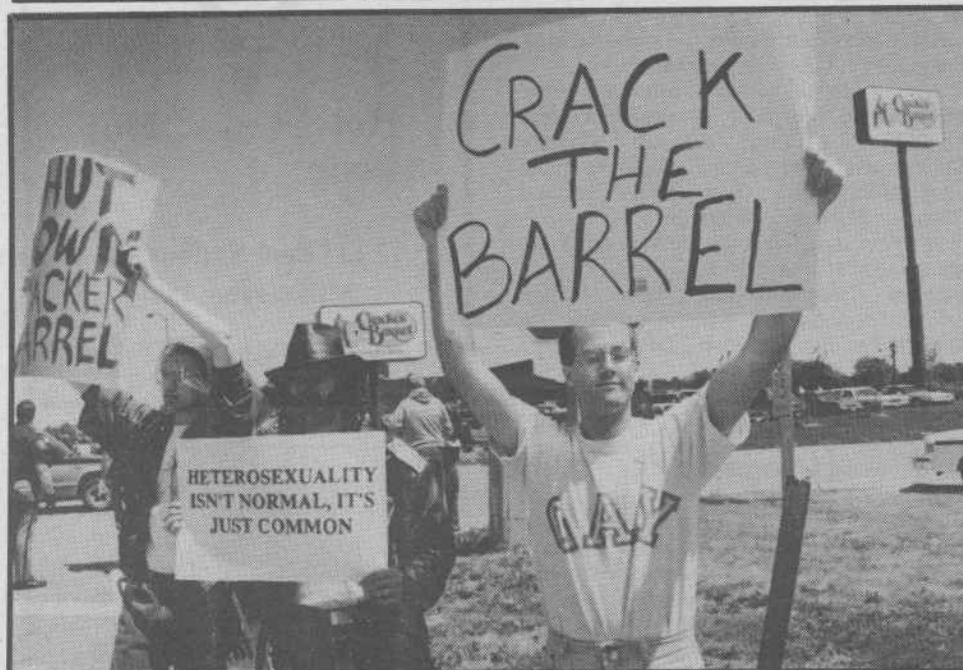


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# The Wisconsin Light



**DEMANDING BASIC RIGHTS**—Dozens of demonstrators protested on June 21, 1992 at the recently opened Cracker-Barrel restaurant, near Kenosha. Protesters carried signs (left) and were confronted by law officials numerous times during the two hour demonstration. Kenosha Sheriff's department



deputies confiscated signs (right) that contained language they objected to. The deputy holds a sign while wearing plastic gloves.

## Police Confiscate Signs, Arrest Four During Cracker Barrel Protest

By Terry Boughner

In what was described by one observer as "cops on a rampage," police and other Kenosha, Wisconsin law enforcement officials, confiscated signs, shoved people to the ground, manhandled the press and arrested peaceful protesters demonstrating on public land outside a Kenosha Cracker Barrel store on June 21, 1992.

According to Stan Straka, a member of Queer Nation/Milwaukee and organizer of the demonstration, an estimated 70 people took part in the protest. These included people from Milwaukee, Madison, Kenosha, Racine and a sizable contingent from Chicago.

The demonstration was part of a nation-wide protest against the restaurant chain's discriminatory policy against

Lesbians and Gay employees which includes firing Lesbians and Gay male employees in other states. Straka said the protest was intended as a "peaceful demonstration" to "raise public awareness in Wisconsin" to the "immoral and illegal" policy of discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Wisconsin is the first state with a Gay the creation of, and currently chairs, the Dane County Task Force on AIDS.

She is also a member of the County Board's Personnel and Finance Committee and is the former chair of the Human Services Board.

Baldwin is a member of the National Association of Openly Gay and Lesbian Elected Officials, Rainbow Coalition, the National Women's Political Caucus, the National Organization for Women, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Democratic Party.

### Help Needed In Researching Gay Milwaukee History

[Milwaukee]—Through the assistance of a generous patron, I am beginning work on a history of Gay Milwaukee. As envisioned, the book will cover as far back as there are records. I need your help.

If you have pictures or other memorabilia; if you would be willing to be interviewed on tape (confidentiality assured if you desire), please write or phone me: Terry Boughner, 1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee, WI 53212, (414) 372-2773. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

rights law where the Cracker Barrel chain has opened a restaurant.

The demonstration began at about 11:00 across the street from the recently opened Cracker Barrel restaurant. The restaurant is located at I-94 and Hwy. 50 in Bristol, Wisconsin.

An estimated 25 law enforcement officials were there, including those from the State Patrol, the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office and the Kenosha police. Also present was the Kenosha District Attorney, Richard Ginkowski.

Several officers were wearing gloves, variously described as being of rubber or plastic. When asked why they were wearing them, one officer replied it was "fear of Hepatitis." Another answered, "because you never know what can happen." In a phone interview, Ginkowski told *Wisconsin Light* that the wearing of gloves was the officer's individual choice.

Ginkowski who was video taping the event, called himself "a strong" and "long-time supporter of Gay rights." He said he was at the demonstration, using the camcorder to make sure everyone's rights were being respected.

The demonstrators positioned themselves across the access highway from the restaurant, close to an intersection and on public land. Demonstrators held signs condemning Cracker Barrel's assault on Gay rights. People began chanting "Racist, sexist, anti-Queer, Cracker Barrel get out of here" among others.

According to Dan Fons, a member of Queer Nation/Milwaukee, the trouble began just as the group was finishing the protest. It was Queer Nation/Chicago's idea, he said, to finish the protest with a

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## State Supreme Court Declares Hate-Crimes Law Unconstitutional

[Madison]—The Wisconsin law that increases penalties for hate-crimes was declared unconstitutional in a 5-2 decision on Tuesday, June 23, 1992 by the Wisconsin State Supreme Court.

Chief Justice Nathan S. Heffernan, writing the majority opinion, stated that the law was unconstitutional because it suppressed freedom of speech. The Wisconsin High Court's decision came the day after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the St. Paul, Minnesota's hate crimes ordinance was in conflict with the U.S. Constitution.

In the St. Paul case, the ordinance regulated "fighting words" rather than motive behind the crime as in Wisconsin's case. However, Heffernan said, the "ideological content" of thought regulated by the two measures was identical.

State Rep. David Clarenbach (D-Madison) author of Wisconsin's Hate Crimes Law, released the following statement on Wednesday, June 24, in

reaction to the court's decision:

"The court's decision does not mean that we must stop fighting hate crimes," Clarenbach said.

"Our effort goes beyond the facts of any single case, or the language of any single statute. It is an effort by many groups of differing backgrounds and beliefs to preserve the right to live free from intimidation or violence rooted in bigotry."

Clarenbach went on to say that "I will continue to work with police and prosecutors to give them the tools they need to fight the rising tide of hate crimes, without infringing on anyone's First Amendment rights."

The State Supreme Court's decision came in the case of Todd Mitchell of Kenosha, who was sentenced to four years in prison in 1990 under the hate crimes penalty enhancer for beating and robbing a white teenager, Gregory Riddick.

## Madison's Tammy Baldwin Running For State Assembly Seat

[Madison]—Dane County Supervisor, Tammy Baldwin, a Democrat, formally declared her candidacy for the State Assembly seat being vacated by David Clarenbach earlier this month at a campaign kick-off party attended by more than 100 supporters. Baldwin, a Madison native and attorney in private practice, is the first only Gay or Lesbian candidate to run for the Wisconsin legislature.

"I am running to bring a new voice and a new perspective to state government," said Baldwin, who is the only woman in the Democratic field. "It's time for our representative government to truly reflect the diversity of all the people."

Baldwin said that Madison and Wisconsin were at a critical juncture facing many challenges and many choices. She said her priorities would be to listen to and invest in people; to promote civil rights and opportunities for every member of the community; and to battle against racism, sexism,

homophobia and other forms of bigotry in state law and policies.

"We can let differences in race, gender, sexual orientation and income divide us," said Baldwin. "Or we can choose to turn toward each other with respect and open minds to build a strong and healthy community."

Baldwin also said her election was critical to maintain an advocate for Gays and Lesbians in the legislature.

"For nearly two decades, David Clarenbach has represented the interests of the Gay and Lesbian community with great courage and vigor," Baldwin said. "I am the only legislative candidate in Wisconsin who has both the will and a supportive district to carry on David's tradition."

