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"PETUNIAS"

The authentic perfume of New Orleans on Washington Avenue

by Melanie Morningstar

One of the fine qualities of "Petunia's" is the service. No hassle, no bullshit, no "I'm Ken, your waiter for tonight, but I'm really and actor" stuff. David Osborn is the consummate professional, while having fun, he's efficient. That by itself should be enough to drag you through the door.

First of all, I must confess I love Cajun food, the spicier the better. Four of the five in my party, however, didn't share my passion for hot spices, and for them, everything was seasoned just right.

We started with appetizers of Gumbo, Bar-b-que shrimp, Cajun crab fritters, Cajun grilled chicken fingers and Baked oysters. One favorite was the crab fritters, another, the oysters, hands down. All were really delicious, but I couldn't pick really pick one over the other, they were all so good. The consensus at the table was that everything was really great - except for the chicken fingers. They were tasty enough, just a little less interesting than the other appetizers served.

This was followed by the house salad, with a choice of dressing, the most imaginative dressing being the creamy peppercorn (not too spicy). The salad is included with the entree, but you can substitute the salad for gumbo (for \$1.50 more), pretty reasonable.

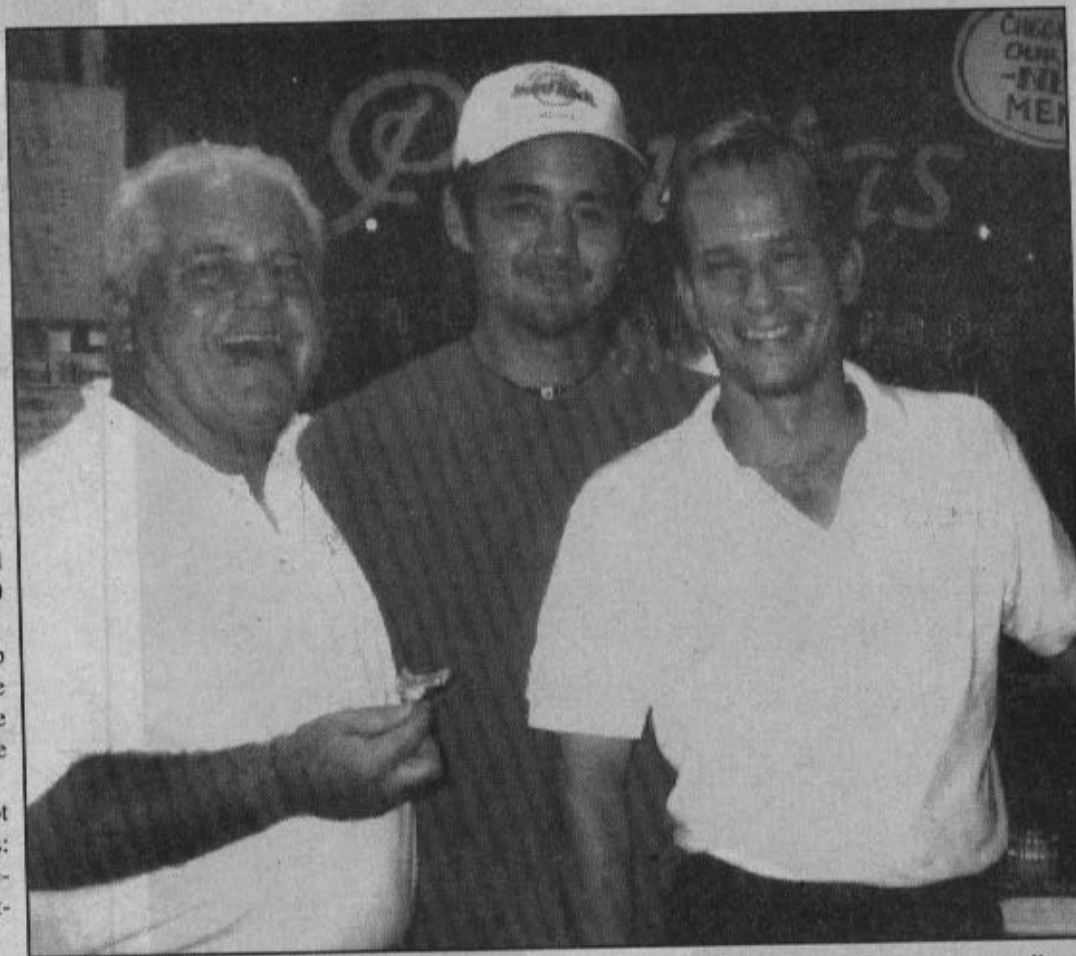
Next, the entrees. We feasted on Cajun grilled catfish, Jambalaya, Shrimp Creole, Cajun Pasta and Cajun Chicken. The jambalaya was my favorite, the Cajun Pasta was the yummiest, and we all went crazy over the catfish. Once again, the chicken was O.K., but lost among the color, sight and aroma of the other dishes.

