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From the Editor

## So Glad You're Reading Our New Christopher Street South Quarterly!

This magazine is built with YOU in mind. If you have an issue you would like to see in print, send it along with a self-addressed/stamped envelope and we'll do our best to put it out in the community. With over 21,000 gays & lesbians in the greater Pensacola area, there should be a magazine designed for you. We know we have the marketing tool for you. Reach out and be an active member of our fast growing community. Help bring a festival and a parade to Pensacola for PRIDE '93. Come aboard for the fun and share the excitement that we know you will experience when you belong to a strong voice for your community! If you have any questions, feel free to call me: (904) 433-0353

## Pensacola After Dark

**NUMBERS PUB** Starting in November, Numbers will be offering a Gift Exchange to benefit EASE. Here's how it works: Buy a gift for \$5.00 or less and bring it to Numbers. Pay \$5.00 for Gift Wrapping which goes to EASE. Then, at the Christmas Party all participants will draw lots for a Gift and can sit on Santa's lap unwrapping it. Lets give to each other for a good cause.

**OFFICE ON WRIGHT STREET** The Office is proud to have the opportunity to advertise in Christopher St. Quarterly. This will help enable the West Fla. Pride Committee a greater and more elaborate Pride Week. C.S.S. will host its 1st Pride Parade July 4th 1993 Weekend. As in before the Pride Committee works diligently to give our locals the best in community pride. For this we are forever grateful. Keep up the good work C.S.S. Sincerely, Sherry Odum & Staff.

**PARK PUB** In January of 1992, a small pub in the heart of the Pensacola Historic District opened with and atmosphere appealing to both men and women in the gay community. It has since expanded and is moving to a multi-level establishment, featuring two full service bars "The Park in Exile" and "Connections". Downstairs you will enjoy conversation and cocktails. Up-

stairs you will enjoy dancing, games, live entertainment & more. See our ad this issue! **RED CARPET LOUNGE** Wednesday - Karaoke 9:00-midnight, \$1 Beer, \$1 Well, 8:00-midnight. Thursday - Pool Tournament 8:00, Drink & Shooter Specials. Friday & Saturday - Female or Male Impersonation. Live Band "City Limits" once a month. Sunday- Recession Night - \$1 Beer & \$1 Well 8:00-midnight. Pool Tournament starts 8:00. Look for our Thanksgiving & Christmas Parties...Close the year out right! Don't miss our huge New Year's Eve Party!

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From the President...

## A GOOD THING JUST GOT BETTER

I'm very pleased to introduce a new magazine to the Gulf Coast area and very proud to announce the development of a new local community service organization.

At its annual general meeting, the West Florida PRIDE Committee took action through a series of resolutions to implement the knowledge we gained during the "Envisioning the Future" seminar in July. The membership voted to incorporate as an independent, not-for-profit organization and to re-organize our structure and procedures with one idea in mind: "Getting the job done".

What job is that?

To promote Pensacola as *THE* summer vacation destination for the gay and lesbian traveller and, specifically, to develop a large (*HUGE*, in fact) PRIDE Festival over the fourth of July weekend. In other words, we want to say "Hey, Gay and Lesbian America! After you march in your city on the last Sunday in June, **EXTEND YOUR PRIDE CELEBRATION!** Come On Down, Come On Over, Come On Out to Pensacola, the Emerald City on the Gulf Coast of Mexico".

Why the emphasis on tourist promotion?

Because we believe that there is PRIDE (as well as strength) in numbers. Isn't it a great feeling to be on the Gay Beach over a holiday and see, not only hundreds, but *THOUSANDS* of our people?!

There is PRIDE in economic power as well. Although I have no figures to confirm it, I believe that gay/lesbian tourists are very likely already the single largest group of visitors to Pensacola on a consistent weekly basis throughout the summer.

As we begin to demonstrate and to *EXHIBIT* our economic power in the Pensacola community-at-large, attitudes will change. As the tourist numbers increase, our

own local community will open diverse businesses and services to service them. That is what happened in Provincetown, on Fire Island, in Key West and Ft. Lauderdale.

Is Pensacola any different?

Only in that we, as a community, haven't said "YES" to this opportunity yet.

The name which the West Florida PRIDE Committee has adopted for our incorporation is "CHRISTOPHER STREET SOUTH, Inc.". Our main "reason-for-being" is, as I've said, the development of a PRIDE/4th of July Festival which will attract a H-U-G-E crowd of Gay and Lesbian visitors to our beautiful city.

