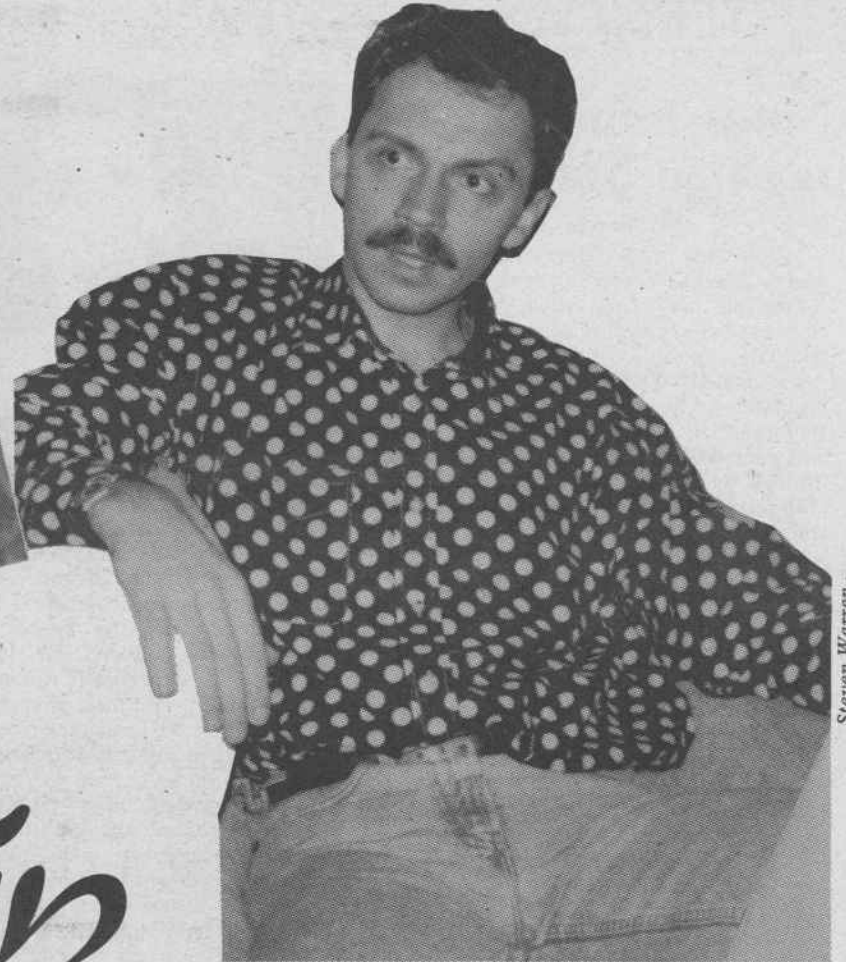
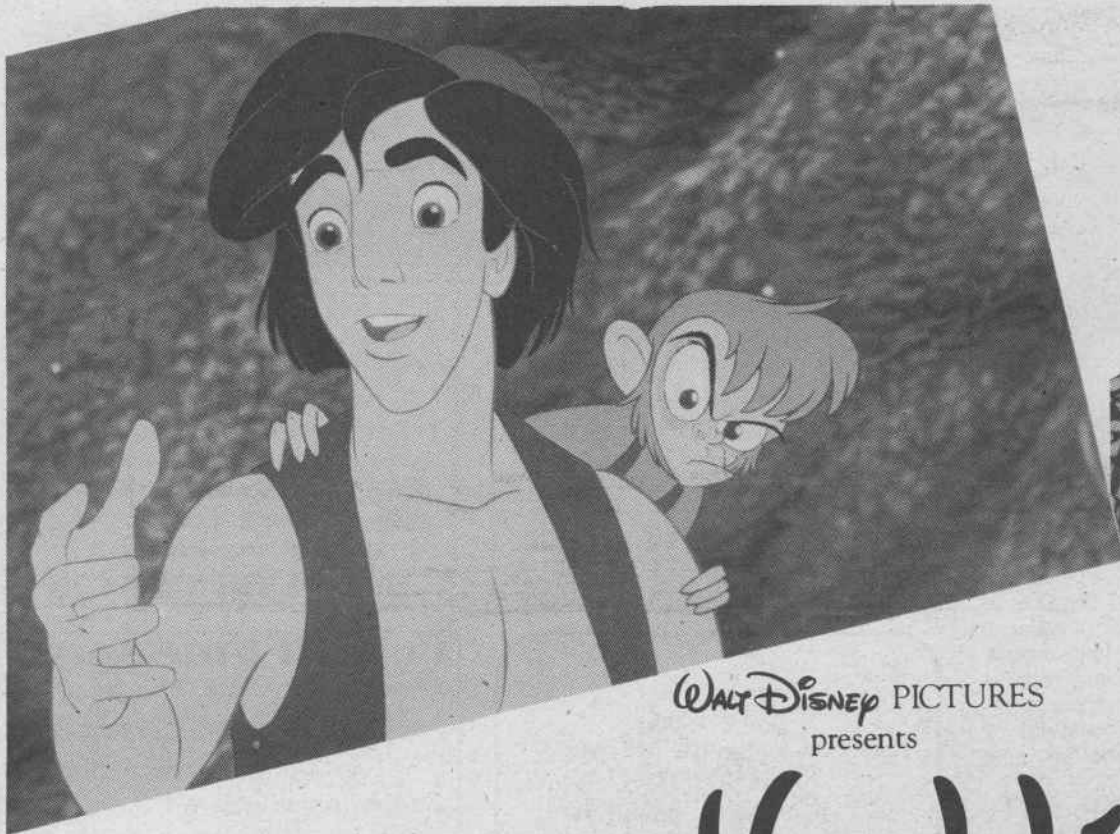
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Out at Disney! Gay Animator Worked on Hit Film 'Aladdin'

