



## in the spotlight

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### Miss & Madam Elysian Fields at JohnPaul's

On Sunday, September 13, JohnPaul's presented the Miss & Madam Elysian Fields 2009 Pageant, under the direction of Marcy Marcell and Elizabeth Bouvier. When it finally started, 30 minutes late, it went very smoothly and quite well considering there were five Miss and three Madam contestants.

Opening the show was Miss Marcell, followed by Miss Bouvier. The emcee's for the event were Elizabeth and Opal Masters, who whisked the ladies through there paces and kept the contest rolling along quite nicely.

The judges for the event were: for Miss - Darwin, SDGM XXXIII Regina, and Miss Louisiana Leatherette Kevin, aka Cathy Fox. And for Madam - Kenny, Gay Men's Chorus' Rusty, and Friendly Bar's Marty. They had their work cut out for them, as the contestants were more than ready to show what they had, (and some showed more than others), and prove they wanted those crowns.

The contestants for the Miss portion were - 1. Heaven Lee, 2. Tanisha St. James, 3. Barbara Ella, 4. Miss Beautiful, and 5. Bubbles Champagne. The contestants for the Madam portion were - 1. Lady Hope, 2. Chlamydia Nora Clapp, and 3. Rhonda Roget.

All contestants showed their originality when they came out for the Presentation, which was for 20 pts. at the beginning, and then again for their Talent, which was for 50 pts., which was next, and finally the glamour portion of Evening Gown, which was for 30 pts., to bedazzle everyone. The judges were all quite adept at the judging and moved along rapidly.

The entertainment between categories was supplied by Elizabeth, Opal, Princesse Stephaney, Raven Kennedy and Marcy.

And when the ballots all were tallied the winners were: Miss Elysian Fields 2009 Barbara Ella, and Madam Elysian Fields 2009 Rhonda Roget. Congratulations to both of you on your success, and to the success of the

pageant. Good job by all !!!

### Drag Survivor # 8

It has narrowed down to four contestants vying for the \$1,000 prize, and Oz was filled with tension as to who would be voted off this week. And opening the show was none other than Tommy Elias, himself with the remaining contestants as his "back-up" eye-candy. Doing **Velkommen** from **Cabaret**, he did himself proud and brought the house down. Then it was time for the girls to pull their numbers for their positions in the show. The line-up was 1. Sable, who did a Liza number and looked extremely good; 2. Tahtiana, who also did a Liza number and did very well; 3. Candi, gave us Barbra in a flawless outfit; and 4. Shan'ya, who worked it in yellow lace. It was an excellent job by all, but don't forget, it was only the lip synch that counts. Persana Shoulders emceed all by herself, as Blanche Debris was missing in action, she supposedly flew to Rio. And since there were only four contestants, they had Entertainer of the Year Coca perform, doing a number from **Wicked** that was fabulous, and also, one of the cast members from the Sunday night show, Mercedes Ellis Loreal performed.

And finally it was time for the gloves to go on, and the sharp tongues to come out and do their job as the "girls" got to decide who would go next. When all was said and done, Candi Fox was voted off unanimously, and she extinguished the flame on the torch with her fan, the torch man was Kevin. So only two weeks left and on the 30th of September we'll see who is the winner of the **big bucks**. (Heard a rumor that all the contestants will be back for the finals, and they might be doing the voting to see who gets the money...interesting !)

### LSGRA Chili Cook-Off II

On Saturday, 9/19, at Tubby's Golden Lantern, the LSGRA sponsored it's 2nd annual Chili Cook-Off 1pm-3pm. The contestants came armed with their recipes and crocks of the good stuff for everyone to sample. There was a \$5 donation to taste all entries, plus a bowl for your best choice. At the end of the tasting each person got to select which one they determined was their best choice to get the People's Choice Award. The judges for the event were. Paul, Chris, and Vince, and they had the honor to taste all entries and decide who would get the Judges Champion Award. And they also chose who had the Best Presentation. After many

bowls and much licking of spoons, when the 3 o'clock deadline appeared, everyone had made their choice and waited to see who would be presented with the prizes.

