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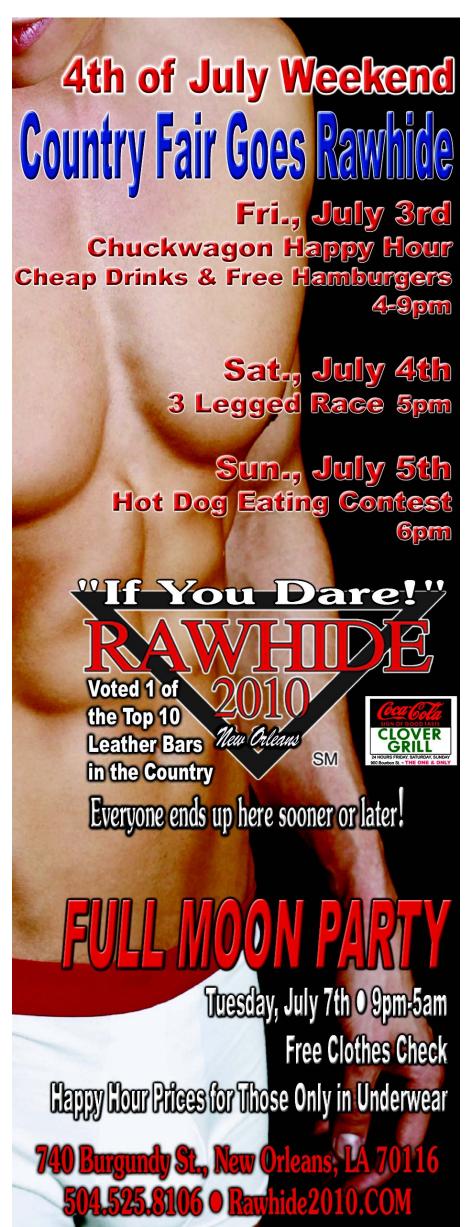
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BENEFIT SHOW Fri., June 26th 10:30pm
To Send Cassidy St. James to
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DRAG SHOW Sat., June 27th 10:30pm
Featuring Big Mama, Coca,
Sherry & Special Guest









THE "official" dish

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GAA Top 5 Finalists Hail from Baton Rouge, New Orleans & Dallas, Texas; GAA Gala at Oz July 11

t's an exciting time for the readership of *Ambush Mag* as their on-line votes decide the Top 5 Finalists in the 22nd annual Gay Appreciation Awards (GAA). The awards thanks those in the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender community who are many times not recognized for the outstanding services and efforts they perform. These individuals and businesses have made the GLBT community into the viable, successful and powerful community it is today across the Gulf South.

Congratulations to the Top 5 Finalists in each category. The award category winners, those receiving the most on-line votes, will not be announced until the 22nd GayAppreciationAwards Gala at Oz, 800 Bourbon Street, New Orleans. It is the first time the GAA Gala will be held on Bourbon Street. The gala is scheduled for Saturday, July 11 beginning at 8pm sharp. Door admission of \$10 will begin at 7pm. All proceeds from the event benefits the William Fanning Foundation, better known as Buzzy's Boys & Girls. VIP tables with four seats run \$125 and seating is limited. Please contact Rip Naquin-Delain at 504.522.8049 for table reservations.

On-line voting categories include: **Circuit Party/Event of the Year:** Gay Easter Parade, Halloween, One Mighty

Weekend/Orlando, Red Party/Lafitte's, Southern Decadence;

Hair Salon of the Year: Beauty Lounge, Bobby Blue, Headquarters, Mickey Nolan Salon, Salon D'Malta;

Gay Carnival Ball of the Year: Krewe of Amon-Ra, Krewe of Armeinius, Krewe of Petronius, Lords of Leather, Mystic Krewe of Satvricon:

Neighborhood Bar of the Year: 700 Club, Cafe Lafitte in Exile, The Friendly Bar, JohnPaul's, Tubby's Golden Lantern;

Buzzy Fanning AIDS Award: HAART (HIV/AIDS Alliance for Region Two)/Baton Rouge, Toby Lefort, Tony Leggio, NO/AIDS Task Force, Michael "Fish" Hickerson;

Bitch of the Year: Aletha Bryant, Paul Chiriaco, Ken Grandpre, Brittney O'Bryan, Princesse Stephaney;

Show Bar of the Year: Big Daddy's, George's Place/Baton Rouge, JohnPaul's, Oz, Parade;

Donnie Jay Performing Arts Award (named by the GAA Board of Directors in honor of the late Donald "Donnie Jay" James this year): *Glitz*, New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus, Running With Scissors, *The Glass Menagerie*, The Roughnecks/ Baton Rouge;

