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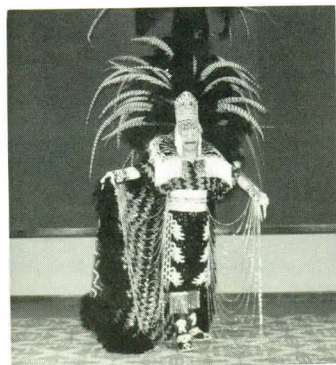
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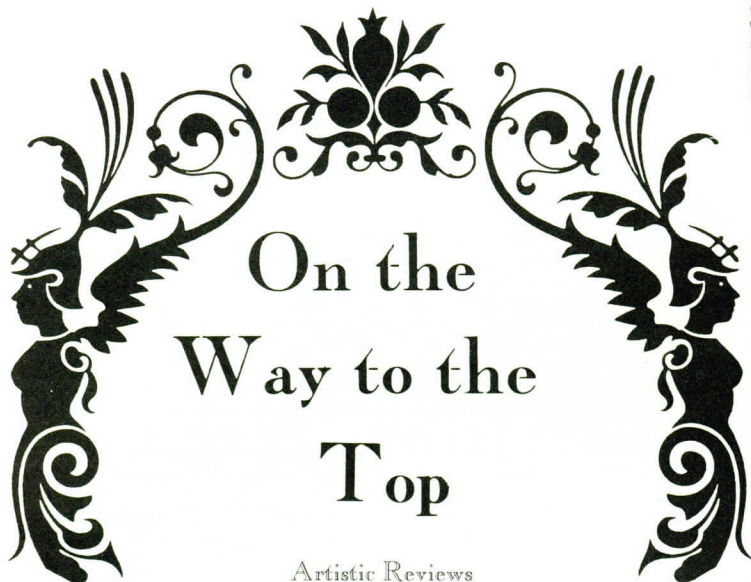


UPPER LEFT: KING AND QUEEN APOLLO VIII PORTRAYING THE TREASURE AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW. UPPER RIGHT: MISS GAY UNIVERSE, NAOMI SIMS AND MISS DREAMSTATE, COCO, POSE FOR OUR CAMERA'S. Photo's by Carl Blanchard.



LOWER LEFT: THE BALL LIEUTENANT'S HAILING FROM THE ROYAL THEATRE IN NEW YORK—THE MUSICAL, THE WIZ! DIRECTLY ABOVE: LAFAYETTE'S JAZZ EXTENSIONS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF REBECCA LANDRY. BELOW RIGHT: KING AND QUEEN APOLLO VIII GREET THEIR SUBJECTS. Photos by Carl Blanchard.





On the Way to the Top

Artistic Reviews

Apollo de Lafayette Kicks Off Carnival Season
By: R. Rip Naquin, Baton Rouge

LAFAYETTE-The Apollo Theatre, A Mystic Theatre presented the Mystic Krewe of Apollo de Lafayette in A Tribute to ROY G. BIV as its Bal Masque VIII Jan. 14th in the prestigious Lafayette Hilton. The evenings festivities opened with the **Jazz Extensions**, a Lafayette dance troupe under the direction of Rebecca Landry, doing their energetic and moving rendition of **New York, New York**.

Next, the houselights dimmed and the orchestra sounded the overture, **Battlestar Galactica**, and the audience hushed to a buzz of anticipation, expecting only the best from this legendary carnival club. "It is a certain flamboyance and showmanship which eludes imitators that has created the mystique of **Broadway** musicals from which came the many timeless songs which we call the **New York Lullabye!**" announced the emcee, "May I present to you at this time the **Captain of the Mystic Krewe Of Apollo de Lafayette**-depicting the absence of color--**The Captain and First Queen of Apollo!**" The dashing **Captain** is none other than flamboyant **Ronnie Horaist**, entering the ball room with dazzling plumage and the glittering of several thousand rhinestones, which brought the audience to their feet at once for a standing ovation.

Rulers of yesteryear were introduced: **King Apollo I, Shady Ladies Ball; King & Queen Apollo II, Calendar Girls Ball; King and Queen Apollo III, Louis XIV and Marie Antoinette; King and Queen Apollo IV, Egyptians from Heaven On The Nile; King and Queen Apollo V, A Tribute to William Shakespeare; King and Queen Apollo VI, Caravan to Zanadu-Kubla Khan and Quan Yien and King and Queen Apollo VII, King Arthur and Queen Guenivere.**

The beautiful debutantes included **Coco, Miss National Apollo and Miss Dreamstate; Dedra Allen, Miss Apollo Lafayette 1983; Miss Apollo Lafayette 1981; Miss Apollo Lafayette, 1978; Naomi Sims, Miss Gay Universe and Tiffany Jones, The Texas Tornado.**

The **Ball Lieutenant's** depicted the theme, using all the colors of the Rainbow-hailing from the **Royal Theatre in New York--the musical, The Wiz.**

Presentation of the **Royal Court** depicting the colors of the rainbow included: **RED** from **FAME(1980), The Ambassador Theatre; ORANGE** from **Mame(1966), The Winter Garden Theatre and Evita(1979), The Broadway Theatre; YELLOW** from **My Fair Lady(1956), The Mark-Hellinger Theatre; GREEN** from **Flower Drum Song(1958), The Imperial Theatre; BLUE** from **Funny Girl(1964), The Winter Garden Theatre; INDIGO** from **Sugar Babies(1979), The Mark-Hellinger Theatre and VIOLET** from **Dream-girls(1982), The Imperial Theatre.**

King and Queen Apollo VIII entered in breath-taking costumes depicting **The Treasure at the end of the Rainbow!!!**

The **Captain** called forth special guests to greet **King and Queen Apollo VIII: Roland Dobson, National Captain of Apollo; King, Queen and Captain Apollo New Orleans; King, Queen and Captain Apollo Baton Rouge; King, Queen and Captain Apollo Birmingham; King, Queen and Captain Krewe of Amon Ra; Representatives of the Executive and Professional Association of Houston; King, Queen and Captain Krewe of Celestial Knights New Orleans; Krewe of Elan Lake Charles; Representatives of the Gay Political Caucus of Houston; Representatives of Metropolitan Community Church of Acadiana; King, Queen and Captain Krewe of Olympus New Orleans; Representatives of the People's Court of Louisiana; King, Queen and Captain Krewe of Petronius New Orleans and Representatives of the Royal Order of Unicorn.**

The **Captain** also called forth the **Lafayette Chief of Police, Captain James Romero and his wife Susan Romero.**

MKA de Lafayette, formed in 1976, has much to be proud of. This ball was the first of the **Gay Season** and the first of the **Lafayette Straight Season.** This year there were 36 major participants in the Ball with an audience of 1,147. Music was provided by **Rob Rue Music Express.**

AMBUSH salutes **Captain Ronnie Horaist** and the **Mystic Krewe of Apollo de Lafayette** for a memorable and captivating experience.

Off the Presses

Gay Press Association holds 2nd Southern Conference

The **Savoy Hotel** in Houston was the setting for the **Second Annual Southern Regional Conference** of the **Gay Press Association**, Jan. 27-29. The conference was a chance for individuals to meet, work and socialize with other writers, editors and publishers.

