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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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Friday: **Sponsored Liquor Party & Games**

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Sunday: **Tea Dance 3pm - We Play YOUR Music, Queer As Folk 9pm**

September

2nd - Labor Day/Uniform Party

10th - Wisconsin Dells Pride!

17th - Amateur Strip Night

24th - Falling Drag Show

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October

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Aries • March 21 - April 19

Jessica Simpson was unfazed when Christian critics blasted her raunchy new video for *These Boots Were Made for Walking*. A representative for the conservative group The Resistance said it was sad to see her "whoring herself out" as a singing stripper. As Jupiter thumbs its nose at you, disgruntled types may try to bring you down, too. Turn the other cheek or whatever appendage you happen to have handy. Just because the unpopular girls are getting bitchy doesn't mean their negative vibes have to ruin your day.

Taurus • April 20 - May 20

Poor Eva Longoria. She didn't receive an Emmy nomination although three of her fellow *Desperate Housewives* did. And hard-working Charlie Murphy of *Chappelle's Show* says it's unlikely the Comedy Central hit will continue. Fortunately, Eddie Murphy's talented older brother is starting to get movie offers, so he's doing okay despite costar Dave Chappelle's *Where's Waldo?* antics. Mars is encouraging you to make lemonade from lemons. Even if you've been handed something sour, a little ingenuity will soon turn it sweet.

Gemini • May 21 - June 20

As your planetary ruler Mercury goes direct, life is starting to make sense again. The always fabulous Lynda Carter is finally getting work on the big screen. She appears in both *The Dukes of Hazzard* and the superhero kid flick *Sky High*. And Michael Jackson is said to have bought a mansion in Bahrain, planning to move there before long. This is a good thing. Get that creepy crawly crier out of the country, you say. Cosmic mojo is putting a zip in your step and a smile on your face.

Cancer • June 21 - July 22

Broadway producers are going to let Julia Roberts star in a play called *Three Days of Rain* next spring, and there's little you can do about it. And at last check Katie Holmes was still Velcroed to Tom Cruise like an extra limb. There's no way for you to intervene at this point. A moon square has you overly disturbed by people's nonsensical behavior. So the producers of the *Dr. Phil* show extended his contract for five more years. It's time to face your issues about this.

Leo • July 23 - August 22

Tucker Carlson's *The Situation* on MSNBC is positioned dead last in the ratings for prime-time cable news shows. And John O'Hurley lost out to *General Hospital*'s Kelly Monaco in the controversial finale of ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*. You feel like Carlson or O'Hurley about now. The moon is exaggerating your sense of gloom. Really, things aren't so bad. You haven't broken out in at least a month. Your apartment has air conditioning - and it's central air, too. And George Bush is still President. Oh, well. Two out of three isn't bad.

Virgo • August 23 - September 22

Many weeks ago in a land far, far away, your career was about to receive a jumpstart. Your agent called and said you were shortlisted for a hot cameo in the latest Uma Thurman flick. Your nanny service found you the perfect person, a sharp-tongued, live-in Lithuanian willing

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to work long hours for reasonable pay. And Brad Pitt left Angelina for you after changing one too many diapers. No wait, that last bit was just a dream. Oh, well. As Mercury goes direct, good things will start happening again. Really.

Libra • September 23 - October 22

Hilary Swank's cat recently set off the burglar alarm in her New York mansion, causing police to rush to the scene. And Naomi Campbell is being sued by her actress friend Yvonne Scio after the supermodel allegedly punched and kicked Yvonne because she was wearing a similar dress. You could become caught up in your own comedy of errors this week. Hopefully, it won't involve growling, hissing, or clawing. Venus advises you to play it cool even if others around you are jonesing for a catfight.

Scorpio • October 23 - November 21

Teri Hatcher is going to write a book called Burnt Toast. It will be one part advice book, one part inspiration book. Teri isn't letting the fact that she's never written a book before get her down. Neither should you let anything intimidate you this week. With a powerful second quarter moon in your sign, you'll be at the top of your game. Elijah Wood of The Lord of the Rings is starting his own record label to support artists who wouldn't otherwise get distributed. Make like this Hobbit and chase your own dreams.

Sagittarius • November 22 - December 21

On the one hand Snuppy, the Afghan hound cloned in South Korea, is sure a cute doggie. On the other hand, it took scientists 1000 tries to get it right. They transferred 1000 embryos into 123 surrogate moms but only achieved three pregnancies. From those pregnancies, only Snuppy survived. Mercury has you in a darkly skeptical mood. You figure cloning works about as well as our nation's judiciary. Martha Stewart and Lil' Kim serve jail terms while comic book archvillain Karl Rove runs around toothless and fancy free. Houston, we have a problem.

