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Happy Hour

All there is to sip and savor in New Orleans

Party Over? No Way!

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You can't be a wimp and live in New Orleans. The lifestyle and pace of this city demand that our residents are in a constant state of ready-to-go shape and training. That applies to carnivals, festivals and parties, of course.

We just finished one of the great celebrations on the planet, huge by any standard of measurement and done at a time when most communities have settled in for long winter's naps. Yet with Mardi Gras in our

collective rear-view mirrors, New Orleans continues a social schedule that would cause mere mortal, ordinary people to buckle at the knees. Our Mayor likes to call us "resilient," but I prefer the terms "battle-tested, battle-ready." Many who live away from here likely call us "nuts," and then they add, "can't wait to return."

Even before the last truck float has returned to its home-place, most of us are reviewing the events ready to unfold in March and beyond. We are setting schedules and prioritizing plans to go to as many happenings as our time and money allow. When New Orleans names a spot on the calendar festival season, you can believe that grand, fun and creative events are at hand.

[Top Taco New Orleans Festival, March 23](#)

First year for this endeavor that will take place in the evening on Spanish Plaza. Sexy, yes?

This one started in Denver a few years ago and the organizers said, "Why not do this in New Orleans?" No one had a good reason not to do that very thing, and already the potential and participation among restaurants has exceeded what Denver is doing. www.toptaconola.com