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DRUNK DRIVER KILLS CENTRAL WISCONSIN PRIDE PRESIDENT

Stevens Point - The President of Central Wisconsin Pride was killed September 11 in a head-on collision by a 22 year-old woman exiting a local bar parking lot in the Town of Carson just west of here. Charles Olszewski was pronounced dead at the scene by Portage County EMTs after being ejected from his vehicle by the accident, which happened on Highway 10 West near the Bahamas Lounge. The accident happened about 10:35 PM. Olszewski, who lived in Junction City, had been heading to work, according to friends.

Sheriff's Deputy Kevin Sorensen reported that Kelly Melville of Rudolph struck the 24 year-old Olszewski's vehicle as she made a wide nim onto the highway after speeding out of the tavern's parking lot. Olszewski had little or no time to react. "It happened so fast," Sorenson told the

Stevens Point Journal. "He was at the wrong place at the wrong time."

Olszewski was wearing his vehicle's automatic shoulder belt, but had not put on the lap belt, according to Sorenson. "I think the lap belt would have held him in his vehicle," Sorenson said, noting that he had seen a lot of accidents where people who were not ejected from their vehicles survived with minor injuries.

Melville was held on charges of homicide by the intoxicated use of a motor vehicle after being treated for minor injuries at St. Michael's Hospital and released. Preliminary Breathalyzer tests showed Melville had a 20 blood alcohol level. It was her second OWI in the last two years.

Melville appeared via remote video before Portage County Judge John Finn on September 13. Finn ordered a \$200,000 cash bond for the offense. a decision protested by Melville's attorney Gary Kryshak as being "ridiculous." Prior to making his decision Finn heard Portage County Jennifer Morton review police reports where Melville claimed she had consumed "five or six beers" in the hours immediately prior to the accident. Blood alcohol tests remained pending at the hearing.

Olszewski's leadership with Central Wisconsin Pride in the last year helped sustain the festival's overall success. Though attendance overall was down slightly, last June's event at Stevens Point Pioneer Park was the most financially successful in Central Wisconsin Pride's brief history.

Services for Olszewski, who is survived by his mother, stepfather and other family, were held September 15 at St. Bartholomew's Church in Junction City. The Martens/Kundinger Funeral Home handled funeral arrangements.

MARYLAND COURT UPHOLDS BAN ON GAY MARRIAGE LAW DOES NOT **DENY BASIC RIGHTS, IS NOT** BIASED, COURT RULES

Baltimore - Maryland's highest court upheld a 34-year-old state law banning same-sex marriage here September 18, rejecting an attempt by 19 gay men and lesbians to win the right to marry.

In reversing a lower court's decision, the divided Court of Appeals ruled that limiting marriage to a man and a woman does not discriminate against gay couples or deny them constitutional rights. Although the judges acknowledged that gay men and lesbians have been targets of discrimination, they said the prohibition on same-sex marriage promotes the state's interest in heterosexual marriage as a means of having and protecting children.

The 4 to 3 decision cannot be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court because the lawsuit relied solely on state law. But the judges appeared to invite gay rights advocates to pursue their goals through the political system: "Our opinion should by no means be read to imply that the General Assembly may not grant and recognize for homosexual persons civil unions or the right to marry a person of the same sex," Judge Glenn T. Harrell Jr. wrote for the majority.

Chief Judge Robert M. Bell issued a sharp dissent, accusing the majority of failing to recognize gay people as a "suspect class," a group that warrants special protection from discrimination. Bell dismissed the majority view that gays are politically empowered and should not be viewed as such a class.

The opinion was a setback for gay advocates, who thought the Maryland

court - considered liberal on social and criminal issues - was their best shot at victory in the nationwide movement to win marital rights. They vowed to take to the General Assembly their fight for the rights to health care, tax benefits and medical decision-making, which are accorded to married heterosexual couples.

"This is not the day we were hoping for," Lisa Polyak, an engineer and one of the lead plaintiffs in the case, said after the ruling. Polyak and her longtime partner, Gita Deane, are raising two daughters. "I wish those judges would have to face my children" to break the news, she said.

The state law was defended by the office of Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler (D). Spokeswoman Raquel Guillory said the office thinks the judges 'reached the correct legal conclusion," adding that they were "also correct in recognizing that it is now up to the General Assembly to decide whether same-sex couples should be given the right to form civil unions or to marry."

The Maryland ruling touched off a battle between Democrats and Republicans in the state's General Assembly. Democrats announced bills to legalize same-sex marriage while Republicans pledged to preempt such legislation with a constitutional amendment defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

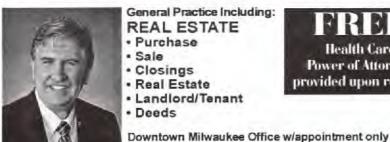
The ruling follows recent decisions in New York, Washington state and California that dismissed gay couples' claims to marriage and its legal rights. Maryland's gay residents can adopt children and are protected from discrimination. A new law this year also requires insurance companies to provide health benefits to same-sex couples if their employers want to provide them.

The General Assembly passed a domestic partnership bill in 2005 that would have allowed gay partners to register with the state. Former Republican Governor Robert L. Ehrlich Jr.vetoed it.

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GAY POLITICO WATCH: **CONDI, HILLARY, LINDSEY AND LARRY** TOE-TAP ACROSS THE HEADLINES

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Politicians' lavender lives remained on full press parade over the past two weeks. However, men and women from both political parties are now in the media mix. Stinky stall sex-seekin' Larry Craig 's tortured tap dance to the political sidelines grabbed most media mention, but new whispers about South Carolina's Senator Lindsey Graham surfaced, as well as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's same-sex house share and the Advocate's direct questioning of Hillary Clinton's long-rumored lesbian liaisons also grabbed headlines. Here's the sum-up:

Larry Craig: As Quest went to press, the scandal-stained Senator is flip-flopping like a fish out of water on whether he'll exit the Senate at month's end as earlier promised. It all depends on if he wins the appeal to take back his August 1 guilty plea to his June bathroom bust at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

According to Craig's court motion, media pressure made him plea guilty. The real pressure however may be from Craig's constituents: a recent CNN poll said 67% of those he represents think he should resign immediately.

One thing we do know, Larry won't be offering any future wide stances at his favorite Twin Cities toilet. Anonymous sex is out for everyone now that the bathroom has become a tourist attraction. Reports claim folks are stopping by to snap a souvenir shot of themselves sanding in that infamous second stall to the right.

For those not planning a tour to the toilets, they can grab a sheet or two of the

single-ply served up in the scandalous stall on eBay. Pieces of LC's TP are up for bid, though the owners offering the paper aren't claiming its the famous piece that allegedly hit the floor spurring Craig's supposedly misunderstood left hand signal that triggered the Senator's bathroom bust. Bidders for the bath tissue have been few, though we're not sure if its because waning public interest in the Craig affair or the overall "ick" factor for pieces of paper not even worthy of a good wipe.

Lindsey Graham: On September 12, the alternative Charleston City Paper called for a full investigation of the 52 year-old "lifelong bachelor" Republican Senator, echoing several years of similar speculation and rumor-mongering by gay outing activists Michelangelo Signorile and Mike Rogers. Graham's sex life "has been fodder for such rumors for years" columnist Greg Hambrick wrote, later citing Graham's "dismissive" response to GQ magazine's questioning him on the subject. Graham told the fashionista mag that he's "not gay, just a loner." Hambrick also recalled 2002 comments by South Carolina Democratic Party Chair Dick Harpootlian that Graham was "a little too light in the loafers to fill Strom Thurmond's shoes."

