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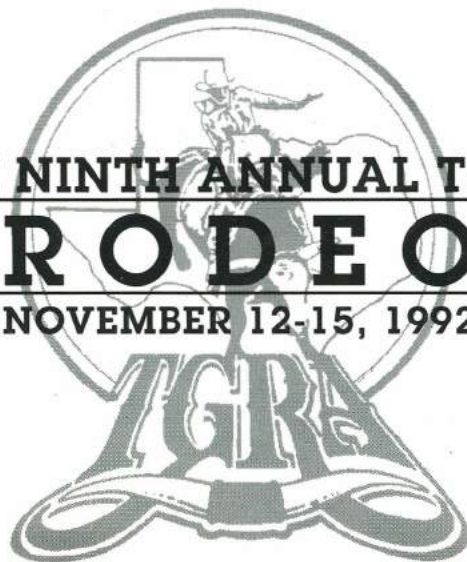
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February 12, 1945 - October 23, 1992
Terry Clark, a co-founder of TGRA,
played an integral part in the
development of our Organization.
He once served as State President
and later as TGRA's Trustee to IGRA.
Terry, we will miss you.

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Career of Marion Coleman Marked by Many Triumphs

The accomplishments and contributions of Marion Coleman to the city of Houston, the state of Texas and to the gay community could fill pages. To list a few, Ms. Coleman is a co-founder of the Montrose Counseling Center and the Houston Gay Switchboard, Director of the Greater Montrose Business Guild, and the Family Connection Home for Children. She has served as Grand Marshal of the Gay Pride Parade and Vice-President of Houston TGRA. She was an integral part of the founding of gay rodeo in Texas.

Whenever and wherever there has been a need within or beyond this community, Marion has been there to provide the leadership and resources to organize and fulfill that need.



Marion Coleman

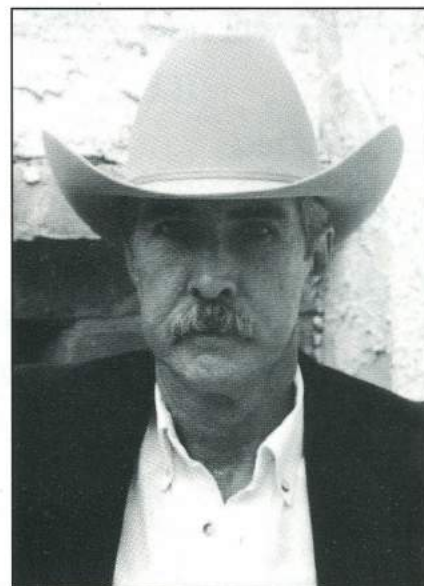
Let us never forget the woman behind all of the accomplishments. Her warmth and friendship, the smile that greets everyone that passes her way, has endeared Marion to us all.

TGRA Has Dedicated Member in Preston Porter

Preston Porter was raised on a livestock ranch in West Texas, but after college chose to live in several cities in Texas. He was in Houston when the Texas Gay Rodeo was formed and became a member at that time. When business moved him to Austin, he became one of the founding members of the Austin Chapter.

For the past eight years, Preston has owned a stained glass company. During this period, he still had time to serve four years as a chapter officer and two years as a state officer.

Preston has always been there to volunteer his time for the work that has to be done.



Preston Porter

STATE PRESIDENT... DEBE POWELL



Powell's Role Changing After Four Years

Having served four years on the TGRA State Executive Board, November has become a very special time for me. The Rodeo is the celebration so much deserved by our members after twelve months of planning and hard work.

I have many of you to thank, for these have been four very important years in this cowgirl's life. Many friends made, a few mistakes, a few successes; but most important, many lessons learned and many memories to carry with me for years to come.

TGRA was founded to contribute to our communities financially and through service. My hope is that we are doing that effectively and that those who come now will keep the fire burning.

Dian and I are looking forward to spending more time with our family and horses.

Grandchildren will hopefully replace board meetings, and I will finally have the time to give back a little of what they have been giving me during these four years.

My role will now change, but my love and dedication to gay rodeo will never die.

Let's Rodeo!

Debe Powell



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STATE VICE-PRESIDENT... SETH CORTIGENE



"Thanks For A Job Well Done"

Welcome to "Big D"!

I'd like to personally welcome all of our rodeo fans to this, the 9th Annual TGRA Rodeo. With over 20 gay rodeos on the IGRA circuit this year, we're pleased that you have chosen to come and party with us here in the Lone Star State. If you were with us last year, you know how much fun Dallas is, and if this is your "first time", be prepared to have a BLAST!

While you're enjoying the top riders, ropers and wrestlers from around the country, you can feel good knowing that the proceeds from the rodeo will be distributed to AIDS related charities around the state. A special thanks to all of our contestants who

have traveled long and far to make our rodeo competitive and exciting.

