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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.

--Henry David Thoreau--

CALENDAR OF STANDING EVENTS

2nd Thursday	7:00 Board Meeting
	8:00 General Membership
2nd Tuesday	7:30 Rodeo Events Comm.
2nd Thursday	7:30 Entertainment Comm.
3rd Tuesday	7:30 PR/Fundraising Comm.
4th Tuesday	7:30 Membership Comm.
4th Thursday	7:00 Board Meeting Comm.

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 4	Sweatheart Dance Colorado Springs
Feb. 12	Sweatheart Ski Trip

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Board Meeting 7:00		Sweet Heart Dance Colorado Spring
			1	2	3	4
				Board Mtg. 7:00 General Membership 8:00		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sweetheart Ski trip		Rodeo Events Comm. 7:30 Charlies		Entertainment Comm. 7:30		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		PR/Fundraiser Comm. 7:30		Board Meeting 7:00		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Membership Comm. 7:30 Charlies				
26	27	28				

BOARD REOPORTS

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

We gave everyone another month on their posters, so we should all be ready to pick the 1989 R.M.R.R. poster at the next general membership meeting, February 9th.

Last year Tommy planned a fantastic ski trip and you can be sure this years' will be even more fun! Keep Sunday, Feb.12th, open.

Please come to our next general membership meeting. Every month now will be filled with decisions and changes as we gear into the 7th Annual R.M.R.R.

Jeanie Nelson
President

We here at the "REALLY BIG V.I.P. C.G.R.A. NEWS" wish to extend a very warm greeting and welcome to our newest columnist Mr. Gary Brown. Our congratulations on finally submitting an article after 5 months of production of the all new "REALLY BIG V.I.P. C.G.R.A. NEWSLETTER".

VICE PRESIDENT AND RODEO DIRECTOR REPORT

First. congratulations to A.G.R.A. and N.M.G.R.A. on one of the most fantastic Rodeo weekends I have ever been to. Remember that our Rodeo is just around the corner, and in order to follow a rodeo like theirs we are going to have to work our little, or not so little, you no whats off. We will need volunteers for fund raisers, mailings, Entertainment committee, P.R. committee, security, and the list goes on. Please see a board member if you are interested in helping out with ANYTHING.

As your Rodeo Director this year, I have been working on many things and with different people in order to attempt to find a permanent home for our rodeo. These avenues are not depleted however, it is not confirmed as yet. I continue to work daily with the city, the railroads and with various individuals that offer their assistance. Please be patient and we'll have the best rodeo yet.

Putting on yet another of my many hats as committee member of the Colorado Tavern Guild, I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to attend the Mardi Gras Ball to be held February 11,1989 at the Denver Turnverein 1570 Clarkson at 4:00p.m. and 8:00p.m., featuring authentic Mardi Gras costumes from the Apollo Krewe's of Shreveport, Lafayette, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans Louisiana, and over \$400,000.00 worth of costumes, tickets will be available at Charlie's and all other Tavern Guild bars. This event is sponsored by the Colorado Taver Guild as one of the foremost fund raisers for the Colorado Aids Project this year.

"Thank's" in advance for your support for R.M.R. Rodeo '89.

Gary Brown
Vice President



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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

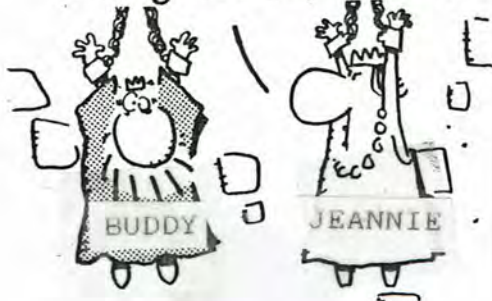
I would like to express a big "Thank You" to everyone who has made C.G.R.A. a success in 1988.

I know it is difficult to attend all C.G.R.A. functions through the year but those that you can attend are greatly appreciated by myself and many others. I also know it is impossible to attend everything and to try to be in two places at once. This is something I personally can relate to.

Here's looking to a great 1989 and also looking forward to your support and comments you think could keep C.G.R.A. the great organization that it is.

Kirk D. Frank
Corresponding Secretary

I didn't think
even you would
be dumb enough
to hold a press conference
during the Super Bowl!



PUBLIC RELATIONS- FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Well, Well, Well!!! I haven't gone off on anyone or anything in at least a week, so here goes. I was just as tickled as punch to see soooo many fellow C.G.R.A. members

at Southtown for our last Function of the Month. "Thank Ya'll". It "Really" does my heart good to know that we are finally getting the message across about what this committee and the Entertainment Committee are TRYING to accomplish. When it comes time for our rodeo, we hope that those folks which we have helped will return the favor. But it takes you, the C.G.R.A. members to make it happen.

Speaking of making things happen, the state of Arizona will never be the same after the Colorado contingent left town. The A.G.R.A. and N.M.G.R.A. "Really" needs to be commended on the outstanding job they did for the Road Runner Regional Rodeo. I personally, have always enjoyed the Arizona Rodeo, but this years Rodeo was the best. They "Really" outdid themselves. I have not had soooooo much fun nor laughed sooooo much in an awful long time. The folks from Wichita were just as much the blame for all the Hell Raising and Shit Stirring that went on both at the rodeo rounds and at Charlie's and the hotel. Why if it hadn't of been for Tinah, Roxie, and Dallas...We wouldn't have gotten in half the trouble we did. But I over heard Magnolia say that she was sooo glad to have Tinah as a team-mate. Could it be that they play by the same rules??? NONE!!!

Some of you have probably heard what I did at the Colorado Tavern Guild's last meeting. I'm sure some of you are a tad bit upset. OH WELL!! What took place was a meeting of the minds, so to speak. I proposed to the Tavern Guild a complete plan concerning

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sponsorships at the different rodeos. They were, for the first time in a long time, extremely receptive. The responsibility of sponsorships come solely under the P.R.-Fundraising Committee. Therefore the plan which I have come up with will be GOSPEL as long as I hold this office.

A copy of the letter and the contestant form which was presented to the Tavern Guild will accompany this newsletter. I will give a complete detailed explanation of the New Package at the next General Membership Meeting. I'm sure all of you will be there.

NOW, for more pleasant happening, we are looking forward to the next "Sweetheart Ski Trip" coming up this February 12th. Everyone had such a wonderful time last year that this years little jog to the mountains looks like it will be even bigger and better. We all know that when "Miss Blue Moon Lake" organizes anything it's done with her usual "Ralph Lauren Polo" style. See ya on the slopes Tommy!

At the printing of this "Really Big V.I.P. C.G.R.A. NEWSLETTER" we have not confirmed this month's Function of the Month. We are working on it however. So look around the bars for posters as to the location, time and who we have chosen to benefit. We're trying for around the week of the 13th. Be at the Next General Membership Meeting and Russell will announce ALL the details.

