

# THE PRIDE OF PHOENIX

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## *...Editors Notes...*

Well, here we are! After running around like a chicken without a head---no pun intended---the first edition of THE PRIDE OF PHOENIX has come to be. I do not know a thing about writing, or for that matter publishing a paper, but I have always felt that there is a need for a local gay paper in Phoenix. Some things that I will tell you about our fair city will cover the bar scene to the legal problems of our Gay Community. I hope THE PRIDE OF PHOENIX can fill the bill.

In this first edition, you will find a calendar of events, several gossip columns, a column from Mariah on thoughts and feelings, and a letter from me...the editor.

In the coming editions, there will be classified ads, letters to the editor and letters to Mariah. I hope that anyone with questions, ideas, or comments will take the time to write to us. We will print as many letters as possible, and should you want your name withheld, just let us know--otherwise we'll print it!

In the classified section (you'll notice there aren't any in this issue), any personal ads will be printed free, so if you want to meet a friend, rent an apartment, find a roommate, etc., simply send us the ad and we'll be glad to print it. I might add that we have additional space for more columns and articles, so please feel free to contact us if you're interested in contributing.

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--the Editor.

## joanne's dressing~ room

Well, folks, the Queen of Savages is back at the Casa as Miss Cissy Goldberg, a few pounds lighter and a lot funnier...and bitchier of course. But we all love her, don't we? She will be joined by yours truly; MOOOSE, a lovely new talent with lots of future, and a weekly guest spot from Vegas, courtesy of Twiggy Productions. The shows at the Casa have always proved the test of time and seem to draw the big crowds which make cruising plentiful and varied. COME SEE US!! This was an unpaid broadcast.

Speaking of the Casa and Twiggy Productions, and with no prejudice, the Vegas group known as Disco Daze enjoyed a lengthy run which displayed loads of talent, originality, choreography, feathers, and buns, and a warmth that Phoenix crowds relished. The group, Steve, Brian, Frank, Bill, Don and of course the fabulous Carmen Del Rio, were extremely easy to work with and made Miss Goldberg's absense a pleasant one, and I for one, am looking forward to their return for the Queen of Hearts Ball in February. Good Luck, Disco Daze, and thanks.

For all you gormets...the old Dunhill's is being reopened as 21 WEST, welcoming a mixed crowd for your eating and drinking pleasure. They will feature dinners at reasonable prices, drinks and a show presented

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# the WIND of MARIAH

I am Mariah. Mariah's the wind. You cannot see the wind but you can feel it and you can see how it touches things. The wind can be soothing; it can also be angry. The wind brings the good weather and it brings the bad. The wind brings us the good smells from the desert after the rain; it also brings us the blinding sand and dust before. Like the wind you cannot see Mariah but I surely hope you'll be able to feel me. Like the wind, the messages from Mariah will be for some, soothing; for others it will be touched with anger. By all means these messages will stir you up, like the wind whipping up white caps on the lake. It is hoped that these messages from Mariah will cause you to think and rethink, cuss and discuss ideas which are common to those who have chosen to join America's largest oppressed minority. Or have all of you really made that choice willingly. Watch for this column in each issue of *The Pride of Phoenix*. I would appreciate your reactions and comments. Please send them to: Mariah, c/o *The Pride of Phoenix*, 6800 N. 55th Ave., Glendale, Arizona 85301. Until next time, Get Pride!

from

THE MOUTH  
OF  
THE  
DRAGON...



It has come to my attention that one of the better bartenders in the Phoenix area was dismissed from duty at one of our local gay bars for being drunk. Now I ask you, who in charge of said bar, owners or management, could be the first to cast the proverbial stone at F—?

Now that the sensational Carmen Del Rio and her boys??? have left the Casa, one begins to wonder who's star will be hung on the dressingroom door...or how many. Of course we all know there is only one Cissy Goldberg.

Speaking of the fun-loving Carmen and her boys??? since they are no longer in residence at *Lavender Lane*, the nightly romps in the jacuzzi and with their next door neighbor—who at this point will remain nameless—will, I'm certain, be missed. Isn't that right, S—?

