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The Wisconsin Light

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Brewers' Hill Fund Raiser - A large crowd turned out for a Brewers' Hill fund raiser benefiting the Tammy Baldwin for Congress Campaign. Above are L-R Hostess Janet Fitch, Barbara Wyatt, Tammy Baldwin, and Emily's list founder Ellen Malcolm. Baldwin will be making her candidacy official on June 8.

Baldwin to Formally Announce Her Candidacy for Congress

Madison—Stressing the need for everyone to have a voice in the halls of power when issues relating to health care, education and the environment are debated, State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) will throw her hat into the ring for the Democratic nomination in Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District.

Baldwin will announce her candidacy on Sunday, June 7th, at 3:00 p.m. at University Hospital in Madison. The hospital is located at 600 Highland Avenue.

Baldwin's long expected announcement signals the formal beginning of her campaign to make history by being the first woman elected to Congress from Wisconsin.

In making her announcement, Baldwin will be joined by supporters at the hospital's picnic/recreation area to the right of the main entrance. In case of rain, the announcement will take place under the covered walkway at the main entrance. Risers, informational packets and a full text of her announcement speech will be provided by the Baldwin campaign at the event.

Clinton Signs Order Barring Job Bias Against Gays

Washington, DC—An executive order signed by President Clinton protects Gay and Lesbian federal workers from job discrimination.

"Individuals should not be denied a job on the basis of something that has no relationship to their ability to perform their work," Clinton said in a statement accompanying the order Thursday, May 28.

Gay and Lesbian political activists heralded the move, which adds sexual orientation to the list of categories for which discrimination is illegal. The others are race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicaps and age.

Previously, the Clinton administration had instituted the policy agency-by-agency. Thursday's action ensures a uni-

form policy for civilian workers throughout the federal government.

"Since early in President Clinton's first term, most Cabinet-level departments and agencies have added sexual orientation to their equal employment policies, but these policies were not uniformly administered," said Kim I. Mills, education director for the Human Rights Campaign. "This executive order will remedy that situation."

Clinton, in his statement, added a pitch to Congress to pass a long-pending bill to extend protection from job discrimination to all American workers in both the public and private sectors.

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Town Hall Meeting To Be Held

Milwaukee- In its continuing effort to keep the community informed about the Center's progress, the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Board of Directors invites all to the next Town Hall Meeting, Wednesday, June 17, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., 2nd floor of M&M Club, 124 N. Water Street.

The community will have an opportunity to learn about the Center's progress and meet the Board of Directors.

Sheila Zelenski, Center Co-President said, "We have come a long way since the January 24 elections that made the Board of Directors official. People will have the opportunity to learn about where we are and where we are going." Zelenski said that to move ahead, volunteers are needed, and that there are endless opportunities to help the Center grow.

In addition to learning about the Center's progress, membership premiums will be available to take home.

According to Board Co-President Neil Albrecht "We are proud of all of our more than 230 members, from the \$15 students to the major donors. We'd like to thank everyone for their generosity and vision to make this Center a reality."

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is a community based organization represented by more than 100 volunteers and over 230 members. The Center's mission is to improve the quality of life for LGBT people in the Milwaukee area. This

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For "Wisconsin Light" the Old Order Changes and Gives Way to New

By Terry Boughner

Milwaukee—And now the true story can be told—or at least begun.

The rumors have been flying for some time. One rumor that I heard, more fabulous than the others, was that the paper had been sold to straights. Not so. Wisconsin Light has been sold to a group of Gay and Lesbian investors, all local people.

If a moment's pause was given to thought, one might have to wondered why, if we had spent 10 years + in running this as a Gay paper, we would turn around and sell it "straight?" That wouldn't make sense.

As to the investors, we will not be naming them in this issue. The reason is that additions are still being made. Also, some may wish to be named, others, not.

Another rumor was that the paper was going out of business. Not so. Wisconsin Light will continue in business, reporting

the news of interest to the LBGT community as it has for the past 10+ years. The only difference will be in who owns it.

Yet another rumor I heard was that Wisconsin Light had been bought by The Paper. Not so. The Paper has not purchased Wisconsin Light. That was never in the works. Neither was it ever thought of to somehow meld Wisconsin Light into The Paper. Wisconsin Light was and will remain an independent newspaper.

Jerry's and my decision to sell Wisconsin Light is not something that was reached over night. Indeed, it has been several years in the making.

We are both proud of the fact that Wisconsin Light has achieved a national reputation. We are proud of the 100s of distribution spots we have in Wisconsin alone, as well as the spots in cities coast to

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NGLTF's Groundbreaking Report: Most Americans Support Gay & Lesbian Rights!

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Washington, DC—A growing majority of Americans support Gay and Lesbian equality, according to a new report released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task (NGLTF) Policy Institute. "From Wrongs to Rights: Public Opinion of Gay and Lesbian Americans Moves Toward Equality" is the most comprehensive analysis of trends in public opinion about Gay men and Lesbians during the past twenty years.

The report demonstrates overwhelming support for non-discrimination in housing and employment, as well as spousal benefits for same-sex couples. It also shows increasing support on issues such as same-sex marriage and adoption.

"In its opposition to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender equality, it is the right wing that is out of step with mainstream America," stated Kerry Lobel, NGLTF executive director. "This report empirically and objectively proves that

while the voice of the anti-Gay right wing may be loud in its opposition to equal rights, its claim to majority public opinion is unjustified."

Among other facts, "From Wrongs to Rights" shows that strong majorities of Americans now support equality in employment (84 percent); housing (81 percent); inheritance rights (62 percent) and social security benefits (57 percent) for same-sex couples; and Gays in the military (66 percent). In addition, disapproval of same-sex relationships dropped a substantial 19 points from a peak of 75 percent in 1987 to 56 percent in 1996.

The report also shows the percentage of people opposed to same-sex marriage (and those opposed to adoption by Gay and Lesbian couples) to be declining.

These findings confirm that three decades of struggle for Gay and Lesbian equality has succeeded in winning greater understanding and significant change in public attitudes," said Urvashi Vaid, NGLTF Policy Institute director. "This report proves that over time and in dramatic fashion, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual

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All smiles - And who wouldn't be with Falcon Star Chase Hunter at their side? Above are some of those who attended SSBL fund raiser on Sunday May 31. To the delight of the guests, Mr. Hunter made a surprise appearance stopping by on his way to Madison. L-R are SSBL Asst. Commissioner Bob Melig, Commissioner Dan Nelson, Hunter, and SSBL Treasurer Mike Vukovich.