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The men of Cutter's ready for Super Bowl XLI

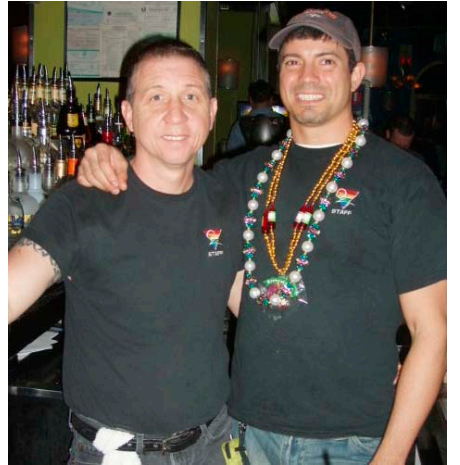


Golden Lantern's Lil John joins Corner Pocket's Super Bowl Party

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Neel slings cocktails for Rawhide's Guest Appreciation Party



Both Robert & Allen sling 'em for Oz's famous Drag Bingo



Society Page's Orlando & Joe pop into Cutter's for Super Bowl



Emcee Lauren Brown brings the Crescent City Divas to Cowpokes



Anita Rich Goodman stars in Divas "R" Us at the Golden Lantern



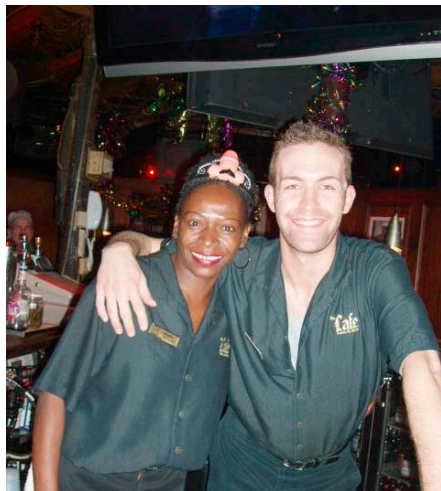
Three of Phoenix's popular bartenders: Dave, Red & Mike



Steve, Jim & Rene join the Super Bowl Tailgate Party at Friendly Bar



Rhonda Roget stars in Cowpokes' Crescent City Divas Sundays



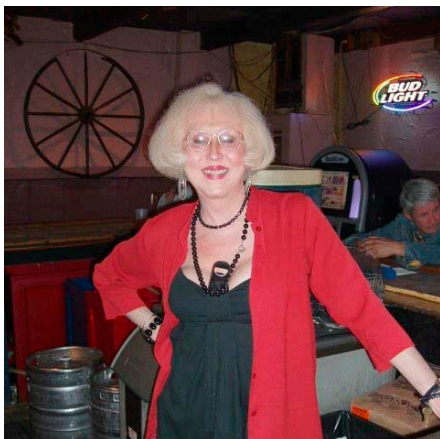
Aletha & Johnny sling cocktails Fridays at Cafe Lafitte in Exile



The Starlight Girls



Manager Joey & his gang of tailgaters at Good Friends Super Bowl blowout



Bartender Carol welcomes you to Le Roundup



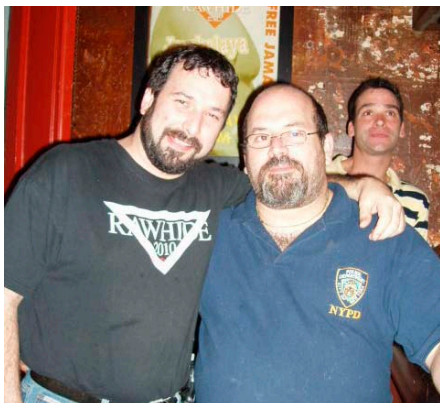
DJ Johnny D hails from the country's oldest gay bar, Cafe Lafitte in Exile



Gumbo Revue's Ava Sinclair at The Friendly Bar



Jerry, Frederick, Bruce & Micheal party for Super Bowl XLI at Corner Pocket



Bartender Troy & Manager Joe host Rawhide's Guest Appreciation Party



Blanche DeBris & Sable Starr do world famous Drag Bingo at Oz



Zoo Revue hostess Rusty LaRoux hails from Big Daddy's

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## ALLONS ACADIANA

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Just one week left until Mardi Gras day and things are getting wild in Acadiana. In the past few weeks there have been parties and balls and everything in between and as the days inch closer to Lent, the festivities will continue to get ever more rapturous. There'll be parades and beads and everything else that has come to be associated with the Carnival Season. And it all comes to a head on Mardi Gras Day, the pinnacle of the celebrations

Mardi Gras will begin early at Sound Factory and its Back Side. It has become a yearly tradition to have breakfast at Back Side before heading to the parade route.