As a closing bit of info, just for you... have begun re-vamping the Public Relation-Fundraising Committee. It seems that this committee has only had a few

regular workers and we need help. With everything this Board of Directors has planned for this years rodeo, the committee members on this committee and the Entertainment committee need to be formed and "real" solid as soon as possible in order to get the work done. We need your help. Or as Russell says, "We Need-You Help". So iffin you wanna come play with us, COME ON DOWN!!! Down the "Really Big V.I.P. C.G.R.A. BOARD ROOM" that is, for any or all of the different committee meetings. Check you calendars for the meetings and times.

Now ya'll have a nice day reading all this wonderful, marvelous, splendid, informative, entertaining, thought provoking crock!

Buddy Sojourner
Public Relations-
Fundraising Chairperson
sometimes known as
Magnolia Spirits
Miss I.G.R.A. 1988-89



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THE ENTERTAINMENT COLUMN

Greetings and Welcome to the sixth edition of the "REALLY BIG V.I.P. C.G.R.A. NEWS". It hardly seems like we've been at this for this long, considering all the fun we have had producing this rag! It has been one of the greatest pleasures of my term in office to have this regular space to vent my frustrations and all in all just go off!!

NO SHIRT
NO SHOES
NO COLORADO

Will we ever be welcome at Charlie's Phoenix again!?! Amid our many chants and cheers about anyone and everyone handy, and our special spotlite checkpoint, the C.G.R.A. contingent at the Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix was well acknowledged. Did they have any choice? The answer there is no. There were so many of us who were in party (AAAAGHGHGH) mode all weekend they had no choice but to notice us!!! My thanks to Tinah Bubbles, Roxy, and especially to Dallas, (all from K.G.R.A.) for helping make our hell-raising adventures and political maneuvering a success. A.G.R.A. and N.M.G.R.A. did a terrific job of providing everyone with a wonderful rodeo. They are to be well commended for their efforts!!! They have also given us a big challenge. Remember, C.G.R.A. is the "Daddy of them all" and if we are going to maintain that reputation we have got a lot of work to do!!!! So get ready because the time is already drawing short.

Well on to the local events department. In reference to another one of our fine columnists here at the "REALLY BIG V.I.P. C.G.R.A. NEWS"; I am not, I repeat NOT "win-DEE"!! It has been many years since any one has been able to catch me breaking wind in public!!

I am sorry that as of the time of print for this "Really Big" production, that the details of our next function of the month are not final. Please watch all the bars for posters and attend the General Membership meeting on the 9th and we will tell you what we have in store for this one.

Speaking of function of the month, My heartfelt thanks to all of you who attended the festivities at Southtown. Although compared to our total membership of over 200 the number there was still in the negligible percentage bracket, we were well represented and everyone had a good time. Just a quick added note: David, our thanks for your continuing efforts with Rob, but I don't think anything short of a gag and some rope is going to do the trick!!!



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!!TRUCK-STOP TRAMPERS!!

Once upon a time, C.G.R.A. maintained a tradition called the "Winnebago Follies". As many of you will remember they were a very sick group of contestants and workers who put on a show to raise travel-funds for the trip to Great Plains Regional Rodeo in Oklahoma every year. Unfortunately, this tradition has fallen by the wayside. So, in keeping with our efforts to help our contestants and workers attend rodeos, the Entertainment and P.R. committees are establishing the "TRUCK-STOP TRAMPERS". The trampers will be performing a soap opera type show here to raise money for the trip, and then again in Oklahoma City to raise money for G.P.R.R. In addition to a very sick script that will be available soon for your inspection, we will also be having commercials on behalf of our rodeo sponsors. Different contestants and workers will be impersonating key people employed by our sponsors selling some very interesting products. So if you are a contestant or worker and plan on attending the Oklahoma rodeo, contact Buddy or myself for more information. We have already begun assigning roles in the show, but there is still plenty of space for anyone wishing to be involved.

On the 12th we will all be climbing aboard the plush and beautiful Gray Line busses and making our way to the slopes, or for a goodly number of us the bar in the lodge. At any rate given the condition that everyone returned in last year I'm quite sure the trip is worth the making. Contact Tommy (Miss Blue Moon Lake)

Channel and reserve your space on the busses soon, because true to her "Channel No 5" fashion I'm sure you will enjoy yourselves!!!

Well, lest I be accused of being "win-DEE" again, I will sign off for this time. Good day, and may all of your news be "REALLY BIG V.I.P." news.

Russell Forrest
Entertainment Chairman

Gee, ZIGGY - Does bareback bronc practice always shake you up?

RODEO EVENTS COMMITTEE

Rodeo Events Committee met at Dicks Bar on Tuesday, Jan. 10th. Several topics were discussed, such as the purchase of the horse for the drawing at the Rodeo and a stud colt was purchased just this week. Tickets and information on the registered colt will be out as soon as possible. There is also going to be a video on at the bars, so people can see it.

People who are interested in roping should contact me, and we will try and set up a time for practice.

Rodeo Events Chairman
John Beck



"We're not going to ask, but if you want to send some you-know-what to you -know-who, it's O.K. with us."

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Article not submitted.

COLORADO SPRINGS SATELLITE

Artical not submitted.

NORTHERN COLORADO SATELLITE

Artical not submitted.

I.G.R.A. NEWS

Vice President Rick Hembree called to order the meeting of the International Board of Directors on Friday, January 13, 1989, at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Phoenix, Arizona. Minutes from the past meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved. The states of Oregon and Utah were not represented.

Only two committees reported in: Rodeo Secretaries and the Computer Study committee. The question was raised on how the committees were set up. More on this was discussed and appears later in this article.

Under Old Business, Silver State (Nevada) withdrew their bid for a rodeo date in 1989.

In regards to another story out of Reno, First Hand Events originally donated \$2,500 for the two International all-arounds, but changed the award so that the 4 Divisional Champions would each receive \$500 and the remaining \$500 was placed in a "hardship" fund so that those contestants needing money to get home from Reno could be assisted. This came as a big surprise to many of the directors that everyone did not have an equal chance for even a small portion of that money because of a lack of communication from the Reno organizers.

The new rule book was not proofread before being printed this season. Instead of typesetting a new version, the board voted to print 500 additional copies of this edition and to then be available to interpret the rules as the need arises. Linda asked for a clarification on determining event belt buckle winners.

After a 15-minute break, the meeting was brought to order. Under New Business, the board elected a new president after the resignation from Gerald. Texas nominated Rick Hembree (Oklahoma). Rick declined the nomination. California then nominated Linn Copeland (Kansas). She accepted the nomination. Oklahoma moved to close the floor to nominations. Linn Copeland is now our International President. Rick then motioned to order a

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plaque for Gerald in appreciation of his services.

A second set of International buckles was hand-carried from Reno with one yet to be ordered. These buckles would be given out this weekend. In addition, Al Bell donated two more all-around jackets.

