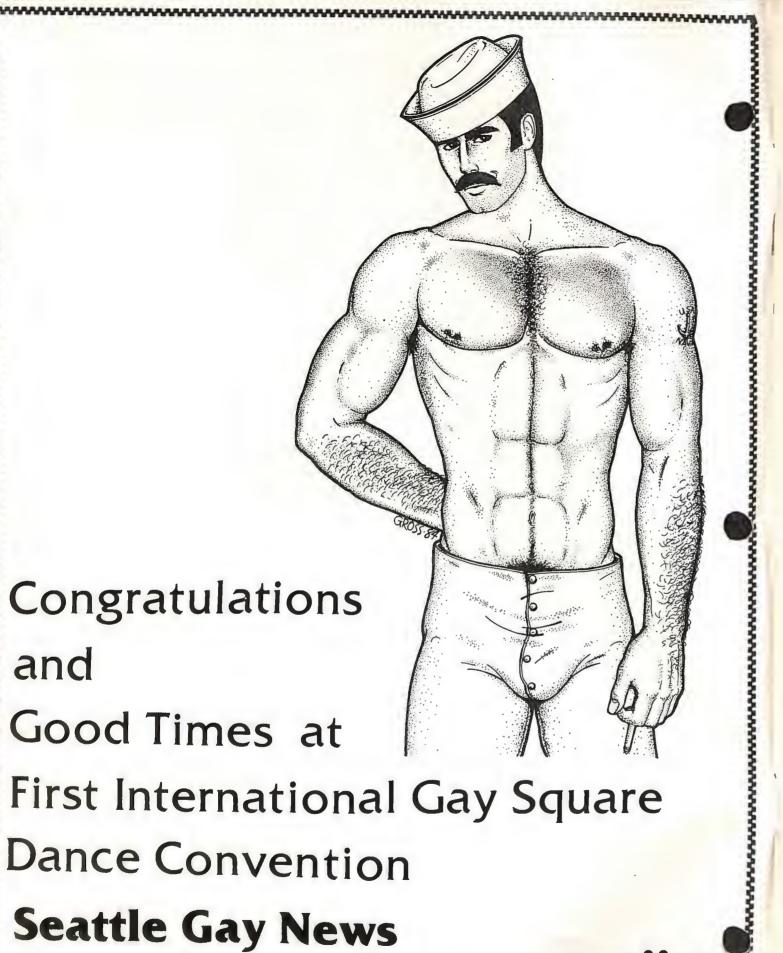


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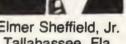


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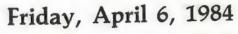
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#### Sunday, April 8, 1984

9:00AM to 12:00PM Square Dance—All Programs

10:00AM to 12:00PM All American Brunch-Music-Bipolars

1:00PM to 3:00PM Association Meeting (More Time as Required)

3:00PM to 6:00PM Square Dance—All Programs

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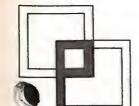
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#### PUDDLETOWN SQUARES



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The dream of a square dance group in Seattle came from the excitement and comaraderie of the 1982 National Gay rodeo. Harvey Muggy had agreed to let us use the Eastlake East Tavern dance floor, and on October 13, 1982, Gay Square Dancing came to Seattle.

As the clock ticked away and the time got closer to the starting hour, the excitement grew. (That first evening) The organizing committee of five were setting up and helping the traditional caller, Sheri Nevins and her three piece band set up. People began arriving, and by 7:15PM about 12 people had arrived. We were all a little nervous, not knowing what to expect. At 7:30PM the fiddles started playing and Sheri started her introductions to 57 people. By the end of the evening the excitement was at fever pitch...we had done it, we all had done it! Even though we had no name at that time, Puddletown Squares was born.