Tammy Baldwin, 30, a graduate of Smith College and the University of Wisconsin Law School, has served as a member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors since 1986. She fought for



**A CARPET OF PEOPLE**—Thousands attended Milwaukee's PrideFest and parade on June 14. Related stories and photos appear in this issue.



## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Discrimination Laws Threatened

[Colorado Springs, CO]- According to AP sources, an anti-Gay rights initiative that would prohibit the state from passing legislation aimed at Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals will appear on the November ballot as Amendment No. 2.

Colorado for Family Values (CFV), the Colorado Springs group that gathered enough signatures to get the measure on the ballot, announced in May that the secretary of state had officially approved the action.

The group fighting the initiative, the Equal Protection Campaign, said CFV's work is "an attempt to legislate the belief system of a few through a campaign of fear and deception."

If passed, the measure would void laws in Denver, Boulder and Aspen that prohibit discrimination toward Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals.

### Dannemeyer Loses Senate Bid

[Milwaukee]- California Congressman, William E. Dannemeyer (R-CA) lost his bid in California's Senatorial primary to his Republican opponent, Sen. John Forsythe according to the **San Francisco Sentinel**. He was defeated by a wide margin, said **Sentinel** sources.

Dannemeyer, an ultra conservative, had a long reputation for being an ideological bed-fellow of Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC). Dannemeyer's bid forced him to give up his House seat.

How sweet it is!

### Senate Passes Broadcasting Bill

The Senate passed the public broadcasting bill (S. 1504) on Wednesday, June 3, by a vote of 84-11. The bill now goes to the House.

An Helms amendment, offered by Sen. Trent Lott (R-MS), would have frozen funding at this year's level; that was defeated 75-22. A Dole amendment, to require the Independent Television Service (ITVS) to provide funding for local PBS stations, passed on a voice vote. ITVS was created to produce programming about controversial political issues.

A Byrd amendment passed 93-3 moving the time for "indecent" programming back from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. or midnight, depending on when the station signs off. If the Byrd amendment survives the legislative process, there will probably be a legal challenge according to the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

### Old Glory Condom Corp. to Appeal

[Provincetown, MA]- Calling condoms "immoral and scandalous matter," the US Patent Office has denied trademark protection to the Old Glory Condom Corporation. The company, run by AIDS activists, will appeal the decision. Its logo features an unfurled condom with an image of the American flag.

### State Wants 'Dyke' Plates Back

[St. Louis, MO]-According to the **St. Louis Lesbian and Gay News-Telegraph**, Lisa Wagaman has been informed by the state that the word "DYKE" is "unacceptable" for a license plate. This, despite the fact that the state had initially granted the plates to Wagaman 10 years ago.

At that time, the state didn't want to issue the plates, but according to the **News-Telegraph**, Wagaman "concocted a story about being of Dutch ancestry and that her grandmother's name was Dyke." The "Show Me" state yielded and Wagaman got her plates.

However, last month, the state demanded that she surrender the plates on the grounds that they were obscene.

Wagaman has told the state that she intends to keep the plates just as they are. So far, no response.

### Hawai'i Talk Show Host Silenced

[Honolulu, HI]- According to the **Advocate**, Gay activists in Honolulu have succeeded in shutting down a restaurant owned by local radio talk show host Mike Gabbard, after he told listeners to his "Let's Talk Straight Hawai'i" that he would refuse to hire Gays and Lesbians to work in his restaurant — in direct violation of the state law against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. One of the reasons Gabbard gave was that Lesbians had "17 times more fatal traffic accidents than other people."

### N.J. Anti-Discrimination Law Fought

[Trenton, NJ]- A religious legal defense organization acting under the aegis of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, is seeking to overturn New Jersey's new anti-discrimination law.

The Rutherford Institute, which is already involved in a legal action to upend the Gay civil rights law in Hawai'i, filed suit in U.S. District Court, April 15, charging that the law "is unconstitutional and infringes upon religious and speech freedoms."

The law prohibits sexual orientation-based discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations.

"The law is blatantly unconstitutional," Rutherford Institute attorney Thomas Neuberger told AP. "The state has no business telling churches what they can and cannot do within the walls of the church." Neuberger is quoted as saying that under the law, preaching against Gays and Lesbians would be forbidden. "This would violate religious freedoms," he said.

However, Robert Moore, an member of the executive board of the 3,000 member New Jersey Council of Churches disagreed, saying that the law does not impede on religious freedoms.

"We believe in religious liberty," he said, "but we don't think that entitles someone to discriminate against any group of people. Everybody is a child of God."

## Milwaukee Political Leaders Meet Community

[Milwaukee]- On Monday, June 15, 1992, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, L.O.C. — Women of Color, Lutherans Concerned and the Lambda Rights Network plus over 50 other organizations and individuals, sponsored a reception for Milwaukee public officials at the Village Church. The purpose of the reception was to allow members of the Lesbian/Gay community to network with the leaders of the wider community.

Among those officials attended were Mayor John Norquist, Milwaukee County Executive Thomas Ament, County Supervisors Dorothy Dean and Tony Czaja and Alderpeople, Fay Anderson and Lorraine McNamara-McGraw.

Also present, among others, were State Representatives Rosemary Potter, Barbara Notestein and Brian Burke. Judge Fred Kessler who is running for Congress in the 5th District also attended.

Milwaukee Public Schools Superintendent, Howard Fuller and Congressman Gerald Kleczka sent regrets at not being able to attend.

In the view of this reporter, the reception offered a wonderful and all too rare opportunity for those in our community to meet with and exchange views with some of those who represent us. The atmosphere was informal and relaxed. The buffet provided, the work of the M&M Club, was ample and delicious.

A spokesman for the sponsoring groups said the reception will be held again next year. It is hoped that everyone who can will take the opportunity and attend.

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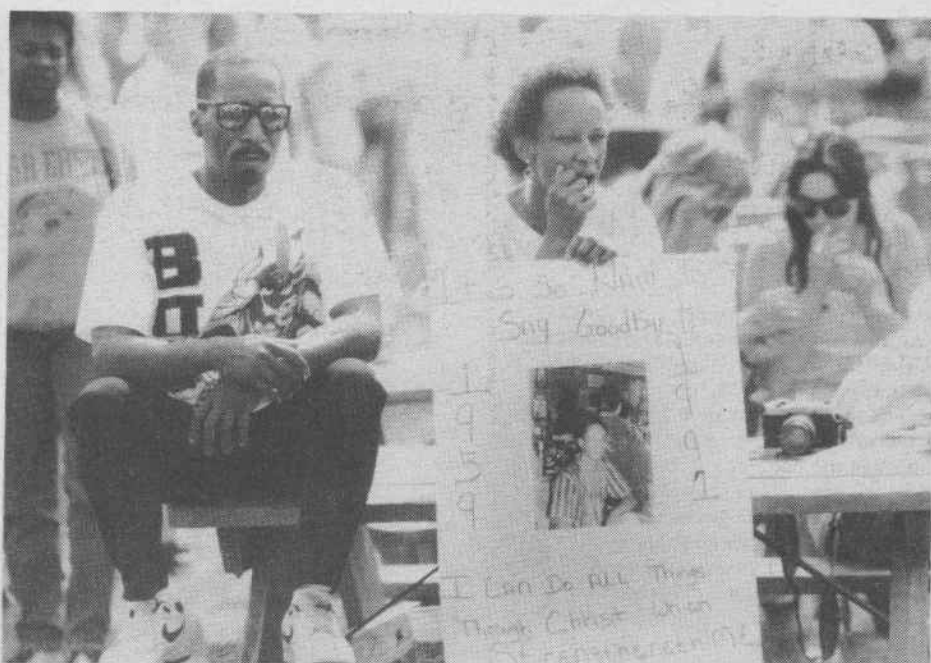


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**REMEMBERING IS NOT FORGETTING**—Members of Tony Hugh's family walked in the June 14, 1992 Milwaukee Pride Parade and later attended PrideFest in Juneau Park in memory of Tony. Tony was one of the victims of Jeffrey Dahmer. The poster reads: "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye!! 1959-1991. I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me."

## Milwaukee PrideFest Is A Wonderful, Huge Success

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]—It was a grand and glorious PrideFest. On that, most everyone seemed to agree. And though there were some glitches and some honest critiques, everyone I talked with acknowledged that the 1992 PrideFest was bigger and better than ever.

