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Letter from the Editor

by Cody Sarno



Our Anniversary is upon us, and as we celebrate three years of publishing, I want to thank the community for supporting us in every way you can. As most of you know, we now publish the Edge Magazine in Wisconsin, printing in Madison and the home office in Milwaukee. The trek was made up to the dairyland in February and we came out with a fresh look in March. I have goals and ideas that I think will take this magazine farther than it has before. The Edge is going to be a publication that all can enjoy, from a business person in the day to a clubber at night, focusing on the "lifestyle" of the GLBT community. There will be some cool features coming soon to the magazine, so make sure you watch for them. Speaking of coming soon, one of my goals is to have color in the inside of the magazine by summer. Color in a publication has always looked sharp but it doesn't come cheap, so we will see where this summer takes us.

As I look back to April 2003, I can't believe how far the magazine has come in such a short time. From a 16 page black and white rag to a 36 page color gloss and black & white quality magazine that distributes to Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, it sounds impressive to me. A lot of what you see in the magazine couldn't be possible without the help of many. From writers to photographers to ad designers to marketing to distributing, it is definitely a handful. The people on the right of the index page make this magazine possible, and if wasn't for

the advertisers we wouldn't exist. To them I owe a many thanks and show much respect for. To advertise with today's economic problems, shows how much each of us care for each other's business. That is why I try to give my advertisers the best price available. Cost of paper has gone up, and gloss paper is 4 times more expensive than regular stock paper, so producing a high quality publication that the GLBT community can be proud of comes with a price.

As we enter our fourth year and the year 2006, let's make it a great one! Please make sure to patronize all gay owned business and read all the gay publications, this will only make our community stronger and bring us closer than weak and divided. The gay dollar is the most powerful when put to the test, test yourself and see how much pride you have. Make it your mission to not stand down and show your pride. I leave you with my mission statement:

We at **Edge Magazine** seek to distill information, uncover solutions and provide useful tools and information that foster an increased sense of community and social equality. Fundamental to **Edge Magazine's** vision are the following principles that will guide our direction:

- Using standards of excellence in the creation of our content and selection of material.
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The newly renamed Madison Gay Softball League, SSBL-Madison, is accepting

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7th from 6-8pm at The Shamrock. All skill levels are encouraged and welcomed to join.

Surveys will be conducted to see if there is interest to add a competitive league with

the current recreational league. Softball players can go to ssblmadison.com for

information. Any questions can be e-mailed to the league commissioner at

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The President, First Lady and Dick Cheney were flying on Air Force One. George looked at Laura, chuckled and said, "You know, I could throw a \$1,000 bill out of the window right now and make somebody very happy."

Laura shrugged her shoulders and replied, "I could throw ten \$100 bills out of the window and make ten people very happy."

Cheney added, "That being the case, I could throw one hundred \$10 bills out of the window and make a hundred people very happy."

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Take My Advice by Tajma Hall

Dearest Taj,

I have a right-winged family. Their very conservative and have a big problem with me being gay. I'm sure you have answered this a million times, but I really need an answer best suited for me. I don't understand why some people are so judgemental. I am just as good of a person as they are, and just as much of a sinner as they are. I didn't CHOOSE to be gay, it is just the way I am. How should I react to my family when we get into heated discussions about it?

Sincerely,
Co-exist

Dearest Co-exist,

I must say it always saddens me when I hear from someone like yourself. I think it is so unfair to have to live your life worry about what your family thinks. It is bad enough that you have society to deal with but having to face the same issues with family is a double blow. Every family is different and reacts to gay issues in different ways. I think you have one advantage that most who experience difficulty with family does not. You know that you did not CHOOSE to be gay. You are very clear that it is just the way you are. With that attitude you need to be strong in your belief when you are with your family. I am not saying go out of your way to make them uncomfortable but do not back down or hide who you are. Most people will always be uncomfortable with things they do not understand. I think it is not until you have to face it first hand

that you will ever find comfort. It is your job to help your family realize that you are the same person whether gay or straight. You need to be natural in what you do and let them see that being gay is just as normal as being straight. Do not be ashamed to talk about the same sex person you met just as you would the opposite sex person if you were straight. I think if you talk to your parents about dating and not hide it from them it will slowly but surely bring them to the realization that being gay is not going away.