The board decided it should be up to each state's Trustee to assist in activating the committee members, as I announced ours at the December general membership meeting. If any member would like to serve on a committee at the International level please let me know. There are vacancies, especially the International Sponsorship committee, where both Al Bell and Linn Copeland had previously served.

The "TGRA" questionnaire had quite a great deal of negative discussion on its purpose and direction. In fact, when the first 15 minutes was up, a motion to extend discussion on the subject failed.

David Hill was appointed as the International Corporate Auditor as well as keeping his position as the International Rodeo Auditor. Linn tabled discussion on our corporate status until the meeting in Los Angeles.

Wayne presented his Roundup/rodeo concept with each state to evaluate it before the July convention in Albuquerque.

And speaking of convention, it is not too early to start thinking of being a delegate. Each state is allowed up to 5 delegates and two alternates. One given is the state Trustee and the other six will be selected by the board from all names submitted. During this slow period of the year we will spend several weeks now evaluating bylaws and standing rules for changes.

In regards to the article I submitted last month, the following points will be the guidelines for determining finalists in 1989. The Rodeo Finals Committee will...

- follow the rule that states one event per person per day (except Team Roping).
- not invite any contestant if they have not accumulated points during the year in an event.
- follow all rules governing tie-breakers as outlined in the rule book.
- only invite the top 5 per division per event (except in the camp events), thus eliminating "alternates."
- follow the rules as if it were a divisional rodeo in determining all-arounds.

The greater Los Angeles area rodeo will be in the Glendale area. The next International Board of Directors meeting will be on Friday, March 31, 1989, at 3 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Burbank, California.

In the Board of Trustees meeting that followed, Charles was re-certified as an Arena Director.

-Larry Lindstrom
Colorado Trustee



A REMINDER...DON'T FORGET

The next Genreal Membership Meeting will be held on February 12th, at 8:00p.m. at Charlie's. Since so many of us were at the R.R.R.R. during the last meeting, this meeting is of crucial importance. We have a Rodeo to prepare for and time is growing near. So be at this meeting and let's get started.

FUNCTION OF THE MONTH

A "REALLY BIG V.I.P. C.G.R.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS" "thank you" to all of those who attended our last Function of the Month at Southtown. The evening was enjoyed by all who attended. For those 170+ remaining members who didn't make it, we're not going to go off this month; just keep us in mind. WE NEED YOU TOO!!!!

We are sorry that the information on the February Function of the Month is not yet available. We promise that it will be lot's of fun, so watch for posters and come to the General Membership Meeting on the 9th and we will announce all the details.

???? ESTRAVAGANZA ????

We are planning an "Extravaganza" to take place in late March or early April. Although we do not wan't to call it "Extravaganza" and are working on a new title, the event promises to be a great deal of fun.

This event will be a carnival complete with roving entertainment, a stage for some "REALLY BIG" entertainment, vendors and all sorts of silly little "see if



MR., MS., AND MISS C.G.R.A.

This month has been a great recovery from the holidays. On the 10th the Function of the Month, a benefit for Knights of Malta at Southtown was a fun evening for all who attended. Bunny, the "Sweet Heart of the Rodeo", drove them crazy in Phoenix. Yeah, Bunny!!!

Thank you to all who attended the General Gembership Meeting and helped us raise \$145- for C.G.R.A. Be ready for next meeting the prizes to be announced.

Your royalty will be performing at the Hour Glass Lounge in Colorado Springs on Feb. 4th to benefit the Southern Chapter. Please join us and help make it a great success.

- Mr. C.G.R.A. Rob Hart
- Ms. C.G.R.A. Laura O'Neil
- Miss C.G.R.A. Bunny Barton

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you can do this" to win prizes booths.

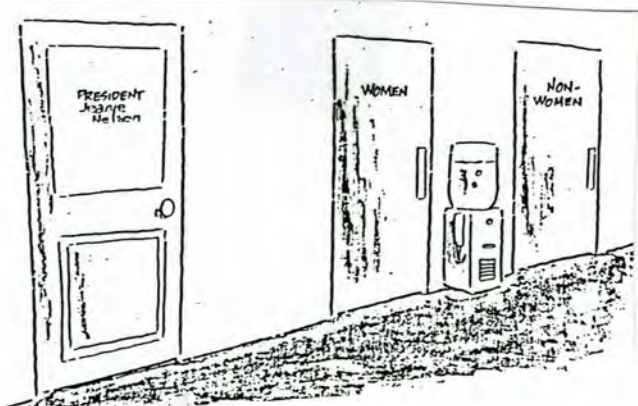
The Entertainment Committee is handling the majority of the responsibility for this event, and wishes to extend an invitation to ANYONE interested in helping out. There are lots of jobs to do, and in this case most of them will be lots of fun. Please contact Russell Forrest or attend the next Entertainment Committee Meeting (on your calender) for more information.

C.G.R.A. DOES SOUTHTOWN

The January Function of the Month was held at the Southtown Lumber Company. We held a beer and liquor bust from 9:00p.m. until midnight to benefit the Knights of Malta. The benefit raised \$50.00.

Everyone there had a wonderful time, even with Mr. C.G.R.A., Rob Hart snorting all over the place. (For a minute they all thought that we had brought Ernestine instead.) Almost the entire Board of Directors was there and many many C.G.R.A. Members.

"Thanks" to all of you for helping support our community and fellow-organizations.



THE DENVER COUNTRY CLOGGERS

We had a wonderful month. We went to Phoenix, as mentioned, and brought the house down with "Locomotion". We'll be doing it for our next CGRA function, so make sure to attend.

DCC danced for Hallott Elementary school. The K-3rd Graders seemed to enjoy us...they sat quietly and didn't fidget until we started dancing the rock-type songs. When we did Locomotion, etc. they were dancing in their seats!

Shelley had her first beginning class last Friday, January 20th. She will keep class open for one more Friday, then close it to new people. We have high hopes for this new beginning class.. we want to increase our numbers on the team. Can't do that if we don't have people in our classes. If anyone is interested in class and you miss this session, I'll start another list of people to call. Leave your name and number with me when you see me at the bar, or call me at home, 985-4020 (Pat). I have a recorder so just leave the information and I'll sure let you know when beginning class is about to begin again.

We hope to join Charlie's on the Road for Billings, Mt. Maybe we can get another clogging/dance team started and CGRA can get another rodeo association. Boise worked, this should also.

More later, have a good month.

- Pat McNeal
DCC Public Relations

FEATURE ARTICLES

A NEW HOME FOR CHARLIES

Charlies has announced their campaign to move the popular country/western bar to larger facilities.

Managers at Charlies pointed out the key reasons for the move as the crowded conditions both inside and outside at the present location, distance from the heart of the gay community and lack of space for Charlies community education program (i.e. Rodeo-Square Dancing, Clogging).