Even the weather cooperated. The morning opened with thunder, booming like cannon in the sky. But the storm quickly passed. The sun broke through and by 10:00 (the time I got to the Fest site at Juneau Park) the crowd had begun to assemble. From then on, things seemed to go like clockwork—mostly.

In the pre-parade rally, Kaye Hallanger, International Ms. Leather '91 spoke movingly of the importance to Lesbians and Gay men of Pro-Choice. She also called on people to "Register and Vote" so that Bush could be "the evicted President."

Tammy Baldwin, running as an openly Lesbian candidate for the State Assembly, held her audience in rapt attention. "Our's is a movement about love," she told the people. "And our right to love."

She spoke, too, of how silence really does equal death. "Speaking out," she said, "equals Freedom and life, Pride and power." She called on people to demand that our history be taught in the schools.

Joan Jett Blakk roused the crowd for her presidential campaign. Beside her stood her running mate, Milwaukee's own Miriam Ben Shalom.

### The Parade

The parade began a little after one, on time—nearly. But that was good enough. There is no way possible for me to convey in mere words the sense of exhilaration and of overwhelming pride I felt as I saw the units begin the march.

According to Alan Stroik, Pride Committee President, there were 45 units in the parade. These included everything from an equestrian unit (the first in the parade's history) to antique cars. As in past years, the parade was headed up by the Beer Town Badgers Color guard. This was followed closely by Allen Eslinger in his sparkling white T-bird carrying this year's Grand Marshall, Michael Lisowski, and some of "his kids."

A good crowd of people watched the parade. They were concentrated mostly at the beginning and the end of the route. Many joined the parade itself as it went by. In a pleasant change this year, no Right-wingers were in attendance to harass or berate what they refuse to understand.

Signs and banners carried by the marchers, showed representatives from Madison to Green Bay and from every other part of the state. It was good to see them.

Of touching interest was the presence at PrideFest of the family members of Tony Hughes, one of the victims of Jeffrey Dahmer. It was a moving moment when a moment of silence was called for in memory of that tragedy.

### Post Parade Fest

Following the parade, the awards were presented. Parade awards went to **In Step** for Best Presentation of a Theme for a Business; The Award for Most Creative Business float went to Wings 3054 Club of Madison; the Most Creative Originality for a Group went to Z Hawk Productions; the Best Presentation for a Group Award went to the Lesbian Alliance of Metro

Milwaukee; ACT UP Milwaukee won the Committee Choice Award.

Parade judges were: Milwaukee Country Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs-Jones, Retiring ACLU head, Eunice Edgar, and Milwaukee Alderperson Fay Anderson.

Eunice Edgar also won the Alyn Hess Award. This award is given annually by the Gay Peoples Union to the non-Gay/Lesbian person who has contributed most to the community. The Award was presented by Bill Meunier.

The Community Service Award was presented to Jamakaya for her long and outstanding service to the cause of feminist liberation. She was also commended for her work as a Lesbian journalist for which she has received national recognition.

Throughout it all, Barb Coyle and Rod Johnson did an outstanding job as co-M.C.'s. They are to be commended for their diligence, good humor and patience at keeping the "show" going and keeping everyone informed.

This year, the entertainment was bigger and even better than ever. No one group can be signaled out. They were all great. (And since I'm running out of space, that's the best and most truthful way out I know.)

As I wandered about the crowd, I met many people who had never been to the Pride celebration before. Each one I talked with, was enthusiastic about their experience and all said they'd be back next year.

Though this is a non-objective report, I think I can say that the event went well, very well. The Pride Committee is to be commended. "You done well, people. You done real good!"

As far as the finances went, Stroik said that as of press time a complete accounting was not available, but that for the first time, a profit was made.

## Commitment '92 Round-Up Sept. 11-13 In Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]—Commitment '92 is the 7th annual round-up sponsored by Milwaukee and Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian A.A. groups with participation by Al-Anon, N.A., and several other 12-Step groups. It will be held at Milwaukee's War Memorial, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. from September 11-13, 1992.

The weekend conference provides a time and place for the Gay and Lesbian recovering community to come together to share our struggles and our triumphs in overcoming alcoholism and other addictions.

The main events include our four keynote speakers, representing A.A., N.A. and Al-Anon and over 20 workshops on topics such as Serenity vs. Shame; Recovering Couples; Sober and Single; Co-Dependency, Sex Addiction and others.

In addition, there's a Saturday night original play, **Meetings, Meditation and Murder**—a Saturday night dance, and a Sunday brunch all included in the registration price of \$30 (before August 28; \$35 after). A Saturday banquet is offered for an extra \$18.

Registration forms and further information are available at the Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell or from Co-Chairs Darryl F. (414) 961-8736 or Linda P. (414) 771-5837.

## UW Alumni Invited to Brunch

[Madison]—UW-Madison Lesbian and Gay Alumni and their families, friends and colleagues are cordially invited to a special open house brunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 19, 1992 (MAGIC Picnic Weekend).

Return to Tripp Commons of the Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin, to meet old and new friends and colleagues and hear the latest developments at UW-Madison. This event will offer an opportunity to socialize, will present a short informational update regarding progress at UW and will discuss the formation of a Gay and Lesbian Alumni Chapter. Faculty and staff are welcome.

The event is sponsored by Madison area Gay and Lesbian Alumni, The Symposium (a group of UW-Madison Gay/Lesbian faculty and staff) and the Dean of Students Office. This event is also made possible through assistance from the Wisconsin Alumni Association.

For more information, please call (608) 257-8580.

## Thousands Attend PrideFest

[Milwaukee]—While all seem to agree that the number of people attending the PrideFest was larger than in previous years, there seems to be no consensus on exact numbers present.

According to Alan Stroik, President of the Pride Committee, the Committee's official estimate of the crowd is 7,000.

The Milwaukee *Sentinel* reported that there was "no independent observer" who could make the count. (Who do they think they are?)

The Milwaukee *Journal* reported only 1,200 in attendance. Anyone present knows this is much too low a figure.

TV Channels 12 and 4 reported 7,000.

A police officer on the scene said that in his judgment there were "about 4,000-5,000 people in the park at 3:00 p.m."

However, the PrideFest coordinator, Bill Meunier, pointed out that a number of people had come and left before 3:00 and many came after three. "There was a constant stream of people coming to that park all day long. We believe," he said that the crowd peaked about 4:00 p.m.

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## EDITORIAL

# Gays/Lesbians Will Never Be Free Until Women Are Out of Their Chains

We have praised Queer Nation and ACT UP many times in these pages. Again we have cause to applaud the two groups.

This is not only for Queer Nation's action against the infamous bigotry of the Cracker Barrel chain, but for the two organizations' support and participation in the fight against the so-called 'pro-life' demonstrators. In this, ACT UP and Queer Nation are joined by other Gay and Lesbian groups and individuals. We applaud them as well.

The pro-life people, hiding behind their children, seem to be interested in two things: publicity for their misguided cause and keeping women "in their place." We have to seriously doubt that their primary interest is in abortions. Instead, it is in preventing women from making independent and informed decisions concerning their own bodies.

How many of these people will adopt children? How many will go to other countries where there are millions of children waiting to be loved? If the pro-lifers are truly interested in life — after birth, then why aren't they working among the legions of homeless? Why aren't they helping those living with AIDS? Why aren't they seeking to change one of the most racist, homophobic, sexist societies on this earth? There are five billion people on this planet. Why don't they do something to help those living now?

The pro-lifers talk a great deal about morality. In the June 24 issue of the *Sentinel*, Rev. Matthew Trehella, a leader of the Missionaries to the Preborn is quoted as saying, "We pray for people to either be converted to Christ or be cut off in wickedness." It goes on to pray that certain Milwaukee officials like Mayor Norquist and Police Chief Arreola be "put to shame, and perish." This isn't pro-life. That prayer is a disgusting offense to God, a stunning immorality. It is obscene. This is what ACT UP, Queer Nation and others are fighting against.

They are standing for reproductive freedom for women. They are fighting for the rights of us all. It must, we think, be apparent, that Gay men and other minorities will never, ever be free as long as women are in chains as they are now.

We heartily applaud ACT UP and Queer Nation and all the others, women and men, who are courageously standing at the barricades to keep the clinics open. We praise them without stint.

## LETTERS

### Cracker Barrel

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this in the wake of today's Queer Nation demonstration at the Cracker Barrel restaurant.