I think parents are so affected because they think a gay child will cause them to miss the one on one conversations about who you love and what is so great about that person. You must show your parents that you will still be the same responsible person and that you do indeed value their opinion. They may or may not like the person you are with but that happens whether you are gay or straight. What I am trying to say to you is inclusion is the key. Do not exclude your parents or other family members from what is going on. They may scream at first and pretend they do not want to talk about it but that is normal behavior for people experiencing something new. Stand tall and firm in who you are and share it with those who really love you. You may not feel the love but trust me its there. Talk to each family member separately and let them know how much you love them and want them to love you back unconditionally. You will be surprised at what including them in your life completely will accomplish. Let me know how it goes.

Much love
Taj

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To Miss Tajma Hall,

Girl, you've been awful quiet. I was wondering what Miss Hall had up her sleeve. Are you running for any pageants? Or are you taking some time off? Your voyage as a female impersonator is always fun to hear.

Yours truly,
Pageant Guy

Hello Pageant Guy,

There comes a time in everyones life when you need to step back and look at what is going on. The time has come that I do that! I have a lot going on right now and my concentration needs to be on my life and my family. I have decided that this year I will spend focusing on the direction that my life needs to take for the good of my family. I by no means am leaving the pageant circle but I need a short break. In 2005 I lost my brother, an uncle and two cousins. In 2004 I lost my grandfather, an aunt, and 3 uncles. This was all on my mothers side of the family and it affected the family, especially my mother, greatly! She fell into bad health and it affected my concentration in everything I was doing. I competed in Miss Continental Plus last year with my mom really on my mother and not the pageant. Also, I have a 15 year old son, which is probably a shock to most of you. He lives with my mom and is now requiring my attention. He is very clear about who I am and he calls me mom. He loves me unconditionally and comes to stay with me as often as possible. I say all this to give you a brief overview of what is happening in my voyage. I will continue to do shows this year and until I can not walk but I will probably not compete again until late fall. So once again if you would like to sponsor me please drop me a line because doing pageants SURE AIN'T CHEAP!!!!

Love you
Miss Tajma Hall

Hey Lady Taj,

Its Unwanted from last month. I just wanted to let you know I dumped my friend that really wasn't a friend. As soon as I did, I found a guy that likes me for me, and he makes me happy. Thank you for "kick in the ass" I really needed it! Keep it up!

Much love,
Now-wanted

Hey Now-wanted,

I am very proud of you! It takes a strong person to dump a friend who really is not a friend. Most people hope the so called friend will change. I am glad to see you took the right step and have found someone who is really in your corner. Now - you must help me spread the word so others will get rid of the people who are slowly destroying their lives and pretending to be a friend. Wonder twin powers activate.....the shape of a chain saw.....the appearance of fire.....NOW LETS SAW THE BITCHES IN HALF AND WATCH THEM BURN BABY BURN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Loving you back,
Lady Taj

Oh my....I hope you are all having a great year! The year seems to be moving pretty quickly and no signs of slowing down. I am looking forward to spring and hope you are also. Remember....I am the spokesperson for Eat-A-Meal and always will be. My slogan is and remains....Don't put off eating tomorrow what you can eat today because tomorrow is not promised to you! So girls start planning your cook outs and lets have ribs, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, shish kabobs or whatever its called, steaks and all the fixings.....and you better invite me! Love you all....pinto beans and collard greens....

Lady Taj

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Capital Headlines

by Nikki Baumbblatt



On March 27, Fair Wisconsin held its Madison kick-off event with special guest Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin. The assembled crowd was informed that in the weeks since the Assembly passed the marriage ban, Fair Wisconsin has been gaining tremendous momentum in every corner of the State. The message was, "Let's keep the momentum going!" If you were unable to attend the kick-off you can learn more about Fair Wisconsin go to <http://www.fairwisconsin.com> or check out the "No on the Amendment" blog at <http://noontheamendment.blogspot.com>.

