

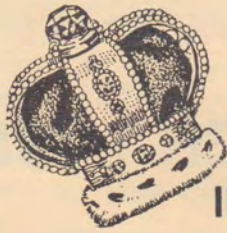
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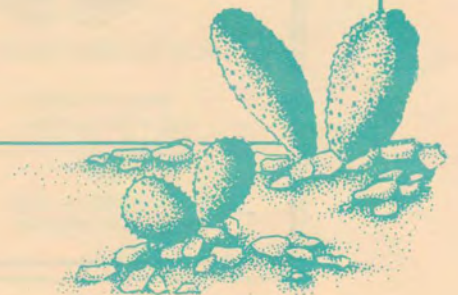
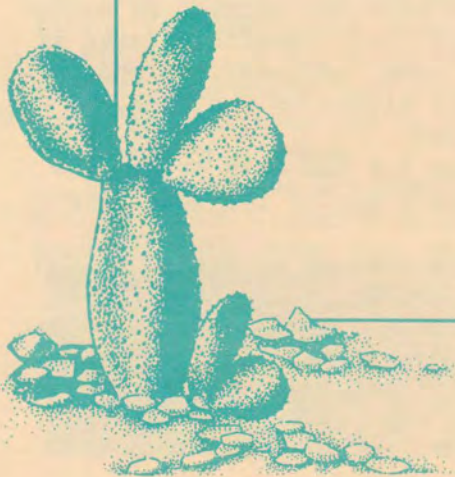


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

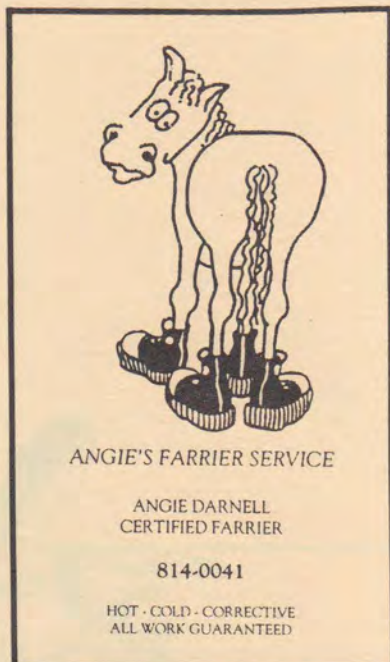
June was a good month for AGRA.

It started with the Community-wide Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival weekend, where once again the Phoenix Pride Committee did an outstanding job of letting us all show our Pride. If you were there, or saw the picture in the next day's ARIZONA REPUBLIC, then you know that AGRA made quite an impression, horses and all. Everyone I've talked to had a wonderful time that day, and my thanks go out to all who helped us out.

Thanks also to the many Members who pulled together and made June's Grand Ole Opry fundraising weekend such a success. It was a lot of work, but it resulted in a good awareness of our fundraising needs towards putting on the Finals, here in October.

Soon after you read this, your elected delegates, alternates, and other officials will be heading to Minneapolis and this year's IGRA Convention. We're all looking forward to North Star's hospitality, and to doing our part in ensuring that IGRA continues to grow as a successful organization. We'll bring you back the details next month!

Alan Iversen



LETTERS

This letter was sent to Tucson Satellite's President MIKE BUTRYMOWICZ...

"It is hard to believe that it has been one week since the end of the first gay rodeo in Tucson! From what I could see from the arena floor, the 1992 Saguaro Regional Rodeo was a success, and I want to extend my congratulations to all of you in Southern Arizona who worked so hard to put on a good rodeo.

Everyone in Tucson was so good to me, it would be difficult to start mentioning names, for fear I'd leave someone out. Let me just give y'all a big THANK YOU for inviting me to be one of your judges. Tucson and Saguaro were very pleasurable experiences, and I hope you will invite me back again when you are planning your event staffing needs for future rodeos. I would consider it an honor and a privilege to be a part of the Saguaro Regional Rodeo in 1993. Not to mention what a good time we'll have!!

Thanks once again for a great rodeo, a great time, and many new friends.

Let's Rodeo!

Mark Friden "

POSTER - \$\$\$

A \$100 cash prize is being offered for the winning entry in our just announced 1993 Roadrunner Regional Rodeo poster contest.

Here are the specifications that must be followed...

The overall size of the poster should be 17" X 22". Black and white, or color, is fine, though a color entry must be original artwork, or an original photograph. Leave enough blank space in your design for specific Rodeo information to be added later.

