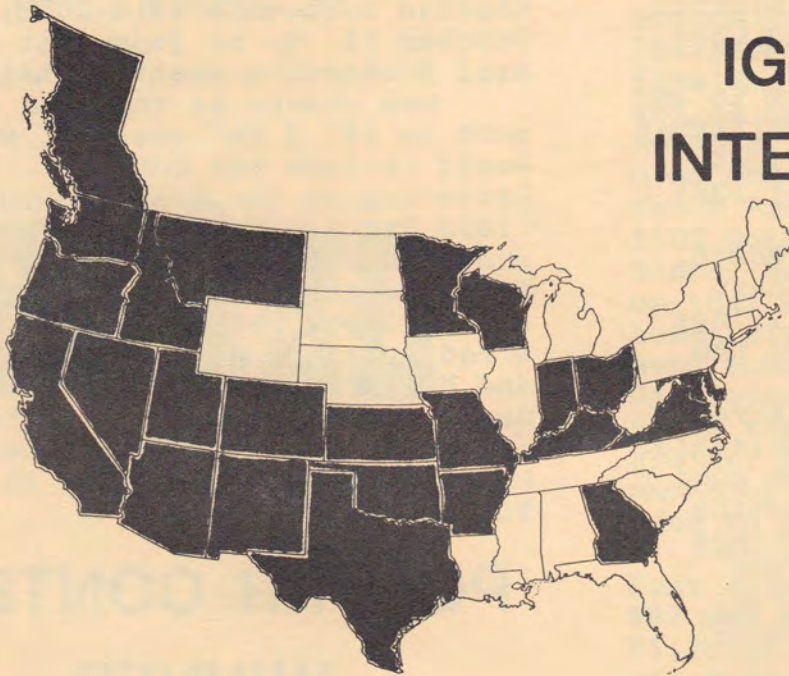


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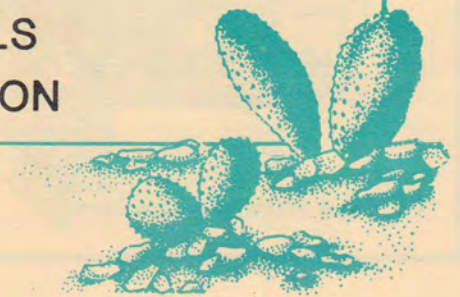
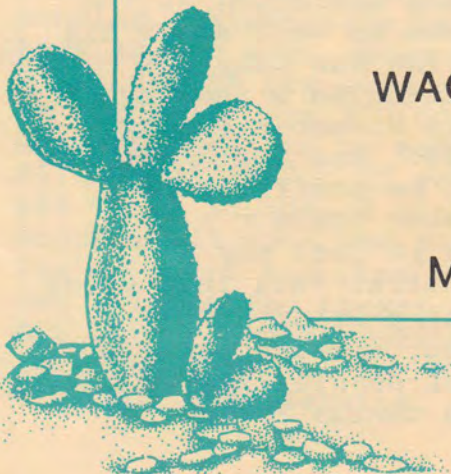


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FT. WORTH DOES FINALS
MONTANA QUEER INVASION

SEPTEMBER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We're back from IGRA's Annual Convention. Long days of meetings, countered with long nights of fun. Thanks go out to the North Star Gay Rodeo Association and all of their volunteers, for a wonderful weekend, and smooth running Convention.

Congratulations go out to our JACK ADDINGTON, and GARY HATTERMAN for representing us so well at Convention weekend's Annual IGRA Dance Contest.

Congrats also to Ft. Worth, Texas who won the bid for next year's IGRA Finals, and Billings Montana who will be hosting the Convention next year.

And back to more thank-yous to all of our Convention Delegates and Alternates. They did a good job for all of us, representing AGRA at the Convention meetings and seminars, and keeping our block of seated delegates full all weekend, so we didn't miss any votes.

Finally, a special thank-you to LARRY JONES for that eventful trip home. Ask him.

Finals '92 is coming up fast, hope we can count on you all to help us out!

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POSTER CONTEST

Didn't we just do one of these? It's time again, and with short notice, as we try to get the Saguaro Rodeo '93 Poster chosen and printed for distribution at the Finals.

Pretty much the same specs as before, with the same \$100 prize offering. All entries are due to Charlie's/Phoenix by 4:00PM, Sunday October 11, to be judged at the General Membership meeting that day.