Capricorn • December 22 - January 19

Reese Witherspoon of Legally Blonde says she's a slab, and she thinks it's funny when photographers follow her around and snap pictures of her in her sweatshirt. Like Reese, you're the down-to-earth type. Jupiter is inspiring you to have a straight talk with someone. Perhaps your roommate needs a lecture about Lennie, his pet iguana, who keeps reenacting scenes from The Great Escape each night. Or maybe your fiancé of several years needs to be reminded that "commitment" isn't a four-letter word.

Aquarius • January 20 - February 18

Sir Paul McCartney has admitted that he dyes his hair. He says he even had a disaster years ago when he went onstage and embarrassing blue liquid poured down his forehead. As communicator Mercury marches ahead, you'll want to make your own confession about something. Give your spouse the full details of your last business conference, which for some reason concluded in Tijuana. Let your boss know about your secret addiction to Liquid Paper or rubber cement. "But I'm in treatment for it. Honest."

Pisces February 19 - March 20

You were psyched when a research team at Duke University found that amphetamines, including the party drug Ecstasy, reversed the effects of Parkinson's Disease in mice. You figure it's only a matter of time before crack is widely prescribed for drowsiness. Bobby Brown and Whitney, it is supposed, will be the first in line at the pharmacy. No, wait. They already have a pharmacy installed in their house, don't they? Uranus has you embracing unconventional ways of solving old problems.



Take My Advice

by Taima Hall

Dear Lady T.

I met a guy that is totally into me, and I was into him. Until I found out that he is a total drunk! I'm not into the "all day and all night binge drinking and smoking". How can I get it through his head that I don't want that in my life, and I'm not fucking him over or using him? Waiting for your rescue...

Sincerely, Waiting for Mr.Right

Waiting for Mr. Right.

Oh sweetie...I can understand not wanting someone who is a total drunk in your life. It is definitely no fun having to tolerate someone who is on a constant binge and does not understand what it is doing to their life. I suggest that you be up front and honest with this guy. This will tell you how "into you" he really is. Communication is the key to any successful relationship. I honestly believe in my soul that this guy only does this because everyone he has been around has always tolerated it. There is a great chance that if he knows how much it bothers you he may cut back on his drinking. Please do not think not expect him to stop completely. Be fair and come to a compromise. I am sure you can tolerate occasional drunkenness as opposed to all the time drunkenness. If you communicate this with him then I am sure he will not think you are "fucking him over or using him". If he does then he is not Mr. Right. I wish you nothing but happiness and joy in your life. After this conversation you will either be happy with this guy or looking for the guy who will really make you happy. You can solve a lot of things with fair compromise and I really hope it works out for you.

Hugs from Lady T

Dear Taj.

Every year that passes by I get closer to 50. And every year that passes by I still remain single. I'm a great guy that just wants to settle down and grow old with a partner. Is that too much to ask? How come it is so hard to find someone stable that doesn't run away when I tell them I'm in my late 40's? Your suggestion would be greatly appreciated.

Yours Truly, 40 something

Hi 40 something.

I am sensing that you are not comfortable with your age and that can be a huge turn off to others. Do not be afraid or ashamed of your age. There are lots of people out there who will appreciate your age and appreciate the value it brings. I have always found that people afraid of growing mature alone are not comfortable with who they are at their current age. STOP IT!!!! Stop being afraid of being 40 something. Embrace your age and make others see how happy you are at this point in your life. Allow people to see the value that you hold and why they would love to settle down with you. Do not allow people to see that you are approaching 50 years old but that life is getting better as you approach 50 years young. It is all about your attitude and your actions. No one wants to be with or around people who are afraid to mature. It is a life progression and everyone will go through it. We make the choice of HOW we will go through it. I truly believe if you change your outlook and show others how happy you are at this stage in your life you will have an over abundance of partner possibilities. Be happy and show everyone that age maturity is a great thing.



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GWM, Inmate. 31, 6'0" 200#. Short black hair with green eyes, looking for OPEN MINDED and NON-JUDGEMENTAL people only! I am not looking for handouts or head games, just pen-pals or friends. Please send photo. Everyone is asked to drop a line and say hi. You must be over 18! James Hinkle, #258820, Waupun Correctional Institute, PO Box 351 Waupun, WI 53983.