One outcome of our protest was that four people were arrested, three of whom were at first accused of "disorderly conduct" and "Obstruction" but who were eventually charged only with disorderly conduct. As I was one of these people, I am offended by remarks (in the *Kenosha News*) that were attributed to Mr. Richard Ginkowski, especially in light of his actions.

Mr. Ginkowski "notes irony" in the fact that we were planning a protest in Wisconsin which has a Gay Rights law.

This is the same Mr. Ginkowski who spent almost the entire time of the protest smoozing with the people from Cracker Barrel. The Mr. Ginkowski who assaulted one of the protesters, who was then arrested. The same Mr. Ginkowski who told me that I was "full of shit" when I confronted him with this.

In short, this is the same Mr. Ginkowski whose irresponsible if not criminal, behavior precipitated three of the four arrests. Instead of him merely responding to events, he caused tension and created problems, all of them while hiding behind the law.

Wisconsin has an anti-discrimination law and now it has Cracker Barrel along with its history and policy of anti-Queer discrimination. Wisconsin also has Mr. Ginkowski. This far from promising situation was not improved by events.

The real irony here is that Cracker Barrel will now feel encouraged in their violation of at least the spirit of the Gay Rights law by the connivance and the support of one of those charged with upholding it.

—Michael Schumann  
Chicago

### Bisexuality

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to you about something which has been on my mind more and more recently — the seeming invisibility of Bisexual individuals within Gay and Lesbian circles. Not only do we cause people who are straight, confusion, we seem to be a mystery for Gay and Lesbian people too!

True, the march in Washington next Spring includes everyone in its title, and there are a couple of mental health agencies geared to meet some particular needs of Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals. Yet, I once called a contact person for the project MPS (Milwaukee Public Schools) was doing which tried to sensitize the people in the schools to the needs of their students who were Lesbian or Gay, and asked her why she did not include Bisexual teens as part of the project, or why the idea hadn't come up among the project facilitators as a whole. The womyn basically told me to send statistics — yes, she honestly did want statistics — and that maybe when she could see the numbers, perhaps then she might believe Bisexual people existed.

Someone recently told me that society likes to see things on one side or the other — no shades of gray. How simplistic, and how boring that would be!

Well, Bisexuals do not fall into neat little categories as most of life does not. We can love and/or be sexually attracted to either men or womyn. My partner is a man whom I love very much, and I am a womyn. However, I can see myself making love with a womyn and have been (and am) sexually attracted to both sexes.

Some Gay men and Lesbians, and straight people, might think Bisexual people "straddle the fence," are choosy, picky and/or immature. Yet we cannot be defined as a group that way.

We also have the issue of titles and ads where the idea that Bisexual and transgender individuals are "understood" but not mentioned. Yet remember, that for a time, Lesbians were not included in the titles and ads

of Gay groups. It was "understood."

I fight with my Gay and Lesbian, Bi and transgender friends and co-activists, because we are all in the same boat. I write lots of letters and do the best I can — yet we all could benefit a lot from working together and learning about each other. If we don't do that, our proverbial boat, and all the effort we have put into it, will surely sink.

—L.S.  
Milwaukee

### Eunice Edgar

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I read in the latest issue of *The Wisconsin Light* that Eunice Edgar will be the latest recipient of the Alyn Hess Award. What a tribute, and how very deserved it is.

I was fortunate enough to work with Eunice as an ACLU of Wisconsin staff member, located in Madison, for almost two years. What a great person! What an inspiration! Her knowledge of civil liberties issues is limitless, and her eloquence (and perseverance) has managed to stave off numerous infringements on the civil liberties of people in Wisconsin. Did I mention her skill and speed in writing "strongly worded letters?"

Eunice will be missed, like all great leaders are missed. She has definitely made her mark on Wisconsin, and while it was tragedy that brought her here, I hope she regards her years in Wisconsin as more joy than pain. Anyone who has known her has benefited from her presence. Wisconsin, and civil liberties, have benefited from her skills. Eunice is a true friend of the Gay and Lesbian community, and this Gay man in particular.

—Earl Bricker  
Madison

### Great PrideFest

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in reference to the pride celebration held at Juneau Park this past weekend.

I would first like to congratulate everyone involved for what I viewed as a very successful celebration. I was proud to have several of my family members in attendance and felt it was a very positive experience for them in relating to and supporting the Gay community.

That is, however, until our "Miss Gay WI," Kelly Green performed her "contribution" to the celebration during the 6:00 p.m. B. J. Daniels show.

I was not only embarrassed for myself and my family, but also for the residents in the area

who were forced to hear this vulgarity amplified throughout their neighborhood. I find it hard to believe that anyone in the Pride Committee or in the community would allow and condone this behavior on the part of someone who was elected to be a representative of the Wisconsin Gay community.

At best, this type of "entertainment" should be confined to a bar show and not performed in a public park only to degrade any of us who may have some degree of self-respect and pride in ourselves and our lifestyle.

—Robert Janson  
Milwaukee

### Fun-Filled Fest

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Congratulations to the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee for creating and managing an very enjoyable parade and festival last weekend.

Although earlier this year, the organization was beset with difficulties in funding and personalities — it managed to pull together and present the community with a well-tuned event. Particular kudos go to *Light* and *In Step* for providing extensive and interesting advance publicity and to Bill Meunier for his success in changing the format of a boring rally to a fun-filled fest!

I hope next year's committee is able to keep some continuity of leadership — and to continue the "user-friendly" trend that Mr. Meunier began. I look forward to a 1993 afternoon that is alive with enjoyment!

—Bob Moore  
Milwaukee

### Methodist Concern

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. Frederick Schramm's claim that ignorance comes in many forms shows the irony of his own blindness and ignorance of the United Methodist faith. As he cites, 710 United Methodists voted against changing the UMC Social Principal that "homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching." Unfortunately, Mr. Schramm glossed over the fact that 238 United Methodists voted for the change. Mr. Schramm also failed to mention any reason why there was a vote to change the Social Principal.

The church document entitled *Social Principal* also contains the church's opinion that Gay men and Lesbians should not be discriminated against. The UMC explains away this double speak by distinguishing between "practicing homosexuals" and "homosexuals."

Fortunately, 238 United Methodists have begun to speak out against church policy. These 238 United Methodists also took home from the conference a UMC publication based on a four-year study of homosexuality. This document encourages that the policy against full inclusion be changed and explains that the infamous biblical verses used to exclude Gay men and Lesbians are frequently misinterpreted.

Instead of bashing the UMC, we should rejoice that these 238 United Methodists represent cracks in the walls of hostility that exclude Gay and Lesbian Christians from full inclusion in the church. I am often impatient that the walls of division do not crumble overnight. I do not make excuses for the homophobes in the UMC which try vainly to separate me from my community of faith. However, I do call for loving support for those who are helping us fight for our rights.

I encourage everyone to look to the cracks in the walls of hostility and homophobia wherever they exist to find where we can place our chisels and work with our supporters. The worst thing we can do in our struggle for rights is to get out the patching plaster and lambaste our supporters together with those who oppress us.

—Michelle  
Madison

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*Wisconsin Light* actively solicits Letters to the Editor on any subject. However all such letters must be signed and contain the writer's address although the address is never printed and the name will be withheld upon request. All unsigned letters, notes and stuff scribbled on the sides of clipped columns will serve as cat box liner.



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## EDWARD II Has Many Worthy Moments — A Must See Film

By Terry Boughner

It doesn't take long to discover that Derek Jarman has brought a beautiful and in many ways, a profoundly disturbing adaptation of Christopher Marlow's *Edward II* to the screen.

Marlow, who was himself Gay, wrote with deep feeling and tragic understanding of the love between the king (Steven Waddington) and Piers Gaveston (Andrew Tiernan).

It was a love, born at a time (the 13th Century), when all the forces of church and state were arrayed against it. Not even the king could escape. Nor could his throne shield he and Gaveston from the venom and the hate.

Nothing much has changed in that regard. Jarman makes the movie a bridge between our time and then. The clothing and scenery are modern, but the Elizabethan language is retained.

We see the bigot-filled lords, spiritual and temporal, enmeshed in the homophobia that will bring about the two lovers' deaths.

We see the queen, Edward's wife Isabella, lost in ignorance and confusion over why the king doesn't want her. (After all, he's a man, isn't he? Don't all men desire a woman — and vice versa?)

And we see the cops (the army of the nobility) dressed in riot gear, out to destroy the crusaders for Gay/Lesbian liberation (Edward's forces).