We suggest that all entries be matted and covered with clear plastic (framed if desired). Your name, address, and phone number are to be placed on the back, upper-left corner.

In exchange for the cash prize, the winning entry will become the sole property of AGRA.

All entries must be submitted by Sun. August 2nd, at 4:00PM, to "CHARLIE'S" in Phoenix, where they will be judged at that day's AGRA Membership meeting. For more details call JEFF PARKER in Tucson at #529-2170, or AGRA's Phx. office at #265-0618.

KANAS CITY RODEO RESULTS

Kansas City, Missouri has just successfully produced their first "Heart of America" Rodeo. Threatening weather didn't stop them, and either did the possibly more threatening Contestant reaction during Friday's registration when it was discovered that the advertised "extra purses" applied much more to the men than the women. But we're sure that next year's Rodeo will be much more equitable.

Bringing back yet another All-Around Cowboy Buckle to AZ was DENNIS "SQUEAKY" TERRELL, while ANDY ANAYA won the 1st Runner-Up. Our CANDY BELL brought home the 2nd Runner-Up Cowgirl Buckle. Candy also took 1st place in the Steer Riding event both days, as well as that Buckle, probably for her graceful "1½ twist and land on her head" dismount one day. She also took 4th place in Steer Decorating on Saturday. JODI HINES had a great weekend when her first attempt at Steer Dogging brought her a first place on Sunday, and the Buckle. Course this also opens up a new area of discussion at Convention, do big-chested women have an unfair advantage, or disadvantage, when it comes to covering the animal's head during this event? We refer the subject to MISS IVEY'S Rodeo Rules Committee.

Squeaky and Andy shared Buckles for Goat Dressing, placing 2nd on both Sat. and Sun., and in Team Roping with 1st and 2nd places on both days. Andy also got 1st both days in Calf Roping to earn that Buckle. He also placed 2nd in Wild Drag Race on Sat., 4th Sat. and 3rd Sun. in Barrel Racing, and 5th Sat. and 4th Sun. in Pole Bending.

Squeaky (and how come we've never heard this name before?) completed his weekend with two more Buckles for Flag Racing (1st on Sat. and 2nd on Sun.) and Steer Riding with 1st place showings on both days. Dennis also got 2nd place in Wild Drag Race on Sat., 2nd place both days in Steer Dogging, and finished the Barrel Race 3rd on Sat., and 5th on Sun.

And everyone was most impressed with the fact that CLARENCE BATES was looking good with NEW JEANS over the weekend!




GREAT PLAINS/ BAY AREA RODEO DETAILS

There's not the time, or space, to get into all the details for upcoming Rodeos in Wichita and San Francisco, and Contestants should already have their packets, so let's just hit the major pieces of information needed by those of us who want to go "play".

Playtime starts in San Francisco July 24-26th. No specific hotels are booked as "hosts" from what we understand, though there is a list available depending on what rates you what to pay. All Rodeo information can be had by calling their hotline at #1-(800)-945-RODEO.

A couple days to do your laundry should be all you need before heading to Wichita's Great Plains Regional Rodeo, July 31 - August 2nd. Their hotels are the Ramada Broadview at #(316)262-5000, and the Marriott East at #(316)651-0333. Any other information you may need should be available by calling their hotline at #(316)522-6078.

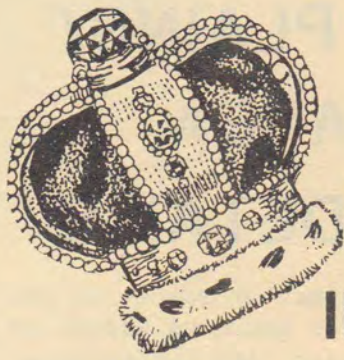
Okay, you're set, call those numbers and pack those bags.



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ROYALTY INTEREST

HITS NEW HIGH

Seems to be either feast or famine on the Royalty Contest scene. Some years you practically have to beg to get people into the Mr/Ms/Miss Contest, and then there's years like our upcoming 1993. The '93 Royalty Contest kicked off on Friday night of our recent Grand Ole Opry weekend, and by Saturday evening we had a dozen candidates all signed up and ready to go.

Signed up for Mr title so far are CHAS IMMENSCHUH, MARK McCRORY, "J.T.", and BILL TRAVIS.

