

Just when you least expect it, here comes the third splendiferous issue of **Pry**, a little bit of fannish Christmas from the Fandom of Good Cheer, but primarily the certifiable, official

information source for **Corflu Vegas**. **Pry** Volume One, Number Three, December, 1994 is published monthly several times each year. It is distributed free to all members of recent Corflus, plus others whom we hope will be interested in joining us here in Glitter City for our version of the annual fanzine fan event.

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We can be contacted at the Decatur address, but we encourage everyone to use our electronic address, which is Crossfire@aol.com.

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Please Help Our 'Feud'

No, this isn't a Call to Arms for a *jihad* against Furry Fandom or Hall Costumers. We're planning a fannish version of the TV game show, "Family Feud." The MC will be someone incredibly famous, like Richard Dawson, Wink Martindale or Andy Hooper.

In the game, two teams guess the most popular answers to questions asked of the studio audience. Lacking that studio audience, we're going a different route. Since we know how unlikely it is that we could get you all to sit still long enough to fill out the "Fannish Feud" poll, we're collecting the data now.

You'll find a sheet enclosed with this **Pry** with short questions. Please fill it out and return to Corflu Vegas. The questions are numbered for the convenience of those who want to transmit answers via e-mail or who just don't want to part with their ballot.



Needed: Auction Items

Corflu Vegas plans several auctions during our three days of merriment. It's a chance to obtain fannish treasures and pass them on to the tribe's next generation. It also helps pay the bills. We expect to auction for TAFF and DUFF as well as to fill the pockets of the Corflu Vegas committee. We have studied auctions, so we know what makes a good one. Our research shows that the most important element is having something to auction.

That does bring up a problem. Las Vegas fandom is rich in many things, but one of them is *not* fannish treasures. We really need your help. If you have one or two items you'd be willing to donate for our auctions, it would be very much appreciated.

Send all auction donations (please specify recipient as Corflu, TAFF or DUFF) to Arnie Katz, 330 S. Decatur, Suite 152, Las Vegas, NV 89107.

Vegas Fandom News Notes

JoHn Hardin and Karla Insani got married in October. They kept the secret for a couple of days, but finally blabbed in the October oneshot, **The Vegas All-Stars Raise the Ante!**...

Ken and Aileen Forman again hosted the Vegas Fandom Christmas Party on Friday, December 16th. No one counted, but it looked like 60 fans, including honored guests Jack and Ruth Speer. The traditional Alien Auction -- Chinese Auction to the non-starbeggotten -- was an uproarious success. Most coveted item: a pair of handcuffs with a jar of chocolate syrup...

At the party, Peggy Burke and Thomas Kurilla announced that they'll get married in March or April 1995...

Bill Kunkel, magazine maven, has turned book baron in a big way. As part of a "strategic alliance" between Katz Kunkel Worley and Prima Press, Bill has authored several game strategy books and runs a book editorial and production studio as part of his KKW responsibilities...

Marcie Waldie made her first two professional sales, to pop culture magazine **Spinzo** and **Electronic Games**. She has also begun working for **EG** part-time as an assistant editor...

Apa V, Las Vegrants' monthly apa, celebrated its first anniversary in December. JoHn Hardin was elected to succeed Ken Forman as Official Editor...

Visitors to Las Vegas Fandom have included Matthias Hofmann, Alan Stewart, Eric Lindsay, Charlie & Cora Burbee and Mark Kernes. Las Vegrants did two oneshots as a result of these occasions. **Bugsy in Chains** is in the Nov FAPA mailing, and **The Stinking Desert Connection** is earmarked for the Feb FAPA...

Speaking of FAPA, the recent election put a Vegrant into the presidency for the third straight year. Ross Chamberlain succeeds Joyce Katz. Arnie Katz was prez the year before Joyce. Ken Forman became vice president in the same vote. (Seth Goldberg and Robert Lichtman continue as OE and Secretary Treasurer, respectively.)

Tripping at Corflu Vegas

See the Vegas sights! Scheduled so far:

Red Rock (Friday, 11 am - 3 pm)

Ken Forman, Gentleman Adventurer, will take you into the high country. If you like great scenery, this is the place to see it.