Major workshops included: "**Selecting the Best and Proper Editorial Content for Your Publication**," led by **Dan Cobb**, Executive Managing News Editor, **Houston Chronicle**; "**How Gay Activism Relates to the Gay and Non-Gay Media**," led by **Don Baker**, successful plaintiff in overturning the **Texas sodomy law(1982)**; "**Techniques in Selling Advertising to Gay and Non-Gay Businesses**," led by **Lyt Harris**, Advertising Director, **Montrose Voice** and **Robert Moore**, Advertising Director, **Dallas Gay News**; "**Influencing Gay Media: We are not your enemy!**" led by **Robert Hyde**, Managing Editor, **Montrose Voice**; "**Evaluating and Getting Full Value from Press Releases**," led by **Molly Smyth**, a major Houston public relations consultant; "**Lesbian Concerns with the Gay Media**"; and "**Computer Access to News Stories Utilizing the GPA Wire Service.**"

The Conference Keynote Speaker at the Opening General Session was **Dr. Dan Siminowski**, a former political science professor at **Texas Tech University**. With the help of the **Southern California ACLU**, **Dr. Siminowski** has filed a class action suit against the **FBI** over government surveillance of gay individuals and organizations in the **1960's and 70's.**

For information on the **Gay Press Association**, c/o **Henry McClurg**, V.P., 3317 Montrose #306, Houston, TX 77006.

Saint Valentine's Day

By Linda M. Parks, WTW Editor, Lake Charles

The custom of sending **valentines** had its origin in a heathen practice connected with the worship of **Juno** or about **February 14th**, and in fact had nothing to do with the **saint.**

Saint Valentine was a Christian martyr of the reign of the **Emperor Claudius** about 270. His festival was observed on the **14th of February** before the time of **Gregory the Great.**

In all actuality, **St. Valentine** would be greatly disturbed by the giving of what he would consider "**silly**" cards and tokens of friendship. He believed in doing good unto others and giving to the poor and helping the needy. His life was one of **servitude to the poor and the needy.**

It would seem truly fitting that today, as we enter a new and bold **World**, that we cast aside the money-making gimmicks from a time gone by, and if we are to celebrate **St. Valentine's Day**, let us do it with true Christian charity. It takes little love to go to a store and buy a card, but the fact that thousands of people do this every year, surely lines the pockets of the manufacturers and stores. There is nothing unique about giving someone a piece of paper that is soon turned brown with time. The true gift of love for another today is **in service**, in time spent caring for a loved one, attention spent showing that love!

St. Valentine's Day would surely bring tears to the eyes of **St. Valentine** himself were he here to observe it. He would surely burst into open rage at the sale of tokens, rather than acts of love for one another. How can we use his name on such useless empty gestures? He would not approve! He spent his life doing kindly acts for others and he was not a man to let idle time lie on his hands, nor the type to endorse money-making schemes.

We have become all so used to holidays and celebrations that we have lost contact with what is real and true. The truth is that if we were to honor **St. Valentine** today, we would show love to one another, to strangers, to neighbors, by acts---not shallow gestures.

David Robertson Chosen Marshal of de Sade & Men

NEW ORLEANS-David Robertson has been chosen to the office of Marshal, who is charge of club functions; by **de Sade & Men** in a special election.

His duties will include coordination of the club's regular Friday night beer bust at their home bar, the **Filling Station**; and all other social functions with other clubs, both local and out of town. As Road Captain, he will be overall director of **Bastille II**, the club's anniversary weekend June 22-24; and will serve as representative from **de Sade** to the newly-formed **Tri-Club Council of New Orleans.**

When the Charter Vice President of **de Sade**, **Wally Sherwood**, originated the **R-S-R Award**, David joined with him and **Ed Robertson**, founder of the club; in a three-way sponsorship of the traveling trophy. Officially titled the **Robertson-Sherwood-Robertson Award**, it is presented to the Most Outstanding Member of the Club during **Bastille** ceremonies each year.

David's other activities include Carnival, cultural and religious groups. He was the original president of the **Lords of Leather** and is a charter member of the **Mystic Krewe of Tragoidia**, treasurer of **Dignity** and sectional leader for the **New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus.**

Star Struck

Galactic Direction

Astrology for February By: Thomas-John Gries, Houston

The New Moon occurs February 1st and in the sign of Aquarius. An excellent time to begin new projects social in nature. Celebrate by having a dinner party.

The Full Moon occurs Thursday the 16th in the sign of Leo at 6:41 P.M. This is the time to soak up all the moon's energy and direct it toward the purpose you began at the new moon.

ARIES: Start your month by making lists of things you want to accomplish. Secondly list the excuses you may make up to avoid them and resolve with your fiery martian temperament to persist until they are done. You will find yourself making peace with some people who have irritated you for some time now. This is the perfect time to patch up any broken relationships you need to revive.

TAURUS: You will find yourself in a rather quiet mood at the first of the month, inclined to be reclusive and very serious. Its a good time and you should reflect on how to make your life more fulfilling and satisfying. Toward the middle of the month you will find yourself feeling a little out of step with the rest of the world, but if you will take a deep breath and look around you, you'll find that there is something exciting afoot in your life.

GEMINI: You should find yourself becoming the object of some special attention this month. The energies are perfect for you to receive some unexpected gifts. This is good time to begin an investment program. You should prosper. Be careful of a tendency to be a little insecure and defensive. If you find yourself being very touchy, take a few hours off to be alone and take inventory of what has been happening. You are taking on too much in your life right now. Don't quit any responsibility now, but be sure you are recharging yourself with good friends and some alone time.

CANCER: You are already dreaming of summer and thinking about a long cruise with someone you love. You will find that some practical planning and asking boldly will bring you what you are really desiring. Your friends are very important to you now and you should make a special effort to get together regularly. You will find around the twentieth a new special person coming into your life. The tendency you have been feeling to get discouraged will pass away during this latter part of the month.

LEO: You have been fighting a part of yourself, trying to keep busy and happy. You will find this month that the game is up and you will come face to face with the new you and you will like it. This month would be well spent planning a weekend away in the country or with a friend you haven't seen for a few years. You will find that some things you have taken for granted about yourself are no longer true and you need the opportunity to get reacquainted with yourself. People will really appreciate the changes they are seeing in you now.

VIRGO: The signs are very auspicious for you financially. You should find some old investments are paying off. You will feel a great urge to spend your new wealth. Set aside half of it, have a good time and then reinvest the other half. The opportunity for love and for very fruitful relationships will be very apparent near the middle of the month. This is an especially powerful time for women. You will find that you have a magic touch in your life right now. Give your goals serious thought.

LIBRA: You have entered a time when you need to spend some time alone and be quiet. There are significant pleasant changes coming in your life and this quiet time will allow you to make those changes gracefully. This is a good time to reflect on some good things that have occurred in the last six months. Near the last week of the month you will meet a very unusual person whom you will respect deeply. This person will stimulate a great deal of change in you.

SCORPIO: Be careful of over-sensitivity at this time. You are loved by your friends. They however, don't completely understand the mood u have been dealing with. You will find that you are ready to move

on to greater things in your life. Around mid-month you will receive a confirmation of your loveableness and some support from people you did not realize cared for you. You may have a tendency to not be as active physically as you normally are. Make every effort to keep moving, walking, dancing, running errands.

SAGITTARIUS: Watch your money carefully at the first of the month. You have a tendency to over spend right now. If you can hold on to your money for a while you will find yourself getting excited about an opportunity to invest in your home. This is an important time to improve your home, whether you own or not. this is a good time to not push yourself and just enjoy your daily routines. There is a good chance that you will receive an opportunity to travel soon.

CAPRICORN: You have been limiting yourself. You have potential to do more than you have so far dreamed. Listen to yourself carefully for phrases like "I can't do that because..." and question every statement. Many people could have more if they only tried. You are finishing a cycle in your life and will begin to feel many new beginnings. It is very important for you to be near water during this month. A trip to the ocean would be ideal, but any lake or river would help.