Condoleezza Rice: On the September 13 edition of his Sirius satellite radio talk show Michelangelo Signorile had an interesting conversation with Washington Post diplomatic correspondent Glenn Kessler, author of the new book The Confidante: Condoleezza Rice and the Creation of the Bush Legacy.

Signorile brought up that there have long

been questions about Rice's sexual orientation and her personal life in general. Signorile also brought up the author's observation that Rice "has built a wall of privacy around her that is never breached."

However the discussion also brought out that Rice co-owns her home with her "closest female friend," a woman named Randy Bean who is unmarried and whose sexual orientation is not reported. Bean is described as a "liberal progressive" documentary filmmaker who works at Standford University and once worked for Bill Moyers. Bean describes her relationship with Rice and openly gay pal Coit D, Blacker as a "second family."

According to newly revealed real estate records obtained by Kessler, Rice and Bean own a home together and have a line of credit together. Bean explained this to the author by saying that she had some medical bills that drained her financially years ago. Rice and Blacker helped her out by buying a house with Bean. However Blacker later sold his share of the house to the women. Rice and Bean later got the line of credit to do some renovations on the home. Though pressed by Signorile, Kessler said he did not know if this meant there was something more to the relationship between the women. Hmmm. Rice and beans - spicy.

Hillary Clinton: Speaking of long-standing suspicions, top Democrat Presidential contender Hillary Clinton rose to the occasion when the Advocate asked her directly about her alleged lesbianism for a feature being published this week. News and features editor Sean Kennedy asked: "How do you respond to the occasional rumor that you're a lesbian'?"

"People say a lot of things about me, so I really don't pay any attention to it," Senator Clinton replied. "It's not true, but it is something that I have no control over. People will say what they want to say."

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Suicidal Transgendered Brother Dear Uncle Barbie,

I'm very worried about my brother, who is also my best friend. He has a long history of emotional problems, which have only got worse since our Mom died. He has a nearly successful suicide attempt in his past. He is transgendered (heavily closeted) out only to me. He calls himself "a lesbian trapped inside a man's body," and has expressed a wish to be "a slender young blonde girl named Jennifer" (which is the name he would've got had he been born female). Lately he's talked about how he might be able to fulfill his wish in Heaven or in a future life. And the most recent development is he just bought a book about angels and has been talking a lot about how androgynous they are, and how pretty they look. Knowing how his mind works, I'm very worried that he's going to kill himself, so he can be a pretty little angel named Jennifer. If he did, I don't know how I could live with myself, considering I promised our Morn I'd look after him. What can I do? Signed, Raging Against the Dying of the Light.

Hello Dying Light,

You need to act on your concerns—immediately. Don't wait, and don't try to guess what your brother is thinking. Talk to your brother, and ask him if he has any plans to hurt himself. If the answer is "yes," take him to the nearest psychiatric unit of any hospital. Tell the hospital staff about your concerns regarding his suicidal ideations. They are trained to deal with this type of crisis. They can evaluate your brother and determine if he is suicidal and if he needs to be hospitalized. From there, the mental health staff can care for his well being and make sure he has proper "follow-up" care and counseling.

If, on the other hand, your brother says that he is not planning to hurt himself, then just be a good friend to him. Stay in contact with him and be emotionally supportive. Let him know that you love him, and that you are concerned about him. Keep in mind that there is only so much you can do. If your brother does suicide (despite your efforts to help him), then you need to know that you did your best, and that you were a good brother to him. People have free will, and you cannot control them—especially when they already have a mental illness that may be interfering with their cognitive functioning and distorting their perception of reality. You have my compassion. Caring for someone who has mental health issues is often a very emotionally draining experience. My thoughts are with you.

We are Only Human, Barbie

Monotonous Message

Dear Uncle Barbie,

Hi, it's me again, Waterloo. I'm that irritating guy who writes and asks you where I want to go. I read your column in and out trying not to get too loose. Reading you makes it an ever-so-busy, yet refreshing, day. It helps me grasp! I lounged around the group home today. A cute guy asked me if I do it!!! I was asked if I was in need. What ever should I say? I didn't act my usual self because I didn't know who he wanted me to be. What do you think? Analyze me. (Sometimes, I feel that Uncle Barbie is remodeling my mind which is an achievement in itself considering I'm on a cloud-cuckoo-land course.) I'm working real hard with this guy with a big basket, which turns out to be a hanging basket. You should try it, it can be fun! This past weekend I was gonna come, but that was quickly put to an end by the house staff. But we still rock at Trivial Pursuit! It didn't hurt that we angered the gods if we were able to pick up right where we left off. I clash with a man

that I know in the home, where I often battle this guy. It shouldn't be so uneven. No person deserves that. Over dinner, we clashed about pieces of pie. That was our first battle, and we've been scrapping for pie ever since. That was a purely random thing. Luckily for us. I got my eight hours of sleep. My philosophy—hibernate your problems away. I personally am going to bed right now. Signed, Waterloo

Hello Waterloo,

I do not know what it is like to have a psychotic mind, so pardon me if I can't keep up with your cognitive blathering. Since you clearly have a psychological disorder (and I have sympathy for people inflicted with your condition), I feel the need to reiterate my advice column disclaimer to you. The American Psychological Association (APA) clearly points out that when a therapist gives advice in a casual/social setting, he or she needs to clarify that the advice given does not constitute a therapeutic relationship between the giver of the advice and the receiver. Therefore, let me make it crystal clear to you that writing to Uncle Barbie should, in no way, be misconstrued as being a therapeutic relationship. If you have mental health issues (and you do), you need to find your own private therapist who is licensed in your state (for you, Waterloo, that would be the state

of confusion). That therapist can treat you for
your psychological disorder with the combination
of medications and oneon-one therapy.
Personally, I think you
need to have your meds
adjusted. Based on your
writings, it sounds like
your blood levels are
off—way off!
Too Many Voices, Barbie



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NGLTF's Matt Foreman Helps Center Advocates PAC Raise \$21,000

Milwaukee - The 2007 Annual Center Advocates PAC Garden Party with Brunch and Cocktails proved to be an extraordinary success. The August 26 event, held in Joseph Pabst's gracious eastside home, was a delight for guests featured guest speaker Matt Foreman, the Executive Director of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). Foreman's inspiring words and his challenge to dig deep for the cause moved guests to donate an additional \$4,500 during the event, bringing the total amount raised to an unprecedented \$21,000.

Organizers lauded the generosity of the Milwaukee community in making the Garden Party a remarkable achievement in the effort to create LGBT equality. "Now more than ever it is important for people who believe in fairness for all Wisconsin citizens to become involved in the political process by electing public officials who share their values," Center Advocate Co-President Laurie Guilbault said.

All proceeds from the event will help the Center Advocates PAC (formerly the Human Rights League) to educate voters about LGBT issues and elect candidates who publicly commit to protecting and advancing LGBT equality in Wisconsin. For more information about Center Advocates and the organization's Political Action Committee, contact Patrick Flaherty at 414-292-3073 or 414-232-5657 or visit the group's website at: www.centeradvocates.org.

