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Their autobiographical and controversial, documentary-film, *We're All Angels*, from director Robert Nunez, currently airing on the SHOWTIME NETWORK and coming to MTV's LOGO Television in April 2010, is now available on DVD at major retailers, and invites fans to take a behind-the-scenes look at the public and private lives of these rising pop stars, who are gay, spiritual, and in love. The film chronicles the lives of the two singers as they perform all over the country in dance clubs, at pride events, and even in churches. The movie takes a look at how



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their openness about their sexuality often pits them against evangelical Christianity, while their faith at times meets with resistance from the gay community. As Jason & deMarco prepare to release a new album to appeal to a wider mainstream audience, *We're All Angels* turns the spotlight on how they integrate their sexuality and spirituality within their relationship and professional careers.

Jason & deMarco have had the opportunity to perform at numerous high profile events including the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Awards in Los Angeles, the Matthew Shepard Foundation's annual gala in Denver, and the 2006 Human Rights Campaign Gala at the Waldorf Astoria New York. They have also been a part of the Human Rights Campaign star-studded benefit two-pack CD album celebrating marriage equality, *Love Rocks*, alongside artists such as Christina Aguilera, Pink, and The Dixie Chicks.

For further information on the Krewe of Petronius please contact Captain Bill McCarthy 504.430.6695
wmmno@bellsouth.net.

LGBT Youth Peer Support Group Forming

The LGBT Community Center of New Orleans would like to announce the formation of the LGBT Youth Peer Support Group. This youth and young adult peer support group is open to all people ages 18-24.

It provides support for youth dealing with the struggles of coming out, sexuality, family, and relationships. It allows an opportunity for the youth of the community to come together in an environment supported by adult peer facilitators.

The group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Center.

The first meeting will be held January 20, 2010. For more information please contact: programs@lgbtcno.org.

Susan Boyle's "I Dreamed A Dream" Biggest Selling Female Debut Album in History

Susan Boyle's *I Dreamed A Dream* (Columbia Records) made a historical introduction to the charts today as the album achieved the highest first week sales of 2009 as well as the largest ever debut for a female artist on the Billboard 200 in the Soundscan era. *I Dreamed A Dream* topped the charts selling 700,763 copies in the U.S.

Boyle's album also reached the #1 spot on the charts in the UK, Australia, Ireland, Canada and New Zealand. *I Dreamed A Dream* has sold nearly 3 million copies worldwide since its release one week ago.

Within 48 hours of its unannounced placement on Amazon, *I Dreamed a Dream* shot up to the #1 position on the site's charts. By release day, the album was the largest CD pre-order in the history of the **Amazon.com** Music Store and had also broken the record for album pre-sales for QVC and Barnes & Noble Online.

Simon Cowell congratulated Susan by saying "I'm incredibly proud of Susan and delighted for her. This success couldn't have happened to a more deserving person. Susan Boyle quite simply has broken the rules, her story is like a Hollywood movie but this time it's real life and a really talented, nice lady who has won."

"Susan Boyle possesses a relatable quality that is easily understood and meaningful to her many loyal fans. They watch her every move, whether on YouTube,

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11pm Marcy Marcell's Golden Age Revue



● Sunday, Dec. 13th

12noon Saints vs. Atlanta Falcons

Refreshments & Free Jello Shot with each Saints Touchdown

4pm Lords of Leather presents

Divas Among Us benefitting St. Anna's Food Bank

hosted by Miss Louisiana Leatherette Cathy Fox



● Friday, Dec. 18th

9pm FourPlay



● Saturday, Dec. 19th

7:20pm Saints vs. Dallas Cowboys

Refreshments & Free Jello Shot with each Saints Touchdown



● Saturday, Dec. 20th

1-4pm \$10 Donation - Krewe of Amon Ra's

Christmas Sister Sunday Social

5pm JohnPaul's in conjunction with

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Susan's own genuineness. The connection between Susan and her fans is unique, and most importantly, real. They've put her where she is today," says Steve Barnett, Columbia Records Chairman.



Susan Boyle (Photo by Austin Hargrave)

After an audition for *Britain's Got Talent*, in which Susan immediately impressed the judges, the audience and then anyone with access to Youtube's expectations by dazzling her way through a version of *I Dreamed A Dream* from *Les Miserables*. A tornado of rumination and amazement grew around Susan Boyle feverishly, with over 300 Million YouTube hits and nearly two million Facebook friends to prove it.

