



clubs & krewes

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WOW! It is now 2007, can you believe it is here already. I am continually amazed at how fast time goes. Now that the "Holidays" are over, it is not the time to lay back on your laurels, however.

Many of us here in New Orleans are busier than ever preparing for Mardi Gras 2007! Twelfth Night on January 6th is just the beginning of the celebration. There are preparations for parades and of course, the Bal Masque's that will fill the calendar.

The Lords of Leather Bal Masque XXIV will be held on Sunday, February 18, at the Alario Center in Westwego. Lords Ball Captain George says that the doors will open at 7pm and the Ball will start at 8pm.

The Lords of Leather will also host the annual Night of the Black Mask Block Party at the Phoenix on Friday night, February 16th. More information will be available by the time the next edition of my column comes out. More information on these and all the Lords of Leather events are available on their web site, www.lordsofleather.com.

The Lords also continue to hold their monthly Beer Bust on the patio at The Phoenix on the second Friday of every month.

The Krewe of Armeinius Ball Captain, Charles Tubberville, tells me that their ball will be held on Saturday, February 17th at the Alario Center with doors opening at 7:45pm and the ball starting at 9pm.

Charles also told me that they have a fund-raiser coming up. And The World Goes Round will be held on January 11th at the La Petite Theater at 8pm. For more information and tickets, contact Charles @ 504.756.8434. You can also get information about the krewe from their web site www.kreweofarmeinius.com.

The Cavaliers Motorcycle Club President Mitch is busy organizing the upcoming riding season as well. Mitch tells me that the calendar has been updated on the Cavs web site, www.cavaliersmc.com, with more updates coming soon. The Cavaliers will also be returning to their Traveling Bike Night so watch for them to ride up to a bar

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beauty of Washington, D.C.

This was also the month we saw Mikey leave for Shreveport. This wonderful child was one of the best things to ever happen to Splash, but after graduation, it was work calling, and that work was not to be in the capital city. It was also a rough month for him in the dental department. The last time I saw him, his face was swollen from the work that his dentist had done. He was in pain but still going strong as if nothing had happened.

To Be Continued...

near you!

Lance Pippin of the Louisiana State Gay Rodeo Association reminded me that the LSGRA is due to be officially recognized by the IGRA at their board meeting on January 15th in Phoenix. "This is a huge step for us in bringing a Gay Rodeo to New Orleans" Lance says. IGRA is the sanctioning body for Gay Rodeo's world wide. Information on how to become involved with the LSGRA can be found at www.lsgra.com. Having been to one of the informational meetings in November, I can tell you they have a lot



ONE LAST SONG

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Coffee On A Winters Night: Party One

Carl sat at the far end of the long low counter at the truck-stop, it was warmer here than at the other end where the door opened directly to the outside weather. He was no stranger to the freezing cold winters having been bred and born in the wilds of Montana. It had been snowing now however for more than an hour, not real heavy, but just enough to keep him in here sipping on hot coffee rather than standing by the interstate ramp with his thumb out. He wasn't sure just where he was heading, he just knew that he needed a big change in his life. He needed a new direction, a new goal and hopefully a new outlook. It seemed he had been riding herds for as long as he could remember and quite truthfully he had been since he was about thirteen years of age. Now here he was ten years plus one later, not having a single clue just what he wanted for his future. He just knew that he did not want it to remain what it had been up until last night.

What set him off last night to just decide that once and for all it was time to move on with his life, to leave the ranch he had been raised on, to leave the home and his parents whom he cared for immensely? Well that's kind of a long story, but you know your going to hear it from me, just as it was related, word by word in the dimly lit bar the other evening, but first let me tell you a little about Carl.

He was a towering specimen of a man. Straw blond hair tousled almost falling to his broad shoulders, narrow waist, his thighs bulging with muscles from riding. He was a bit bow legged, but not so much as to be distracting, just enough to make a person wonder just what it was from, kind of sexy in a way. Upon first seeing him one would wonder just how he got into his jeans, they were so tight they looked like they might have been painted on, or that he had been somehow

of hard working people to make this happen but of course could use a few more.

