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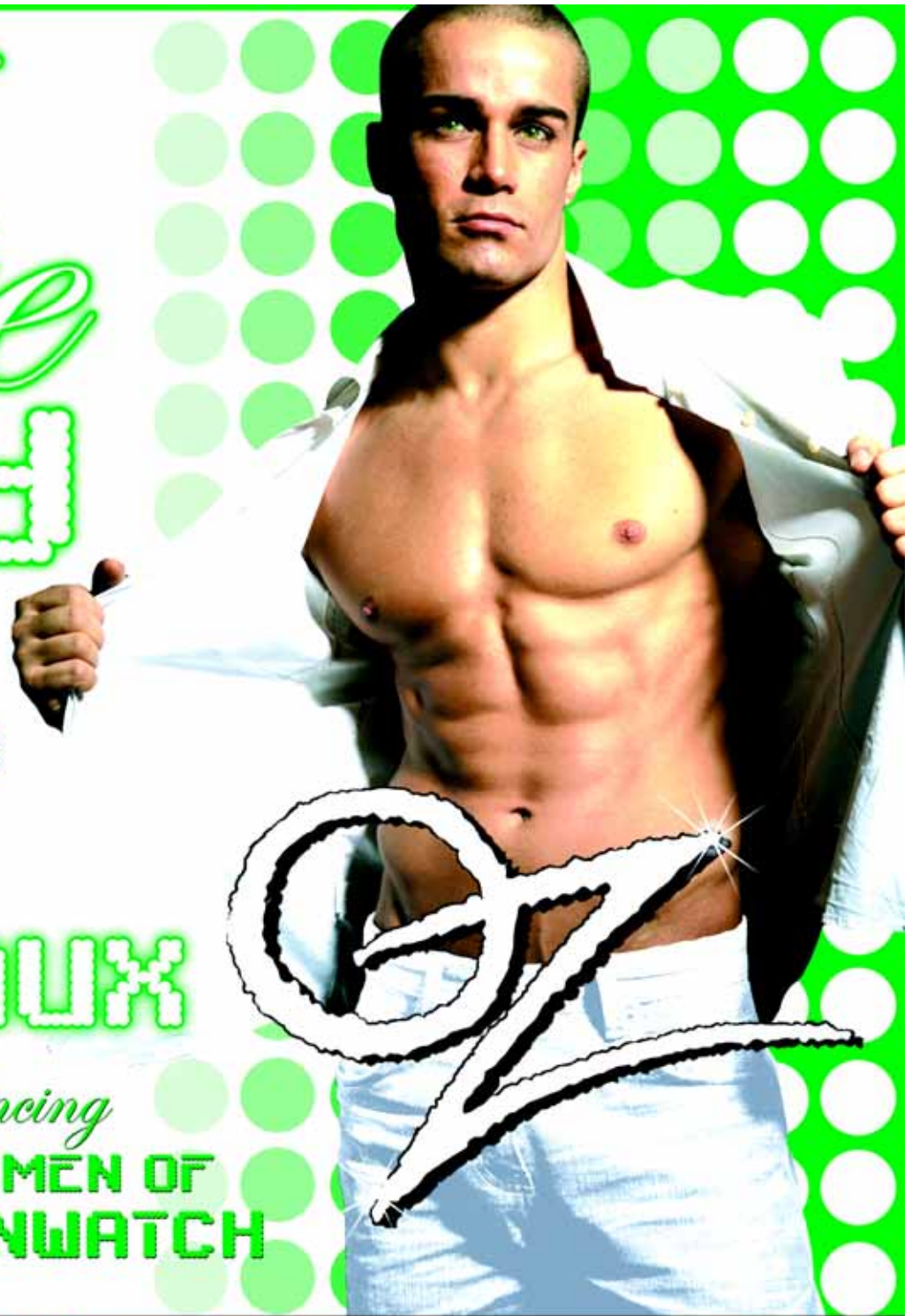
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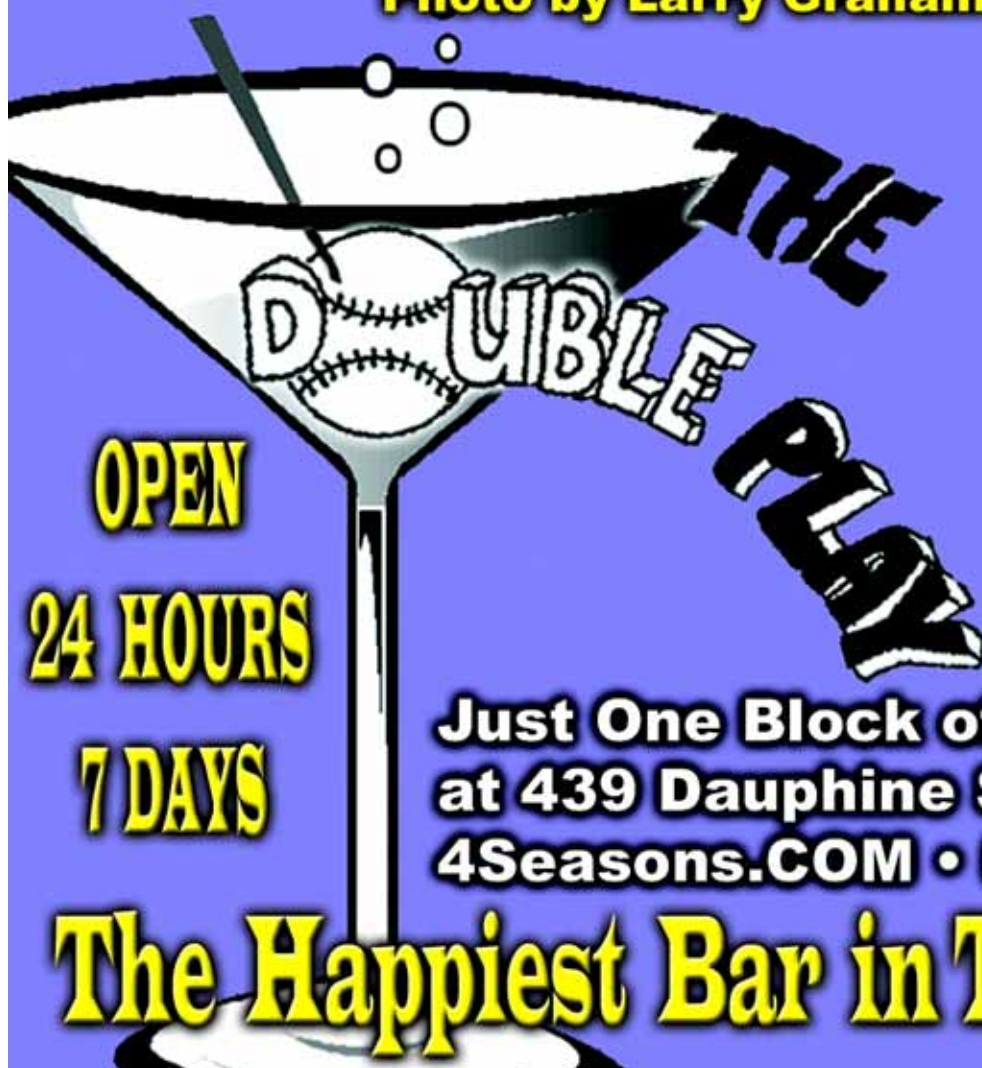
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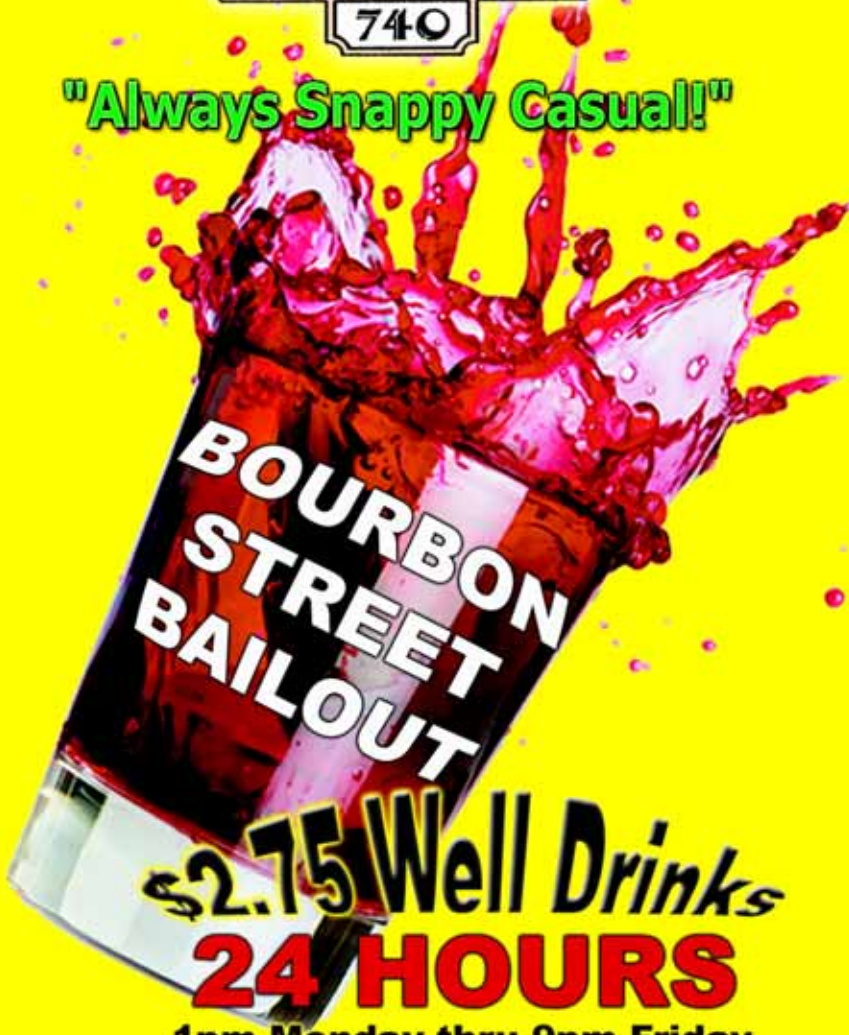
