





## ALLONS ACADIANA

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So with Thanksgiving just a few days away, let's start things off with a question for everyone, when was the last time you stopped and was appreciative of something or someone? When was the last time you uttered the words, thank you? It seems that at times we become "to busy" to take a look at the world around us, and the reason, many simply may take things for granted these days. Are we too wrapped up in our selves and how we look, and who we are hanging around with! Whatever it may be that has us preoccupied, within these next few days, find a place where you can just have some quiet time, take a step back and see how blessed we all are, and how thankful we should be for all that has been given to us.

To truly be appreciative and thankful for what you have in your life then you have reached the stage of maturity that many long to achieve and an understanding of one self that for some, can never fully grasp who they are and if they are happy. As sometimes stated, you need a reality check, throughout your life as you grow and mature, your person and purpose in life may change and in order for one to maintain total self accomplishment, then you must stay in touch with **you**. Only you will know what is really going on, some may try to sway you with what they think, but how would they know what is really going on when they themselves can't seem to get themselves together and progress through what we call **life**.

One way to stay in tune with what I am saying by keeping a few things in mind at all times, and that you are the only one that can or will make you happy, you can be anything and do anything you set your mind to and that no dream is foolish, only does it become foolish when it is not allowed the chance to be! Each person has their unique talents and strengths that are there for you to be able to succeed in this thing called life. Life is short and it is what you make of it, but you and you only can make it, so be the designer artist you want to be and make it so it is the best. Always aim high, go for things beyond your reach and knowing that no one else can help you do it but you, set your mind to it and do it.

Also remember that we all work hard to be the person we are, and chances are, if you don't like what we have achieved within us then more than less likely instead of putting down what we work on day in and day out, you may want to step back and think to yourself what it is that you need to do to make your situation in life acceptable to you, and possibly, what have you done to feel hatred towards another? At the end of the day when you lay down to sleep, it is you, listen how quiet the silence around you is, be thankful as you close your eyes for everything you did that day! The silence can be lonely, it can also be very comforting because you will hear the most in the most quiet of places.

So entering the holiday season, remember that no matter how bad you may think you may have it and how much better it can be, look at the world around you! Dream your dreams and follow your passions in life, they are what make you who you are, only hidden by your night slumbers and most inner desires. It is sometimes scary to let go of what we know in order to bring you out to the world and let you shine! You only have one life to live, so live it and let no one stand in your way though many will try, jealousy will surely never find their happiness, so just smile and show off your talent. At the end of the day and when you first open your eyes in the morning, remember to say thank you, smile at everyone, you never know when your smile may save a life, and thank them if they smile back at your smile, that will help them learn to appreciate that one day like none other.

Being the holiday season as well, many will head home for the family, which means that Lafayette will start seeing familiar faces. So head out for next couple of weeks as Sound Factory and Jules Downtown shift into full gear to welcome back our family that has moved and as always both will turn it loud, we will sing it proud, and party till we just simply cannot go anymore. So get ready for one end of November, Happy Thanksgiving, truly fantastic party. Holidays simply mean we will have more people to have a good time with. Happy Thanksgiving guys, hope you and your



## HOT TAILS OF RED STICK

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### All In A Name

I suppose some of you noticed that I wrote up Joy's decorations at Hound Dogs in my last column. However, how many of you noticed that I called it the Time Zone. I guess you would have to say that I had a senior moment, and if you didn't catch it when you read it, then you have the senior moment problem. I will officially apologize now for doing this. After all, I talked with James and Kyle right before I came home and started the column. I have no idea what prompted me to call the place by its previous name. My goodness!

I don't believe I ever did this when writing up Splash, and look how many names have passed through that structure. Right now, I would have to think about this and would probably still leave one or two out. I do have to say that no one in the past has done as much to improve this dance emporium the way Jeff and Cory have. I'm always amazed at what is done each month and sometimes every couple of weeks. It's as if they are trying to surprise me, but I know that isn't it. They just want everyone visiting here to know that Splash is one of the biggest and the best of any dance club in the Deep South.