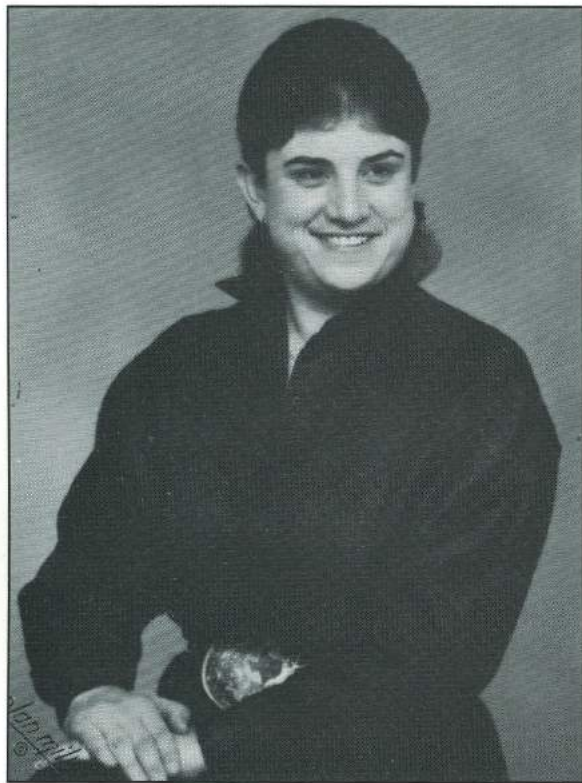
What you will experience this weekend is the result of much hard work by the members of TGRA - and to each of them my heart felt thanks. Thanks also to those volunteers from other organizations city-wide and out-of-state who helped to make our rodeo a success. To my fellow board members, it was a pleasure to serve with you, and I look forward to next year. And to my friend Debe Powell - well, girl, you did it and you did it well. Thanks for being a great teacher.

Have a GREAT weekend and we'll see y'all next year for our 10th Anniversary Rodeo in San Antonio!

Sincerely,


Seth Cortigene,
State Vice President

STATE SECRETARY...
JEANNE McLEOD



**"Another Good Year
For Fund Raising"**

Welcome once again to Texas, and the start of the 1993 rodeo year. I hope as you settle into your seat, you begin to feel the love and hard work that has gone into this year's rodeo.

T.G.R.A. has had another good year of fund-raising, community service, and member participation. I would like to take this opportunity to send out a heart felt "thanks" to everyone who rolled up their sleeves and gave until it hurt.

To all our guests, I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy the flavor of our great state; also have a safe stay in "Big D".

Hope to see you in San Antonio for T.G.R.A.'s 10th Anniversary next November.

Sincerely,

Jeanne McLeod

Jeanne McLeod,
State Secretary

STATE TREASURER... PAUL THEALL



"Enjoy Our Texas Hospitality"

Howdy Rodeo Fans!

Welcome to Dallas, Texas for what we hope will be a **GReat!** weekend.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank my Chapter Treasurers for a challenging year well met. Ben, Chris, Gary & Paul, Joe, Keith, & John - I couldn't do my job without you all. I also thank the members of the State Board for their understanding and support - I couldn't ask for a better group of friends.

The profits from the annual T.G.R.A. Rodeo are donated to local charities in each Chapter's city. Last year's Rodeo allowed us to donate over \$67,000. Only through your continuing support can we hope to surpass that figure this year.

Enjoy the rodeo, the dances, and our Texas hospitality!

Aloha & God Bless,

Paul J. Theall
State Treasurer

Congratulations on Your 9th Rodeo!

Wishing You
Continued
Success



Looking Forward
to I.G.R.A.
Finals in
Fort Worth

Thanks For Your Continuing Support!

The Colt 45's of Houston, Inc.

RODEO ANNOUNCER...

R.D. LYNCH



"The Man with the Silver Tongue"

R.D. hails from Dallas, Texas and started his rodeo announcing career at the age of sixteen. He just turned forty-two last month. Not only a rodeo announcer, he is an auctioneer. This year marks the seventh year R.D. has announced the TGRA Rodeo. He has also announced The Great Plains Regional Rodeos and the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo.

R.D. was presented the Founders Award last year for his hard work and dedication to TGRA. R.D. joined TGRA in July 1984.

Mr. Lynch dedicates most of his time to calf roping and team roping, as well as to his companion Chuck Rogers. Once again, we are proud to have R.D. as our Rodeo Announcer.