Charlies is asking for community support and assistance in acquiring their new liquor liscense. Please refer to the map to see if you qualify to sign the petition or attend the neighborhood meeting. (SEE MAP)

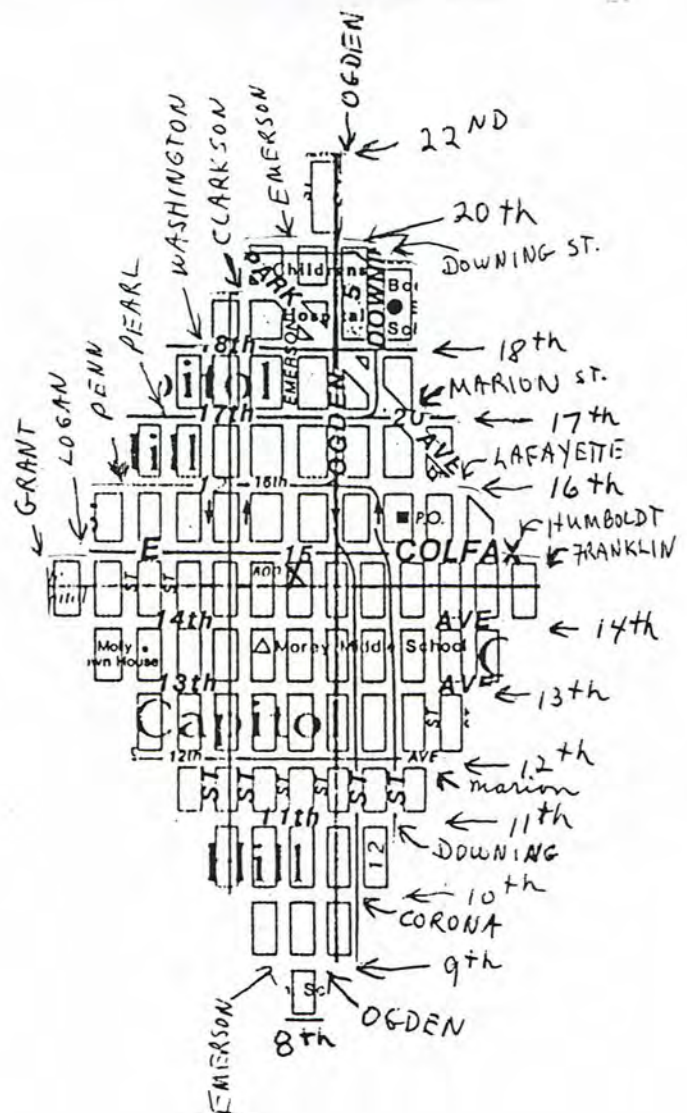
The Petition: you must live in, be a business owner or manager in the designated area and 21 years old. Petitions are available at Charlies, Catagory 6 Books and Gregg Sports and the Denver Detour. Also, anyone may circulate a petition as long as all are turned in by Feb. 15th.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

If you live within a 10 block area of the proposed new location, Charlies needs your support at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 7th, at 7:30 PM, at Day's Inn on Colfax at Marion. A "yes" vote by residents that night, might strenghten the request for a new liscense.

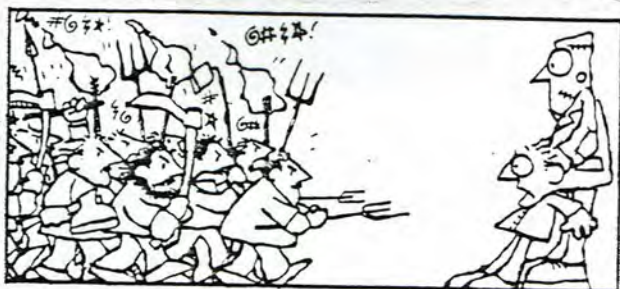
900 East Colfax: a historic building built in 1968 as a statement to the city of Denver by Joe Celek. He told the city, he so believed in the vitality of downtown Denver that he was

building a million dollar restaurant to be known as Emerson Street East. Times have changed and the building sits vacant. Charlies has secured a lease and states that the building, which is double in size to the present facility, will provide rooms sepearte from the regular dance floor for square dancing, clogging, meetings and parties. For further information contact: Wayne, Dave or John at 399-1979. THEY WANT YOUR HELP!!!



FEATURE ARTICLES

Church Hill county gears up
for May Court Date!!!



INTERNATIONAL RODEO FINALS UPDATE (or the rodeo that wasn't)

I guess that a lot of you are wondering exactly what has happened with all the fussin' and cussin' that took place in and about the Reno International Rodeo Finals this past October. Well, the A.C.L.U. of Nevada and New York and other states are still working for us. (And remember, they're doing it for FREE!)

Everytime they (our lawyers) get the information packets together to send to the contestants and spectators, they come up with more information which we need to know. So please hang tight and keep ALL your receipts and ANY information you feel the A.C.L.U. might need. They will be sending us a list of all the info they want as it gets close to our court date.

Now, what IS happening in the USED TO BE great state of Nevada, the SOMEWHAT USED county of Church Hill, and the

ONCE WAS town of Fallon; the District Court date for the permanent injunction against EVER having a GAY RODEO in the county of Church Hill will be May 17, 18 & 19. At this time NO records of our past court appearances have been turned over to the Nevada Supreme Court by the city of Fallon or the county of Church Hill. These records are necessary for the A.C.L.U. to proceed with our class action suit. However, with the total disregard of the availability of these records, and the "hopefully" successful premanent injunction against us; the city of Fallon and the county of Church Hill will most diffinetly win our case for us when we do get to the Supreme Court.

Please stay tuned for more fallout!

Unfortunately, the editorial staff of the "REALLY BIG V.I.P. C.G.R.A. NEWS" did not recieve the following submission in time for the Chritmas issue. Therefore, we are printing it now, because we feel that it personifies the Christmas many of us have have come to know and love.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Twas the night before
Christmas
And all through the hose
Every body felt shitty
Even the mouse

Mom on the toilet
And dad smoking grass
I had just settled down
For a nice piece of ass

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When out on the roof
I heard such a clatter
I sprung from my piece
To see what was the matter

Out on the roof
I saw some old prick
I knew in a moment
It must be St. Nick

He came down the chimney
Like a bat out of hell
I knew in a second
The fucker had fell

He filled all the stockings
With whiskey and beer
And a big rubber dick
For Woodward the Queer

He rose up the chimney
With a thundering fart
The son of a bitch
Blew my chimney apart

He swore and he cussed
As he rode out of sight
"Piss on you all
It's been one hell of a night"



MARYBELLE

mister Wayne,

I be mighty grateful if'n
you give this to that pruty
Magnola Spirits for her fancy
newsy-letter.

Love,
Lullabelle

Hello yall C.G.R.A.'ans! My
cuzin Marybelle came o'r last
Sunday after church an showed
me one of thoz VIP "REALLY
BIG" newsy-letters yall bit.
She told me I could rite an
artikle, an showed me to set
my type-writer'n real close
in, knowin' how yall fuss an
fart over things like'n that.

