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Saints Win Heads Team to NFC Championship Game in Chicago Jan. 21

The Saints January 13 win over the Eagles in the Super Dome, 27-24, brought the city to the wildest pitch ever seen in New Orleans. The largest concentration of sportsqueers was over at Good Friends in the French Quarter and Cutter's in the Marigny, both clubs famous for their outrageous tailgate parties complete with culinary fare and free shots with every Saints touchdown. Every bar and home had the game on for those unable to get into the hot spots or into the Dome.

The Saints are on their way to Chicago January 21 for the NFC Championship against the Bears who beat the Seahawks on January 14.

We believe, we believe, we believe is all one hears throughout the Crescent City as Saints fans continue their quest to see their team win the Super Bowl February 4.

Take Me Out Continues at Marigny Theatre

Richard Greenberg's Tony Award winning play *Take Me Out* continues January 19-21 at Theatre Marigny, 1020 Marigny Street. Tickets are \$20 to \$30. Students with ID and theatre members tickets are \$15. The play is adults only containing nudity and adult lanuage. Curtain Friday and Saturday is 8pm while Sunday is at 6pm. For reservations call 504.948.9608.

Loyola & MASNO present Turkish Master Idil Biret

Loyola's Montage Arts Series and the Musical Arts Society of New Orleans will present pianist Idil Biret on Sunday, February 4, at 2:30pm, in Louis J. Roussel Performance Hall.

Considered one of the greatest piano talents in the world, Idil Biret spent her formative years at the Paris Conservatory and has studied piano with Alfred Cortot and Wilhelm Kempff. Since the age of sixteen she has played works by Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin, Rachmaninov, and Tchaikovsky around the world. Over the years, Biret has made more than seventy recordings, including the complete solo works and all the concertos of Chopin (1992), Brahms (1997), Rachmaninov (2000,) and three piano sonatas of Pierre Boulez (1995) for Naxos. Her recordings for Naxos have sold more than two million copies worldwide.

Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$5 Loyola community with ID. For tickets, visit montage.loyno.edu or call 504.865.3037.

The Fourth Annual Ambie Awards Feb. 5

The Fourth Annual Ambie Awards for Excellence in Theater will be presented at Le Chat Noir on Monday, February 5, 2007,

sponsored by Ambush Mag. Bar service will begin at 6:30pm, doors open at 7pm, and the ceremony will begin at 7:30pm. There is a \$10 suggested donation (\$5 for nominees/performers/presenters), more if you're feeling generous—monies raised will benefit NOCCA High School's Theater Department, a wonderful incubator of talent.

In addition to the major categories, whose nominees were listed in our previous issue, we shall continue the tradition of acknowledging some achievements with our tongue-in-cheek **Glam(b)ie** and **Slam(b)ie** (formerly **Off-Kilter**) Awards. Some of the categories to be presented are Dedication Under Adversity Recognition, Big Guys Can Dance Award, Best Intermission Feature, The I-Saw-More-Dick-at-the-Theater-Than-on-Bourbon-and-Saint-Ann-at-Decadence Award, The Grand Larceny Scene Stealing Award, Hottest Guy Not To Do The Full Monty, In a Category All Their Own (or Heaving-est Breasts), Sexiest Chorus, Appreciation Award for Not Writing Himself Another Nude Scene, and Best Elvis Impersonation Without Using His Pelvis.

Also, The "Mrs. Kowalski Ain't the Only Stella" Award, Worst Song for a Dinner Theater, The Sybil Award, Most Disgusting Moment, Most Co-Dependent Relationship (not to mention bizarrest sexuality), Meanest Parents, Most People on the Smallest Stage, Ugliest Drag, Cheap but Good Special F/X, Worst Timing for a Cell Phone to Go Off, Best Pratfall and many more.