RODEO DIRECTOR & ARENA CREW

Rodeo Director.....	Gerald Ford	Auditor.....	David Hill
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ORDER OF RODEO EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1992

Contestant's Meeting8 am

SLACK TIME

Calf Roping on Foot
Chute Dogging
Pole Bending
Team Roping
Steer Riding

GRAND ENTRY PERFORMANCE

Bareback Bronc Riding
Pole Bending
Calf Roping on Foot
Steer Decorating
Breakaway Calf Roping
Wild Drag Race
Flag Race
Steer Riding
Goat Dressing
Team Roping
Chute Dogging
Barrel Racing
Bull Riding

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1992

Contestant's Meeting8 am

SLACK TIME

Calf Roping on Foot
Chute Dogging
Pole Bending
Team Roping
Steer Riding

GRAND ENTRY PERFORMANCE

Bareback Bronc Riding
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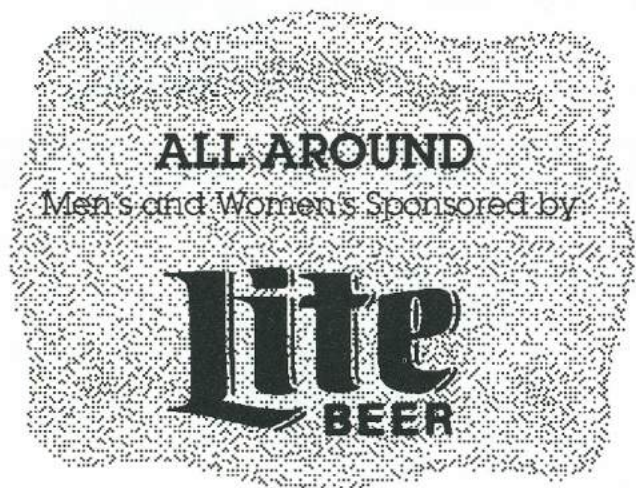
Saturday, November 14, 1992

Rodeo (Slack Events).....Fair Park Coliseum, 9 am
Grand Entry,Noon
National Anthems, Sung by:
.....*Star Spangled Banner* - John M. Gordon *Oh, Canada!* - Jeffrey Rigby
InvocationRev. Michael Jachimczyk
Riderless Horse CeremonyTerry Neal
Horse Donated by Marion Hayes
Rodeo Events.....1pm
Dance and Entertainment.....Southland Center Hotel, 8 pm

Sunday, November 15, 1992

Rodeo (Slack Events).....Fair Park Coliseum, 9 am
Grand Entry,Noon
National Anthems, Sung by:
.....*Star Spangled Banner* - Nevada Foshee *Oh, Canada!* - Jeffrey Rigby
InvocationRev. Michael Jachimczyk
Riderless Horse Ceremony*In This Life*, Collin Ray
Horse Donated by Marion Hayes
Rodeo Events.....1pm
Awards Ceremony & DanceSouthland Center Hotel, Ballroom, 8 pm

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BRUCE EDEN AWARD

The Bruce Eden Buckle/Award was brought about in memory of a very dedicated rodeo participant from the Austin Chapter of TGRA. This buckle/award was first initiated in November, 1990. This award goes to an individual who has best exemplified the characteristics of true-sportsmanship, and animal appreciation qualities as of those by Mr. Bruce Eden. The buckle is given to a Texas contestant only, and is voted on by secret ballot through the state Bruce Eden Committee. The two previous notable winners have been Jack Norton from Austin and Nathan Chowning from Dallas.

BRUCE EDEN AWARD

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FOUNDERS AWARD

The Founders Award is an award given to an individual based on his/her dedication to the causes of TGRA. The award is a traveling plaque that includes the belt buckles of two of TGRA's founding members: Walter Strickler and Terry Clark. This award is voted on by secret ballot by the State Founders Award Committee and is not revealed until the State President announces it at the Annual Texas Gay Rodeo Awards Ceremony. Last year's recipient was R.D. Lynch from Dallas.

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Bareback Bronc Riding-The rider mounts the animal in a chute, grasping a special rigging that is strapped around the horse just behind the front legs. A well-padded flank strap is used around the back of the horse to make him buck. The rider's spurs must be in front of the horse's shoulders when the horse's front feet touch the ground for the first time out of the chute. This is called "marking." During the six-second ride the contestants must not touch the horse, rigging or themselves with their free hand and must continue a back-and-forth spurring of the animal. Women may elect to ride with both hands, but if they elect to do so, they must continue with both hands for six seconds. When the buzzer goes off, signaling the end of the ride, there are two people on horseback called pick-up men who ride along the bronc and pick up the rider and pull off the flank strap.

BAREBACK BRONC

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STEER RIDING

Men's Sponsored by:

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Wild Steer Riding-is basically the same as bull riding, but the animals are much smaller and usually not as mean. Normally, beginners use steers to learn to ride before trying the bulls. In both steer and bull riding, women can again elect to ride with two hands, but must continue the same way throughout the event.

