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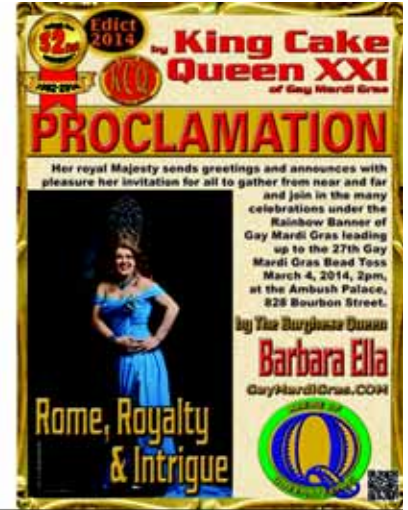


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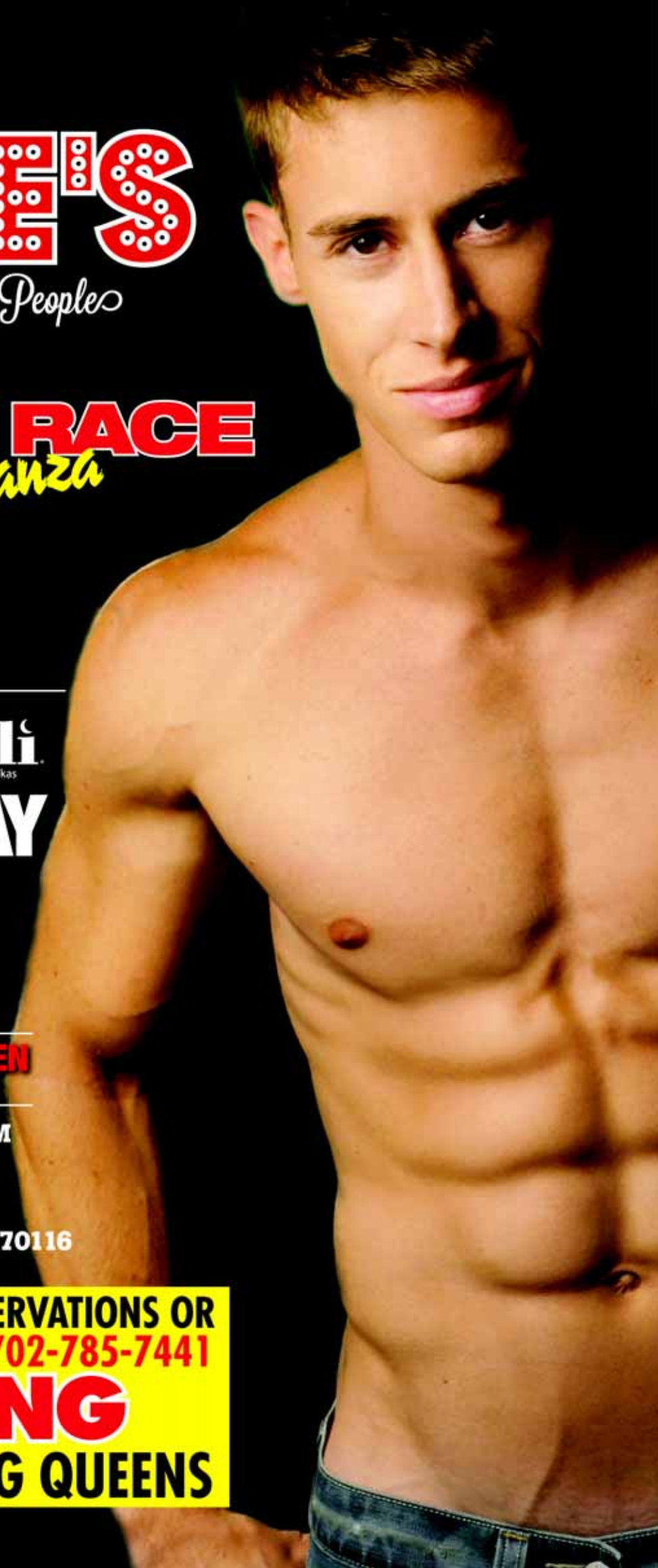
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Your Gay Mardi Gras Guide

The big weekend is finally here as New Orleans and the Gulf South braces for Mardi Gras 2014! As your official Gay Mardi Gras guide, **Ambush** brings to you the excitement which makes this holiday wild. From world class DJs, mega star entertainers and contests at Oz, and the Bourbon Pub & Parade in New Orleans; to even more contests of every kind at Cafe Lafitte In Exile, Good Friends Bar, Lucky Pierre's, Corner Pocket, and Kajun's Pub; plus more shows at The Golden Lantern, Michael's On The Park, and Rainbow Room; it's a non stop holiday. But don't forget all of the club action at the Phoenix with the Lords of Leather, Renegade Bears of Louisiana, and Big Easy Sisters; and the New Orleans Bears at Mag's; plus Rawhide's famous Mardi Gras Blackout Party. And there's ever more parties at The Club New Orleans, Country Club, Double Play, Le Roundup, Voodoo Bar, and Tropical Isle. On top of that practically every bar has hot dancers all weekend long.

