



BigHorn Gazette

MARCH 2006 ISSUE

NGRA WELCOMES ITS NEWEST MEMBERS

Dan Adams

Alika Borge

Peter Dube

Bill Feydo

Pat Hicks

Robert Haggard

Shaun Rea

Darren Wernette

RODEO CONTESTANT RESULTS

Although there were no rodeos in February, we want to add to the results for the Phoenix Rodeo from January. When we went to press, the results weren't yet posted and we would like to acknowledge the accomplishments of one of NGRA's outstanding competitors, Robert Salcedo. Robert had a successful weekend in Phoenix, winning second place on Sunday in Bareback Broncs, third place in Chute Dogging on Saturday and first on Sunday, which earned him the buckle, first place on Saturday and fourth on Sunday in Steer Deco, and second place on Saturday in Wild Drag. Congratulations to both Robert and to Richard Armstrong, who we highlighted last month and good luck in upcoming rodeos!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

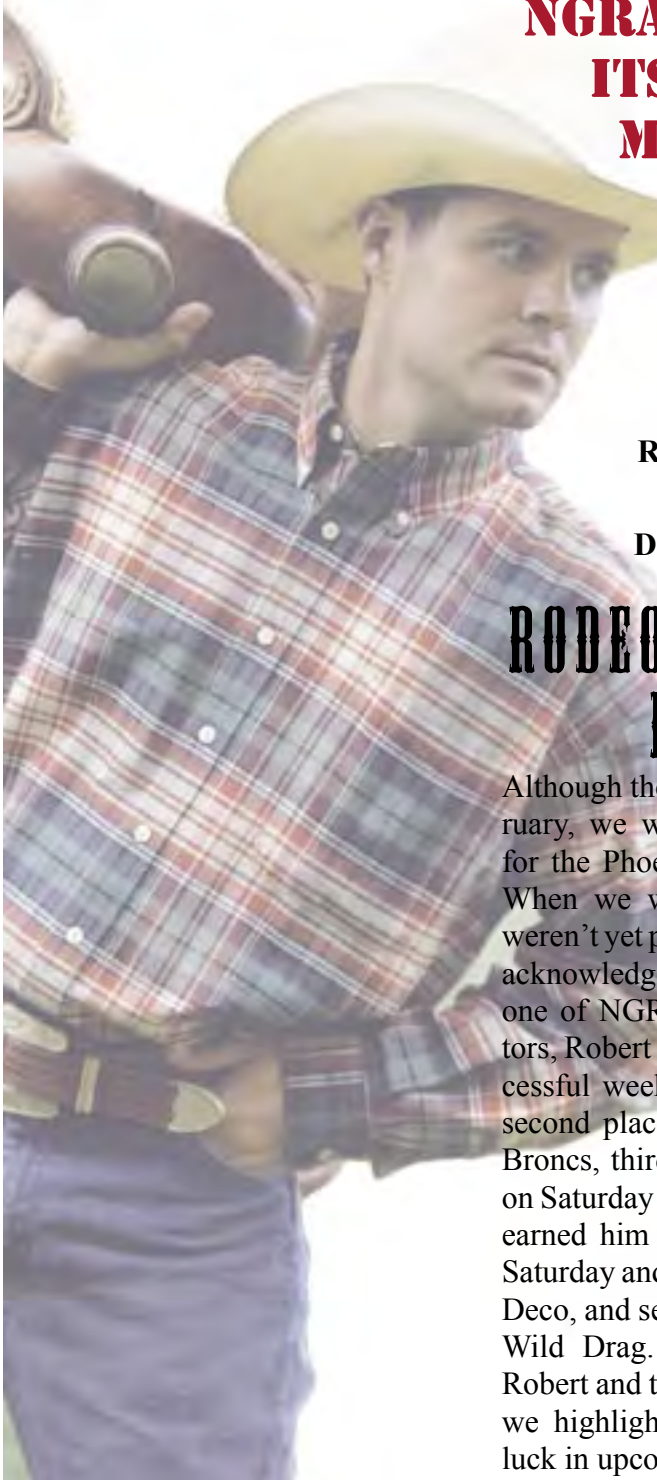
Brian Rogers

What a great month NGRA had in February. As you all know, we hosted the IGRA University at The Plaza downtown and I'm happy to report it was a huge success. I served as Chancellor and Instructor and Lorry King served as Registration Administrator and Instructor. Mother Laurie did an awesome job of running the University office and testing center with Patrick Terry of IGRA. Dick Casola did an awesome job as volunteer coordinator. His team of volunteers kept the event moving along like clock-work.