STEER RIDING

Women's Sponsored by:

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CHUTE DOGGING

Men's Sponsored by:

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Chute Dogging-The contestant stands in the chute with the steer's horns already in hand. When the chute opens, the contestant must wrestle the steer to the ground with all four feet facing away from the head (as if they were just lying down). This event is educational, giving our younger competitors an understanding of animal handling and preparing for steer wrestling.

CHUTE DOGGING

Women's Sponsored by:

**The Ranch
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CALF ROPING ON FOOT

Men's Sponsored by:

**V. Salinas, K. Reiser
Houston, TX**

Calf Roping On Foot-The calf is released ahead of the person roping. In IGRA rules we use the "breakaway" rule, meaning once the rope is around the calf, the contestant lets go of the rope so the calf will not be jerked up short. Each contestant is allowed to make two loops, so if they miss with the first try, they can try again. We also use the "catch-as-catch-can" rule, meaning any part of the calf where the rope stays looped (head, leg, middle) is legal.

CALF ROPING ON FOOT

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TEAM ROPING

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Team Roping-involves two contestants on horseback and really shows the skill of the old-time cowboy, who had only this method to corral an animal for doctoring or branding. The first roper must put a rope around the steer's horns, head, or half-head. While he is pulling the steer forward, the second roper tries to put a rope around both back feet, making the steer stop and stretch. If only one foot is caught, they still get a time but seconds are added to it.

TEAM ROPING

Women's Sponsored by:
The Brick Bar
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Originally designed to involve the novice in rodeo and get him or her acquainted with an animal up-close, our camp events have gained enthusiastic participation from all competitors. In addition, the points earned in these events have decided many an All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl.

Crowd-pleasing as these events are, they are also responsible for more scrapes and bruises than all other events.

STEER DECORATING

Men's Sponsored by:
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Dallas, TX

Steer Decorating-has only two people in a team (no specific gender) and while one holds the rope that is tied to the steer's head, the other tries to tie a ribbon around its tail. Behind a mad steer is not the best place to be, and with the steer constantly moving, it is hard to accomplish the chore without getting behind him.

STEER DECORATING

Women's Sponsored by:
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Houston, TX

GOAT DRESSING

Sponsored by:
Sue Douche
Fort Worth, TX

Goat Dressing is our funniest and, surely, safest camp event. The goat is tied to a stake at one end of the arena, and the two-person team is 25 feet away. When the judge starts the time, the team members must run to the goat and, while one holds the goat still, the other has to put a pair of pants (usually jockey shorts) on the back half of the goat. Then they run back to the starting line to stop their time. If the pants fall off before that, they have no time.

GOAT DRESSING

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WILD DRAG RACE

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The **Wild Drag Race** is the newest event in Gay rodeo and is a team event with three people on each team: a male, a female and one person in drag. The steer is in the chute with a halter and a rope. The cowboy and the person in drag are positioned 40 feet from the chute. When the

WILD DRAG RACE

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chute opens, the cowgirl will attempt to hold the steer while the cowboy puts the person in drag on it. Time starts when the judge drops the flag, and the whistle blows. The mounted steer must cross the finish line halfway down the arena. There is a 3-minute time limit.

WILD DRAG RACE

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BREAKAWAY CALF ROPING

Men's Sponsored by:
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Mounted Breakaway Roping-

The event is the same as on foot, except the rope is attached to the saddle horn with a light string. When he makes his catch, the rider releases the rope, but he will not receive a time until the calf pulls hard enough to break the string.

BREAKAWAY CALF ROPING

Women's Sponsored by:
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Austin, TX

BARREL RACING

Men's Sponsored by:
Diamond L
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The horse has held a certain mystique for man since its earliest domestication. A symbol of power and freedom, the horse has been warrior, friend and money-maker for man.

With the mechanization of agriculture, the horse is no longer at the forefront of the agricultural work force. Yet pride of ownership and man's unique association with the horse have given rise to arena events which test the ability of horse and rider in a non-work setting.

Speed and agility are two highly praised characteristics in a mount; the gaming events pit the "snap and cattiness" of the horse under the skillful hand of his rider against the clock in a test of speed and agility while negotiating a set pattern.

BARREL RACING

Women's Sponsored by:
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POLE BENDING

Men's Sponsored by:
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Dallas, TX

Barrel Racing is the most common of speed events for horses and the only event in which women compete in most rodeos. Contestants vie for the fastest time in running a clover-leaf pattern around three barrels set in a triangle. Horse and rider are allowed a running start, and timing begins and ends on starting and finishing lines. A five-second penalty is assessed for knocking over a barrel. Disqualification takes place if a rider goes off the course. The pattern may start from the right or left.