The Crescent City Outlaws continue holding their monthly Bar Night on the third Saturday of every month at Cowpokes from 9pm till midnight. Outlaws President Mina tells me that they are working on rescheduling their Ho-Down as well. Watch for more information soon.

The New Orleans Bear and Bear Trapper Social Club holds their monthly meeting on the first Friday of every month at the Phoenix with their Beer Bust following the meeting on the patio. The Beer Bust starts at 9pm and runs till Midnight.

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, Carnival time is here. Have a great season. Get out and support all the krewes and remember to please be careful.

very clearly that his life had literally gone to hell after they released the movie Brokeback Mountain and how that now everyone you met was sure that all real cowboys were screwing their best buddies out on the range. That was after about five or six straight shots of bourbon, so I assumed that it was the whiskey talking and not really the cowboy. He tilted his hat back a little bit so that eyes met mine directly and asked me if I knew what he meant. I said I thought that I did, he laughed about that. You have absolutely no idea of what I'm talking about he fired back at me, a sternness in his voice that at once startled me and excited me. Well maybe I didn't I conceded, maybe you ought to tell me about it, if you want to that is I added.

He smiled that overly friendly smile again. "I don't know if I could tell it. I'd like to though, maybe it would get some things off my mind. You want to hear it?" he asked. "You won't laugh at me or anything, huh?" "Try me," was my response.

Carl had never known any other life than that of ranching, he was born into, that was just the way it was. He had schooling of course, everyone now a days did. But after school and all summer long he was a working ranch hand. He rode the range with men, ate with them, bunked with them out of doors for weeks on end. He cooked over an open fire, bathed in creeks and did his personal business behind bushes just like all the other hired hands, even though he was the owners son. His dad had wanted it that way, he wanted his son to know what it was like from the ground up to run a ranch, and like he kept reminding him, one day all of it would be his, and his alone, as he was their only child.

And Carl wanted it this way to, for despite his young years he knew deep down inside if he didn't understand the life of a ranch hand he would never grasp the inner workings of running a ranch as large as this one. He wanted to please his father, to show him he was worthy of his trust and his love. He loved his dad, this man who had given him life. This man who had nothing to start with, but worked and saved until he could afford to buy one of the largest chunks of real estate in Montana. He loved him and more than that he respected him. He wanted his fathers respect, he wanted to earn that for himself, and so every summer he saddled up and joined the other hired hands driving the cattle to their summer pastures. Since he was in his early teens this had been the way he spent every summer vacation, riding herd on the range. At first his mother had objected strenuously ,saying it was no way for a kid to be spending his summers, but he pleaded and begged and cajoled her until she finally relented and gave into him. If for some reason that she could never understand this is how he enjoyed spending his free time, so be it she wouldn't stand in his way. For the life of her, she never did come to understand this, but she became complacent when he left every summer just as city mothers do when their children leave for summer camp. This was apparently his version of summer camp, and his father did gain respect for his son, for his endurance and for the fact that he actually did go out there and learn the ropes. Not only learned them but excelled at them. The more experienced herders came to respect this