In addition to ALL the volunteers I want to thank Bill Watkins and Chris Due for their support in staging "Horsemanship 101" for Royalty at the Vegas Sands Arena. Also hats off to Miss Frankie and our fabulous NGRA Royalty Team who hosted the "Night on the Town" bus trip on Friday night. The bus trip was sponsored by Badlands and Charlie's and although it was not intended as a fundraiser, over \$860.00 was raised for BigHorn Rodeo – way to go!

I am very proud of the compliments we have received from around the country. NGRA has had praise heaped upon it for the way we ran the event. In fact, we have been asked to repeat our performance for next year's IGRA University. We are currently researching the best date and host hotel for a proposal to the next IGRA Board of Director's meeting in Ft. Lauderdale.

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IGRA UNIVERSITY 2006 STATISTICS (first year degrees have been offered)

- With all known income and expenses figured in, the event met its goal of breaking even by posting excess revenue of \$68.53
- We had 67 paid students
- 23 Instructors and Staff (many attended classes as well)
- 17 Associations Represented
- 47 Certificates of Achievement Awarded
- 4 Associate Degrees in Rodeo Web Design Awarded
- 8 Associate Degrees in Community Service Awarded
- 5 Associate Degrees in Rodeo Arts Awarded
- 3 Bachelor's Degrees in Rodeo Arts Awarded
- No Master's Degrees in Rodeo Arts Awarded

I want to take a moment to thank Teri Rogers of the Legal Support Group for the use of their meeting space during the month of February. We had several meetings there and the space was comfortable and professional. In addition, Teri donated a lot of copying, two projectors and a laptop for use at University. Thanks a million!

The pace is picking up for the Rodeo Planning Committee. I am happy to say that Bud Light has signed on again for 2006 and we are now into venue planning and budgeting. Please join us on the second Monday of each month at The Center and support our 10th Anniversary BigHorn Rodeo.

May brings Mother's Day and our annual local Pride festival. NGRA plans to be there in a BIG way this year. We will have a hayride in the Friday night parade and we have reserved two facing 10' x 20' vendor spaces to promote our upcoming rodeo and to have some fun fundraising activities. Stay tuned for more on Pride.



Thomas Coleman	March 1
Rob Saunders	March 3
John King	March 6
Laurie Banks	March 13
Martin Manning	March 26
Darren Wernette	March 28
Ron Swegle	March 31

Trustee's Report

Because there were no rodeos in February, there were no trustee meetings. However, there was IGRA University! What a success! All of NGRA can be proud of our hard work and the results. IGRA President Brian Helander, as well as several trustees, spoke to Brian Rogers and me at the close of classes assuring us they are convinced that NGRA is the association best suited to host university again next year. That is quite a compliment. I anticipate that a resolution will be passed at the April IGRA Board of Directors Meeting to request us to repeat the experience.

Two fun notes that might be better suited to Kitty Litter's column in QVegas, but here goes! Our own Mother Laurie was actually locked into the bar at the Center Stage Restaurant at the Plaza Saturday night of University! Only in Vegas, where there is no last call, could that happen to Laurie! Also, since he was too busy to attend many classes at University, Brian Rogers took several class tests in order to earn credits towards a degree. He passed all the tests, except for one. Yes, folks, he failed Horsemanship 101!

NGRA MEMBER OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY

**DICK
CASOLA**



The NGRA membership elected Dick Casola as the Member of the Month for February. Since joining NGRA he has been a very active and dedicated member, offering to help whenever help is needed. He recently recruited and coordinated the volunteers for IGRA University. Congratulations to Dick!

Member of the Year

Due to busy schedules this last month, the election for Member of the Year has been delayed. Ballots are being prepared and will go out shortly. Please watch your mail and complete and return your ballot by March 28. The announcement will be made at our April show.

2006 NGRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

NGRA will be holding elections for the 2006-2007 Board of Directors. The following positions are open: Vice President, Secretary, and four Members at Large.

Nominations can be made to any board member and can be for yourself or on behalf of someone else. If nominating someone else, please get his or her permission. **The last day for nominations will be at the General Membership meeting on March 25.** Ballots will go out the next day. The nominees will be asked to submit a short bio. Newly elected board members will be announced to the general membership no later than April 30 and the new board of directors will take office June 1.