Pole Bending—Horse and rider compete for fastest time working a linear pattern through six equally-spaced poles, which are at least six feet in height and placed twenty-one feet apart. Pole bending is a more intricate pattern for the horse to run. As the horse weaves

FLAG RACE

Men's Sponsored by:
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through the poles, it has to change which front leg is put out first (called changing leads). A five-second penalty for knocking down a pole is assessed, and a team that goes off course is disqualified. Fastest time wins, and a running start is allowed.

Flag Racing is set on a simple course of two barrels and a pole. Atop each barrel is a bucket with oats or a similar substance to keep the flag standing up. If the bucket is knocked over, penalty points are assessed, and if the rider misses the flag or the flag misses the last bucket there is no time. The rider has to make the horse go as close to the barrel as possible so the rider can pick up the flag on the first barrel and stick it back in the bucket on the opposite side of the course.

POLE BENDING

Women's Sponsored by:
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Bull Riding

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Bull Riding

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Bull Riding is considered the most dangerous of the rough stock. Bulls turn on the rider when he/she gets off or falls off. Also, the type of rigging used must be put on correctly or the rider can get a hand caught when coming off. In addition, the rider must get off the bull when the ride is over -- there are no pick-up men to help! The rope used is a flat plaited rope pulled tight around the bull, and the rider's hand is tied in. If the rider lets loose, the rope is supposed to come off, freeing the rider's hand. The rider must remain on the animal a full six seconds to receive a score.

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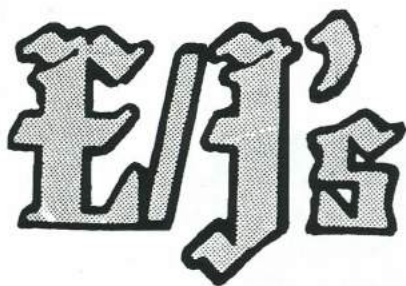
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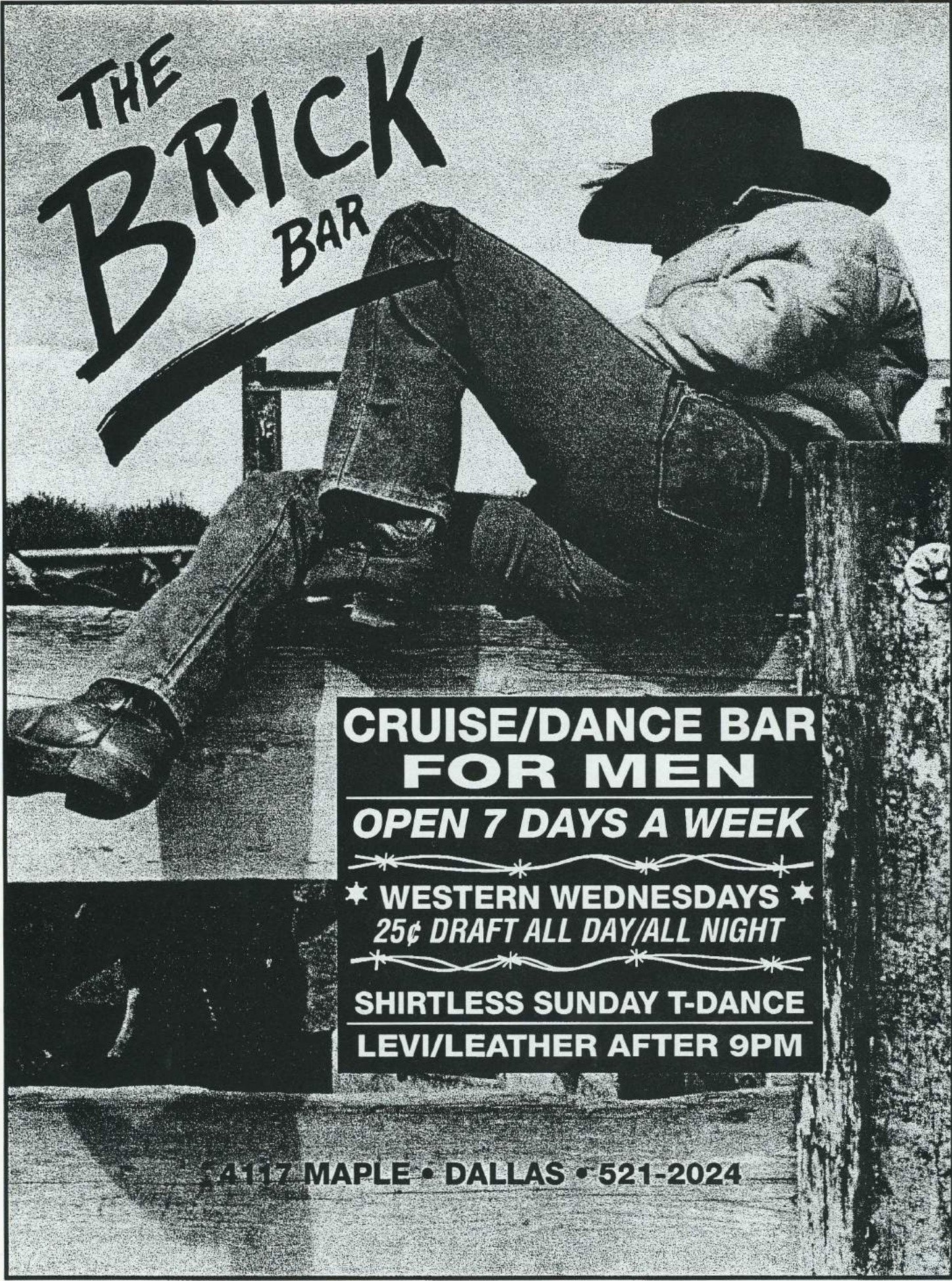
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showing them our family values. To my brother, sister and two nieces - I love you and thank you. Also to George, thanks for your love as a friend and good luck.