Restaurant/Deli of the Year: Bywater Restaurant-Deli-BBQ, Clover Grill, La Peniche, Mona Lisa, Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli;

Dance Bar of the Year: JohnPaul's, Oz, Parade, Rubyfruit Jungle, Splash/Ba-

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ton Rouge;

Bartender of the Year: Eric Evans/ Rawhide 2010, Paul Harris/700 Club, Joe Macedonia, Jeff Palmquist/Cafe Lafitte in Exile, Lance Pippin/Tubby's Golden Lantern

DJ of the Year: DJ Myke/Cafe Lafitte in Exile, Johnny Love/Cafe Lafitte in Exile, Mary Pappas/Rubyfruit Jungle, Tim Pflueger/Oz, Richie Rich/JohnPaul's

Leather Bar of the Year: Dallas Eagle/ Dallas, Hound Dogs/Baton Rouge, JohnPaul's, Phoenix, Rawhide 2010;

GLBT Business of the Year: Alternatives, French Quarter Suites, Queen Fashions, Rab Dab, Sir Speedy Printing;

Leather Person of the Year: Michael Albracht, Toby Lefort, Bruce Orgeron, Gary Vandeventer, Matt Worner;

Transgender of the Year: Regina Adams, Dee Cooley, Jasmine SX, Rusty LaRoux, Marcy Marcell;

Lesbian of the Year: Marty Curtin, Chansley Dykes/Baton Rouge, Mae Falgout, Winnie Green, Red Hanson;

Gay Man of the Year: Mike Cookmeyer, Richard Dykes/Baton Rouge, Ken Grandpre, Toby Lefort, Tony Leggio; and

Entertainer of the Year: Elizabeth Bouvier, Lauren Brown, Coca, Ama Rosa, The Roughnecks/Baton Rouge.

In addition to the various public online voting awards, the GAA Board of Directors will present the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Cheridon Comedy Award in memory of the late Sonny C. Cleveland, and the Fly Fashion Glamour Award in memory of the late Ms. Fly. The Marsha

Delain Award of Excellence (the Drag Ambassador Award) will be presented by Marsha Naquin-Delain.

The Board of Directors includes Lisa Beaumann, Teryl-Lynn Foxx, Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain and Toni J.P. Pizanie.

Ambush is proud to sponsor the Gay Appreciation Awards each year. For more info, visit **AmbushMag.COM/GAA**.

Gar Williams Returns To Tape New Episodes of The Gar Williams Show

ar Williams, star of *The Gar Williams Show*, has recovered from a serious automobile accident. His hip was crushed, and he also suffered both a broken leg and ankle, and underwent three surgeries.



The Gar Williams Show, which gives a touch of Hollywood nostalgia, continues with new episodes at public access Channel 78 starring Gar Williams. The show airs every Wednesday and Saturday at 8:30am and 8:30pm.

Guerilla LGBTQ Pride Saturday, June 27 in New Orleans

ew Orleans is marking the 40th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots with Guerrilla LGBTQ Pride 2009 organized by The Community Coalition (TCC), Forum for Equality, NO/AIDS Task Force, FAB - Faubourg Marigny Art & Books and the LGBT Community Center.

FAB invites Guerrilla LGBTQ Pride 2009 participants, neighbors and friends to open house and LGBTQ reading/signing events on Saturday, June 27 from Noon till 5pm at 600 Frenchmen Street.

The FAB Pride book event features New Orleans Lambda Award winning authors J. M. Redmann and Greg Herren signing their most recent and previous novels.

They will be joined by Claude J. Summers editor of the three volume set of *Queer Encyclopedias - Visual Arts - Music, Dance and Musical Theater - Film and Television*. "Celebrating the richness and variety of queer contributions to the popular arts, these books present that achievement as an invaluable cultural legacy to be celebrated and treasured. Alphabetically organizing hundreds of articles and essays they offer a revisionist

history of these arts by seeing them through a queer lens."

J. M. Redmann has written five novels, all featuring New Orleans private detective Michele "Micky" Knight. Recently released *Death of A Dying Man* brings us back to the scene with the plight of the death of a dying gay man looking for a child he might have fathered amid the twists of lesbian romance and of fate known as Hurricane Katrina. *Lost Daughters* and *Intersection of Law and Order*, two previous Micky Knight mysteries recently republished by Bold Strokes Books will be available for signing.

Greg Herren will be signing *Murder in the Rue Ursulines* which chronicles the griping reality of Hurricane Katrina as Chanse MacLeod becomes involved with a high-profile Hollywood couple committed to helping New Orleans recover and [continued on 6]

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