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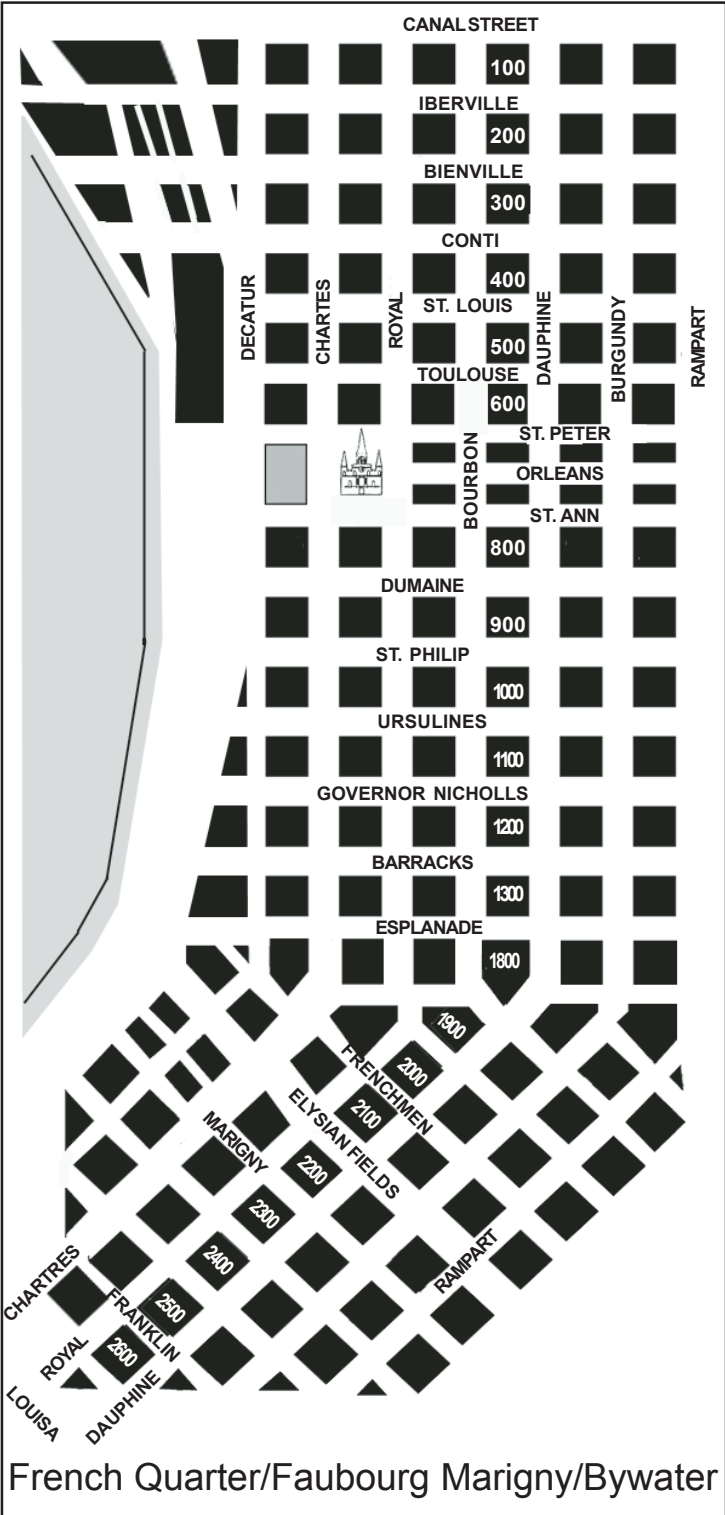
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 LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HILLTOP ARBORETUM, 11855 Highland Rd., 767.6916
 LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY RURAL LIFE MUSEUM, I-10 at Essen Lane, 765.2437
 LSU MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE and MUSEUM OF GEOSCIENCE, LSU Campus, 388.2855
 MAGNOLIA MOUND PLANTATION, 2161 Nicholson Dr., 343.4955
 OLD ARSENAL MUSEUM, State Capitol Complex, 342.0401
 OLD BOGAN FIRE STATION, 427 Laurel St., 344.8558
 OLD GOVERNOR'S MANSION, 502 North Blvd., 344.5272
 OLD PENTAGON BARRACKS, State Capitol Dr. at River Road, 342.1866
 OLD STATE CAPITOL, 100 North Blvd. at River Road, 342.0500 or 342.4479
 USS KIDD/NAUTICAL HISTORICAL CENTER, Government St. at River Rd., 342.1942
New Orleans, LA [504]
 BEAUREGARD-KEYES HOUSE, 1113 Chartres, 523.7257, Mon-Sat 10am-3pm
 CABILDO, 701 Chartres, Jackson Square, Tues-Sun 10am-5pm
 CAC [Contemporary Arts Center], 900 Camp St., 528.3805, cacno.org
 1850 HOUSE, 523 St. Ann, Tues-Sun 10am-5pm
 GALLIER HOUSE, 1132 Royal, 523.6722, Mon-Fri 10am-3:30pm
 GERMAINE WELLS MARDI GRAS MUSEUM, 2nd Floor Arnaud's, 819 Bienville
 HERMANN-GRIMA HISTORIC HOUSE, 820 St. Louis, 525.5661, Mon-Fri 10am-3:30pm
 HISTORICAL PHARMACY MUSEUM, 514 Chartres, 524.9077, Daily 10am-5:30pm
 HISTORIC NEW ORLEANS COLLECTION, 533 Royal, 523.4662, Tues-Sat 10am-4:45pm
 LONGUE VUE HOUSE AND GARDENS, 7 Bamboo Rd, Metairie, 488.5488, Mon-Sat 10am-4:30pm, Sun 1-5pm
 MUSEE CONTI HISTORICAL WAX MUSEUM, 917 Conti, 525.2605, Daily 10am-5:30pm
 NATIONAL D-DAY MUSEUM, 945 Magazine, 527.6012
 NEW ORLEANS MUSEUM OF ART, City Park, 1 Collins Diboll Circle, 488.2631, Tues-Sun 10am-5pm
 OGDEN MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN ART, 925 Camp St., 539.9600
 OLD U.S. MINT, 400 Esplanade, Tues-Sun 10am-5pm
 PRESBYTERE, 751 Chartres, Jackson



