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coverage of the announcement that Mary Cheney, daughter of Vice President Dick Cheney, is pregnant, *Time* magazine made the unusual misstep of inviting anti-gay fundamentalist James Dobson (Focus on the Family) to contribute a column that, unsurprisingly, contained significant misrepresentations. Dobson's column – "Two Mommies Is One Too Many" – can be read at Time.com.

New York Post Publishes Two Anti-Gay Cartoons in Three Weeks. Summary: **New York Post** cartoonist Sean Delonas published two defamatory editorial cartoons in October 2006. The first depicted a man carrying a sheep wearing a bridal veil to a "New Jersey Marriage Licenses" window and the second featured former New Jersey Gov. Jim McGreevey "comforting" former Rep. Mark Foley.

Imus and Chris Matthews Air Juvenile Homophobia on "Imus in the Morning" on MSNBC. Summary: On the Wednesday, January 18 edition of "Imus in the Morning"

on MSNBC, host Don Imus and guest Chris Matthews (host of MSNBC's "Hardball with Chris Matthews" and NBC News' "The Chris Matthews Show") used an exchange about "Brokeback Mountain" to engage in a sophomoric display of homophobia.

Ann Coulter Spews Homophobic Slur on MSNBC's **Hardball**. Summary: Host Chris Matthews gave a free pass to guest Ann Coulter's use of a defamatory anti-gay slur, the second time in the past year that the NBC News commentator has tacitly offered an on-air embrace of anti-gay prejudice.

St. Maarten Newspaper's Defamatory Embrace of Gay Bashing. Summary: GLAAD urges U.S. media covering the brutal anti-gay attack on two CBS News employees in St. Maarten to turn a spotlight on a local newspaper editorial that glorified gay bashing, trivialized the assaults, and called gay people "faggots" and "homos."

MSNBC Host Tucker Carlson Chooses Defamation Over Education.

Summary: On "The Situation with Tucker Carlson", MSNBC host Tucker Carlson made defamatory comments about Lily McBeth, a transgender New Jersey substitute teacher. In reporting on McBeth's story Carlson said, "I'm pretty tolerant of whatever people want to do, very tolerant, in their private lives. If men want to dress up like women that's fine. I think it's dorky, but you know, it doesn't hurt me. If a person voluntarily undergoes castration, that is totally different. That is an act of a crazy person. That's like setting your hair on fire or blinding yourself. You are unstable if you voluntarily castrate yourself simply because you feel uncomfortable in your own sex and I don't want a person that unstable teaching my kids."

Stop the Presses! Defamatory Column Not Okay. Summary: Reno's El Sol de Nevada newspaper ran a column claiming that gays and lesbians get married to have access to heterosexual rights and to be less "tempted" to engage in pedophilia. Written by a psychologist, the column further described gays and lesbi-

ans as suffering from symptoms of neurosis, a direct result of neurotic relationships with family members.

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is dedicated to promoting and ensuring fair, accurate and inclusive representation of people and events in the media as a means of eliminating homophobia and discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation. For more information, please visit glaad.org.

Mautner Project Exe. Dir. Kathleen DeBold Honored by Women's eNews

Washington-**Women's eNews** announced its 21 Leaders for the 21st Century. Kathleen DeBold of the Mautner Project, the National Lesbian Health Organization, was among those honored and is the only openly-lesbian honoree on the list. Among those honored were nineteen women and one man. All were recognized as having dedicated their life's work to improving the lives of women worldwide in the workplace, in schools, in the media and in the home.

"**Women's eNews** is delighted to include Kathleen DeBold in our list of 21 Leaders for the 21st Century 2007," noted Rita Henley Jensen, Editor-in-Chief. "Kathleen was nominated by one of our readers for her vision, her willingness to mentor and her inspiring spirit. As we read through hundreds of nominations, Kathleen's journey immediately raised unanimous support of the **Women's eNews** board of directors and staff."

DeBold, who champions the rights of women who are often ignored, works to ensure that lesbian, bisexual and transgender-women receive equal access to quality health care and that they are not discriminated against based on their economic status or sexual orientation.

"The idea of women taking care of women and fighting for health care equality has touched every chord in my lesbian-feminist heart," said DeBold, 51. "I'm blessed to work with wonderful staff members, volunteers, and clients who nurture the Mautner Project's community of caring."

Under DeBold's leadership, the Mautner Project has evolved from a local health group that primarily supported lesbians with cancer, to a national lesbian health organization that works to improve the health of women through advocacy, education, research and direct services.

This year's 21 Leaders for the 21st Century range from a peacemaker who returned to her native Afghanistan after the fall of the Taliban to help women run for political office to a Dominican woman who walked the country's East Coast in a wedding dress to increase awareness of domestic violence. Each leader's story illustrates the resolve and strength women have and the risks they undertake to change the world.

