



B-Bob's own Jerry Ehlen models 2012 Bleather t-shirt



John Thomas of the Roundup in Pensacola, Florida

mobile  
paparazzi



Standing room only for the contest



The beautiful & talented Raven St. James @ B-Bob's



Judges panel for Mr. Southern Renegade @ B-Bob's



Contestants from Mr. Southern Renegade contest



Jawakatema performs for the Bears



Bear Bones Clothing Chad Stowers working his booth



Judges panel for 17th Annual Mr. Gulf Coast Bear Contest @ B-Bob's



COLT Model Bob Hager auctioned off his flannel jock



Happy Birthday Bill Hincks @ Just Us, Biloxi



Lords Of Leather supported Bleather Weekend



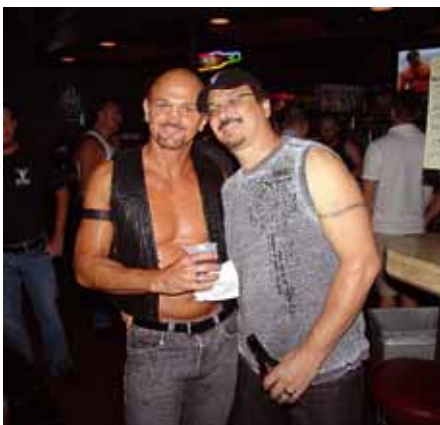
A.J. McKay of Louisville, KY, host of Mr. Gulf Coast Bear Contest



Contestants from 2012 Mr. GCB Contest



Bears & Leather (Bleather) Weekend @ B-Bob's



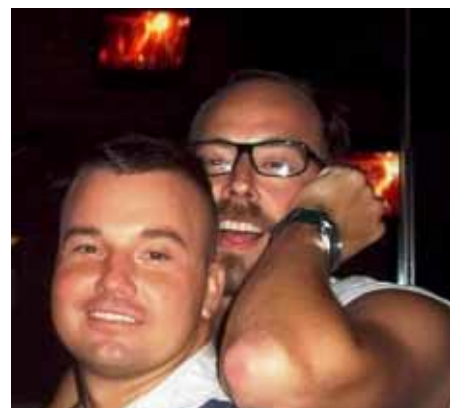
Midtown Pub owners James & Darryl



A handsome crowd gathers to watch Mr. GCB Contest



Amber Douglas performing @ B-Bob's... Go Saints!



King Stevie of Osiris with Judson @ Bacchus



New Orleans #1 DJ Tim Pflueger spins for B-Bob's Disco Party



under the gaydar ...from 20

**emony: The Gay Marriage Plays** at St. Anna's Church. It was an enjoyable, funny and poignant at times. I even relished my time on stage in my cameo role as an altar boy. Now that is sacrilege.

As we said good-bye to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we prepare for another big holiday in our city, Southern Decadence. On Friday, the Southern Decadence Grand Marshals, TJ Conard and Pat McArdle announced the charity-Belle Reve, song-**Starships** and unveiled the poster. The official colors are white, purple and silver and the theme is Peace, Love and Hope = Monkey Dance. It was a wonderful evening with friends both local and from out of town. Some friends of mine were here from Dallas so they tagged along with me to the party. Congratulations to TJ and Pat for what is definitely going to be a festive year.

Afterwards, we made the gay bar rounds in the Quarter stopping at the 700 Club, Corner Pocket, Oz and Napoleon's Itch. But it was Oz, where I had to call uncle and go home.

On Saturday, the Mystic Krewe of Satyricon celebrated another holiday with a Bastille Day soiree at Luthjens in the Marigny. There was free flowing champagne, a plentiful dessert buffet and a drag show. But it would not be Bastille Day without a Marie Antoinette costume contest and we had six entrants. Dancing, chocolate and liquor, I can think of no better way to spend a Saturday. We even had a guillotine, but no one lost their head. Now I did here that some people did get ..... Never mind, PG rated column.