One change is that all entries must be 18" X 24" overall, which would include any borders. The lettering on the poster should read "1993 Saguaro Regional Rodeo", and additional blank space must be left for information regarding location, dates, logos, etc... Also, if desired, you may work the AGRA, IGRA, and Miller Beer logos into your design. For more details, hurry and contact the Rodeo Offices. In Phoenix at #265-0618, and in Tucson at #798-3528.

POSTER CONTEST WINNER

Paul VerBurg is the Artist who submitted the winning poster design for our just completed Roadrunner Regional '93 contest. This is the third winning poster that Paul has submitted, beginning with the "4-R Logo" poster back in 1989 when he was still a New Mexico resident. Now living, and operating a Studio, in Goodyear, AZ, Paul says he specializes in Rodeo, Western, and Cowboy types of art. His works are currently being exhibited at the Goodyear Museum as well as in his own Studio. The Sun City Art Museum has scheduled a showing of his works this November through January of '93. And Southwest Art Magazine will be profiling Paul in it's November issue.

We think it just may be possible to corral Paul into doing a Poster signing stint at our upcoming Rodeo, someone needs to look into that possibility. Congrats, and thanks Paul!

FINAL RODEOS OF THE SEASON

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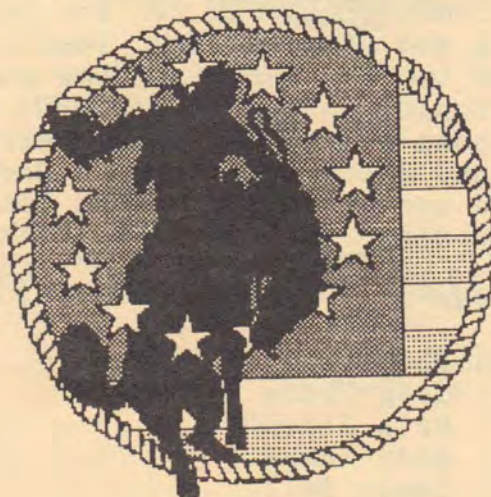


Two more Rodeos to do on this year's circuit before Finals. Neither of them are in our Division, but both promise to be "special", and a good party is worth going to, wherever it may be.

First up is one of Arizona's favorites, as GSGRA's San Diego Chapter hosts their 4th Annual Regional Rodeo, September 25-27th. All Rodeo Events will once again take place at the Del Mar Fairgrounds Equestrian Complex. \$15 per day will get you in there for the events, booths, performances, and dancing. Night-time parties move back to the Host, Town & Country Hotel for \$5 per event. Room rates at the hotel are \$70.00 per night. Reservations can be made by calling #1(800)772-8527. If you attend all these scheduled events as they occur it'll cost you \$45. If you're smart and plan ahead, you can get weekend ticket packages for \$25 which covers everything. Buy in advance by calling #1(619)298-4708 for more details.

The last Rodeo of the circuit year, before Finals, is also the first Gay Rodeo east of the Mississippi, as ASGRA presents Atlantic Stampede '92, on October 2-4. This one just smells like a MAJOR hit folks, rivaling some of our more established Rodeos that have been around for years. Last chance for Division III Contestants to gather Finals points, first chance for the entire East Coast to experience a Rodeo of their own, and it's scheduled the weekend after D.C. and the Names Project exhibits the entire AIDS Quilt for the final time. Since the Republicans keep telling us that we don't deserve basic human rights, as we already have more money to spend than our non-Gay counterparts (we don't understand the logic either) there's another pool of thousands of people who could be staying over for the week to attend this Rodeo.

Sheraton Washington will be the Host Hotel with rooms from \$89 to \$99 per day. Call them at #1(202)328-2900. Ticket prices to the Rodeo will be \$15 per day with the night events (held at the hotel) at \$6 each. As with San Diego you can save a few bucks by buying tickets in advance. Call #(202)-298-0928 for more details. And while in D.C. do look up GEORGE BUSH and wish him luck in his next job, whatever that may be.





BAY AREA RODEO RESULTS OR:

Good Rodeo weekend, by all accounts we're hearing, for GSGRA's first Bay Area Chapter Rodeo, or the second one if you count that one year's back in , where was is, Hayward? Guess it got a bit windy and cold at times, but that was a nice change for our people this time of year.

All-Around Cowboy point totals showed DENNIS TERRELL once again on top, with a now pretty much healed GREG OLSON landing just under Dennis in the 1st Runner-Up spot. Nestled just under Greg was ANDY ANAYA in the 2nd Runner-Up position. We've lost our train of thought here, were we talking Rodeo results, or sexual liaisons and positions? Let us review... Dennis on top of Greg, Andy underneath... close, but no banana , we'd have to add additional names (be sure to make that plural) and change some positions, another story for another time. Back to Rodeo results...