By Steve Warren

"Uncle Walt" Disney would have loved Andreas Deja's story — except for the Gay part. "This is really not Walt's studio anymore," Deja says of the place he has worked as an animator since coming to American 12 years ago — the Disney Studios. If his interests didn't lie behind the drawing board, the handsome, lightly accented 32-year-old might be considered leading man material in Hollywood.

Deja was born in Poland, but his family escaped to Germany when he was a year old. When he was ten, he saw Disney's *The Jungle Book* and chose his career path. He wrote to the studio to volunteer his services. They replied that he should study hard and try again later.

Ten years later he did. "I took my art training very seriously over the years," Deja says. "I had studied the Disney style and analyzed it." When he showed his portfolio at the studio he was told, "It looks like you've already worked here for 20 years!"

After working on *The Black Cauldron*, *The Great Mouse Detective* and *Oliver & Company*, and spending a year in London helping animate *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, Deja became a supervising animator in charge of Triton in *The Little Mermaid*, Gaston in *Beauty and the Beast*, and now Jafar, the evil vizier in *Aladdin*. There must have been some queer artists and animators at Disney, but in the old days it was hard for them to slip anything Gay into their films. (Okay, you say, then why were the seven dwarfs living together?)

Things are changing. Ten years ago, who would have expected Bette Midler to camp it up (vocally) in *Oliver & Company*, or Divine to inspire Ursula, the sea witch in *The Little Mermaid*?

Deja points out three examples of Gay-ish humor in *Aladdin*. Two are part of Robin Williams' wild vocal performance as the Genie. Among his varied incarnations is a flamboyant tailor; in another scene he rescues Aladdin and says, "I'm getting fond of you, kid. Not that I want to pick out curtains or anything." The Gilbert Gottfried-voiced parrot Iago, after attracting the amorous attention of a flamingo, discourages the suitor with: "You got a problem, pinky?"

No offense is intended, and Deja was asked whether he was bothered by the jokes or thought other Gays would be. He gave an enthusiastic thumbs-up, so blame him if you have objections.

Would Walt have approved? Ask Tommy Kirk, the former Disney star who was fired in the mid-'60's when his Gayness came to light. The conservative Disney, the original "family values" guy, was reportedly homophobic and is rumored to have been Gay himself. "When Ron Miller ran the studio in the '80's," Deja says, "everything was, 'Would Walt have done this?'"

But since Jeffrey Katzenberg became studio chairman, the Disney Studios and other enterprises have become one of the most progressive in the industry. You may hear differently from some theme park employees who object to strict dress and behavioral codes, but at least they're

protected by a non-discrimination policy, that includes sexual orientation. Next, perhaps Disney will follow MCA/Universal's lead in offering domestic partner benefits to its unmarried employees.

In addition, Deja points out, "they were so supportive of Howard Ashman. They didn't drop him when he became so sick they couldn't use him. He wanted to know what was happening with *Beauty and the Beast*, and Jeff (Katzenberg) and Peter Schneider, vice president of Animation, went to see him in the hospital almost every day with sketches and videos... Jeff wears a red ribbon everywhere."

