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queen on the scene ...from 12

of the funniest stand up female illusionist in the world, Coco Peru and Varla Jean! The only other queen I would even recommend adding to that line up would be Jackie Beat, who opened up for Rosanne in Vegas. Now that's a show!

Varla has now gotten FULL SPONSORSHIP with **Manhunt.net** and Recon, two of the largest hook up web site companies in the country. Our little girl has grown up! She is doing amazing! Last year her tour included Europe and even Australia. So here comes the part where it will make you sick. Varla Jean Merman...LIVES in NEW ORLEANS! And she still isn't getting booked!

Some of you are reading this article going WHO THE HELL?!?! Okay I will make it easy for the younger generations who don't remember the Vid-Kid-Timo days. (Look that up to and you will find out where Brandon Baker and me both got our porn starts lol!)

Info on Varla Jean Merman can be found at – **VarlaOnline.com** or just look her up on **Youtube.com**.

Those who have seen **Trick** another gay classic, will remember Coco Peru and the drag queen who got 'love juice' in her eye and left a young virgin with the quote, "Have you ever got 'love juice' in your eye? IT BURNS!" Greatness! More info on Coco can be found at **CocoPeru.com** or on **Youtube.com** as well.

As for the hilarious Miss Jackie Beat I recommend you get her on **Myspace.com/JackieBeat** and take a listen to her music. If you don't O-M-G! Then you are messed up and need to seek

more psychological help then she does.

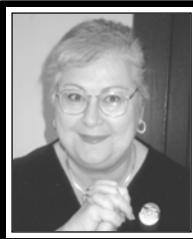
New Orleans...Play Ball!

One of the things I will miss while I am gone will be the creation of the new Gay Softball League in New Orleans. I know that every butch queen just lit up like a Christmas tree. Mark Boline will be heading up the new project to bring the NAGAA League to New Orleans by Spring 2010. Details of the league are almost finished and the first meeting, which will be for managers, coaches, and volunteers will be held upstairs at Good Friends on Sunday, January 10, at 1pm. Any further questions can be sent to me at **Nathan@nathanbrooksentertainment.com** and I will get you an answer as soon as I can. Also we are working on the website which will launch in early January and there will be more specific emails and officers who will be able to guide this league to a great 1st season!

Easy Christmas! It's Amazon!

This is so Cyber-Funk-netic but I have to tell you about this wonderful feature on Amazon which will help you all so much with Christmas this year! Do you have lots of relatives which it takes forever walking all over the mall thinking to yourself, "hmmm, what should I get Aunt Selma that says I love you but I am not cheap!" Not anymore! Our family this year switched to automotive gift buying on amazon. Here's how it works.

Everyone in our family has an account on **Amazon.com** which is listed by their



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World AIDS Day

Stand in a cold rain, a group of loving supporters attended the Rededication and Commemoration of the New Orleans AIDS Memorial in Washington Square Park. Speakers were Fran Lawless, Director Office of Health Policy & AIDS Funding; Susan Livingston, Founder New Orleans AIDS Memorial; Brandi Bowen, New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council; and Clinton Crawshaw, Pastor MCC Church. A lovely musical selection was sung by Christopher Wecklein.

Even with the rain, it was a nice opportunity to visit with old friends. I spent some time with Ed and Christian talking about the Friday Night Before Mardi Gras event. And members of the LGCCNO were telling us of their plans for Founders Day. For such a bad day, it was a good time to remember those we love and those we wish to continue helping.

PFLAG National Director to Visit New Orleans

Jody Huckabee will be attending a meeting in Baton Rouge and has decided to make the side trip to New Orleans to attend our December General Meeting. Jody will speak to us on PFLAG's roll in President Obama's Administration. Jody is from Eunice, LA, and understands many of our needs in this area. He holds the New Orleans PFLAG Chapter in high esteem as we do him.

Everyone is welcome. We meet on the second Thursday of each month. This month that date is 12/10. This is also our Christmas Party and we ask attendees to bring a little something for the group to enjoy. I was going to bring Mrs. Bates' fudge but I was weak and ate it. Come on, what did you expect? I am going back to Grand Bay before the meeting so maybe I can get more.

Meeting Time: 7:30pm – Location: St. Matthews United Church of Christ, 1333 S. Carrollton Avenue at the corner of Willow St. Please join us and bring a friend.

What About Dem Boyz

In a year when Katrina survivors are still rebuilding or trying to get home or still suffering emotional affects, the people of New Orleans have turned their attention to the Saints. This came at

email address or name. On this account they create a "Wish List" and on that list they put what they want. Amazon allows you to purchase, wrap, and deliver to even the most difficult person on your list! And I know a lot of other places do this but believe it or not you will save MORE doing this than you will paying online at Walmart or any other big box place. I already have tried the statistics.

Alrighty boys and girls that is it for this issue! Next issue I will go into a great deal and have some closing remarks for everyone here in New Orleans! Once again thank you all for everything!

the perfect time – thank you boyz. We all need something to feel good about, something to unify us. We have been abused by every level of government, and now something as insignificant as a football game gives us hope and brings excitement. Friends of mine that have not watched football before are watching the Saints.

