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Totally Tammy!

Baldwin Wins Primary

By Bill Meunier

Madison - State Representative Tammy Baldwin, the first openly Gay candidate to win a seat in the Wisconsin legislature, added another first to her remarkable political career. On Tuesday September 8, she became the first Lesbian ever to win a major party congressional nomination when she captured the Democratic nomination in Wisconsin's Second Congressional District.

Baldwin, who was generally viewed as an underdog in the race, edged out former Dane County Executive Rick Phelps by a margin of 1,514 votes out of 65,373 votes cast in the Democratic

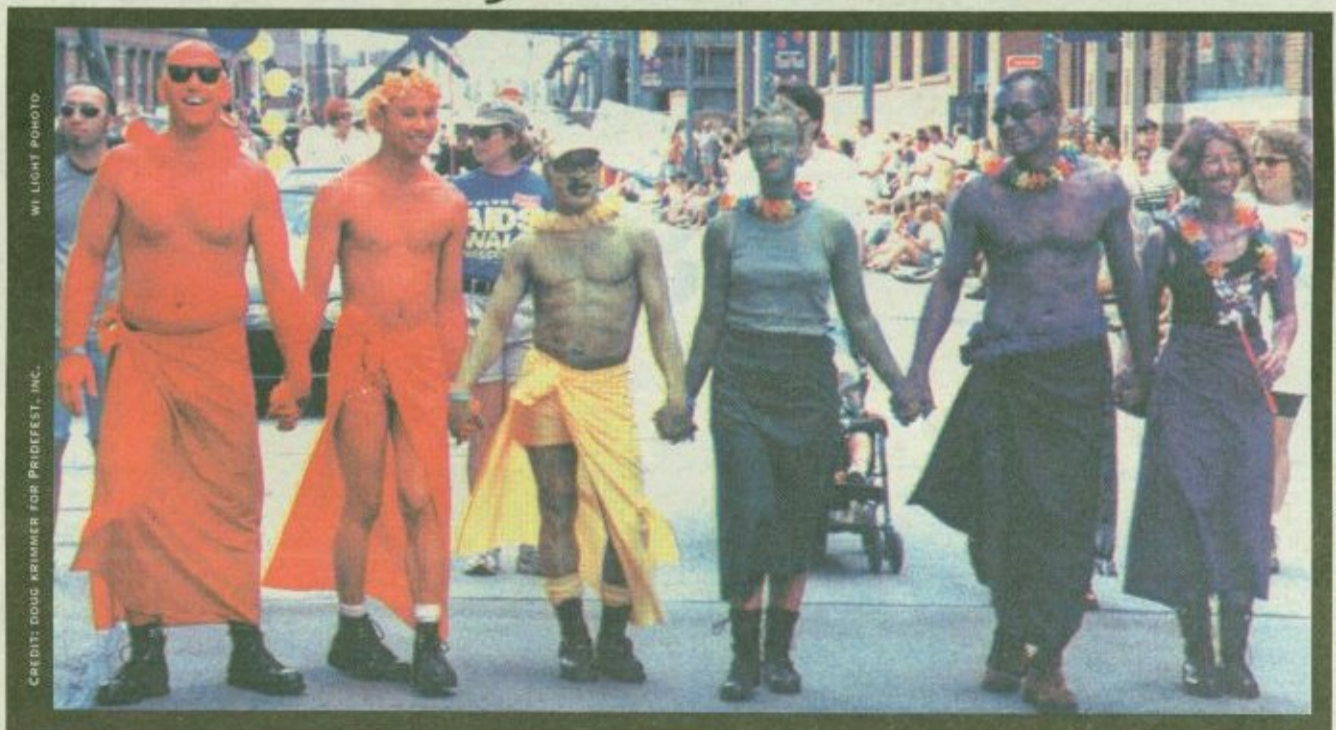


primary. State Senator Joe Weinecke (D-Verona) finished third in the race. With 397 out of 398 units reporting, Baldwin had 24,210 votes. Former Dane County Executive Rick Phelps, who had been seen as the favorite in the race, had 22,696. State Senator Joe Wineke attracted 17,431. Patrick O'Brien, a self-described house husband finished far back with just 1,036.

In the November 3 general election Baldwin will face Republican nominee, former State Insurance Commissioner Josephine Musser. If she defeats Musser, Baldwin would become the first woman ever sent to Congress by Wisconsin and the first openly Lesbian Congresswoman in American history.

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PrideFest '98



The "Rainbow People" led off the joint parade entry by ARCW and WI Light. The unit won "Best Use of Theme."

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