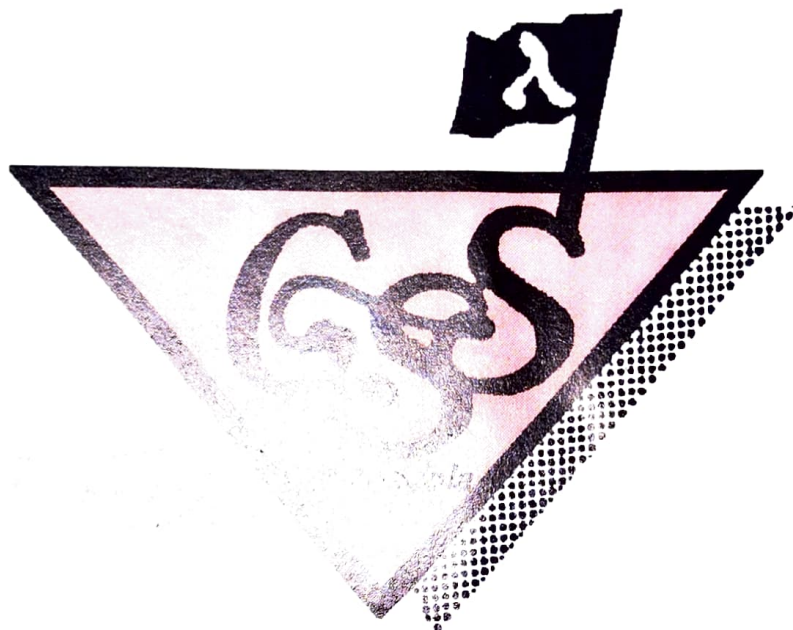


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AS I SEE IT...

by Michael P. Varvel Jr.

Once again I am forced to revert to the old style of writing about general problems and the overall negativism of the gay community in the Pensacola area. If Cliff Bostock could read me now.

Taking objective criticism is an ability I have learned to cultivate over the last two and a half years living in the gay community. Much criticism and complaints that I have leveled against me are meant to be helpful and constructive. This criticism I have tried to take to heart and harness for my own self improvement. The rest of the criticism is destructive and I quite frankly have classed in the field of cow dung.

This column I have decided to dedicate to showing this community how I separate the constructive from the destructive. At the end of this column I intend to announce a surprise, which I hope will clarify what I intended to do with this column in the future and make clearer my style and purpose.

At the last Christopher Street South meeting, I was the brunt of a lot of criticism leveled on me through the CSS President by the community at large. I have decided to discuss the criticism here, because I have nothing to hide and maybe someone will learn from this.

At the meeting, Andy Anderson, our president, let me know that I was falling far short of her expectations of me as vice-president, that I was not pulling my weight. She was right. I have been letting my duties and responsibilities lapse. After a good fifteen minute talk and a follow up on the telephone the next day, we both agreed to actions that I could take to correct the problems and make me a more effective member

of the community.

The above is an example of constructive criticism. What follows is an example of destructive criticism. I have also come under fire because of my writing style. I write in the first person and from the perspective of my life experiences. Because of this style, I am open to criticism, that my articles are nothing but self-promotion. I say the people who make these statements need to go back and re-read every one of my articles, each article.

I would also make note to the same people who seem to always find something to complain about in our community, that my articles are not written for their small minds. I have given up on anything constructive being done by the people who sit around the bar every night and vent their spleen. I want you to know that bartenders are paid to listen to your ranting and ravings. I am an unpaid contributor to this magazine and

I want to say right now to you bar queens, do not bother reading my articles in the future. The articles I write in the future will only stir up in you those jealous and envious feelings that are not healthy. I do not want to be responsible for your health going to pot when you realize that your life is miserable and you have made it that way. Instead if you want to do the first useful thing in your life, take a Christopher Street Quarterly to a friend who is not part of the bar scene.

The future of this community and of CSS depends on the people getting active in our organization. Please if you have any ideas or thoughts write us at the address at the front of this magazine. Don't call as our continued on page 22

WHAT DOES 48¢ GET YOU TODAY...

by Michael P. Varvel Jr.

As we at Christopher Street South (CSS), begin to prepare for our second year of operations, I think it is time to tell the community at large in a general way where our funding came from and what we have spent our money on. As an education and service organization, we should periodically report to the community what we did with the funds we received and how we disbursed them.