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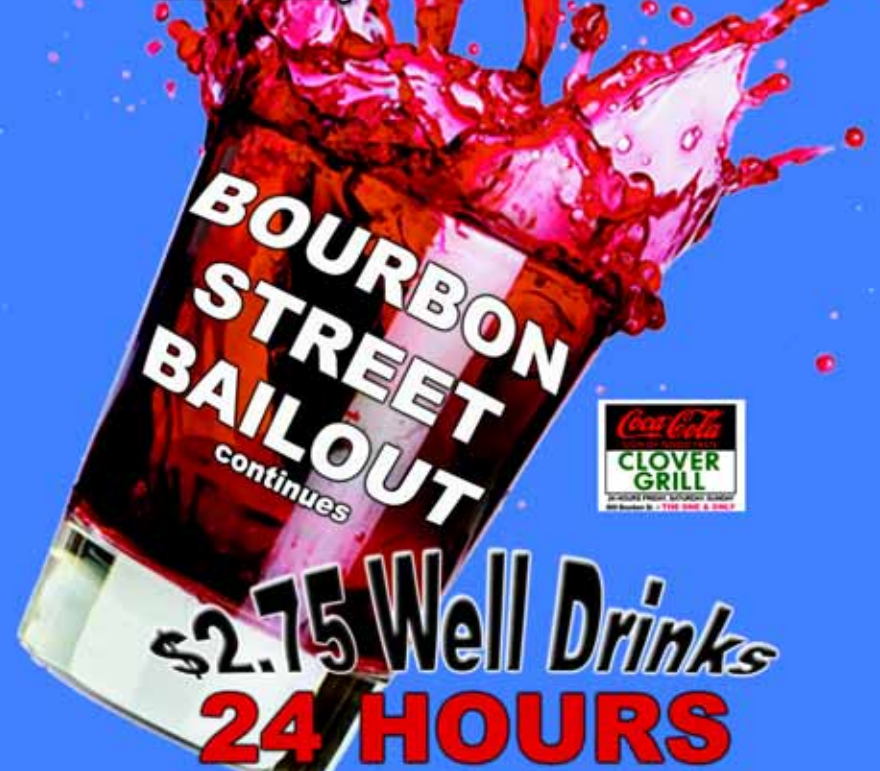
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9th Super Star Studded Drag Extravaganza & Auction March 20; 11th Purple Party Easter Grand Marshals Reception March 27