The evening will feature musical numbers from the nominated shows and surprise guest appearances. The Ambies is the season's most inclusive award presentation as we recognize outstanding work in Orleans, Jefferson and St. Tammany Parishes, as well as the area's universities, high schools and even summer camps.

Le Chat Noir is located at 715 St. Charles Avenue. No tickets or reservations are required or even available so just be there on time.

[Correction: *Dreamgirls'* nomination for Best Wigs/Make-Up should read "Shaundrea Tucker(wigs)/ Latoya Coleman & Damone Roberts(make-up)"]

Women Leaders Conference March 9 & 10

The 2nd Gathering of Louisiana's Women Leaders is set for March 9 and 10 in Baton Rouge. The Governors's Office on Women's Policy, LA Commission on Women's Policy & Research, LA Legislative Women's Caucus, LA Women's Foundation and Office of U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu are partnering with the Center for Women & Government at Nicholls State University for this weekend in the Capitol City.

Friday, March 9th activities include a Political Institute for women interested in seeking elected office; an Evening Opening Reception and Readers Theater fea-

turing the historical narrative, *Louisiana Leading Ladies*.

Saturday, March 10, from 8:30 to 11am, the Governor's Office on Women's Policy and LA Legislative Women's Caucus will co-sponsor a Morning Briefing session featuring a "framework for action" that results from table talk in four key policy areas held at regional conferences statewide. The breakfast and plenary session as well as the luncheon to follow will be located at the newly restored / renovated downtown Hilton. The Center for Women & Government 2007 Hall of Fame Luncheon is set for 11:30am to 2pm. Hall of Fame 2007 inductees were voted on at a meeting of the Statewide Leadership Council and include Irma Muse Dixon, Judge Mary Ann Lemmon, Melinda Schwegmann and Pinkie Wilkerson, deceased.

On-line registration is available at la-womenspolicy.com.

'06 Anti-Gay Defamation Offenders Announced

New York-The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) identified several of the worst media and anti-gay voices specific to a series of egregious acts of defamation against the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community in 2006. GLAAD's President Neil G. Giuliano has put the media on notice to stop all anti-gay rhetoric that has fed a climate of hatred and prejudice against LGBT Americans.

"Every day, LGBT people are viciously attacked and slandered by those who create and or profit from anti-gay messages," said Giuliano. "Such expressions of intolerance clearly have an impact on how people treat members of our community." When these acts occur, GLAAD works with reporters, editors and bookers and producers to ensure their stories are fair and accurate, and speaks out publicly as an authoritative voice of anti-defamation of the LGBT community.

"The amazing and unprecedented visibility of our lives and the issues we face every day makes it imperative that GLAAD respond decisively to such blatant bigotry," said Giuliano. "Every day, we are on the front lines of the fight to change hearts and minds, in sometimes easy, sometimes heart-breaking circumstances. The media has a responsibility to make certain our voices are heard and our community is visible. This will be achieved when we convince those around us that our lives and our relationships deserve nothing less than full equality and respect."

2006 Anti-Gay Defamation Offenders:

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sappho psalm	10	austin paparazzi	2
celebrazzi, cartoon	12	capitol comments/austin	4
cookin' with auntie dee	16	hot tails of red stick	4
trodding the boards	16	baton rouge paparazzi	6
obituary/mark kraemer	17	lafayette paparazzi	8
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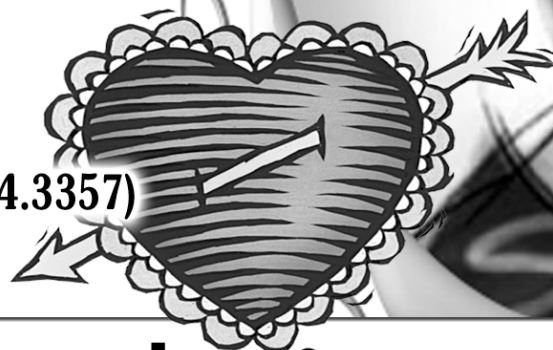
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