Love Always,
Chili Pepper
Miss IGRA '93
Miss TGRA '92

Dear Rodeo Fans,

As your current reigning Miss TGRA and your newly crowned Miss International Gay Rodeo 1993, it gives me great pleasure in welcoming you to the Ninth Annual Texas Gay Rodeo.

During my year as Miss TGRA I traveled around the country competing, learning and growing with our fellow associations. It has been a distinct pleasure representing Texas throughout the IGRA circuit and I look forward to seeing everyone at our rodeos in 1993. I hope that you will join us throughout the year in our many fundraising activities and in Fort Worth for the 1993 International Gay Rodeo Finals.

To all the rodeo associations in IGRA, thank you for all your support and encouragement. Your rodeos were the highlight of my year. You have made me laugh and have taught me so much about rodeo. I hope that all the contestants have a great time this weekend and only records are broken. Ride hard and play safe in-and-out of the arena.

To Mr and Ms TGRA, Terry Neal and Nevada Foshee, I love you both and have enjoyed our year together. You both have very special gifts. Thank you for sharing them with us.

A special thanks to my mom and dad for all their love and support and for being there for me at Finals in Phoenix. The experience of sharing the Miss IGRA competition as Chili Pepper and rodeo competition as Tony Valdez with my family is truly the definition of unconditional love and support.

Thanks to all my rodeo friends for making them a part and

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Howdy! Welcome to Texas! I hope that all of you who are not familiar with our great State have an opportunity to explore a little after you Rodeo!

Thank You Texas! From every corner of this State that I have visited, I have felt nothing but warm, comfortable and welcome. Representing an organization as well known as the Texas Gay Rodeo Association has been a great challenge, but a challenge I roped coming right out of the chutes!

It is a long road of competition to win Mr. TGRA, and I extend my congratulations to my successor. The most positive aspect of representing Texas was meeting those who were representing other states. We were an exciting network of individuals that came together as one for common goals. I must extend thanks to all my friends, nation-wide, that were supportive of my efforts. Robert in Phoenix...your strength became mine.

To all my friends in Texas, and especially those in San Antonio that believed in my efforts, Thank You seems to be such an understatement compared to how I feel. I am truly grateful to have been able to share this with you. C, Dale, Roo, Danny...thanks for being there to the very end.

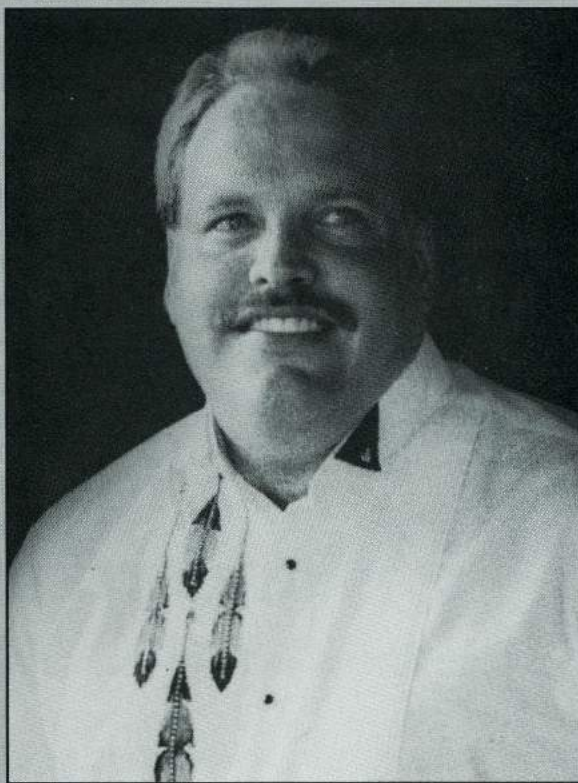
This year would not have been worth the effort at all if it had not been for Nevada and Chili Pepper. I cannot think of two other people that I would rather help me form a perfect "pink triangle" between San Antonio, Houston and Dallas.