We stayed at the Eastlake East for three weeks, with a different caller each night. With 118 people coming that third night we were busting at the seams. We realized that all the other gay clubs around the country were dancing Modern Western Square Dancing and to be compatible, we had to move away from our traditional start. We can never thank Sheri Nevins and her band enough for the love and support that they all gave to us. During the last night there, a local caller named Walt Cavanaugh was invited and sat on the side lines and watched what we were doing. Walt had answered an ad placed in the Seattle Times. It took a lot of the right stuff for a straight man to agree to embark on the task of teaching and calling to a gay square dance group.

The next week we moved to the Odd Fellows hall and had an attendance of 138 people. That week we also had the pleasure of having Walt call for us the first time. One week did it at the Odd Fellows and we had outgrown it. The next week we moved again, this time to our permanent new home, Pilgrim Congregational Church. The church had agreed to rent us the hall with a 11-1 board vote. That first evening at the church, we were greeted and welcomed by the church minister. Our Modern Western Square Dance classes had started.

On January 22, 1983, a group of about 40 of us went down to Portland to help kickoff their new square dance group. Gay square dancing in the Northwest was here to stay.

By Rodeo time 1983, Puddletown Squares had: graduated two classes with the combined total of 157 people into Mainstream Square Dancing; became a non-profit corporation, and through elections chosen a nine person board; drawn up and approved club bylaws; purchased and paid for a sound system and square dance records; was on sound financial footing, and had created a lot of fun, entertainment and fellowship.

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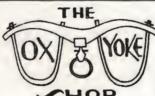
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Dancing flourished as the populace passed beginners level and attained mainstream level. Three successful hoe-downs were held at the Parking Lot before woe befell the bouncing baby CCS now nearly two years old. The wicked Parking Lot closed its doors, and CCS became a vagabond wandering to the Forum, The Power Plant, and the Carousel until the fairy godmother, City of Sacremento, granted refuge at the Coloma Community Center at 46th and T Streets. To this day CCS refers to this shelter as home.

Now gracefully approaching the middle of its third year with a new set of by-laws. new officers, and a niche in the National Association of Gay Square Dancers, the CCS can look back on a past filled with triumphs. These triumphs include the three hoe-downs, two Reno rodeos, San Fransisco's Gay Freedom Day Parade, lots of good times together and with our neighbors the Western Star Dancers of San Fransisco, and the Seattle Convention.



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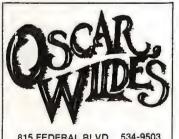




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Rainbeaus' objective will be to promote square dancing as a fun and exciting social activity—everyone will be encouraged to participate. Once a month we plan to hold a potluck relaxed-level dance to give dancers an opportunity to enjoy material recently learned. We want to collect fun badges to remember out-of-the-ordinary dances.

Currently Rainbeaus does not have bylaws or formal officers. Club members are volunteering their effort to manage secretarial and financial duties. Contact for the club: Karl Jaeckel or Gene Miller, 789 Clarkson Apt. 901, Denver, CO 80218, phone (303) 832-8006.



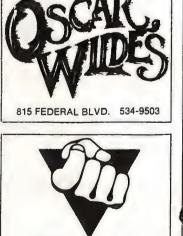






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Although WSD is for dancing, it is our constant objective to achieve a harmonious balance between satisfactory dance experiences and the general social needs of its members. Our stated policies are to: (1) promote fellowship within the group by square dance and other activities, (2) pursue a are to: (1) promote fellowship within the group by square dance the lifestyle of spirit of cooperation, support, and positive encouragement, (3) enhance the lifestyle of our members and their firms. and their friends, and (4) encourage the sharing of responsibilities and duties by all members. We teach the 68 Mainstream calls as currently defined by CallerLab. Our graduates are at the