Now George's is a different story altogether. It has never changed its name or ownership. It actually did when George passed away, but it still continued with that gorgeous stud from Montpelier at the helm. Richard just slid right in there and continued things without missing a beat. It was a wonderful place to pass some fun times, and it still is. It's also the oldest bar in the city, and not many cities can claim such. So many gay bars are here today and gone tomorrow. George's has continued to be the place with the personal touch for many years, and hopefully this will never change.

I suppose that if I had to pick a bar that fell from grace because of mismanagement, I would have to say that this would be the old Mirror Lounge. There are so many times that I recall this place when passing by the newsstand on North Boulevard. If memory serves me correctly, this was the original spot. It was never the same when it moved around to Third Street although there were some periods of time when it tried to get back its former glory.

family have a good one, be safe and have fun, me and my camera will see you all at one or the other and my camera will be with me the entire time, so keep your game face on.

Getting back to the way it was never happened to the old Dixie Inn. I liked to refer to it as the bar under the hill. That was a neat place to stop and drink and chat. It was a comfortable bar with nice bartenders, but then one day it was just no longer there. There is still that empty space at the end of North Boulevard where it meets the Great River Road. I'm not sure what happened to it other than maybe changing hands or the owner passing away. I do know that one of the bartenders used to meet at the shoe store on Third Street. Now what was the name of that business? The guys were always sitting around enjoying nice conversations.

Many of you may recall the old J.C. Penney building (where one of the new state buildings is now located). The old building was torn down and the new structure built, but also on the same block was the Toddle House. I can still remember how good their pies were. Time has a way of changing things drastically. Even weather conditions can do this. Look what Gustav did last year. It destroyed the old Boyd oak on the State Capitol grounds, and it just doesn't look the same without it. I really miss walking under those low-hanging branches covered with Spanish moss. I know there is another oak there to replace it, but it will take a hundred years for it to even get close to the old Boyd Oak. Can't you just feature Zachary Taylor standing under that old tree? There was another old oak tree down near Spanish Town Road in front of the Capitol, and it was taken down several years ago. With the loss of these two trees, the grounds are just lopsided.

But I digress, and I need to get back

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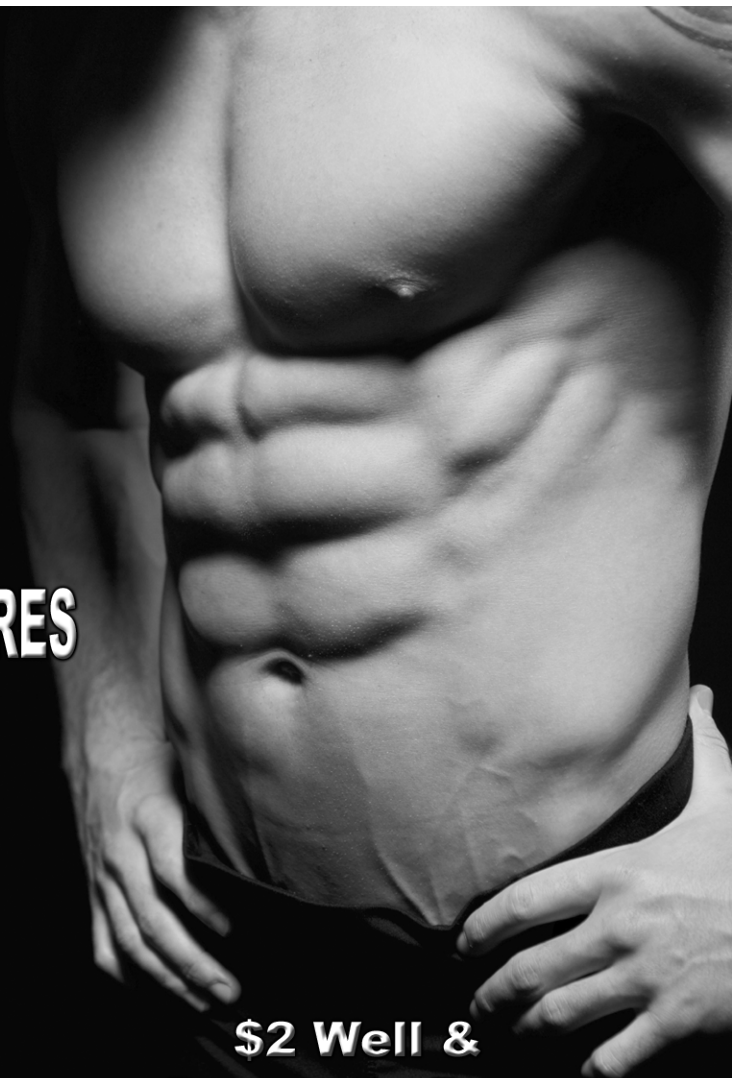
# Get your Jules on!!!

