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Host Barry Bareass joins Quartermaster's Misael Rubio, and Corner Pocket bar baron Michael Elias as the Corner Pocket celebrated their 31st anniversary in New Orleans. The anniversary is celebrated on Father's Day as the popular "boys are dancin' nightly on the bar" club host Sugar Daddy Sunday. That's the day when a dancer is sponsored by a Sugar Daddy, and the winning dancer's sponsor is named Sugar Daddy of the Year, and the dancer takes home half the pot. A portion of the proceeds from the contest is donated to a charity each year. This year \$315 was donated to the 40th Anniversary Upstairs Lounge Fire Memorial LGBT Community Ceremonies benefiting The Historic New Orleans Collection in the name of the 32 victims of the horrific fire. Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli catered the fun filled evening. Located at 940 St. Louis Street, visit www.CornerPocket.NET for more information on the bar.

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Demographic reports also influence marketing investment. Virtually absent until recently, we now see a growing variety of products and services represented in LGBT media, celebrating our diversity. Ads keep LGBT publications and websites in business, serving their communities with independent news and information.

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Beyond simply advertising, though, these companies support us in many ways, including sponsoring community events and funding community-based charities in order to earn our loyalty.

Taking an annual pulse on market trends through surveys helps demonstrate the LGBT community's growing power, and influences positive change.

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Mina Hernandez celebrates with Host/MC MistiAtes, aka Johnny Passion, for Mina's breast cancer benefit raising \$5,047 at Club LAX in Metairie. The community came together with loads of great entertainment and auctions.



Hit Parade proprietor Sandy Sachs gives **Ambush's** Marsha Naquin-Delain her merchandise as the first customer at the Grand Opening of Hit Parade, 741 Bourbon Street, in New Orleans. For more information on the store, visit www.Facebook.COM/HitParadeNOLA.

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40th Anniversary Upstairs Lounge Fire Memorial & Pride Weekend Appears to be a Success

As of press time, it appears the 40th Anniversary Upstairs Lounge Fire Memorial and Pride weekend will be quite a success. To the sold out performances of **UPSTAIRS Musical**, to packed bars, clubs and businesses, it may very well be one of the best June weekends in over 15 years. For all the details and highlights, see the next issue of **Ambush Mag**, your Official Pride Guide, due out on July 9.

26th Gay Appreciation Awards Top 5 Finalists Hold Many Surprises

The 26th annual Gay Appreciation Awards voting on-line June 11-17 brought an array of Top 5 Finalists with many first time finalists. One of those finalist is already the winner which will be announced at the 26th GAA Gala on Saturday, July 27th, 8-10pm, at Oz, 800 Bourbon Street. VIP Tables with four seats are \$200 and are very limited. All proceeds benefit the William Fanning Foundation (Buzzy's Boys & Girls). Contact Rip Naquin for table reservations at marsha@ripandmarsha.com or 504.522.8049. Door admission is \$10.

Top 5 Finalists (voted on-line by the Gulf South readership of **Ambush Mag**) include:

Circuit Party/Event of the Year: Gay Easter Parade, GEP Purple Party, Halloween, Oz White Party, Southern Decadence

Hair Salon of the Year: Arthur's, Bobby Blue, Head Quarters, Salon D'Malta, Spa Atlantis

Gay Mardi Gras Ball of the Year: Krewe of Amon-Ra, Krewe of Armeinius, Krewe of Petronius, Lords of Leather, Mystic Krewe of Satyricon

Neighborhood Bar of the Year: 4 Seasons-Metairie, Cafe Lafitte in Exile, Golden Lantern, Good Friends Bar, Michael's On The Park

Buzzy Fanning AIDS Award: Belle Reve, Toby Lefort, Gay Easter Parade, NO/AIDS Task Force, Project Lazarus

Bitch of the Year: Tiffany Alexander, Electra City, Gia GiaVanni, Princesse Stephaney, Persana Shoulders

Show Bar of the Year: Bourbon Pub & Parade, Golden Lantern, JohnPaul's, Michael's On The Park, Oz

Donnie Jay Performing Arts Award: Big Easy Sisters, La Familia Variety Show, New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus, Running With Scissors, *Standing On Ceremony*

Restaurant/Deli/Coffee House of the Year: Clover Grill, Eat, Louisiana Pizza Kitchen Uptown, Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli, Verti Mart



Dance Club of the Year: Bourbon Pub Parade, Club LAX/Metairie, JohnPaul's, Michael's On The Park, Oz

Bartender of the Year: Will "Wilhemina" Bennet/Golden Lantern, Matthew Birkhoff/Bourbon Pub & Parade, Chuck Hinkley/4 Seasons-Metairie, Earl Johnson/Oz, Jeff Palmquist/Cafe Lafitte in Exile

DJ of the Year: Jason Emrick/Golden Lantern, Dominick Kolb/Cafe Lafitte in Exile, Eddie Mitchell, Tim Pflueger/Oz, Jonathan "JRB" Reed/Oz

Leather Bar of the Year: Phoenix, Rawhide 2010

Cheridon Comedy Award: Klorocks Bleachman, Big Momma Lavouge, Princesse Stephaney, Persana Shoulders, Tittie Toulouse

Fly Fashion Glamour Award: Dusty Debris, Dominique DeLorean, Aubrey Synclaire, Monica Synclaire-Kennedy, Opal Wiley

GLBT Business of the Year: Bourbon Pride, Mary's Ace Hardware, Panda Bear, Rab Dab Clothing & Gifts, Second Skin Leather

Leather Person of the Year: Ed Azemas, Bill Naquin, Pat Johnson, Toby Lefort, Gary Vandeventer

Transgender of the Year: Regina Adams, Jasmine Essex, Stephanie Lee, Rikki Redd, Chi-Chi Rodriguez

Lesbian of the Year: Misti Ates, Marty Curtin, Mina Hernandez, Pat McArdle, Hannah Napier

Gay Man of the Year: Tommy Elias, Bradley Latham, Toby Lefort, Tony Leggio, Bill Miller

Marcy Marcell Entertainer of the Year: Dusty Debris, Big Momma Lavouge, Monique Michaels, Johnny Passion, Aubrey Synclaire

In addition, the Board of Directors presents the Lifetime Achievement Award. The Marsha Delain Award of Excellence: The Drag Ambassador Award is presented by Marsha Naquin-Delain.