The contestants were: Steven and Chad, Bob White, Barry, George, Amanda Straddle, and Lance.

The Winner for Best Presentation - Steven and Chad. The Winner for People's Choice - Barry. The Winners for Judge's Champion - 1st Lance, 2nd Amanda, 3rd Steven and Chad.

It was an enjoyable afternoon and a good way to make money for LSGRA. There next event is the bus trip to Angola Prison on October 11 for the Angola Rodeo (anyone interested in going, contact Lance/504.915.3339), or go to [www.lsgra.org/events](http://www.lsgra.org/events). And a special thanks to Lance Pippin, Elizabeth (Miss LSGRA), and Denny (Mr.LSGRA), and especially to Rick, manager of Tubby's Golden Lantern...

PS: Amanda Straddle brought the antacid tablets.

### NO/AIDS Divas & Drag

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Divas & Drag was a wonderful show for a wonderful cause, put together by Limitless Designs and raised money for the NO/AIDS Task Force. The theme of this year's show was **Under the Big Top**, and although some came because they thought that title meant something else, others came to cheer on their favorite NO/AIDS employees and volunteers at the Bourbon Pub on September 14. The numbers were overwhelming as the event raised over \$4,000 in tips and entry fees from the overflowing crowd.

It is great to see an event be so successful for a charity and organization that does so much in New Orleans and we would like to thank Chris Leonard and Limitless Designs for putting on this event, complete with a full Circus environment including a "Freak" Show, faux queens, camp drag, and drag kings! Presiding over the event was hostess and Bitch of the Year Princesse Stephaney and Gina.

Also, different from most shows, was a new twist as the venue was made NON-SMOKING for the entire evening. Guests were only allowed to smoke outside on the balcony before, during, and after the show. Although different patrons didn't seem to mind the small rule and were very good about obeying.

We "thank you" all for your time, and thank all the entertainers, security, bartenders, and staff that helped this wonderful event go so smooth and raise the large amount that we did.

### Amon Ra's Mr. & Miss America Pageant

The Krewe of Amon-Ra held their 2009-2010 Mr. and Miss America Pageant at the Fine

Arts Center uptown. The contestants were amazing and so it made the night one to remember both in the eyes of the winners and the members of the krewe.

The feeling of standing on the stage as you are honored for service that you have given to a place in your community is something that can never be explained. The admiration and respect for a job well done is a satisfying feeling that can never be taken away from you. I say this as the former Mr. America with the love and respect of my heart. On September 19, I respectfully turned over my crown as did Miss America Ms. Laquita Bonita Chiquitta Margaritta Jenkins to a thunderous roar. With five contestants for Mr. and two for Miss this competition was one of the larger in 25 years.

The competitors in Mr. were only judged on swim wear and the "ladies" judged on talent, presentation, and evening wear. The guys were amazing and all a different "spice" which showed the diversity in the gay community of New Orleans. From Twinks to Leather Boys to Musclemen, everyone was represented. They paraded in their swim wear in front the judges.

The females consisted of Miss Gulf States American Dynasty Elite Kelly Chaisson and Miss American Dynasty Miss Gia who tore up the stage with their comedy routines. Kelly came out in as white trash country bumkin with her rod as Miss April and Miss Gia came out in a skimpy bikini hiding nothing looking like Jackie Beat's retarded step child. When it came to talent Kelly went head to head with the current Prom Queen of Amon Ra as a pregnant nympho trying to get laid. Gia's talent consisted of her coming out dressed as if she had just walked off Rampart to the tune of **F++k Me When You Can**. As for evening wear Kelly would dawn a replica of Carol Burnet's curtain dress (Scarlett O'Hara) and Gia an orange dress with the theme "All Eyes on Me" which literally had Google eyes all over it.

