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**Princesse
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Saturday, July 7th 10:30pm

The Man Show
Wednesday, July 11th 9:30pm

La Familia
featuring Johnny Passion & Guests
Saturday, July 14th

Karaoke
Thursdays 9pm

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Cookout July 15th

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Cookout & Karaoke

★ Saturday, July 7th ★



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Big Momma LaVoue
& Guests



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First Friday, July 6th 9:30pm sharp

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Southern Decadence Press Party Set for July 13 at Bourbon Pub Parade

The Official Press Party has been set by Southern Decadence Grand Marshals XXXVIII Pat McArdle and TJ Conard for Friday, July 13, 7-9pm, at Bourbon Pub Parade, 801 Bourbon Street. The grand marshals will announce the "official" Southern Decadence song, sponsors and charity. They will also unveil the 2012 Southern Decadence Poster done by Grey Cross. Following the festivities SDGMs Pat and TJ will lead a Southern Decadence French Quarter Bar Crawl.

This year's Southern Decadence theme is **Peace, Love & Hope = Monkey Dance**. The official colors are white, purple and silver. The 38th Southern Decadence Parade is on Sunday, September 2 celebrating the 41st anniversary of Southern Decadence.

For additional information, visit SouthernDecadence.COM.

25th Gay Appreciation Awards (GAA) Gala Announcing the Winners Set for July 21 at Oz

The 25th annual Gay Appreciation Awards Top 5 Finalists have been selected by the readership of **Ambush Mag** (Top 5 Finalists on page 20). One of the finalist in each category is the winner which will be announced at the 25th GAA Gala on Saturday, July 21, 8-10pm, at Oz, 800 Bourbon Street. VIP Tables with four seats are \$200 and are very limited with only five still available. All proceeds benefit the William J. Fanning Foundation (Buzzy's Boys & Girls). Since 1997, the gala has raised \$42,672 for charity. Contact Rip Naquin for table sales at marsha@ripandmarsha.com or 504.522.8049. Door admission is \$10.

Regina Ann Adams will receive the coveted 25th Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the GAA Board of Directors Lisa Beaumann, Teryl-Lynn Foxx, and Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain. The Marsha Delain Award of Excellence, the "Drag Ambassador" award is presented by Marsha Naquin-Delain.

Entertainment for the GAA Gala will include production numbers from the Top 5 Finalists in the Show Bar of the Year category including Bourbon Pub Parade, JohnPaul's, Michael's On The Park, Oz, and Tubby's Golden Lantern. The exciting duo of Lisa Beaumann and Teryl-Lynn Fox will emcee the affair.

Sponsored by **Ambush Mag**, the awards thanks those in the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Community who are often 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. Visit AmbushMag.COM/GAA for additional information.

Friday Night Before Mardi Gras, Inc. Donates \$10,000 to New Orleans Charities

Friday Night Before Mardi Gras (FNBMG) has done it again! On June 25, 2012, FNBMG presented checks totaling \$10,000 to eight local charities that serve the New Orleans area LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities. This year's donation brings FNBMG's total annual giving to over \$160,000.

The 2012 \$10,000 gift was made possible by the collaborative efforts of the FNBMG Board of Directors and most of the recipient charities that helped FNBMG sell more than 7,000 raffle tickets during FNBMG's 2nd annual FNBMG Mega-Raffle, which included 21 prizes worth a total of more than \$3,500.

Additional FNBMG charity dollars are derived from the proceeds of the FNBMG Extravanzas held on the Friday night before Mardi Gras at the Audubon Tearoom. For more information on that totally over-the-top and fabulous event, please visit FridayNightBeforeMardiGras.COM.

The 8 local charities that received checks from FNBMG are provided below along with the names of the representatives accepting the checks on behalf of the charities.

NO/AIDS Task Force (\$4,000) represented by Cheryl Grace; Project Lazarus (\$1,500) represented by Kim Moss; Belle Reve (Shelter Resources) (\$1,000) represented by Vicki Weeks; Gay Easter Parade 2013 (\$1,000) represented by Marsha Naquin-Delain; PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) (\$800) represented by Randy Trahan and Victor Andrews; Buzzy's Boys & Girls

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- William J. Fanning Foundation (\$600) represented by Michael DesJardins, Todd Schurto and Inge Fink; New Orleans LGBT Community Center (\$500) represented by Greg Vogel and Lindsay Hallam; New Orleans Pride (\$600) was also a recipient, but its organization recipient was not available to receive the check.

Any 501 c (3) organization dedicated to serving the LGBT community and especially those charities serving the HIV and AIDS community are invited to apply to FNBMG for financial grants. Application information and instructions are found on FNBMG's official web site: FridayNightBeforeMardiGras.COM.

The FNBMG Board of Directors thanks all individuals and organizations who again helped FNBMG realize another successful fund-raising year.

Esurance Offers Savings on Car Insurance for Same-Sex Domestic Partners

San Francisco - Esurance, the direct-to-consumer personal car insurance company, announced that it is offering new car insurance savings to those in domestic partnerships and civil unions in 21 new states across the country.

This gives committed same-sex couples the same savings opportunities as legally married couples. These drivers could save 10% or more on their Esurance car insurance premiums, though savings may vary depending on a number of pricing factors, including driving record, accident history, and vehicle.**

While many car insurance companies offer savings for same-sex couples in states that have legally recognized civil unions, Esurance is going a step further. Now same-sex couples who live together in nearly all the states where Esurance does business can enjoy those same benefits, regardless of their state's laws regarding same-sex partnerships.

Esurance has offered similar car insurance savings for same-sex partners in California, Illinois, Oregon, and Washington for some time. Now, customers in Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas,

Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin who want to take advantage of these savings or get a car insurance quote from Esurance can go to www.esurance.com or call 1-800-ESURANCE (1-800-378-7262).

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