AQUARIUS: You will embark on a new adventure this month. You should find yourself meeting new people and attracting some very interesting friends. The planet uranus is aspecting you in a very special way. Decide on some startling goals and give it all you energy. This is the most charmed month that you have experienced in years. Try to spend some time around the house mid-month and relish the good things that have come into your life.

PISCES: The first of the month may feel like quite a bit of a struggle. But in actuality you are doing very well and are in a position to overcome these petty irritations. There are some people looking up to you that you don't suspect just yet. Around the 19th aspects are very conducive to falling in love. If you already have someone special then be sure to buy them a gift and channel that energy to them unless you want some complications in your life. This is a very energizing month for you!

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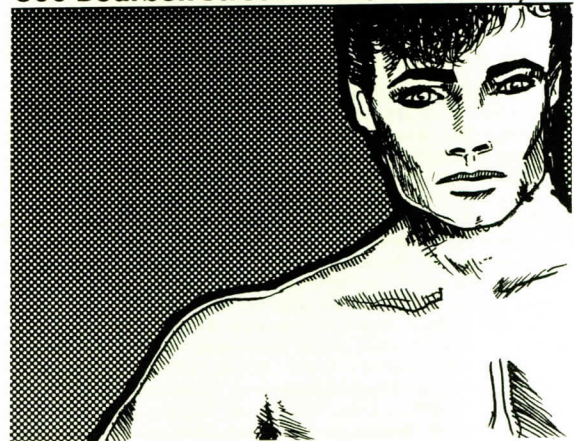
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What's Hot?!?

Events, Gossip & Happenings

Alive and Well

By Dee Dee Welch, Alexandria Editor

Greetings once again from the "Showplace of Louisiana". Starting the New Year off at a new pace for most of the community meant so much not only to myself, but to the gay community as a whole. Everyone was looking for new ideas, new jobs, lovers of both sexes, etc., etc. One good thing that helped our community was to see Carol D. & Shelly come home from one of Alexandria's local hospitals. (Girls, we realize all the hard, long and miserable hours that you spent, missing all of your friends on the outside world. Welcome home girls...We missed you both.)

Champagne, ballons, door prizes, poppers and tabs helped to bring forth a packed house on New Year's Eve to say goodbye to 1983 and hello to 1984.

If you ever happen to pay a visit to Silly Sally's, notice Miss Amber Sinclair at the door as you go in. (Miss Girl, cut those nails, because you're always scratching.) By the way, rumor has it that Amber is dating chickens... (Miss Girl, that's not the way to salvation in my opinion, because I know you can do better.)

Sally's gets a new addition every week, either a new entertainer or just a simple new disco hit. Sally's recently received a new D.J. by popular demand. (J.D.---welcome to our community, because we realize that you are more than willing to work with everyone.) From what I've seen in the past two to three weeks, there has been lots of improvement. The D.J. booth seems to be much more organized, along with your sensational taste of music. We appreciate you---Love ya. Incidentally, J.D.-never call Miss Dee Dee a lesbian unless you know all the facts. As you know, I like real men. Next time, come to me and I'll give you my definition of a real man.

Along with our new D.J., we also received some new entertainers who seem to strive for excellence and professionalism. These girls have helped to entertain our Thursday Night crowds at Sally's. (Morgan LeFrey, Constance, Devina and Summer Night...Thanks. We appreciate all your hard work.) These entertainers deserve to have a pat on the back from both Sally's and Union Station.

On the 3rd of February, Eddie and Ernie, celebrated their 22nd anniversary. The crowd was there as always to show their appreciation of these two fine men. (By the way Ernie, rumor has it that you too like to go on the other route...) Mr. Tiffany Jones, The Texas Tornado, made a special appearance to show her appreciation to Eddie and Ernie, along with the sensational Stephanie Hughes, Miss Alexandria and Miss Dee Dee Welch, Miss Alexandria Entertainer of the Year. This gala event was enjoyed by all, and, they shall be looking forward to Eddie & Ernie's 23rd Anniversary.

Across the street at the Union Station, Chet & Ray's elegant bar, the crowds have once again shown their appreciation to those fine gentlemen. Recently, Union Station hosted An Evening With Miss Whitney Sloan, who holds the prestigious titles of Miss Arkansas Entertainer of the Year and Miss Gay Tulsa Oklahoma. (Whitney...Thanks a million...) Also performing with Miss Sloan were Miss Dana Silvers, Miss Louisiana Entertainer of the Year and the sensational Brooke Lyne of Alexandria. The evening was enjoyed by all. (Chet & Ray---Keep up the hard work.) Remember, that it is by piling achievement upon piling achievement that the gays in Alexandria and elsewhere as a whole, have grown to make this along with other gay communities what they are today. (Let's keep it that way. We shall strive for perfection until the end---Love Ya!!!)

Alexandria's gay community can really appreciate themselves along with our larger cities that offer gay fellowships. Rev. Debbie Salser of Alexandria has really strived for the gays in our city with her new organization. Debbie now offers the United Church of Faith, located at 2160 Greenwood Drive, near the corner of Greenwood and MacArthur Drive South access road. U.C.F. has regular worship services at 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. on Sundays. Bible Study meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 P.M. I would like to mention that all activities and functions of U.C.F. are open to everyone, regardless of their religious faith, denomination or conviction. For more information about U.C.F., you may contact Rev. Debbie Salser at 318/442-2454. (Rev. Salser...We love you.)

The Baton Rouge Desk

By: R. Rip Naquin, Baton Rouge

The Emporium, 2183 Highland Road, hosted the PCL production of Coco in Concert Jan. 19th. One of the hottest shows ever seen in Baton Rouge, Coco & Co. that is E.J. White showed expertise in both production and choreography; showmanship that would have even made Solid Gold ashamed. Each number was concise and expertly executed to the perfect music blends. A salute to Coco & E.J. White---a splendid performance. Emcee's for the evening were the comedy duo of the incredible Lady Rhonda Robbins and Kate (Bruce Stevens). Other guest included Tiffany Alexander, Miss Greater Baton Rouge, Louisiana & Miss Christmas Universe; Baton Rouge's Musty T. and Terica DeSario. Make sure you don't miss Coco's next appearance in Baton Rouge. Check out UPSTAIR'S

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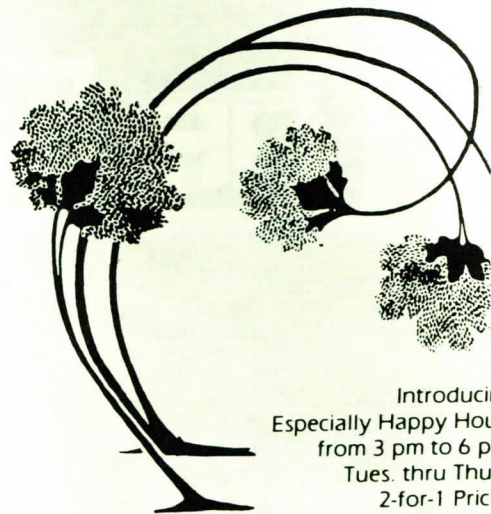
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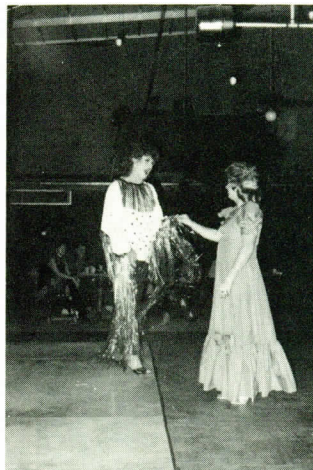
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at THE EMPORIUM, an all new card, t-shirt and record shop. You will find some of the most useful cards for any and all occasions.

