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This time of year is a magical time of year depending on how you look at. It's cold, and usually has nasty weather throughout, so far the most part this time of year is looked at as a "dead" time of year, and some people tend to get slightly depressed.

Now let's twist it from the norm, and break it down to the basics that mother-nature tries to teach us. During the winter, trees loose their leaves and become barren and on the outside would appear to be dead, but it's at this time of year that we can

look at these lifeless trees and learn so much about them.

Life has been said to be a learning experience and you must first learn to be able to grow, move-on and live, spring! Every year plants, trees loose all that they have and following the longest, coldest winters, they all blossom and come back with greener leaves and even fill out more than they were the previous years.

When you take what life gives you, be it a person, job, or even just a situation; strip away all the pretty "leaves," that keep you from understanding what's really going on and you will see everything you need to know. Just like the tree, it isn't until the leaves fall that we can see and learn all about the tree, the leaves are just a cover up, or front when you put it to life's little tangled webs.

To learn and grow from a situation, one has to remove oneself from it, and by that I simply mean to strip it down to what it is, taking all the sugar coating off, leaves, and exam the entire scenario. Another little thing that can help anyone from getting caught up in a bad place, all those old sayings that our parents tried to teach that you never wanted to listen to, toss them up into an equation you may have and you will get the solution, yet again when you break math down to its bare minimal then it is easy to solve.

So this has turned out to be longer than planned, but so are the many things in life and you can't just cut corners with it nor sugar coat it to stop from hurting someone's feelings because ultimately you become the person that gets hurt and looses out. Also, this is the time of year we all take a step back to try again once the clock strikes twelve, so take what you want and here's to sticking with those New Year Resolutions!

Sound Factory and Jules invite you to join them any time, seven days a week there is something to be going on that will make anyone's night simply the best night you could have. Jules Downtown has done some remodeling that looks really nice, so if for nothing else just take a pass to see what all has been done and if there may be more to come. Sound Factory has many things coming for starters, Karaoke will be moved to Wednesday's and many other things that you will want to be sure to know what's happening at the other end of downtown!

Crystal's in Lake Charles will also be making some changes as the new year rolls in. So just be sure to head on down to Crystal's and see what they have planned for you there. It's always good to get away and party with new people.

So I will end this saying that I hope you all have a very safe time, wish everyone a joyous Christmas and a great and fabulous New Year's!!! Hope to see you all out for the party of the year, the last party of the year, New Year's Eve!!!

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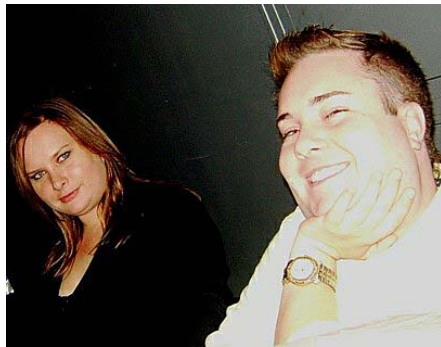
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Joey & Keebler @ Sound Factory



The sisters appear to be wired together @ Sound Factory...



Can I get a smile @ Jules Downtown?



Give us your best smile @ Jules Downtown



I am going to need you to focus @ Sound Factory



Hey these guys were having a blast @ Sound Factory...



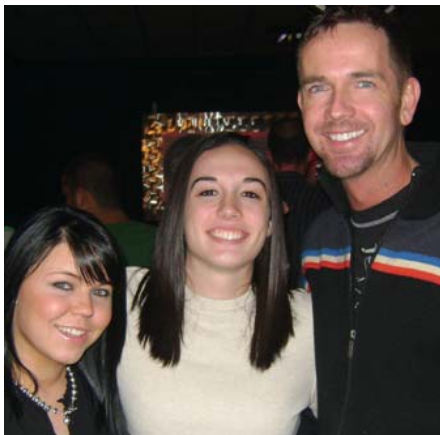
Justin & Joe @ Jules Downtown



HGH, lol, @ Jules Downtown



These are just the hottest ones @ Sound Factory, so there ya go



And we made sure that they had a blast as well @ Sound Factory



Steven n Drew @ Jules Downtown



Well according to my predictions, that's a hot mess right there @ Jules Downtown



They agreed with us, lol, @ Sound Factory



Buster doin' what he does best



Boys, boys, boys @ Jules Downtown...



