

# On The Horizon...



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## Carnival Season

Parades of New Orleans' carnival season are highlights to the famed Mardi Gras Day celebration. They have an extensive history of their own.

While origins of the Louisiana festival date back to Medieval Europe, the people of New Orleans have spent 150 years adding special events to pre-Lenten traditions, reflecting the French, Spanish, Caribbean and African influences of its people.

The early French settlers brought the concept of masked costume balls from France. The balls quickly sifted into local culture, especially in regard to race. In the early period, people defined themselves strictly by their racial heritage. Pre-Lenten costume and formal balls in the late 1700s and 1800s became important social occasions

where young women were introduced to society and to suitable mates.

Today the ball tradition is part of the parade 'krewes' – organizations, often secret ones, that hold an annual parade and ball. Each krewe has its own traditions, sometimes ancient. The Mystic Krewe of Comus and its Merrie Monarchs of Mirth, the oldest krewe, formed in 1857. It is a secret organization that today holds a ball, but does not parade

In 1872, the new Krewe of Rex came into existence naming a king and queen of Mardi Gras each year. During this period, torch-lit night parades of revelers appeared.

Another popular krewe is Zulu, formed by a group of laborers in



1909. Dressed as tramps with tattered trousers, it encompassed a jubilant singing quartet as part of its show.

Besides parading krewes there are walking krewes and partying krewes. The three 'super krewes' stage massive parades, enormous parties, and throw lots of goodies to the crowd.

This year, Mardi Gras parades began on Saturday, Jan. 6, led by the Krewe du Vieux, and ending with the appearance of Krewes of Rex, Zulu and five others in various parts of the city on Fat Tuesday, February 24.

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## Why Am I Getting This Great FREE Newsletter?

Welcome to our first office newsletter! This is simply our way of staying in touch with past and current clients and their families. We are excited to include information about our office, our great staff and attorneys, but we also want to

give good, helpful advice and information in each newsletter. Hopefully you will look forward to each issue.

There is no charge at all for this information and we are happy to add names of any friends or family members you think may

like to be added to our mailing list. Simply phone our office or visit our website and provide us with the name of the person to add to our mailing list.

Please feel free to send comments or feedback to us about the newsletter .



## News From Our Office....

2008 was a very busy year for The Young Firm.

In January 2008 we were able to successfully settle a very serious Jones Act claim on behalf of one of our clients for more than \$3 million. The most satisfying part of the settlement was helping our client establish a financial plan which will provide financial stability for him and his family.

In May our new website went live at [www.TheYoungFirm.com](http://www.TheYoungFirm.com) and includes help videos and

testimonials from several of our clients. We have recently added short publications to the site, which can be downloaded free for immediate help. Please take a minute to browse the site and tell us what you think.

In November we resolved a client's Jones Act for more than \$200,000 which included obtaining payment for a prior surgery. We are very proud of this result since a previous attorney had recommended that the client accept a total settlement less than \$75,000.

In December we presented a client's case to a Federal Judge for trial. The best part of the case was using his company's newsletter that had complimented our client as evidence during his trial. The company's own newsletter greatly complimented our client as a safe and hard worker!

We now have 5 experienced legal staff members and 4 attorneys. If anyone you know needs help with a maritime or other legal issue, please keep our office in mind!

## The First Super Bowl, January 15, 1967 ; Remember Max McGee

Green Bay Packers, 35, Kansas City Chiefs, 10

The first Super Bowl featured the upstart American Football League against the established National Football League.

It pitted Vince Lombardi's Green Bay Packers against Hank Stram's Kansas City Chiefs and was played before 61,949 fans in Los Angeles' 100,000-seat Memorial Coliseum. It is the only Super Bowl that wasn't completely sold out, possibly because the \$12 ticket price was thought to be outrageous.

It was played on a beautiful day, 72 degrees with sunshine. But while MVP Bart Starr threw two touchdown passes and led Green Bay to victory, it was Max McGee who was the unlikely hero of the game.

Legend has it that Max spent the previous night in town and was in no condition to play. He was quoted as saying, "On the bench, Paul (Hornung) kept needling me. 'What would you do if you had to play?' and I said, 'No way, I couldn't make it.' "

He felt safe because he was a backup for Boyd Dowler and had played little that year. But Dowler was hurt early in the game, and Max went in.

In just a few minutes, he caught a 37-yard pass from Bart Starr to complete an 80-yard drive that gave the Packers an early lead. Later in the game, Max caught seven of Starr's passes for 138 yards and two touchdowns. The Packers went on to win.

Each player on the Packers received a \$15,000 bonus, while members of the Chiefs earned \$7,500.

## Safety While Away...

New statistics show that an estimated 94,000 people developed methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infections in 2005. While most were patients in hospitals and nursing homes, offshore workers must be especially careful to avoid such infections.

At the same time, 14,000 people contracted the same or a different strain in the community, say researchers for the Centers for Disease Control.

Since the early 1990s, doctors have seen

increasing numbers of cases in the community, probably because of a growing resistance to antibiotics. Some antibiotics, however, still cure MRSA infections when used along with other treatments.