Fair Wisconsin's Wensel Honored

Madison - Long time LGBT activist Diane Wensel was honored by Community Shares of Wisconsin at its annual event here September 26 at Monona Terrace Convention Center.

Wensel has been an advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality. Wensel was a tireless volunteer for Fair Wisconsin during last year's amendment battle. Wensel is also an active member of the Madison PFLAG chapter and currently serves as the chapter's president-elect. She also has volunteered with the Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools. Wensel was nominated for the Community Shares honor by the Fair Wisconsin Education Fund.

Also honored at the event was was Carol Lobes, who was nominated by the Fair Housing Center of Greater Madison. Lobes has long been an activist for racial equality. In the early 1980s, Lobes was deputy administrator of the Wisconsin Equal Rights and Labor Standards Division. In this capacity, she helped form a partnership between the state of Wisconsin and the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council to provide comprehensive fair housing services to Wisconsin residents

At the event, Community Shares also recognized 24 of its member nonprofits' "Backyard Heroes." These are select volunteers whose work makes a difference to the nonprofits they serve.

Pridefest Food Donations Benefit ARCW Food Pantries Statewide

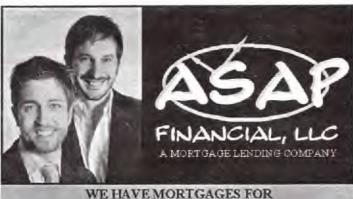
Milwaukee - It may have come in one or two cans and boxes at a time. But it added up to over seven tons of food - enough to feed three hundered average families for a month. And now, people living with HIV and their loved ones throughout Wisconsin are benefitting from the kindness of people who came out for the state's largest gay party this past summer.

Last June Pridefest attendees donated 15,000 pounds of canned and non-perishable food to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and its network of statewide food pantries during the three-day-long event. The record amount of food collected was 50% more than the previous record set in 2006 of around 10,000 pounds.

"The food collected at Pridefest has helped stock all four ARCW food pantries across the state as well as the shelves at Wisconsin House – the ARCW transitional housing facility for people living with HIV," ARCW Director of Food Services Randy Bash said. "ARCW is truly grateful to the hundreds of people who attended Pridefest and made a donation to our food pantries." Pridefest attendees received vouchers for tickets by donating canned and non-perishable food to ARCW during the festival.

"ARCW food pantries support more than 1,000 people across Wisconsin by providing nutritious and appropriate food for HIV-positive people who have unique dietary concerns," Bash noted.

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HIV infection. Often people living with HIV also face high cholesterol and heart disease as side effects of their HIV medications. Moreover, many single adults without families have difficulty receiving food from traditional food pantries that place greater emphasis on addressing the needs of families, especially those with children.

"Members of the gay community were truly the first responders to the fight against AIDS," Bash said. "We are so grateful for their ongoing support

more than 25 years later."

To ensure that people with HIV are not forced to choose between buying food or purchasing their medications, ARCW operates four food pantries across Wisconsin in Eau Claire, Green Bay, Kenosha and Milwaukee providing more than one ton of food each day to people living with HIV. By the end of 2007, ARCW will also open food pantries at its locations in Wausau and La Crosse.

ARCW is Wisconsin's largest AIDS service organization and has offices in Eau Claire, Appleton, Green Bay, Kenosha, La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, Superior and Wausau. With the support of the Mike Johnson life care and early intervention services grant and other funding sources, ARCW provides medical care, dental care, mental health therapy, legal representation, housing services, a food pantry and social work case management to 3,000 Wisconsin residents living with HIV/AIDS. Additionally, ARCW also reaches 150,000 people annually at risk of contracting HIV with life saving prevention information and resources.

Mad Kings & Texas Teens: Valhalla Opens October 5

Madison - StageQ, Inc. Has announced its production of the fast-paced comedy Valhalla by prize-winning playwright Paul Rudnick (Jeffrey, In & Out, The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told), directed by Tara Avres. Valhalla will open October 5 and runs through October 20 on the Eviue Stage of the Bartell Theater, 113 E Mifflin Street here.

Valhalla intertwines two unlikely stories: the life of Bavaria's "Mad King" Ludwig, the 1880s monarch responsible for building a series of storybook castles inspired by Wagnerian operas, and the fictional adventures of James Avery, a wild Texas teenager of the 1940s. The comedy explores questions of beauty and madness, as both Ludwig and James pursue lives of operatic passion, bringing them in contact with such diverse figures as a high-school quarterback, the prettiest girl in Dainsville, Texas, characters from Lohengrin and Princess Sophie, who declares herself "the loneliest humpback in Europe."

Valhalla A is a comic epic, confronting the price to be paid for wanting, and getting, everything you dream of. Due to the adult content in the production, including nudity, no one under 18 will admitted unless accompanied by a parent.

Valhalla will run Fridays and Saturdays at 8 PM beginning October 5 through October 20, A 7:30 PM performance is set for Thursday, October 11 and a 2 PM matinee will be performed on Sunday. October 14. Tickets are \$15 per person, with a special rate of \$10 for Thursday and Sunday performances. StageQ accepts Visa and Mastercard. For tickets or reservations, call 608-661-9696, Ext 3 or visit the StageQ website at: www.stageq.com.

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TAN Seeks Input on Trans Elder Abuse

Milwaukee - Transgender individuals age 50+ and those who love or work with them are encouraged to take a few moments to help the Transgender Aging Network (TAN) of FORGE document the extent of violence and abuse against trans elders, and the level of fear of abuse trans and SOFFA elders feel, for its ongoing training and technical assistance work.

The online survey is available by contacting TAN (see also the online edition of this story at www.quest-online.com for a survey link). The survey can be answered either by someone reporting their own experiences, or by someone reporting the experiences of someone they know. Stories of violence, abuse, neglect, sexual or emotional abuse, financial exploitation, abandonment, health care discrimination, and elder housing discrimination of transgender people age 50 and older or of SOFFAs (Significant Others, Friends, Family, or Allies) of trans people who were targeted because of their ties to one or more transgender elders can be documented there. We use the broadest possible definition of "trans," and especially encourage responses from butch women and feminine men.

TAN, an international, 9-year-old organization, provides education and training on transgender aging issues; supports trans elders through a free, online peer support email list (ElderTG); and networks professionals and researchers through its Transgender Aging Network email listsery. Many articles written by TAN are available for free download at www.forge-forward.org/tan.

For more information email TAN Executive Director Loree Cook-Daniels at LoreeCD@aol.com. Paper copies of the survey form can also be sent upon request; please email the request or call it into 414-540-6456, leaving your name, address, and how many survey forms you want. Survey responses will be taken until October 15, 2007.

Authors Taylor And Rodi At Outwords In October

Milwaukee - Outwords Books will welcome two authors during the month of October. Corey Taylor. will discuss and autograph his latest work Naked: The Life and Pornography of Michael Lucas on at 2 PM on Saturday, October 13. On Tuesday, October 16 at 7 PM, popular novelist Robert Rodi returns to Outwords to read and sign copies of his latest book, When You Were Me.

Rarely has the American Dream collided with the world of gay adult video but that's absolutely the case with porn entrepreneur Michael Lucas. Born and raised in Soviet Russia as Andrei Treyvas to a close-knit family of outspoken, intellectual Russian Jews, the shy, skinny kid grew up to be a handsome man determined to make his mark on the world. In Naked, Taylor explores Michael Lucas' start as an escort in Europe, to his hustling days in America, making the money he would invest in his own company, Lucas Entertainment.