Square, Tues-Sun 10am-5pm
 ST. LOUIS CATHEDRAL, Jackson Square,
 Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 1:30-5pm

ORGANIZATIONS

Mobile, AL
ALABAMA PRIDE FEST,
 MobileAlabamaPride.COM
AQUA, THE PARTY, PO Box 145, Mobile,
 AL 36601, **TheAquaParty.COM**
BAY AREA INCLUSION,
 BayAreaInclusion.ORG
FUSION, MobileFusion.ORG
GULF COAST BEARS & LEATHER ASSOCIATION, b-bobs.com/gcbla.htm
MOBILE ALABAMA PRIDE BOWLING LEAGUE

Pensacola, FL [850]
 APPETITE FOR LIFE, INC., provides 2 nutritionally balanced meals a day-lunch & dinner, for some 60 men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS, 1842 West Cervantes St.; Mail: P.O. Box 308, 32592-0308; 470.9111, Fax: 470.0201, gaypensacola.com/appforlife
GULF COAST TIDE, INC.
 www.GulfCoastTide.org
 info@GulfCoastTide.org

Alexandria, LA [318]
 CLASS [Central Louisiana AIDS Support Services], 103 Bolton Ave., 71301; 1.800.444.7993, 442. 1 0 1 0, FAX: 443.5216

Baton Rouge, LA [225]
 HAART (HIV/AIDS Alliance for Region Two), 4550 North Blvd., #250, 927.1269, Fax: 927.7367, haartinc.org, haartinc@aol.com
 GBLSU [Gays, Bisexuals, Lesbians & Supporters United], glsapres@unixl.sncc.lsu.edu, Kristy Price, President, 388.5160
KREWE OF APOLLO/BATON ROUGE, PO Box 3591, 70821; kreweapollobr.org
KREWE OF DIVAS, kreweofdivas.com, 343.0380
 LAMBDA GROUP, 2937 Greenwood Dr., PO Box 82775, 70884-2775, 907.3665, www.lambdabr.org, info@lambdabr.org
 LEWIS HUMPHREY'S FOOD FOR FRIENDS, 387.9798
 METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BATON ROUGE, P.O. Box 64966, 70896, Worship Sunday, 11am, 7747 Tom Dr., 248.0404, www.MCCBR.org

MYSTIC KREWE OF ROYALTY, PO Box 66571, 70896; 926.1698
 PFLAG BATON ROUGE, 11445 Bard Ave. #131, 70815-2207, Mon.-Fri. 8am-9pm, 275.2538, 24 Hour Hotline 252.4618, BRBoi0891@aol.com
Lafayette, LA [337]
 ACADIANA CARES [Concern for AIDS Relief, Education, and Support], PO Box 386, Lafayette, LA 70502; 203 W. 3rd St., 70501; 233.2437, FAX: 235.4178; 800.354.2437
KREWE OF APOLLO/LAFAYETTE, PO Box 53251, 70505
 LEAGUE FOR EQUALITY, PO Box 53425, 70505