Ashman, the lyricist who also became involved in the writing and production of *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast* and, in its early stages, *Aladdin*, died of AIDS in March, 1991. His lover, William Lauch, went up with composer Alan Menken a year later to accept Ashman's second Oscar, for the song "Beauty and the Beast." (His first was for "Under the Sea" from *The Little Mermaid*.)

The directors of *Aladdin*, John Musker and Ron Clements, are both married to women. Is this the point on the Disney ladder where non-discrimination stops? "I don't think that has anything to do with it," Deja says. It was his (Deja's) own decision to halt his rise through the ranks. "I see no need to become a producer or director. You don't draw anymore. It's no fun."

Designing Gaston for *Beauty and the*



BOX-OFFICE CHAMPION — Disney's 31st full-length animated film, 'Aladdin' has become the most successful animated movie of all time. Just out on video, the film may well break the sales record now held by 'Beauty and the Beast.' Pictured above are Aladdin and his pet monkey, Abu. Below, the Sultan's evil vizier, Jafar, gives his molting parrot sidekick, Iago, a disapproving glare. Andreas Deja was the supervising animator for Jafar

Beast, Deja says, Katzenberg held him to the film's message: Don't judge a book by its cover. The hunky Gaston proved to be rotten inside while the Beast contained a handsome prince who'd been working through some character flaws. Deja claims he wasn't influenced by Tom of Finland, but based Gaston on L.A. men he sees "everywhere, looking in the mirror, in love with themselves."

Deja's next project is *The Lion King*, an animated feature due out in the Summer of 1994 that brings him full cycle to the sylvan setting of *The Jungle Book*. He'll be responsible for yet another villain, Scar, voiced by Jeremy Irons. Matthew Broderick and James Earl Jones will also do character voices.

The only new animation from Disney in 1993, other than a "Roger Rabbit" short, Deja reports, will be Tim Burton's

stop-motion feature *The Nightmare Before Christmas*.

The long-rumored sequel to *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* is not even in pre-production, Deja reports. Although he says combining live action and animation is "a pain in the neck to do," he's sure we'll be seeing more of it.

If and when a sequel to *Mary Poppins* is made, it will incorporate more animation than the original. "We have Julie Andrews on hold for it," Deja says, "but the woman in England who owns the rights is holding things up."

With animation bigger than ever, there's certainly plenty of it in Disney's future; and as far as he's concerned, Disney's future is Deja's future. His articulate enthusiasm makes him the studio's best — and Gayest — spokesperson since Mickey Mouse.

Madison Frontiers Men's Group Announces October Events

[Madison]- The following is a list of Madison's Frontiers activities for the month of October:

October 9 Hiking Devil's Lake Bluffs BYO picnic lunch (608) 241-2500.

October 10 Day trip to Milwaukee Art Museum — Sunday Brunch at Glass Menagerie — (608) 241-2500.

October 16 Car pooling to Portage for a potluck and evening with an International Ballet Dancer as well as examining his display of hundreds of Ballet costumes — (608) 241-2500.

October 23 Leather on Parade — Some of Madison's noteworthy leathersmen will discuss, model and demonstrate the toys and attire related to their style — (608) 276-9716.

October 30 Horseback riding in the Kettle Moraine Forest; Car pooling from Madison at 9:00 a.m. — (608) 274-8553.



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Notes From The Lesbian Nation

By Jamakaya

LESBIANS AND HIV: Alarmed by recent media reports about Lesbians contracting HIV from each other? The clarifications are even more alarming than the initial reports...

Dr. David Wright of Austin, Texas mentioned in passing at a health conference in August that he was treating two women who may have contracted HIV through sex with women. He has since claimed the media distorted his comments, that he never claimed these women were the first Lesbians to have gotten HIV from other women, and that the women were separate patients, not lovers.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says HIV can be transmitted through vaginal secretions, particularly if one woman has broken skin in her vulvo-vaginal area. But vaginal secretions are considered much less effective transmitters of HIV than semen or blood.

AIDS groups say they have seen anecdotal evidence of woman-to-woman transmission for years. But the government's AIDS statistics do not include a separate breakdown for Lesbians, who are lumped into the "other" category.

And now that there is a widely publicized case to investigate, what is our government doing? Nothing. The Texas Department of Health is not investigating Dr. Wright's report because, I kid you not, it says it has not been asked to. And the CDC is not following up on the report because they first need authorization from the Texas Health Department!