No, the movie doesn't follow history exactly. Marlow telescoped time for dramatic effect. But if you're a Gay person, the film is beautiful, powerful, and terribly graphic about our fate and condition. If you're a Gay person you will relate to the story on so many levels. And

if you're not Gay, you just might learn a few things about us.

Douglas Armstrong, in his review of the movie in June 19th's *Milwaukee Journal* called the movie "repugnant, silly and offensive." Having seen the movie and being a Gay man, I can say conclusively that his words apply only to his review. The man has let the rust of his prejudices corrode whatever abilities he may have as a critic.

What never got through to him was that this is a movie about Gay love confronting a venomous homophobia. It is a story about a society (like this one) where people can hate anyone they want (according to the Supreme Court's recent decision) but we can't love.

By all means go to see *Edward II*. It's a must see film.

Just one word of advice. Don't go right after you've been to a Gay rights demonstration like the one against Cracker Barrel. Then the movie will be even more disturbing than it already is.

### Madison Opening

*Edward II* just completed its Milwaukee run and will play Madison's Majestic Theatre from June 26-July 2. The opening night 7 p.m. performance is a special benefit for the Rodney Scheel House for Persons With AIDS. All seats for this show are \$10 and can be purchased at the box office.

### Milwaukee Benefit

A similar benefit was held at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre on June 19. Over 250 persons attended, netting \$1,012 for the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee. *Wisconsin Light* and *In Step* co-sponsored both benefits.

## Business and Professional Assoc. Forming In Fox Cities Area

By Mike Somers

[Appleton, WI]-June 25, 1992, was the first meeting for the as-yet unnamed northeast Wisconsin Gay and Lesbian business and professional association. The meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand American Restaurant in Kimberly with approximately 30 potential members in attendance.

### Origins

Several of us in the Fox Cities area were recently speculating on the wealth of experience and talent that the local Lesbian and Gay communities possess and what we could accomplish if we worked together on common causes. We made some inquiries by letter and phone during May and early June and found substantial interest in forming the group.

### Issues

Some of the issues which the association will likely address include mutual problem-solving, expanding our markets, and increasing contacts within our respective communities.

We also see the possibility of working together to help to create an atmosphere in which other Gay men and Lesbians can succeed as entrepreneurs. With the strength that comes from numbers, we envision the opportunity to exercise some political and economic clout; although the specifics of any such action would have to be determined by the membership as a whole, we can — at the very least — provide each other with some assurance against the factors in society which are so hostile to our communities.

Having contacted similar groups in New York, Minneapolis, and Boston, we see the need to be inclusive in defining membership qualifications. A Lesbian or

Gay man interested in our group need not be a business owner or a professional in solo practice to join.

Because some of our potential members may feel the need to preserve their anonymity when it comes to their sexual orientation, we will respect the right to privacy of any member who does not specifically authorize the use of their name or business affiliation. We want to make life easier for each other and for us all — not help the turkeys who would put us down!

For more information, please contact Perry Herrmann or Mike Somers at PM Productions of NE Wisconsin, 1004 Olde Oneida St., #10, Appleton, WI 54915, or call (414) 739-1109 or (800) 585-1109.

## Oberons to Host Chicago July 4

[Milwaukee]- On Saturday, July 4th, the Oberons will welcome Leather United-Chicago for a guest beer bust at their home bar, Milwaukee's Wreck Room. The beer/soda bust will begin at 10:00 p.m. and will be available for \$5 with each participant eligible for raffle drawings for bar tabs at the Wreck Room.

Since this is a Summerfest weekend, special parking arrangements have been made for beer bust participants in the lot across from the Wreck Room, courtesy of Bill Kindt, owner of the Wreck Room. The Oberon's request that in light of the heavy Summerfest traffic, that people car pool whenever possible.

Leather United-Chicago is a mixed men's/women's leather club. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## SISTERNEWS AND VIEWS

### At Last! More Quotes of A Queer Nature!

By Jamakaya

It's been much too long, I know, and these queer quotes have been piling up on my desk. So here goes. Enjoy!

Obituaries for the late, great Marlene Dietrich paired her with Jean Gabin, Erich Maria Remarque and dozens of other men. But a new biography by Donald Spoto to be published this fall reveals (surprise, surprise) that Dietrich was a bisexual "with a very definite preference for women over men."

Spoto told the *Advocate* his book, *Blue Angel: The Life of Marlene Dietrich*, would detail some of her Lesbian affairs, including with aviator Jo Carstairs and Mercedes de Acosta. The voluble Spoto, who made waves by revealing Laurence Olivier's and Danny Kaye's ten year affair in his last book, is not shy about naming names. He told the *Advocate*:

"Nobody had it better than Gay women in Hollywood. Mary Martin [yes, Peter Pan!], Janet Gaynor, Jean Arthur, Kay Francis, Garbo, Dietrich — they were free to do whatever they wanted, and people didn't raise an eyebrow...Women could dance the tango together at the Hollywood Roosevelt Grill!"

Speaking of Garbo, how about this anecdote from Zsa Zsa Gabor's autobiography:

"Darling, I first met Greta Garbo at a party in California. When she breezed into the room, I almost fainted. My husband, George Sanders, made things worse by informing Greta, 'My wife has a crush on you.' I blushed scarlet. Greta eyed me up and down and responded, 'She's a very beautiful girl, your wife.'

"The next time I met Garbo, I was alone at a party in New York. When the party was over, Greta asked if she could drive me home. I said yes and when we got to my hotel, for a moment I felt like inviting Greta in. Then she said 'Darling, would you like to come to my apartment?' I was paralyzed. Then she kissed me straight on the mouth. I couldn't help kissing her back because she was so beautiful. I've never had Lesbian tendencies, but if I had, the woman of my life would definitely have been Greta Garbo."

Meanwhile, Drew Barrymore, who locks lips with Sara Gilbert in *Poison Ivy*, told Arsenio Hall that Gilbert is "a great kisser." She told *Entertainment Weekly*: "I was much more nervous kissing Tom [Skerritt] than Sara."

And what about Gilbert (who plays Darlene, the younger daughter on *Roseanne*)? "There were so many emotions running through you that it was just like...you're so overwhelmed." We know Sara, we know. And by the way, when are you going to come out?

More kissing and telling: "If I had to kiss a woman," Leilani Serrell, who played Sharon Stone's lover in *Basic Instinct*, told the *Chicago Tribune*, "I'm glad it was Sharon; she's so beautiful." Serrell and Stone dated to give their relationship in the movie a more realistic feel: "We became pals. We wanted to have a real relationship. Gender was not important."

How about this interesting take on *Basic Instinct* by Ian Barnard in the *San Diego Gay and Lesbian Times*: "While *Basic Instinct* is certainly no great movie, one would imagine that Sharon Stone's character would be the perfect Queer Nation role model. Far from being a



Dietrich "Preferred Women."

character to be ashamed of, she is a very empowering figure: she is strong, she is hot, she is smart, she kills heterosexual men with abandon and she has all the men in the movie completely under her thumb. She only cries once in the film, when her female lover is killed. She doesn't die at the end of the story, as queer characters were commonly killed off at the end of most earlier Hollywood movies, but instead stays on to deceive Michael Douglas yet again."

Kinda makes you go, "Hm...". One of the funniest passages in the *Advocate's* interview with k.d. lang had lang being incredibly (and unnecessarily) defensive about her androgynous looks. Said k.d.: "If you want to know the truth, I am so much a woman. I am as womanly as I could be. With my lovers, I'm completely a woman. My body is completely a woman's body. When you get to know me, I'm a total woman. I think the male thing is just a way of surviving — outside. Inside, I'm completely a woman."

Never doubted it for a moment, k.d.! Funny man Harvey Fierstein got uncharacteristically militant in an interview with the *Advocate*: "You either shut off life completely or you go on with the war, and I'm basically a fighter. We're at a point in the Gay rights struggle where we need a Martin Luther King, someone of peace. And much more than that, we need anger. My anger comes out mostly in comedy, but we need straight people to be afraid of us. In the black movement, nothing happened until white people got scared."

In a similar vein: "As long as nobody fears women, we'll stay powerless and isolated. You can't have a revolution without fear. I would tell women to strike fear, to create fear. Be as threatening, big, looming, loud-mouthed, unfeminine as you can possibly dig down into your gut to be."

That was the threatening, big, looming, loud-mouthed, unfeminine and utterly revolutionary Roseanne Arnold.