My, my, my. that Magnola
Spirits haz a tong on her
sharper'n my ol' wood splitten
ax! Marybelle sayzn yall given
her a rite purty blue sash
with fancy letterin AND a key
to the VIP "REALLY BIG" office
an her head swelled up
bigger'en a blue ribben hog!

Now I gess that Larry fellz
duz his office cleanin' jest
ta git ol Magnola's fur-a -
flyin! do ya suppoz that Larry
fella puts up with John puttin
gravy in ever thing like iced
teas an lee-mon aides? An
Marybelle sayz John even
shares a feed bucket with'n
his horse Rocky!!

Speakin of flyin'fur, ol'
Rus is mighty busy theze days
'twix writing thoz win-DEE
artikles anna snatchin' hair
off thz po'ladies at Charlies!
We runa boy aotta the First
Baptist Church last Sunday for
do'n the same durn thing
during prayer mettin'! I gess
pruty soon ol' Kirk will
haftaa send that Rus sum "Git
Well" pansies if'n he gits one

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o' his arms ripped off fo snatchin' one too many hais!

Marybelle sayz this Major feller from down south (may be Kaintucky) has curly hair jest like'm Rus an do ya suppoze that Major fella goes out snatchin' hair too? Marybelle also sayz ol' tired Eric is jest dyin' to have'n his hair snatched! Its true, Its true!!!

They sayz it wuz on acount of Rus an his birthday that he wuz actin up so. He jest had no trick to take to home NEITHER! I gess'n he also told Keith to mind hiz own chick'ns, what ever that all means?

An mister Wayne gave Dan the nite off an he ended up to miss the hole durn affare! Gess with mister Wayne in Aree-zona, Dan will hafta wait ta but anymo' of thoz purty riny-stones an that ol' Rus will also be down in Aree-zona to, snatchin hair an actin up all o'r the place! With all thoz old folks down that, the hole state will practic'ly be bald befor'n the weeks over!

Now Marybelle sayz not to pick on po' Jeannie cuz that is HER job! She sayz she be a rite impo'tant elected presy-ent an all, an not to git her all riled up! We don't need her fur-a-flyin! We don't, we don't!!

An I am a-hearin that ol' Gary is busy runnin' around tryin to impress mister Wayne, what with wearing his fancy Sunday church-goin' clothes an all, an durin the middle of the week mind you!! Purty soon Gary be ask'n Dan to borrow some o' thoz big purty riny-sones an Dan will jest throw a fit into tomorow! He will, He will!!

Marybelle sayz that that Tommy is jest to busy handin out an inspectin thoz tools to rite an artikle! I bet he be inspectin Robs tool, see'n the picher of Rob jest sittin' around an readin' the paper with Laura and the Miss Bunny an Danvid is still hurtin' from thoz teeth of hiz when Tommy hit him rite in the mouth with a BIG tool! He did, He did!!!

Why'n they call that thar Tommy a "Miss Blue Lake"? Dear ol' grandma o' blue-silver an I thoght Tommy had gone an dun the sam, I did, I did!!! If'n that be so, I bet that thar Rus will try an snatch his hair too!! HE WILL, HE WILL!!!!

I didn't unnerstan who this Agnes woman wuz 'til cuzin sayz yall named yo' fnacy printin' press that an she can be down rite can-tank-erous! An with her print so durn blurry, an my eyes a-gittin bad, yall need to pump her full of ink an ya know that "G." person could giv you some of that hi-fa-lutin' KAYOPECKTATE to git Agnes' crank a-spinnin!

Well C.G.R.A.'ans, I'm plum tarred from all this work! But that is the way cuzin Marybelle is...puttin' me up ta somethin' knowin how much work it is! So I be seein' ya later!



Love,
Lulubelle

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LADY MARGARET SPEAKS

Good Evening my Gentle Readers. I have for the past few months noticed the most alarming bit of literature which has been published in this so called Newsletter known as "The Really BIG C.G.R.A. News". First of all, My Dears, this publication, should not have the unmittigated gaul to call itself a newsletter because of the typically common types of columnists which have been so prevalent in "its" pages. Now really My Dears, how can educated intellegent men and women really take any stock in anything this rag has to say. After all, persons who are not even able to spell correctly, let alone have proper usage of the English language do not deserve to be in print. Therefore, I feel that it is my most solemn civic duty to enlighten, help inform and rectify the past misuse of the Holy establishment of the

human word.

My Dears, there is "This Woman" in this "Really Big C.G.R.A. Newsletter" who has the nerve to call herself a columnist. The first time I perused "This Woman's" column, I must say that I was horrified. "She" is not even of this world. I have never, in all my years as the very top of Society columnists ever had the misfortune of casting my eyes on such a pathetic abuse of the written word. My Dears, it actually caused me pain to gaze upon the poor workmanship and shoddy type of editorial "This Woman" attempts to bestow upon

her readers. Therefore in the interest of good literature, Proper grammer, correct pronuciation, and worthwhile reading; I decided to allow my insights to be printed in "This Publication" on a regular basis, with the hopes that my example will inspire a higher level of journalism. I know all those little people will someday appreciate what I have done.

Now My Dears, there seems to be this particualr man, who has the most queer habit of wearing glitter and outlandishly gaudy attire in public. This coupled with his obvious fixation for poultry, prove to make him a definate candidate for my most learned colleague, Mr. Blackwells' worst dressed list. It is also this columnist's understanding that this man is also fascinated with articles made of rubber, and has been seen lurking around grade school cloak rooms on rainy days.

It has come to my attention that a "certain woman" who is

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a new member of this C.G.R.A., and also a member of "that group" of people unable to dance without someone to instruct their movements, is a candidate for a position with the Sovereign Court of the People of Colorado. We are unsure however, if she is indeed running for position, or rather positioning to run. My Dears, she is, after all a former burlesque "Queen".

It is my understanding that a certain learned individual of great skill in verbal communication recently encountered severe difficulty in his speech patterns, while he was engaged in announcing a certain homosexual rodeo in Phoenix, Arizona. It seems that as every contestant hailing from a state whose organization is recognized as the C.S.R.A. entered the arena, "This Announcer" found himself stammering about chickens. This condition persisted until his unusually sexy, deep, baritone vocal qualities were exhausted and he found himself suffering from acute lack of voice. We find ourselves pondering his activities on the previous evening. Perhaps a pre-performance throat swabbing was not in order after all.

My Dears, although it is our duty to be informative, we would like for our readers to know, "real" women do not sweat, but rather they glisten. A certain member of the Denver Country Cloggers was seen wiping her brow after a performance in Phoenix, and announcing to those unfortunate enough to have been standing nearby, that she "sweats like a pig from all

that work, I'm getting to old to spend that much energy working with my feet." Now My Dears, is this any way for a "real woman" to behave? Certainly not. "Real women" neither admit their age in any form, nor do they sweat. She is indeed fortunate that Miss Clairol is permanent, for it would have been far more ghastly had her hair color been added to her rouge.

