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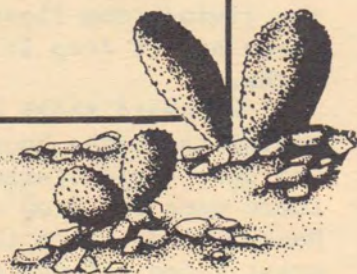
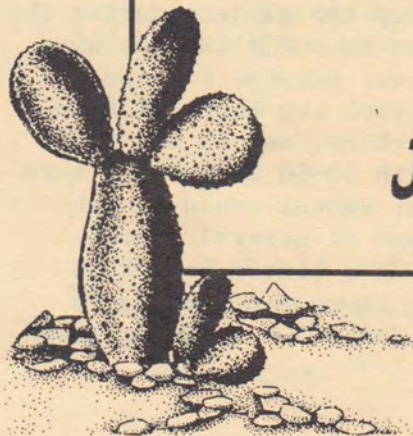
**1992**

## **Road Runner Regional Rodeo**

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How can it be Rodeo time again when we're still cleaning up paperwork from last year? The time has indeed arrived. Volunteers are starting to appear, Board Members are either constantly on the phone, or bouncing around like raving lunatics. Contestant packets are pouring in, and many of our local bars and businesses are gearing up with drink specials, and shows. If history (and the weather) is on our side, we're getting set for nearly 4,000 people to descend on the Arena next weekend. This issue will hopefully give you lots of the details and events.

## ALREADY PAST EVENTS

It's the Rodeo issue, so let's just pretend that RRRR '92 was the main topic at these now past "planning sessions".

Planning Session #1 occurred in Tucson at their '92 Board Elections and Christmas Party. More on the Elections next issue, and it was nice to see Phoenix down terrorizing Tucson for a change, the reverse is usually the case. Terrorizing? What would you call having nearly 25 drunken cowboys arriving at a new Country/Western bar all at once, "teaching them" how to play music, and rearranging their furniture? And what was RON ERICKSON doing terrorizing that midget, and demanding to see his private parts? Comparing yourself to a midget, size-wise, is just a little desperate don't ya think?

Planning Session #2 happened the end of the month at "The Ranch" when over 100 people converged to "talk Rodeo". Uh-huh. JAY ANDERSON and KRIS EISENHUT doing Dreamgirls medlies. Kris and GREG OLSON wrangling "real" cowboys away from their Roping Competition and into their beds (Greg says the straight circuit cowboys do it better). DAN IVERSEN waking up with three people in his bed, and doesn't remember ANY of them? All of Tucson claims to have slept alone, on the living room floor. Must have been three bodies deep in that room that night.

We heard there were at least 13 non-residents in the house the next morning, who once again started "planning" until there wasn't a drop of booze left on the Ranch. And that's the way to get a great Rodeo off the ground!

## EARLY EVENTS

Help us kick-off Rodeo week early, at a much needed AGRA Fundraiser, on Saturday, the 11th at WINK'S.

Beginning at 1:00PM, Wink's is letting us in to hold a Book Sale and Plant Auction. How absolutely "homey", where does WOODY come up with these ideas?!

The following day, Sunday the 12th, is our final Board and General Membership meetings before the Rodeo. The General meeting starts at 5:00PM and will be followed by a Volunteers Sign-Up Party with AGRA taking over the front bar at CHARLIE'S. Come volunteer, party, and tip heavily at that front bar!

## FREE TICKETS TO AIDS GROUPS

A limited number of Rodeo tickets are being made available, free of charge, to our Community's people living with AIDS.

These tickets are the result of a suggestion from ARTIE MICHAELIS. Needless to say, the Board was more than happy to approve Artie's request.

The tickets are primarily being distributed thru SHANTI, AAP, and MALTA.