It is hard to comprehend that this year as Mr. TGRA is at a close, but it is time to move on, hopefully as your new State Secretary. TGRA is stuck with me! Let me take this opportunity to invite you all to become involved with our great organization. You will not regret the decision. To close, I have a couple of requests of you: if you are here to work, work hard and safe. If you are here to rodeo, rodeo hard and safe. And, if you are here to play, play hard and SAFE!

Yours in the arena....

Terry L. Neal

MR. TGRA



TERRY NEAL

MS. TGRA



NEVADA FOSHEE

Well its that time of year again. (Yeee Haaa!) which means its time to give up my title as Ms. TGRA '92.

I was proud and honored to represent TGRA at the Rodeos and IGRA Finals. I met a lot of caring and friendly people throughout my reign and made a lot of new friends that I will never forget.

I want to thank each and everyone of you for your support and love throughout the year. I would especially like to thank all of my sponsors: The BRB, The Colt 45's, Printex Plus, Michael and Jim, Bob and Cooter, Mark, EJ's and our community for a great year.

I would also like to thank my lover - Lori, for her love and support during my year as Ms. TGRA. It wouldn't have been possible if not for you. I love you, Lori.

I wish that it didn't have to come to an end, but it's time for someone else to have a chance to experience what I have. It was a great feeling that I will always cherish.

Well, Terry and Chili, it's been an honor and pleasure to stand beside both of you. Y'all have been great friends and I'll never forget you. Chili, congrats again on the title of Miss IGRA 1993. I am proud of you.

Good Luck to all the candidates and contestants.

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WHAT IS TGRA?

TGRA (Texas Gay Rodeo Association) is one of the 17 member associations of IGRA (International Gay Rodeo Association) which presently comprises 30 states and British Columbia, Canada.

Several associations include multiple states, while some like Texas are large enough to host more than one chapter per state. Texas presently has 6 chapters - Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio, with approximately 300 members.

Each chapter has a board of officers - President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and a State Rep. who is the liaison between their chapter membership and the State Board. All board members are elected annually; chapter board voting occurs at the December meeting; State Board voting occurs at the Texas Gay Rodeo in November. All officers will take over duties at the January meeting. TGRA has one Trustee to IGRA - which is a 3-year responsibility presently held by Dr. Bill Sanders. He is our voice at IGRA meetings and at the annual Convention.

Chapter meetings occur once per month, usually the first Sunday of the month, unless a rodeo happens to fall on that weekend. There are 4 State meetings annually: January, April, June and October at rotating host city locations, and the annual IGRA Convention in August, which also rotates host associations. The 1993 Convention will be held in Billings, Montana.

TGRA is a 501.c.3 charitable, tax-exempt organization committed to raising funds for AIDS charities within Texas, via membership dues, fund raising shows and events, and donations, with which we host the annual Texas Gay Rodeo in November. Last year the rodeo which was in Dallas was so profitable that we were able to return \$1.17 for every \$1.00 raised by TGRA!

In its 9-year history TGRA has been able to give back over \$1 Million to charity - a fact we're TEXAS proud of!

Committees necessary to accomplish the goals of TGRA are: Fund raising, Advertising, Bruce Eden Memorial Award, Inventory, Grand Entry, By-Laws, Founders Award, Entertainment, Dance, Royalty, Belt Buckles and Medical. Some of these pertain specifically to the rodeo, others to the business aspect. Additionally there is an elected IGRA Contestant Rep. who takes the questions and concerns of TGRA rodeo contestants regarding rodeo rules and regulations to the Trustee with which to approach IGRA.

Along with normal fund raising activities in the chapters, there is a Royalty contest for the titles of Mr., Ms., and Miss TGRA. Mr. is a male, Ms. a female, and Miss a female impersonator. Royalty contestants work tirelessly all year long to raise monies which are given directly to specific charities, and amounts counting toward their candidacy. They are required to compete in 5 categories - Fund raising, Talent, Scrapbook, Interview and Horsemanship, with different possible point totals in each category. The winners represent TGRA for one rodeo year - November to November, and go on to compete for IGRA Royalty at the Finals Rodeo held in October. This year we were honored to have 1992 Miss TGRA Chili Pepper (Tony Valdez) named as Miss IGRA 1993 - the first time a Miss TGRA has received this prestigious award.