JANE ALEXANDER HEADS THE NEA: Oh, okay, she's not a dyke, but she's played a few! One of my favorite actresses, Jane Alexander, recently won easy approval by the US Senate to become the new chair of the National Endowment for the Arts, the arts agency often targeted by right-wingers for sponsoring allegedly "obscene" art.

Alexander said she could not promise the arts would be free from controversy: "The very essence of art, after all, is to hold the mirror up to nature." She also said the arts should not be used as a "political football by those on the far right or the far left."

Alexander is a longtime liberal social activist who has served on the boards of the Wildlife Conservation Society and Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament. One of her most remarkable (Oscar-nominated) performances was in the movie *Testament*, in which played a mother watching her children and community slowly in the aftermath of nuclear war.

Alexander's other prominent roles include playing Eleanor Roosevelt and "Calamity" Jane Canary in TV films. She won a Tony for *The Great White Hope* and an Emmy for the Holocaust drama *Playing for Time*. She also played the Lesbian partner of a woman denied custody of her children in the ground-breaking TV movie *A Question of Love*.

FALL SOCIAL SEASON BEGINS: The fall social season in Milwaukee gets off to a big start on Sunday, October 3 with a "Night at the Theater," featuring nationally acclaimed performance artist Holly Hughes and former Milwaukeean Deborah Parks-Satterfield in two fabulous one-woman shows. Curtain time for the Pridefest benefit is 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th Street. Tickets are \$15, \$10 low income.

Deb Parks, as many of us remember her, has lived in Seattle since 1989 and been part of the Black Lesbian Comedy troupe "Four Big Girls." She will perform a show called "Just Desserts." Holly Hughes is the infamous Lesbian who became part of the "NEA 4," the artists denied NEA grants because of the controversial nature of their work. (After legal action, the grants were reinstated.) Hughes will perform her show "World Without End."

Prior to the show, I'll be at the *Star Trek* convention downtown which this year features none other than Marina Sirtis. Aaaaoooo! Yes, Counselor Deanna Troi herself! Oooohh, aaaahh, she can read my mind or carry me away to Betazed anytime! My *Trekker* companion asked "You're not going to embarrass me, are you?" "You?" I replied. "You are going to take the photo of me making a complete ass of myself with this poor unsuspecting woman." I can't wait.

Kate Clinton is in town Saturday, October 9, also at Centennial Hall at 7:30.



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MARINA SIRTIS as Counselor Troi

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. Kate is worth it, but I'd like to recommend that the Lesbian Alliance present some options for low income women. Since well-off women will be paying a hefty sum for a private reception, why couldn't \$5 from these donations be used to help subsidize tickets for poor women?

Coming shortly after LAMM charged \$10 for its annual picnic, a sum which kept some women away (including moi, who found it downright un-American!), the tab for Kate is a painful reminder to us poor folks that many options are closed to us. LAMM has earned a reputation as the conscience of the Milwaukee community, crusading against racism and exclusion of all kinds among queer groups. What do you say LAMM, how about building in some options so low income women don't feel excluded?

October 30 is Full Moon's annual Halloween Dance at Lake Park Pavilion. Hundreds of dykes don bizarre and extravagant costumes and let loose in the wildest social event of the year. Don't miss it! The Womyn's Cultural Community Center is planning some fall events. Stay tuned for info on their "Lesbian Night at the Movies." And mark your calendars for the 8th annual "I Got This Way From Kissing Girls" weekend in Madison November 19-21. Call (608) 241-5685 for details.

THESE BOOTS ARE MADE FOR WALKING: My last column, "Gutlessness Writ Large," got more response than anything I've written in years. There were a few passionate denunciations from Gay men. But virtually every woman I ran into told me they loved it. Several women said I wrote exactly what was on their own minds and expressed the anger they too sometimes feel. Another said: "Nobody writes like Jamakaya when she gets really pissed off!" Thank you, sister.

The Gay Republicans were a tad upset with me, and Scott Everts had the opportunity to respond in the last *Light*. I need to add one clarification to his comments, however. He seemed to assume that because I was criticizing the Log Cabin Clubs (for their Gay bashing) that I am a Democrat. Not True.

Although I endorsed Clinton-Gore last fall, I made it clear I had big doubts about them but felt the absolute necessity of ending the selfish, evil reign of Reagan-Bush. For the record, I am not nor have I ever been a member of the Democratic Party. I have even voted for Republicans, including Gerald Ford in 1976. (Hey, I figured it was a vote for Betty, who I really loved!)

Several Gay men called to say they too were annoyed by the negative and misogynist comments made by loudmouthed Neanderthals after the screening of *Orlando*. One apologized on behalf of his obnoxious Gay brothers.