My Dears, it has always been our understanding that members of a board of directors should conduct themselves with dignity and decorum in an upright position. This however, is extremely difficult when one is suffering from severe intoxication. It is our firm belief that those needing assistance locating their hotel, much less their room, should not find themselves in the company of such "ladies of the evening", especially when those "ladies" aren't ladies and hail from such desolate locales as Wichita, Kansas. It is this author's understanding that the wind blows constantly in Kansas. I pity the housekeeping staff at the Day's Inn Camelback in Phoenix. I'm quite sure high winds are not compatible with most hotel decor. Perhaps these winds are the motivation behind "This Board Members" announcement that his condition the following morning was likened to that of "hammered cat feces".

In summation, My Dears, it is our hope that you have found this column to be stimulating and of quality. We will look forward with great anticipation bringing you the foremost in journalism in the

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future. So in closing My Dears, remember those little people, for I am told they are the backbone of our society. It was pleasant to see a certain "Rodeo Director" hard at work in Phoenix. I wonder if he owns shares in Chapstick?

Sincerely, My Dears,

Lady Margaret Simpson-Downy

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THE ADVICE PERSON

Dear Advice Person,

I need your help. In order to save myself \$3876.94 in added hotel bills this past year, I gotta know how to get ugly, smelly, brown skid marks out of white carpet, towels, sheets, bathmats, and shower curtains.

Desperatly Yours,

Name Withheld Upon Request

Dear Who Flung Poo,

You REALLY do have an expensive problem. One which I have never encountered myself. However never fear, the advice person is here.

First, write a very long letter of apology to anyone that may have been involved.

Second, aquire a hazardous materials suit to work in.

Third, spend your entire life savings on cases of Perrier and Baking Soda. Mix a thick sticky paste, and apply

to all affected areas wherever they may be.

Fourth, rent an industrial strength suction device, and hope for the best.

My advice to you would be, that in the future you specifically request hotel rooms that already have brown fixtures, or linoleum floors which are far less costly to clean or replace. Also, I feel that you would be better served by staying away from men with greasy, untrimmed, red handle-bar mustaches.

Happy Trails,
The Advice Person

Dear Advice Person,

I recently attended an out of state rodeo. I posed for truckers from my 4th floor hotel room in various stages of undress. They loved my lingerie!!

My problem is now I can't get 18 wheels out of my mind. I really don't know what to do. No trucks ever stop in front of my Broadway Terrace home. Please help me. I keep hearing the song "Roll on Big Momma" and it's driving me crazy. I have this uncontrollable urge to hop on to highways.

Sincerely,

Miss Rabbit



Dear Bunny,

Your problem is not uncommon. Perhaps it would help you to know that certain bar employees have spent many a night rocking a sleeper cab

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themselves. Even going so far as to come directly to work from said truck cab. However, since your fetish began with your blatant exhibitionism, you should spend some time at your local truck stop with your pants down in the bathroom. Not necessarily while in a stall. A word of caution; don't wear red silk panties unless your ready for action.

Sincerely,
The Advice Person

The Advice Person is well informed on every subject or situation. Please feel free to submit your letters to:

The Advice Person
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HORSE SCENTS

The column known as Horse Scents is under a new format. From here on out I will be putting in different ideas and helpful hints on a number of different subjects. Hope there is something you can use.

MAGGIE'S HELPFUL HINTS

You can concoct a puree from garlic, hot peppers, salad oil and water...and spray the tangy mixture on stalls and fences to discourage your horses from chewing on the wood.

If you're raising a puppy, try using straight club soda on carpets, clothes, or anywhere else that the excited pup make a "mistake". The clear bubbly liquid will remove the urine stain and odor without bleaching out the material's color.

"Everyone loves real butter, but that 'icebox gold' can send the Good Ship Food Budget straight down to Davy Jones's locker". The next time your local grocer put house margarine on special, you can save money with this recipe: Place one pound of margarine in a mixing bowl and allow it to soften to room temperature. When it's mushy, add 3/4 cup of buttermilk and 3/4 cup of light cooking oil. Beat the ingredients with an electric mixer until they're soft and fluffy. You'll then have a supply of soft margarine that tastes a lot like real butter.

The next time you visit a dump or junkyard, you might want to "harvest" the vegetable bins from an old, discarded refrigerators that you find. They make ideal

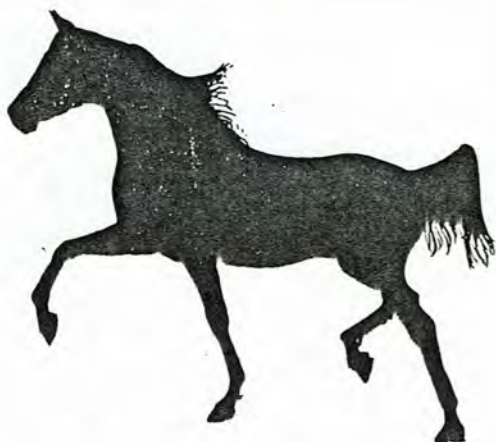
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storage units inside barns or sheds, because they won't rust (unless the enamel coating is chipped or cracked)...they're easily cleaned...and many already have holes bored, which make it easy to nail the bins to the wall.

And while you're at the junkyard, be sure to pick up a few "Seat Belts" from discarded cars. The straps makes great gate latches. Just nail one to your wooden gate post, and the other to your fence "door". (If your gate is metal, attach both cloth strips to the post, then pass one buckle end around the upright member on the gate and back to the other.) They're weatherproof, easily installed, don't cost much, and never get out of alignment the way most conventional latches eventually do. Although it takes only one hand to push the button to open a belt, no animal will ever figure out how to free it.

For fluffier omelets, simply add a pinch of pancake mix to the egg blend before cooking. This will keep the omelets from going flat when they cool as well.

HORSE LANGUAGE



HORSE SCENTS CONTINUED FROM J & J STABLES

This is the 3rd in a 6 part article taken from the book THE BODY LANGUAGE OF HORSES.

SMELL

Here again, the equine sense is enormously more acute than the human. The scent of a mare in heat is perceptible to a stallion confined in a stable a half-mile away. He demonstrates this first by lifting his head, raising his upper lip and compressing his nostrils in the toothy grimace known among Europeans as "flehman". He then tries to kick down the door of his stall. The sense of smell is prominent in the horses's recognition of individual human beings, other horses and objects of all kinds. To determine whether someone or something is acceptable, the horse not only looks and listens but does a good deal of sniffing and tasting. Having completed the scrutiny, the horse files the information in its memory. The animal is fairly certain to remember whoever or whatever is encountered, even months or years later. Meanwhile, it goes through life leaving olfactory signs and signals of its own. Its urine and feces are statements to other horses, emphasizing matters of sexuality and territoriality.