And this year will be no different. The doors of Back Side will be open at 8am on Mardi Gras morning to make sure everybody gets their fill of food and cocktails. Watching a parade just wouldn't be the same without a stiff drink from everybody's favorite gay bar. And as the day progresses, Sound Factory and Back Side will continue with the festivities. They will serve not only as a place to restock your beverages, but to relax for a few minutes.

As evening turns to night, Sound Factory and Back Side will transform, hosting one of the wildest celebrations of the year. If you've never been by Sound Factory for Mardi Gras night, then you've never experienced an Acadiana Mardi Gras.

And after the festivities come to a close, don't forget that Sound Factory and Back Side have a weekly lineup that is second to none. Every night is filled with fun and excitement. Tuesdays have welcomed back Karaoke once again. I know many of you felt lost and confused, with no where to sing besides your cars and in the shower. But never fear, Karaoke is here. So feel free to come on out and serenade the city of Lafayette once again with your unique musical styles and talent. Between the Karaoke on Tuesday nights and Show Night on Sundays, they pack seven days with everything from kickass contests to drag shows and pool tournaments.

And scattered throughout are drink specials and some of the best dance music around. And unlike many other dance clubs, Sound Factory has a quieter more relaxed side, a Back Side where you can take a break from the loud music and socialize with your friends, or make some new ones. And when the conversations

wear thin, all you have to do is walk around the corner to dance the night away. What more could anybody ask for? It's two bars for the price of one, and it's right in the heart of downtown. It's no wonder so many people travel from all over to come out in Lafayette. It offers a unique culture and an unbeatable nightlife.

So next time you're trying to figure out something to do, come by Sound Factory and its Back Side. You're sure to have an unforgettable night.

Carnival is one of the wildest times of the year in Acadiana. On Mardi Gras people come together and celebrate life. There'll be crowds on Jefferson Street from Johnston all the way to the Thruway, and everywhere people will be drinking and celebrating. Just remember, a DWI or car wreck is a horrible way to end a great day. Make sure you designate a driver or plan other transportation. You don't want to end up a statistic.

Until next time, have a happy Mardi Gras and be safe. I'll see you around town.

### mardi gras tips & tricks ...from EX-13

Unfortunately, Mardi Gras does attract some people who are out for more than a good time. When you walk the streets, don't bring your wallet. Take the cash you need and some sort of identification and put them in a pocket that no one can slip their hand into. Don't wear expensive jewelry. Basically, don't take anything with you that you would have a hard time replacing if it gets lost.

#### Parking

Parking is difficult and expensive during Mardi Gras. If you can manage without a car, you'll be better off. If you bring your car to Mardi Gras, carefully follow this advice:

##### 1) Parade Route Parking

Parking along a parade route is prohibited 2 hours before and 2 hours after a parade.

EXAMPLE: If a parade is scheduled to roll at 6pm, parking anywhere along the route is prohibited at 4pm.

##### 2) Neutral ground Parking

The "neutral ground" is what New Orleanians call a median. You know, that strip of grass in the middle of a road. It is always illegal to park on the neutral ground. During Mardi Gras, you'll see a lot of people doing it. It seems legal. It's not. Believe me, they'll tow as many of those cars as they can as quickly as they can. The tow companies make a lot of money during Carnival.

##### 3) Temporary Signs

Never believe the street signs during Carnival. Be on the lookout for cardboard signs posted inconspicuously throughout the city. Hunt for and read all the signs in any area you park. If in doubt, don't risk it.

##### 4) The French Quarter

On-Street parking within the French Quarter and vehicle access is restricted in the areas bounded by Iberville, Decatur, Dumaine, and Rampart. Towing is strictly enforced. If you are staying in a hotel in the French Quarter, ask the hotel for a "PASS." Usually, you can get a pass that will allow you back and forth to the hotel garage.

If your car is impounded it will cost you about \$200 bucks plus whatever else the city decides to tack on. Your car can be

retrieved from the City Auto Pound, located in a dangerous area of the city, 400 N. Claiborne Avenue. This will spoil a good time.