The Ms title has competition right off the bat with CANDY BELL and TERRY FILLOON already signed up. We heard stories that HELEN MARVIN may also be signing on in the near future, where are you Helen? Candy's other half, JODI HINES, says it's a good thing that Ms Contestants don't have to compete in the talent competition, as Candy is not allowed to show her "special talent" onstage.

Competing for the title of Miss '93 so far are: BITTY ANN (MICHAEL WALSTAD), MISS ELLIE (ELDON COFFEY), SONDRAL LEAR (LUTHER RACKLEY), 1992's 1st Runner-Up VICTORIA LONDON (SCOTT TICKLER), NATALIE RAE' (who says her boy name is "Chuck something", and who we feel compelled to let know that it's actually CHUCK PRUITT), and PAULA SHA (ROBERT TENCATE) who shares an address, song tapes, and God only knows what else with reigning Miss AGRA JACQUELENE DE SAVOI (DREW WASHINGTON).

While even more Contestants are rumored to be coming aboard in the near future, if our already announced candidates are the only ones, and stick with the Contest qualifications by raising a minimum of \$500 each, that will result in over \$6000 being raised for our local Charities. So plan on getting out there and supporting these people at their fundraisers in the next six months, all monies raised will help our entire Community.

DANCIN' TO MINNEAPOLIS

RON ERICKSON's very favorite event of the year is over and we have a dance couple to send to Convention.

R.T. STACKED helped Ron out with the Tucson preliminaries on June 7th where LARRY MANN and DAVID BOOTH won the best overall out of five competing couples, judged by CHUCK BJORE and IRA NADBORNE. Also placing were BONNIE with CAROL LEE, and BRENT ELDER with JEFF SCHROEDER.

The statewide contest moved to Phoenix on the 14th where everyone was on pins and needles all evening wondering who would win between competing couples JACK ADDINGTON with GARY HATTERMAN, GARY HATTERMAN with JACK ADDINGTON, and J.A. with G.H. Geez, maybe Phoenix should have offered sashes and tiaras like with the Royalty Contest.

At any rate, Jack and Gary finally pulled off the preliminary win that evening and were joined by Larry and David at "CHARLIE'S" on the 21st for the Finals. Judges that evening were: JIM BETZ one of our winning dance couple members from last year, LYLE HEDGES dance instructor at Champion Member bar CASH INN COUNTRY, and AMERICA WEST slut on the side, and MICHAEL ROYER, AGRA's favorite Treasurer, as long as he keeps writing those checks.

Jack and Gary pulled off the win that evening (even against real competition if you can believe that) and will be our official "Bobby and Cissy" at August's IGRA Dance Competition in Minneapolis. There should be no question as to which half of this couple is the "Cissy".



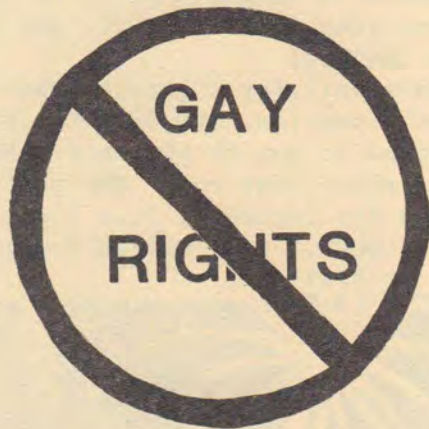
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PHX. COUNCIL SAYS



A political update for our "non-political by Charter" Organization. As everyone should know by now, the Phoenix City Council recently took the coward's way out, refusing to vote yes or no on the proposed anti-discrimination ordinance which would have protected sexual preference. They instead voted to send the issue to a public ballot in 1993, before they were rushed off the stage, surrounded by Phoenix Police, with two of them wearing bullet-proof vests.

As a result of this non-action by the Council, we'd like to remind all of our Homosexual Members that any and all manner of anti-Gay discrimination is still legal in Phoenix, and therefore should be tolerated, with a smile of course. At the same time, due to the archaic sex laws still on the books in this State, we would also encourage all of our Homosexual Members to continue refraining from any Homosexual sex acts whatsoever, until further notice, and we thank you for your law-abiding support.

Speaking of support, we'd like to thank all the individual AGRA Members who showed up to support the proposed ordinance that night. Lots of us in the crowd. Special thanks to MARK McCRORY who tried to speak out for us, but lost his chance by not responding quickly enough when they called for MARY McCRORY instead of Mark. Must have seen him walk. Also thanks to JOE RUBIO's other half, JIM STIRNAMEN, who did succeed in speaking, and gave a wonderful rebuttal to their bogus "negative economic impact" excuse by listing off many of the hi-tech companies Phoenix would like to attract, and won't, if we don't have the anti-discrimination policies that their companies already have in place.