Taylor's portrait of Lucas is provocative, controversial and 100% candid - no filter. Ruthless. A hot top with a killer body. Sexy. Razor-tongued and iron-fisted. Michael Lucas has been called everything on his climb from rent boy to running the most successful gay porn business in the entire world but he's never been called boring. Now, in a no-holdsbarred biography, Corey Taylor delivers a delicious portrait of gay porn's hottest maverick.

In his long-awaited new novel When You Were Me, master satirist Robert Rodi asks the question: what would you do if you could trade lives with someone else. All work and no play have made Jack Ackerly

a dull boy. It's also made him very rich. Now, at age 53, he regrets devoting his youth to capitalism over hedonism. Alas he can't turn back time; but according to a self-styled "fusion witch" named Francesca, he can trade places with a willing participant. He just has to find a hot young stud ready to make the

Enter 26 year-old Corey Szaslo, a jaded party boy whose life of sex, drugs, and bar hopping has left him with no education, no career, no assets, and no prospects. Jumping into the skin of a retired millionaire seems a fair way out of this predicament, even if it means doubling his age and adding five inches to his waistline.

Faster than you can say, "be careful what you wish for," Jack and Corey are living each other's lives to the fullest. As Corey, Jack prowls the gay meat market night after night, racking up a string of sizzling conquests, while Corey, as Jack, is busy socializing, globe-trotting, and pushing his new middle-aged pecs at the gym. But one must be careful what one wishes for as their successfully swapped lives soon begin to come apart at the seams.

Corey Taylor will discuss Michael Lucas, the world of Gay Adult Entertainment and sign copies of his book, Naked on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 2 PM. Mr. Taylor has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Memphis. He has written for U.S. publications (Unzipped, Men) as well as for publications in the UK (reFRESH) and Australia (DNA), covering celebrity features, art, fashion, and





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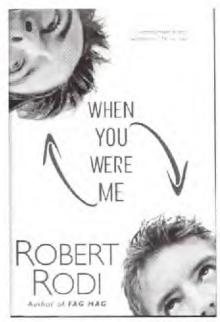
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Robert Rodi will read from and sign copies of When You Were Me on Tuesday, October 16 at 7 PM. He is also the author of six other novels: Fag Hag, Closet Case, What They Did to Princess Paragon, Drag Queen, Kept Boy, and Bitch Goddess. His short fiction has appeared in numerous collections and he's the creator of three comic book series. Robert lives in Chicago with his partner, Jeffrey Smith and is a founding member of Chicago's seminal gay performance troupe, The Pansy Kings

Both author appearances will take place at Outwords Books, 2710 N. Murray Ave. These events are free and everyone is welcome. For further information, please call 414-963-9089 or check out the bookstore's website, www.outwordsbooks.com.

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Milwaukee LGBT Center Sets "Big Night Out" Fundraiser

Milwaukee - Are you ready for the Big Night Out? The fifth annual gala fundraiser for the LGBT Center promises to be another outstanding success, bringing together Milwaukee's vibrant and growing LGBT community.

Big Night Out will be held at the Potawatomi Northern Lights Theater Saturday, October 13. The cash bar & silent auction will open at 5:30 PM. Dinner will follow at 7:30 PM. Following the post-dinner formal program will be entertainment featuring GayCo, a hysterical gay version of "Whose Line Is It Anyway"

Dinner tickets individually are \$100 or \$75. Tables of four and six are available. \$15 tickets are also available for entertainment only packages. To reserve your spot at the party call Angie Guerra, Center Director of Development, at 414-271-2656, Ext.121

Lesbian Author Part Of Mystery Trio Talk

River Falls - Lesbian author Ellen Hart is among a trio of Minnesota mystery writers who share the secret of their art here October 3. Hart, Carl Brookins and William Kent Krueger, will present and talk about their works at 7 PM at the River Falls Public Library.

"Resort To Murder," a new anthology featuring the trio's work, along with ten other mystery stories by Minnesota authors was released in september. All the tales are set in resorts in that state. The three were also charged with producing the 2005 "Silence of the Loons" anthology.

After spending 12 years as a kitchen manager for a sorority at the University of Minnesota, Hart was feeling more than a little homicidal. She decided she needed to either do the real thing or commit murder on paper. So, she became a mystery writer.

The author of over twenty novels, Hart is a five-time winner of the Lambda Award for Best Lesbian mystery, and twice winner of the Minnesota Book Award for Best Crime & Detective Fiction.

Reflecting her previous career in the kitchen, many of her culinary mysteries feature the fictional Minneapolis restaurateur Jane Lawless or food critic Sophie Greenway, and sport such titles as "Slice and Dice" and "M is for Meatloaf." Hart teaches mystery writing at the University of Minnesota and at the Loft Literary Center. She lives in Minneapolis with her partner of over 25 years.

Before Carl Brookins turned to writing mysteries full time, he was a freelance photographer, a public television program director, a cable TV administrator, and a counCall us for:

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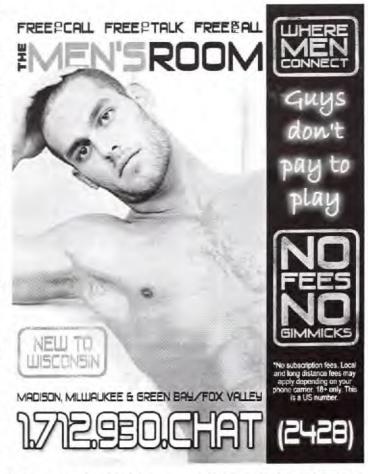
lenass44@yahoo.com. Ask for Brian or Leonard. [2]

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Brent contact Todd from Michigan TODDat KA82000@yahoo.com [2]

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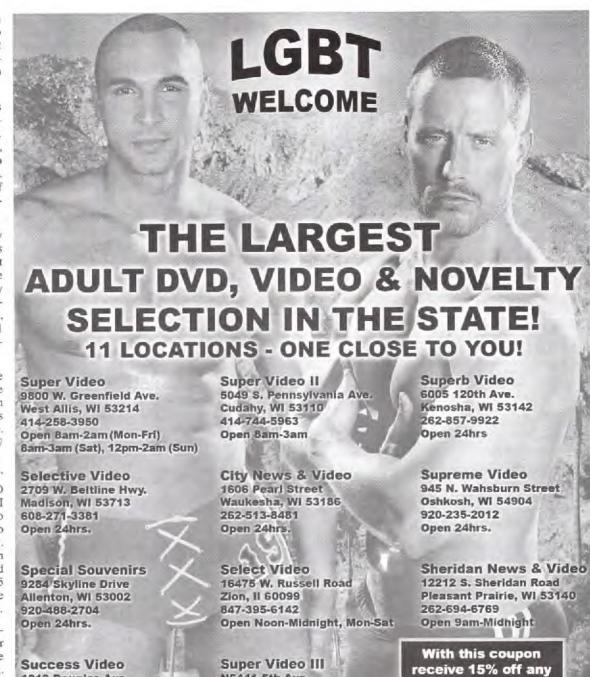
I enjoy crossdressers. Like to do photo session while sucking. Like to suck men wearing panties and nylons and make-up. I live in Racine. If interested call my cell @ (262)412-1962 ask for Don.