Stay tuned for more queer quotes! And send me more at the *Light*, 1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

## Dykes To Watch Out For



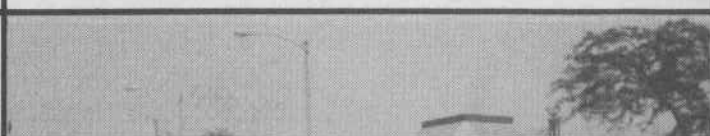
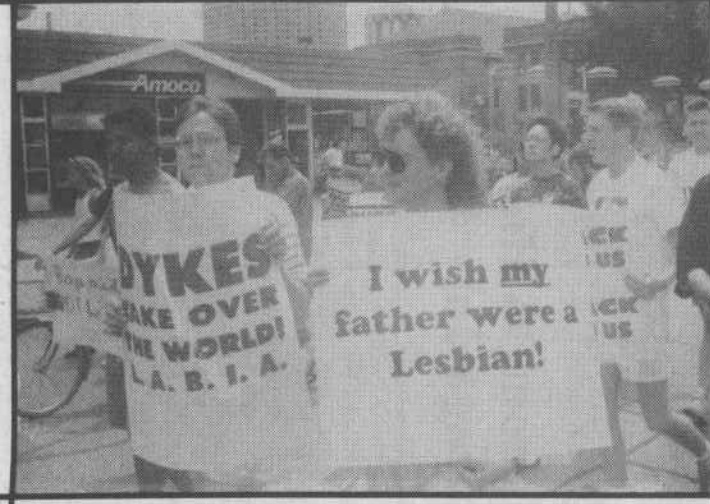


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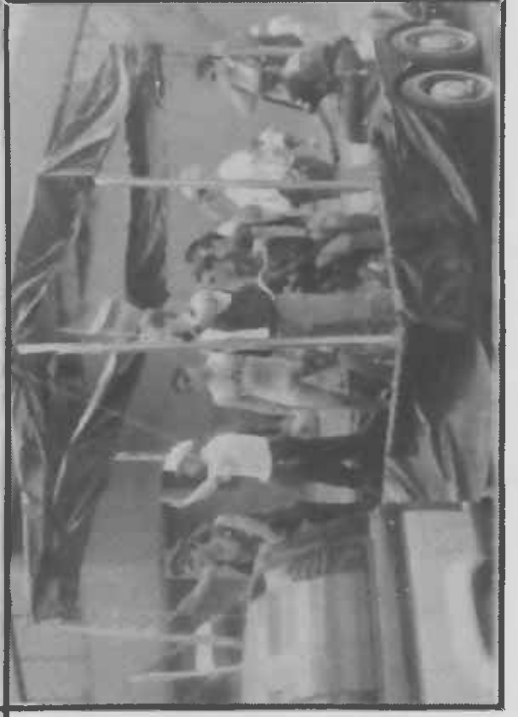
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# The Light LIVELY ARTS

## Debra Davis Outstanding In 'Bad Girls Summer Solstice'

By Bill Meunier

Milwaukee's Pride Week brought many wonderful offerings of Lesbian and Gay art and culture, one of these was "Bad Girls Summer Solstice" featuring Debra Davis, Cathy Cook, Claudia Looze, and Sadie Benning. The result of their collaboration was anything but "bad."

The program opened with a viewing of "June Brides," a film created by Looze and Cook. It featured brides in full wedding regalia riding lawn mowers, shopping, pumping gas and of course getting married.



Debra Davis performing at Milwaukee's PrideFest.

We have all seen films that poke fun at the cultural rituals associated with weddings, but I doubt that many if any others were made from a Lesbian perspective. This delightful piece of work did more than satirize the wedding reception, it ripped into the actual ceremony itself. "June Brides" was a witty opening to the evening.

Next up was Debra Davis. Davis who recently received the prestigious Mc Knight fellowship performed her original work, "Sex and the Circus."

This multi-media piece was thoroughly absorbing. In the background a film of various circus scenes was shown. Davis narrated the film herself and talked about the history of the circus. Meanwhile on stage Davis talked about the circus her fear of it and life in general, while she performed circus type tricks, such as walking on a tight rope, doing somersaults while sitting in a chair, juggling and making balloon animals.

On stage she talks about her fear and dislike of the circus as a child. She called it "dangerous," and admits "I wasn't entertained." The message conveyed by the piece was that of an individual seeking sexual empowerment. It was a powerful message and it was conveyed with all the feeling and emotion it deserved by one of Milwaukee's most accomplished artists.

The piece is physically demanding but Davis never missed a beat. She was outstanding.

After a brief intermission the audience was treated to a screening of Sadie Benning's video, "It Wasn't Love." After seeing this video, I fully understood why Benning received the Village Voice's Best Emerging Artist award in 1991.

Benning narrates the film and guides the audience through a sexual encounter she had with another woman. The

feelings Benning shared with her audience were so clearly conveyed that anyone should have been able to identify with them. At one point in the video Benning describes her partner as the "most glamorous person I ever met. We didn't need Hollywood, we were Hollywood." Benning's style, use of the camera, and vivid images left me wanting to see more of her work at the first opportunity.

Even with its Lesbian perspective the program received a good review in the *Milwaukee Sentinel*. The fact that a major paper covered "Bad Girls Summer Solstice" with a large article and picture is a good indication of how good it was. It is after all not very often that events appealing primarily to Lesbians and Gays get mentioned in the straight press, let alone get such prominent coverage.

There were two problems which deserve note. One was that on the night I was present (Thursday, June 18th) the house was less than half full. Work such as that presented deserves a bigger audience. I often hear people comment about the lack of Lesbian and Gay cultural events in our city. If we want such events then we must support them.

The other problem is that by the time you read this review "Bad Girls Summer Solstice" will have completed its run for another year. But don't despair, when the days start getting longer next year, the "Bad Girls" will come out again.

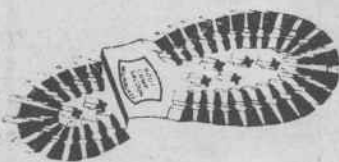
## Fierstein Play To Benefit Rodney Scheel House

[Madison]- Tony Award-winning writer, Harvey Fierstein's play *On Tidy Endings*, will be presented in conjunction with a performance art piece entitled *Portraits* to help benefit the Rodney Scheel House for Persons with AIDS.

*Portraits* is a dramatic dialogue by three Madison-area residents who are afflicted with the AIDS virus. "Each of these people is from a different walk of life," commented Kistofor Simmons, co-producer and director. "One is a homosexual, another is a hemophiliac and the third is a woman with a child who contracted the virus from her boyfriend, an intravenous drug user. We want to show the audience that AIDS can effect anyone."

*On Tidy Endings* is the emotionally charged story of two people as they struggle to accept and pick up the pieces of their lives after the man they both loved dies from AIDS. *On Tidy Endings* will star Simmons along with his co-producer and director, Michele Good.

The performance dates are July 24, 25, and 26, 1992 at 8:00 p.m. at Kanopy Dance Project located at 315 N. Henry St. above Video Heaven and the Plaza Bar. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at Cafe Palms and reservations can be made by calling (608) 233-1675. Tickets are \$10 each and a portion of the proceeds from this production will go to benefit the Rodney Scheel House for Persons with AIDS.



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EDWARDIAN GLORY— Margaret Schlegel (Emma Thompson, left) and Ruth Wilcox (Vanessa Redgrave, right) appear in the film "Howard's End."

## Breathtaking Sets, Costumes Fill 'Howard's End' Film Drama

By Woodrow Thalberg

Ever since David Lean's classic *A Passage to India* there has been a series of brilliant screen adaptations of the works of E. M. Forster usually starring Helena Bonham Carter. *Howard's End* is the third E. M. Forster adaptation by the directorial team of James Ivory and producer Ismail Merchant. Merchant and Ivory specialize in period drama. These types of things can sometimes be tedious, but *Howard's End* doesn't disappoint.

The story is of two middle class Edwardian London families. Two very emancipated sisters, the Schlegels, keep becoming personally and romantically involved with the very traditional Wilcox family despite their vast personal and philosophical differences.

Stars, Anthony Hopkins, Vanessa Redgrave, Emma Thompson, Helena Bonham Carter and a talented supporting cast put on a clinic of ensemble acting. As a long-time Hopkins fan, it is refreshing to see him a long way away from Hannibal Lector.