#### Cabs

Cabs will be difficult to get during Carnival. In addition, many cab companies enforce a "special event rate." This means that you'll be paying a premium for a taxi and, sadly, many cabbies take advantage of people during Carnival. If you are going to take a cab, we recommend UNITED CABS: 522.9771; 524.9606. Write these numbers down and put them in your wallet. This cab company can be trusted. If you don't care what it costs to get around, any cab will do. But, United Cabs has a sound reputation with the Gay community.

#### Liquor Laws

People are allowed to drink on the streets in New Orleans. However, you must use a "geaux cup." (A "go cup" is a plastic cup.) Glass and cans are not allowed on the streets for safety reasons.

Mardi Gras is a long holiday and bars in New Orleans are open twenty four hours a day. Pace yourself. If you are going to drink during Mardi Gras, take it easy and slow. Most important, it's easy to get caught up in all the excitement and forget to eat. If you want to make it through Mardi Gras, solid food is a necessity. Of course, New Orleans is world famous for its food and is part of a complete New Orleans experience.

#### Toilets

Clean bathrooms are a difficult thing to find during Mardi Gras. Every business closes their facilities to everyone but paying customers. If your hotel is far from the action, take care of the more important business before you hit the streets. If you need to, plan on buying lunch or dinner and using the restaurant's bathroom before you pay the check! There are "port a lets" scattered throughout the city. However, they have long lines and can be quite an experience.

No matter how "bad" you have to go, do not urinate in the streets. This is a fine way to end up in central lock up and people

who are arrested during carnival sit in jail until the courts re-open after Fat Tuesday. Besides, it's not polite. Listen to your body. Get in line before you really have to go. By the time your crossing your legs, you might be at the front of the line.

#### Catching The Parades

Parades roll all over the state of Louisiana. On Mardi Gras day parades roll from early in the morning until late in the evening. There is so much going on during Carnival that it can be a difficult deciding what to do and see. What most people do is spend the Sunday before Mardi Gras at the parades. Several parades roll in New Orleans on Sunday and most people camp out and make a day of it.

#### Throw Me Something Mister...!

Unlike parades in other cities, Mardi Gras parades require people to become participants. In fact, the crowd during Mardi Gras is as much a part of the action as the floats and bands. Maskers on floats toss people in the crowd "throws." Throws are bead necklaces, doubloons, plastic cups, panties and lots of other stuff that are thrown to the crowd. People do all kinds of things to catch things. Some people create elaborate nets with targets on a pole, other people show body parts. It's all very entertaining.

Anything goes when it comes to catching stuff. One very important word of caution, NEVER pick up a throw off the street with your hands! If you do, your hand is going to get stomped on. If a throw ends up on the street, quickly put your foot over it and when the crowd settles down, pick it up. Barricades (temporary fences) are there for your protection. It can be tempting to run out to catch throws from a passing float. Floats weigh a whole lot and people have been seriously hurt because they just had to have that plastic charm. Stay behind the barricades.

Often, two or more people will catch the same throw. This is a give and take situation and requires a little carnival etiquette. Basically, the first person to "catch" a throw should be allowed to keep it. However, you'll find some rude people out

there and its best to let something go than make an issue out of it. Besides, there's plenty for everyone.

#### What You Can Get Away With

During Mardi Gras you're bound to get an eye full. Public nudity and public sex is not allowed and the obscenity laws are still on the books. You need to use your better judgement on this stuff. It is possible to get into trouble by showing too much when you "bargain" for beads, and again, people who are arrested, sit in jail until the courts re-open after Mardi Gras, which will cost you much more than \$200. You never know if that person standing next to you is an undercover cop or not.

#### "I Can Tell Youse Where You Got Dem Shoes !!!"

Beggars, panhandlers and con artists of all persuasion will be looking to scam the unwary and especially drunk visitor. If some con walks up to you and says "I can tell you where you got dem shoes," you reply "YEAH ! On my feet on Bourbon Street!" before he can con you out of a fiver or more. "If you play ya gotta pay."

If you want to have your boots polished, do it yourself. Never take out your money (Remember- you left your wallet and other valuables in the room.) to pay for anything on the street. Of course, the Phoenix bar has a really hot guy that will really put a shine on those boots. And, there might be a few people there that will do it for free.

#### Play Safe

Mardi Gras is a big party. People drink and are having a good time. It's easy to forget that there is a real world during Carnival. All the bars offer free condoms and there is no excuse. Don't allow the party to overwhelm your better judgement. We want you to come again.

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