Bi WMM mid 50's, 6'4" 210# brown hair & eyes ISO CD/TV for discreet safe fun. I D/D free non smoker. I get to Wisconsin from Kenosha to Sheboygan areas late week. Into pleasing the woman in you, discretion assured and required. (920)809-3615 Leave a message with phone number and best time to call.

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home like to fine a room mate to shar with and maybe be best buddys I'm looking for a guy, not one that dresses up as girl. I'm Terry email rechot@aol.com or call (715)654-5044 before11pm please. Not into phone sex!

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Racine/Milwaukee. Attached looking to be discreet bi-BM 5'11 185 lbs. 7 in uncut versitale top looking for in shape good looking white males age 18-45 in the area for discreet good time. Must be disease and drug free. Love recieving oral and a nice tight bottom. Send me email at boybe24@hotmail.com [1]

Hot to suck cock. One or more guys, will suck to orgasm and taste it. Own home, very private, clean in Racine, but will travel to Milw or Kenosha. Retired & available, cell-phone (262)412-1962, very hot. regulars welcome. Don [1]

Kenosha area I am BiWM, Italian, married 6'2" 175 athletic build. Wanted male or female for discreet fun northern Illinois or southern Wi area long term write me magiccarpet16@yahoo.com

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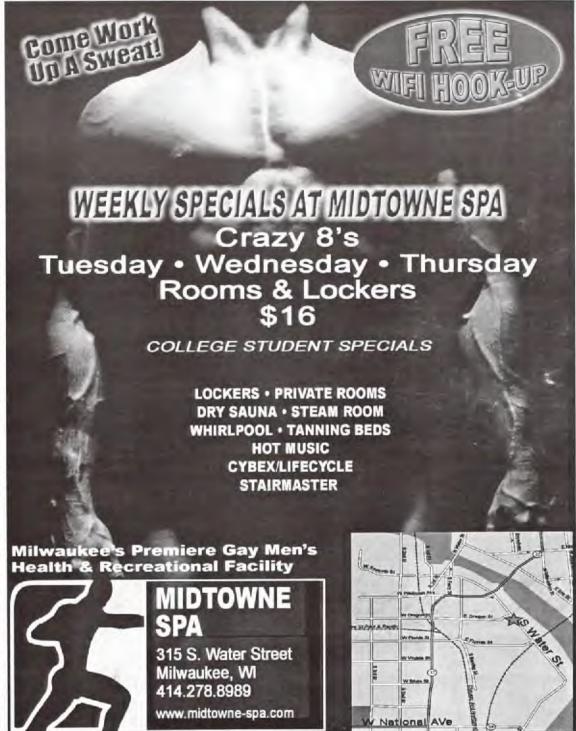
BiW virgin bottom boy lkg 4 ass breaking! Will swallow also as taught to. Ope n2 all males for daytime @ your place or meet. Businessmen @ work a plus. D/D free 34yo. email pflyboyweller@yahoo.com [2]

BiWM 45yo 5'10" 195# married, looking for BiWM or BiBM 35-55yo. Discreet, disease free for oral fun at your house or motel. West Bend area. 920-251-2343 [2]

GWM 53yo Br/Br, 5'10" 160# ISO Nat/Am, Latino, Blk. for friendship, maybe LTR. Must be into nature, wildlife, semi-rustic country living. Wanna see my horses? T/G=ok. HIV+=also ok. Help to relocate possible for right person. Write P.O. Box 561 Hayward, WI 54843 [2]

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SGWM 565'10" 170# Brown/blue clean shaven, st8 acting, ave. build & looks. D/D free, casual drinker. ISO SGWM 45-55 H/W proportionate who is nonest, caring and down to earth. My interests include antique cars, fleemarkets, cooking, quiet evenings with that special man. Friendship, maybe more, possible LTR. Ken 630-271-0158 Antioch, II. [2]



ultimate = me (moral, good personality, happy, loyal, attentive) finding 1 respectable pen pal = meeting for endless meaningful conversation & laughs = becoming long term friends or forever partners! 3658 W. 79 pl., Chicago 773-569-6333 Tom [2]

GWM 41, 6' 170# shaved head, goatee. looking for friends and one-on-one sex. bottom, but will top. 8" cut. Love foreplay. Discreet. Eau Claire & surrounding area. Your photo gets mine. Email craiges2002@yahoo.com [2]

Nude encounter w/somone special. My 6

favorites: 1. Walk naked thru halls at local bath. 2. See an erection. 3. Have my hot butt squeezed by a strong hand. 4. Share the point of no return. 5. Giving in 6. Lose cap to brown bottle. ME: mid 50's thick strong, masculine. Love to kiss, semi-retired, need place to play, enjoy anal, big men are hot! A.A.H/BA PMB#130 10238 West National Ave. West Allis, WI 53227 [2]

GHM 30 yo, 7 1/2" uncut, 161# in shape, white, Hello everybody I am very Friendly "normal", good edcuation, neat, honest, romantic good looking guy. I looking to meet guys beteween 28-60 years polite, nice.

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Total Butt Worshiper-MKE/WI Rapids Hot GWM Top, 40, 5' 11", 180 #, 35" waist, 7" cut, d/d free. Seeking young, hot, in shape d/d free guys for awesome safe fun. Kinky-lite bondage/dirty underwear a plus. Please respond with photo/info to TJ P.O. Box 32 Lannon WI 53046 or kinkyboy.raunch@yahoo.com [2] DAD WANTS SON for occasional ongoing discreet sex and friendship, Im 62 6"2" 210, handsome, stocky/athletic/muscular, disease free, naturally masculine. Im business type, married and in town regularly, ex military, coach type, dominant but caring. Please be 18-28, masculine, athletic, and someone to trust, blue collar/military a plus.Please write me at benchpressdad2hotmail.com [2]

Married bi-guy looking for intimate friends to visit when in your area as I travel thruout Wisconsin & Michigan. Most of the time I can host but not when home. I enjoy good conversation, maybe go for dinner or a movie or just go back to the motel for some intimate sex. I enjoy giving & receiving oral a& also love receiving anal. Can be bi or gay guy or gay cpl. I am somewhat versatile but I'm a lousy top! I would like close friends most of all that enjoy kissing, snuggling and romantic situations with one another. please be HIV and STD free. Nonsmokers yuperman2007@yahoo.com plus

Gerry [2]

Bi-male and wife are interested in having a nudist & fun party, We live in Appleton area. We are clean, kind, loving, healthy and pleasent personalities. You too! You set the limits. We would to meet each of you before we set a date. How does "Rascal's Bar & Grill on Wisconsin Ave. in Appleton sound to you? Please E-mail us at vbayer@new.rr.com if you are interested. 18 to 60yrs, no heavies. [2]

Hello I'm a single white 39 male from Two Rivers looking for a caring couple wishing for someone interested in spanking and diapering me! Please email me at diaperspank@yahoo.com [2]

Ishpeming MI: WM, 46, 200lbs, 38in waist (Husky Build). I am looking for an older/younger man to please, H/W proportionate please, Tops or Bottoms welcome. I am into oral, anal, leather, Bears, Daddies. Men with body/facial hair is a plus. I can host, e-mail miman49841@yahoo.com [2]

SBiWM, 170#, 5'-8", D/D free, 60 y.o. ISO 50-65 y.o. Bi or GWM to

have fun with under the sheets, willing to try different pleasures and thrills. Evenings or weekends best times. S.E. WI, e-mail dtleemilw@aol.com

