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Lavender Portland

Anyone who has been targeted by queer tourists for their fauxhawk or Cher concert T-shirt, fielding questions about where the gay bars are, will appreciate a new brochure created by the Portland Oregon Visitors Association.

Gay Portland: A Resource Guide for the GLBT Visitor is a full-color brochure dividing the city by quadrants, with recommendations to queer-owned or welcoming restaurants, bars, coffee shops, theaters, museums and venues. It also lists organizations of interest to queer travelers or those who want to learn more about the lavender side of Portland.

And the peacock-feathered and bedazzled cover boy for the brochure is none other than local jewel Wade McCollum in a wig by Madame Bouffant.

Mayor Sam?

Portland's first openly gay city commissioner, Sam Adams, has shaken his title and become potential mayoral candidate Sam Adams, according to a *Portland Tribune* article Jan. 20.

Some say the commissioner with energy to spare is cranking out press releases to gain visibility and position himself for the 2008 mayoral election.

"I'm focused on doing a really good job as city commissioner; that's my response, and it's sincere," Adams noncommittally told the *Trib*.

Though most expected Mayor Tom Potter to serve only one term, he, too, is posturing to hold onto his bully pulpit, according to the article. He told the *Trib* he would not leave office until his "visioning project" is carried out.

"I'll tell you: Before I leave office, whether it's after one term or two terms or eight terms, that vision is going to be implemented in a strategic plan," he said in the article.

Nick Fish, Adams' opponent in the hair-splittingly close 2004 race, speculated that Adams might have the mayor's seat in mind.

"His appetite for events and the breadth of his agenda may mean he's got the mayor's job on his mind," he told the *Trib*. "But it may just speak to the fact that he hit the ground running and has gotten a lot of ink lately."

To keep an eye on Adams' political plot, visit www.commissionersam.com.

Unwelcome Letter

Eagle Scout Ted Wheeler, who is rivaling Multnomah County Chair Diane Linn in what is



Wade McCollum is proud as a peacock on the cover of *Gay Portland: A Resource Guide for the GLBT Visitor*.

promising to be a muddy election when the day is done, has lost a handful of votes for sending out unsolicited e-mail from his campaign Jan. 19 and 20.

As reported in *Willamette Week*, several pissed-off recipients sent replies to all on the list, demanding the removal of their names from the mailing list and informing Wheeler that his flap cost him their vote.


"I think the voters of Multnomah County deserve to know that Mr. Wheeler is first and foremost violating our privacy," said Nicholas Church, who received the unsolicited campaign letter from Wheeler. "If he is willing to do this in a campaign,

it makes me wonder what is he willing to do with our privacy should he be elected."

According to campaign manager Barbara Willer, Wheeler's campaign obtained e-mail addresses of the 11,000 recipients of *The Linn Line*, Linn's publicly funded electronic newsletter, by way of a public records request. Willer blamed a "tech-

media watch

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