Each year brings new expertise and insight to streamline and improve the organization which has grown much in its 9-year history. Each new member has a voice and a place in TGRA, which has, by necessity, helped fill the void of government funding to grass-roots AIDS service organizations. It is a war and we're on the front line, but we prefer the rodeo arena as our battleground.

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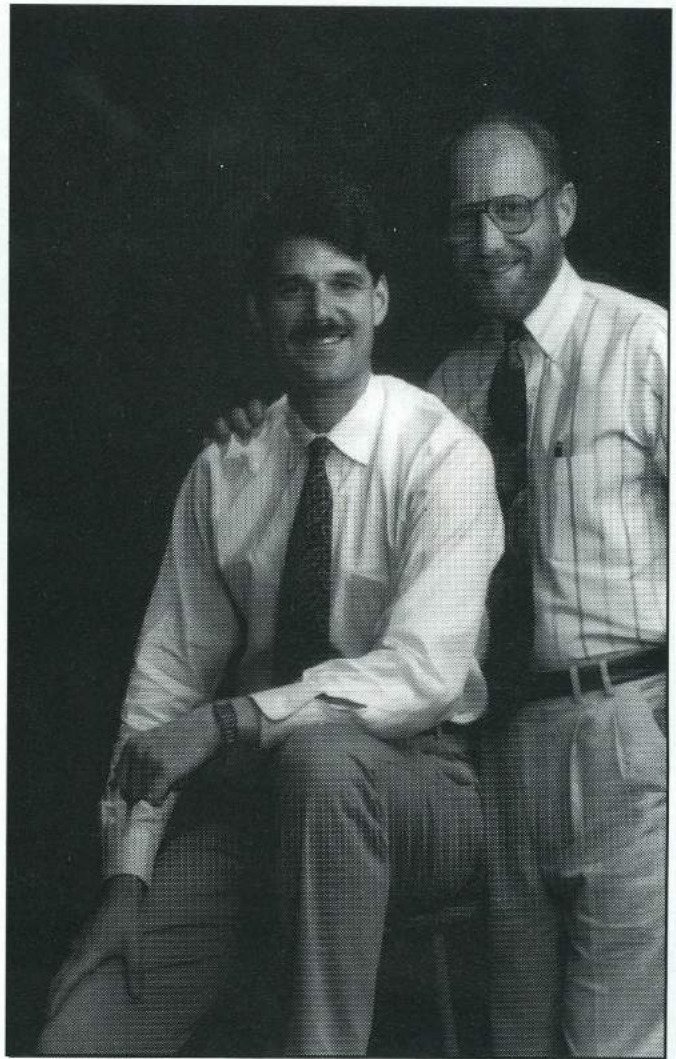
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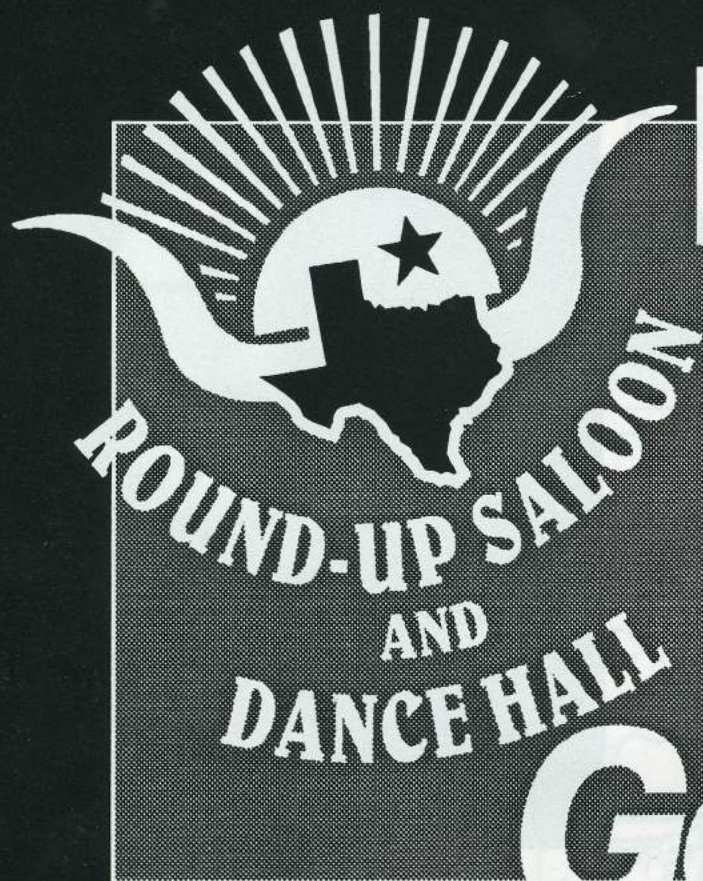
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