ISO person who is great at giving oral sex. Age/race not important. Hot mouth is. Crossdressers, TV's, TS, TG welcome. Submissive a plus, Send phone# to PMB #i43 1528 S. Koeller Oshkosh, WI 54902 [3]

GWM bottom looking for hook-ups on weeknights after 5 pm & weekends. 1 am 5'8" 135# green eyes, brown hair, slim & trim. Luv to give oral and lub to get screwed. Green Bay area (920)362-0274 [3]

Bottom needs hot hung tops for play. Be clean. Age unimportant. Virility, chemistry is. Entire male body is sexy. Arms, hands, legs, feet, big balls, eyes, smile, mind. I live alone, work all shifts. Unavailable, anonymous calls (caller ID) not answered or returned. (920)497-2522 Green Bay area [3]

GWM, 41, 6', 175# 8" Average looks, tired of being alone, don't go to bars often. Looking for relationship,

friend, or buddy to have fun with. Eau Clair area Text Only (715) 210-7266

32 YO GWM HIV negative seeing friendship to possible relationship. Butch type like movies, TV, dining, cooking, camping, boating, cuddling, talking, North of Phillps WI (715)661-1530 [3]

GWM 45 185# brown hair, blue eyes, bottom. Lake Geneva/Burlington, Racine & Kenosha. Tan all over, like to be naked, good looking, good at kissing, also good at cuddling after having sex. Ask for Gary (262)749-9811 [3]

Attractive tall GBF 38, seeks GFs 38-55 for friends and possible long term. Race open: Carol: 414-243-5657: carol lharris@yahoo.com [3]

BiWM 50+ looking for BiMale to have sex with me and very hot sexy wife. I am partial crossdresser, she is blonde and needs a good stiff cock. Jefferson County jduchow@tds.net If you are horny and keep going, you won't be disappointed. [3]

DIVERSION OF the Day Quest's Events Calendar

Saturday, September 29 - AIDS Walk Wisconsin
Milwaukee Pumphouse Milw Pnde Parade Thank You Party 7pm (after AIDS Walk)

Friday, October 5

Lesbian Alliance Presents Martine Locke in Concert 8 pm. Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E Locust St. Australian singer/songwriter Martine Locke is taking on the US in 2007. Touring solo, Martine plays a mixture of rock/pop/folk tunes all armed with an acoustic guitar, a power house voice and a decidedly wicked Australian sense of humor. Tickets \$10 in advance available at Broad Vocabulary and Outwords Bookstore or \$12 at the door. I Sign language interpretation will be available, please RSVP by October 1st. Made possible with a grant from Cream City Foundation. Co-Sponsored by Woodland Pattern Book Center.

Saturday, October 6

Madison Gay Video Club "Small Town Gay Bar" (dir. Malcolm Ingram, 2006) Matt Sterling Retrospect (Huge Video, dir. Matt Sterling, 1992) 8:00 PM, http://www.mgvc.org , 244-8675 (evenings)

M's (Milw) Ric Fest III-Karaoke to benefit an LGBT college scholarship

Monday, October 8

Outwords Books (Milw) Outwords Book Club 7:30 pm discussion of Jeffrey Round's new murder mystery, The P-Town Murders. New members are always welcome.

Tuesday, October 9

Midtowne Spa (Milw) BESTD Clinic FREE 30 min HIV test 6-9pm

Outwords Books (Milw) The Lesbian Reading Group @ Outwords 7pm The book to be discussed in October is Download, the new novel by J.Y. Morgan. Come and join in on the discussion!

Thursday, October 11

Fluid (Milw) Ric Fest III-Karaoke to benefit an LGBT college scholarship

Saturday, October 13

Outwords Books (Milw) 2pm Author! Author!! Join porn insider Corey Taylor for a discussion and signing of Naked: The Life and Pornography of Michael Lucas. Everyone is welcome to this free event

Sunday, October 14

Fluid (Milwaukee) Drag Queen Bingo to benefit Milwaulee Gay Arts Center

Tuesday, October 16

Outwords Books (Milw) 7pm Author! Author Come and join popular gay novelist Robert Rodi for a reading and signing of his hilarious new novel, When You Were Me. Everyone is welcome to this free event

Wednesday, October 17

Mona's (Milw) Three Strikes Show with Dominique Mahon & Friends 10pm

Saturday, October 20

Madison Gay Video Club "Nine Lives" (dir. Dean Howell, 2006) "The Crave 1" (Bradford Pres., dir. Tom Bradford, 2006) 8:00 PM, http://www.mgvc.org , 244-8675 (evenings)

Shelter (Green Bay) Miss Wisconsin USofA Classic Pageant 10:30 pm

Tuesday, October 23

Midtowne Spa (Milw) BESTD Clinic FREE 30 min HIV test 6-9pm

Saturday, October 27

CLUB ICON (Kenosha) Halloween BASH \$1000 casgh and prizes Free shot if in costume

Madison Gay Video Club Special Halloween Party (with Frontiers Social Group)
7:30 PM — Free Buffet Dinner 8:00 PM — Gay Horror Film: "The Lair" (dir. Fred Olen Ray, 2007) http://www.mgvc.org, 244-8675 (evenings)

Sunday, October 28

Fluid (Milwaukee) Halloween Bingo free drink if in costume. Costume contest.

H.I.T. (Milw) Chicago Bar Crawl Leaves from Kruze at 11am \$35 see ad this issue.

Wednesday, October 31 The Annual Milwaukee Halloween Bar Crawl

Triangle 8-9:30pm, SWITCH 9:30-11pm Fluid 11pm-12:30 LaCage 12:30 -Finals 1am

KRUZ (Milwaukee) Mascarade Ball 9pm - 1am

Mona's (Milw) Three Stikes Prod Halloween Bash with Shawna Love & Diva's of Milw.

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selor and faculty member at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul.

Brookins has written crime fiction reviews for *Mystery Scene* magazine, two websites - Reviewing The Evidence and Books n' Bytes - and for the *Saint Paul Pioneer Press*. An avid sailor, he is the author of a sailing mystery series featuring Michael Tanner and Mary Whitney. They are titled "Inner Passages, a Superior Mystery" set in Wisconsin's Apostle Islands and "Old Silver" published in May 2005. His first detective novel, featuring private investigator Sean NMI Sean, was released in September 2005. It's titled "The Case of the Greedy Lawyers."

Dubbed "the Michael Connelly of the Midwest," William Kent Krueger writes the Cork O'Connor series. His first two books, "Iron Lake" and "Boundary Waters," received a number of awards including the Anthony Award for Best First Novel, the Minnesota Book Award and the Loft-McKnight Fiction Award.

His third novel, "Purgatory Ridge," won the Minnesota Book Award for 2001 and his fourth, "Blood Hollow," won the Anthony Award for Best Novel of 2004. The latest Cork O'Connor mystery, "Copper River," was published in 2006 and has been named this year's Honor Book in Fiction by the Midwest Booksellers Association.

The trio's talk is open to the public without charge. All three authors will all have books for sale and signing available. For more information, call the library at 715-425-0905.

StageQ Offers Comedy Improv Workshop

Madison - StageQ will offer a free comedy improv workshop on Sunday, October 7 from Noon to 4 PM on the Evjue stage of the Bartell Theatre, 113 E. Mifflin St. Here.