Every July, I travel out of town to a conference for the National Association for Catering and Events (NACE). But this year, New Orleans was honored to have the meeting in our city. Contessa Breaux and I were the chairs for this event which brought over 500 hospitality specialists in catering and events from around the country. And the Crescent City put their best foot forward and showed them a memorable few days. The gay community also played a part in their fun, because they hit the nightlife almost every evening.

Sunday the conference kicked off with a welcome reception at Generations Hall. Over 20 different local restaurants and caterers supplied the food for this night filled with music, dancing and unlimited cocktails. The entertainment was the Storyville Stompers and the 610 Stompers, who were a colossal hit with their crazy antics. If you have never seen these guys perform, check them out, their offbeat showmanship impressed this group of jaded professionals beyond words, and that is a hard feat. Also, hot guys in short shorts bumping and grinding, really, who would not like them.

On Monday, we had classes, seminars, general session and a luncheon with John Besh as our guest speaker. That evening, some of my out of town friends from all corners of the country went to dinner at SoBou, which was just fantastic. It may have just opened but this restaurant, located in the V French Quarter, is quickly becoming the city's newest hot spot. That night, we had a disco set up on the top floor of the Marriott overlooking the entire city. This becomes a very popular place for all those who want to work off all the calories consumed all day.

On Tuesday, again we had classes all day and ended the evening with a costumed Masquerade Ball, which included a four course dinner, opera singers, a samba band, a high school drum line and the cover band Mojeaux. What a great way to cap off the night. Afterwards, I took a few of the more venturesome sorts to a special tour to some of the gay bars. They loved all the places and the locals went out of their way to make them feel at home. Some even went so far as to take them home. Now that is what I call Southern Hospitality at it's finest.

Wednesday was the wedding brunch and more classes. We had a post conference reception at Patrick's Bar Vin in the Hotel Mazarin followed by a tour of the new restaurant Revolution and dinner at the Royal House. I would like to thank everyone in the gay community who did their best to make these people's time in our city special. It paid off in great reviews for NOLA.

After dealing with the conference for several days, I rested, but was up and running on Saturday with the Gay Appreciation Awards at Oz. It was so nice to see so many new winners this year, and thanks should go to Rip and Marsha from Ambush for hosting this lovely event that had its' 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. So that is all for this now: stay tuned for the next issue when you hear about Tales of the Cocktail. Can you imagine a conference that celebrates drinking? Did someone say heaven?

Tony's Tidbits of Wisdom

Like Betty White, I am an avid animal lover. I have always been a big advocate of having pets, any kind of pet. From the norm of dogs and cats, fish and birds, to the more exotic creatures like snakes and pot-bellied pigs, it does not matter; I think that having a pet makes you a kinder person. I have two dogs, a miniature dachshund and a Katrina rescue German Shepherd/chow mix (or mutt). But I never like to use that word in front of him, would hate to make him feel less superior. Rose and Dandelion, respectively enhance my life in so many ways. This year I lost Lily, my other miniature dachshund and putting her

to sleep was probably the hardest thing I have ever had to do.

But no matter what the pitfalls, the joy of having a pet far outweighs any negative. The unconditional love a pet supplies his or her owner cannot be described. It is truly love and loyalty in its rawest form, and something we get very little of from our fellow humans. So I decided that I would do a little research on what the experts say about owning a pet. These facts even surprised me.

> Pet owners have lower blood pressure and lower cholesterol levels and in general, this puts them at a reduced risk for heart disease.

> Pet owners report fewer headaches, fewer bouts of indigestion and less difficulty sleeping.

> Dog owners in particular, exercise more though you can certainly get exercise playing with an energetic cat or kitten.

> Pets help safeguard against depression or loneliness.

> Pets actually help improve social skills.

> For children, owning a pet im-

proves their self-esteem - someone who loves them unconditionally and wants their undivided attention.

> Pets reduce the number of visits to a doctor by elderly patients

> Pets help to ease loss. An older person whose spouse has died is less likely to experience deterioration in health if he or she is attached to a pet.