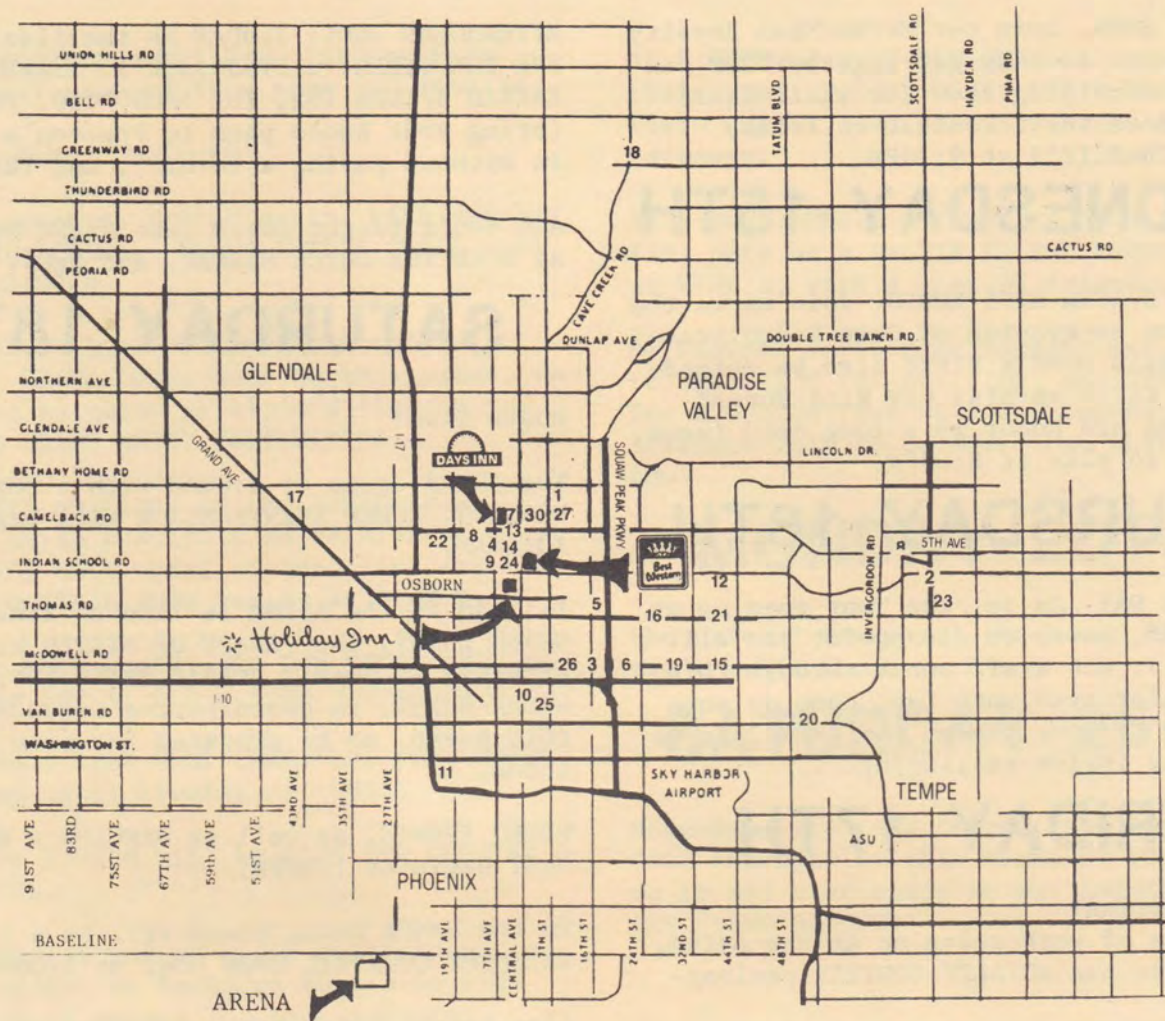
If you would like to get your hands on one of these tickets, and/or have friends who would like them, see your/their "case manager" for more details.

## SHANTI HELP

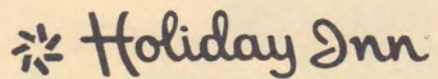
And speaking of SHANTI, our ongoing food drive for them received a much needed shot in the arm at our last Membership meeting. CAROL SHEARER, and a number of other Members made a point of bringing in food items, and bringing up the subject during the meeting. Thanks also to RON RICE who explained to everyone our purpose for the drive. We recently took two boxes of food down to Shanti's kitchens, and it was much appreciated. But, with 40-50 Members at each of our meetings, that amount could be one month's worth, instead of several months. Could we all try to do a little better at remembering to bring those non-perishable food items to every General Membership meeting in '92? Thanks!