- ▶ Fri., Nov. 27th Drag with Valarie Sugarbaker
- ▶ Sat., Nov. 28th DJ Kyle
- ▶ Fri., Dec. 4th Kristi Lee Live
- ▶ Sat., Dec. 5th AIDS Benefit for Acadiana CARES

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Krewe of Divas 11 pm

Every Monday  
\$2.00 Test Tube Shots!

"Hump Day Happy Hour"  
Hot Male Dancer!  
Every Wednesday 5pm-9pm

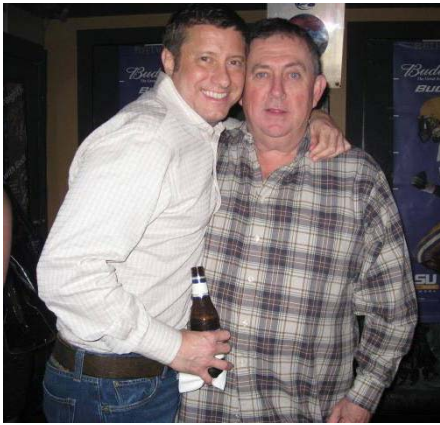
Karaoke every Tues, Wed, & Thurs  
Hosted by Cody King  
10pm-2am

"Drinking With The Divas"  
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6pm-9pm Free Food!

Male Dancers Every Friday Night!  
9pm-2am

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Sexy Joseph with Richard



Jared, Michael & Luther



Spanish Town Robert



Jared & Andy



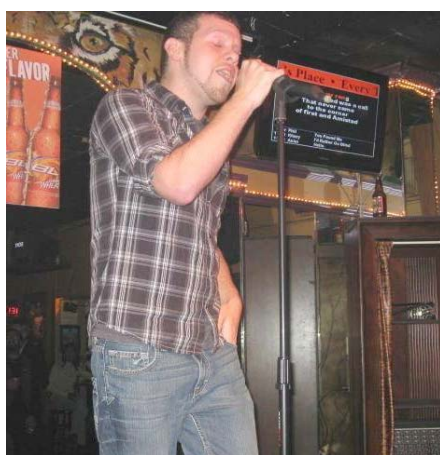
Walking the bar



Paul & Johnny from Hound Dogs



Chansley & Luther



Philip does karaoke



Dwayne & Cody



Richard & Miss DIVA 2010



Cody King



Now this takes talent



Rocky & Scotti doing karaoke



Richard with Splash's Trixxie



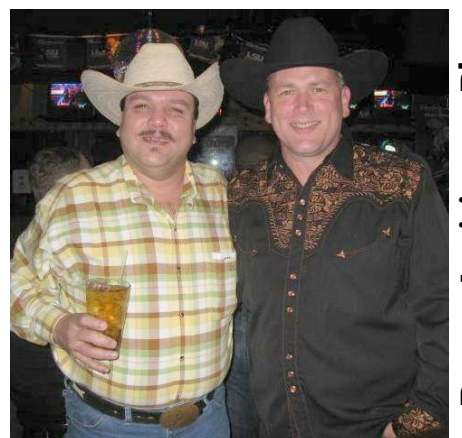
Celebrating Cody's birthday



Jared & Philip



Having fun at George's



Scotti & Dwayne




Phil & John



Devlin at Splash

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**Showtime**

★ **November 28th** ★

**Anastacia**

**Davenport**

**& Friends**

★ **December 5th** ★

**The**

**Southern Divas**

★ **December 12th** ★

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