Hundreds of nominations for the list poured in from **Women's eNews** readers and contributors around the world and were narrowed to the final twenty-one with much difficulty as the committee felt that so many were worthy. The 21 Leaders of the 21st Century will be honored at the Women's eNews Gala at the Tavern on the Green in New York City on May 22, 2007.

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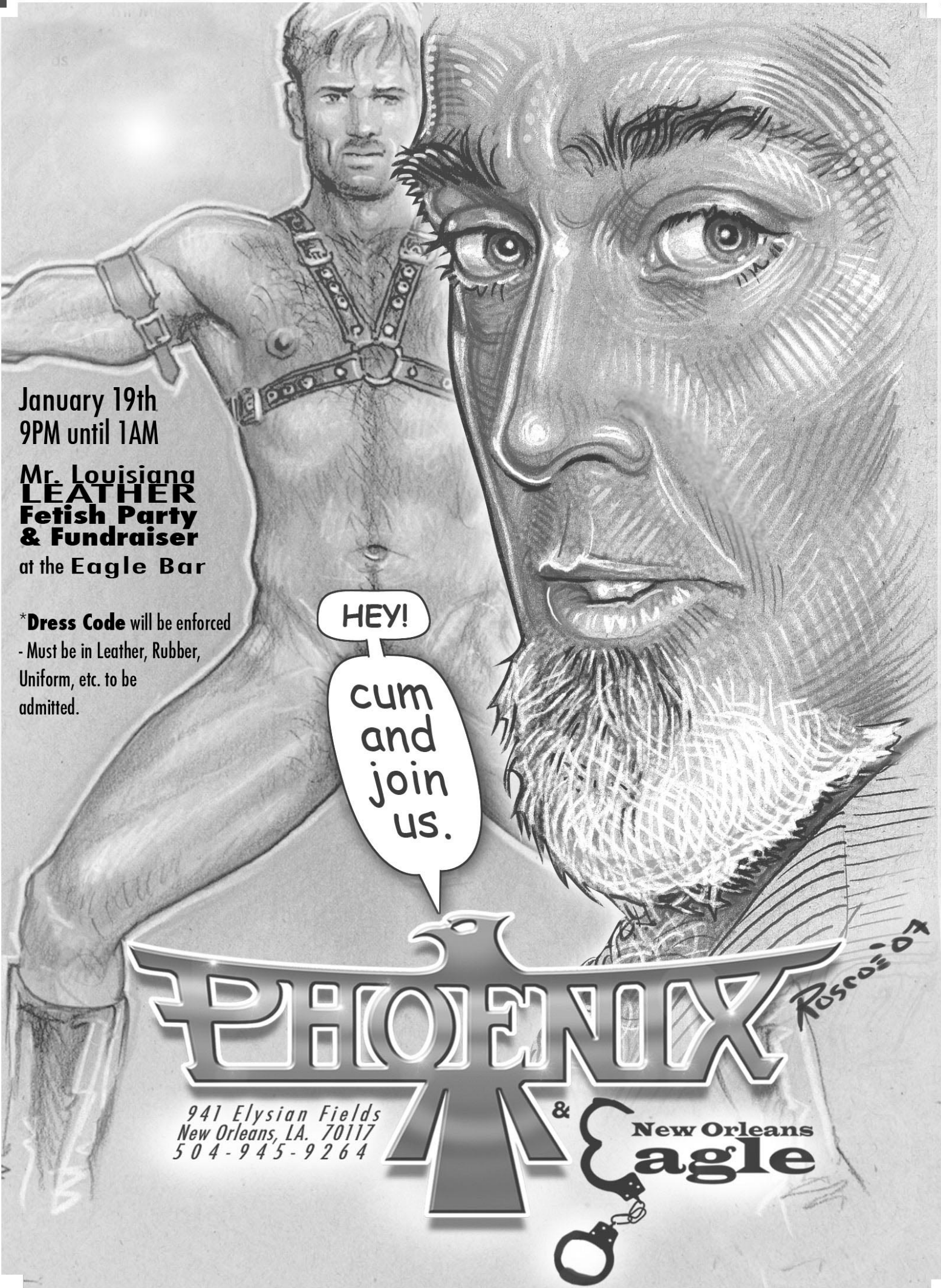
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Food for Friends & AIDS Law

This year's beneficiaries of Friday Night Before Mardi Gras are Food for Friends and AIDS Law. The Extravaganza VIII Ball Masque will be held on February 16. The committee invites you to join the fun as a host. For information, please call Larry Gumpert at 504.733.3619. Your \$300 Host package includes: two invitations to the Host Party to be held February 2nd at a fabulous Pontalba apartment; two tickets to Extravaganza VIII Ball Masque to be held February 16th at the 1869 Van Benthuyzen Elms Mansion on St. Charles Avenue; a delicious buffet catered by the Elms Mansion; open bars from 9 till midnight; the rhythms of Johnny Angel and the Swingin' Demons and Tom Clyburn at the piano; five professional photographs of you and your entourage taken by Riverview Photography; and a listing on the event Host Board.