Events and Groups

* The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network of South Central Wisconsin (GLSEN-SCW) is accepting award nominations for educators and community activists who have made a positive impact on the climate for lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) people in Wisconsin schools.

GLSEN-SCW will recognize one educator and one community activist for their work at the 10th Annual Celebration of Leadership at the Monona Terrace in downtown Madison on Saturday, May 20, 2006.

Individuals and groups are encouraged to nominate educators, community members, and students who they feel are deserving of such an award. Letters of nomination should include the following information:

Name of nominee and their role with school;

Nominator's relationship to nominee, including length of relationship;

Steps nominee has taken to help improve the school's climate and to raise awareness and acceptance for LGBT students and staff.

Nominations should be no longer than two typed pages. Nominators should include their name and contact information (phone and email, if applicable). Deadline for nominations is April 5, 2006. Nomination materials can be downloaded from the GLSEN-SCW website: www.glsenscw.org and should be printed and mailed to: GLSEN-SCW, Attn: Awards Committee, 1202 Williamson Street, Madison, WI 53703

* As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), OutReach is pleased to welcome Cara Thaxton of Rape Victim Advocates based out of Chicago to help educate and discuss sexual assault and domestic violence in



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* **Madison now has** a new social group for women called Women at the Movies. The group meets once a month for dinner and a movie or show. Their April meeting will be on Saturday evening, April 22nd. This month, instead of seeing a movie, they're going to see live theater, specifically the new production of "Dutch Love," by StageQ at the Bartell Theater.

If you are interested join us at Mercury Café (117 E. Mifflin St.) at 6:00 p.m. for dinner, before walking over to the Bartell Theater (113 E. Mifflin St.) for the 8:00 p.m. show of "Dutch Love." You can park for \$1 in the city ramp at the corner of East Mifflin and South Webster Streets, on the outer square.

You can make reservations by phone at 661-9696, extension 3, or make reservations or purchase tickets online at www.StageQ.com. If you would like to be added to their mailing list, please send an email to moviewomen@tds.net

Music and Entertainment

* The very queer friendly Mad Rollin Dolls will have their next roller derby game on April 8th. Prepare to see girls in short skirts and fishnets fight for supremacy of the roller skate ring. Keep an eye out for Pocahotass and Princess Die to see what true rivalry looks like. Tickets can be gotten on their web page at www.madrollindolls.com.

* **Broom Street Theater** is putting on "Fire Exit" now until April 9th. Fire exit is the story of Five friends approaching middle age returning to the club of their youth to rekindle the past. The play is inspired by the legacy left behind by the Hotel Washington. Tickets are only sold the night of the show at Broom Street Theater, located at 1119 Williamson Street.

* **Madison Pride** invites you to enjoy an *Evening in Bangkok*. Join us for a night of dancing, costumes and prizes on Friday, April 14 in the Madison Room of the Inn on the Park. The event will begin at 9:00 p.m. and the admission is \$10 per person.

You can dress consistent with the theme or choose a costume of your own liking. All those who attend in costume will be eligible for the "Best Costume Award." Madison Pride will also be offering prizes for the

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* A Room of One's Own is supporting the performance of **Girlyman**, a very gender fluid band that combines harmonizing vocals with a range of music styles going from country rock to pop. They will be performing at the High Noon Saloon on Friday, April 14.

* **Melissa Ferrick** and Peter Mulvey will be in Madison on Saturday, April 29 at 8:00 p.m. at Club Majestic (115 King Street). For more information contact Club Majestic at 608-251-2582.

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4th Saturday - Leather Night at Barracks - Madison
3rd Friday - The Chippewa Valley Bears - Wolfe's Den/ Eau Claire

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Every Wednesday - Leather Night Milwaukee - Harbor Room, Milwaukee

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Some Leather Facts and Definitions

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Leather is an agricultural by-product of the food industry. We purchase the hides and transform them into beautiful leather apparel and accessories.