George's, 860 St. Louis, celebrated its 13th Anniversary, Feb. 3rd and 4th. Friday the 3rd featured an extensive buffet and complimentary champagne all evening. Saturday the 4th was the highlight of the weekend



LEFT PHOTO: LADY RHONDA ROBBINS ACCEPTS A TIP FROM M. MARSHA DELAIN. RIGHT PHOTO: COCO IN CONCERT AT THE EMPORIUM.



with the now famous Georgettes(all of George's bartenders draging for their patrons.) Led by Richard as Miss George's, the comedy productions and individual routines were just too much for even television. The standing room only crowd were also entertained by emcee's Daisy Mae and R. Reba Ross doing her version of Hello Dolly! For photo's and more on this event, check in the March issue of AMBUSH. George's is also currently planning a bus trip to the World's Fair---make your reservations now. Also watch for George's Easter Bonnet Party on the Riverboat. Last month, AMBUSH listed all of George's bartenders with the exception of Brian---sorry about that.

The Cock & Bull Story, 1564 Nicholson Drive, is really hopping with David Evan's new Breakfast Served at Closing every Friday, Saturday & Sunday, the only late nite(2 A.M. and after) in Baton Rouge. The breakfast we had included buffet style scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, BBQ sausage, cole slaw and fresh dinner rolls all for one low price. This is sure to catch on, especially if you're tired of waiting an hour or two for breakfast at other area breakfast spots. The C.B.S. is also the only establishment open on Sunday's in Baton Rouge with a good buffet served all day.

The Mirror, a Baton Rouge tradition, we understand may be moving. Look for more info in our next issue.

The Metropolitan Community Church of Baton Rouge has a new location and times. The new location is 7877 Jefferson Highway(look for the Church of the Open Road sign). Times include each Sunday 6:30 P.M.-Fellowship; 6:45 P.M.-Worship in Song; 7 P.M.-Worship Service and 8:15 P.M.-Fellowship.

The Apollo Theatre, that is the Mystic Krewe of Apollo-Baton Rouge presented Applause!, a musical-comedy review by Hal Phillips, Jr. as its 1984 Bal Masque Jan. 28th at Boudreaux's. The production was Designed and Directed by Ted Weaver, Captain with the help of Associate Scenic Designer, Frank Taylor; Associate Costume Designers, Sharon Rhymer & Bonnie Richardson; Associate Lighting Designer,



MUSTY T. AT THE COCO IN CONCERT PRODUCTION AT THE EMPORIUM.

Ford's Theatrical Lighting and Musical Direction, Benjamin's Sound. The **Bal Masque** began with the presentation of **King & Queen Apollo II**. The theme of the **Bal** was carried through with members portraying themselves as **Fred Astaire** played by **Co-Captain Larry Fremin, Jr.**, **Carmen Miranda**, **Ricardo Montelband**, **John Raitt**, **Gypsy Rose Lee**, **Mary Martin**, **Cyril Ritchard**, **Tyrone Power**, **Monarch**, **Viceroy**, **Ginger Rogers** played by **Captain Ted Weaver**, **Doug Henning**, **Julie Andrews**, **Fannie Brice**, **Carol Channing** and **Ethel Merman** in colorful and exotic costumes. The finale was the presentation of the **Sun-King Apollo III** in a burst of gold and his **Bride, Queen Apollo III**, in a burst of Oriental design and coloring. The **Bal**, although a bit too long, was indeed a colorful and entertaining experience. Let's not forget the **Captain's Party**, held the evening prior to the **Bal**, hosted by and at the palatial home of **Buddy Jenkins & Charles Patten**. It was a fabulous evening of ever-flowing beverages and exquisite hors d'oeuvres. The hosts of this party were a delight to meet, especially with their charm and hospitality.



LEFT TIFFANY ALEXANDER; RIGHT E.J. WHITE AND COCO.

Doing Lafayette!!!

With the Lafayette Editor, Jamie Hays

I asked **Angelle** what her definition of a **bull-dyke** was, and she had to stop and think. Girl, I don't. A bull-dyke kick-starts her vibrator and rolls her own tampons. If you think that's bad, how do two lesbians make love? Who cares?

Poor **Joan Collins** has just been tabbed the worst dressed woman in America by a prominent New York fashion designer. I know the feeling, **Alexis**-you didn't but your clothes from **Doris Dodge**. Now that is one flustered woman. Every time I see her on TV, the resemblance to **Charlene Barbara** is, well, just tragic. Um um um um.

Confidential to **Andrew Chernin**: If **Celia** doesn't want you, you can always start over as the husband of a cocktail waitress in **Lafayette**.

Well, I finally found out where **Terry Luneau** got her spunk. Her mother came by the office one day to take **Terry** out to lunch, and while she was waiting she picked up a copy of **AMBUSH**. A little while later she asked her son who **Lord Briscoe** was. "Who?" **Terry** asked. "Lord Briscoe", she said. "Well Mother, I don't know who you are talking about." To which her mother said "Oh yes you do, **Terry Lulu**."

Get real, **Mother Lulu**!! Um um um um. Speaking of **Terry**, she is so nelly that viewing her from the rear is like observing the tailgate of a **mack truck**. She sees a cute husband and the tailgate lowers. Never mind the last hundred or so guys that took the plunge and are searching for their car keys, so they can drive out of there. And she has the nerve to call me a **tired whore**.

You all remember the **PNSLQ** and the two lbs. of bacon? Well, **L.D.** (excuse me-**AAA**) you now have company in the **PLQ** club. We now have a **PSSLQ**-her initials? **N.A.** and she started a bon-fire with the insert of a program and had the nerve to ask if **Jefferson Street** was the **Nile River**. Not to be outdone, we also have a **PCCLQ** who keeps a bottle of **poppers** next to her **Preparation H** in the butter compartment of her refrigerator. I just don't have the heart to say who it is, but she does own a pair of **Red tennis shoes**.

Yes, we do have some talent in the **Hub City**. Have you ever heard **Glenn** sing? He sang at a recent **Fantasy** show, and has a very nice voice. And the **prints** on the wall at **Fantasy** are for sale by the artist, who is none other than my sister and co-worker, **Paul**. The guy has talent, and a print could be just what your wall is lacking.

I had a request from a friend that I stop picking on **John Trahan**. Girl, I'm not picking on **Sybil Tran**. I'm just tired of the attitude that he sometimes has. Just like so many of us here in **Lafayette**, I came out in his bar. And, like everybody else, I remember some good times in that old building. But it is like a bird and a nest. You make it, you lay in it.

Club C'est La Guerre co-owner, **Marge**, was at the **Social Alternative** the other nite and met **Ms. Chesnut** for the first time. Never say **Randy** isn't a gracious host-you know how a dyke can drink! Seriously, **Marge** has a lot of good ideas for **John's**, and is a very nice and practical person. Thanks for her hospitality on a recent visit to her establishment. Gook luck, **Marge**.

Speaking of which, **Charlene**, what does "Open to All" mean, anyway? The Grand Opening of **Pharaoh's** was real nice with the talents of **Naomi Sims**, **Female Impersonator of the Year**; **Donna Day**, former **Miss Gay**

Texas; **Tasha Kohl**, **Miss Gay America**; **Dedra Allen**, **Miss Apollo Lafayette** and **Coco**, **Miss Dreamstate**. I saw the owner, **Bobby Silor** on TV the other night. Um um um um. I'm sure you all are aware that **Mr. Silor** is a very successful straight businessman who owns **Celebrities**, huh? I think it is just wonderful that he is willing to go public and let the town know he is going into the gay bar business. He is smart-he knows where the money is! I guess they call it laughing all the way to the bank!!! I hope to have an in-depth interview with him next month, so stay tuned.