DAVID PRESNELL, our Seattle based Member, was close enough to San Francisco to compete at this Rodeo as well. Nice to see him back in action and racking up those points.

Greg was back with a vengeance in the Buckle gatherings with four of them going to him for Break-Away Roping, Pole Bending, Steer Decorating, and Steer Riding.

CANDY BELL took two for Bull-Riding and Steer Riding, Dennis nabbed two for the Flag Race and Team Roping, and KRIS EISENHUT also came home with two for the Barrel Race and Steer Decorating. Andy nabbed one this time around for Team Roping. The daily results...

Saturday-

Barrel Race-

- 1st - Greg Olson
- 2nd - Kris Eisenhut
- 6th - Andy Anaya
- 10th - Candy Bell
- 11th - Dennis Terrell

Breakaway Roping-

- 1st - Dennis Terrell
- 2nd - Greg Olson
- 5th - Andy Anaya

Calf Roping on Foot-

- 4th - Dennis Terrell

Chute Dogging-

- 3rd - Greg Olson
- 7th - David Presnell
- 9th - Dennis Terrell

Flag Race-

- 1st - Dennis Terrell

Goat Dressing-

- 9th - Andy Anaya & Dennis Terrell
- 11th - Greg Olson
- 16th - David Presnell

Pole Bending-

- 1st - Greg Olson
- 4th - Kris Eisenhut
- 5th - Andy Anaya

Steer Decorating-

- 1st - Kris Eisenhut & Greg Olson

Steer Riding-

- 1st - Greg Olson
- 2nd - Candy Bell
- 17th - Dennis Terrell

Team Roping-

- 1st - Andy Anaya & Dennis Terrell
- 2nd - Dennis Terrell & Andy Anaya
- 3rd - Greg Olson
- 4th - Greg Olson

Wild Drag Race-

- 2nd - Ken Davis
- 6th - Andy Anaya & Dennis Terrell
- 8th - Greg Olson

DENNIS ON TOP GREG'S BACK

(SHOULD THERE HAVE BEEN A COMMA THERE SOMEWHERE?)

Sunday-

Barrel Race-

- 1st - Kris Eisenhut
- 2nd - Andy Anaya
- 4th - Greg Olson
- 5th - Dennis Terrell
- 6th - Candy Bell

Break-Away Roping-

- 2nd - Dennis Terrell
- 5th - Greg Olson

Bullriding-

- 1st - Candy Bell

Chute Dogging-

- 1st - Dennis Terrell
- 3rd - Greg Olson
- 6th - Andy Anaya
- 12th - David Presnell

Flag Race-

- 1st - Dennis Terrell
- 3rd - Kris Eisenhut

Goat Dressing-

- 3rd - Ken Davis
- 9th - Andy Anaya &
Dennis Terrell
- 11th - Greg Olson
- 20th - David Presnell

Pole Bending-

- 1st - Greg Olson
- 2nd - Andy Anaya
- 3rd - Kris Eisenhut

Steer Decorating-

- 1st - Kris Eisenhut
& Greg Olson
- 3rd - Andy Anaya &
Dennis Terrell
- 6th - Candy Bell &
Jodi Hines

Steer Riding-

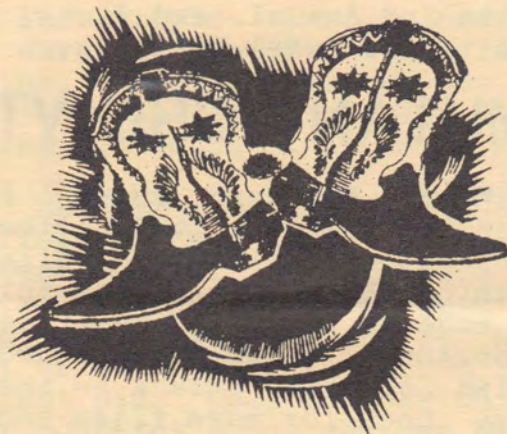
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- 4th - Dennis Terrell
- 7th - Greg Olson

Team Roping-

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Dennis Terrell
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**WICHITA RESULTS
NEXT ISSUE**

CONVENTION 92'

Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, home of the North Star Gay Rodeo Association, was the site of this year's IGRA Convention. Ah yes, the great Midwest, land of humidity, narrow minds, traditional family values, and land that we escaped from nearly twenty years ago, hoping never to return to. Something has changed. Everybody had an absolutely WONDERFUL time, at the best organized Convention to date. Many thanks must go to North Star's Frank, Mark, Barry, Doug, and all the rest of the Association's Members and weekend volunteers for a superb Event.