Up Coming events

The Mr. Midwest Leather Contest first began in 2005 in Dubuque, Iowa. It is entering its second year in 2006. This contest is open to contestants throughout the Midwest Region including the 13 states of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, and Kentucky.

The feeder contest was Mr. Madison Leather 2006 at the Barracks Bar in Madison, Wisconsin on February 11, 2006. The Mr. Midwest Leather Contest is also open to other contestants who are not part of these feeder contests. We are hoping to get contestants from throughout the Midwest Region. If you are interested in being a contestant,

please email Kurt at
Kurt@MrMidwestLeather.com.

The Chicago Eagle is the host for the exciting Mr. Midwest Leather Contest 2006, which will take place in Chicago, Illinois on April 8, 2006.

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Leather Bound

Introduction

Leather is one of nature's most versatile and sensual materials. It offers comfort and durability in a variety of beautiful finishes, textures and colors. At Look at That, we know leather, its characteristics, its value, and the way it makes you look and feel good like any luxurious item should. Our remarkable leather accessories provide years of pleasure and long-lasting use. Through our experience we've learned the best methods for maintaining leather. And of course we all know what it does to US when we wear it.

Leather Care Tips

The following information explains how leather is made and the best ways to keep your leather looking its best for years to come. We want you to be educated when purchasing leather as a consumer.

Do not use saddle soap, solvents, abrasives or caustic household cleaners such as soap or dish detergent. Avoid using cleaning fluid, shoe cream, and mink oil. These products contain ingredients that may damage leather. These vary widely in strength and in compatibility with today's water-

based leather finishes, and may cause cracking or other damage to the leather surface. Direct sources of heat and extended exposure to direct sunlight may also be harmful to the leather and should be avoided. Remember that leather cleaners have the proper cleaning ingredients to get the job done right but will dry the hide out; all you have to do is use neats foot oil. This will keep it from drying out and cracking. Remember to also do this right before winter, as this season is very hard on any kind of leather.

Wax

Place ice cubes in plastic bag over wax until it becomes firm enough to gently lift from surface. Treat any residual marks as grease.

Gum

Gently heat with hair dryer. Use clean white cloth to rub gum from surface onto cloth. Treat any residual marks as grease.

Blood/Urine

Flush from leather with clear water and soft cloth.

Finished Leather: Clean with **OLD Soft Cotton Tee -shirt and Lexol Leather Cleaner**, then treat with **Lexol Conditioner and Protector**.

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**All songs are dance remixes

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Music Review

by Dj Tim



We all know that mainstream radio barely plays any dance music and almost all urban/rap lately, at least not like radio used to in the early 90's (Crystal Waters, Deee-Lite, etc). Well there have been a few artists who have actually broken the mainstream radio barrier and become very popular with the artists actually relasing an album with it too which is not always the case with dance music. Robbins Entertainment is one of dance musics biggest labels. Remember the songs "Everytime We Touch", "Heaven" and "Listen To Your Heart"? All three of those songs came from Robbins Entertainment and were made popular by mainstream radio. They all have recently came out with albums. The most recent is Cascada. The



album is called "Everytime We Touch" which is the same name as their top 10 single you can currently hear on the radio. I've heard some of the tracks on this album and some are pretty good but a few almost sound exactly like Everytime We Touch. The second is D.H.T. feature Edmee which is

called "Listen To Your Heart" which is also the name of their top 10 song that has been played on the radio too. This album isn't too bad either and has a couple mixes of Listen To Your Heart.



DJ Sammy also has an album too called "Heaven", yeah all three albums are soooo original with their titles apparently. This album has the classic "Heaven" song as well as the popular "California



Dreamin", "Boys Of Summer" and "Sunlight". They also have the oh-so romantic "Heaven (Candlelite Mix)" which you can play for your special someone before you get it on. Check out Robbins website at: www.Robbinsent.com and check out these titles plus a huge catalog of dance albums, complimations, singles and more. And remember the more you support dance music (not just illegally downloading it) the more legit dance music will be!

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