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:

- Any fully paid active member who has been a member for at least 90 calendar days.
- No individual may run for or hold more than one board position.
- Notification of candidacy shall be presented to the NGRA Board of Directors by the Nominating Committee Chairman no later than the close of the March General Membership Meeting.
- The Nominating Committee Chairman shall verify eligibility of candidacy with the Secretary.

I.G.R.A. RODEO/EVENT SCHEDULE RODEO YEAR 2006 JANUARY 1, 2006 – DECEMBER 31, 2006



For more detail information
on these events you may go to

http://igra.com/Calendar_Rodeo.htm#top2006

EVENT	LOCATION	DATES
Cowtown Rodeo	Fort Worth, TX	March 3 -5, 2006
Sunshine Stampede	Fort Lauderdale, FL	April 7 - 9, 2006
Rodeo in the Rock	Little Rock, AK	April 28 -30, 2006
San Diegp Rodeo	Lakeside, CA	April 28 -30, 2006
Gateway Regional Rodeo	St. Louis, MO	May 5 - 7, 2006
Heartland Rodeo	Omaha, NB	May 19 -21, 2006
Great Plains Rodeo	Oklahoma City, OK	May 26 - 28, 2006
North Star Regional Rodeo	Minneapolis- St. Paul	June 30- July 2, 2006
Canadian Rockies International	Calgary, Alberta	June 30 -July 2, 2006
Rocky Mountain Regional	Denver, Colorado	July 7 - 9, 2006
Alamo City Rodeo	San Antonio, TX	August 4 - 6, 2006
LA Rodeo	Los Angeles, CA	August 4 - 6, 2006
Zia Regional Rodeo	Albuquerque, NM	August 18 - 20, 2006
Windy City Rodeo	Chicago, IL	August 25 - 27, 2006
MGRA Show Me State Rodeo	Kansas City, MO.	September 7 - 3, 2006
Atlantic Sampedo 2006	Washington, DC	September 8 - 10,2006
Bay Area Gay Rodeo	San Francisco, CA	September 15 -18, 2006
BigHorn Rodeo	Las Vegas, NV	October 6 - 8,2006
IGRA Annual Convention	Nashville, TN	October 19 - 22, 2006
IGRA International Dance Competition	Nashville, TN	October 19 - 22, 2006
IGRA Finals Rodeo	Reno, NV	November 10 -12, 2006

COMMUNITY EVENTS HAPPENING AROUND LAS VEGAS

Friday March 3;

Dragapella Opening Night at the Hilton, 9:30pm

First Friday

Sunday March 5;

Q-Vegas Oscar Party at Krave, 5pm for \$5.00 donation

Brokeback Mountain Party 5pm, at Hamburger Mary's

Valerie James at Flex Ladies Night 8pm

Oscar Party at Charlies at 5pm.

Free Oscar shot for every gay oscar awarded.

Sin City Sister's Bingo at Hamburger Marys 2-4pm

Thursday March 9;

Leather and Uniform Club Meeting at the Eagle, 7:30pm

Saturday March 10;

Clothesline Show to Benefit St. Therese Center at Hamburger Mary's 9pm

Sunday March 12;

Gay Speed dating at Hamburger Mary's 3pm

Tuesday March 14;

Pride Family Bingo at Hamburger Mary's 7pm

Thursday March 16;

Ralph's Birthday Party Auction to benefit St. Therese Center at Snick's Place at 7pm

Board of Directors Show at Badlands



More pictures of the NGRA BOD Show on page 10

IT'S HOLY COW!!

**NGRA'S ANNUAL
COW PATTY
CONTEST**

FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH AT

Charlie's
Las Vegas

EVENT STARTS AT 10:00

\$5.00 BUD LIGHT BEER BUST STARTS AT 9:00

This competition is open to everyone. It is a fun camp drag event where persons dress up and perform to a fun, silly or even serious songs. Judging will cover talent (performance) Sunday Best (evening wear) and Cow Patty-ness! The winner is CROWNED as Miss Cow Patty and prize money is awarded.