Trace Joyce, the fabulous chef, was kind enough to make me a special hot sauce on the side. It was so good, I asked for, and he gave me the ingredients: a little cream, Tabasco & Crystal hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, fresh horseradish, garlic and cayenne pepper. It was amazing, very hot, while are still letting the flavors of the food come through.

For those unfamiliar with the ingredients of jambalaya, its basically a one-pot Cajun dish of shrimp, sausage, veggies, seasoning and rice, kind of stewed, so the flavors intermingle. The gumbo is similar in its cooking method, but has shrimp and crab meat as its main ingredients.

We were so full after all that great food, so we split dessert, a "Bananas Foster Crepe". This New Orleans classic is an orgasmic mixture of vanilla ice-cream and bananas, sautéed with brown sugar, rum and vanilla. This was big enough for all of us to try, and perfect to split between two people.

When "Petunia's" first opened, I ate there a couple of times. While the food was good, it seemed far too pricey for us locals. The prices are now much more realistic, while the food seems twice as good. If you tried "Petunia's" when it first opened, go back for



another shot. If you've not tried "Petunia's", check it out. There are so many mediocre restaurants on South Beach, that one is unlikely to try a restaurant without a recommendation. I highly recommend "Petunia's", and know you'll enjoy it.

"Petunia's" is located at 1321 Washington Ave, ph.534-6883. They have an extensive lunch menu with specials; it's a little different from the dinner menu. Hours of operation are from noon till 11:00pm during the week, and on weekends, they open at noon and close at midnight.

Melanie Morningstar is Contributing Editor for *Wire*.

THE *Wire* + CALENDAR

Editors Note: The deadline for this free listing is Fridays at noon. Any late additions will be at the discretion of the Publisher. Absolutely no listing will be accepted after Monday at noon. Please fax Melanie Morningstar, Calendar Editor (538-9666) or e-mail either(andy@aol.com) or (ozziemel@safari.net). Thank you. If you want your e-mail address to appear in your listing, please fax the details.

Thursday, June 6

ALLIANCE CINEMA "I Shot Andy Warhol" and "Nico Icon". 927 Lincoln Rd. Call 531-8504 for showtimes.

ARTS A LA CARTE Networking Reception at 1035 Lincoln Rd., then "A La Carte Performances at the Colony Theatre" (1040 Lincoln Rd), incl. The Lambda Chorale & Laughing Gas Comedy Improv. \$35 adv/\$40 door. 372-2444 for info.

ATTENTION: TREKIES William Shatner will be the keynote speaker at the American Tele-Card Expo. 9-10am - Fountainbleu Hilton, 43rd & Collins. 1-800-883-8353.

BASH "Everything But the Girl". US party "Walking Wounded" latest release. 10pm. 655 Washington 538-2274.

BOOKS & BOOKS "OUTspoken: Gay & Lesbian Writers" series. Dr. Richard Isay, author of "Becoming Gay: The Journey to Self-Acceptance" 8p.m. 933 Lincoln Rd. 532-3222



**PICK OF THE WEEK
THURSDAY JUNE 6**

Attention Trekies. William Shatner hawks his phone cards at 9-10am, Fountainbleu Hilton.



ARTS A LA CARTE
JUNE 6, 1996

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Arts a la Carte, a networking opportunity to meet corporate, cultural and civic leaders.

BASS MUSEUM OF ART "Three Songs of Lenin" (62 minutes) b/w, silent, dir. Dziga Vertov. Free with Museum admission. 2pm. 2121 Park Ave. 673-7530.

COMMUNITY RESEARCH INITIAIVE Cruise aboard the Discovery, dine and party the night away. 10pm - 3:15am. \$50pp. 305-667-9296 x 17 for info.

