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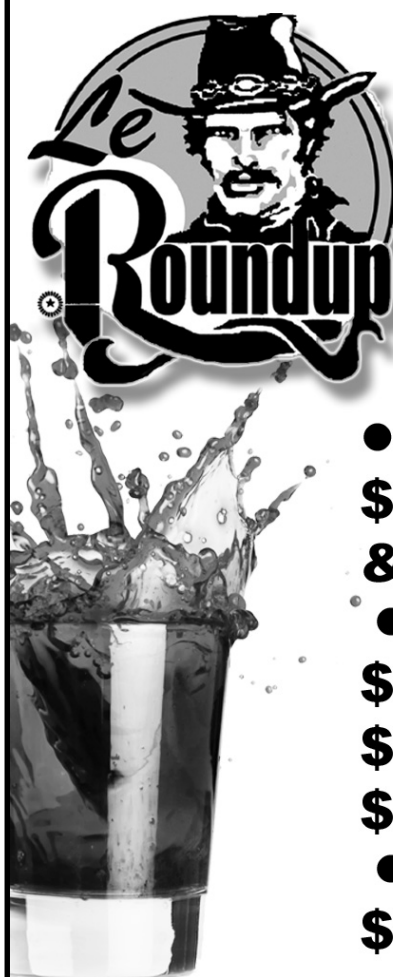
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ished area. I hope he brings me back something cool. It is actually very refreshing to see younger people getting involved in making the world a better place.

After Phillips, my friend Beaux and I met some others at Oz for an evening of amusement and frivolity. It was there Blackout party and like true Tony form, I thought they meant it literally, but I kind of liked waking up with a battery operated flashlight around my neck. Like a Boy Scout, it is always good to be prepared.

On Saturday, my friends Laura and Gary joined me for a subdued evening at the theatre seeing *Kiss Kiss Julia*. This Artspot production was held at the old Indigo restaurant in Esplanade Ridge area. What a sexy play that contained both male and female full nudity. I always knew that Nick Sile was a great actor, but after seeing him in this, he gets my vote in more ways than one.

On Sunday, Amon-Ra held their annual fish fry at Michael's On the Park and it was a smashing success. This is one of the krewes that always does a wonderful event and this was no different. Paul is an expert at frying seafood and everyone who attended had a great time. Afterward, I made it to the New Orleans Mr. and Miss Gay Pride Pageant at JohnPaul's. As Grand Marshals, Matthew and I hosted a pre-pageant party upstairs in their Victorian lounge for all new sponsors. Then we moved downstairs to become two of the judges in the pageant. What an exciting night with some great talent. It was immense to see so many people come out to the event, and thank you to the Amon-Ra people who attended after their shindig. And a congratulations go out to Mark Callahan, Jr. and Starr Alexander who are your new Mr. and Miss Pride 2012.

The following week was a flurry of activity with beginning on Wednesday with the New Orleans Food and Wine Experience Vintner Dinner at 555 Restaurant with a wonderful mixture of friends, colleagues and clients. The food was phenomenal and from what I was told so was the wine. Sigh. Because following I was a judge at the Miss Gay New Orleans America pageant. This was my first time being a judge at a pageant where the winner goes to Miss Gay Louisiana America so I was nervous. Thank God they sat me next to Darwin Reed who helped me tremendously. I cannot say enough about this man who is not only a great friend but a very wise mentor, his kindness and knowledge knows no bounds. But I have to admit whoever wrote the rules that you could not drink at this event was nuts, a few cocktails would have made this go by a lot easier. I swear if I see one more drag queen do another

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ten minute number I am going to lose it. People can barely take the real singer performing anything for ten minutes, let alone a dude in a dress, keep it short, your audience's attention span starts to wane at four minutes. But when all was said and done Starr Alexander came out as the winner, two sashes in one week, she is going for the triple crown.