Being a host gives you the opportunity to be a significant part of the ongoing effort to provide assistance to both individuals and families affected by HIV and AIDS in the New Orleans area.

Last years recipients were Belle Reve and Food for Friends. The Friday Night Before Mardi Gras is an approved not for profit organization with a twofold mission:

- 1) to raise money for organizations providing service to those living with HIV and AIDS and their families and 2) to throw a great party in the spirit of Mardi Gras. The Friday Night Before Mardi Gras has given over \$85,000 to deserving organizations in the last eight years.

AIDS Law

AIDS Law welcomes a new staff member, Barbara Siefken. Barbara is a paralegal and is working part-time while finishing her last semester at Loyola University College of Law. Barbara is a native of New Orleans and plans to take the Louisiana Bar exam in February. She graduated from The College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio with a BA in sociology and has been an active community member.

AIDS Law is now located at 2601 Tulane Avenue. They are sharing space with NO/AIDS Task Force. AIDS Law, through the generosity of the Gulf Coast HIV/AIDS Relief Fund, and the National AIDS Fund in collaboration with the Ford Foundation, has received a technology assistance grant. Part of the funds will go towards purchasing new computers for the staff and replacing filing cabinets destroyed by

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Extraordinary Quilts Created by the Women of Gee's Bend, Alabama in Orlando

Throughout January, the Orlando Museum of Art presents **Gee's Bend: The Architecture of the Quilt**, an exhibition showcasing more than 70 strikingly original quilts created by the women of Gee's Bend, Alabama. Gee's Bend, a small, historically all-black community, has a rich tradition of quilting. For generations, the women of Gee's Bend have learned the craft from their mothers and grandmothers, piecing together scraps of fabric and worn clothing into quilts of bold and dazzling design. Although the women made quilts out of necessity, they transformed the craft into a high form of artistic expression.

Gee's Bend: The Architecture of the Quilt provides a look at the long tradition of quilting in this small rural community. It features quilt masterpieces from the 1930s and after, and celebrates the recent revitalization of the community's quilting tradition by spotlighting a number of quilts created in the last four years.

Gee's Bend: The Architecture of the Quilt has been organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and the Tinwood Alliance, Atlanta. The Quilts are drawn from the collection of Tinwood Alliance, a non-profit foundation for the support of African-American vernacular art.

The Orlando Museum of Art is located at 2416 N. Mills Ave., Orlando, FL, 32803-1483. Admission will be \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens (65+) and college students with a valid ID, \$5 for children ages 6-18 and free for Museum Members and children aged 5 and younger. The Museum will be open Tuesday-Friday, 10am to 4pm; Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4pm; and closed Mondays and major holidays. For further information, call 407.896.4231 or visit the Museum's web site at OMArt.org.

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Bye-Bye

I cannot believe that it is already the second week in January. I have just said good-bye to out of town company with one more visit to come this weekend. But last weekend was an annual visit from my girlfriend Karen who comes in from Charleston twice a year. The worse part of entertaining visitors is saying good-bye and being left behind as they travel back to their lives.

Karen was the friend that flew to New Orleans this past August when I was hospitalized thanks to a doctor's error. She stayed two weeks at that time to help me get back on my feet – literally. This is the third January that she has driven to the city where she and I grew up together.

Saying good-bye is always sad for me. But in just two days, I will have the exciting pleasure of visiting with Karen's daughter Amy, my God-child. This visit is bitter-sweet as it will include the sale of the Doll House to Amy. When I say good-bye to Amy next week, I will also be saying good-bye to a way of life that I loved and enjoyed for fifteen years. The little house in the Marigny Triangle was more than just a home. It was a meeting place for friends that I once "ran around" with. It was the house in the middle of an active life. It was the house where I sat on the steps in the early morning drinking coffee to visit with people walking or jogging passed. It was my contact with the community. The walls of this house were covered with my precious art work and certificates from the Mayor, Task Force and Pride Board. It is the house that I loaned to Church of Christ the Liberator for services.

Amy isn't moving back to New Orleans for a few months so the church still has a place to meet but it will not be the same for me. The congregation calls the little house the Dorothy Blanchard Memorial Chapel in honor of my mother. That will come to an end with Amy's move home.

Still I am one of those positive thinkers that believes when a door closes a window opens. I believe that a better location for the church is coming. That will change my sadness to joy.

Once Amy leaves to return east, I will be visitor free for most of the year and I am thinking of turning my guest room into a space for a new roommate. I still have boxes stored here from my last roommate but that should soon be remedied. I have dreamed for years of turning this large house into a home for single, older women who aren't ready to hang up their party hose.

While Karen was here we talked about remodeling the second story of this house so that I could take in a renter. It sounds like fun having a house with three or four alternative life style women. Sounds like a great anti-aging plan – right?

So I am saying bye-bye to the thoughts of never living in the Doll House again. Metairie will never be the same with a Lesbian Home to shake things up. And that is a big Helllooo!