We have planned some projects throughout the year in order to promote the PRIDE/4th Festival; this new Quarterly Magazine is one project. Another is The Christopher Street South, Inc. CUT-ATHON to be held on November 22 at the Garden Center on 9th Avenue. We also want to charter a Gulf Coast Caravan to the MARCH ON WASHINGTON on April 25, 1993.

Have you ever found yourself complaining of *B-O-R-E-D-O-M* in *Little ol' Pensacola* during the winter? Well, here is your chance to get involved. There are several organizations which serve the growing needs of our diverse community. Don't sit on the side and grumble; get into the movement!

Come on out and support your community organizations:

Holy Cross Metro. Comm. Church  
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of the South  
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and us...

**CHRISTOPHER STREET SOUTH, Inc.**

In Pride and Celebration,

*Bob Elliott*

Bob Elliott  
President, Christopher Street South

# Review of Gayfest '92

By Bob Elliott

After seven years of dedicated efforts at building community in Pensacola, with a lot of hard work in planning, in financing and in executing a **Gay/Lesbian PRIDE Week** being done by a lot of spirited volunteers, the 1992 **GAYFEST** proved to be the most successful celebration ever in terms of participation by the broadcast section of our diverse community and in money raised to proceed with our long-range goals.

Planning began in March with notices being mailed not only to the 120 **PRIDE** members from 1991 which were obligatory but also special invitations being mailed to community businesses and service organizations.

With only \$220.00 in the bank from 1991, early meetings focused on what type of celebration could be planned on a very limited budget. Investigation of the possibility of an outdoor festival revealed that it would be beyond the funding ability for 1992, there being a cost of \$1,200.00 just to secure a suitable public site. Likewise, the idea of a **PRIDE** banquet for our community to honor our own had to be "shelved" as being too costly for a large response.

Successful funding ideas from 1990 and 1991 were further refined so that the major expense of advertising and promotion

became self-supporting through advertising revenues in the 1992 **PRIDE Directory**. Developing a "friendly competition" among local tavern employees for the sale of **PRIDE** cards and increased participation from community businesses in offering discounts to **PRIDE Committee** members resulted in a 150% increase in the sale of **PRIDE** cards during the '92 celebration -- to 268 registered **PRIDE** card holders.

By the middle of May, plans were set for a **PRIDE Week** which built on the successful events of previous years and added some new ones. The new events of a published **DIRECTORY**, a **PICNIC** for the children of gay and lesbian parents, a **PRIDE CONCERT** to open the N.W. Fla. AIDS Memorial Quilt Display

and the first **MISS GAY PRIDE PAGEANT** were added to the successful **OPENING PARTY** at the *Wright St. Deli* hosted by businesses and individuals in our community, the week of **PARTIES** at local taverns, the weekend **SHOWING of the Quilt**, the **PRIDE MEMORIAL SERVICE** at M.C.C. and the only open public demonstration of **Gay/Lesbian PRIDE** in Pensacola, the **BEACH PARTY**.

Dozens of people and businesses helped in hundreds of ways large and small, and it would be impossible to accurately list every donation, cash contribution, volunteer hour and spontaneous lend-a-hand which helped make the 1992 celebration worthwhile.



*Parker has got his hands full on this one. What is worth mentioning, however, was the 100% participation by all five local taverns for the first time in seven*

years.

**Numbers Pub** held not one, but two events during **PRIDE Week**: a benefit auction for E.A.S.E. and a **MEN'S SWEAT** the following Saturday night. Numbers is still offering specials for **PRIDE** card holders.

**The Office on Wright Street** hosted the 3rd Annual **PRIDE Dance** and the first **MISS GAY PRIDE PAGEANT**, raising over \$500.00 in door receipts and direct contributions for the **PRIDE Committee**.

**THE PARK PUB** hosted the first "bar party" of '92 and continues to offer specials to **PRIDE** members. In addition, the '92 **BEACH PARTY** was produced and coordinated by Billy Alsup and Roger LaBerge and

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\$200.00 in direct donations from patrons.

Balloting for the annual **PRIDE** awards was more representative than ever before. Nominations were made at the May 26 Committee meeting with additional nominations available by mail-in ballot. Every registered member as of June 10, 1992, received a ballot, and 27 ballots were returned by mail or in person at the meeting of June 16 when the ballots were counted by two members of the Committee.