**RAFFLE PRIZES
CELEBRITY
JUDGES**

**\$100
IN PRIZE
MONEY WILL
BE AWARDED**



***If you're interested in being a Miss Cow Patty Contestant
please contact Chris Due at***

<http://www.ngra.com> or MrNGRA2005@aol.com

Proceeds from the raffle and beer bust benefit

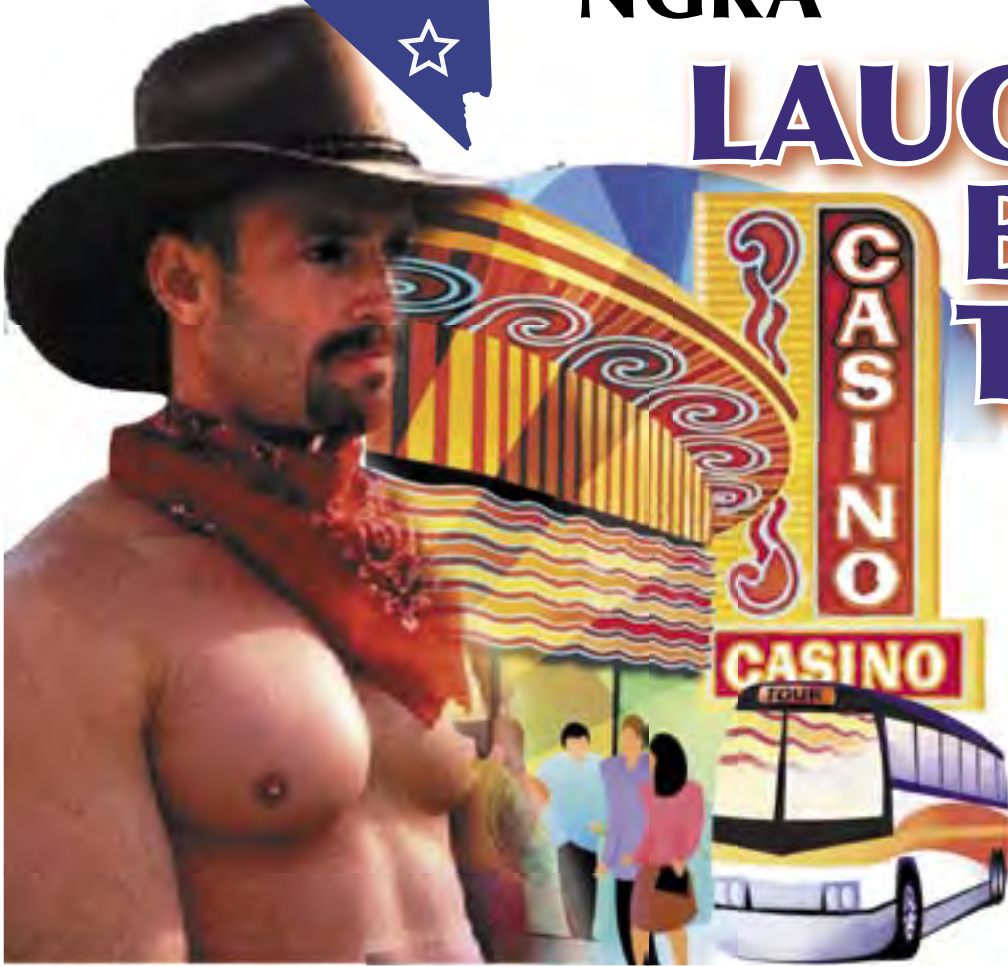
Charlie's
Las Vegas





Experience the fun of an
NGRA

LAUGHLIN BUS TRIP



A full day of amusement, friendship and games. A Free Buffet at the Casino plus take a trip along the river or go to the Lariat Bar to meet and see what the locals have to offer. You just never know what's in store.

SUNDAY • MARCH 19TH
BUS LEAVES BADLANDS • 10:00 A.M.
\$15.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES BUS DRIVER GRATUITY

Here's your chance to get away for the day and have some fun along the way.

**TRY
YOUR
LUCK AT
BINGO**

**Tickets are on sale at these locations:
Badlands, Snicks, Spotlight**

We return to Badlands from a fun filled day at around 8:00 P.M.