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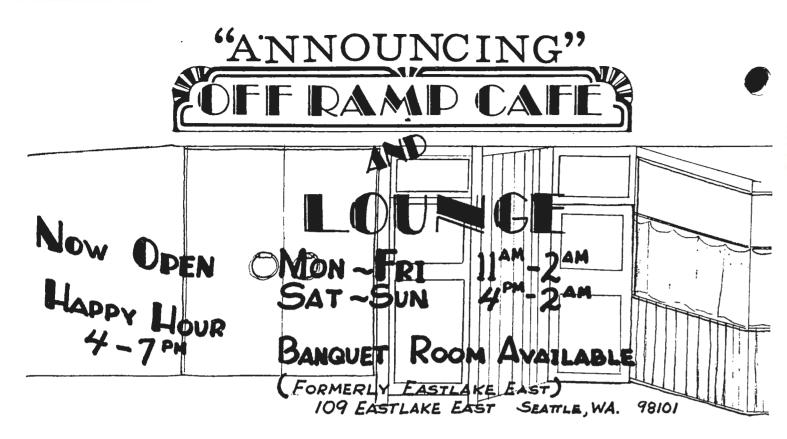
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I, Dave New Year, nick name 'Happy', in 1982 at the Reno Rodeo, was thrilled to see some Square Dance Singing Calls started. Saturday evening just before the band was due to play, Skip Barrett gave me a chance to call a short tip and this opened a whole new world for me. The Square Dancers all came up to me asking for more, so we set up my calling equipment under the lights outside by the bleachers and danced on the asphalt until after midnight. From this I was invited and flown to Denver's "Mile High Squares," San Fransisco's "Western Stars," and Sacramento's "Capital City Squares" to call for them. All groups treated me like Royalty and it was wonderful.

I came home from Reno that year with high hopes of promoting Gay Square Dancing in Southern California. In Palm Springs at this Western Bar, many guy's were asking for Square Dancing since seeing us at the Rodeo. The owner asked me to teach on Sunday nights. I started the class even though its a 2 hour drive each way from my house. I then started a class in Long Beach and Orange County.

In 1983, at Reno Rodeo, I was thrilled to be one of the featured callers. I now had Southern California represented by (5) Squares of my dancers plus more non-dancers along to watch us. (2) Squares were female which I think encouraged the non-dancing girls at the Rodeo to be more interested in taking lessons with the guys since there are more guys in Square Dancing than are girls.

Pioneering Gay Square Dancing in Southern California has been a time consuming challange for myself to tackle since I work a full time day job. I have five nights a week I teach. To my knowledge, I'm the only Gay Square Dance Caller in Southern California.

Because of starting at the Sundance Saloon in Palm Springs, we took on the name of 'Sundancers'. This group is now a club and I am their club caller. Also in Palm Springs, we have the "New Year Resolutions" group and also in Orange County and Long Beach. I have a co-ordinator in three areas:

Patti Newhouse and Betty Teager in Orange County (48 members)

Tim Slaattel in Long Beach (40 members)

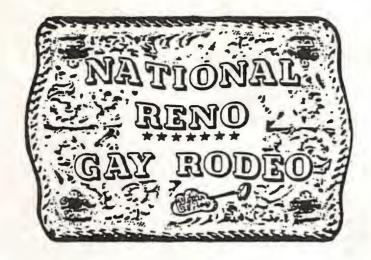
Paul Whitehouse in Palm Springs (32 members)

All the groups exchange dances with each other. Because of high rental of halls, and also if they'd accept a gay group, each group dances in a Gay Bar and lessons are \$2.00 a person. The bar then pays me later to teach Country Dancing the rest of the evening in which I also give the Square Dancers an opportunity of performing.

One more thing I'll mention is, I realize groups learning to "records" that this is impossible, but in my groups the men do not wish to be called ladies and the ladies called men. A Square is made up of (4) couples. Leader on the left and pardner on the right. Of course always to the left of the leader is the corner. Leader replaces straight term man and pardner replaces straight term lady. I hope some day to make straight groups drop the Sex Gender terms just like chairman is now chairperson, mailman is now postperson, etc. (3) calls have word pardner in them which can be changed such as California twirl is with hands, California trade without hands (instead of pardner trade).