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HOT Topics

Nina Diangelo I heard was amazing at the Shelter show in august!

Now what about this Sage LaRue show that is going on?? In the past this was a benifit show for the community in memory of Miss Sage LaRue..What happentto that? I guess if any one is intrsted in holding a benifit show for yourself you are now able to call it the Sage LaRue benifit show. Somuch for the true meaning of the Sage LaRue benifit show!

So the rumor mill has it that Miss Tippy your current reigning Miss Napelease wont be there to give up her title on September 10th. Not that it should be any suprise she really has not represented them this past year. I guess it is a shame that a title holde can listen to rumors or whatever and be that way after all from what I understand this was something she really wanted. for something you really want this is a bad way of expressing it. things are always going on expecially if you are in the lime light sometimes you just have to let it go and move foward! After all she is a great person!

Brandon from the Shelter compeated in the Mr Gay USA contest in Hickory N.C. and form what I hear he did a fantastic job for is first year compeating in a national contest! Congrats Brandon!

Apperently there are some issue with Miss Suga Brown shooting her mouth off, for those who dont know her she is MR Gay WI FMI, and from what I understand is that she too has done nothing with her title! Why is it that one you win a pageant that you can think everything should be handed to you? Geezzz you have to work just as hard if not harder to promote it, and in Suga's case we havent see you at all since you won in any shows I hear that she has performed in Appleton but what about the rest of the sate? any way my advise to you is "You Better Work!!" Why are you waiting for hand-outs to get to nationals untill the last miniute? you had months and months to hold benifit shows. Oh well I guess with that said we know what kind of package she will be taking to nation-als!

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definitely a signal to us that we all need to get tested. And not just for HIV, we need to test for everything! People say that they don't know the symptoms of today's STD and HIV infections, and since they are uninformed, most won't get tested. I did some research and found this chart. The chart is a list of the STD's and their symptoms. It's for both males and females, so that the lesbians didn't feel left out. Yes ladies, we didn't leave you out. Check it out and get familiar of what to look for...

What They Will Not Tell You:

I know that this is scary to read, but what is scary to me is that some people actually look to get HIV. A person that is HIV negative and looks for a HIV positive person to convert them is called a "Bug Chaser". Yes, this does happen, and that's not all. I've personally talked to a handful of Bug Chasers to figure out why they feel the need to infect themselves with HIV. Most of their answers point in the same direction and it's not impressive. The top two answers were:

1. "I don't have to worry about getting it anymore"
2. "I like the thrill of not knowing if I got or not"

Now I know this is on their own free will, and everyone is free to make their own choices, but what I don't agree with is guys knowingly infecting other guys and not telling them. I've heard that positive guys actually get a kick out of cuming in a negative guy and either not telling him or telling him after the fact. It's not right to judge people, but that's just down right

wrong! Please give your partner the consideration of telling him your status.

You are gonna do it anyway:

Now I hope that this has helped at least one person in some way. I know we're going to make our own decisions, and if you feel like not putting on a condom then at least do it as safe as possible. Yes, the safest form of sex is to wear a condom or to not have sex at all, but not all of us make that choice. I hope you do put the condom on, but I'm not your mother and I'm not gonna scold you for not doing so. I did some searching and there is a website that offers many resources for the bareback guy, and there's an informative article about safer barebacking. Read it, because we gotta start taking care of ourselves. The website is www.barebackresources.com. I guess the name goes with what we're talking about huh?

Again, we're not here to criticize the choices that you make, but to inform you of what's out there and how to go from there. Because remember, we need you and someone in this world loves your ass.



Music Review



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DJ Tim has done it again! This summer he put out his newest CD with hits from Madison Pride weekend. With 13 tracks and a total play time of 77 minutes, and a continuous stream of mainstream club music thumping, this is a must have! Tim starts off the CD with distorted voices saying his name, and wastes no time getting right into this year's popular hit "I just wanna fuckin' dance". From there we head into "Work Out" by RuPaul, which is one of my favorite mixes. The rest of my faves, which was hard to decide because I liked them all, were: "I Touch Myself" by Kristy

Kay, "These Words" by Natasha Bedingfield, "Holla Back Girl" by Gwen Stefani, "Do Somethin'" by Britney Spears, and "Don't Cha" by Pussy Cat Dolls. To end it all off, Tim puts the outro from RuPaul's CD with Shirley Q, Liquor. It makes you smile and was a clever way to end this summer's hottest CD. It's all high energy dance music, and it's all here. For Tim's contact information visit his website at: <http://www.dj-tim.com>