In forming acquaintances with its own kind, the horse's calling card is its breath. It exhales through its nostrils into those of a fellow horse, who then returns

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the courtesy. They now know each other. Human beings aware of this ceremony introduce themselves to a horse by blowing gently into one of its nostrils. If the horse is as kindly disposed as expected, it responds purposefully with its own exhalation. Unless mistreated on subsequent occasions, a horse greeted this way is likely to hold the person in exceptionally high regard, as it is appreciated having been addressed in its own language.

When adding a new broodmare to his band, Don Loudon always took care to introduce her to the lead mare. As the two stretched out their heads and touched noses, the boss mare would almost snort. If the newcomer responded in kind, Don knew at once that she would compete for the lead mare's exhalation position. More often, the new mare replied with a gentler exhalation and a low nicker. Don could then turn her loose in the herd, where she would find her own place among the lead mare's followers. Negotiations for standing in the local pecking order always include a good deal of sniffing of each other's flanks, probably to seek out the scent of nervous sweat—the beginning of submission.

Horses abhor the smell of death. One that shies from a trailside bush or resists walking in a direction preferred by the rider is not necessarily perverse, unless the instinct of self-preservation is to be regarded as a vice. Its behavior may be a reaction to the scent of a decomposing animal (too faint for the rider to notice). This

scent arouses an instinctive fear that whatever predator killed the animal may still be in the vicinity.

At horse shows, racetracks and wherever else a male horse's libido may distract it from work and embarrass its handlers, aromatic ointments are smeared in its nostrils to mask the scent of females in heat. The rider who considers applying Vicks or a similar substance before trail rides had better ask a veterinarian about the long-term effects of such stuff when smeared repeatedly on a horse's nasal tissues.

Interestingly, when equine senses evolved to their present stage, they left the animals unprepared to smell danger in certain kinds of harmful vegetation. Horses poison themselves on oleander or loco weed. They get intoxicated on marijuana. On the other hand, they avoid poppies, many poisonous berries and dangerous mushrooms.

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Laura O'Neil
J & J Stables



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BARB'S CORNER

This is the start of what I hope will be a continual column each month in our newsletter. I hope to touch on things that are of interest to all of us in our continual endeavors to bring our sport of Rodeo up to the position of professional stature. Sometimes the column will deal with some local topics but most of them will be concerned with the individual events that we become involved in during the Rodeo's and also in our Gymkhanas.

But first we should stop to think what truly brings us all together. We have a common interest which is in Horses and also in the association with people who have that interest in mind. We are a cut above the average group as we can trace our roots of interest back to the early days of the West when the horse was a major means of transportation and also assisted many of our ancestors in their means of a livelihood in the establishment of the new frontier. Besides using animals for work and transportation they also used to have some friendly, and not so friendly, competitions with their animals. Horse racing was a common spare-time activity in the early west and this gradually evolved into some other activities such as bronc riding and roping, which became the forerunner of the Rodeo's. Through the years these events became more and more popular and took on the air of a Fair or major social event where more and more people started to

compete and would put up an entry fee or an amount of wager that they could outperform other people. One of the earliest of these events was started in Deertrail, Colorado and is still being held on an annual basis each year.

The Rodeo Cowboy was used for many years by unscrupulous prompters but he tried to do his thing in the name of entertainment until the famous Boston Garden situation in 1938 when all of the Cowboys that were to perform in Boston went on strike and refused to perform. The outcome of this very unpleasant situation was a better Rodeo and also the start of the "Turtle Association" which was the forerunner of the Rodeo Cowboys Association. The strength of this group was soon felt in the late 30's, as a great many major Rodeos started to increase the amount of payoff to the contestants and there was begun a consistent format for the Rodeos to make them more consistent with each other as to their events and the amount of payoff that each would have.

Through the years the Rodeo Cowboys Association has made a number of great improvements and has become a major spokesman for the sport of Rodeo. There are still many small Rodeos in existance that do not fall under the general control of the Professional Association, but in many cases they follow the guidelines that have been established.

A few years ago a small group of people in Denver felt that there was a definite

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interest in the Sport of Rodeo throughout the Gay Lifestyle. The early days of establishing this interest was very difficult but many of the founders worked very hard to get the word out to the local population that we could do as well as our counterparts in the straight world. There were many tough years but our organization has grown locally to the point that we can now boast of a membership in excess of two hundred members, and also we have started to expand the interest throughout the western states and a little interest has been shown in the East.

Our organization could be compared to the larger Rodeo Cowboys Association of the late 40's when they were starting to get their organization established and accepted by the general public. It was not an easy task but the continual effort has made a very strong organization today. We too are finding that our organization is becoming stronger each year and also much more professional. Our riders are becoming better skilled at the events and also are establishing themselves as outstanding citizens of the community. We have become one of the strongest organized groups in the Denver Gay society. We have done many outstanding things for many of the local charities which has established us very strongly in the Gay Society.

We have been blessed with some very outstanding leadership of our group, which we should be very proud. They have brought us closer together and have tried to

establish us as a family. Truly we are a "Rodeo Family" and will continue to make our presence felt within the community. But we must do it together and help our leadership to know the direction which you want the group to progress. We all need input and communication among the membership. This is our organization and we want to have the unanimous voice of all of the members. Our input is very important and necessary for the continual operation of our organization. We all will be looking forward to having you with us at the monthly membership meeting. WE NEED YOU!!!

Barb Cook

OBITUARY COLUMN

It is with great sadness that we bring the tragic loss of one of C.G.R.A.'s most incorrigible office workers.

"Agnes of the Gods" will always be remembered for her contributions to our newsletters, meeting minutes, treasurers reports, and other important documents.

Although "Agnes of the Gods" is no longer with us, her spirit and memory will soon not be forgotten.



NEW KID ON THE STAFF

We at the "Really Big C.G.R.A. Newsletter" and the "Really Big C.G.R.A. V.I.P. Board of Directors" would like to take this time to welcome "Damion" to our staff.

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"Damion" is a recent graduate from the Pitney Bowes School of Printing. "Damion" and "Carrie" (the head computer Bitch of the office and a former I.B.M. Computer graduate) seem to be hitting it off quite well.

Gossip has it around the office that "Carrie" is already talking to "Damion" as to the proper ways to "Screw up" the "Really Big C.G.R.A. V.I.P. Board of Directors".

CAPSULES OF WISDOM

Jealousy is all the fun you think they had.

Repair the tiny flaws with words of warmth.

There are people into whose heads it never enters to conceive of any better state of society than that which now exists.

Boredom in a relationship is the grounds only for adjustment not infidelity.

The art of being wise, is the art of knowing what to overlook.

Sit together sometimes in the darkness...the past regroups joyously and the future smiles.

What's not worth doing is not worth doing well.

We are all born for love...it's our most precious heritage.

There is no fool like an old fool...you can't beat experience.

Now and then gaze at the face of your sleeping mate...you will understand how lucky you have been.

To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In the past months, myself and other columnists in this "REALLY BIG" publication have from time to time been in the habit of "reading beads". We have come under some criticism for our words, however, the point does finally seem to be getting across.