In summary, we are (3) non-profit caller organized groups with a co-ordinator appointed for each group. Teaching Mainstream according to callerLab for diploma and plan on dancing Mainstream for a year before moving to plus. As a Group we decided the fun things to do besides Square Dancing such as Camp-outs, Pot-lucks, etc.

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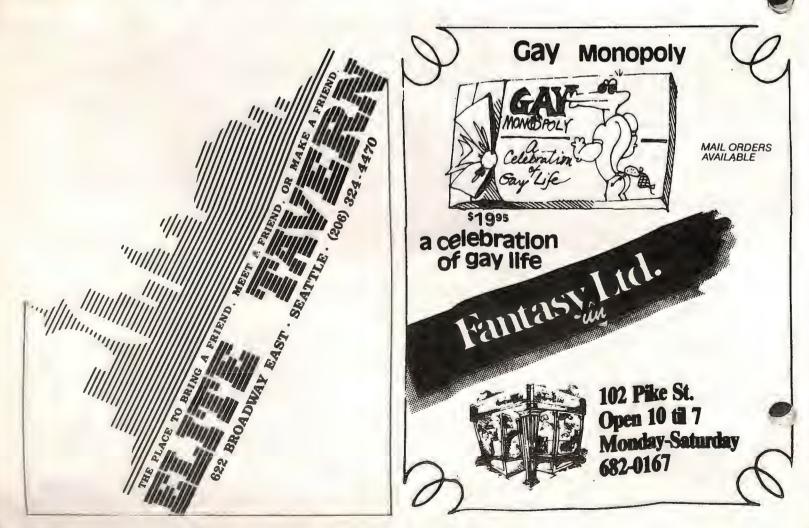
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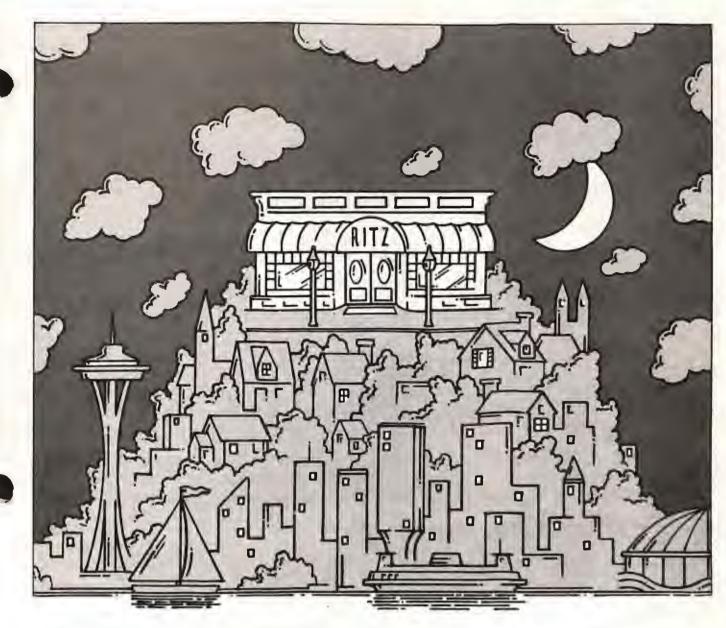