If you would like your CD reviewed, send it to us at:

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| 1. JO | I Just Wanna Fuckin' Dance |
| 2. RuPaul | Work Out |
| 3. Kristy Kay | I Touch Myself |
| 4. Natasha Bedingfield | These Words |
| 5. Kelly Osborne | One Word |
| 6. Pepper Mashay | Send Me An Angel |
| 7. Gwen Stefani | Holla Back Girl |
| 8. Britney Spears | Do Somethin' |
| 9. Mariah Carey | We Belong Together |
| 10. Suzanne Palmer | Sound Of The Drum |
| 11. Pussy Cat Dolls | Don't Cha |
| 12. Michael Gray | The Weekend |
| 13. Shirley Q, Liquor | RuPaul Outro |



When did we start believing that we were invincible and we wouldn't get HIV or STD's? I know some of you don't want to hear about how you need to "wrap it up" or that HIV is on the rise again. But I think we all need a refresh crash course of Sex ED! Below is a list of STD's and HIV and how many people are affected each year. Those are pretty big numbers huh? Chlamydia tops them all, and is known as the #1 STD in the United States. I saw some pictures of the STD's below, and it wasn't pretty.

The BIG Picture:

- Chlamydia:** - 4 million
- Trichomoniasis:** - ("trich"); 3 million
- Gonorrhea:** ("clap"); 1.2 million
- Genital Warts:** - (HPV): 750,000
- Genital Herpes:** - 500,000
- Hepatitis B:** - 300,000
- Syphilis:** - 120,000
- HIV:** - One million affected, and 45,000 new AIDS cases reported each year.

What to look for:

As we round off the list, notice how many people are living with HIV. A lot huh? Did you know that 1 in 4 people don't even know they have the virus? This is

DISEASE	FIRST SYMPTOMS
AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)	Headache, night sweats, unexplained weight loss, fatigue, swollen lymph nodes, persistent fever, persistent diarrhea, oral thrush (a creamy, whitish coating on the tongue and on the inside of the mouth)
Chlamydia	Often no symptoms at all for males or females. For females: pain during intercourse. For males: a clear, watery, urethral discharge THE #1 STD because it is often "silent"
Genital Herpes	itching, tingling sensation, burning in the genital area, fluid filled blisters on the genitals in males & females, usually painful or inflamed.
Genital Warts	Soft, cauliflower-like growths appearing in clusters or alone around the vagina, penis, anus, groin, and/or scrotum
Gonorrhea	For females: a cloudy vaginal discharge, painful urination, vaginal itching. Often no early symptoms for women. For males: a yellowish, pus-filled discharge from the penis, burning with urination.
Hepatitis B	Fever, fatigue, nausea or no symptoms at all in either partner for 2 - 6 months.
Pubic Lice (Crabs)	Intense itching in both sexes. Crabs are tiny but visible in pubic hair and on thighs.
Scabies	Intense itching in both sexes. Crabs are tiny but visible in pubic hair and on thighs.
Syphilis	A sore on the genitals of both sexes (Chancre), rash, fever, sore throat, sores in the mouth or anus.

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Montage

by Bailey D

Welcome to Montage! There have been times when we all have been feeling down, or just in a rut. In this article I am going to talk about ways to keep you mental health, and your sexual health alive and strong. By doing this you are going to feel younger, stronger, and more energized. So follow these simple ways of life, and your life will be longer and fuller.

Mental health is one the leading causes of depression, and sadness, and no one wants that right? So what can we do to keep ourselves feeling good, well we can start by having a positive outlook on life. When we have a good outlook on life you will find yourself being more happy, and smiling more about things. You first have to rid your mind of the negative thoughts, and feeling of no self-worth. You are who you are, and God created you the way he wanted you to be and that is all there is to it. You should not care what people think about you, and if you ask anyone they will tell you I could care less what people say or think about me, and I live a better life for that reason. You need to go out and have fun in what ever you do, and time will go by faster, and you will end up have a more fulfilled life. There should never be a reason why you should feel down about yourself either, every person is special in their own way, and unique and that is the way it is supposed to be!