**BEVERAGES AND JELL-O SHOTS
may be purchased aboard the bus**

**Great
Raffle
Prizes**

Proceeds Benefit NGRA





AND

BADLANDS SALOON

Presents

**SATURDAY
MARCH 25
EVENT
STARTS AT
9:30 PM**

MARCH MADNESS

FREE THROW CONTEST

BRACKET PRIZES

MADNESS CHEER LEADERS

AWESOME CONCESSIONS

COURT SIDE RAFFLE

\$1 MADNESS JELL-O SHOTS

**\$5.00 Bud Light Beer Bust
STARTS AT 9:00 PM**



Proceeds to benefit NGRA



MARCH 2006

For times, locations, and more detail please visit the ngra web calendar at www.ngra.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Fund Raising meeting at The Center	3 Cow Town Rodeo Fort Worth TX	4 Cow Town Rodeo Fort Worth TX
5 Cow Town Rodeo Fort Worth TX	6	7	8	9	10 Miss Cow Patty Contest, 10:00, Charlie's Las Vegas	11
12	13 RPC Meeting, 6:30 p.m., The Center	14	15	16	17	18
19 Bus Trip to Laughlin	20 BOD Meeting, 6:30 p.m., The Center	21	22	23	24	25 Membership Meeting, The Center March Madness Show, 9:30, Badlands Saloon
26	27	28	29	30	31	

ROYALTY REPORT

by Melissa Lorence

There are severally highly anticipated events planned by NGRA Royalty in the upcoming months for both the community and Rodeo. These were led off on February 11th by the Disco Valentine's Show at Badlands Saloon - produced by Melissa Lorence and Joe Cervantes. We had a packed house all night and into the wee hours of the morning after a fantastic evening of entertainment from all over the community. The show and party raised over \$2300 that night for the GLBT Center of Las Vegas and although the donations from the Valentine Hearts are still being tabulated, the total figure should reach well over \$3500! Those who were there are still talking about the finale performance by our own "Village People" members Joe, Ken, Scotty, Marty and Richard.

February 17th, the entire team came together to host the IGRA University bus tour-where students and faculty from rodeo associations all over the country had a chance to relax and party together before taking rodeo classes over the weekend sponsored by NGRA. We started at Badlands and ended at Charlie's and made lot of new friends.

Our monthly show at Badlands was a huge success when our own NGRA Board members took to the stage for our annual Board of Directors Show, hosted by the Royalty Team. There was a huge turnout from both NGRA members and the community as well-proving that once again, NGRA shows are the place to be for fun!

Our "can't be missed" events for March include on the 10th, Miss Cow Patty contest at Charlie's Las Vegas! I have word that as of this printing, there are already 7 contestants so far, so the hilarious competition should be fierce for the coveted Cow Patty crown. Celebrity judges will give away \$100 in cash prizes starting at 10pm.

March 19th is the annual NGRA Laughlin Bus trip- with an historic THREE buses going up for this fun trip. Once again- "can't be missed." Tickets are on sale at all the regular sponsoring bars including Badlands, Spotlight and Snick's. This should be the trip talked about for the rest of the year.

March 25th is the NGRA "March Madness" event at Badlands. This will be made up of tons of fun activities and events with prizes and raffles. If our "Country Fair" was any indication- get there early for the 9:30 start of fun, beer bust and prizes as it will be packed.

Thank you for a really fun month from all of your NGRA Royalty team!

NGRA Association Buckle

Jewelry Quality Rodeo Buckle
Crafted by GIST Silversmiths,
makers of the finest rodeo award
buckles in the world



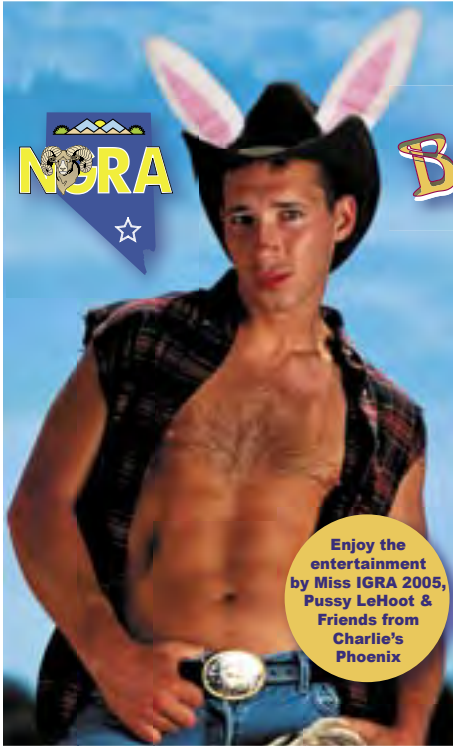
These beautiful buckles
are available for the purchase
price of