# THE BRANDING IRON'S PULL OUT & PARTY SECTION



502 W. Camelback Rd.  
#264-9290



3600 N. 2nd Ave.  
#248-0222



4321 N. Central Ave.  
#277-6671

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# SCHEDULE OF SOME OF THE

## TUESDAY 14TH

ROYALTY SHOW. Join our Mr/Ms/Miss Royalty Contestants as they get together for one final fundraising show for their Charities before their Contest on Friday night. CHARLIE'S at 9:30PM.

## WEDNESDAY 15TH

CHARLIE'S/AGRA MINI-RODEO. Join us on the Patio for an evening of Camp Rodeo practice. Will DONNIE HINES also be defending his title as Miss Gay Mini-Rodeo? Defending his honor is a long dead issue. Sign-up to play at 8:00PM.

## THURSDAY 16TH

ERECTION DAY. As in, the Tent goes up at CHARLIE'S, sorry to disappoint you all. Watch L.J. and staff sweat through this one, or for even more fun, come do some sweating of your own at the ARENA, as we erect the inside staging/etc...

## FRIDAY 17TH

It's Starting!

All sorts of work going on at the ARENA, as well as the ROYALTY CONTEST preliminaries.

J.C.'s FUN ONE does their Friday night Buffet from 5:00-8:00PM, and NASTY HABITS will be doing their usual munchies for happy hour about the same time.

RODEO CONTESTANT & ENTERTAINMENT REGISTRATION takes place at the ARENA DANCE HALL from 6:00-10:00PM.

The MR/MS/MISS ROYALTY CONTEST & SHOW begins at the DANCE HALL at 7:30PM, featuring all Arizona entertainment. Need we add that the Arena bars are now open?

At 9:30PM WINK'S brings in JULIEL, performing Country/Western and Top 40 songs.

10:00PM back at the DANCE HALL, should be winding towards the announcement of AGRA's 1992 ROYALTY WINNERS. OPEN DANCING then continues until Midnight.

AFTERHOURS until 3:00AM is the plan at THE BUM STEER, CACTUS JACK'S, CHARLIE'S, FARRAH'S/CLUB 155, THE INCOGNITO, PRESTON'S (bring your Rodeo pass to Preston's and get in without paying a cover!), and TRAX.

And don't forget those late night breakfasts at both THE DUTCH MARKET, and DENNY'S.

## SATURDAY 18TH

Rodeo Time!

The ARENA opens at 8:00AM with a CONTESTANT MEETING. RODEO EVENTS SLACK will begin at 10:00AM.

11:30AM in the ARENA is line-up time for GRAND ENTRY. The PARADE OF STATES kicks off promptly at Noon. UGRA's FRANK LOY, AKA WILDA BEAST, is coordinating Grand Entry at this Rodeo, so be prepared for much fun and abuse.

RODEO EVENTS, as well as DANCING & ENTERTAINMENT begin at 1:00PM.

In the DANCE HALL, there will be a LIVE ENTERTAINMENT COCKTAIL SHOW hour at 5:00PM.

Also in the DANCE HALL beginning at 7:00PM is DANCEFEST '92, featuring open dancing and LIVE ENTERTAINMENT from around the Country. After the show, there will be open dancing until Midnight.

WINK'S brings back JULIEL for more Country Western/Top 40 singing at 9:30PM.

AFTERHOURS are again scheduled until 3:00AM at THE BUM STEER, CACTUS JACK'S, CHARLIE'S, FARRAH'S/CLUB 155, THE INCOGNITO, PRESTON'S (where your Rodeo pass or ticket stub will both get you in without a cover charge), and TRAX.

And in case you forgot to eat today, both THE DUTCH MARKET, and DENNY'S will be open for those late breakfasts.



# SPECIAL EVENTS FOR RRRR '92

## SUNDAY 19TH

The morning starts with Brunches for Days!  
See the other side of this page for details.

Then Rodeo time continues!

The ARENA opens at 8:00AM again, with another  
CONTESTANT MEETING. RODEO EVENTS SLACK will  
begin at 10:00AM.

WILDA BEAST will probably have completely  
taken over FRANK LOY's body by this point, so  
be prepared to party at 11:30's line-up for  
Noontime's GRAND ENTRY FESTIVITIES.