Last year we took in a little over \$10,000 in revenues. 86% of these funds came from sales of advertisement about 13% came from fees charged from special events hosted by CSS and 1% from contributions and inkind donations. These funds amount to about 48 cents per gay/lesbian person in Pensacola.

We disbursed \$10,000 received as follows: 87% on producing our Magazine; Christopher Street Quarterly (CSQ), 8% on special events hosted by CSS, 3% on general operating and 2% on donations to other charitable organizations. These funds account for 48 cents per gay and lesbian person in Pensacola.

The CSS board has eleven members six

women and five men. Seven members are sexual minorities, four members are heterosexual. Ten of our members are Anglo-American and one of our members is Native American.

The organizations publication reaches over 50,000 people in Pensacola and over 14 dozen major metropolitan areas around the country promoting our superior way of life here on the gulf coast and educating people about our lives and needs. We have sponsored over a dozen special events for Gay Pride, and taken out advertisement in several international gay travel magazines at a minimal cost.

All the above was done on 48 cents per person. Many community members have said that they wondered where "their" money went in this organization. They have also said that we give too much attention to the bars who account for 36% of our gross revenues. I can say this is not true, we have spent most of our print space in the magazine to promote our town. I would like to ask the community to support us by subscribing to CSQ using the subscription form (we mail discretely) or donating cash or check. We are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charity organization. I hope next year I can say what did you get for \$2.50.

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April 11, 1994

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On behalf of all of us in the Orlando Gay Chorus, I wish to extend our deep debt of gratitude to you, GLOBAL/EASE, and everyone in Pensacola who shared their hospitality. The weekend was an incredible experience for us. It was a pleasure to bring you our original style of entertainment. Your response to our tour and its message was very moving for us.

Our greatest hope is to have kindled within your community the power and strength that we have fostered here in Orlando. Of the 110 choruses spanning four continents that are represented by the Gay And Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA), seven of these choruses call Florida home. And now, our friends in Jacksonville are currently hard at work starting their own chorus as a result of our visit in February! We encourage your community to join our movement, too, and help keep that spirit alive. OGC looks forward to working with you to meet these ends.

We also hope that you will be able to attend our Fifth Annual Pride Concert on June 11 and 12 at the Anne Denschke Theater. OGC will have an entirely new repertoire, and we are very excited about the show.

Our first tour is now over and it has been a very positive experience for us. Our main objective has been met: the Anti-Human Rights Initiative has been defeated. The fight against bigotry and ignorance is far from over, but we intend to continue to raise our voices in the name of pride and equality. We thank you for allowing us the opportunity to be heard.

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Why Wait Until The Phone Rings?

by Andy Anderson

A young man of 14 calls your house and tells you he is desperate. He tells you he has thought of suicide because he has no one to turn to. His father calls him a faggot all the time; his peers gang up on him at school and beat him up, his mother just cries and shakes her head, the church wants him to be saved; but he is confused. He knows he is different, but he has no one to talk out his feelings with. He has many questions and feels alone... eventually if none of this is brought to someone's attention - he dies alone and confused.

How can you help? Get involved with local gay and lesbian outreach groups, some which have counselors and psychiatrists ready to listen and lend that shoulder to cry on. Many of us have gone through that struggle without help as a youth and later on - many of us drowned our sorrow in alcohol or drugs to bury the shame we thought we must bear. There are others to talk to and they want to help, but the step that so often is missing - is the outstretched hand of just a friend to talk to.

The government tends to shut the doors on understanding the issue, because of pressure from the right wing. A 1989 report prepared by the Youth Suicide Task Force of the Department of Health and Human Services was suppressed by the Bush Administration under pressure from the right wing groups and conservatives in Congress.

David Shaffer, Professor of Child Psychiatry at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons claims, "Suicide is usually a story of misperception and misunderstandings of feelings of despair and lack of control, it cannot be attributed to simply having a difficult life." He said, "It has no place on anyone's political agenda." "The youths who are at the greatest risk for suicide are the ones who are least likely to

reveal their sexual orientation to anyone." "Suicide may be a way of making sure that no one ever knows."

Isn't it tragic that we have allowed politics to get in the way of helping these kids? Gay and Lesbian youths are one of the easier groups to help many times it is just a matter of giving them accurate information, support, and an accurate understanding of who they are.

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AS A PARENT...

by Bonnie Jean "Smith" Bryant

As a parent of a loving gay son, I had to know something about homosexuality, but nothing factual nor positive was available in 1971. For the past 20 years, I have studied about homosexuality and talked to many gays and their families trying to learn about it, and the affect on the family. Most of my writings are about gays, in an effort to help families, friends and business associates to understand and be accepting.