Here, he utilizes a wide range of his immense talent, playing a decent, but flawed, individual instead of a two-dimensional psychopath.

As Mrs. Ruth Wilcox, Redgrave is cast against type as a frail, content eccentric woman who forms a deep attachment to Margaret Schlegel played by Thompson, the real star of the film.

Thompson has the least enigmatic role, but her sensitive portrayal of a liberated,

loving woman is so charming it is no wonder that she becomes the recipient of Redgrave's platonic love, and later, Hopkins' matrimonial love.

James Whilbury is outstanding as Redgrave's and Hopkins' son, the very stiff-lipped Charles Wilcox. And *Fawlty Towers* fans will be happy to see Prunella Scales as Thompson's Aunt Juley.

Finally, no adaptation of a Forster novel would be complete without Helena Bonham Carter. Ever since she played Lucy Honeychurch in *A Room with a View*, she has represented the ideal Edwardian young woman. With her large sunken eyes, small mouth, and cascading hair, she looks as if she walked right out of a ninety year old photograph. She plays Helen Schlegel, a strong-willed woman, who can't tolerate upper-middle class hypocrisy or injustice.

Perhaps the unsung hero of the film is screenwriter Ruth Prawer Jhabvala. In thirty years of collaboration with Ivory and Merchant, she has received numerous awards for her original and adapted screenplays.

And those among us who love Edwardian dress or interior design will be happy to know the costumes and sets are as breathtaking here as they were in *A Room with a View* or *Maurice*.

*Howard's End* opens in Milwaukee at the Oriental Theatre on June 26. The theatre is on the corner of Farwell and North.



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## Milwaukee County Supervisors Defeat Proclamation By 10-10 Vote

On a 10 to 10 vote the Milwaukee County Board killed a resolution proclaiming Gay Lesbian Pride Week in Milwaukee. The vote took place at a County Board meeting on Thursday June 18th.

"I had done a real light resolution nothing heavy, it was just about the PrideFest and the celebration going on, and how the Lesbian and Gay community have contributed to Milwaukee County and wishing that community the best," said the resolution's sponsor County Supervisor Beth Coggs Jones.

The resolution noted PrideFest was held in a County Park on Sunday June 14th. It stated that in our community "all citizens are afforded equal rights and noted that "the Gay and Lesbian community of Milwaukee consists of productive citizens." The resolution concluded by recognizing PrideFest 92 and wishing success to its organizers and participants.

In an attempt to avoid arousing controversy, Coggs Jones kept her resolution under wraps until the County Wide Fair Housing ordinance passed on the morning of the 18th. Copies of the resolution were distributed after that vote. The Pride resolution was voted on that afternoon.

Coggs Jones told *Light* that when the resolution was introduced Supervisor Bailey objected and asked that it be put on file without a vote. This would have killed the resolution. Coggs Jones objected and demanded a vote "up or down" on this issue. A motion to approve the resolution was then made. There was no debate.

Voting in favor were Supervisors: Aldrich, Coggs Jones, Czaja, Dean, De Bruin, Holloway, Kenny, Meaux, Pitts, and Podell.

Voting against the resolution were Supervisors: Bailey, Baldwin, Borkowski, Dilberti, Jackson, Koconis, Launstein, Nyklewicz, Stampley and Zepecki.

Not voting or absent were Supervisors: Bussler, Cupertino, Kuzminski, Quindel, and Zielinski.

Supervisor Quindel's absence has aroused considerable anger within the Lesbian and Gay community. Quindel was at an Ethics Committee meeting and missed the vote. He is not a member of that committee. During his campaign, Quindel promised that he would vote for resolutions like the one Coggs Jones proposed.

Quindel's opponent incumbent Supervisor Fred Tabak, opposed previous Pride Week resolutions and was

especially targeted for defeat by Gay and Lesbian political activists. As a result of that targeting, Quindel received substantial support from the Lesbian and Gay community in the form of money and volunteers.

One major disappointment was that Supervisor Nate Stampley voted against the resolution. Stampley who campaigned on a platform of uniting the community received Lesbian and Gay support in his race.

"The bottom line is now we know who supports us minimally and who doesn't deserve our support in the future," said Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee Chair Karen Gotzler. "We certainly want to thank Beth Coggs Jones for her support and for forcing the vote."

A prominent activist within the Lesbian Gay community who worked hard for Quindel's election stated, "I am extremely disappointed that Quindel couldn't give us two minutes after all our support for him and his rhetoric about Fred Tabak (the incumbent he defeated) not being there for Gays and Lesbians."

Quindel told *Light* that he knew about the vote before it took place. He stated that he didn't know the vote was going to be close and didn't understand its significance. He was at the Ethics Board to discuss an important appointment being made by County Executive Ament. "I was the complainant, I had to be there. I felt real bad but I couldn't do anything."

When asked why he didn't ask his aide to keep him informed in case he was needed and why he didn't ask the Ethics Committee to recess, so he could vote Quindel said, "I screwed up. I am sorry."

Quindel also said that he wasn't aware of the support he received from the Lesbian and Gay community.

Gay People's Union President Bill Meunier requested the resolution's adoption. According to Meunier, "There was no political reason to vote against this. The four Supervisors who tried to convince the Board to recant its last Pride proclamation (in 1990) were all defeated in the last election, some of them with our help. None of the proclamation's supporters lost." Meunier added, "I'd sure like to know what they objected to. Was it the statement that we are productive citizens or didn't they want to vote something that said 'all citizens are afforded equal rights?'"

Meunier said that he was sure this issue would come before the Board again next year.

## Madison New Harvest Foundation Receives \$19,000 in Donations

[Madison]- Nearly \$19,000 in periodic contributions and one-time donations were received by Madison's New Harvest Foundation in 1991, reports Treasurer John Neess. These gifts came from 130 men and women, most contributing under a periodic pledge system.

Despite the high level of contributions, the Foundation still had to enhance its income from other sources to cover the nearly \$22,000 in grants paid out last year. Neess said additional revenue was received from advertisers in the Foundation's 1991-92 *Buyers and Users Guide* and from the annual dinner dance.

Since its formation in 1984, over \$122,000 has been contributed to New Harvest by 220 financial supporters. "These are men and women from all walks of life," declared the Foundation's co-chair, Paul Gibler. "Some are from the general public, but most are Lesbians and Gay men who have established themselves as backers of their unique community and its special needs."

### Anonymous Gifts

Many choose New Harvest for charitable giving because they must remain anonymous for professional or personal reasons, Gibler pointed out. The Foundation enables them to discreetly channel funds to groups and causes that are striving to improve their place in society.

At a recent New Harvest fundraiser reception, some \$4,000 in new pledges were received by the Foundation. Three such receptions were hosted by members during 1991, with about \$15,000 in pledged contributions made.

### Assisted 80 Groups

Gibler attributed the strong response to the fund appeals to greater awareness within the community of the solid work being done by the Foundation. "We've given financial assistance to 80 groups and causes in the past eight years,"

Gibler said. "The word gets around and the positive results are seen."

The fact that all gifts to New Harvest are tax deductible, both for federal and Wisconsin income tax purposes, helps, Gibler said. The Foundation is qualified as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization by the IRS.

## A.A. Conference Set for Sept. 4-7 In Chicago

[Chicago]-Chicago '92, the Seventh Annual Alcoholics Anonymous Conference, sponsored by the Chicago Gay/Lesbian members of A.A. will take place on Labor Day Weekend, September 4-7, 1992. The theme for this year's event is "Happy, Joyous and Free." The Roundup will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, located just east of Chicago's famed "Magnificent Mile."

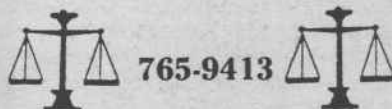
This year's conference will feature numerous A.A. and Alanon speakers, a wide variety of recovery-related workshops and presentations, an exciting dance, and a sumptuous banquet. Also, an original musical, written especially for the event, will be performed by actors and actresses in recovery.

Registration costs are \$40 until July 1st and \$45 after that date. Hotel rooms are \$75 per night for single or double occupancy. Rooms should be booked directly with the hotel. Call (312) 565-1234. Please mention the "Chicago Roundup" when reserving your room.

For more information, write: Chicago '92 Roundup, P.O. Box 180, 3023 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60657. Or call Mike M. at (312) 784-8283 or Lisa B. at (312) 973-4607.