But my favorite response to that hard-hitting column, which attacked PBS, Gay Republicans, the straight press, mainstream Gay journalists and woman-hating Gay men, was a letter from a self-described "male queer" (or was it "queen?") who sent a copy of an ad featuring a giant woman in huge platform heels menacing the city of Los Angeles (a la Godzilla).

Accompanying this comical image, the letter began: "Mmm, you read like Nancy Sinatra's 'These Boots Are Made for Walking.'"



Thanks, C.L.! You really made my day! Are you ready boots? Start walking!

Ten Percent Dance in Madison Oct. 15

[Madison]- UW-Madison's Ten Percent Society will be holding its Coming Out Week Dance for Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gay men and friends on Friday, October 15, 1993 beginning at 8:00 p.m. The event will take place in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union. Admission will be \$3 and there will be a DJ and a cash bar.

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Despite Military Loss, Gays Making Other, Quiet, Gains in D.C.

[Washington, D.C.] In their first meeting since the announcement of the President's policy on Lesbian and Gay military personnel, the Board of Governors and Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) met in Dallas on September 18-19. Among other things, the members maintained that President Clinton and members of Congress have been very helpful on a variety of issues that go unreported in the mainstream press. The Boards cited the recent passage of the Hate Crimes Enforcement Act by the House which includes sexual orientation. They also pointed to the repeal of the District of Columbia's sodomy law without interference from anti-Gay forces on the Hill.

Confirming Clinton's commitment to assuring that Gays and Lesbians will serve openly in his Administration, Bruce Lehman, a long-time member of HRCF, was unanimously confirmed by the Senate as Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Office, joining 18 other openly Gay officials appointed by the President. "We do have a friend in the White House, as well as many friends in the most important federal agencies," said Hilary Rosen, newly elected co-chair of the Board of Directors. "1992 was a banner year and HRCF will not let that dwindle away because of one loss," she said, referring to the decision on the military issue.

Women's Pancake Breakfast Planned In Madison

[Madison]- Pancakes and Lesbians! Who could ask for more? The Atwood Community Center in Madison is sponsoring a pancake breakfast for the Womyn's Community in honor of the Lesbian Variety show. Just down the street from the Barrymore Theatre makes it an easy place to find.

Pancakes, sausage, yogurt, granola, fruit, coffee, orange juice and women will start your day off right.

Cost for the breakfast is \$5 sliding to benefit future women's programming at the Center. We need women to volunteer as cooks and servers for the breakfast. Please call the Center to arrange a shift.

The breakfast will be held November 21 and starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at Noon. The Atwood Community Center is located at 2425 Atwood Avenue in Madison. For more information, call (608) 241-1574. Contact person is Patti Thompson.

Harley Riders Plan Fall and Spring Runs

[Milwaukee]- The Great Lakes Harley Riders held their first Gathering on August 21 and 22 at the lake home of one of its members. The social organization for Gay Harley Davidson owners was founded in Milwaukee during the 90th Anniversary celebration of Harley-Davidson and has a membership which stretches from coast to coast.

The group's first run included stopping by the Northwoods Run hosted by the Argonauts of Wisconsin, which included a banquet, talent show and Mr. Northwoods contest. Hospitality and hot men prevailed.

Fall and Spring motorcycle runs are being planned as well as a road trip to Sturgis, South Dakota. Anyone seeking information can contact Great Lakes Harley Riders at P.O. Box 341611, Milwaukee, WI 53234-1611.

CBS TV To Air 'Other Mothers' Drama Oct. 2

[New York, NY]- Meredith Baxter, Joanna Cassidy, Judith Ivey, Joe Regalbutto, Charlie Robinson, William Russ and Justin Whalin star in "Other Mothers" a new CBS Schoolbreak Special about a teenage boy coping with the prejudiced views of a new school, teachers and friends when they discover that his loving parents are two Lesbian mothers. It will be broadcast Tuesday, October 2 (3:00-4:00 p.m. on the CBS TV network).

The show is inspired by recent studies which estimate that there are 1.5 to 3 million Lesbians who are mothers and 2 million Gay men who are fathers.

In addition, the U.S. Census Bureau in 1991 noted that "only 26% of U.S. households fit the traditional definition of family."

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censored the book, but 28 others kept it on their shelves, according to Sasha Alyson of Alyson Publications, Boston, which published the book, written and illustrated by Michael Willhoite.