PFLAG/LAFAYETTE, PO Box 31078, 70503
 ROYAL ORDER OF UNICORN, PO Box 3985, 70502

Monroe, LA [318]
 GO CARE 2121 Justice, 71201, 325.1092
New Orleans, LA [504]
 ACADIANA RAINBOW SOCIETY OF THE DEAF, PO Box 57166, 70157; 889.0138 (TDD)
AIDS HOTLINE, 821.6050 in New Or-

leans, 1.800.99.AIDS[2437]-9 toll free state-wide

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 779.1178
 BELLE REVE NEW ORLEANS, AIDS Residence for Families, PO Box 3305, 70177; 945.9455

BROTHERHOOD, INC., To decrease the spread of AIDS and HIV among African Americans, 1661 Canal St., Suite 3230, 70112; 566.7955

CAVALIERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB: Gay motorcycle group sponsors monthly day rides and other riding events in New Orleans area. Visit www.cavaliersmc.com or call 782.5625 or e-mail info@cavaliersmc.com.

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE LIBERATOR, Sun. 10:30am Service, 2013 Royal St., christliberator@yahoo.com

COMING OUT SUPPORT GROUP, meets 1st Wed. of each month, 7:30-9pm, Info: Liz - 482.4012; Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 2114 Decatur St., 70116; 945.1103

COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK, a project of the NO/AIDS Task Force which works with the gay community to implement HIV prevention activities, 507 Frenchmen St., 945.4000, noaidstaskforce.com

COPS 8 (Citizens' Organization for Police Support in the 8th District), 840 N. Rampart St., #51, 70116; 588.COPS (2677), cops8.org

DRAMA! [A Gay & Lesbian Arts Organization], PO Box 52565, 70152; 948.9924, DramaNO.org, DRAMA@DramaNO.org

FOOD FOR FRIENDS, 944.6028

FORUM FOR EQUALITY, 336 Lafayette, Suite 200, 70130; 947.2981, ForumForEquality@aol.com

FOUNDATION FOR MACROBIOTIC WAY, enjoy-life.com

GAY APPRECIATION AWARDS, 828-A Bourbon St., 70116-3137; 522.8049; **AmbushMag.COM/GAA**

GAY COUNSELING LINE, 833.1500
 GLSEN [Gay Lesbian & Straight Education Network], 482.4081, Fax 595.8587, E-mail: glsenno@hotmail.com, glsenno.org

GULF GENDER ALLIANCE [GGA], Non-Profit Support Group for Transgender persons. Monthly meetings, socials and political activism. Privacy respected and expected. Interview required. Nondiscriminatory. Call 504.324.4035 or write PO Box 56836, New Orleans, LA 70156-6836; gga.org, E-mail: info@gga.org

HALLOWEEN IN NEW ORLEANS, INC., PO Box 52171, 70152-2171; **halloweenneworleans.com**

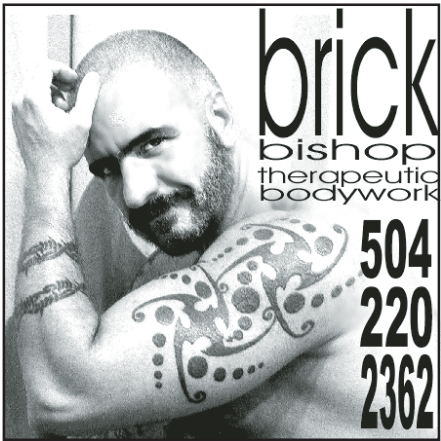
HATE CRIMES HOTLINE, c/o Family Service of Greater New Orleans, 504.202.2131. The Hate Crimes Project offers to assist those who feel that they may have been a victim of a hate crime. The project provides advocacy for persons victimized due to race, religion, gender and gender identity, age, disability, and/or sexual orientation.