RODEO EVENTS continue in the ARENA from  
1:00PM-?, while DANCING & ENTERTAINMENT erupt  
in the DANCE HALL until another live enter-  
tainment COCKTAIL SHOW begins at 5:00PM.

Out in the real world, THE BUM STEER will be  
doing their SUNDAY B-B-Q from 3:00-7:00PM.

TRAX's Sunday BEER BUST commences at 4:00PM,  
and runs up until closing at 1:00AM.

Starting at 7:00PM will be CASH INN COUNTRY'S  
\$2 STEAK FRY.

8:00PM arrives, and we'll be ready to party  
all over again, at least we should be with  
the line-up of events for that evening.

THE AWARDS SHOW & BARN DANCE will start at  
8:00PM at the DANCE HALL, culminating in the  
FLAG PASSING CEREMONY at about 10:00PM.  
Then it's OPEN DANCING until Midnight.

8:00PM also kicks off FOSTER'S popular  
TRASH DISCO night, and THE INCOGNITO starts  
their 15th ANNIVERSARY PARTY with half off  
your first cocktail if you flash them your  
Rodeo pass or ticket stub.

8:00PM also starts the first of two shows at  
CACTUS JACK'S, who are bringing into town  
JOHN BLALOCK, an up and coming Gay Country/  
Western singer, who recently won thirteen  
weeks straight, singing on Star Search.  
Blalock's second show of the evening begins  
at 10:00PM.

At 9:00PM, J.C.'S FUN ONE will present  
their usual Sunday night STRIP SHOW  
(both sexes), and possibly extra enter-  
tainment.

At 9:30PM, Phoenix favorite ANGELICA DEL  
RIO, puts on a SALUTE TO THE RODEO SHOW  
at WINK'S, with a cast of friends.

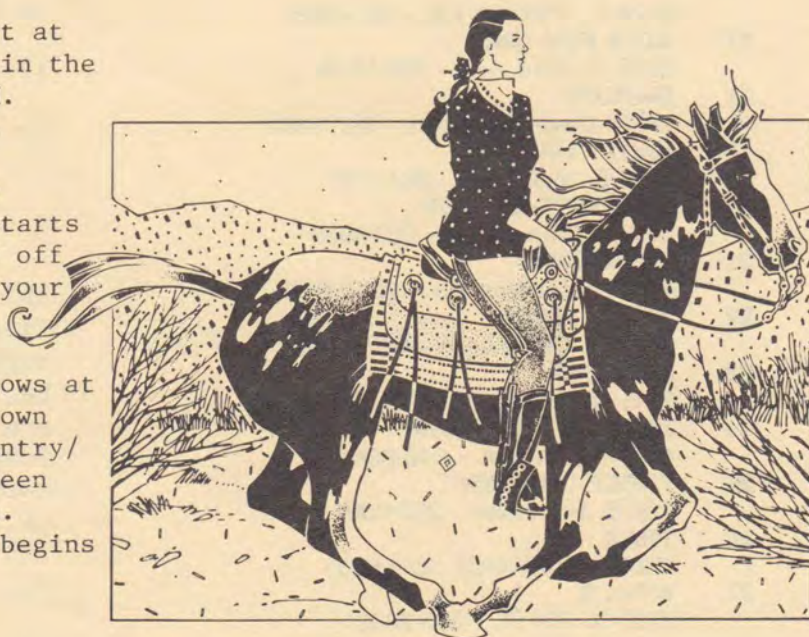
AFTERHOURS activities tonight are down  
to CHARLIE'S for partying, and DENNY'S  
for munchies. But will anybody have the  
strength left to do more than that any-  
how?

## MONDAY 20TH

Who cares?! Sleep in. Check-out time  
ain't until Noon.

## SATURDAY 25TH

Remember, you need to rest and regain  
your strength by this night so you can  
do it all over again at our ANNUAL  
ELECTIONS BANQUET!





For our Tucson people. For our out of town, and out of State Members. And for all of us who plan on partying so long, and so hard, that we lose all sense of direction over Rodeo Weekend... we give you directions to our bars, hotels, and eating establishments.