Ms. Chesnut unveiled her new **Drown Nite** the 17th of January. The cover is \$6, but all well drinks are free from 9 til 2. If you just have three drinks, you break even. It was fun, and should rapidly become a **Lafayette tradition**.

January was a month of **Birthdays**. **Terry Lulu** inched nearer to becoming **Lafayette's** newest **Auntie**; **Mike** celebrated his 18th birthday twelve times over; **Howard** turned 29; **Angelle**, well, you know how women are about their ages and I, myself, had one of my last birthdays as a chicken. The dinner party **Ned**, **Howard** and **Jerry** gave **Mike** and me was flawless-girls, I'd have you all over if there were ever any clean dishes! Oh **Calgon**-take me away!

And it is about that prominent **Lafayette Auntie** who gave a _____ under the bar at **Frank's** and got **Kathy's** nerves all flustered. You know what **Ms. Naked Baton Rouge** told **Inez**, don't you girl? She probably paid for it and you enjoyed it. Um um um um.

Hey **Dewey**-the first anniversary of our meeting at **Shady Rest Traylor Park** is coming up-what are we going to do for an encore? And confidential to **Bula Briscoe** (Has a nice ring, don't you think?) You're just as cute as you were a year ago. As many miles as **Bula** has on her, her engines still operate in **warp drive**. Of course the rear exhaust operates on impulse power. I'll close with this thought: We are the People our parents warned us about.

The Monroe Desk

By: Arland Purvis, Monroe Editor

No, **Monroe** has not fallen off the face of the earth. Fact is, we are swinging more than ever. We now feature two bars, the **Cajun Lounge** and **Pappy's**. Both bars host a variety of warm entertainment for these cold winter nights. From shows, both professional and local talent, to dancing and cruising at its best, can all be found in the ever restless city of **Monroe**. In this growing college town you will find a wide variety of taste and friendly faces from all over the U.S. So we here at **Monroe** would like to extend an open invitation to all out of towners to come and visit us. We'll be waiting.

Now for a little inside chit-chat. **Ezzie Mae**, how was your costume for the 'nal' party. Fruity, I'm sure. **Gary**, what does **Glenda** want. **Marty F.** was acting butch? **Sheri**, you're so cute.

Margo be done got her a new 'red' ride. **J.R.** is still spreading it around? **Kym H.**, where are you? **Rodney**, how was **Dallas**?

Corky must you carry that 100 pound, 4 legged baby boy of yours everywhere? Hi **Ricky**, **Ken**, **Sheri** and **Darlene**, keep those drinks a coming.

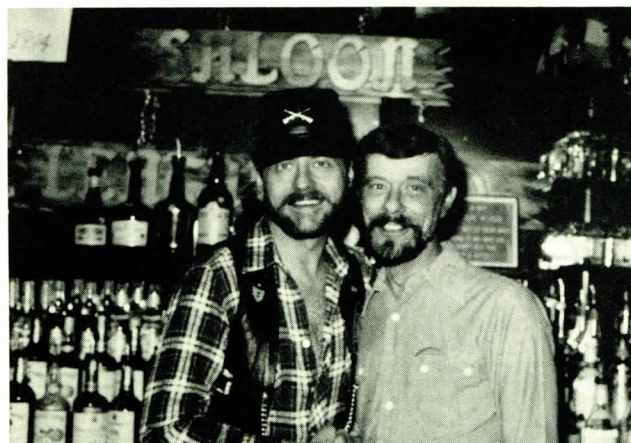
Glitter, where's that 10,000 dollar Christmas fur? Maybe next year.

Miss Robert is still kicking high. **Margo**, keep me out of that dam cane girl or **Zac** you move your houseboat, one of the two.

Jay, how much gas does that big car use to get to the **Cajun**. Yea, **Miss Freddie** went and got her a big car like sister **Jay**.

From **Rod Stewart** to **Farrah Faucet**-please **Mac** rest that hair. Hey **Lori**, **Chris**, **Marci** and **Rhonda**.

Well that's about it and just call me the new **Miss Jackson Crystal Burger**. Hi **Sandra** at **Jill's** in **Jackson**, you open a mean can of **Bud**!



BOB KEESEE AND JERRY RADTKE OF PARTNERS SALOON/LEATHER AND...

The New Orleans Desk

By: R. Rip Naquin, Baton Rouge

Watch for the 1st Anniversary of **Partners Saloon/Leather And...** coming Sat., Feb. 25th with live country & western music, specials and all kinds of craziness. Also check out the new dance floor featuring
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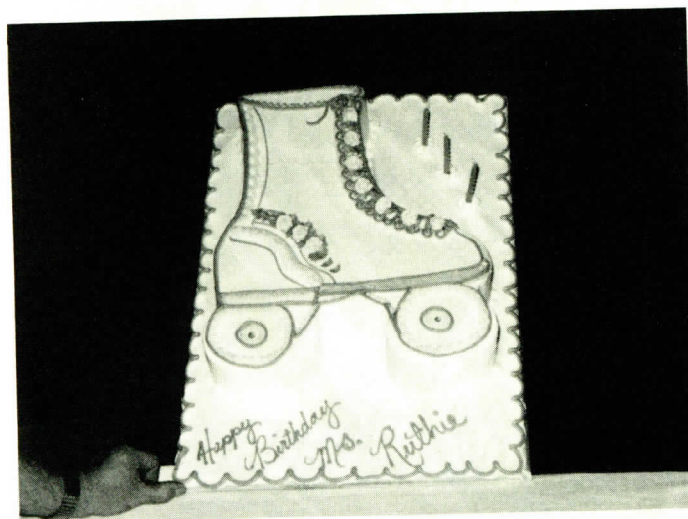
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COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCIN' 7 days a week. Feb. 29th marks **Sadie Hawkins Day** with **"A Bottoms are Boss Nite"**---check with bartenders for details. **Partners Saloon/Leather And...** is located at the corner of Rampart and Orleans.

Jan. 15th marked the **First Anniversary Celebration** of Duane's **"LOUISIANA PURCHASE"** featuring an anniversary cake, buffet with relish trays presented by **St. Ann's Deli** and **Happy Hour** prices all nite. **LP's Miss Ruthie Look-A-Like Contest** held Jan. 19th in celebration of The



MISS RUTHIE'S BIRTHDAY CAKE AT THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE.

Duck Lady of the French Quarter's birthday, was won by **Gerry S.**, the personable guy at the **Leather And...** shop. Runner up was **Wade** from **Carroll's Corner**.

The **Jean Harlow Look-A-Like Contest** hosted by **Harlow's, "A Restaurant"**, held at the **Mississippi River Bottom Saloon** was a huge success with "a throng of thousands to see their ever popular Jean", according to **Bob Bernissant**, proprietor of **Harlow's** and **The Quarter Scene**. Out of a field of 7 contestants, **Bruce Skelton** was winner receiving \$250 cash and a platinum wig. The ever popular **Ed Smith** was emcee of this

fun filled event. **Mombo Lips**, from **Lucille's & Friend** won \$50 cash for his comedy routine.