Boulder Dam. (Friday, 11 am - 3 pm)

Tom Springer conducts the tour for fans who want to see Some Dam Thing in southern Nevada. A pleasant ride to an interesting attraction conducted by Las Vegrants' Genial Giant.

Ethel M Tour. (Friday: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm)

Laurie Yates leads the tour to the candy-lover's shrine, with *free samples*. There's no better way to enjoy this treat than with a Loveable Elf.

Casino Gambol (Friday, 10:00 pm - ???)

After our "Gambling 101" panel, **Linda Bushyager** leads ~~marks~~ newly savvy betting fen on an assault on Casino banks up and down the strip...

Cruisin' th' Strip (Sunday, 9:00 pm - ???)

Ben Wilson conducts a bright lights tour. Dig the ambience, watch the people, and maybe try your luck a little.

Contact guides directly or through Corflu Vegas.

Corflu Vegas Food Festival

Aileen Forman will preside over hospitality, so Corflu Vegas' food and drink is in safe (and generous) hands. Besides a bountiful supply of soft drinks, bheer and snacks, special events already scheduled include:

Dessert in the Desert Friday, Midnight

Feed that sweet tooth on a collection of special desserts.

Ken's Coffee Klatsch Saturday, 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Ken Forman has exotic coffee (and the regular kind, too) to go with ham, bagels, pastries and other breakfasty stuff.

Arnie's Deli, Saturday, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Get a sandwich, and maybe a piece of pickle, courtesy of Arnie Katz.

Pizza Vegranti, Saturday, 10:00 pm

Hot pizza, with a choice of toppings.

Sweets in the Night, Saturday, Midnight

A candy tasting for confection connoisseurs.

SNAFFU's Wierd World of Food, Sunday, 3:00 pm

Set your appetite for the Twilight Zone for this buffet of unusual foods.

Burbee's Barbeque and Bheer Bash, Sunday, 5:30 pm

Joyce Katz hosts the 80th Burbday Celebration, with hot sandwiches and fancy bheer.

Fan Achievement Awards 1995 Nomination Ballot

Vote in as many categories as you wish, nominating up to three fans in each category. The order in which the names are listed does not matter, since each citation is worth 1 point. Repeating a name within a category is not permitted.

A final ballot will be distributed prior to Corflu Vegas.

Winners will be announced at the Corflu Vegas Banquet

Other Fanzine Editors are invited to copy and distribute this ballot

Send entries to: FAA, 330 S. Decatur, Suite 152, Las Vegas, NV 89107

Deadline: February 1, 1995

Best Fanzine/1994

(At least one issue in 1994;
at least four issues overall)

Best Fanwriter/1994

Best Fanartist/1994

Name _____

Address _____

Play Ball?

It looks like the fannish softballers have gone on strike in sympathy with the Major League Baseball Players Association. Since there isn't a lot of interest, it looks like there won't be one at Corflu Vegas.

The Committee is exploring alternatives, though we have been temporarily frustrated in our quest to stage a

mechanical bull contest. (Fans can throw the bull, but can they ride it?)

Other possibilities are Laser Tag, Miniature Golf or VirtualWorld. We can get fairly good group rates on these but we would need people to absolutely commit to playing on either Friday or Sunday afternoon.

Those who like any of these three suggestions, contact me (Arnie). If enough people want to expend all that energy, we'll try to oblige.

Fannish Feud Survey

Please give short answers for the 20 survey questions, which will be used for the "Family Feud" game at Corflu Vegas. Everyone receiving this flyer is eligible to vote. Photocopies and lists of 20 numbered answers are acceptable. Send ballots to: Arnie Katz, 330 S. Decatur, Suite 152, Las Vegas, NV 89107. E-mail: Crossfire@aol.com. Deadline for Votes: March 1, 1995.