The 9th Annual Super Star Studded Drag Extravaganza & Auction, under the direction of Gay Easter Parade Board's Rip & Marsha Naquin-Delain, is set for Saturday, March 20, 8-10pm at JohnPaul's, 940 Elysian Fields. The 11th Gay Easter Parade benefits Food For Friends. There's a \$10 donation at the door for the extravaganza. Bidders will be impressed with selection of auction items. Easter Grand Marshal VIII Tom "Rona" Conners has donated a faux Faberge musical Tulip Egg taken from his private collection and a pair of Giant Easter Bunnies beautifully dressed for auction. There will also be the Easter Basket Auction with over \$1,000 in prizes.

Honoring Easter Grand Marshals XI Chuck Turner and Tittie Toulouse, the extravaganza will be emceed by Miss Gay America '06 Nicole Du'Bois, EGM X Tony Leggio, and EGM VII and King Cake Queen XVII Opal Masters. The star studded lineup includes a rare performance by EGM I Marsha Naquin-Delain, along with performances by EGM IV Electra City, EGM V Princesse Stephaney, EGM IX Safonda Peters, EGM X Marcy Marcell, EGM XI Tittie Toulouse, KCQ XIII Raven Kennedy, KCQ XVI Tami Tarmac, Queen Amon-Ra XLV Countess C. Alice, Miss LSGRA Elizabeth Bouvier, Bronze Sponsor Starr Daniels, and Bronze Sponsor Jay Cooper and Gizelle Bouvier.