## BARS

- 1 **APOLLO'S**  
5749 N. 7th Street - 277-9373
- 2 **B.S. WEST**  
7125 5th Ave. Scottsdale, - 945-9028
- 3 **BOBBY'S**  
1810 E. McDowell - 258-9477
- 4 **BUM STEER**  
4620 N. 7th Ave. - 279-3033
- 5 **CACTUS JACK'S (C.J.'S)**  
2929 N. 16th St - 277-0910
- 6 **CASH INN**  
2140 E. McDowell - 244-9943
- 7 **CATTLEMAN'S EXCHANGE CLUB**  
138 W. Camelback Rd. - 266-0875
- 8 **CHARLIE'S**  
727 W. Camelback Rd. - 265-0224
- 9 **COUNTRY CLUB BAR & GRIL**  
4428 N. 7th Ave. - 264-4553
- 10 **CRUISIN' CENTRAL**  
1011 N. Central Ave. - 253-3376
- 11 **DURANGOS/FLEX COMPLEX**  
1519 S. Black Cyn. Hwy. 271-9017
- 12 **THE DUTCH MARKET**  
4017 E. Indian School Rd. - 955-3600
- 13 **FARRAHS/CLUB 155**  
155 W. Camelback - 274-8505
- 14 **FOSTER'S**  
4343 N. 7th Ave. - 263-8313
- 15 **G.B.'S RENDEZVOUS**  
4132 E. McDowell - 275-3509
- 16 **INCOGNITO**  
2424 E. Thomas Rd. - 955-9805
- 17 **J.C.'S FUN ONE**  
5542 N. 43rd Ave. - 939-0528
- 18 **MARLYS'**  
15615 Cave Creek Rd. - 867-2463
- 19 **NASTY HABITS**  
3108 E. McDowell - 267-8707
- 20 **NUTOWNE SALOON**  
5002 E. Van Buren - 267-9959
- 21 **PRESTON'S**  
4102 E. Thomas Rd. - 224-5778
- 22 **'ROUN' BACK**  
2107 W. Camelback - 242-6077
- 23 **SECRETS**  
2515 N Scottsdale Rd. - 423-0400
- 24 **TALK OF THE TOWN**  
4301 N. 7th Ave. - 248-0065
- 25 **THREE-O-SEVEN**  
222 E. Roosevelt - 252-0001
- 26 **TRAX**  
1724 E. McDowell - 254-0231
- 27 **WINK'S**  
5707 N. 7th St. - 265-9002

## EATS

Plenty of food to be had this weekend, besides the Arena, and without having to put up with those disapproving glares from straight folk...

4. BUM STEER - Their Sunday B-B-Q runs from 3:00 - 7:00PM.
6. CASH INN COUNTRY - They've got a Sunday Steak Fry starting at 7:00PM for only \$2.
9. COUNTRY CLUB BAR & GRILL - Friday and Saturday. Lunches from Noon - 3:00PM, and Dinners from 5:00 - 9:00PM. Choose from their menu of sandwiches, plus a Fish Fry Friday night, and Chicken Fried Steak on Saturday night.
- DAYS INN - All weekend. Breakfasts/ Lunches 6:30AM to 2:30PM, and Dinners 5:00 - 9:30PM.
30. DENNY'S - 5002 N. 7th St. #279-7721. Scarf franchise food 24 hours a day at Phoenix's only "Gay Denny's".
12. DUTCH MARKET - Our "fancy" Gay restaurant. Lunches 11:00AM - 2:30PM. Dinners 5:00 - 10:00PM. Also late breakfasts on Friday and Saturday from Midnight to 4:00AM!
- HOLIDAY INN - Breakfasts/Lunches 6:00AM - 1:00PM. Dinners 5:00 - 10:00PM.
17. J.C.'s FUN ONE - Friday Night Buffet. 5:00 - 8:00PM.
27. WINK'S - Friday Lunch 11:30AM - 2:30PM

## BRUNCHES

And just what would a weekend-long Gay Event be without Brunch? No where near as sophisticated as this Event is going to be, thanks for asking. All of the following places will be providing Brunches on Sunday the 19th. You may want to call and confirm the times.