Now this is just one cute little couple @ Jules Downtown

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(\$10 for free refills All Night)
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Saturday: Dance Party
Sunday: Lunch is ready for noon
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for Amazing Changes
to come!*





HOT TAILS of red stick

by Brad Benedict
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Nearly Christmas

I don't like all the commercial aspects of the Christmas season, but I guess it has always been this way. After all, when we were youngsters, I'm sure we made out wish lists and put pressure on our parents to have Santa deliver these items. I looked back through my decorations this year, and even though I didn't put up a tree, I saw things from past Christmas pleasures.

The most impressive items of my collection are those Christmas ornaments that have been in the family for nearly a hundred years. They are fragile but so beautiful. At one time, they hung on a pine tree that came from our property, and the snow was soap, something that so many families used back then. The lights and other decorations went on first, and then the snow was placed delicately on the limbs so as not to cover any of the lights or ornaments. I suppose it doesn't sound all that beautiful, but it was.

Not only was it a beautiful sight, but the electric trains, cowboy toys, and clothes were all such a thrill to see under the tree. I recall one year that after all the presents were opened, we all got ready for bed. I don't know if I was disappointed or not, but my dad came to my room after I had almost fallen asleep and told me I didn't finish cleaning the living room and I had to get back up and finish my chores. I'm sure I was quite upset in having to do this, but when I walked through the dining room and looked into the living room, there was a new bicycle by the Christmas tree. I didn't know whether to laugh or cry, and I have to think that a smile came to my face. I can recall to this day how I touched that bike to make sure it was real.

So it was on that Christmas day of long ago that I learned to ride my bike, and again I recall that my dad, who wasn't the most patient person in the world, was upset because I couldn't keep from falling. I suppose he got tired of holding me up, keeping me from hurting myself. I had experienced that same attitude when he tried to teach me how to swim. What he lacked in patience he made up for in love, something I didn't realize at the time but now that he is gone, I can look back and see all the love that he had for me.

So at this Christmas season, think of all the joys you have in life and all the loved ones who care for you. That is really what it all means, and that is why we leave Christ in Christmas. It is a time of love and togetherness, and we should all take pride in what we have and how we can share this feeling of the season with others.

Local Parties

The biggest social gathering of the season for me and many others takes place at the Tyler-Possa Law Firm on Broussard. It is that time of the year when John, Joe, Stephanie, and all the employees reach out to their friends and clients with a lavish Christmas party. I can recall so many of these

taking place at Joe's home, but they are now held in the law offices. Just finding a parking space within a few blocks is difficult. It's as if the entire city turns out for these festivities. The food is fantastic. The people are great to be around. And everyone gets to admire the outstanding beauty of our most famous host, the fantastic Possa man. It is always so nice to be included in these annual events.

Splash had an outstanding gathering last week which they termed "Customer Appreciation Night." That is exactly what it was as everyone gathered to accept and be a part of this annual tradition at one of the Deep South's major dance clubs. I was going to be there the previous night, and Cory asked me to wait a night so that I could celebrate the season with them on this special night. It was a smashing success, and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie of the gathering.

The tree wasn't up at Hound Dogs when I went by. If I understood correctly from Joy, something melted on their regular tree so Kyle and James were off to their place in Mississippi to obtain another tree. I also learned that Johnny has moved on to another career, so that means I need to get back and do pictures of a couple of new bartenders they have.

George's was in the process of being decorated when I stopped in last week. I got some nice (long) hugs from my beautiful Luther. My goodness! My heart was racing with excitement. Andy was busy getting things ready for customers, and Mark was their first one of the day. Chansley was in fine form and eager to see what pictures I had used in Ambush.

Lea had a fabulous private party at his home too. This sexy stud works at the nursery over on Perkins Road and is another of those good huggers. He was exhausted from all the work at the nursery and the preparations for the party, but everything came off perfectly. It was a great gathering of friends.

Coming up this week is the annual party taking place at Sam's home. I can't recall how many trees he has up this year, but I know that there are at least a half dozen - different colors, separate themes, and all positioned so nicely around the hot tub built into his lovely party room. Patrick, who used to manage Hibiscus Bookstore, was the decorator. In fact, I picked up Sam for our theater outing, and we left Patrick working on the trees. I'll do some pictures after the party this weekend and pass them along for you all to see. Maybe I can get a group pic of all the cute young studs that will be in attendance.

There were numerous other parties and activities for everyone to enjoy. The best outdoor function was the lighting of the Christmas tree in the downtown area. The weather had canceled it the previous week, and it almost canceled it the following weekend. It was cold, but that didn't stop the enthusiasm of all those in attendance. North Boulevard is all decorated

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