Seventy-Four Delegates, about fifty Alternates, countless Dance Contest couples, and many "extras", all converged on the St. Paul Sheraton, as well as the Twin Cities' bars, for four solid days of meetings, and nights of partying. We've got all the news for you, and to cover the night-time activities, have converted this issue back to last year's "Curling Iron Edition" reclaiming the insulting moniker that HOLLIE WOODS labeled us with, for the 2nd Annual, and final, time. First the official business...

MUTANT GROWTH

We use the word "mutant" in the nicest possible way to describe the sometimes seemingly uncontrollable growth of the IGRA. Growth this year made us truly International as our Northwest Association added British Columbia, Canada to their group. Look for more flags and a second National Anthem at Grand Entrys from now on. Also formally seated was the previously recognized Nevada GRA which fills in the missing block on our Western Member States.

1993 will see sixteen Rodeos across the Country plus the Finals. Tentative requests for 1994 take us up to nineteen Rodeos, all Majors, plus the Finals. In an effort to begin controlling this growth, it was decided that Rodeo, Finals, and Convention dates would now be asked for two years in advance. While not set in concrete, tentative dates this far in advance will allow other

Associations to plan around existing Events.

While Major Rodeos held on the same weekend, within the same Division is still a no-no, the sheer number of Rodeos scheduled next year means there will now be competition for Contestants and Crowds between Divisions (see Rodeo Schedule piece for details).

A number of proposals meant to control growth through further regulation of Contestants were defeated at this year's sessions due largely to the top heavy load of Delegates who were also Contestants. Some of those proposals are covered in the Contestants section.

A natural result of IGRA's mutant growth has been greatly increased spending, which led to our first ever year of deficit spending. While IGRA is not broke by any means, we would be if this continues, and since we're not the Federal Government, there was much discussion on how to keep from going into the hole. One stop-gap measure approved was that yearly Association fees were increased from \$100 to \$500.

AWARDS/ELECTIONS

AGRA was just all over the place when it came time for the IGRA Elections and Awards. Outgoing President BOB PIMENTEL did the honors before stepping down after two years as IGRA President to make room for newly elected ROGER BERGMANN who will take over on Nov. 1. Winning re-election for another term were Vice-President SHERYL SCHELKUN, and our own JEFF COON as Treasurer, and RON TRUSLEY as Recording Secretary.

The Service Award this year went to JOHN KING for all that he does. DOUG "Ernest Simple" WAGNER got one for his last year's service as IGRA V.P. Trustee's Awards went to our own DAN IVERSEN and LARRY JONES for their service, sportsmanship, and all that other good stuff that we like them for.

RODEO SCHEDULE

All requested dates for next season's Rodeos were approved by this year's Convention. Look for some changed dates as GSGRA's L.A. Rodeo moves to April while our Saguaro changes to March. Bummer of the schedule is our Division's Colorado Springs Rodeo being held the same weekend as GSGRA's San Diego event.

Sixteen total Rodeos were approved, taking us into the 1994 Season, they are...

Roadrunner Regional Rodeo-
Phoenix - January 15-17
Saguaro Regional Rodeo-
Tucson - March 19-21
Golden State's L.A. Chapter-
April 16-18
Great Plain's Oklahoma City-
May 28-30
North Star's Minneapolis-
June 18-20
Rocky Mountain Regional-
Denver - July 2-4
Golden State's Bay Area Chapter-
San Francisco - July 23-25
Great Plain's Wichita-
August 13-15
Zia Regional Rodeo-
Albuquerque - Sept. 3-5
Great Plain's Kansas City-
Sept. 3-5
Northwest's Seattle-
Sept. 10-12
Golden State's San Diego-
Sept. 24-26
CGRA's Pike's Peak Regional-
Colorado Springs Sept. 24-26
Atlantic States-
Washington D.C. Oct. 1-3

Beginning the 1994 Rodeo Season
will be...

TGRA's San Antonio Rodeo-
November 13-15
Golden State's Palm Springs-
Also November 13-15

Tentative dates are now being asked for for a two year period to help Association's plan ahead. Those already working on possibly new Rodeos for the 1994 Season are,

UGRA in Salt Lake City - June 10-12, Northwest again, this time in Oregon probably the third weekend in August, SEGRA with an Atlanta date of the first week in June, and our new Nevada Association with tentative dates set for April 1-4.