> And I would like to add to this, pets also make great security systems in your home. Bad people do not like large dogs that bark real loud.

But with owning pets comes a huge responsibility, so make sure you are well equipped to care for your pet both financially and mentally before getting one. And one more thing, pets are man magnets (and chick magnets, whatever your preference), just visit a dog park and you will understand what I am saying. So if you finally want to meet that special creature that loves you without question and is loyal beyond all means; then get a pet. You won't regret your decision.

If you have an event, story or idea, you want covered, contact me at [tonymgp@hotmail.com](mailto:tonymgp@hotmail.com).

Michael Glassberg Wins First Place in the Herbsaint Melodic Mixology Cocktail Competition

Michael Glassberg, bartender at the famous Carousel Bar & Lounge in the historic Hotel Monteleone, took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Herbsaint Melodic Mixology Cocktail Competition held on July 16<sup>th</sup> as part of the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Tales of the Cocktail.

Glassberg competed against four other finalists to claim the prize for creating the best musically inspired cocktail. The five finalists were required to concoct their recipe for three judges as they shared their musical inspiration behind their cocktail. The three judges, Kevin Richards (Sazerac Bar), Ann Tuennerman (Tales of the Cocktail) and Elsa Hahne (**Offbeat Magazine**), came to the decision that Glassberg's cocktail, created as a tribute to New Orleans Jazz musician Sweet Emma Barrett, topped them all.

Glassberg named his winning cocktail "Bell Gal" inspired by Sweet Emma "The Bell Gal" Barrett, famous for "I Ain't Gonna Give Nobody None of this Jelly Roll." Glassberg's winning cocktail was featured at this year's Tales of the Cocktail event at the Herbsaint Lounge July 28<sup>th</sup>.

"The Bell Gal" created by Michael Glassberg:

Ingredients:

- > .5oz lemon juice
- > .5oz simple syrup (1:1)
- > 6 mint leaves
- > 1oz Legendre Herbsaint
- > 1oz Lairds Applejack
- > 2 dashes Peychaud's Bitters

Directions:

Muddle mint with lemon juice and simple syrup in a cocktail shaker. Add remaining ingredients and shake with ice. Finely strain into a highball with fresh ice. Top with club soda and gently stir to combine. Garnish with lemon wheel and mint sprig.

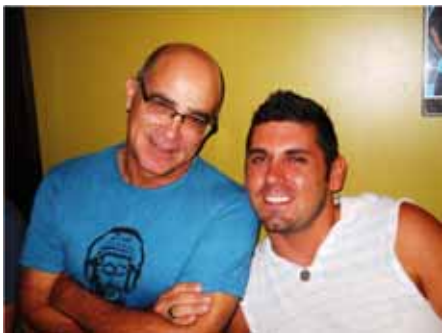
For more information about the famous Carousel Bar & Lounge and the Hotel Monteleone, please visit [www.hotelmonteleone.com](http://www.hotelmonteleone.com).

Tales of the Cocktail is the world's premier cocktail festival, bringing together the most respected minds on mixology for five days of cocktails, cuisine and culture. Held annually in New Orleans, this international event has something for cocktail professionals and enthusiasts alike with a spirited schedule of seminars, dinners, competitions and tasting rooms where brands showcase their latest products. Tales of the Cocktail returned in 2012 for a historic milestone—its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of rocking the cocktail world. The celebration was July 25-29. For more information on Tales of the Cocktail, visit [www.TalesoftheCocktail.com](http://www.TalesoftheCocktail.com).





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Production by Show Bar of the Year Finalist Michael's On The Park



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Tommy joins brother Michael of Corner Pocket fame



Steve Patrick & Paul Melancon welcome guests at the door



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Production by Show Bar of the Year Finalist Oz



Bartender of the Year Finalist Jeff Palmquist from Cafe Lafitte in Exile



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MGLA Maybelline Maskara & Big Momma LaVogue



Production by Show Bar of the Year Finalist Bourbon Pub Parade



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