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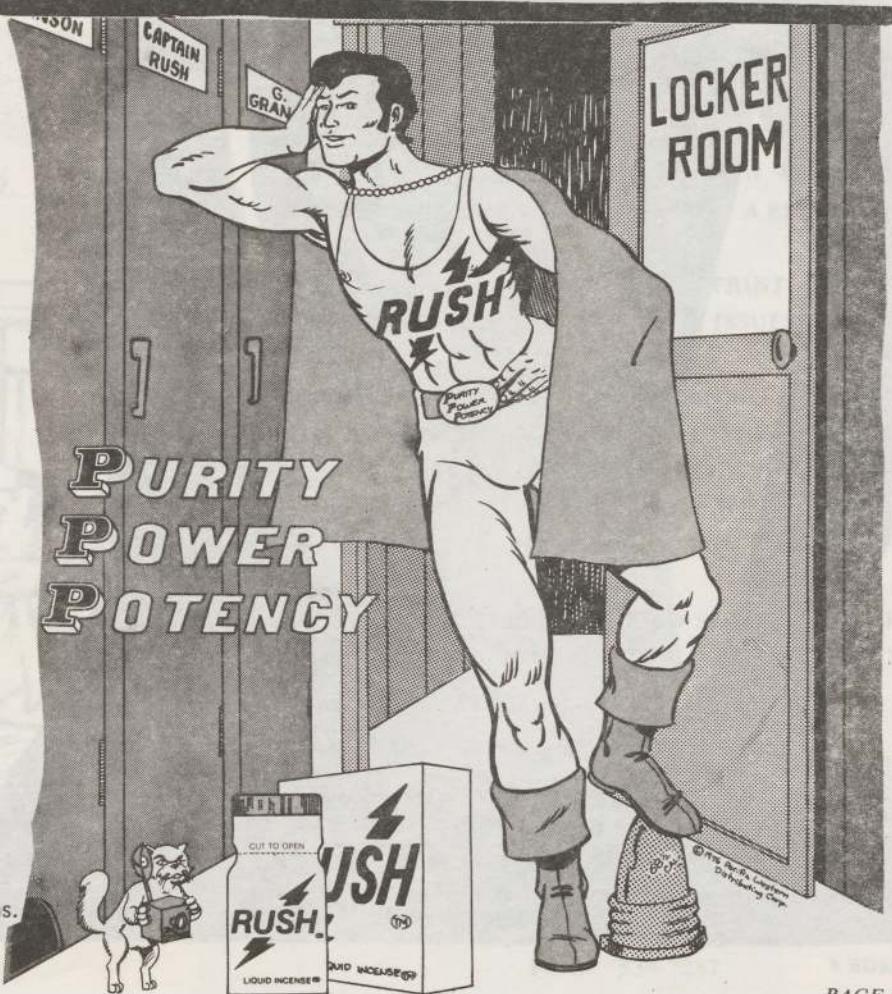
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by some old (excuse me, girls) faces. My darling Ebony (Phoenix' favorite illuuuuuuusionist), Lady Casandra, Bobby Jo and others will be appearing. I am looking forward to a night off at the Casa so I can enjoy dinner and drinks and their show and act like a straight person for a change. Wait til you see my impersonation of a man!!! I hope the famous jinx on the building is overcome by these kids as they're all extremely talented and hard working. I can't wait to see Ebony LAYING (or lying) on that piano bar...singing live, by the way!! Show nights are Thursday thru Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 p.m.

Haven't caught the show at D.L.'s lately since I got the finger from one of their performers. Can't imagine why. Also since 21 West is featuring their entire cast, I don't know who could be working there, someone please let me KNOW.

Looks like I'm running out of eyeliner pencil, so I'd better close. Tune in again next month, drag fans, for the latest on these and other shows around the Valley. If you know anything I don't, please let me know.

OH, that reminds me!!! Two previous (AND I MEAN THREE TIMES PREVIOUS) bar owners were seen in town over the Holidays. Wonder what they're up to this time.

Hope you all had a fabulous holiday and wish you the happiest New Year possible. Love...



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"According to this, one of us should be a woman..."