DIABETES RESEARCH INSTITUTE Hosts "South Beach Package: Feast Among the Grapes" Miami Beach Convention Center. Hall D. \$35 adv/\$40 door. Info 1-800-321-3437.

EDGE/THEATRE "The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me" Gala Opening Performances, incl. champagne reception and art show. Reception 6:30pm, Showtime 8:45pm. Proceeds to Health Crisis Network - \$25. 405 Espanola Way. 233-5776.

LINCOLN ROAD GALLERY WALK Ground Level 1035 Lincoln "Here and Now Exhibition" (thru 7/6). **Continuum Gallery** Local artist Carol Fryd 927 Lincoln. **Clayspace**, 1037 Lincoln "Common Ground: Christine Federighi & Her Students over 20 years" (thru 7/6). **Art 800** 800 Lincoln "Suzanne Ragan Lentz: Animal Crackers" (thru 7/6). **Common Space** 1655 Lenox "UM Grad Students in Sculpture" (thru 7/6) **SFAC Studio School** 924 Lincoln "Brian Reedy & Nelson Santiago".

PERFORMING ARTS NETWORK (PAN) "The Oasis Jazz Quartet", featuring Pete Minger & Sandy Poltarack. 555 17th St. 672-0552

RALSTON PURINA FIT & TRIM Flamingo Park 12-2pm.

SKATE 2000 "Extreme Games" competition. 5th St. cul de sac. Event filmed for ESPN & ESPN2. Call for info 538-8282

Sunday, June 9

ALLIANCE CINEMA Cinema Vortex "Blood of a Poet" 1931, directed by Jean Cocteau. noon. \$4. "Low Life" 927 Lincoln Rd. Call 531-8504 for showtimes.

THE ALLIANCE FOR MEDIA ARTS PRESENTS "QUEER FLICKERING LIGHT" South Florida's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Film Festival. "Estamos en Todas Partes: Latino/Lesbian and Gay Voices" noon. "Couples and Places: Lesbian Identities" "Emily & Gitta", "When Shirley met Florence" and "Coconuts/Cane & Cutlass" 2pm. "Fast Trip, Long Drop" dir. Greg Bordowitz and "Fighting in Southwest Louisiana" dir. Peter Friedman. 4pm "Being at home with Claude" dir. Jean Beaudin 6pm. CLOSING FILM "Raising Heroes" dir. Douglas Langway. 8pm. Colony Theatre 1040 Lincoln Road. \$4 members/\$6 public. Info call 531-0903.

BASH "The Fabulous Spectrelles" live, singing the best of the 70s & 80s Retro. 10pm. 655 Washington 538-2274.

BASS MUSEUM OF ART "Three Songs of Lenin" (62 minutes) b/w, silent, dir. Dziga Vertov. Free with Museum admission. 2pm. 2121 Park Ave. 673-7530.

CENTURY BEACH CLUB "Secret Garden" For women and their friends. 4pm onwards. 161 Ocean Drive. 674-8855.

DEL SOL "Johnny Dread and his Band". If you haven't checked out this micro brewery, you should give it a shot. 630 6th Street. 673-8977. e-mail www.szaoui.netcom.com

EDGE/THEATRE "The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me" showtime 8pm, \$10. 405 Espanola Way.

ALLIANCE CINEMA "Low Life" 927 Lincoln Rd. Call 531-8504 for showtimes.

THE ALLIANCE FOR MEDIA ARTS PRESENTS "QUEER FLICKERING LIGHT" South Florida's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Film Festival. **OPENING NIGHT "Everything Relative"** dir. Sharon Pollack. 8p.m., **"Midnight Dancers"** 10:30p.m. Colony Theatre 1040 Lincoln Road. \$4 members/\$6 public. Info call 531-0903.

ART-ACT AT SALVATION "Fat Men in Skirts". Cocktails and buffet 7p.m., show at 8p.m., \$15/adv, \$20/door. Call South Beach AIDS Project for tix & info. 532-1033

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PURE L'AMOUR "Manchild" perform. 2-4-1 9-11pm, \$3 beers all night. Open 9pm-5am. Full bar/showgirls, \$5 at door. 737 Washington Ave. 531-3336

Saturday, June 8

ALLIANCE CINEMA "Low Life" 927 Lincoln Rd. Call 531-8504 for showtimes. **THE ALLIANCE FOR MEDIA ARTS PRESENTS "QUEER FLICKERING LIGHT"** South Florida's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Film Festival. **"Get Over It"** dir. Nicholas Kaspertes, noon. **"Question of Equality - OUT Rage '69"** (1:30pm) and **"Question of Equality - Generation Q"** (3pm) - attend both programs for \$8. **"Viewing The Body Erotic: Gay Male Identity and Pomography"** 4:30pm. **"Out & About: Lesbian short fiction"** 6pm. **"World & Time Enough"** dir. Eric Mueller 8pm. **"Frisk"** dir. Tod Verow. 10pm. Colony Theatre 1040 Lincoln Road. \$4 members/\$6 public. Info call 531-0903.