I Dreamed A Dream was recorded during the summer of 2009. Susan first entered a recording studio in July in Edinburgh, picking songs that resonated with her. The final results shocked both her and veteran producer Steve Mac with its beauty and musical impact. "It was important that I could feel everything I was singing," she says. The 12 track collection features Susan Boyle performing signature songs such as *I Dreamed A Dream*, *Cry Me A River*, as well as her haunting rendition of The Rolling Stones' *Wild Horses*, Madonna's *You'll See*, The Monkees' *Daydream Believer*, and *Who I Was Born To Be*, an original recording written especially for Susan.

Visit Susan's website **Susan-Boyle.COM**.

In the years since, Michelle and I have been blessed with the support and friendship of the millions of Americans who have come together to form this ongoing movement for change.

You have been there through victories and setbacks. You have given of yourselves beyond measure. You have enabled all that we have accomplished — and you have had the courage to dream yet bigger dreams for what we can still achieve.

So in this season of thanks giving, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to you, and my anticipation of the brighter future we are creating together.

With warmest wishes for a happy holiday season from my family to yours,
--President Barack Obama

EMAIL/LETTERS

Obama for America
Original Message
From: President Barack Obama
To: marsha@ripandmarsha.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2009 4:45 PM

Subject: Thanksgiving

Friend —

Tomorrow, Thanksgiving Day, Americans across the country will sit down together, count our blessings, and give thanks for our families and our loved ones.

American families reflect the diversity of this great nation. No two are exactly alike, but there is a common thread they each share.

Our families are bound together through times of joy and times of grief. They shape us, support us, instill the values that guide us as individuals, and



make possible all that we achieve.

So tomorrow, I'll be giving thanks for my family — for all the wisdom, support, and love they have brought into my life.

But tomorrow is also a day to remember those who cannot sit down to break bread with those they love.

The soldier overseas holding down a lonely post and missing his kids. The sailor who left her home to serve a higher calling. The folks who must spend tomorrow apart from their families to work a second job, so they can keep food on the table or send a child to school.

We are grateful beyond words for the service and hard work of so many Americans who make our country great through their sacrifice. And this year, we know that far too many face a daily struggle that puts the comfort and security we all deserve painfully out of reach.

So when we gather tomorrow, let us also use the occasion to renew our commitment to building a more peaceful and prosperous future that every American family can enjoy.

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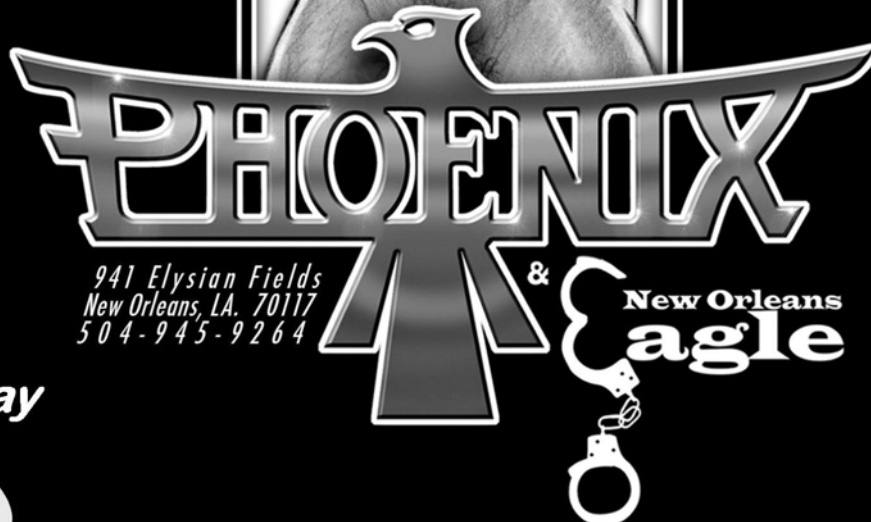
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Diva's Among Us Dec. 13

The holidays are in full swing and so are the gay carnival krewes as they prepare for their balls. Please keep in mind that in order for them to throw these elaborate balls, the krewes throw events throughout the year. So please support these events as often as possible to make this year's Gay Mardi Gras the best ever.

In keeping with the holiday spirit, the Lords of Leather are sponsoring a fundraiser for St. Anna's Food Bank on Sunday, December 13 at 4pm. (And, before you ask, the answer is yes, it is after the Saints game, which begins at 12:15pm that day.)