Continuing in the vein of that

"negative economic impact", has anyone considered negatively impacting the Council? One could start with THELDA WILLIAMS, the turn-coat Vice-Mayor who first proposed ducking the issue entirely by putting it to a public vote. Ms Williams was just last year actively courting our votes, using our volunteers, our money, and holding fundraisers in our bars where, for instance, she made over \$1,700 in one night at "CHARLIE'S". Perhaps some of our Members would like to dig out those old cancelled checks and donation receipts, and demand a refund?

GRAND OLE OPRY WEEKEND SUCCESS

You can always tell how successful a party is by how many times the cops show up. With two drive-by visits on Saturday night of our Grand Ole Opry fundraising weekend, we award the party an A-1 rating.

Increased crowds over last year nearly packed the patio area of "CHARLIE'S" on Saturday night, and while there were no problems, it was the overflowing parking lots and patio noise levels that attracted the cop's interest, and worked poor L.J.'s Gay nerves. We'd also like to mention that the fabulous sound man for the weekend out there on the patio had nothing to do with the noise levels, it was MAX SUTHERLAND and JACQULEENE DE SAVOI that kept urging the volume up, not having a clue that the cops were ten feet away behind the patio wall.

We raised quite a bit of money over the weekend, not nearly enough to put on the Finals, but it was a start. The jail alone dragged in over \$300, with DAN IVERSEN owing \$30 of that. And we'd still like to know who paid Dan's tab, as everyone knows he'd rather sit in jail all night rather than spend even one buck.

Booths ranged from the Pride Committee (where we never did get around to buying that Gay flag, so someone tell us where they're setting up next) to TIM VERSLUYS' "Happy Homosexual Hamburger Shoppe". Tim's just bent.

RON ERICKSON and SCOTT TICKLER (with lots of help) pretty much set the weekend up, with Ron, Jacquleene, and LYLE HEDGES sharing emcee duties. Scott, as VICTORIA LONDON, spent the weekend bouncing off the

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walls as Fundraising Director, this year's Royalty, and next year's Royalty Contestant. We suspect he'll be in therapy by year's end with a multiple personality complex. Until such time as the medication sets in though, Victoria gives great show, such as Saturday night's opening show-stopper from "VICTOR/VICTORIA". Also pleasing the masses were sets by CASH INN COUNTRY CLOGGERS, CHARLIES CLOGGERS, and their JR. CLOGGERS (with a great "hair spray" number) the always bright SUNBURST SQUARES, and any number of other singers, including most of next year's Royalty Contestants.

Thanks to all who helped plan, execute, and clean-up after the weekend, it was fun. Someone give L.J. a Valium, then suggest to him that we do this more often.

ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Tucson is having a party to celebrate their one year anniversary... and all of AGRA is invited!

Plans call for a get-together at a "non-bar" location, and GEORGE VISSICHELLI volunteered to put it together. Bet he's thrilled about that now. The party is scheduled for Saturday, July 11th, beginning at 3:00PM. Call George for more details at #747-5928.



AGRA PRIDE BOOTH A HIT

Phoenix Gay Pride Festival was... 7,000 people having a wonderful afternoon and evening, despite the mid-day rain. Hundreds of people dropping by the AGRA booth to have their pictures taken with our horses. KRIS EISENHUT, LARRY JONES, and GREG OLSON were NOT the horses, their animals were. DAN IVERSEN had the great idea of using them for the photos. We must do that again, but do we have to use Dan's costumes? BARRY's hats on the other hand, are always welcome. CHANNEL 3 filmed one of VICTORIA LONDON's numbers, and thought she was a Lesbian. Along with Victoria, JACQUELENE DE SAVOI and CONSUELA RODRIGUEZ wrecked the crowds all day. We mention Consuela as we missed her brief appearance, and Jacqueline probably did too. Trust us girl, you had a WONDERFUL time that day! Also hopefully having a wonderful time volunteering at our booth were all the previously mentioned along with JACK ADDINGTON (who was actually chained in the Pride tent all weekend) JEFF COON, SCOTT DARNELL, RON ERICKSON, DON HARDING, CHUCK NOLAN, TERI ROWE, BILL SPRINGS, DAVID WILSON, MICHAEL ROYER, and Michael's Mother. Thanks Mom!