The following day, my friends Laura and Erin joined me for the Royal Street Stroll as part of NOWFE. This is when all the galleries open their doors and have vintners serving their wines to guests as they peruse the art, antiques and gifts. I love this event and it was a nice way to spend the evening. Afterwards, I did a swing by JohnPaul's for a late night cocktail or two then off to bed. Friday was the NOWFE Grand Tasting at the New Orleans Convention Center and oh what a night that will probably go down in infamy. It started off innocently when my friends, Nick, Laura, Whitney, Beaux and I went to the event. The Grand Tasting is where you have over 75 different restaurants and over one hundred wineries doing tastings. So basically it is an eating and drinking smorgasbord of gluttony, but a good one. The wines were just fantastic and the restaurants all presented their best dishes. Then we discovered the vodka and tequila area, and that seems to be where the night went slightly awry. In your mind's eye, you are innocently tasting different brands of tequila and vodka, but in reality, you are shooting several shots of straight liquor. So when the tasting ended, we decided that no, we needed to continue our evening of mayhem, so we were off to the Rusty Nail in the Warehouse District, which is quite the eclectic bar.

After that, a few of us went home, but the diehards, or maybe the drunkards (all semantics) continued onto Oz where we met up with a new cast of characters. After partying at military night at Oz and more shots, several of us went to the Pub, where I judged the Strip-off contest along with the lovely Frankie Fierce. Then it seems I managed to get myself to JohnPaul's to

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end the night. FYI, if anyone saw a hot mess that night that resembled me, remember it was my doppelganger. And that is the story I am sticking with.

Saturday rolled over me quickly like a steamroller. I had to work that day, ugh! That evening after a little disco nap, I attended the birthday party of Mr. Cocktail Paul Tuennerman, one of the founders of Tales of the Cocktail, at Maison du Lac out by the Lakefront with some friends. There is something to be said about joining a party on the water at sunset that makes all your problems seem so far away. They had an old fashioned clam bake with lots of delectable sea-faring cuisine, lots to drink (imagine that) and disco dancing. What made this soiree even more enjoyable was the unique mix of guests attending. Meeting these wonderful new people was the highlight of the night.

One can tell summer is here because the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend was hotter than Hades. My friends, Chris (aka Barbara Ella, who btw is moving back to town in August), Beaux and Barrett went to the Greek Festival which is always a good time. But not even the hot Greek men were able to keep us there in the scorching sun. After about two hours, we went to a friend Bonnie's house for a magnificent pool party with specialty margaritas and mojitos. After a few hours of socializing and swimming, we went to JohnPaul's for a few cocktails and to meet up with some more comrades. By the time we finished, it was time for the Lords of Leather Beach Party at the Phoenix. Now, I am hardly a prude, but even this event made me blush. Damn, these Lords know how to throw down, and I do mean that literally, I saw several guys getting thrown down. As a good Southern girl, I grabbed my Uptown pearls and made a hasty retreat. And, by hasty retreat, I mean I left two hours later. There parties are always the best, \$10 all you can drink,

plus a clothes check. I mean, who does that anymore, outstanding.

Well, I enjoyed the entire night which was definitely filled with new experiences and I met a lovely guy named Chase (I know soap opera name). On Memorial Day, I was barely able to make it to my friends Ron and Mike's pool party at their home near UNO. What a great day of lounging by the pool with barbecue, great company and lovely libations. Their house was like a little oasis in a residential neighborhood, and they did an excellent job on all the details from potent drinks to be-dazzled pool toys. It was a very relaxing way to top off the long weekend. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. But do not get lax, because the party scene this summer is just beginning to burn up.

## Tony's Tidbits of Wisdom

Recently, an interesting thing caught my attention that I wanted to share it with you. I went to a grocery store and they had a softball troupe there bagging groceries for tips to help raise funds for them to go to some tournament out of state. The part I found refreshing was they were actually working, not standing outside begging people for money as they left the store.

Those people outside retail outlets and the ones by the side of the road are my biggest pet peeves. I am not talking about homeless people in wheelchairs, but those kids trying to go to some cheerleading or softball competition, or the gutter punks who need to get more money for beer so they can continue their life of doing nothing. When did begging strangers for money become an acceptable fundraising technique?

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