The hardest part of any of these competitions was the winners being decided. Both were very very close and came down to the wire as Gia would be crowned Miss America and Cody Warembourg was crowned Mr. America. I hope that they can pick up where me and Constantine have left off and next year the pageant grows to a larger audience with more contestants.

Although the scores add up in a pageant, I do want to say that all pageants are the opinion of a panel of judges added up to form one opinion. Just like anything else in life losing is not fun, but we all have our down falls and let downs in life. The most important thing is to pick ourselves up and remember not to be bitter or burn the bridges which we have worked so hard to build. The majority of the time those bridges are connected to people who

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Sponsors and board members led the 20th annual NO/AIDS Walk departing from Audubon Park through uptown New Orleans ending back at the park. Raising over \$165,000, the top individual walkers hailed from the gay community again this year with Toby Lefort in first place with \$24,055 and Brian Sands in second place with \$9,430. For more information, visit [NOAIDSWalk.COM](http://NOAIDSWalk.COM).



Cody Warembourg and Gia were crowned Mr. and Miss America after stiff competition at the Fine Arts Center in uptown New Orleans. Hosted by the Krewe of Amon Ra, last years winners Nathan Brooks and Ms. Laquita Bonita Chiquitta Margaritta Jenkins returned to crown the new winners. The event raised funds for the krewe's 45th bal masque on February 6, 2010. Visit [KreweOfAmonRa.COM](http://KreweOfAmonRa.COM) for more information.



The Louisiana State Gay Rodeo Association (LSGRA) Chili Cook-Off II was hosted at Tubby's Golden Lantern in New Orleans. Chosen as the Judge's Champions were 3rd place Steven, 2nd place Amanda Straddle and 1st place Lance. For more on the association, visit [LSGRA.COM](http://LSGRA.COM).



Stylist Donavon and owner Monica Malta join stylists Mark and Cynthia celebrating Salon D'Malta's 5th Anniversary. The chocolate anniversary cake with the trademark salon logo was created by Hot Chocolate, locally owned and known for their exotic cakes. Bywater Bar.B.Que catered the affair with several wonderful creations. For more on the salon, visit [SalonDMalta.COM](http://SalonDMalta.COM).



Exactly one month following their 35th anniversary on August 17, Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain celebrated with their first trip to Las Vegas. They were serenaded on the Grand Canal at the Venetian, and saw *Jubilee* at Bally's and Cirque Du Soleil's *O* at Bellagio. Additionally, they visited the Liberace Museum, Siegfried and Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat, and the Eiffel Tower Experience. Taking advantage of the monorail, they also visited Paris, Caesars Palace, The Forum Shops, Mirage, Flamingo, Harrah's, Sahara, MGM Grand, Excalibur and Luxor.



Pageant promoters John Vignone and Paul Chiriaco flank the first Miss and Madam Elysian Fields Barbara Ella and Rhonda Roget following competition at JohnPaul's in New Orleans. There were five contestants in the Miss pageant and three in the Madam pageant. Visit [JohnPaulsBar.COM](http://JohnPaulsBar.COM) for more on the club.



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are important in our lives and the damage could be so severe that we will never be able to repair them.

#### Nathan Brooks Benefit

A night of stars from all over New Orleans and Louisiana came to my aid on September 23 to help me finance my way to Mr. USofA in Houston, TX at the end of the month.

A huge Tuesday night at Oz as over 15 named entertainers perform in an aid to help raise money for a friend. Entertainers included Chelsea DeLorean Divine, Miss Gia, Starr, Miranda Mann, Kabrina Watson, Tamaya Watson, Devion Alexander, Frankie, Jasmin SX, Rikki Redd, Gary Glitter, Apheelia Breast, Bi\$ket, Coca, and the ringleader of the event Persana Shoulders. The event was a major highlight of what our state can provide in entertainment and was like a homecoming of the Kingdom show from 2007.