The event is called **Divas Among Us** and will be hosted by Ms. Louisiana Leatherette 2010 Cathy Fox. This celebrity filled show will include Miss Gay America '06 Nicole DuBois, King Cake Queen XVII Opal Masters, Marcy Marcell, King Cake Queen XII Savanna DeLorean, Ms. LSGRA Elizabeth Bouvier, Mr. Louisiana Leather Toby Lefort, Britney O'Bryan, Queen Amon Ra XIV Rhonda Roget and King Cake Queen XIV Princesse Stephaney. There will be a \$5 admission at the door, a 50/50 raffle and silent auction. For more information, go to www.lordsofleather.com.

Bless You Boys!

How about them Saints? OMG, 12 and 0! We are doing it and I am so proud of our coaches, our city and most of all, our boys. Bless you boys just doesn't seem enough to say this holiday to our guys in the black and gold. They have given us the most wonderful present they could imagine. They have given us hope.

Hope that no matter what people have said in the past, we are one team, one city, that will survive anything. They are bringing a city together in a time of transition for our community. We are going into a year where there is much uncertainty in our economy and our politics (we are electing a new mayor next year). But there are no political agendas here, no infighting, just great football. They may have no idea they are healing a city and a people collectively one game at a time. And, for that I say thank you.

I think that games are just about the most exciting thing on television now. And, it definitely is the most social thing to do in our city. No matter if you are in the nose bleed seats or in the suites, going to a Saints game is like going to a party for fifty thousand people. From the tailgating done outside before the game, to the parties inside the dome, nothing beats a Saints game. I love going from suite to suite visiting with people. Okay, I like crashing other suites to see if they have better food in their suite than mine. I told my boss to buy the damn boiled shrimp next time.

But nevertheless, if you can't get to the game seeing it at one of the gay bars in the city is just as good. I see the game at JohnPaul's which is at 940 Elysian Fields.

To say it is a blast is not doing it justice. They have the game playing on the big screen and the numerous other television screens around the bar. They serve jello shots every time the Saints score and offer complimentary popcorn and hot dogs throughout the game. In fact all the bars pretty much offer up the same fare. The Double Play at 439 Dauphine offers free hot dogs and shots of schnapps when the Saints score. Even Billy's in Slidell at 2600 Highway, 190 West does the same. And, fyi, if you have the opportunity to go to Billy's then by all means do, since the Mississippi Gulf Coast only has one gay bar, many of our brothers come to Billy's to party. This is your chance to bag a big strapping country boy from Mississippi.

I have also seen a Saints game at Good Friends and it is that wild. They have the Weenie Man, Bun Boy and the Juice Crew. Talk about your gay superheroes. This bar, located at 740 Dauphine Street, really brings in a crowd for the games. What the hell they have a Weenie Man, what more could you ask for.

The Phoenix at 941 Elysian Fields offers free shots with every Saints score. Don't you love a high scoring game. This is a great place to get your "game" on so to speak.

I love the 700 Club at 700 Burgundy, not just because it is a fabulous bar, but because they offer complimentary frito pies during the game. That stuff is good, I mean real good. They also offer the shots with every Saints touchdown.

Other great places in the Marigny to watch the game is The Friendly Bar and Cutter's. Cutter's, located at 706 Franklin offers great food, in fact their owners are some of the best cooks around. If you do not have anywhere to go for a holiday or football game, go there, you will surely find fun people and good cuisine. And, The Friendly Bar, offers hot dogs and other football fare along with shots during every game. They also have the best trash talking football fans around. Check out a game there and you will see what I am talking about.

And if you like them big, yes size does matter, then check out the Country Club at 634 Louisa Street, they have a 12 foot screen to watch football. The players feel like they are coming right at you. Now that should make you smile. Right down the street at the Bywater's newest gay bar, catch the game at Bywater Patio Bar, 3162 Dauphine, with two big screens, free pizza, and free shots with each Saints TD.

Lets not forget our friends on Rampart Street, Orlando's Society Page at 542 North Rampart. They were not only the Bayou Classic headquarters, but a great place to watch the Saints' games. And, Orlando always makes sure there is something good to eat there. Starlight by the Park at 842 North Rampart also has a big screen television to watch the game.

And if anyone knows how to enjoy a Saints game it is Lance over at Tubby's Golden Lantern at 1239 Royal Street. Go

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