FINALS CONVENTION

The Delegates spread out those year end Events to the North and South ends of the Country for 1993.

Ft. Worth, Texas, took the Finals Rodeo bid, and will hold it October 22-24 next year. The high point of Arizona's back-up bid for Finals had to have been LARRY JONES' mispoken claim (twice!) that we had held the only successful Finals Rodeos to date. Larry meant to say FINANCIALLY successful Rodeos, and corrected himself both times, but only after Wichita's LINN COPELAND went over the table and for his throat. It will be remembered that last year's successful Wichita Finals are not yet financially successful, due to the local homophobic reaction that resulted in spending big bucks to move the Rodeo site at the last minute. Last we heard, by the way, was that Wichita's lawsuit against said local homophobes should be settled soon with our side coming out quite financially successful.

Meanwhile up North, Big Sky's Billings Montana took the bid for Convention '93, after Montana Delegate CODY CRUMM did his best ROSS PEROT snit impersonation at the rest of us who had the nerve to bid against him. Much discussion here over concerns about whether Big Sky's small Membership could pull this off, and what the local's reaction would be to us descending on them and their one Gay bar. But in the end Delegates decided to continue our growth by awarding it to someplace new and untested. Conventions can be a great first "Event" for Associations to get their feet wet with. North Star is fairly new and small as well, and look what they pulled off this year! Congratulations to Big Sky, tell that bar of yours to stock-up on Miller Lite next August 27-30th!

Getting a head-start on Convention '94 bids was CGRA who passed out strands of pearls and counterfit twenties to bribe us into voting for a return to Colorado for the tenth Anniversary of IGRA. Fun presentation, but we'll have to wait until next year to see where we go in '94.

AGRA / DIV. II

AGRA made the motion to move us back to Division I, with California, in an opening volley attempt to start re-aligning the Divisions once again and control our future growth. The move was not really expected to result in any changes this year, and that's exactly what we got, with most Delegates not wanting to put us back with the big Southern California Rodeos as one Division. For this year at least our Contestants will need to continue traveling to Colorado Springs to earn points, while ignoring our next-door neighbors in San Diego the same weekend.

We believe we did accomplish our goal of getting people talking more about future changes though. Among the more interesting ideas for the future is one that would completely tear down State and Association lines, replacing them with "geographical areas" based on the population sizes of different cities.

SPONSORS/\$

Miller Beer remains our one and only International Sponsor for 1993, but they're being more supportive than ever. With these tough economic times, Miller has cut their advertising budgets for all but two National Events, the Indy 500, and IGRA. The Indy 500 budget went up 6%, ours is double that, up 12% from our 1992 rates.

We wish other companies would take note of that. The flip side of the coin includes Shepler's, Wrangler, and Roper. All three turned us down this year with the excuse that they feared a "straight backlash". Think about that next time you're shopping. In Shepler's

case, all advertising dollars must be cleared through their National Headquarters, so we were encouraged to pressure our local stores to support Gay Rodeo. On our local level, the Mercado's Frontier Boot Corral has just bought an ad in this year's Finals Program, perhaps you'll want to mention that to your favorite Shepler's salesperson.

On a more positive note, Australian clothing company, Khaki Roo, is expressing interest in sponsorship. We're also working on a new deal with The Advocate for National advertising, and Travel Bound travel agencies now have the distinction of being in a "supportive" relationship with IGRA, and they want more.

Remember to spend your Gay dollars where they're appreciated!

CONTESTANTS

Lots of Convention talk on what to do for, with, and to IGRA Contestants, very little action as no one seemed to be able to agree. Case in point, one IGRA Official overheard to say "do we have to go through this damned "hat" issue EVERY Convention?!"

There was one big change made concerning the mailing of Contestant's packets. Our previous system of mailing a packet to every Contestant for every Rodeo has gotten too burdensome (not to mention expensive). Beginning this year all Contestants will be mailed a yearly list of all Rodeos. From that list the Contestant will be responsible for contacting each Association that they would like a packet from.

Besides Rodeo rules, where even CANDY BELL started voting to "abstain" while slipping in and out of a coma, most of the Contestants discussions centered (again) around IGRA's rapid growth. A lot of talk on the need to make the Contestants "pay more of their own way" as far as the day to day running of IGRA goes. All ideas, from higher entry fees, to a flat dollar amount per Contestant were all voted down.