There are a few more parts to having great mental health, and I am going to just touch base on those. If you remember I wrote a fitness article a few articles back. Fitness plays a huge part in how we feel. If you work out, you are going to feel refreshed, and more energized through out the day. You also have to eat the right foods. Fatty, sugar, and fast food will all

slow you down through the day, and will make you feel tired. When you eat the right food, and the healthy foods your senses are going to awake, and heighten. You are going to be thinking more clearly, and just feel better in your life. You also have to make sure you are getting enough sleep, the better you more soundly you sleep the more refreshed you will feel the next day, and you will not "Wake up on the wrong side of the bed." So try to get at least 8 hours of sleep a night, if that is not possible try then to get at least 6 good hours.

The next one that I know everyone wants to know how to keep strong is sexual health. I know there are some people who feel down about their sex life, and don't know how to get back into the swing of things. The first thing you have to feel good about is yourself. Yes that is right we are going back to yourself, how can you feel sexual for anyone else if you don't feel good about yourself. You have to have that positive outlook again! When you feel good about yourself you are going to be able to give that other person more attention, and the sex will be great. TRUST me! Also if you have a great sex life your life will be better. Did you ever notice that after great sex you feel more alive, well just think that if you had sex everyday which is possible and great, how wonderful and alive you will feel? I want to challenge everyone to have sex for a month every day, and see how great you will feel. See if you can do it?

So I have talked a little about mental health, and sexual health. Just remember the key things, You need to:

- 1] **Feel good about yourself above all things!**
- 2] **You need to eat the right kinds of food!**
- 3] **You need to get the right amount of sleep per night!**
- 4] **And you need to have some fabulous SEX!**



Craig Hickman, "Fumbling Towards Divinity"
Thursday, September 15th

Outwords Books is especially pleased to welcome back for an appearance Craig Hickman, an accomplished poet, dancer, activist and performance artist. Craig Hickman will read and sign copies of his poignant new memoir, "Fumbling Towards Divinity" at 7:00pm on Thursday, September 15th, 2005 at Outwords Books, Gifts & Coffee, located at 2710 N. Murray Ave. in Milwaukee.

Bestselling author Craig Hickman had had enough of the secrets and cover-ups and lies and was determined to solve the mystery of his roots. A brilliant and inspirational vision of love and spirituality, "Fumbling Toward Divinity: The Adoption Scriptures" chronicles his quest for his birth heritage and the aftermath in a one-of-a-kind, ambitious, and stunning new memoir. Part mystery, part history, part family saga, part divination—all of it true—"Fumbling Toward Divinity" bears witness to the transcendent power of spirit and love in an age of terror and madness. It delivers an emotional intensity that fiction-by-comparison can only hope to achieve.

Hickman is a Madison native before later moving to Milwaukee. He began writing in 1992, winning numerous awards for his poetry and prose, including the Gertrude Johnson Williams Literary Award from Ebony magazine. His poems have been published in *Atelier 3*, *Harvard Gay and Lesbian Review* as well as the anthology, "Gents, Bad Boys, and Barbarians." His articles, reviews, and essays have appeared in numerous publications, including *The Phoenix*, *Gay Community News* and the anthology "Taking Liberties: Gay Male Essays on Politics, Sex, and Culture."

In 1993, Hickman founded the independent publishing house Parfait de Cocoa Press. Committed to publishing queer writers of color from New England, Parfait de Cocoa has published his own chapbook, "The Language of Mirrors" (1993), a collection of his poetry and prose, "Rituals: Poetry and Prose" (1994) and Jay Critchley's artist book, "Playing Games: Zeta the Greek Fertility Goddess Shoots for the Gold" (1995). In 1996, Hickman incorporated the press as an imprint of Mojo Productions.

As a performance poet, he has been featured at venues in major US cities and universities, including Brown, Bowdoin, Harvard & Yale, opened for pop recording artist RuPaul at Boston's PrideFest 1993, and co-organized and performed in "Rites & Permissions," a tribute to the late poet and activist Essex Hemphill, and "Celebrating Our Community: Remembering Our Lives," a poetry revival honoring the lives of gay men of color lost to AIDS, which he performed with poets Thomas Grimes and Philip Robinson.

In 1997, Hickman understudied "Angels in America" at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, co-produced and starred in Gal Burton's original play "Muses," and appears in the independent feature film "Nova Met Prosser" filmed on location in Boston, starring Margo Rulder.

Don't miss out on the chance to meet Craig Hickman at 7:00pm on Thursday September 15th, 2005. This is a free event and all are welcome. For further information, please call (414) 963-9089 or visit www.outwordsbooks.com.

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