When my son attempted suicide twice, turned himself into a mental hospital, and developed a drinking problem, because neither he, nor the rest of the family could handle it, it finally sunk in that "Hey, this kid isn't doing this by choice." I learned that many other gays had committed suicide. I had to acknowledge to myself that if that is the only way they could rid themselves of their homosexuality, then it certainly is not a choice. What a revelation! Now all I had to do was tell others, so they would understand, too. Wrong! I did not fully understand how dogmatic some religions were about their interpretation of the Bible. They are unwilling to look at facts that conflict with the myths that they believe.

Some of these "JUDGING CHRISTIANS", too, are parents of gay children. The most self-righteous abandon their gay children, dis-own them, and dis-inherit them forever; the same loving children they raised by their own standards. Heterosexual parents give birth to gay children. Many refuse to read factual material or talk to P-FLAG parents. I don't know how to deal with them. I can only suggest that these adult gay children forget about their birthright parents, and accept other families to be their family. There is nothing sacred about being loyal to parents who have dis-owned you!

This goes against the basic P-FLAG principle of "KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER". In spite of this rejection, emotionally suffering adult gay children parents coming-out-period than their own.



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Second, there are registration drives periodically at areas where the majority feel comfortable registering. It takes less than 5 minutes to become a registered, responsible voting citizen of Escambia.

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When we travel to other large cities, we see a cross representation of all the communities. We wish Pensacola was more like these other cities, yet we don't seem willing to help change it. As a registered citizen you may also be asked to sit in a jury of your peers to make sure that our judicial system serves all citizens fairly. You will be asked by a judge and or state's attorney and other attorneys if you have any prejudice views or bigoted hate towards any minority and if you have ever been involved in any way that would keep you from being a fair juror in the behalf of any person who is to be tried in our local judicial system. If you lie you could be convicted of perjury.

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always focusing on the negative.

You could be the deciding vote in making a difference for today and tomorrow's generation.

If our schools are to teach children, let's help make them safer. If downtown is in need of restoration let's help find the financial resources to bring this mecca of history back to life. There is no more of a gay lifestyle than a hetero lifestyle. Pensacolians are so diverse that our community whether openly or closeted touches every life in Pensacola at one point or another. From judge to doctor to administrative assistant to designer to plumber to dentist to lawyer to truck driver to electrician to naval officer to enlisted to real estate broker to minister to veterinarian to chef to bartender to corporate CEO to surgeon to teacher to computer programmer to laborer to ship captain to hairstylist to contractor to chemical engineer to college student to pilot to interior designer to every dream imagined.

If we are to ever stop playing the poor oppressed gays & lesbians - we must first get off our butts and become full fledged citizens with the empowerment to change the way we live. Let's stop blaming others and simply take the responsibility.

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May 9 - Pine Forest High School 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

May 10 - Pine Forest High School 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

May 11 - Pensacola High School 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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May 13 - Northwest Florida Home Health Agency, Inc., 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Andy Anderson

From the Editor & President of Christopher Street South

The summer is finally on its way...and one thing is for sure...Pensacola is awaiting everyone's arrival; most with open arms.

This year we have a few changes on the agenda for the Beach. Posted in this quarterly are the rules for a safe and harmless weekend as provided by the Federal Park Rangers. They are making sure that nothing interferes with your vacation time by hiring 15 extra rangers for Memorial Weekend. They will be available for any questions that may arise. There will also be numerous port-a-lets for your use in lieu of the water. We urge usage as there are an expected 55,000 for Saturday & Sunday of that weekend. Please enjoy your holiday and remember to buy a Pride Card early. We will be serving lunch on Saturday, May 28, to Pride card members and our cabana will be located half way down the Gay Beach. Don't forget your card so we can feed you before you leave the beach. They are \$5 each and can be purchased by sending in the card to your right. You will get great discounts from participating bars, restaurants and other businesses that display the new small rainbow card that says "Pride Cards Welcome Here" Pensacola has begun to realize where much of that tourist dollar originates and because of last summer's

events, we have encouraged them to display a rainbow banner, flag or simply this small card to let you know who is "gay friendly" in our city by the sea. We will feed Pride card holders again on July 2, Saturday at the same location.