But you have to keep up your strength so make time to eat at our favorites: Borracho, Clover Grill, Country Club, Fatoush, Mona Lisa, Orleans Grapevine, and Quartermaster, The Nellie Deli. And when in New Orleans you have to go shopping at Bourbon Pride, C.O.K. (Clothing or Kink), Hit Parade, Mary's French Quarter Kitchen & Bath, Panda Bear, QT Pie, Rab Dab, Second Skin, Skully'z Recordz, and XXX Shop Erotic Boutique.

Get great hair styles at Bobby Blue, Head Quarters, and Salon D'Malta. And for your health needs there is Avita Drugs Specialized Pharmacy and Mumfrey's Pharmacy. If you're looking for real estate check out Latter & Blum's Stace McDonald, and Steve Richards. **Ambush** has it all.

Oz & Ambush Mag host 50th Annual Bourbon Street Awards Worth \$3,000 in Cash Prizes

The 50th Annual Bourbon Street Awards show, the ultimate costume contest, is set for Mardi Gras day, March 4th at 12noon. Johnny Chisholm and Oz New Orleans, as well as **Ambush Mag** brings us this fantastic contest. Award category prizes are worth a total of \$3,000! Categories include: Best Drag, Best Leather, Best Group and Best of Show with 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category. First place in each category wins \$500 cash. The Best Overall Costume, the grandest award of all, garners a whopping \$1,000 cash prize.

Celebrity emcees will feature the talents of current RuPaul Drag Race Contestant Bianca Del Rio and Oz's own Blanche Debris.

In 2009, for the first time in 23 years, the contest actually took place back on Bourbon Street. Since 2002, Oz New Orleans has presented the contest on St. Ann at Bourbon. 2009 saw the contest outside Oz on Bourbon Street down from **Ambush** headquarters at 828 Bourbon. The awards were previously held outside of Cafe Lafitte in Exile on Bourbon until 1985 when it was moved to the corner of Burgundy and St. Ann outside of Rawhide in 1986.

The parade of costumes will originate down Bourbon at Dumaine passing both Cafe Lafitte in Exile and Clover Grill, the original site of the awards, heading past **Ambush** headquarters towards Oz at 800 Bourbon.

The Bourbon Street Awards, now entering its fifth decade, has hosted some of the most exciting and extravagant Mardi Gras costumes ever seen. The 50th Annual Bourbon Street Awards will be "The Best Free Show of Mardi Gras."



King Cake Queen XXI Barbara Ella, "The Borghese Queen"

27th Official Gay Mardi Gras Bead Toss Led by King Cake Queen XXI Barbara Ella March 4

King Cake Queen XXI Barbara Ella will lead the 27th Annual Official Gay Mardi Gras Bead Toss celebrating **Rome, Royalty & Intrigue** on Mardi Gras, March 4th at 2pm ish. Hosted on the world famous Ambush Mansion balcony at 828 Bourbon Street, "The Borghese Queen" will lead the Krewe

of Queenateenas tossing thousands of beads to the throngs below following the 50th Annual Bourbon Street Awards.

The exclusive party brings 10 guests of the queen together with 40 guests of Queenateenas' Co-Captains Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain for the festivities including several members of the King Cake Queen Royalty Club. Guests will enjoy an open bar and scrumptious Mardi Gras red beans and rice with an assortment of other culinary delights, and of course, Antoine's cream cheese filled King Cake.

The co-captains will be watching closely to see which guest exhibits the most enthusiasm and expertise in bead toss techniques. That person will reign next year as queen, the only qualification to become King Cake Queen.

The King Cake Queen Royalty Club includes:

- KCQ II & KCQ Emeritus: Jewel of the Nile, Jay A. Loomis/1995
- KCQ III: The Rainbow Queen, the late Smurf Murphy/1996
- KCQ IV: Pearl of the Sea, Reba

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