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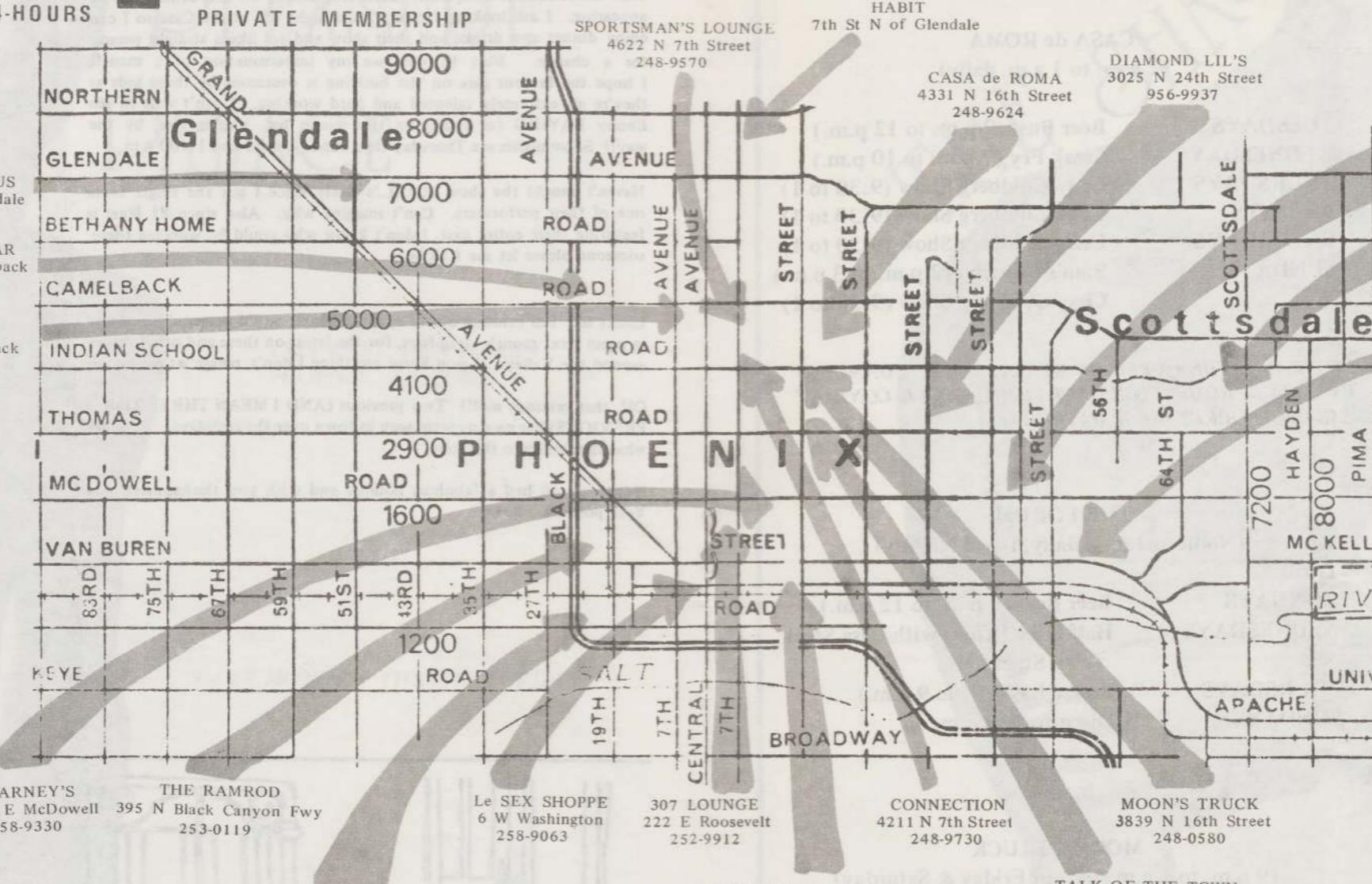
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## how to find it

# WELCOME TO PHOENIX

# January In The Valley

Speaking of *Lavender Lane*... I understand a new arrival has moved in, all the way from Denver. Phoenix welcomes you, Steve.

At this writing, I understand a new combination supper club and cocktail lounge, with live drag shows is about to open. One would hope that it doesn't "Go Up In A Puff Of Smoke" as it did when it was Dunhill's!!

Speaking of Drag—what well-known impersonator in our local bars—are you ready—uses *Preparation H* around her eyes to shrink whatever needs to be shrunk in that area?

While Lucy's away, the child must play...the child being Bob, who has been using Lucy's bed, and I do mean using! Since my own bedroom is next door, I've spent many sleepless nights in my closet with glass in hand listening at the paper thin walls!!

Perhaps variety is a way to forget D.B. as Bob K.'s only true love, and let me tell you, he certainly has had variety of late.