You may also purchase these cards at Just For Us (our own Gay Pride Store) on Palafox anytime during the summer or write to Christopher Street South and send your \$5 with the enclosed registration and we will mail you your card as soon as we receive your registration.

We wish you a very pleasant stay in Pensacola and hope that you take fantastic tales back to your homes so others will know they are welcome in our little Southern town of over 65,000 in the city alone. We welcome everyone to our fast growing community and hope that one day you will stay and play all the time as a resident...

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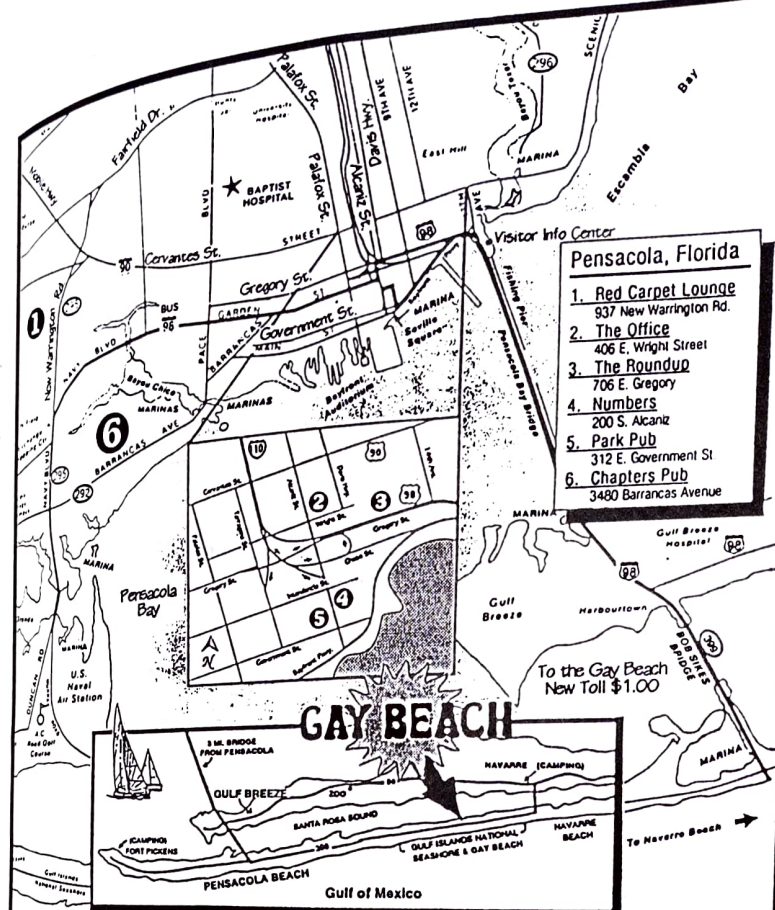
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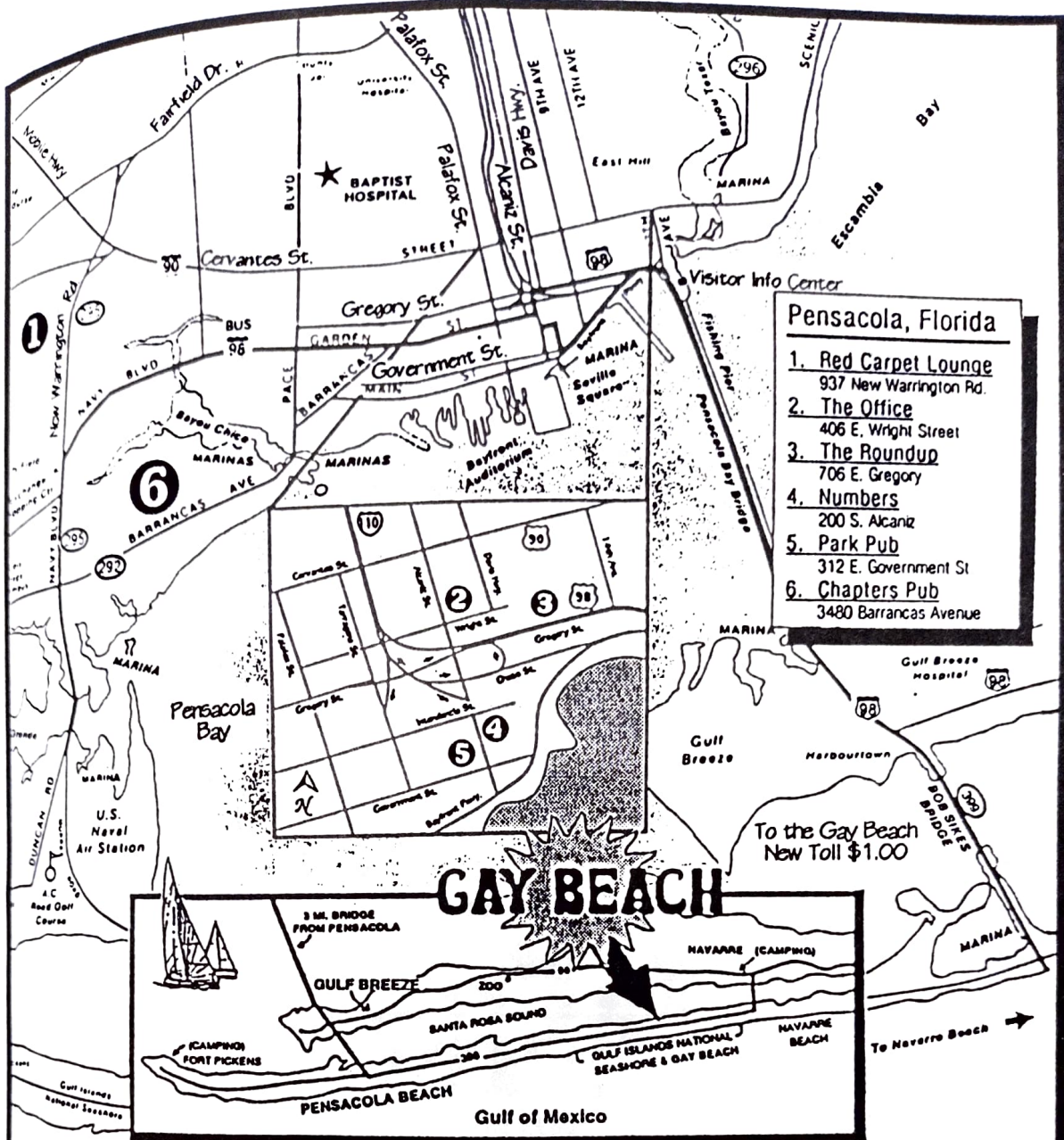