Efforts to control the sheer number of Contestants at Rodeos also failed. Ideas such as limited numbers of people per Rodeo, not

being eligible for certain awards outside your Division, limiting number of Contestants allowed who aren't in your Rodeo's Division, etc... all went down to defeat. Dead for now, but we got the distinct impression that these issues will be back, as IGRA continues to spend more and more money on Rodeos that are becoming bigger and bigger.

MESSIN' 'ROUND IN MINNEAPOLIS

Minneapolis/St. Paul to be exact, and the locals don't like you mixing the two. Minneapolis is the site of bar complex The Gay Nineties, a big old building right downtown that features your choice of seven bars under one roof. From Country to Dance Music, Leather to Piano Lounge, Show bar to restaurant. The restaurant switches to strippers after 10:00PM which is where we saw BSGRA's CODY CRUMM on Friday night, along with our own JAMIE SARAGOSA and RON TRUSLEY, blowing their rent monies. We still don't know how Cody bent backwards that far.

St. Paul was the site of the Townhouse Country bar, just crawling distance from our host hotel, and our home away from home for the weekend, dancing the night away, or working on that all important trick in the back quiet bar area. That's where we found out that MGRA's BOB MITCHELL had spent the afternoon tricking with FRAUSTEE. 'Course it turned out they'd been married for two years. These people saw Hedda coming. We should have taken our lead from ASGRA's LEWIS SANDERS and JEFF SHAW, roommates for the weekend, who are still keeping their Rita Roughstock's identity a secret. Jeff got plenty of sleep all weekend as Lewis spent the nights at the spa. As did many others. The Sheraton was three stories of rooms largely centered around an open atrium area with indoor pool, jacuzzi, and sauna. Everybody was supposed to be quiet at night, so we all tried REAL hard to whisper our hello cheers, and keep our applause down to "golf claps". 'Course security was called on us every night anyway.

The pool was off-limits after 10:00PM, but the rest of the spa area went on all night. Besides Lewis, people scaring the regulars away all weekend included DAN IVERSEN (minus socks, underwear, and elevator trips, but adding shorts and towels), CGRA's new Trustee PATRICK "Miss Otis Elevator" TERRY (minus the elevator), MICHAEL "Twanda" ROYER and his hair, and the elderly yet robust Mrs. SEAN YOUNG (sometimes known as DOUG WAGNER). Doug was a living nightmare all weekend, sharing a room with MOTHER ERICKSON and AUNT PITY PAT, the three did nothing but fight for space amongst the hair dyes, dental plate cups, rhinestone jewelry, and adult diapers. With only one seminar to attend all weekend, Doug LIVED at the spa area, with frequent trips back to the "World of Depends" for more cocktails. Back and forth in nothing but the little patriotic colored speedos, tit ring, and wrinkled, wrinkled, wrinkled, from the spa, terrifying the children.

Looking much better was ASGRA's GARETH MACKENZIE who helped out ROXIE HEART by stripping for IGRA at the Townhouse one night. Raised \$640 and worth every penny. JODI HINES and CANDY BELL tried getting him to repeat the performance in our room later, but he insists on charging apparently.

Not charging were JACK ADDINGTON who did a repeat of local boy MARK, all weekend, and GARY HATTERMAN who went from shy and quiet to major slut with TGRA the first night, a leatherette motorcycle boy the next two (and we have the Polaroids to prove it) and ended the weekend with yet another one who he's already been back to visit.

On the Convention floor itself, things went fast and furious until the end. JOHN KING running out to the bathroom all day Saturday, doing his best impersonation of DAN IVERSEN. JOHN BECK returning from lunch break in stolen TREVA LONDON drag, never looking better, or "nellier". Finally late Sunday, JEFF COON and SHERYL SCHELKUN looking like an exhausted couple, with heads slumped together. Don't tell PAULA!

Death threats prevent us from revealing much more, suffice to say we all came back tired but smiling.

FINALS HOTEL

JEFF COON has just booked the old Quality Inn on Thomas (the new I-17 Inn West) as our second back-up hotel for Finals. Room rates are only \$45 per room for up to oh say 16 people per room. That should help SCOTT DARNELL keep all his weekend "dates" in one place.

VIDA EXPANDS

With so many of our Royalty Contestants donating their fund-raising dollars to VIDA (Volunteers in Direct Aid) we thought you'd be interested in knowing what additional services they've got in store for our Phoenix area HIV+ people.