I was happy to see members of the community also there to show support. As I performed my last number the small dressing room got really empty as the entertainers filtered out to show their respect and gratitude for a show well planned and very well attended. Kabrina Watson brought tears to my eyes as she put her donations in my hands with one statement, "Bitch Go Win!" The dressing room was called to the stage and finalized the night with a group hug and some words of encouragement to me as I leave my city for Houston in the upcoming weeks for a dream that I hope to accomplish.

It takes moments like these for us to stop in our tracks and look at all we have been given and what have we given to receive those gifts. Those who showed up and braved all cost like Chelsea DeLorean Divine who sported a fever, migraine and reduced flu symptoms to



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do one number to those who over worked themselves by doing three numbers like Coca and Miss Gia, and even to those who came out of a venued retirement like Tamaya Watson and Kabrina Watson, to everyone one who came from near and far from the bottom of my heart thank you all and you are all in my heart as i go to a higher platform in my career of entertainment.

Also thanks to Oz Nightclub who was the venue and Tommy

Elias who helped set up the stage and dance floor for a great event. I hope to make you guys proud at Houston's Club Crystals September 30-October 2 and return with the first major national male title in Louisiana.



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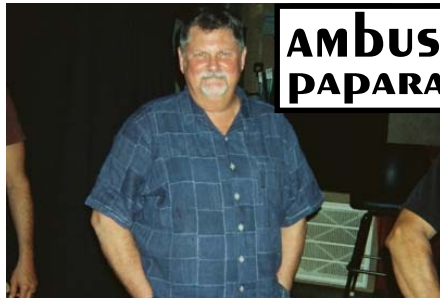
Mr. & Miss LSGRA Denny & Elizabeth welcome SDGM XXXV Sammy (c) to LSGRA's Chili Cook-Off II at Tubby's Golden Lantern



Miss LSGRA Elizabeth & People's Choice Winner Barry in LSGRA's Chili Cook-Off II



Presentation Winner Steven & Miss LSGRA Elizabeth at LSGRA's Chili Cook-Off II



Bob in LSGRA's Chili Cook-Off II at Tubby's Golden Lantern



George in LSGRA's Chili Cook-Off II at Tubby's Golden Lantern



Rick & Lance sling cocktails for LSGRA's Chili Cook-Off II at Tubby's Golden Lantern



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Amon Ra's Miss America 2008 Ms. Laquita Bonita Chiquitta Margaritta Jenkins returns to give up her crown joined by Persana Shoulders

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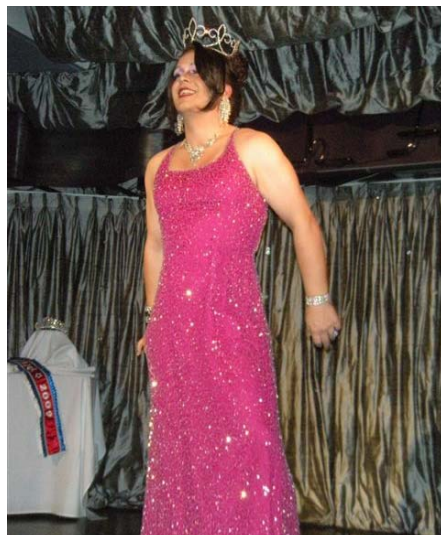
Queen Amon Ra Rhonda Roget entertains for Amon Ra's Mr. & Miss America Pageant



Amon Ra's Mr. & Miss America judges Lauren Brown, Miss LSGRA Elizabeth Bouvier, Lord King Gary Vandeventer & King Cake Queen Tami Tarmac



Miss America 1st runner-up Kelly Chaisson



Amon Ra's Miss Turnabout Barbara Ella



Josie Mae Cotton at Amon Ra's Mr. & Miss America



Lord King & Consort XXV Michael & Doug welcome guests to their Open House bash



Sam, Princesse Stephaney & Lords of Leather Capt. David Boyd at Doug & Michael's Open House



Sable & Cocoa served up fine hors d'oeuvres at Doug & Michael's Open House



Al & Dwain at Doug & Michael's Open House

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