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Brookfield 15-year-old **ELIZABETH BRYSON** left the Wisconsin Junior Teen pageant in Middleton laden with honors, including the official state crown, the Spokesmodel Award, Photogenic Award and Most Promising Model Award. Her hobby is horseback riding, but she will fly to Anaheim, California, for the national Junior Teen contest during Thanksgiving week.

The Milwaukee Ballet employs dancers from such far-flung places as Brazil, Armenia, Ukraine, Russia, Columbia, Australia and Spain, but there are still some state stars on hand. The company's five Wisconsinites are **IAN GROSH** (West Bend), **RAVEN WALES** (East Troy), **MICHAEL LINSMEIER** (Cato), **JACQUELINE MOSICKE** (Sussex) and **ADAM STERR** (Green Bay). Though from Packer-

land, Sterr says "my body type isn't suited to pro football," except perhaps for the job of long snapper, he jokes. The ballet opens this month with *Don Quixote*.

Elsewhere on the ballet front, poet and longtime *New York Times* dance critic **JACK ANDERSON**, born in Milwaukee, recently married dance historian **GEORGE EDWARD DORRIS** at a ceremony in Toronto. Both are in their 70s.



It's the ultimate in optimism. *Yes Lives in the Land of No: A Tale of Triumph Over Negativity* was illustrated and designed by Wauwatosa artist **TODD GRAVELINE** and featured on NBC's "The Today Show." The book had been floundering at 278,804th in sales on *Amazon.com*, but after the "Today" touting, the book, which offers advice on conquering crippling negativity in the business world, leapt to 356th.

STEVE MARTIN look-alike **DR. BRUCE KAUFMAN** is chief of pediatric neurosurgery at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. He and his buddy, **MATTHEW MCDANIEL**, a master flight instructor and Midwest Airlines pilot, flew a Cirrus SR-22 to all 104 Wisconsin airports in 17 hours. The summer event and the 2,119 nautical miles they put in raised \$10,000 for the hospital.

Shorewood high school graduate **LORI HOLTON NASH**, class of 1987, has been named the PBS KIDS host. Lori and an animated sidekick will guide public television viewers through a two-hour programming block for preschoolers. Another Shorewood first: **DIANE BUCK** and other lily-loving locals found a sneaky way to push the city to spend some money on beautification: They organized a fundraising tour of 10 private Shorewood gardens during the summer and donated their earnings to the Shorewood Department of Public Works. Let a thousand flowers bloom.

Local rock quintet **THE GOOD LUCK JOES** is drawing national attention with its sophomore release, *What Do You Think of That Noise?* Since its summer release, the album's first single, "48 Hours," has cracked many a top 30 playlist and was added to iTunes, giving the band some hipster allure. And R&B quartet **N4** made its second appearance on BET's "106 and Park" in July. The group won the viewer call-in competition "Wild-Out Wednesday" on its first appearance, but, to the shock of the hosts, suffered a narrow defeat this summer.

Seen at the Wisconsin Athletic Club: **BILLY IDOL**, who was in town for a show at The Rave and decided to unwind in Milwaukee after a European tour. He exercised at the WAC several

days in a row. Others who've stopped by for a WAC tune-up in the past include country singer **TIM MCGRAW** and Democratic presidential hopeful **JOHN EDWARDS**. Sweat makes for strange bedfellows.

Has the city's Italian heritage been snubbed? So thinks former Milwaukee County grounds supervisor **JIM LOMBARDO**, son of Italian immigrants, was appalled to see the old Commission Row re-

titled "The Milwaukee Marketplace" in a recent drive through the area. Yes, the new Public Market is now located there, but Italian produce vendors were there for decades. "It's an absolute insult to the history of the Italians," fumes Lombardo, who has been pressuring the city to change the signage.

The prolific **PETE MAY** of Milwaukee-based May Productions has produced (along with Channel 10) a pilot show entitled "TV-MKE," a program intended to celebrate all things Milwaukee, with vignettes on local faces and places. The show will air Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m.

The College Democrats of America have elected University of Wisconsin-Madison student **AWAIS KHALEEL** as their new vice president for the 2006-'07 school year. Khaleel, who hails from Kenosha, is the first Muslim and first Indian VP in the group's history.

Since this magazine ran an article on Wikipedia's "Milwaukee" entry, the site has erupted into a Brewtown brouhaha, with the article now running 4,500 words, up from its previous 3,000. Bay View resident **ERICA** (last name withheld) and former Milwaukeean **NICK SCHWEITZER** led the charge, but the new-and-improved "Milwaukee" boasts dozens of new contributors.