The workshop on the fundamentals of improvisation will be taught by Lynda Finn and Emily Jones of Flaming Dykasaurus. Lynda and Emily have been performing improv and writing and performing sketch comedy with Flaming Dykasaurus for 12 years. They have studied improv with the likes of Chicago's Susan Messing, Charna Halpern and many others.

The workshop is designed for all levels, whether the attendee is completely new to improv or an experienced veteran. Some of the material covered will include games and exercises, solo scenes, and scene work with other participants.

Finn and Jones will create an encouraging, fun, and low pressure environment. The focus will be on shorter forms, but the workshop will conclude with an introduction to long form improv.

Though the workshop is free, it will be limited to 12. Pre-registration required by emailing improv@stageq.com.

Because the workshop filled up fast last time StageQ offered it, early registration is encouraged. Registrants should include their phone number as well as their email address in the registration. Since some humor may contain adult themes and language, those under 18 will be admitted only with permission from a parent.

Milwaukee LGBT Center Offers Series On Financial Matters

Milwaukee - "Investing, Wealth, Estate Planning: What Every LGBT Person Needs to Know," a five-part series of presentations on topics of financial interest for the queer community, will be presented by the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 315 W Court Street, beginning October 4. All sessions will run from 6-8 PM and refreshments will be served.

"Financial Choices That Matter Most" by Kyle G. Clementsof the Prudential Insurance Company of America will begin the series on October 4. On October 11 Peter Larson of

Wells Fargo will discuss "Estate & Wealth

Planning for You and Your Partner." "Lifetime & Estate Planning for LGBT Individuals & Couples" will be presented by Ruth J. Irvings of Nelson, Irvings & Waeffler S.C. On October 18.

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Cover Feature

"CLICK LIST" CHART TOPPER ADAM BARTA WANTS TO HOLD YOU

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Interview By Mike Fitzpatrick

He's been the darling of LOGO's music lovers for the last three months. He topped the gay cable's Click List for four weeks in August and still holds

down the #6 spot in the online viewer poll even as more mainstream pop tarts like Hillary Duff and Fall Out Boy have come and gone.

Adam Barta's video for his long-lived (it was released in November 2006) dance favorite "I Wanna Hold You" is every metrosexual's wettest dream: clubbing all night then leaving with the two hottest pick-ups in the room - choices that cross racial and gender boundaries. But Brc ax-born Barta is not just a hunky one-hit wonder currying favor with the queer community: he's an emerging talent on the cusp of dance music stardom.

"I Wanna Hold You's" indie label success story on FM and web radio has been the stuff of recent stories in music press: a July Skope feature and an August Cashbox cover piece. In mid-September, Barta was signed to Chicago-based dance and latin music giant EsNtion Records.

Quest caught up with Barta last week, just as he was about to learn the latest results from the Click List and just a couple of weeks before his new, major label single "Standing In The Rain" will try to score a hit-making hat trick a third club smash for the twentysomething tenor, who DJ Times called "one of the strongest male vocalists of 2007."

Quest: So the breaking news is that you've gotten a major record deal.

Adam: I signed with EsNtion (Records) for an album deal. It's been in the works for a couple of months. I (also) have a single that I recorded called "Standing In The Rain" which

is coming out on DJ Russ Harris' album on October 9.

Quest: You spent most of the month of August on the top of the *Click List* on LOGO with "I Wanna Hold You." In fact it's still in the top 10 the last time I checked.

Adam: Every Friday around this time my manager gets an e-mail that they've updated the website with the list. It's been on there 12 weeks, hopefully 13 if we find out in the next few minutes that it's still up there. It's been a process: getting excited every Friday around this time - 5:30 - to check the website and see if its there. It's been a great validation with everybody vot-

ing for it, everyone liking it - It's a really great feeling to have had it up there for so long.

Quest: Well for the gay crowd, they really like



that in the video you walk out with two dates at the end of the night.

Adam: (laughs) Well, that's what we were going for, you know! We kind of wanted to leave it open, so whatever your interpretation was of it, you could go with it. (It was) something for everybody. I really think it worked. If the gay crowd loves it, and the straight crowd kinda loves it, or loves the ambiguity. And it works - its been great.

Quest: And the song has been all over the radio too, like Pride Radio, XM and Sirius.

Adam: It's been on so many different stations. I actually recorded it in March of 2006, so its over

a year and a half since it was first done. But it just keeps growing and growing. They say that the life of a singe - whether its a hit or not - only has

> so much air time on the radio. But this song is like "The Little Engine That Could," with the amount of (continued) pick-ups its getting. With the LOGO countdown a lot more people are taking notice of it.

> Just yesterday I got an e-mail from the another dance artist, Pepper Mashay. A lot of people know her from her hit "Dive In The Pool" (from the *Queer As Folk* soundtrack). She wants to play it on her (radio) show. Pepper and I have been friends for a while. She's really supporting me. Everything's just coming together perfectly.

> Quest: So when will the EsNtion album be coming out?

> Adam: I have an album tentatively scheduled to come out early next year. That was the date that they gave us - early 2008. As late as March, probably more so because I haven't recorded most of it yet. I'll be in the studio the end of this year. Quest: You also have a really exciting date coming up in July 2008 as well.

Adam: Its a fantastic benefit concert - Angels Unite Worldwide 2008. It's being put together by IAD Radio (www.iadradio.com). They have some amazing performers lined up: Olivia Newton-John, Patti LaBelle. And I think Ricky Martin is on that bill. Olivia has been someone I've been watching since I was a little kid. It's gonna be a trip for me to get on stage and be with her. It's going to be July 8 in Denver. Quest: Talking about little kids,

how did a Bronx boy end up on a Chicago-based label working with a Chicago DJ (Russ Harris) as a featured artist on his upcoming album?

Adam: I started doing musical theater. From there I jumped into a boy band, actually two boy bands. It didn't turn out that well, but it gave me the tools I guess I needed to push forward my personal career. I learned about working as part of a team. Any recording artist has to have that mentality of working as a unit, whether its with other band members, or choreographers, back-up singers, managers... They have to function together cohesively.

From the boy band I launched a solo career. I

did some pop stuff that did okay, but it wasn't anything great. Then I had single called "Dirty Girls" (in 2005). The remix by the Armory Project did really well in the clubs and hit dance radio for a bit. That put me in the dance arena. From there came "I Want To Hold You" and then EsNtion Records noticed me.

Quest: So it was a story in Skope in July, then a cover on Cashbox in August, and now its the cover of Quest in September.

Adam: I'm honored. And I got the news essentially on my birthday, which is today (September 21). I got the news from (his manager) Stephen yesterday about the cover.

Quest: So where do you see yourself in five years, besides at the top of the charts?

Adam: I'm hoping to have at least a Grammy or some sort of an award - maybe an MTV Award. I hope to have a bunch of hits, good songs that I've written out there. The most important thing is to have my own stuff recorded and have done well. And just performing - I love the excitement of it, love having fans and just doing my thing. So if I can still be performing, having music that people really like five years from now, I will be very happy.

Quest: As for the immediate future, you have the new single coming out as the featured singer for DJ Russ Harris.

Adam: That will be "Standing in the Rain." Russ' album, which will have an exclusive mix - the Russ Harris mix - will be out October 9. The album is called Ear Therapy. The single from that - with additional mixes - will be in a month or two. There might be a "B-side" to that which may have "I Want To hold You" but I'm not positive.