If you enjoy **exquisite cuisine** and **attentive service**, you simply must dine at **Harlow's**, 534 St. Philip St., if you can get in the door. I would



BOB BERNISSANT'S NEW VENTURE, HARLOW'S, "A RESTAURANT".

suggest reservations by calling 504/524-JEAN. The chefs for this delightful restaurant are **Jamie Harris**, educated at **Cordon Bleu** in **Paris, France** and **Linda Harris**, educated at **La Varenne** in **Paris, France**. These two talented women arrive between 8 and 10 each morning to prepare the dishes to be served that evening starting at 6 P.M. All of the dishes and desserts are made from scratch and only fresh ingredients are used. The night we dined there, we started with a couple of cocktails, we understand are served from the **Mississippi River Bottom Saloon**, across the street from **Harlow's**. Our waiter, **Sam**, an excellent waiter to request, served us **Bean Soup with Sour Cream**, very different and definitely a sour cream lovers delight. Next came our **Salad of the Day**, tossed green, just the right portion with a mayonaise based house dressing with a hint of chopped chives and minced onions. Out of approximately four entree's to choose, we selected **Chicken Cordon Bleu** and **Savory Steak in a Hunter Whiskey Sauce**. The **Chicken Cordon Bleu** was the best I have ever tried, outstandingly served with homemade fettuccini

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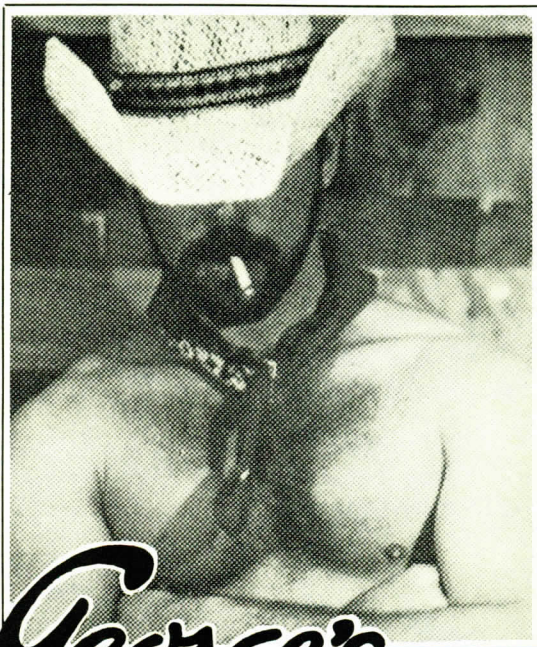
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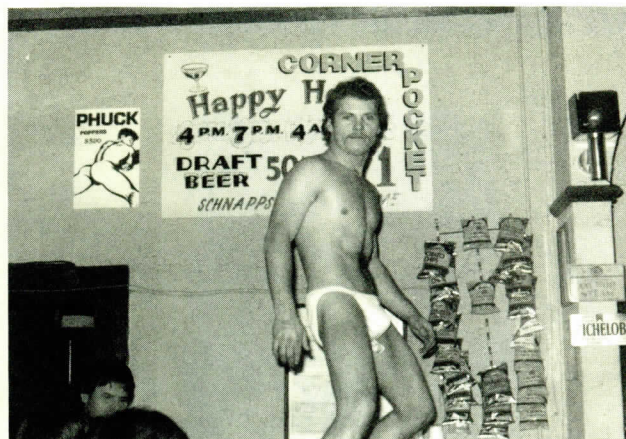
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and garnished with fresh carrot, strawberry and parsley, a New York bistro's diners delight. The **Savory Steak** was served much in the same manner with the **Hunter Whiskey Sauce**, a lightly sauteed sauce made with sour mash whiskey, unusual and certainly delicious. To end our experience in dining at **Harlow's**, we tried the **Almond Raspberry Tart**, a light, rich and quite tasty end to a perfect dining experience.

The **Corner Pocket**, corner of St. Louis & Burgundy is a must on your next trip to N.O., especially if it's a Thursday or Saturday evening. We happened in on a Saturday evening just in time to see in person, **BOYS DANCIN'** featuring **Dancin' Studs on the Bar**. These Gents start



JESSE, ONE OF THE BOYS DANCIN' AT THE CORNER POCKET.

out dancin' with skimpy swim suits and some strip down to g-strings. It evidently is a popular project, because the **Pocket** was packed. The first dancer we viewed was **John**, from **Maine**---a hot looking gent; next came **Joey**, directly from **Memphis**---he had that innocent boyish charm; and **Jesse**, also from **Tennessee**---we understand this hot little number was on the cover of **Blueboy** in May '83. While at the **CP**, we met **Tom & Paul**, proprietors of **Flamingo's**, the **COME and DRINK** with the **BIG GIRLS** place, located at 1625 St. Charles Ave. and **Cecil R. Webb**, President of **Cecil's Round Table, Inc.**, located at 3828 Hessmer Ave. in Metairie.

Located at 2820 Lime St. in Metairie, the **Blue Odyssey Club**, "The Gay Show Place of the South", celebrated it's **ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY EXTRAVAGANZA** with 6 hours of continuous entertainment on Jan. 20th and 21st. There were over 20 acts with a **Cavalcade of Stars**. We heard it was packed and some of the best entertainment seen in the **New Orleans** area in a long time---sorry we missed it.

T.T.'s is open---not padlocked as local gossip has it. According to the bartender, **T.T.'s** will be open & festive as usual thru **Mardi Gras**.

Hershal White ruled over the **King Cake Party** held at **Paw Paw's Cajun Country** on the Twelfth Night.

The **Rev. Bill Richardson**, former rector of **St. George's Episcopal Church** and now chaplain for **Integrity**, will be featured in **New Orleans'** only krewe function on **Mardi Gras**. Coming up from Florida with some of his friends to see him fill a most unusual role in the **Lords of Leather** royal coronation.

Boobie has joined the entertainers at **Play It Again, Sam**.

Chuck Cook was recently honored on his birthday at the **Mississippi River Bottom**.

The **Mississippi River Bottom**, 515 St. Philip, hosted **Chet's Tupperware Party** Jan. 18th. Much tupperware was sold and several prizes were given away. Check out the **MRB's Bloody Mary's**, by far one of the best



THE FRIENDLY STAFF OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOTTOM SALOON.

in the **Quarter**, garnished with pickled Blue Lake green beans, fresh celery, cucumber, tomato, onion & olive for the low price of \$1.75 for a 13 oz. glass---on special for \$1.25 between 4 A.M. and 12 Noon. And of course the fresh vegy's are supplied by **A. Boudreaux's Produce & Restaurant/Bar Supply's**, 51-52 French Market Place. For those early

morning rendezvous-its a must to check out the **Bottom**. There's always something happening at the **River Bottom**---I hear 1,900 was the lucky number for the **Super Bowl**.

On one of our visits, we had lunch at **Mama Rosa's Slice of Italy**. As usual, the portions were extraordinarily generous. We tried the **Wop Salad**, a generous portion for two or three diners, with marinated green olives, black olives, artichoke hearts, celery, lettuce, mushrooms, sliced fresh pepperoni and grated monzerella cheese; served with three huge



ROCKY AND SUE OF MAMA ROSA'S SLICE OF ITALY.

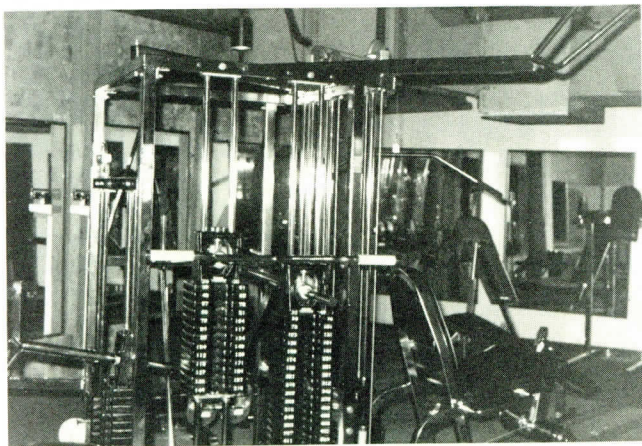
slices of buttered homemade bread. Also, we tried the **Ham & Cheese Sandwich** with inch thick homemade bread loaded with fresh smoked ham and loads of melted monzerella cheese. Our friendly waiter was Rocky and Sue was the bartender.