The success of **GAYFEST '92** was due to extraordinary efforts by a few **PRIDE** Committee organizers; our community is still challenged by an apparent attitude to "let somebody else to it". The **PRIDE** Committee has met its seven-year goal of formal not-for-profit incorporation under the name of **CHRISTOPHER STREET SOUTH**. A Board of Directors structure has been developed whereby a person's active participation in the overall effort of **PRIDE Week** results in participation in the decision-making process. In this way, we know that ideas brought to the

directors of C.S.S. will have a foundation of support towards their accomplishments.

...and so the **West Florida**

**PRIDE Committee** becomes one of several committees of **Christopher Street South**. It has been my honor to be able to serve our community with my time, my talents and my finances in the effort of making us more self-aware of who we are as a community and what we are capable of. It is clear to me that someone else is better equipped to take the leadership of C.S.S. at this



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Beautiful  
People  
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Holiday...  
How About  
You?

Doesn't  
Bob Elliott  
Look  
Handsome...  
Too Bad  
There  
Isn't An  
Award

time. I intend to remain on the Board of Directors as long as my input based on the seven years of the **West Florida PRIDE Committee** is valued by the other directors.

For indeed our community is unique; so often standard, "hetro--" ways of thinking just don't apply to us. There is a line, an invisible "*line in the sand*" where community ceases to be unless people are ready to make sacrifices and commit to overall success. Otherwise, we are fated to repeat the vicious circling of the past instead of heading out directly toward the goals which we together set for ourselves as a community.

The '92 Beach Party was held at the Pavilion just east of the old Gay Beach. Look forward to support from the Rangers who encourage us to use the facilities...



*Oh girlfriend, check that one out! Mmmmm!*

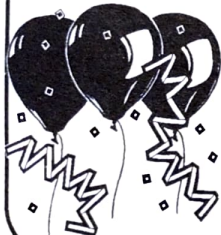


*"Well," Kim says, "did I win or what? Are you listening to me?"*

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# The Names Project

## Aids Memorial Quilt

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Washington, D.C.

By Bonnie Jean (Smith) Bryant

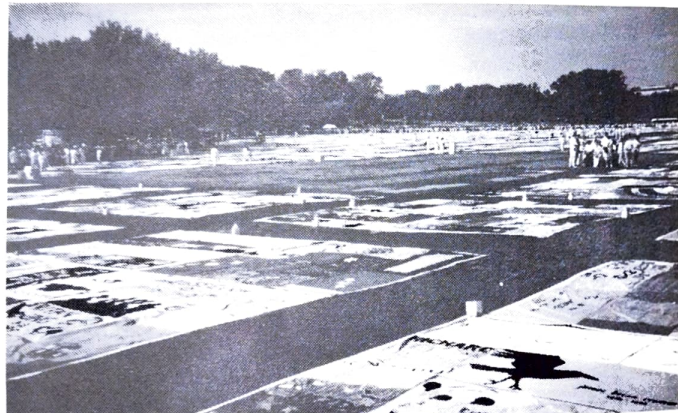
THE QUILT leaves on full of many mixed emotions: grief, anger, and tears, but mostly love and respect for a loved one. It is the overwhelming sight of 14 football fields of panels personalized with clothing or cherished items. It is great numbers of people silently gathering to show their respect. It is loved ones kneeling over a panel while grieving and embracing another friend or relative. It is boxes of tissue sensitively placed.



It is the sounds of sniffles among the constant reading of names of lost loved ones. It is the bonding of love and grief among people you don't even know, and it doesn't matter that you don't. It is the mind-boggling realization of what the AIDS virus is doing to loved ones and entire families, and knowing it will only get worse.

The AIDS Candlelight Vigil was just as impressive. Endless numbers held candles and quietly marched, showing respect while proudly making a statement - our loved ones lived, are loved, and it's time to put a stop to it. Bill and I were near the front of the procession. We stopped and held Bob's

panel to one side so all passing could see. Through pride and tears we exchanged much love and support with so many others. In spite of the grief, we're glad we made the trip to D.C. It was a special kind of sadness we were proud to share.



## History of Bob's Quilt

By Bonnie Jean (Smith) Bryant

We are of Indian descent on my mother's side. "END OF THE TRAIL" is a famous painting. Bob, like the Indian and his horse, is exhausted after a hard journey. This seemed fitting for his struggle for gay rights and his battle with AIDS. Bob's picture is super-imposed on the Indian and horse.

Bob was 38. His birth and death appear below the painting with the pink triangle between them, again symbolizing our pride in him, and his courage. The background is a desert sunset.

Charley Wise

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**Christopher Street South**

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who so unselfishly gave  
of yourself this past year so  
we could be created for you.*

*We want to take this moment to  
thank you for giving and  
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*The Board of C.S.S.*

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