Official Portrait of Easter Grand Marshals XI
Chuck Turner & Tittie Toulouse
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The 11th Annual Purple Party Easter Grand Marshals Reception & Auction celebrates Chuck & Bill's 39th Anniversary on Saturday, March 27, 8-10pm, at the Double Play, 439 Dauphine. There's a \$5 donation at the door. Party goers can look for a fabulous buffet with raffles with loads of prizes. Here again, EGM VIII Tom "Rona" Conners has donated two more faux Faberge eggs from his private collection including the musical rotating Carousel Egg, and Mermaid Egg, along with a pair of beautiful purple bunnies. And there are many more surprises in store.

Other events include: Friday, April 2nd, **Bunnies in The Big Easy: Putting The Good in Friday**, under the direction of GEP Board's Tony Leggio and Tom "Rona" Conners, 7pm - 10pm, Bywater Bar.B.Que, \$30 advance tickets ONLY, Easter Baskets & Jeweled Egg Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Hot Big Easy Bunnies selling Egg Raffles, delectable complimentary cuisine, limited open bar offering vodka cocktails, beer & wine, featuring DJ Buckley, cash bar available. Call 504.522.8049 for tickets (only 100 tickets available)

Easter Sunday, April 4: 3-4:30pm, Pre-Parade Party, Line-up & Buffet, Starlight By The Park, 834 N. Rampart St.; 4:30pm, 11th Gay Easter Parade, through the streets of the French Quarter; and 5:30pm til, Post-Parade Party & Buffet, 700 Club, 700 Burgundy.