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Cruisin' Tulsa, Oklahoma

By: Jamie Shawn Hays, Lafayette Editor

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Oklahoma is still BYOL, but show your La. I.D. and they are over it. As a former **Tulsa Bar Owner**, I can highly recommend my old bar, **Tulsa Mining Co.**, 1902 East 11th St. Currently owned by **Howard Metz, Inc.**, it boasts the finest D.J. in **Tulsa**, **Larry Hunter**, and a fine staff, headed by my dearest sister, **Kelly**. 25¢ drinks on Wed. nites; afterhours on weekends.

Almost as hot is **Zipper's** at 4812 East 33rd---**Patti** is your hostess, and **Fuzzy Carpenter** is the D.J. "Fuzzy" is the finest D.J. in the South-west, so check out **Tulsa's** most unique disco.

For your cruisin' enjoyment, the **Playroom**, 2252 East 11th St., is **Tulsa's** hottest cruise spot. Disco on weekends only.

If you like **Club C'est La Guerre** in Lafayette, then check out **Tracy's**, 1338 East 3rd St.

Tulsa is a party town, so check out why they call it "Oklahomosexual". The best place to stay is the **Williams Plaza Hotel** from \$39 up. **Tulsa** is home of **ORV**, so check out the **City of Faith Hospital**.

Dear Diana,

The Trash & Truth of It

By: Diana L. Hall

DEAR D.B.

Here I am, home at last. I was kidnapped by wayward Eagle Scouts, just outside Rantoul, after earning 3 merit badges within 27 minutes and learning 3 really great new things to do with a rope, I let the little fellars go. I have my morals (well actually, I left them at S.B.'s house), but anyway, journeying on, I was accosted by an aborigine avacado farmer from Oskaloza, who was on his way to the National Fruit Eaters Convention in San Francisco, after exchanging a few Aleksandr Puskin jokes and promising to plant a pit for JIMMY SWAGGART, I ventured on.

Who should I run into next but my dear intimate and close friends, THE 5TH FLEET--naturally they had not had Christian orientation in months, not to mention nature study, so we had much to do and so little time; sometimes I'm proud to be an American.

(SORRY, DUE TO LIMITED SPACE IN THIS PUBLICATION, ONLY DAY 1 OF DIANA'S XMAS VACATION CAN BE PUBLISHED.) Thank you, THE EDITOR.

DEAR DIANA,

I've just gotten back from the local gay bar here in B.R. The crowd was a good size and everyone seemed to be having a good time, except myself, not that I didn't try. I've been trying to meet people, have a good time for a long time, but with no success.

My best friend, a girlfriend of mine, says that I have a wonderful personality. We can sit and talk for hours. I even once thought (and sometimes still do) that I was straight and just haven't met the right girl. But my heart just pounds too quickly when I see an attractive man.

Am I crazy and maybe just permanently warped, when I meet people, they're either interested in sex or nothing at all. I've been called a hopeless "ROMANTIC" several times and I guess that's probably true.

I'm slightly old fashioned, but totally open to new things. So, I guess my question amounts to this---How does an old fashioned person have fun when going out.

Am I just too uptight or what?

I'm so confused maybe the local priesthood would take me.

SINCERELY YOURS, ???

Dear ???,

You don't sound crazy or warped to me. You sound wonderfully sensitive and normal. And there's nothing wrong with being old fashioned or a hopeless "ROMANTIC". As a matter of fact, I feel a little sorry for those who aren't, they are missing out on a beautiful part of life.

The bar scene is a little rough sometimes, but you can bet in that crowd of people, you see those who look like they're having a wonderful time. There are many who feel lonely and confused just as you do.

Try to know yourself better. Life for us all at any age is sometimes confusing and depressing, we all want the approval of others, we want to be liked and loved, but we must like and love ourselves first of all. That's not being an egotist, its being a realist.

You're confused about who you are and what's happening in your life. What do you like to do? What gives you joy? What makes you feel peaceful and warm inside?

There are all kinds of places to meet new friends, other than bars. Bars are fine, but don't ever let it become your only option. If you like books, go to the library. Exercise, ride a bike, walk a dog, join a health club, take a class in art or photography. Do something wonderful for someone. Do volunteer work at a hospital or drug abuse clinic. Start doing good things for yourself and you'll be full of positive and bright energy. Before you know it, people will be gravitating to you.

Let go of the Negative things in your life, you'll need lots of room for the positive. HAVE A GOOD LIFE

Please stop sending me 21 yr. olds, my hands are full and I have to breath through my mouth sometimes.

D.B.---If I said or did anything pleasant or nice to you at the Xmas

Party, I just want you to know I was slightly delirious from my liquid medication, and not to take it personally!

By the way, I don't know who DIXIE THE DRAG QUEEN, whom was posing as ME is in last months issue, but really---tacky, tacky, tacky!!!

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Dear Friend of '84 and Counting:

Earlier this fall, in coordination with other national groups, the **National Gay Task Force** announced a voter registration drive, **'84 and Counting**, which is intended to register one million new gay and lesbian voters.

This is a grassroots effort. The lesbian and gay community has matured into a potent political force. We believe that local organizations already in place, both political and non-political, can be the foundation of this drive. To that end, we are asking your organization to join us in **'84 and Counting**.

What we ask is that you conduct voter registration in accordance with the laws of your state or locality--whether direct registration or referrals to the proper authorities--and send the **numbers** of persons registered to our office. In this way we can keep a national count of new voters prepared to influence the political process, voters who were registered or referred by openly gay/lesbian organizations.

Please contact **Lance Ringel** at the **NGTF Fund for Human Dignity**(80 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1601, New York, New York 10011; tel.: 212/741-5800) to confirm your group's participation in **'84 and Counting**. Support materials will be sent after you sign on to the drive.

Already, over thirty groups nationwide have agreed to participate. We look forward to adding your organization's name to the list. Only by counting the numbers of potential lesbian/gay voters can we make sure our community counts on the local, state and national political scene.

Sincerely, Virginia M. Apuzzo, NGTF Executive Director

Dear Friends:

First of all, a special thanks to the organizations that made **CELEBRATION '83** such a success! The several hundred people who participated last June in the social and educational events of **CELEBRATION '83** shared an extremely regenerating experience and felt it to be a fitting way both to commemorate **Gay Pride Week in New Orleans** and to host the **Third Annual State Gay Conference**.

Planning is proceeding on schedule for **CELEBRATION '84** which will be held June 15-17 in New Orleans. It is a particular pleasure to announce the confirmation of Virginia Apuzzo as a guest speaker. Ginny, who is Executive Director of the **National Gay Task Force**, has been one of the truly outstanding leaders in the gay movement. A dynamic speaker, she has been an articulate spokesperson for the needs and aspirations of gay people everywhere, including recent appearances before the **U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee**, a **U.S. House of Representatives Committee** dealing with **AIDS** funding and the **Phil Donahue Show** where she took on **Jerry Falwell**. Her appearance in New Orleans promises to be a special experience for all who attend, so you can see that the prospects for an exciting **CELEBRATION '84** are already very bright!