8. CHARLIE'S - 11:00AM - 2:00PM
12. DUTCH MARKET - 11:00AM - 3:00PM
20. NUTOWNE SALOON - Noon - 5:00PM Steak or Chicken for \$2.
27. WINK'S - 10:00AM - 3:00PM. Served Cowboy Buffet Style.



# ELECTIONS BANQUET

# MEMBERSHIP

Time's running out for you to take care of that Banquet/Elections packet you got in the mail. Drag it out now, and we'll go through it together here... just like Romper Room isn't it? If you didn't get a packet, then we have a problem with your address, so you best call our Elections people... immediately! Try TAMMI FISCHER at #486-2275, or ANTHONY PIERI at #279-9668.

For the "packet people", here's the steps...

Want to attend the Banquet? As a Member, your entrance is free. Want to bring Non-Member guests? That'll cost you (or them) \$15 a piece. Make your reservations through MAX SUTHERLAND at Charlie's (where he lives) at #265-0224.

If you plan on partying down that evening, and want to spend the night at the Holiday Inn, call them at #248-0222, and ask for the special \$39 room rate for the AGRA Banquet. If DILLON picks up the phone at the front desk, he thinks it's a real hoot when you use that "Gay" word. Even more fun is using the "G" word on SUMMER if you happen to get her in reservations, seems to rattle her nerves.

Want to vote for the 1992 Board of Directors, and 1991's Member of the Year? Then you must renew your Membership. To do that, fill out the Membership application, and send it along with your renewal check for \$20 to AGRA. New Members need to send \$40.

If you're renewing, but can't attend the Elections Banquet, then send in your Absentee Ballot, BEFORE the Banquet date. Be sure to use the enclosed #ed envelope for your ballot.

To get your mind thinking about who to vote for as our '91 Member of the Year, here's a list of our previous winners.

- 1985 - ARTIE MICHAELIS
- 1986 - RON TEMPLETON
- 1987 - GREG OLSON
- 1988 - TREVA LONDON
- 1989 - RON ERICKSON
- 1990 - DAN IVERSEN
- 1991 - ?

Do some thinking on who you want to write in for the 1991 honor, we hope to see you all at the Banquet!

Fifteen more people have joined us just before year's end, to take our final '91 Membership totals over the 200 mark. 207 in fact, with 54 from Tucson. Joining us from Tucson and Bisbee are...

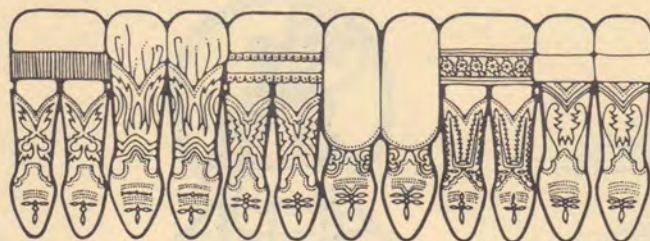
- RANDY BILBRO
- DAVID COTNER
- DAVID GALOFARO
- RON LAU
- MIKE MAHYNSKE
- RANDY McLEAN
- JOSEPH MENDEZ
- WAYNE MILLER
- CLYDE MITTER
- BILL NORTH
- MICHAEL O'NEAL
- DAVID OSOLLU
- DANIEL RICHARDS
- MARK RODRIGUEZ
- TOM TURNER

Membership renewal applications for '92 should be in your little in-baskets by this time. You can hold off on those, and pay at the Banquet if you wish, but that'll hold up the Elections lines, and cut down on your cocktail hour time, so why not take care of it now? Fill out the application, and send your \$20. renewal check in to AGRA today! For more details, contact PHIL LOOBY at #934-7970.