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

Sponsored by **Ambush Mag**, the awards thanks those in the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Community who are often not recognized for the outstanding services and efforts they perform. These individuals and businesses have made the LGBT Community into the viable, successful and powerful community it is today. Visit www.AmbushMag.COM/GAA for additional information.

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believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the New Orleans area a great place to live, work and play."

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2013 New Orleans Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the New Orleans Award Program and data provided by third parties.

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The New Orleans Award Program was established to recognize the best of local businesses in our community. The organization works exclusively with local business owners, trade groups, professional associations and other business advertising and marketing groups. Its mission is to recognize the small business community's contributions to the U.S. economy.

Southern Decadence Press Party June 29 @ Golden Lantern

Southern Decadence Grand Marshals XXXIX Tami Tarmac and Venus Santiago will host the Southern Decadence Press Party on Saturday, June 29th, 8-10pm. Hosted at the Home of Southern Decadence, the Golden Lantern, 1239 Royal Street, the grand marshals will announce the 2013 "official" theme, colors, song, and unveil the

Southern Decadence Poster.

Additionally the grand marshals have announced the first two Southern Decadence fundraisers. The first is Friday, July 12th at John Paul's, 8-10pm. The second is Friday, July 19th @ Club LAX in Metairie, 10pm-12midnight.

It is important that the entire community support these and all upcoming Southern Decadence fundraisers since the City of New Orleans is now reportedly charging the grand marshals some \$16,000+ for Southern Decadence sanitation, police details, and more.

To keep up with the latest visit www.SouthernDecadence.COM or www.Facebook.COM/SouthernDecadenceNOLA.

Oz Celebrates 21st Anniversary June 29

Oz New Orleans, 800 Bourbon Street, celebrates its 21st Anniversary Neon Party with the theme **Neon Circus** on Saturday, June 29th beginning at 10pm. Oz bar baron/decorator extraordinaire Doyle Yaeger is creating an unbelievable set for the extravaganza complete with circus animals, and even cirque acts throughout the night.

Hosted by Persana Shoulders, DJs Bull, Tim Pflueger and JRB will electrify the night while Johnny Eubanks illuminations will dazzle the masses! And

don't forget the hot Men of Oz dancing on the bar tops throughout the club.

Oz has been voted GAA Dance Club of the Year for almost two decades, and GAA Show Bar of the Year, almost as long. The club is also in the Top 5 Finalists again this year for both awards.

Visit www.OzNewOrleans.COM for additional information.

Lords of Leather Luau July 14

Are you ready to get wet? Need some hot beef in your hands? The Lords of Leather can help you beat ...the HEAT! Join the Lords Sunday, July 14th from 2-5pm for the annual Lords' Luau. This year will be a "Backyard Splash."

Your \$10 donation includes grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, cold adult beverages, and all your favorite picnic fare.

All set poolside at the private home of Michael Ducote and Doug Minich, 3026 North Rampart, New Orleans, don't forget to bring your towel and creativity. "You never know, we may throw in a surprise competition!" Come see how much fun we have in OUR backyard!"

Belle Vie Gala: Celebrating 20 Years of Service at Belle Reve

Belle Reve is excited to announce its upcoming Belle Vie Gala to celebrate twenty years of service to the New Orleans HIV/AIDS and homeless communities on Saturday, August 17th, 8-11pm.

The event will be hosted in the historic ballroom of the New Orleans Athletic Center for a night of fun, food and dancing as Belle Reve celebrates its past achievements and the future of the organization!

The athletic center is located at 222 N. Rampart Street. Ticket prices include: Single Ticket-\$60, Couple Ticket-\$100, and Table for 6-\$350.

Visit www.bellerevenola.org for additional information.

84th Annual LULAC National Convention Kicked Off with Open Doors to LGBT Community

Las Vegas, NV-The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) opened the doors at Caesars Palace for its 84th annual National Convention. This year's theme, Lifting Our Voices Through Civic Participation, was expected to attract 20,000 attendees, with focus on civil rights for the LGBT community.

At a joint press conference, LULAC and the Human Rights Campaign launched a co-branded report Growing

up LGBT Latino in America (<http://lulac.org/assets/pdfs/LGBT-LatinoYouthReport.pdf>) to support family inclusion and anti-bullying.

"The deck is stacked against young people growing up lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender," stated LULAC Executive Director, Brent Wilkes. "LULAC is rooted in civic participation and protecting residents from discrimination or indifference along with social ostracism. While we've advanced significantly in the last 84 years of LULAC's existence, unfortunately, far too many LGBT youth and adults are still disaffected and disconnected in their own homes and neighborhoods."

While 12 states and the District of Columbia have legalized same-sex marriages in the last few years, there is still mounted prejudice against those from the LGBT community. It is particularly disheartening to see LGBT youth experience ostracism and even homelessness as a result of the non-acceptance in their community.

"The well-being of Latino LGBT youth is fostered by the support of family and trusted adults in their lives," said HRC President Chad Griffin. "We must do better in supporting LGBT youth who still fear rejection, being judged and ostracized in school and being rejected from their religious congregations and the broader community."

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