God help us if we go to the Super Bowl. I don't think the city could contain the joy. A win at the Super Bowl would be bigger than Katrina. But I am getting ahead of myself. We are only 12 – 0 with more games on the schedule. Anything can happen. No matter how the season ends, I am thankful for the few months of a much needed "rush" that once again puts us in the National spotlight in a very good way. Bless dem boyz.

ATTORNEY'S ADVICE - NO CHARGE

Not A Joke!! I received this from Randy Trahan as an email, "Even If you dislike attorneys. You will love them for these tips." Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday. Maybe we should all take some of his advice! A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company:

1. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put 'PHOTO ID REQUIRED.'

2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the 'For' line. Instead, just put the last four numbers.. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.

3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address.. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel.. Keep the photocopy in a safe place.

I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards..

Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thieves ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record

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Big Easy Metropolitan Community Church Rev. Clinton Crawshaw gave a rousing oration for *The Occasion* of the rededication of the New Orleans AIDS Memorial at Washington Square Park in the pouring down rain on World AIDS Day, December 1. The rededication signaled the completion of the installation of the remaining benches and engraved bricks. The beautiful metal benches were placed throughout the park and the names of those who donated the funds for the benches are engraved at the foot of the memorial including the Gay Appreciation Awards and Gay Easter Parade.



Turkey Week kicked off on the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day as Cutter's opened its incredible holiday feast. Cutter's provides the ham and turkey and their many customers prepared their signature sides and desserts.



On Turkey Day, Le Roundup kicked it off at noon with their annual Thanksgiving Buffet serving juicy turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, smothered corn, cornbread stuffing, green bean casserole, dinner rolls, deviled eggs, cranberry sauce, and both a white layer, and spice cake. (Photo: Ron, Shane, Le Roundup GM Candise & Donna)



Legendary Winston Gray opened the 4pm Thanksgiving Dinner at Tubby's Golden Lantern. Here too, both staff and customers provided the wide assortment including Winston's andouille cornbread dressing and fresh cranberry sauce, turkey, ham, mac & cheese, Stephen's collard greens, Emile & Tim's chicken sausage gumbo, sweet potatoes, pasta salad, green salad and rolls.



Sylvia Frank was thrown a surprise birthday party by partner Pat Skelly on November 29. The affair brought together 20 invited guests to enjoy cocktails, brunch off the menu, and a case of Dom Perignon at Feelings Cafe. And as Sylvia said, My age is just a number, and it's not listed!"



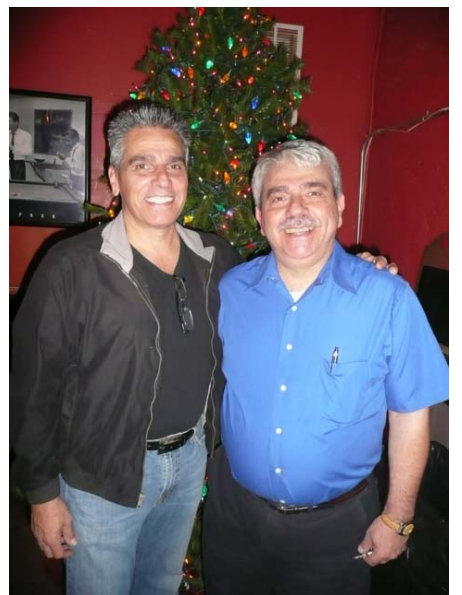
Chef Alan serves his mini apple and sweet potato pies at 700 Club's Thanksgiving Dessert Buffet. There was also mini carrot cakes, mini red velvet cakes, pumpkin cheese-cake, chocolate peppermint cheesecake and New York cheesecake prepared by The Decadence Shoppe, and there were giant cookies and more.



Show director Marcy Marcell and bar baron Javier Sandoval served Starlight By The Park's Thanksgiving Buffet at 4pm with Starlight providing the meats. Their customers provided the sides and desserts including Moe's jambalaya, Marcy's cabbage parmesan, mirliton casserole, oyster dressing, potato salad and bread pudding with rum sauce.



Bartender Wil serves up pecan pie at the Happy Thanksgiving Dinner at 5pm at The Double Play. Wil brought in roasted goose, while manager John brought in ham, deviled eggs, green beans and corn, along with bartender Trevor's Italian pasta salad. There was also antipasto and Debbie's mac & cheese.



Oz's Tommy Elias joins brother Michael Elias for The Corner Pocket's Post-Thanksgiving Feast on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. They had all the holiday favorites but the extremely special treat here was the famous stuffed grape leaves prepared by Michael and Tommy, an old family recipe.



Bartender Wayne celebrated his birthday at the Phoenix asking for a toy for a needy child in lieu of gifts. At the end of the party there was a pool table full, all donated to Toys For Tots.