The issue in Sussex began this summer when Peter Meissner of Sussex filed an objection to the book. In response, on Aug. 31, Botts moved the book to the children's non-fiction section, where nearly every other Wisconsin public library owning the book keeps it, she said. Children rarely use the non-fiction section without adult help, she said.

This did not satisfy Meissner, who asked the library board to remove the book. The board held a hearing Sept. 16 on whether to keep the book.

More than 100 people crammed the library's workroom for the two-hour hearing, and about half of them spoke. The audience and the speakers seemed evenly split for and against keeping the book.

The tone of the hearing emerged as the first speaker, Meissner, addressed the board. When he said he was "not a Gay basher," many in the audience guffawed. Meissner went on to say, "The bible says homosexuality is unnatural and an abomination to God. How can we teach this to our precious children?" As he concluded, some in the audience cheered

Logo Designs Sought for GALVANize March

[Madison]- GALVANize, the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance, is sponsoring a logo contest for the Pride March in Madison to be held on May 7, 1994 (permit pending). Generally, the theme for this year's event will reflect the 5th Anniversary of GALVANize and the 25th Anniversary of Stonewall.

Submissions should be 8 1/2 by 11 inches and may contain up to four colors including black. The winning submission will become the property of GALVANize through the weekend of the Pride event and may be used on T-shirts, posters, buttons and advertising. Submissions will not be returned.

Deadline for the logo contest will be Monday, November 15, 1993. Finalist designs may be displayed at local businesses for viewer feedback.

For further information, contact GALVANize at (608) 256-4289 or write: P.O. Box 1403, Madison, WI 53701. Submissions can be mailed to the above address.

and shouted "Amen."

Some of the supporters of the book were high school students, who were delighted by the remarks of their teacher, Bodette.

"If you want to ban a book for your kids and your family, that's fine, but don't ban it for every other family in this community. That's wrong," he said. Bodette described his concern that a tyranny of the majority might decide what others should read. "We have a Bill of Rights and it's there for a reason. Don't throw it out."

Sixteen-year-old Jenny Schall of Sussex, a Hamilton student, also spoke in favor of the book. "There are real-life situations like this in small communities," she said. "This book does not bring destruction for values. What it does bring is education and I thought that we were better than this. I thought that we had risen above banning books."

Opponents of the book frequently cited the bible or what seemed to them the certainty that homosexuality leads to AIDS.

One woman said the book's presentation was "incomplete" and "intellectually dishonest" because it ignored the negative consequences of homosexuality. She said much of Gay sex is sadistic and masochistic and cited figures showing a very high rate of AIDS and syphilis among Gay men.

Fred Zimmermann of Sussex said the issue was, "about a small group of individuals attempting to legitimize sexual deviance and jam it down the throats of mainstream America."

But Allie Bereng, of Madison, a Lesbian who grew up in the Sussex area, said that having a book like *Daddy's Roommate* when she was young might have made her feel less alone, and she might not have attempted suicide as a teen.

"Homosexuality is not learned by reading a book. There was no book that told me I should be a homosexual. So the chance of a child reading *Daddy's Roommate* and deciding, 'Oh, I really want to be a Gay man,' is about as likely as the chance of me marrying a man, having a children, a dog and a white picket fence, which is close to zero," she said, to the laughter of some audience members.

Although a few Christian ministers spoke against the book, others supported it, including the Rev. Robert Ullman of Redeemer United Church of Christ in Lisbon. Addressing more conservative Christians, he complained, "We have been very, very intolerant of each other in this discussion."

He said he was offended that his calling to preach the word of God had been questioned because of his defense of the book. "What I and my family and some of my church members have been subjected to has been shameful," he said.

In the end, the remarks against homosexuality had little effect on the library board members, even the two who opposed keeping the book on the children's shelves.

"If this had been an adult book, I don't believe we would have had any of this," said Trustee Terry Williamson, adding that he wouldn't object to any book librarians chose for adults. Like Allen, he wanted to keep *Daddy's Roommate* in the library but in a place where children could not find it on their own.

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Meinhold, Steffan Renew Legal Attack on Military Ban in Courts

By Bob Roehr

[Washington, D.C.]—The on-going legal challenges of Joe Steffan and Keith Meinhold to the ban on Gays and Lesbians serving in the military are making headlines again. They hold the promise of ending this apartheid by the federal government of a group of its citizens.

Petty Officer Meinhold is providing the most drama at this point. The judge in his case has ordered Defense Secretary Les Aspin, the Secretary of the Navy, and Meinhold's commanding officer to appear before him on September 30 to argue why they should not be held in contempt of court for violating the judge's order to end discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the military.