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AS I SEE IT...

by Michael P. Varvel Jr.

criticism, complaints, and
community feedback...
Once again I am forced to revert to
the old style of writing about general
problems and the overall negativism of
the gay community in the Pensacola
area. If Cliff Bostock could read me
now.

Taking objective criticism is an abil-
ity I have learned to cultivate over the
last two and a half years living in the
gay community. Much criticism and
complaints that I have leveled against
me are meant to be helpful and con-
structive. This criticism I have tried to
take to heart and harness for my own
self improvement. The rest of the criti-
cism is destructive and I quite frankly
have classed in the field of cow dung.

This column I have decided to dedi-
cate to showing this community how I
separate the constructive from the de-
structive. At the end of this column I
intend to announce a surprise, which I
hope will clarify what I intended to do
with this column in the future and make
clearer my style and purpose.

At the last Christopher Street South
meeting, I was the brunt of a lot of criti-
cism leveled on me through the CSS
President by the community at large. I
have decided to discuss the criticism
here, because I have nothing to hide and
maybe someone will learn from this.

At the meeting Andy Anderson, our
president, let me know that I was falling
far short of her expectations of me as
vice-president, that I was not pulling
my weight. She was right. I have been
letting my duties and responsibilities
lapse. After a good fifteen minute talk
and a follow up on the telephone the
next day, we both agreed to actions that
I could take to correct the problems and
make me a more effective member of
the community.

The above is an example of con-
structive criticism. What follows is an
example of destructive criticism. I have
also come under fire because of my writ-
ing style. I write in the first person and
from the perspective of my life experi-
ences. Because of this style, I am open
to criticism, that my articles are nothing
but self-promotion. I say the people
who make these statements need to go
back and re-read every one of my arti-
cles, because they have missed the point
made in each article.

I would also make note to the same
people who seem to always find some-
thing to complain about in our commu-
nity, that my articles are not written for
their small minds. I have given up on
anything constructive being done by the
people who sit around the bar every
night and vent there spleen. I want you
to know that bartenders are paid to lis-
ten to your ranting and ravings. I am

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an unpaid contributor to this magazine am not.