Are you ready for Bill S. reading poetry at the kitchen table to Jim W., who by the way is one of the nicer people to grace *Lavender Lane*. But really, Bill, poems of love at the kitchen table...

Speaking of kitchens, and etc., one wonders where Stan will set up housekeeping next. Of course my answer to that, and a fond New Year's wish, is that Stan and Dan would set up housekeeping together again.

If my informants are correct, what well-known bar owner who has branched out into a boutique recently sold a Turquoise squash from his own private collection and, in lieu of cash, accepted a check which, I might add, bounced all the way down McDowell to Central and back again. None of which surprised me in the least, from a person that was such affront to the word Drag as was the Hindenburg with hair.

Has anyone seen Terry S.'s new T-Bird. It's lovely, dear, but one wonders if the 15% gratuity on you food checks at one of Phoenix' finest hotels paid for this along with the rest of your expensive lifestyle, or if you're moonlighting on 1st and Van Buren in the a.m.

Speaking of Moonlighting, Bob D. recently told me that he had been offered a position as a MALE PROSTITUTE. Well, dear, since both your other jobs as hairstylist and bartender require long hours on your feet, far be it from me to dissuade you from getting a LAY DOWN job and giving your feet a rest.

In closing, I would like to wish all of my friends a very Happy New Year, and to the enemies I'll no doubt have after penning this column—Happy New Year, too.

...Dragon Lady

## CASA de ROMA (2 p.m. to 1 a.m. daily)

TUESDAYS	Beer Bust (9 p.m. to 12 p.m.)
WEDNESDAYS	Steak Fry (7 p.m. to 10 p.m.)
THURSDAYS	Cissy Goldberg Show (9:30 to 1)
FRIDAYS	Cissy Goldberg Show (9:30 to 1)
SATURDAYS	Cissy Goldberg Show (9:30 to 1)
SUNDAYS	Stan's Brunch (12 p.m. to 3 p.m.)
	Cissy Goldberg Show (9:30 to 1)

DON'T MISS THE QUEEN OF HEARTS BALL, SPONSORED BY CASA de ROMA, COMING UP FEBRUARY 14. CONTACT CASA FOR TICKET INFORMATION.

## THE FORUM (Noon to 1 a.m. daily, Disco Nightly)

MONDAYS	Beer Bust (9 p.m. to 12 p.m.)
WEDNESDAYS	Half Price Drinks with Casa Steak Fry Stamp
THURSDAYS	Booze Bash (from 9 p.m.)
SUNDAYS	Disco from 3 p.m. on

## MOON's TRUCK (9 p.m. to 1 a.m., except Friday & Saturday) DISCO NIGHTLY

TUESDAYS	Beer Bust (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.)
FRIDAYS	Disco After Hours (Cover)
SATURDAYS	Disco After Hours (Cover)

## NU TOWNE SALOON (12 to 1 daily)

MONDAYS	Beer Bust (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.)
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SUNDAYS	Brunch (Noon to 4 p.m.)

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WEDNESDAYS	Beer Bust (9 p.m. to 12 p.m.)
THURSDAYS	Bare Chest Night (9 p.m. to 12 p.m.)
SUNDAYS	Beer Bust (9 p.m. to 12 p.m.)

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THURSDAYS
FRIDAYS
SUNDAYS

Beer Bust (9 p.m. to 12 p.m.)
Bucket of Booze (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.)
Beer Bust (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.)

**THE UNLIMITED**

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FRIDAYS	After Hours, No Cover
SATURDAYS	Beer Bust (9 p.m. to 12 p.m.)
	After Hours, No Cover

**THE HABIT**

(11 a.m. to 1 a.m. -- Serves Food)

WEDNESDAYS	Beer Bust with Disco (7:30 to 11)
FRIDAYS	Disco with Show from 10 p.m.
SATURDAYS	Disco with Show from 10 p.m.
SUNDAYS	Free Brunch (4 p.m. to 6 p.m.)

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SUNDAYS	Pool Tournament, entry fee, prizes

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FRIDAYS	Sons of Appollo (9 p.m. to 11 p.m.)
SATURDAYS	Lad's Beer Bust (4 p.m. to 6 p.m.)

THURSDAYS	8 - 10 - 11:30 Show
FRIDAYS	8 - 10 - 11:30 Show
SATURDAYS	8 - 10 - 11:30 Show
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