PICK OF THE WEEK
SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Frisk, the much-anticipated adaptation of Dennis Cooper's infamous novel, at 10pm



PICK OF THE WEEK
FRIDAY JUNE 7

PURE L'AMOUR "Manchild" perform live on stage. If you haven't seen this local band, you gotta check 'em out.

MIAMI LIGHT PROJECT'S FESTIVAL FINALE 7 visual artists, 7 performance artists. 924 Lincoln R. 1p.m. - 8p.m. ground floor. 674-8278. (thru 6/2) 8P-10pm poetry, dance etc. Little Stage 2100 Washington. Call 531-3747 info (thru 7/6)

PURE L'AMOUR "Jazz'n" presenting local jazz artists. \$3 beers, full bar, free admission. Fun after the sun 7-11pm. Open 9pm-5am. 737 Washington Ave. 531-3336.

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Monday, June 10

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BERLIN BAR Brigitte Andrade presents "Cozy Mondays" featuring Leesa Richards. Open from 8pm - showtime from 10pm. 661 Washington Ave. Info or private bookings 674-0864

821 "Lady Martha" at the Cosmopolitan Club. From 8p.m. 821 Lincoln Rd. 534-0887.

LOADING ZONE "A Safer Sex Workshop for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing". 7:30pm, 1426A Alton Road (the alley behind Dominoes Pizza). Sponsored by the SoBe AIDS Project.

SWEAT "The Love Machine" & "Mr. Gay Florida Inc." present this night at Planet X, just a cocktail's throw from Caffè Torino. 1417 Washington Ave. 532-7500

Tuesday, June 11

ALLIANCE CINEMA "Low Life" 927 Lincoln Rd. Call 531-8504 for showtimes.

BASH Featuring guest DJ Arode Von Pinder Schlass - European underground. 10pm. 655 Washington 538-2274.

BOOKS & BOOKS "OUTspoken: Gay & Lesbian Writers" series. Lindsay Van Gelder & Pamela Robin Brandt, authors of "The Girl Next Door: Into the Heart of Lesbian America" 8p.m. 933 Lincoln Rd. 532-3222

CAFE CASABLANCA GRAND OPENING Talent Show "Lip Sync" Contest, hosted by Tiffany Arieagus. Cash prize for winner. Drink Specials all nite. DJ Gavin-T - house, reggae, calypso, salsa. Free admittance 10pm-11pm. 100 Ansin Blvd. Hallandale Beach Blvd. Call 954-454-8400 for info.

LOADING ZONE First Anniversary Party. Comp. draft beer & champagne. Members free/guests \$5Info: 531-LOAD

MCC SOBE "Spiritually: What is it? Where does it fit?" - lecture by Reverend Louis F. Favar, PhD. 7:30-9:30pm, Community room 910 Michigan. FREE. Info 759-1015

Wednesday, June 12

ALLIANCE CINEMA "Low Life" 927 Lincoln Rd. Call 531-8504 for showtimes.

BASH "Hypnomenia - a Jennifer Folia dance production" & Dimitri Art Exhibit SEVEN. 10pm. 655 Washington 538-2274.

GAY & LESBIAN AGENDA TASK FORCE Meeting 7pm. Lesbian/Gay/Bi Community Center. 1335 Alton Rd.

THE GREAT DEBATE - ORAL SEX. Speakers: Dr. Larry Harmon, PhD, Dr. Richard Beach MD, PhD, Dr. Rafael Alonso DDS. Refreshments served. Call Maria for info 751-5665. Shore Club Hotel 1901 Collins Ave.

STRAND "White Wednesdays". Maryel Epps performs at 9pm. 8-10pm. Complimentary Hor D'oeuvres & \$2 shots. Wear white & get a free strand of pearls. 671 Washington Ave. 532-2340.