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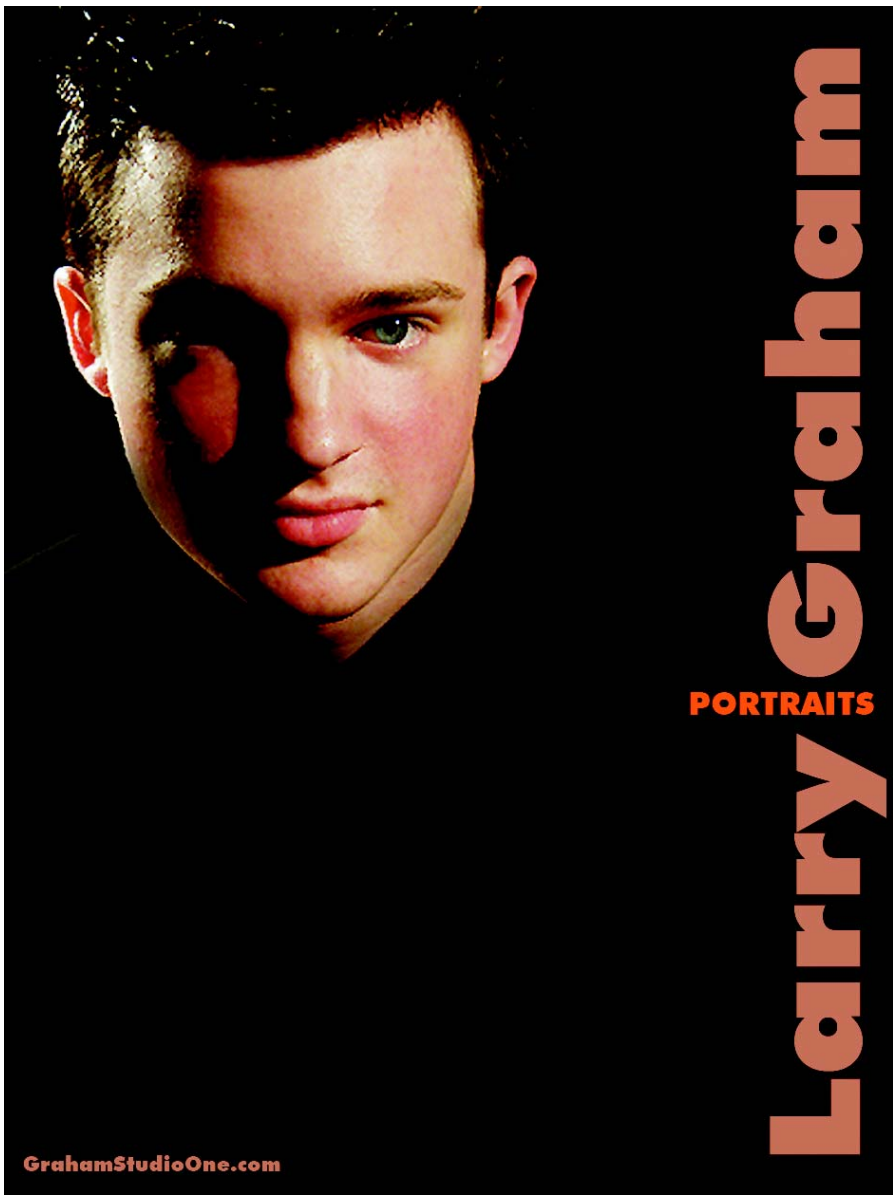
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information online, and more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

5. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.

6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a

first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.)

7. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name.

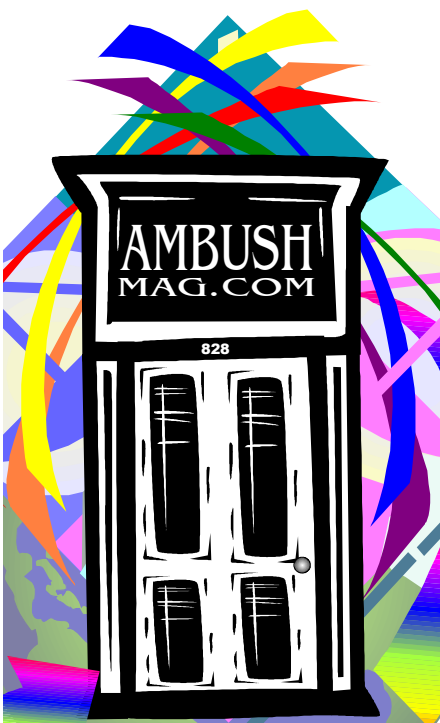
The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, if it has been stolen:

- 1.) Equifax: 1.800.525.6285,
- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1.888.397.3742,
- 3.) Trans Union: 1.800.680.7289,
- 4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1.800.269.0271.

We pass along jokes on the Internet; we pass along just about everything. If you are willing to pass this information along, it could really help someone that you care about.



Saints QB Drew Brees & his son @ the Fulton Street Tree Lighting



Robbi& Marvin @ the Celebration in the Oaks Preview Party



Mardi Gras Productions Sugar Plum Fairy & Ice Princess @ the Holiday Lighting of Fulton Street



Fred from Cowboy Mouth @ the Celebration in the Oaks Preview Party



Mardi Gras Productions' candy cane stiltwalker @ the Fulton Street Tree Lighting



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