Now it's literally a store, stocked with EVERYTHING from furniture to medical supplies (no prescriptions please) and food to clothing. All items will be donated to VIDA (so go through your homes and see what you can spare) and given FREE to any HIV+ people referred there by their case workers.

Continuing to keep their overhead costs next to nothing, VIDA has gotten AGRA Champion Member bar CHARLIE'S to donate the building out in the back parking lot as the store site. Thanks go to AGRAers JOHN KING for the building, and ARTIE MICHAELIS and MICHAEL O'BRIEN for putting together, and running this much needed service.

RAISING \$

The fundraisers continue to build Statewide, both for the '93 Royalty Contestants, and towards our rapidly approaching Finals Rodeo.

Our highest ever slate of Royalty Contestants for '93 are already well past the \$1,000 mark as they raise much needed funds for our State's charities through increasingly creative means, and with much help from our Community bars.

Already past are a hugely successful swim party for MARK McCRORY, who is, by the way, very much alive and with us, and a packed evening

benefit for JOHN PRYSBYLA at the Days Inn which must have included every Crown wearer in the State. As we write this, BILL TRAVIS is benefitting from a Slave Auction at FOSTER's that they are putting on as part of their joint Labor Day Luau Weekend with PRESTON's.

Coming up next is another novel idea as Tucson's LARRY MANN hosts a benefit weekend campout at Catalina State Park, Sept. 11-13. That weekend coincides with our Sept. Membership meeting in Tucson, so lots of our Phoenix people will want to do both. \$25 will get you the campground space, dinner Friday and Saturday nights, and a farewell Brunch on Sunday morning. The park has showers, and it's okay to bring your horses, and leashed pets. Reservations need to be made for this one, and Larry needs some planning time so get in touch with him BEFORE the 9TH to sign-up. Phoenix people can call Contest head RON ERICKSON for the sign-up forms at #246-8458.

Also coming up we hear is a "Shamoo's Reunion" to benefit Ms TERRY FILLOON, possibly at Prestons, and Ms CANDY BELL is working on a fashion show to be entitled "Dykes in Dresses". Where do they come up with these things?! Check the back page's Schedule of Events for this month's Contestant fundraisers.

Next up: AGRA fundraisers, and we DESPERATELY need them to produce the Finals. First is a Mini-Rodeo to be held in conjunction with our Sept. 13 meeting, all at CLUB 2520 in Tucson. The following weekend will be Vegas Weekend at CHARLIE'S with a Casino night on Saturday, and a Vegas-style show on Sunday. To help raise these desperately needed funds, Fundraisings SCOTT TICKLER desperately needs volunteers (are we making our point here?) so call him at #230-9762 and offer to help.

And finally this month, DREW WASHINGTON's JACQULEENE DE SAVOI has set up a couple benefits for herself, to get ready for her Finals run. She's supported us all year, and now it's time to support her with shows on Sunday the 13th at CLUB 155, and the following night (Monday the 14th) at BOBBY's. We'll see everybody all month long then, all over town, won't we?!

LETTERS

To all the Contestants for Mr, Ms, and Miss AGRA 1993. Good luck to all of you in your fundraising endeavors. Stay strong and steadfast in your commitment to reach your goals. We are all behind you!

To the Association. Please watch for all the benefits coming up and support all the Contestants. This is the first time we've had so many people running for these titles, and it's just wonderful!

Also, let's not forget the IGRA Finals coming up. Please also remember to support me, as well as our current reigning Mr and Ms AGRA 1992.


Thanking you in advance for your support to all our contestants.
Drew Washington
(Jacqueline De Savoi)

CAT'S AWAY

While the Cats were away at Convention, the remaining AGRA mice continued to play. Some examples:

KRIS EISENHUT did a road trip to New York. Among other reasons he just HAD to have his vacuum cleaner that was stored back there. Poor thing couldn't manage to get it back himself apparently, so called GREG OLSON to come back and help him with it. Good thing Kris wears boots instead of tie-up shoes.

JOE RUBIO's CONSUELA RODRIGUEZ is back! Surprized everyone with an opening spot at JOHN PRYSBYLA's Days Inn benefit. Got the ball rolling with a whole slew of tips. And back in the Contestant mode is DAVID ANAYA's HOLLIE WOODS who just took 1st runner-up to the Miss Gay Nevada title. Ooohhh, a Crown!