I want to say right now to you bar queens, do not bother reading my articles in the future. The articles I write in the future will only stir up in you those jealous and envious feelings that are not healthy. I do not want to be responsible for your health going to pot when you realize that your life is miserable and you have made it that way. Instead if you want to do the first useful thing in your life, take a Christopher Street Quarterly to a friend who is not part of the bar scene.

The future of this community and of CSS depends on the people getting active in our organization. Please if you

have any ideas or thoughts write us at the address at the front of this magazine. Don't call as our telephone is an information and crisis line and not an avenue for venting your spleen.

As I said in the beginning of this article I was going to announce a change to my column. From now on it is going to be called "AS I SEE IT/NFBQ". The NFBQ stands for Not For Bar Queens. This will let everyone know that I intend to write in the first person from my own experiences and that this is an opinion column as well as an editorial column. Until next time remember "...when I asked when a voice inside me said now, when I asked who that same voice said you... because if you don't care, who else will?"▼

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Yours Truly In The Swamp...

by Leonard Earl Johnson

"Laissez le Bon Temps Rouler!"
It's Jazzfest in New Orleans.

The day before opening of the two-week Louisiana Jazz and Heritage Fair ("more better" known as the New Orleans Jazzfest), skies were dark and rain fell softly. Trepidation swelled in the hearts of hundreds of Festival planners and hundreds-of-thousands of party-lovers arriving hourly by boat, bus, train, plane and automobile.

Even America's first honestly gay congressman, Gerry E. Studds, Democrat of Massachusetts' Tenth District made a weekend pilgrimage to The Swamp. It would have been the Congressman's first Jazzfest, but "he didn't make it through the throng to the Fairgrounds," according to aid Mark Agrast.

From Texas — always Louisiana's number one love/hate state — Lone Star ladies and Lone Star gents crowded into town. This luscious exchange was overheard in the posh lobby of the Windsor Court Hotel as a couple of lesbian women greeted a pair of gay men:

"We just love to visit New Orleans," said a cattle-lady from, "Our spread's just outside Houston, not far from the Kitty off-ramp. But we damn sure don't want to live here!"

Their hosts, two Uptown-looking gentlemen, replied, "J. and I would not have it any other way."

Come the morning of opening day, the Muse of Music and Good Times wiped clear the sky, and the sun itself "Allons New Orleans" for Jazzfest 1994.

This annual celebration of music and food began twenty-five years ago, and now rivals Mardi Gras for size and "Bon Temps". In the beginning, the musicians outnumbered the celebrants. Back then, the Fest was held in a corner of Louis Armstrong Park known as Congo Square.

(Incidentally, near Congo Square, at 816 North Rampart Street is the tourist-friendly Lesbian and Gay Community Center, phone: 504/522-1103.

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Congo Square is the spot cited by music historians as the place where Jazz was — if not born — conceived.

In the tragic early days of New Orleans, slave owners permitted their blacks a Sunday respite from oppression. It seems, slave owners pushed their wards away from reading, and the Bible, with its frightening call to revolution. So on the Sabbath, blacks went to Congo Square. At Congo Square they visited, developed Voodoo, and danced to the rhythms of their native Africa.

A couple of hundred years later, at a new civic development — the nearby Storyville red-light district — those rhythms were pushed thru a horn and worn into the syncopation of Dixieland Jazz.

After all, all manner of things happened. Not the least of which is the arrival each Spring of thousands at the Jimmie Davis song: "The other night dear/As I lay sleeping/I dreamed I held

you in my arms..." A tawny skinned Creole of un-specific race, broad shoulders, bare chest, and blue eyes stepped over us and smiled. Davis' ancient voice warbled: "Please don't take my sunshine away."

No doubt the undulators at the original Congo Square would be amazed. Well, maybe not?

A footnote: Oddly New Orleans queer bars do not showcase New Orleans Music. But you can hear all you want in other bars. Some of these are mixed — particularly the young people's music spots — and virtually all are friendly.

That having been said, the world class Bourbon Pub/Parade Disco, while certainly not offering local sounds was as festive as I have ever seen it on the first Sunday of Jazzfest. The beautiful show by Scott Horner, and the hot beat of Mary Pappas' music was thrilling. Though I venture not a sole there knew who Jimmie Davis was/is.

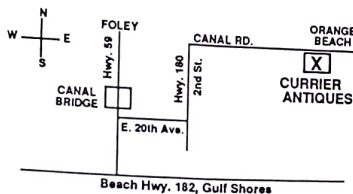
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