On January 28, 1993, U.S. District Judge Terry J. Hatter, Jr. ruled in Meinhold's favor, declaring the policy unconstitutional and issuing an injunction to stop discriminatory policies by the Department of Defense (DOD).

Had he simply issued a judgment on the constitutional question, Hatter's opinion would have been initially binding only within that circuit court. But by issuing an injunction prohibiting action, its impact was expanded outside that circuit to a nationwide scope. "It must be obeyed until either stayed or overturned by a higher court," said Meinhold's attorney, John McGuire.

Hatter also ordered that Meinhold be reinstated as a sonar analyst. The Navy obeyed the initial letter of the ruling by reinstating Meinhold to his former duty. But it also undermined its spirit by laying technical groundwork to discharge him for other reasons.

McGuire said the Navy had denied Meinhold promotion which he had routinely received. Furthermore, McGuire alleged that the Navy is now manipulating Meinhold performance reviews to give him failing grades in areas such as "personal conduct" and "supports Navy policy."

"In each instance the grader said that he (Meinhold) has been outstanding in every way, but the grader was required to fail him in those categories because he is Gay and that 'lifestyle' is inconsistent

with Navy policy," said McGuire. There are also second-hand reports that the grader was told by superiors to fail Meinhold in those categories.

"One thing you have to say to the Navy's credit," continued McGuire, "is that it has a lot of people lower down on the food chain who have a lot of integrity and who are Meinhold's friends and who have been working with him for years. So when you read the comments on these things, they are extremely sympathetic."

DOD took two actions in early September. It began to transfer to standby reserve status those people in the military who had declared their homosexuality but had been in a legal limbo under conditions of the "truce" President Clinton and Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA) had worked out in January.

DOD also appealed Hatter's January decision, asking for a hearing en banc by the entire 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, in light of the "new" policy of Gays in the military. That request was denied without comment on September 21.

Hatter responded to McGuire's latest petition on September 22. He issued the call for DOD officials to appear before him for the contempt hearing on September 30, one day before the "new" military ban policy is scheduled to go into effect.

A Pentagon spokesman quickly responded that Aspin himself would not appear, but would send a "non-legal representative" as the court allowed. McGuire pointed out that the representative must be of a senior level, someone with "the authority to make oral guarantees" of changes that would bring DOD into compliance with Hatter's order.

McGuire believes action will be swift, with Hatter likely to follow past practice and issue his ruling from the bench on the day of the hearing. The fact that the "new" DOD policy on the military ban is supposed to go into effect on October 1 also points to the likelihood of a quick ruling from Hatter. The ruling is not likely to be favorable to DOD.

The government seems likely to file an emergency appeal to the entire 9th Circuit Court to prohibit enforcement of Hatter's order. The brief would be virtually identical to the one DOD filed and the

Court denied without explanation earlier this month.

The next step would be to file an emergency writ with the U.S. Supreme Court. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor reviews all appeals from the 9th Circuit. She would have to find that there was "clear error" by a lower court, and "irreparable harm" caused by the injunction in order to lift it, according to McGuire.

The Steffan Case

The Steffan case is technically further along in the legal system. Unlike Meinhold, Steffan lost at the first level and is now seeking to have that ruling overturned at the appeals level.

Oral arguments were heard before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia on September 13. The three judge panel, selected randomly, included Chief Judge Abner J. Mikva, Patricia M. Wald, and Harry T. Edwards, perhaps the most liberal panel possible on a generally conservative court.

Clinton Administration lawyers argued the same rationale for excluding homosexuals as had the Bush Administration. They even cited two articles by psychologist Paul Cameron, whose notoriously homophobic assertions have brought dismissal by the American Psychiatric Association.

"We had a panel who, I believe, understood the issues," said Kevin Cathcart, Executive Director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the lead group in Steffan's defense.

Cathcart paraphrased the dialogue that was, to him, one of the high points of the arguments. Edwards: You're saying that under the regulation, if someone says they are Gay, but they never have sex, you throw them out.

Govt. Atty.: Yes, that's true.

Edwards: But if they have sex with someone of the same sex, but they tell you they are not Gay, you can keep them in.

Govt. Atty.: Yes, that's true.

Then, Cathcart said, Edwards leaned back in his chair, crossed his arms, and said with a somewhat cynical tone, "Well, that makes a lot of sense."