Quest: Who do you see as your musical influences? Where does your inspiration come from? Adam: Well, I grew up listening to 'Nsync and the Backstreet Boys, Justin Timberlake and all the hip-hop male vocalists. I listen to things like Pink, R & B artists like Missy Elliott, that sort of vibe. I've really been digging Hilary Duff's new sound lately. I think her new, reinvented non-Disney sound is really working well for her. Even the new Britney Spears song - I know a lot of people have been giving her a hard time for everything that's been going on - but the song she has out now ("Gimme More") is fantastic.

Quest: As for "I Wanna Hold You," can people still get it anywhere besides videotaping it off of TV? Adam: It's available for download on iTunes and Rhapsody. It's on the Top Dance Songs of 2006 on Rhapsody. I know AOL Music also has it. For hard copy, I think they till sell it at CDBaby (www.cdbaby.com), which is an independent CD seller. That's if they have any copies left. There are also people selling it on eBay.

Quest: And you have a MySpace page, something that's de riguer in 2007.

Adam: Yeah, if you like wear clothes, you have have a MySpace page in 2007. (www.myspace.com/adambarta)

Quest: Any last thing you'd like to say to Quest's readers? This your shot!

Adam: Well I hope everyone continues to vote for it on the Click List. It's been an amazing validation of what I'm doing, so I like to thank the people who have been liking it and voting for it as well. It just makes me want to work harder to put out good music. If people want to write to me on the MySpace page, I get a chance to check it now and then and I always try to write back to everybody. And I look forward to hopefully performing in Wisconsin soon. I hope to get out there.

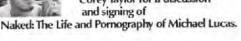
Quest: Well you know we have one of the most musical of gay pride festivals in the country with Milwaukee's PrideFest every summer. Maybe I should whisper in the PrideFest committee's ear, though by (next June) you may be too expensive to book in!

Adam: (laughs) No. I'll remember! If I get an offer (to come) to Wisconsin, I'll come out there! I'll make sure it works out! I'd love to come, that would be great!

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THEATRE & MOVIE REVIEWS

by Glenn Bishop

THE BOOK OF LIZ & WHOLE NEW THING

The Book of Liz Presented by the Boulevard Ensemble

Living in the land of Cheeseheads – Glenn wonders if the capitalization of "chesseheads" is a grammatical imperative – Amy and David Sedaris's "Book of Liz" is surely long overdue for its Milwaukee premiere. Meet Elizabeth Donderstock (Beth Monhollen), cheese ball maker extraordinaire Liz lives in the gentle lit-

tle Amish-like community of Cluster Haven. In fact, Cluster Haven owes their comfortable existence almost entirely to the fabulous cheese balls Liz makes using her secret recipe and one very rather unique ingredient.

Wistful, inquisitive and if you ask Glenn, vastly under appreciated, Liz nevertheless appears generally content with her lot in life, managing long days of working and sweating like a dog making cheese balls while keeping her unrequited passion for stiff-collared Reverend Tollhouse (Joshua Parkes) well under wraps. Cluster Haven's placid existence is shattered with the arrival of Nathaniel Brightbee (David Oplinger), a zealot whom Reverend Tollhouse inexplicably puts in charge of the making of the cheese balls.

Liz is not at all pleased with the change that has her sent to the chive fields: "I don't have the temperament for chiving." Fired up with injustice, Liz decided it is time to experience the world and manages to find her way to the Plymouth Crock Family Restaurant. Staffed entirely by recovering alcoholics – allowing the Amy and David Sedaris a rather sustained comic riff on 12-Steppers – Liz finds a new home. For a time Liz thrives in her new albeit equally dysfunctional environment.

Eventually, life catches Liz up, as it so often does stories such as this. The introduction of Pilgrim-

style mini-skirts forces Liz to choose between her new life and her lifelong faith.

Sure to appeal to fans of David and Amy Sedaris, Glenn found the appealing young cast on the final preview still struggling a bit with lines with the result their comic timing flagged at times. Monhollen appears to be one with her cheese balls, creating a heroine of tremendous warmth and sincerity. Others in the Ensemble fare unevenly at best. David Oplinger and Joshua Parkes are tremendous fun as heterosexually-challenged waiters at the Plymouth Crock Family Restaurant but sadly never quite embrace their Squeamish character counterparts. Conversely. Kirsten Mulvey provides some much needed humor as the Squeamish's resident busybody, Sister Constance Butterworth.

New on DVD "Whole New Thing"



Coming of Age films do not come any more precious or precocious than "Whole New Thing." a Canadian indie flick new on DVD. Nor do their sexually ambivalent, underage protagonists.

Emerson Thorsen (Aaron Webber) is playwright, novelist and being all of 13 years old, perhaps not surprisingly is still prone to nocturnal emissions (wet dreams).. After years of home schooling, his aging hippie parents decide to send their literary prodigy to the local, Nova Scotia middle school.

Emerson's first days at school are much as one would expect facing a new kid who manages to be effeminate, androgynous, intellectual, as well as insufferably condescending.

Surprisingly, he initially escapes with merely a rather friendly bloody nose. Naturally, Emerson charms his female classmates. He even manages to shame his mild-mannered English teacher Don Grant (Daniel MacIvor) into actually teaching literature in English class, although Glenn would like to see the class of 13 year-olds who embrace the notion of studying Shakespeare's "As You Like it" in place of some bogus nonsense called "Snowboard Snow Job."

Don is that classic gay man living a double life outside of urban safety. Returning home to care for his aged mother. Don shrewdly sends the shrew to a nursing home but inexplicably stays in the barren hollows of snowy Nova Scotia. Don spends his days teaching impressionable young minds while cruising the local rest stop at night. Lucky for Don that he has such an incredibly busy rest stop so close to

home, thinks Glenn. Don insists he content but one surreal visit to his poor old, dementia-racked mother suggests otherwise.

Of course Emerson develops a crush on Don and being that Emerson is 13 and Don is, well, a heck of a lot older, theirs is at best an unlikely romance.

If You Go

'The Book of Liz" continues at the Boulevard Ensemble through Sunday, September 30, 2007 Next up at the Boulevard is Anne Washburn's The Internationalist running from Wednesday, October 10, 2007 to Sunday, October 28, 2007 The Boulevard Ensemble is located at 2252 S. Kinnickinnic, Milwaukee, WI 414,744 5757



While the film's premise offers real potential in exploring youthful sexuality, the screenplay by Daniel MacIvor and director Amnon Buchbinder manages to crank up the "cringe" factor to previously unknown levels. Disgracefully, the screenplay repeatedly follows Don to the rest stop, so many times in fact, Glenn was heard to plead, "Enough already!" Glenn would have thought it impossible to top the cringe worthiness of the astonishing scene which offers a naked Emerson sharing a sauna with a geeky, asthmatic (happily not naked) classmate. But no. Oh. no. Wait for the scene where the towel-clad Emerson tries to seduce his English teacher. Nope, still not done. Taking the cake is the scene where a balding, middle-aged dentist picks up Emerson, thinking the lad is a male prostitute walking the mean winter streets in the heart of nowhere Nova Scotia.

At a more impressionable age, admittedly some 50 or 60 years ago, "Whole New Thing" just might have had Glenn scampering back into the closet.

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