Belated get well wishes to BRETT NELSON, the much better half of TONY DeLUCA. Brett now all recovered after some serious heart problems MONTHS ago. Once again people are not calling Hedda as they should be. Tony says he usually drives his boyfriends to alcoholism so this was quite a stretch for him, but very successful, as poor Brett had to be airlifted back to Phoenix from the AZ toolies for surgery. 

MEMBERSHIP

Four new Members to welcome this month, as GARY HATTERMAN and KURT TITUS join us from Phoenix, and PETER SITTIG and RICK SLOAN climb on board from Tucson. Peter is already an AGRA supporter via his Champion Member bar CLUB 2520, so an individual Membership must mean a run for Office? Nominations are underway for the '93 Tucson Board as we speak.

Missing in action this month (we're all wearing our little MIA wrist bands aren't we?) are CHIP CRIMBLE from Tucson, DAVID PRESNELL from Seattle, and KEITH ROACH losing us in his move from Tucson back to Phoenix. Would someone please wake them up and have them file address change forms with Membership's MAX (Catch me between Clogger's practice sessions) SUTHERLAND at #265-0224?

Also returned was WOODY KIEHN's newsletter... again! Sometimes they get through, and sometimes not. Woody, would you please stop annoying your mailman so he'll deliver your mail?!

Most surprizing was the return of TWO months worth of newsletters meant for CHARLIE'S L.J.! And we thought L.J. was a devoted reader of the Branding Iron. He obviously doesn't care, so the marriage is over. We want the Stereo and T.V., he can keep the kids and the subscription to Kung Fu Quarterly.

BILL TRAVIS just delighted with his perception that no one is calling Hedda to report on his activities either. The only reason we haven't commented on his slut-like mauling of a new Tucson Member during our last meeting down there is because we don't know that Member well enough yet. Bill will get his.

This just in. ASGRA's upcoming Atlantic Stampede will have an additional \$5,450 in prize monies. Makes that trip to D.C. look even better doesn't it?

And finally, why does WAYNE RAFFERTY smell like smoke? And what does that have to do with two possibly broken toes? Wayne is just an endless source of amusement.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Sept. 11-13 - Weekend - Camp-out fundraiser for
Mr. Contestant Larry Mann
Catalina State Park
- Sept. 13 - Sunday - AGRA Board Meeting
3:00PM - Club 2520 - Tucson
- Sept. 13 - Sunday - AGRA General Membership Meeting
5:00PM - Club 2520 - Tucson
- Sept. 13 - Sunday - AGRA Mini-Rodeo Fundraiser
All Day at Club 2520 - Tucson
- Sept. 13 - Sunday - Contestant Fundraiser/ Bill Travis
10:00PM - Club 2520 - Tucson
- Sept. 13 - Sunday - Contestant Fundraiser/John Prysbyla
8:00PM - Country Club Bar & Grill
- Sept. 13 - Sunday - Jacquleene De Savoi Fundraiser
Miss IGRA Contest - Club 155
- Sept. 14 - Sunday - Jacquleene De Savoi Fundraiser
Miss IGRA Contest - Bobby's
- Sept. 17 - Thursday - Contestant Fundraiser/Miss Ellie
Evening Show at Wink's
- Sept. 19 - Saturday - Contestant Fundraiser/Larry Mann
Daytime-Carwash/Evening Show
Club 2520 - Tucson
- Sept. 19-20 - Weekend - AGRA Las Vegas Weekend Fundraiser
Casino Night & Show - Charlie's
- Sept. 20 - Sunday - Tucson Satellite Board Mtgting. TBA
- Sept. 20 - Sunday - Contestant Fundraiser/Telvi Roybal
Scavenger Hunt/Show/\$ Dance - Hours
- Sept. 20 - Sunday - Contestant Fundraiser/Mark McCrory
Evening - Country Club Bar & Grill
- Sept. 25-27 - Weekend - San Diego Rodeo
- Sept. 27 - Sunday - Contestant Fundraiser/ Miss Ellie
Evening Show at Wink's
- Oct. 2-4 - Weekend - Atlantic States Rodeo - Wash. D. C.
- Oct. 4 - Sunday - Contestant Fundraiser/Bill Travis
9:00PM Show - Rumorz - Tucson
- Oct. 11 - Sunday - AGRA Board Meeting
3:00PM - Charlie's - Phoenix
- Oct. 11 - Sunday - AGRA General Membership Meeting
5:00PM - Charlie's - Phoenix
- Oct. 11 - Sunday - Contestant Fundraiser/ Mark McCrory
Evening Show at Wink's