From the June 8th edition of the ARIZONA REPUBLIC. BILL SPRINGS snaps a photo of ERIC SMITH and JOHN KING, with KRIS EISENHUT holding the horses. Ask Kris how happy he was appearing in this picture. Ask Eric how his family enjoyed seeing him in the picture, totally unprepared!

QUICKIES

Well, our Corresponding Slut position on the Board is nearly half over, and it can't end soon enough. Our sources are drying up, people stop talking and flee in the opposite direction whenever we approach, and we've been reduced to relying on the kindness of strangers. Luckily, there's enough kindly strangers to get us through the rest of the year. Take, for example, the kindly man from Dallas who called us with a story about JEFF COON's last visit to Oklahoma City's HABANA INN. You'd think it would have been an AGRAer who told us about Jeff's 5:00AM walk by the pool wearing only a towel. He came out of his room alone, but went back in followed by two guys! Thanks for keeping us up Dallas!

Even hit the road last month in a desperate search for someone to talk to us, and wound up in Palm Springs' SPURS SALOON where we found AGRA's JAY ANDERSON working behind the bar with MARK, both of them doing ballet leaps in their underwear. Some people never change. Jay sends a big "HI" out to us all.

Big thanks go our to Champion Member BILL TRAVIS who recently expanded our local bar support to PRESTON'S with a joint AGRA/VIDA fundraiser. And thanks Prestons!

BILL DARNELL is HOW old?!?!

Did we tell ya that the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association is now officially recognized and just waiting to be seated at our upcoming Convention? They're up to over 30 Members already.

Just keep repeating... Calf Roping on Foot is now just Calf Roping. And Chute Dogging is now Steer Dogging. If we can remember that, and get our Buckles changed, can we now go to the Cheyenne Social Club without worrying about getting beat up?

And finally, while others were playing at our Grand Ole Opry, GARY POWERS, and BILL BESANCON were taking first and second place respectively at Champion Member bar COUNTRY CLUB BAR & GRILL's Toga Party. We're wondering what extra stuff Gary was showing that Bill wouldn't to win that top honor?



MEMBERSHIP

Lots of new Members this month due to the Royalty and Dance Contest sign-ups, but their "paperwork" hasn't made it thru the tunnel yet (read that as Max ain't got their dues yet, so they don't exist) so we have only two new Members to welcome this month.

TAYLOR SCOTT and ROGER SPAWN, both of Phoenix, need to get big hellos from you all.

TONY OWENS and SCOTT DARNELL were both good little boys who put in official address changes this month (and no we're NOT passing those addresses on to any of you) how about the rest of you who have changes? MAX SUTHERLAND continues to update his Xmas Card list at "Charlie's", call #265-0224.

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WATCH THAT LANGUAGE

Such goings on at the last General Membership meeting. Did anyone notice the top of L.J.'s head slowing rotating and then spinning completely off? Turns out it was all over a particularly heated series of motions and discussions that brought out lots of those nasty four letter words, and guess what? "CHARLIE'S" has a strict policy against any profanity over the P.A. system. Oops. Got to watch our language in the future folks. We can't have RON TRUSLEY blanching while trying to get those series of motions, amendments, and withdrawels all written down word for word, when the words ain't all that civilized, and he'll have an even harder time trying to record the minutes if the bar cuts our sound off!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- July 12th - Sunday - AGRA Board Meeting
3:00PM "HOURS" - Tucson
- July 12th - Sunday - AGRA General Membership Meeting
5:00PM "HOURS" - Tucson
- July 19th - Sunday - Tucson Satellite Board Meeting
3:00PM Location TBA - Tucson
- July 24-26th - Weekend - Bay Area Regional Rodeo
San Francisco, CA
- July 26th - Sunday - AGRA Board Meeting
3:00PM "CHARLIE'S" - Phoenix
- July 31- August 2- Weekend - Great Plains Regional Rodeo
Wichita, Kansas
- August 2nd - Sunday - AGRA Board Meeting
3:00PM "CHARLIE'S" - Phoenix
- August 2nd - Sunday - AGRA General Membership Meeting
5:00PM "CHARLIE'S" - Phoenix
- August 6-9th - Weekend - IGRA Annual Convention
Minneapolis, Minnesota

NOTE: Our July AGRA General Membership Meeting will take place in TUCSON. Our August General Membership Meeting will be back in Phoenix, but on the FIRST Sunday of the month, the 2nd of August. See you there!