IN THIS TOGETHER, HIV/AIDS Case Management, 1661 Canal Street, Suite 3107, 70112; 962.3245, is **www.inthistogetherinc.org**, **itt@accesscom.net**

KOCKTAIL BUNCH BOWLING LEAGUE, Contact Glenn Culp, 504.861.0233

KREWE OF ARMEINIUS, PO Box 56638, New Orleans, LA 70156-6638, cetubby@cox.net, **Armeinious.COM**

KREWE OF AMON RA, PO Box 7033, Metairie, LA 70010, 450.6916, **KreweofAMonRa.org**



KREWE OF MWINDO, PO Box 51031, 70156; 913.5791, **KreweOfMwindo.ORG**, **krewe@kreweofmwindo.org**

KREWE OF PETRONIUS, PO Box 71665, 70172, Pres. Wally McLaughlin 524.2915, Sec. Mae Falgout 484.6045

KREWE OF QUEEN TEENAS/KING CAKE QUEEN ROYALTY CLUB, 828-A Bourbon St., 70116-3137, 522.8049, **GayMardiGras.COM/KCQ**

LaCARP [Louisiana Community AIDS Research Program], 584.1971

LA-LIFT, Social Club for Lesbians, age 50+, who have fun together on weekends. E-mail: armyvet20@webtv.net

LAMBDA CENTER, 831 Elysian Fields Ave., 70117, LambdaCenter.NET, info@lambdacenter.net,

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW ORLEANS, 234 Loyola, Suite 421, 70112; 581.9106

LESBIAN & GAY COMMUNITY CENTER OF NEW ORLEANS, 2114 Decatur St., 70116-2013; 945.1103, Fax 945.1102, Email: info@lgccno.net

LORDS OF LEATHER, PO Box 770435; 70117, **LordsOfLeather.COM**

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS, Sunday Friendship Hour 4:15pm, Worship/Celebration, 5pm at St Matthew's UCC, 1333 Carrollton Ave. at Willow; Mailing Address: PO Box 71024, 70172; 945.5390, **www.mccgno.com**

MYSTIC KREWE OF SATYRICON, 1021 Gov. Nicholls St., 70116, 525.4498, **MysticKreweOfSatyricon.COM**

NEW ORLEANS BEAR & BEAR TRAPPER SOCIAL CLUB, PO Box 740894, 70174-0894; 529.6975, www.pridespecialty.com/BearClub.html, phoenixcs@hotmail.com

NEW ORLEANS GAY MEN'S CHORUS, 948.6884, nogmc.com; nogmc@aol.com

NEW ORLEANS JAZZ & HERITAGE FESTIVAL, nojazzfest.com

NEW ORLEANS WOMEN'S MUSIC COLLECTIVE, 2903 Jefferson Ave., 70115; Ann 838.7918, Sydney 833.2834

NO/AIDS TASK FORCE, 2601 Tulane Ave., Suite 500, 70119; 821.2601; NOAIDSTaskForce.COM

MOC/NO [Men of Color/New Orleans], 482.5341

OFFICIAL GAY EASTER PARADE, 828-A Bourbon St., 70116-3137, 504.522.8049, **info@gayeasterparade.com**, **GayEasterParade.COM**

OFFICIAL GAY MARDI GRAS, 828-A Bourbon St., 70116-3137, 504.522.8049, **GayMardiGras.COM**

OFFICIAL GAY NEW ORLEANS, 828-A Bourbon St., 70116-3137, 504.522.8049, **GayNewOrleans.COM**

OFFICIAL SOUTHERN DECADENCE, 828-A Bourbon St., 70116-3137, 504.522.8049, **SouthernDecadence.COM**

PEOPLE OF SUBSTANCE, INC. (POS), 7210 Arbor Dr., 70126, 244.1920, posnola.com

PFLAG/NO [Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays/ New Orleans], PO Box 15515, 70175; 895.3936, 392.0001, pflagno.org, info@pflagno.org

PRIDE FEST NEW ORLEANS, presented by New Orleans Alliance of Pride, c/o Lesbian & Gay Community Center Of New Orleans, 2114 Decatur St., 70116-2013; 945.1103, Fax 945.1102, pridefestneworleans@yahoo.com