Doctors recommend taking common-sense precautions to prevent MRSA and any other infection.

\* Keep hands clean by washing frequently or using hand sanitizers.

\* Cover skin abrasions or cuts with

a clean, dry bandage to prevent infection until the wound is healed.

\* Don't share soap or towels that have come in contact with skin.

\* Keep hands away from the nose.

\* Watch for what seems to be a spider bite or pimple that doesn't heal. If it becomes red and swollen or pus is present, see a doctor immediately.

## Helpful Technology

### More fun with voice mail

New Web services let you customize phone-mail features through wireless Internet communication. For one thing, you can customize messages for individual callers.

At YouMail and GrandCentral there is no limit to how many personalized voice mails you can record. Everyone on your contact list can hear a greeting recorded just for them. It takes a little time to set up, but online forms are easy to use.

With YouMail, you can save your voice-mail messages, email them via audio files, share them using a URL link, retrieve deleted messages, and see who called and when and whether they listened to your message. You do all this online or from your phone if it has Internet service.

The service also includes Ditch-Mail, which blocks messages from certain callers. They are not given the opportunity to leave a message.

GrandCentral is easy to use, but right now is still in its testing

phase.

Both services are free!

### Useful Web sites

Saving money: ChooseTo-Save.org,

Paying for college: FinAid.org  
www.collegesavings.org.

Financial planning: fplanet.org,

Smartaboutmoney.org or

Youngmoney.com.



## A New Year's Resolution...Making That List.

Every New Year lots of resolutions are made, and every February most are long forgotten. Many people resolve to get more done in the New Year.

The best way to make sure you get all your important tasks and goals done during the New Year is to make a list. This is important for setting your goals as well as making sure you accomplish all those goals. It has

been said that goals not written on paper are simply dreams.

The funny thing about making lists is that we all know how important they are in helping us to get things done. When we go to the grocery we often make a list so we won't forget anything. Every Christmas, we make lists of the presents we need to purchase so we don't forget any-one important. Wouldn't it

make sense to reduce to writing our goals and tasks for the New Year also!

When making your lists of goals and important tasks, be sure to list the exact steps you will take to get the goal or task accomplished. Also be sure to include a deadline. And be serious about the deadline. Very little gets done without a deadline!

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## Kids Korner

### Cat watch

Two friends are at a bar late one night. One is carrying a cat that he takes with him everywhere he goes.

"What's with the cat?" his friend asks, and the man responds, "I use it to tell time."

As the two leave the bar, the guy squeezes his cat around the middle. The cat lets out a long, loud meow.

A woman on an upper floor yells out her window, "What's with the racket? It's one o'clock in the morning!"

### Flat tire

Two students had a few beers instead of studying on the night before an exam. In the morning, they discovered they had slept through it.

They told the professor they had a flat tire. He said they could take the test at 5 p.m. They were delighted and called classmates to find out the questions and answers.

The professor gave them the test in separate rooms. A second page was attached. It said: For 50 percent of your grade, which tire was flat?



*"I don't care if all the kids are wearing it that way. You'd better grow it back before your father gets home."*



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## January Horoscope

**ARIES:** The New Year gets off to a smooth start for you, Aries. Although things are running well at work, don't be tempted to take a vacation. Now is the time to push new ideas.

**TAURUS:** With the holiday season over and darker days upon us, the winter blues may set in. If bright lights at home don't help, a trip to a tropical locale with plenty of sunshine could cure you.

**GEMINI:** The full moon on the 22nd is the ideal time for a romantic dinner with your partner or significant other. It could also inspire you to concentrate your efforts on finishing work projects.

**CANCER:** Your financial picture comes into clear view this month. Give it a boost by making up for holiday spending. It's time to sit down and plan a budget for the rest of the year or at least the next six months.

**LEO:** The new moon on the 8th opens new doors at work for you. Don't be afraid to take on new responsibilities or apply for a promotion. Outline strategies to implement your dream.

**VIRGO:** You are confronted with a long-standing issue or troubling relationship. Resolve it now with patience and open-mindedness. Remember that aerobic exercise helps to clear the mind.

**LIBRA:** With these cold weather months, the urge to nest at home is strong. It may be the time to upgrade an appliance, start a new decorating project, or look into finer quarters.

**SCORPIO:** The stars predict a year of transition for you, Scorpio. January is the month to harness your ambitions. Expand your mind by taking educational courses that will further your goals.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Creative juices flow better when you are working with a small group of peers. Seek out collaborative efforts that will benefit all involved. The relationships you build will be helpful in the future.

**CAPRICORN:** Although you now feel more secure financially than in recent years, you must still take extra care in entering any financial deals. Weigh major purchases carefully and beware of impulse buying.

**AQUARIUS:** Take stock of what you have learned over the last year and use these life lessons to create a foundation for an exciting year ahead. Be clear about what you want and work toward new goals.

**PISCES:** Go ahead and make that resolution to live a healthier life. Consider pulling together a few friends or family members and make a date to skate, play ball, or exercise together.