Last year's **CELEBRATION '83** was made possible by the combined efforts of 32 gay community organizations, and this year an even larger number is anticipated. Your organization can contribute by participating in a number of ways:

1) **Becoming a co-sponsor of CELEBRATION '84**. Although sponsorship does not necessarily require any further obligation, it is hoped you will want to be more involved than just lending your organization's name.

2) **Assisting in the planning and producing of CELEBRATION '84** by sending representatives to planning meetings.

3) **Arranging your calendar so that your organization will not schedule other events during June 15-17**. This will be especially appreciated and will enable everyone to have the opportunity to participate in **CELEBRATION '84**.

4) **Selling tickets and soliciting prizes from businesses and individuals for the giant CELEBRATION '84 raffle**. The raffle will be the major effort to finance **CELEBRATION '84**.

Can we hope to hear from you as soon as possible? Please call Stewart at 504/523-3922 or write **CELEBRATION '84** at the address below.

Looking forward to having your organization as a part of **CELEBRATION '84**, we are...

Sincerely yours, Norma Voight and Stewart Butler, Co-chairs; P.O. Box 53075, New Orleans, LA 70153.



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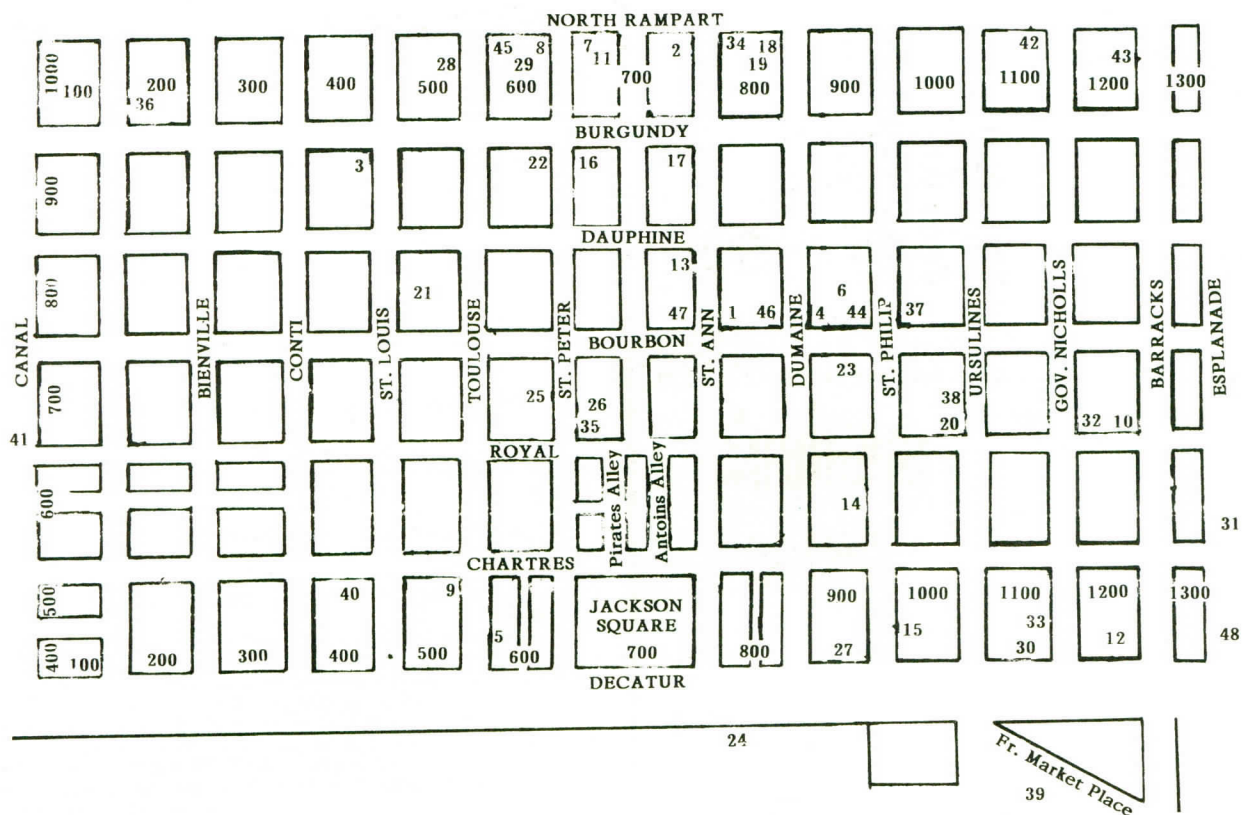
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A Little Magic for Valentines Day
By: Thomas-John Grieves, Houston

The first order of business is to make a special aphrodisiac wine. You will want to take 1.5 liters of white wine (a fair quality wine will do fine for this). Add to the wine one tablespoon rounded of **Damiana** herb. You can get this at a health food store. Seal tightly and wrap in a soft cloth. Hold the bottle in your hands before going to bed and caress it, gently breathing on the bottle. Chant these words:

Love, love, come to me
Strong arms around me, soon I'll see.

Imagine yourself pouring love (or lust) vibrations into the wine. Store in the refrigerator. Do this at least once a day in the evening before going to bed. More often will help. You might even take it to bed with you for a short time and make your fantasies very detailed. Remember to touch the bottle during these times of visualization, so that you can channel the electrical energy you are creating into the wine. After three days, sip the wine for flavor. It should have a slightly wild herb flavor. If you want it a little stronger, let it soak a few more days, sipping it every day until you are pleased with the strength of the **Damiana**. The herb books list **Damiana** as an aphrodisiac, a tonic, and a diuretic. A friend once laughed saying "I'm dying for you honey, but I gotta go pee". (Well magic does have its light side.)

This wine should be strained to remove the herbs and then kept on hand for when you can spend the evening with your beloved. Occasionally sipping some wine while thinking of the person (or fantasizing about the one you haven't met yet) will strengthen your connection. It is always best to ask for someone **as good or better** than someone you have in mind. We sometimes sell ourselves short.

Let me give you a recipe for a wonderful **love potion**. I prefer to always mix up my own rather than buy one ready made. For this you will need:

- 1 part rose oil
- 1 part cinnamon oil
- 3 drops of a sexy man's cologne

(or women's perfume for lesbian magic)

Mix together, breathing gently into the bottle before capping. Wrap in a soft cloth and take to bed with you for seven nights. Hold it in your hand, fondle it, use the same chant as for the wine. Then **see** the desired results as **already** being yours. You may give some of this away as a gift. When ready, use it to anoint your wrists. The cinnamon oil can burn you so don't get carried away with where you anoint someone. They will get hot, literally! Of course, if you like a little pain...

An interesting use for this oil is to take baby powder that is made with talcum and add the oil to it blending it well with a fork. Then use this powder to sprinkle on carpet that the loved one will tread, to sprinkle in shoes, to sprinkle in letters, and other uses your imagination will give you.

I would love to hear how this works. Who knows, you might meet me when I come to Baton Rouge in June!!! Please send me any problems you are having and I will suggest some simple magic to assist you. By the way, I teach classes by mail, too. Please enclose a stamped envelope.

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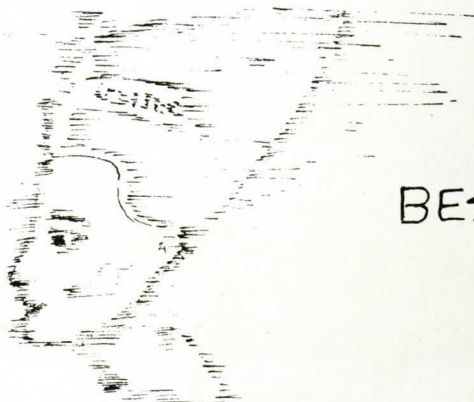
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