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IGRA Convention in Reno must see Free exhibit

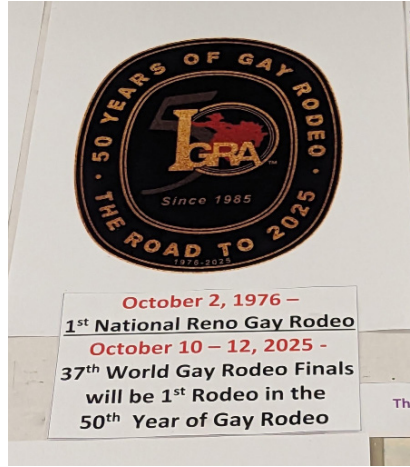
IGRA (International Gay Rodeo Association) is hosting its annual convention at the Circus Circus in downtown Reno this weekend, November 17-19.

As 2025 approaches, IGRA is in planning to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Gay Rodeo, which was begun in Reno by the Silver Dollar Court in 1976. That first event was held at the then Washoe County Fairgrounds and lasted eight years before it ended due to a number of reasons. The event was a fund raiser produced by the Silver Dollar Court's first Emperor and Empress Phil Ragsdale and Keith Ann (Kieth Libby).

IGRA was formed during the time of the Reno National Gay Rodeo as several rodeo groups were asking for standardized rules and regulations.

IGRA Archives has set up a free display open to the public of the nearly 50 year history of the IGRA in the Circus Circus convention area. It is open to the public Friday and Saturday 10 am to 7 pm and 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday.

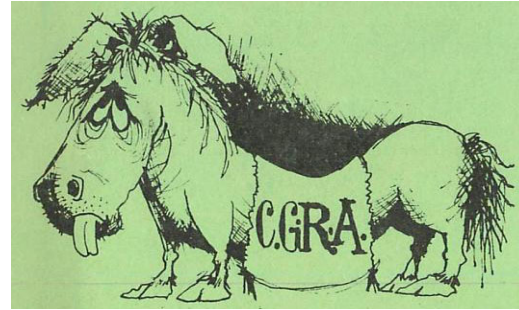
The display showcases



the start of Gay Rodeo in America here in Reno and events and activities of the organization.

The 50th year celebration is set to kick-off in October 2025 with the first Rodeo of the year October 10-12.

Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve has been in talks with IGRA through the



The Comstock Gay Rodeo Association logo for the Reno National Gay Rodeo 1976-1984

Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) about potentially hosting the 50th anniversary of Gay Rodeo in Reno. That has not been confirmed.

Reno hosted the 30th anniversary in 2006 at the Livestock Events Center.

Reno has seen three incarnations of Gay Rodeo Associations: the Comstock Gay Rodeo Association (1976-1984), the Silver State Gay Rodeo Association (1988) and High Sierra Rodeo (2002-2007).

Fake News: Virginia City named most LGBTQ friendly

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This Virginia City Has Been Named The Most LGBTQ Friendly City In ...

An online publication has published a story claiming Virginia City (Storey County), Nevada, is the most LGBTQ+ friendly city in the state. The article says the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) named it as such.

The articles says the city hosts a gay pride parade and has LGBTQ+ friendly laws.

The Empress Jack-E
 a night of fun, fund raising and friends
GALA
 As We Honor Jack-E
 Saturday, November 18
 Door: 8 pm Show 9pm
 \$10
 All Entertainers Welcome
 For Donations, Scan the Code
 QR Code location
 Silent Auction Raffle and more
 Hosted by Reigning Empress Chelsea Towers-Jar
 at the Chapel Tavern (formerly the Ten99 Club)
 1099 South Virginia Street, Reno, NV
 The Silver Dollar Court is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. Proceeds from this event benefit: 50% to Eddy House and 10% to the SDC Board Fund.

Horning Reno's Grand Dame

The Silver Dollar Court and Reigning Empress Chelsea will pay tribute to the Late Empress Jack-E by continuing her Gala fund raiser and naming it in her honor this Saturday, November 18 at 9 pm at the Chapel (formerly the Ten99).

Virginia City was not on the HRC's MEI (Municipal Equality Index).

Therenogaypage has reached out to the HRC in Nevada seeking information. en Storey County officials have also been contacted. At press time, responses have not been received.

The story is inaccurate.

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