Wald appended to the end of one of her questions the fact that many of the members of that court do hire Gay law clerks.

Cathcart expects a decision in 30-90 days and expects a favorable ruling. He thinks that the bungled attempt by President Clinton and Congress to find a political resolution to the issue has only improved its chances in court.

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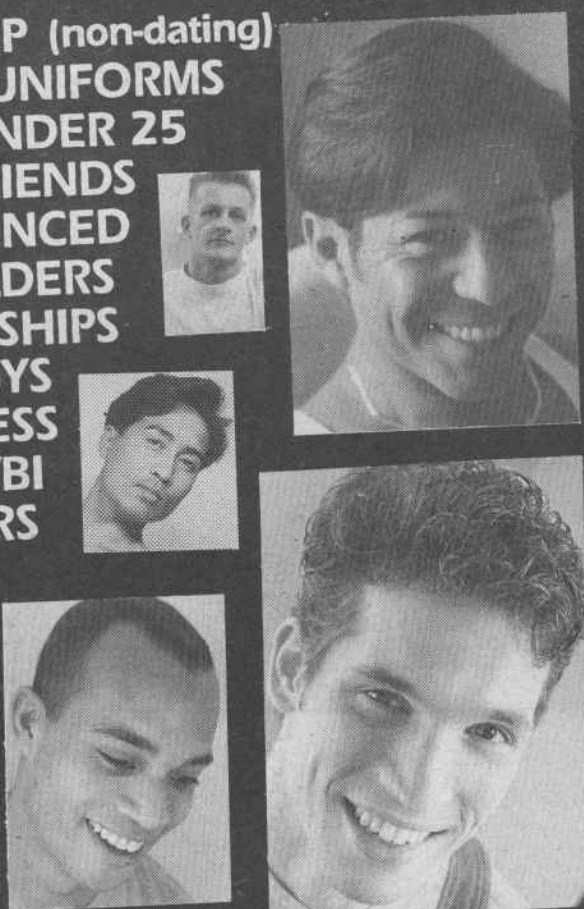
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Jerry Johnson

Record 8,000 People Raise \$550,000 In The Wisconsin AIDS Walk

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- Calling the AIDS pandemic "a public health catastrophe," Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), spoke to the 500 plus people attending the breakfast that ushered in the Wisconsin AIDS Walk on Sunday, September 26. The breakfast was held at the Italian Community Center.

Noting that 23 people have died of AIDS in the last 30 days in Wisconsin, Nelson thanked everyone present for their support and spoke of the "desperate need for money" to help those with HIV/AIDS. Currently, he said, some 23,000 people are infected in Wisconsin alone.

Joining Nelson on the platform were Mistress of Ceremonies, Carole Meekins of Today's TMJ4, Richard Klemp, Vice President of Corporate Affairs for Miller Brewing Company, Stu Jackson, Head Basketball Coach at UW-Madison, U.S. Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI), Milwaukee Bucks Coach Mike Dunleavy and Earvin "Magic" Johnson. The last two, serving as honorary co-chairs of the Walk.

Johnson received a standing ovation when he rose to speak. He called for more education, preventive measures and more money to wage the fight against the disease.

At the close of the breakfast, the people exited the hall to the solemn throbbing of a drum played by members of the United Indians of Milwaukee.

Some 8,000 people, double last year's number, assembled at Urban Park for the beginning of the Walk. Most in evidence were balloons, signs, banners and badges commemorating those who have died of AIDS.

The sky was overcast for part of the time. Balloons drifted up and away, giving the Walk an air of being a memorial service as it was anything else. But just as the Walk began, the sun broke through.

At a press conference held in the War Memorial, Miller Brewing representative Richard Klemp, presented Nelson with a check for \$100,000 for the AID Resource Center of Wisconsin (MAP's parent agency) signed by Magic Johnson.

In brief remarks to the press, Johnson thanked everyone for making the Walk a

success, including Milwaukee Bucks players who participated in the Walk, and thanked Miller for their support in the fight against the epidemic.

As he had at the breakfast, Johnson said that if there was no cure for AIDS, then he hoped for "something that can maintain life. Then, you work for a cure after that."

Johnson said that he was "doing fine" and that "life was wonderful." "Anytime you can wake up, it's gotta be great." He said he was still playing basketball, "just not for the NBA."

"I'm not a down person," he said, "not by any means. I never have and I never will be." He said he was planning on being around "for a long time" to "help people" any way that he could.

According to MAP, the Walk raised a total of \$550,581 as opposed to last year's figure of \$411,000.

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