\$120

call the rodeo hotline at
888-643 NGRA
702-615-6261 or
you can also buy online.
www.ngra.com

Support Our Sponsors





Enjoy the entertainment by Miss IGRA 2005, Pussy LeHoot & Friends from Charlie's Phoenix

Stetson, Bonnet, Buckle & Bow Party

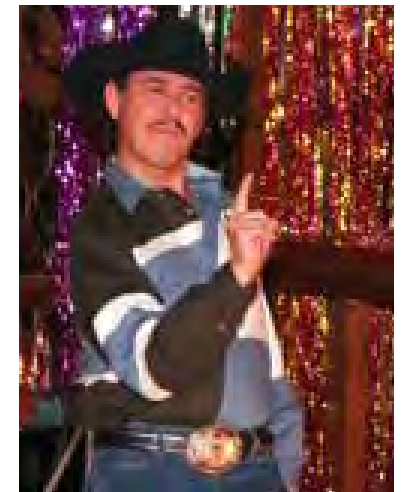
at
Charlie's
Las Vegas

FRIDAY APRIL 14 • PARTY STARTS AT 9:00 PM
\$5.00 BUD LIGHT BEER BUST

Dress up in your Country Easter best. Don your most festive hat, cinch on that best buckle and join us for a Cowboy-Style Easter Parade. Prizes will be awarded for the best Stetson, Bonnet and Buckle in the categories of **Most Humorous, Most Glamorous and Most Western**. If you don't come with a Stetson, Bonnet or Buckle NGRA will have the fixings to help you out. For a small cost you can be creative and work up your own entry to the parade. Proceeds benefit BigHorn Rodeo.

Charlie's
Las Vegas

BUD LIGHT



WHERE THE BOYS ARE ON THE COWBOY REDNECK RIVIERA

NGRA

and

BADLANDS

Saturday April 22nd

The Red-Neck Spring Break

Starts at 9:30

Arm Wrestling Contest

Try your skills at

Cow Patty Toss

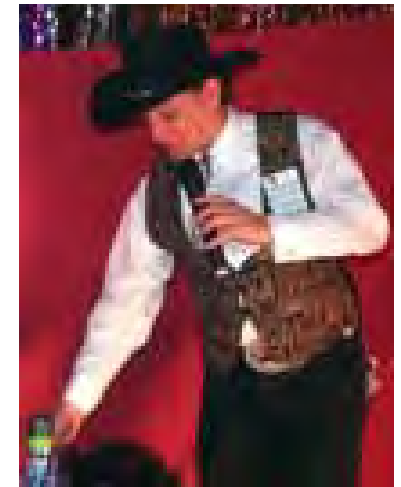
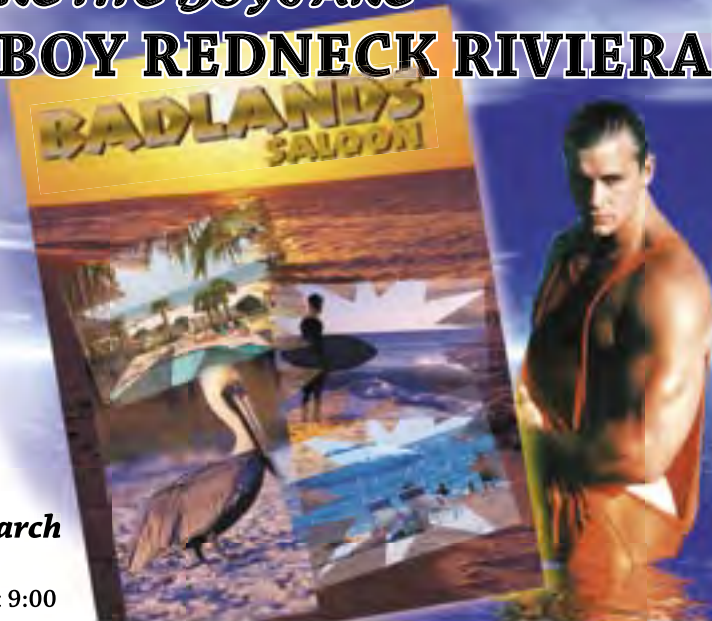
Prize Board Walk

For those wild and daring

Boys Gone Wild Search

\$1 Jell-O Shots and

\$5 Bud Light Beer Bust starting at 9:00



Proceeds from this event benefit BigHorn Rodeo

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Las Vegas



BUD LIGHT