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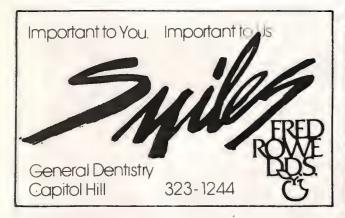
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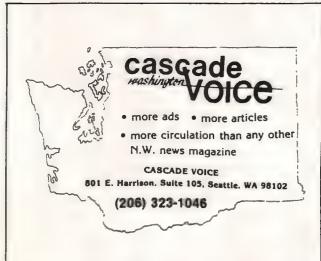
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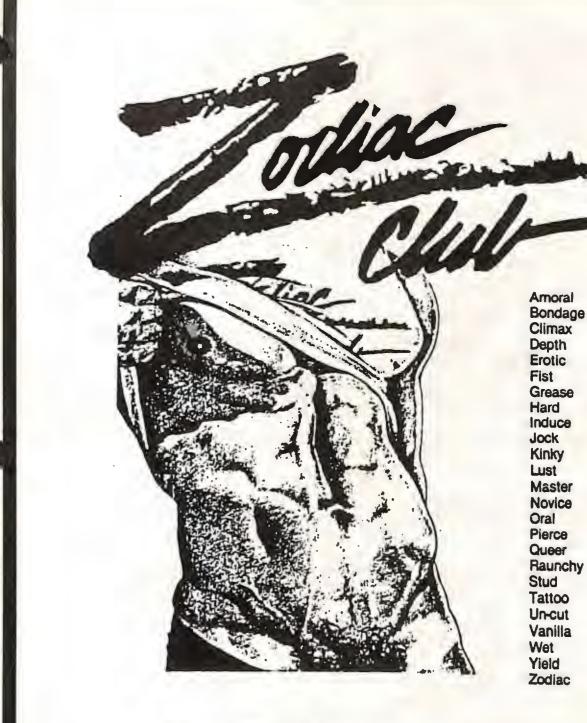
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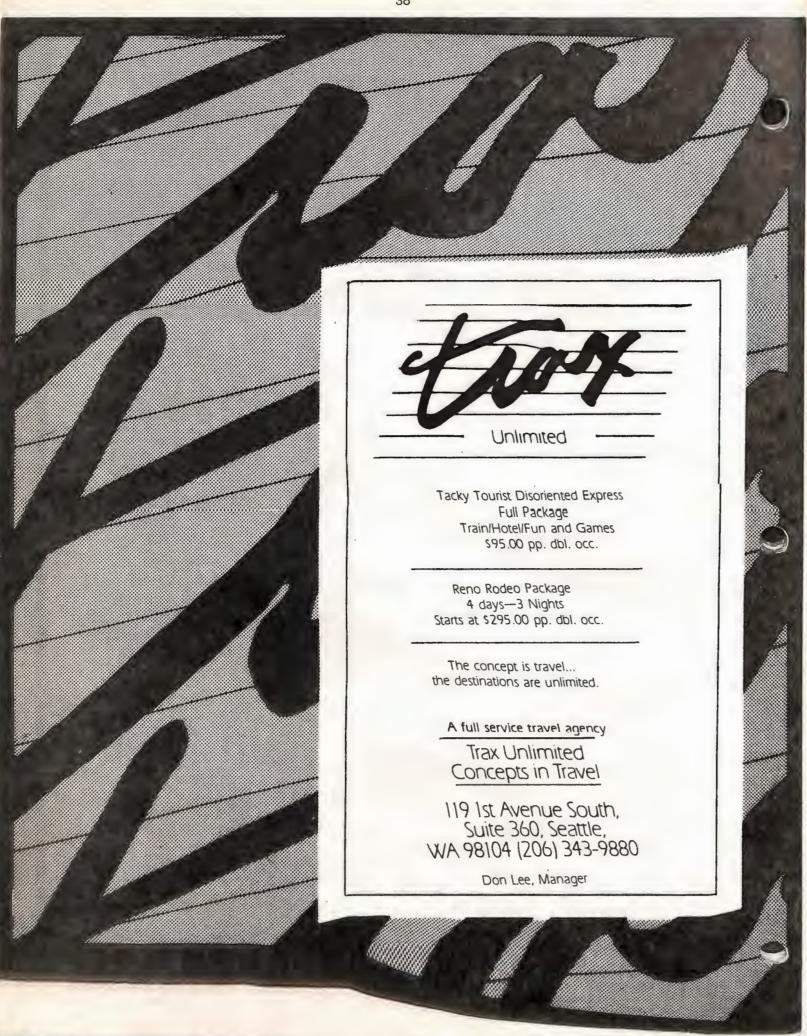


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