Special thanks to all sponsor of the Gay Easter Parade including:

\$1,000-Platinum: Elizabeth Bouvier/FourPlay, John Vignone & Paul Chiriaco/JohnPaul's Bar;

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\$100-Bronze: EGM X Tony Leggio, Dwain Hertz & Al Dugas, Glenn O'Berry & Roger Copenhaver, Starr Daniels & Justin Moffatt, Jay Cooper & Gizelle Bouvier; and Venue/In-Kind: 4 Seasons, 700 Club, Billy's, Bywater Bar.B.Que, Double Play, JohnPaul's, Starlight By The Park.

Sponsorships are still being accepted. Carriages are selling out fast. You can get your sponsorship forms and parade entry forms on-line at **GayEasterParade.COM** or by calling **504.522.8049**, or picking one up at **Ambush**, 828-A Bourbon Street, 10am-3pm, Monday through Friday. Deadline for entry is this Friday, March 19.

The Board of Directors of the Gay Easter Parade includes Electra City, Tom "Rona" Conners, Tony Leggio, Opal Masters, Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain, and Tittie Toulouse.

Past Grand Marshals include EGMS I Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain, EGMS II Larry Bagneris and the late Miss Do Moreland, EGMS III Timm Holt and Teryl-Lynn Foxx, EGMS IV George Simons and Electra City, EGMS V Brett Messmer and Princesse Stephaney, EGMS VI James Swire and Lisa Beaumann, and EGMS VII Doc Reed and Opal Masters.

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EGMs VIII Michael Elias and Tom "Rona" Conners, EGMS IX Orlando Aloe and Safonda Peters, and EGMS X Tony Leggio and Marcy Marcell.

2nd Eggstravaganza Raises \$1,808 for 11th Gay Easter Parade Benefiting Food For Friends

The 2nd Eggstravaganza Show & Auction, under the direction of Gay Easter Parade Board's Opal Masters raised \$1,808 for the 11th Gay Easter Parade benefiting Food For Friends at Billy's in Slidell. The door brought in \$550, stage performance tips \$641, Egg Raffles \$292, 50/50 raffle \$110, Emerald Egg Auction \$70, Green Basket Auction \$55, Marilyn Monroe framed photo \$40, Pop Big Mama's Balloon Breast Auction \$35, and Flower Basket Action \$15.

Celebrity MCs and stars Big Mama and King Cake Queen XVII Opal Masters led the field of entertainment including EGM XI Tittie Toulouse, Miss Louisiana Leatherette Cathy Fox, KCQ XVI Tami Tarmac, EGM IX Safonda Peters, EGM IV Electra City, Amon-Ra Prom Queen Alexis Daniels, and Miss Elysian Fields Barbara Ella. EGM XI Chuck Turner and partner Bill Miller, along with C&B Enterprises GM John Bowling, did an outstanding job decorating and providing a delicious buffet for the affair.

8th Marigny Bunny Hop set for April 3

The 8th Annual Marigny Bunny Hop, an Easter bonnet bar crawl, will be held on Saturday, April 3.

Everyone is encouraged to don their most creative or outrageous Easter "bonnet" and join the bar crawl as it makes its way to 8 different bars in the Marigny. At each stop along the crawl, bonnets will be judged in various categories, by the bartenders, and awards will be presented. This year, the organizers of the event, Marty Curtin, Jeff Mallon, and Stephen Murrell, are delighted to announce that the Bunny Marshals for the event will be the Cajun's Pub owner, Joann and her wife Lisa. Previous Bunny Marshals (BM's) include: Lewis Routh I-III, Guadelupe IV, Poncho V, Fish VI, Rip & Marsha VII.

The organizers are introducing a new route for the crawl as well as two new award categories. The new categories are

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6pm, 700 Club, 700 Burgundy

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