We are fortunate to belong to the association responsible for starting a phenomenon that is now snowballing across the entire United States. I.G.R.A. has recieved inquiries from states as far East as Florida, and from several foriegn countries. This is a compliment of which we can all be proud.

It is important, however, that we are not so caught up in our pride to remember that an tremendous responsibility goes with it. You the members of C.G.R.A. have saddled yourselves with several people on the current board of directors who are not willing to allow our association to go anywhere but forward. This is an extremely ambitious goal, and one that is not possible without the backing and support of our membership.

So remember, it's O.K. to be proud. We have a lot to be proud of. Just don't forget

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that there is a LOT OF WORK that goes into what we have accomplished, and it can't always be done by the same 25 people. There are over 200 of you out there, and without all of you, we are nothing. **WITH ALL OF YOU, WE CAN DO ANYTHING.**

Russell Forrest
Entertainment Chairman

THE EDITOR SPEAKS

Since being elected to the job of Public Relations-Fundraising Chairperson this past August, myself and my committee have tried to research our responsibilities and functions according to our By-Laws, and move our small portion of the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association into a forerunner of an active, progressive wave which is sweeping across our state and country.

We have taken our newsletter, as the main source of administering information to our members. As a publication, we hope our members will take pride in their newsletters and hopefully occasionally read them. We have learned of some distention in our ranks concerning our "Really Big C.G.R.A. Newsletter". We hope that the articles which are meant in fun are taken just that way. Other articles, such as "Horse Scents", we hope are informative and educational for those who are interested. We have tried to bring our readers topics concerning ours and other associations, while at the

same time having a light, airy viewpoint throughout the publication. We do sometimes "Go Off" on different people and/or things. When this has occurred, we hope our readers have understood the necessity for our "Wrath".

We have enjoyed bringing you YOUR NEWSLETTERS. We would very much like to know what you think of them, pro's and con's. The only way we can continue to grow and fulfill your needs is with your dialogue. Please send us something in writing as to your thoughts on our newsletter, any articles you might like to see in print or anything of interest. We want our Newsletter to grow to the point that it becomes a "Guiding Light" in our community. God knows it's already a soap opera!

Buddy Sojourner
Public Relations-Fundraising
Chairperson



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"THANK YOU'S"

I "Really" want to "Thank" Mr. Russell Forrest for once again setting up with me for three nights putting this "Wonderful Periodical" together. Without this mans sick brain, added to my warped mentality; this "Really Big C.G.R.A. Newsletter" would probably only be the original 3 pages. "Thank You" Russell!!

I also want all you C.G.R.A. members, especailly MY COMMITTEE, to know how much help Mr. Woodward Briggs has been to me and the work my committe needs to get done. Without his help the past 5 months, alot of the work we neither see or hear about would not have been done. "Thank You" Woodward, a job well done.

And again "Thank You" to Tina, Roxie, and Dallas for helping Russell, Bunny, and Magnolia spend such a HYSTERICALLY TERRORIZING WONDERFUL time at the Roadrunner Regional Rodeo. I don't think that Bev, John K., the staff of Charlie's Pheonix, or the city itself will ever be the same. I know we'll never forget it. "Thanks" guy/girls/or whatever for the memories.

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Larry Linstrom gets a big "Thank You" for all the new comics and for helping with "Carrie". You're a star Larry, especially after Pheonix; a bit tannished maybe, but still a star. "Thanks" again!

And finally, "Thank You" to those two new columnist, Lady Margaret Simpson-Downy and The Advice Person, for joining the staff of the "Really Big C.G.R.A. Newsletter". Glad to have you both on board.

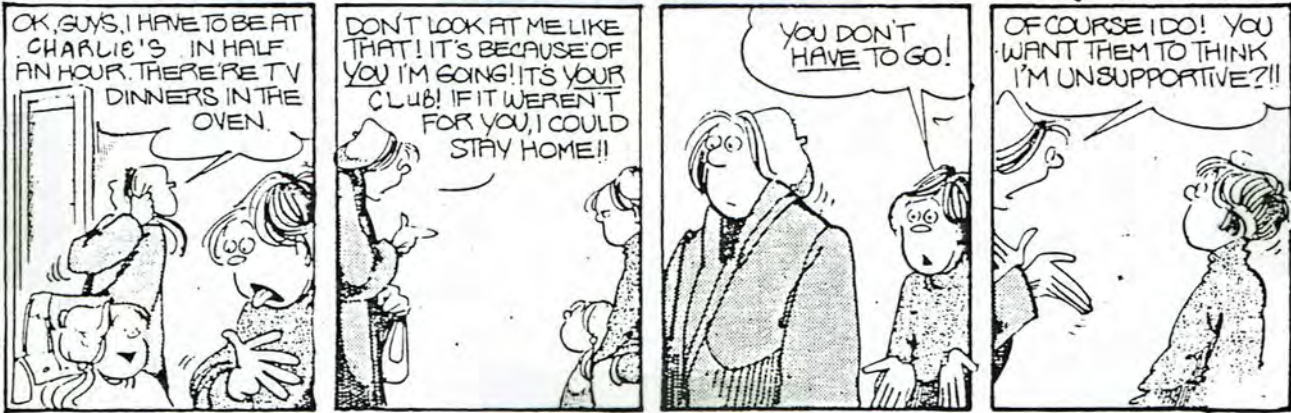
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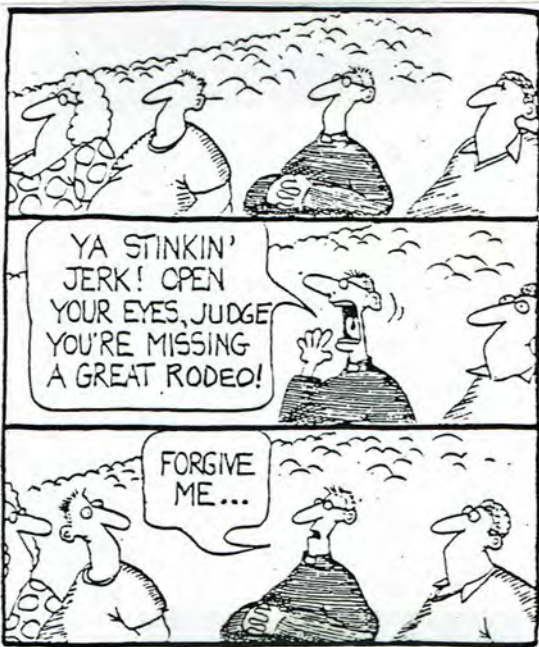
Rumor has it that since Mr. Rob Hart won Mr. C.G.R.A and Magnolia Spirits won Miss I.G.R.A.; you can't get Rob out of a dress and you can't Maggie in one!

Well, Maggie's back in town, without her beard; but Rob is still wearing dresses!

LIFE WITH MAGGIE

by Bud Russell





-Magnolia and Russell wish Rosa a happy Birthday.