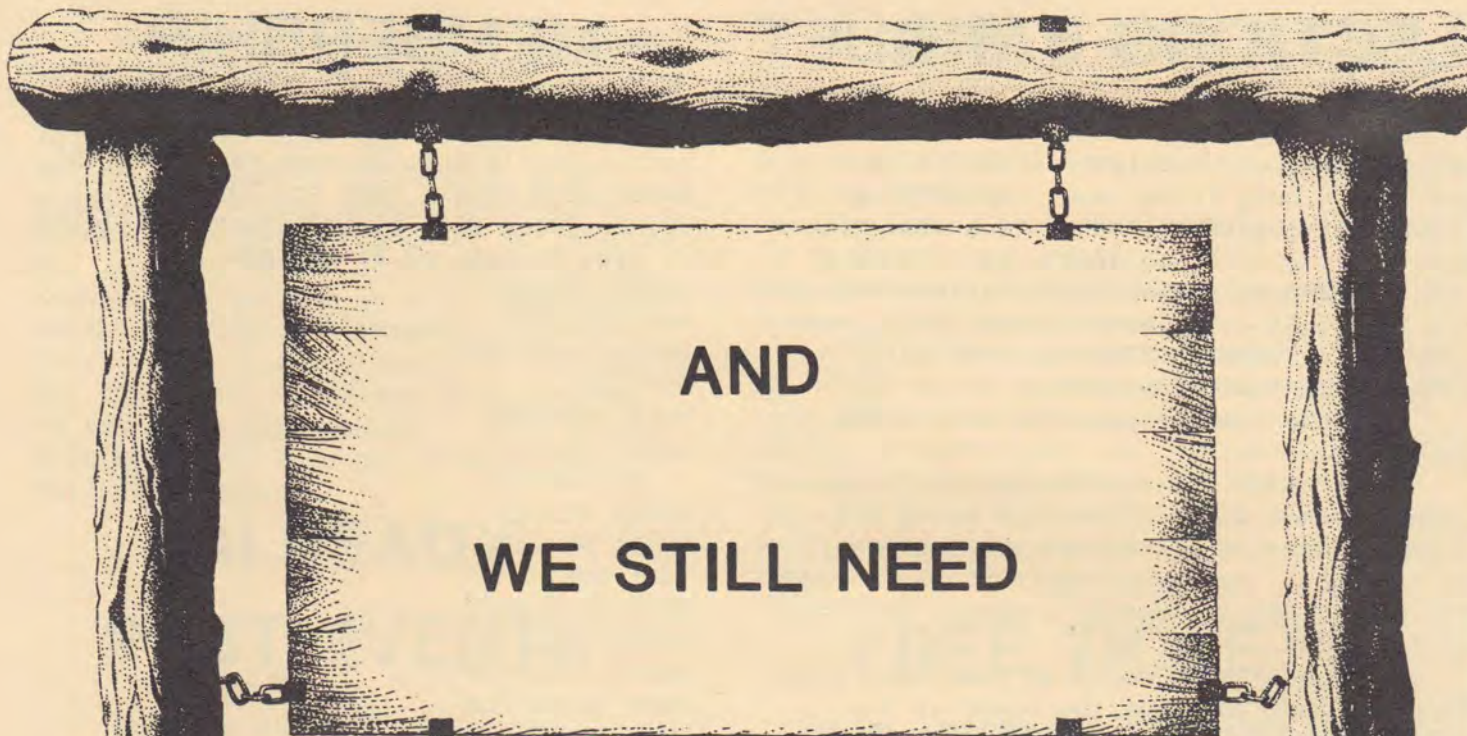
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**AND**

**WE STILL NEED**

1. YOUR SUPPORT - For one of AGRA's last fundraisers before the Rodeo. Starting at 1:00PM on Saturday, the 11th, at Wink's for a Book Sale and Plant Auction.
2. YOUR APPLAUSE - Tuesday the 14th is the final joint fundraising show for our Royalty Contestants. Charlie's at 9:30PM.
3. CREATIVE/ARTISTIC TALENT - Quick! Help us put together posters, signs, etc... for the weekend. Contact TIM DOUGHERTY at #892-1183.
4. WEEKEND DATES FOR TIM - Plenty of openings (so to speak). See Tim for his Hotel Room #.
5. SPONSORS FOR BELT BUCKLES - Yeah right, wait until the last minute to decide to sponsor a buckle. If you're lucky, MICHAEL COONEY may have a couple left at #274-5855.
6. WEEKEND DATES FOR MICHAEL - Oops, sorry, SOLD OUT... the Slut!
7. WEEKEND DATES FOR JEFF COON - See Jeff for details, he's willing to pay for it.
8. SOMEONE TO CONTACT DAVID ANAYA - JOEY wants his diamonds back.
9. VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS - Be at Charlie's on the 12th for our General Membership meeting and Rodeo Weekend Volunteer Sign-Up Party!