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## Milwaukeeans To Attend Health Confab In L.A.

[Los Angeles, CA]- Milwaukee health and social service professionals are slated to make presentations at the 14th National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference in Los Angeles July 8-12. The conference coincides with the 10th Annual AIDS/HIV Forum.

Dr. Gary Hollander of Sinai Samaritan Medical Center and social worker Carole Ostendorf will present a workshop on "Substance Abuse Among Lesbians and Gay Men: Prevalence, Priorities and Problems."

Michael S. Lisowski, director of Gay Youth Milwaukee, will advise participants about "Establishing Successful School District Programs for Gay and Lesbian Students."

Mark Behar, a Physician's Assistant with Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, will present a workshop on "Using Colposcopy for Screening Cervical, Vulvovaginal, Anorectal and Penile Warts (HPV) and Pre-Cancers."

Behar, who works with the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network, along with independent producer Rod E. Johnson

will lead a roundtable discussion called "Keep Those Closet Doors Open! Gay and Lesbian Cable Television Through Public Access."

More than 220 workshops focused on Gay and Lesbian health, mental health, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS issues will be presented at the conference. An HIV/AIDS Medical Update for physicians and advanced AIDS care providers is on the program as well as an "AIDS 101" update for a more general audience. The conference also features a day-long institute on Lesbian health and a 2 hour update on "Lesbians and Cancer."

The conference is sponsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation and the George Washington University Medical Center. For further information or to register, contact Daniel Richard at (202) 994-4285.

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# Presidential Sweepstakes Getting Wilder — Is This An Election Year?

By Bill Meunier

If this year's Presidential sweepstakes gets any wilder, I don't think I will be able to stand it.

Here we are at a critical junction in our history, the cold war is over, our whole economy must be retooled, wages for the middle class have declined each of the last twelve years and the big issue is whether or not a fictional Television character should have had a fictional baby without the benefit of a fictional wedding.

Fiction is right up George Bush's alley. We are talking about a President who insists that Dan Quayle is a great Vice-President. You remember Quayle, don't you? He's the one who lost a spelling contest to a 6 year old (Quayle was the one on the right). Quayle couldn't spell "potato," which is surprising since he is related to the Mr. Potato Head family.

Bush's ratings have dropped down so fast that he looks like the man digging the proverbial tunnel to China. Not that it would help if he were. Given his tendency to kiss up to one of the world's most repressive regimes, Bush is probably no more popular in China than he is here.

Meanwhile, David Duke has announced that he won't run for President as an Independent. Darn! I was so looking forward to not voting for him twice this year.

You may remember Duke as the candidate who held the title "Grand Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Klan," apparently someone else was already using "Grand Nazi, Racist Fascist Poo Bah Pig." Duke said his involvement with the Klan was a "youthful mistake."

A youthful mistake is when you try on your sister's best dress and get it dirty. Actually, considering what the klan wears, maybe that's what he thought he was doing. Maybe I'm wrong but I don't see cross burning and prancing around in a Nazi outfit as a youthful indiscretion.

What happened to Pat Buchanan? This man has all the personality of a pit bull and the brains to match. He is so bad that when I get depressed over the choices we are confronted with, I keep him in mind as living proof that it could have been worse. (Now there's a scary thought.)

On the other side of the coin, the Democrats are floundering. Instead of

licking their chops over seizing the White House they are fighting to get up to second place.

If they keep this up, the Dems may be wistfully wishing for the days when they had strong contenders for the White House like Fritz Mondale and George Mc Govern.

Actually, Clinton's position's on the issues are outstanding but that won't help him if he can't avoid all these questions about his character and the Ross Perot threat.

Speaking of Perot, now there's a politician. Not only does he use every political trick known to mankind to vault to the top of the polls, but he does it by pretending to be an outsider.

Anyone who wants strong leadership should not want a businessman in the White House. Given the way American business has surrendered its leading role in the world in favor of a quick buck, Perot may not be the best choice.

Wait until he tries to merge the Pentagon with the Kremlin, or sell off national assets like Yellowstone Park to the Japanese. Can't wait to see how they relocate "Old Faithful" to downtown Tokyo.

Some say he must be good with budgets or he wouldn't be so rich. These folks fail to consider that he did business with a government that pays \$400 for a hammer and \$35.00 for a 10 cent bolt. Can you imagine how much they were willing to pay for the computer software programs Perot sold them?

Perot got Bush angry when he admitted that he had Bush and his family investigated. What ticked off the President is that Perot's tactics just aren't good Republican politics. Bush's campaigns have never investigated anything before making wild charges. If this continues, Bush may just have to prove the stuff he has said about Clinton.

Of course, there's always Joan Jett Blakk. But she couldn't even keep her promise not to give a campaign speech at PrideFest. Why vote for someone who can't even wait until they are elected before they start breaking promises?

There is a bright side to all this. This time instead of voting against one major contender you get to vote against two. Watch and wait, its going to get worse. Remember you read it here first.

The woman was the first to be arrested. She was charged with a traffic violation. She was attempting to cross the street. One officer told her to go, another ordered her to stop. She did not hear the second officer and was arrested. The cops began dragging her down the street and toward the restaurant.

At this point, the whole crowd began chanting "Let her go. Let her go!" and began moving towards the police units close by the restaurant.

Jerry Johnson, Publisher of **Wisconsin Light** was taking a picture of one of the arrests. A cop found the picture-taking offensive and shoved Johnson hard to stop him. Johnson was not arrested, but he got a photo of the cop who pushed him.

Dunn, Schumann and Fons were all charged with disorderly conduct. The fine is \$323. Fons said their rights were not read to them. Fons also said that at first, they were to be charged with two state charges: disorderly conduct and obstructing. Together these would have carried a fine of \$450 for each person so charged.

Those arrested were later released on their own signatures. A plea date has been set for July 24 in Kenosha.

Fons called the demonstration "extremely successful." Straka agreed. "We wanted the first demonstration against Cracker Barrel in Wisconsin to be very visible and it was," he said.

Tim Grair, a member of Queer Nation/Milwaukee, condemned the police sharply. "The police ignored the criminals inside the restaurant," he said, "and turned to incite a riot to both wrongfully arrest innocent protesters and harass protesters and media people alike."

Straka said that Queer Nation/Milwaukee is planning other demonstrations against the Cracker Barrel store. These would include "sit-ins," he said, but the times and dates would not be announced ahead of time.

Ginkowski said he found the whole thing "regrettable" and added that he

would be "happy to talk to anyone on a one-to-one basis." He also said that discrimination would not be tolerated.

Chicago Queer Nation has been discussing legal action against Ginkowski. Johnson and members of Queer Nation/Milwaukee are also contemplating legal action.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, in a nation-wide bulletin, has called for a non-violent protest against the Cracker Barrel chain.

## Fundraiser For Baldwin In Milwaukee July 12

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## CRACKER BARREL

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Conga line. They began to move, chanting "2-4-6-8, Cracker Barrel feeds you hate." After that, Fons continued, the arrests began. "Things got really bad."

According to Fons and other observers, among the more "outrageous" incidents happened when Ginkowski pushed a disabled woman to the ground. The woman walked with the aid of a cane. The cane went flying and was retrieved by a police officer.

Ginkowski denied emphatically that the incident ever happened. "That is utterly incorrect," he said. He said that the video tape proved the truth of his statement.

Fons, however, maintained that the incident did indeed take place. He and other observers, he said, had witnessed it.

Early in the demonstration, Kenosha County sheriff's deputies began confiscating signs for displaying what they called "offensive language." They had earlier passed out leaflets listing the words like "fuck" and names for various parts of the human anatomy. People said they had not read the leaflets and many said they had not received them so that they did not know why the signs were being confiscated.

The police waded into the crowd of demonstrators. One officer told **Wisconsin Light** that the officers were from the Kenosha Sheriff's Department, not the police.

Ginkowski said that he thought the police and Sheriff's deputies acted with "extraordinary restraint." He said arrests could have been made much sooner than they were. He said he thought the demonstrators were "looking for a confrontation." He cited slogans being chanted such as "Suck my dick, eat my clit, Cracker Barrel is full of shit" as evidence of confrontational behavior.

In the end, four people were arrested. Wayne Dunn, 25, Mike Schumann, 37 and a woman who does not wish her name known. All three were from Chicago. Fons, 28, was also arrested. He is from Milwaukee.



# Milwaukee PrideFest June 14, 1992

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