1. Something a fanzine fan might take to a convention. _____
(examples: clothes, whiskey)
2. Something a fanzine fan might bring home from a convention _____
(examples: fanzines, membership badge)
3. Ways to spot a fan in a crowd _____
(examples: beany, paperback SF novel)
4. Materials used to produce a fanzine in 1960 _____
(examples: stencils, ink)
5. Materials used to produce a fanzine in 1995 _____
(examples: toner, desktop software)
6. Items that might be found in a fan's den _____
(examples: book shelf, computer)
7. Reasons for *not* pubbing your ish _____
(examples: work, illness)
8. Activities a fan might do at a con _____
(example: meet pros, attend the program)
9. Things a fanzine fan might do at a fan party _____
(examples: argue, drink beer)
10. Things Francis Towner Laney hated _____
(examples: amateur science fiction, Daugherty Projects)
11. What attributes fanzine fans value most in a Significant Other _____
(examples: writing talent, high IQ)
12. Mistakes made in a first fanzine _____
(examples: no colophon, print amateur science fiction)
13. Favorite subjects for fan artists _____
(examples: nude women, rocket ships)
14. Types of fan collectibles _____
(examples: fanzines, membership badges)
15. Reasons for going Gafia _____
(examples: starting college, marrying nonfan)
16. Items for sale in a worldcon huckster room _____
(examples: used books, swords)
17. Types of written material in a fanzine _____
(examples: con reports, editorials)
18. Types of fans you'd rather not party with at a con _____
(examples: RPGers, Trekkies)
19. Why you're a fan _____
(examples: friendships, egoboo)
20. Things hotels do to screw up cons _____
(examples: closed restaurants, broken elevators)

PRYBAR: The Music Scene

By JoHn Hardin

There are a lot of class joints and swank boozeries in Las Vegas where good music can be heard for little or no cover charge. I could fill an entire issue of **Pry** cataloging them, so, for now, we'll concentrate on the live music clubs within a short drive (or walk) of Jackie Gaughn's Plaza.

Fremont Street Reggae and Blues is the happening club downtown. Only minutes walking distance from the Plaza, Fremont Street Reggae and Blues sports the best reggae in one side of the building and a screamin' blues bar on the other. Recent artists include The Blasters, Dread Zeppelin, Burning Spear, The Ruffnecks and the International Reggae All Stars. The owners have plans to make the headliners even more diverse in the coming months. Worth a look and ideally located. Cover is usually \$10.

The Huntridge Theatre. This converted movie theatre at 1208 E. Charleston is a local hotspot. On any given weekend, culture dogs can be sure to find something interesting here. Featured artists tend toward rock and alternative, but they are as likely to have an underground cartoon film festival or the Jim Rose Circus Sideshow. The cover is rarely over \$10, even for the bigger name artists.

Beers And Cheers is a little blues club about two miles away from the convention center, at 713 E Ogden. They've got pool tables and the blues on Friday and Saturday.

The HobNob on Highland avenue features punk, industrial and alternative bands. Most are local, but the local best play here. Cover is \$5.

Spago's in the Forum Shops at Ceasar's Palace (on the strip) is the upscale place to see and be seen, blow all your winnings on lunch and to hear some jazzy stylings on Sunday afternoons.

The Four Queens (downtown) features live jazz on the weekends, for no cover, and it's very conveniently located to the con hotel.

If you prefer your music more, shall we say, countrified, there's always **Hot Rock 'N Country**, smack in the middle of Jackie Gaughn's Plaza. This country music variety show plays twice daily in the main theatre at 7:30 and 10:30. Tickets are \$19.95 plus tax and include one drink. One of the lounges in Jackie Gaughn's also plays country and western on a nightly basis.

The Sand Dollar Lounge at 3355 Spring Mountain Road is a little farther from the convention center but it's the main hangout for serious R&B lovers. There's no cover and the music goes to 5 am on weekends.

Mad Dogs and Englishmen on the strip is about five minutes from downtown. Besides a huge and exotic beer list and authentic pub atmosphere, they have live bands every weekend for a \$3 cover charge, ranging from reggae to blues (notice a trend here?).

As Corflu approaches, we'll give fen a more comprehensive list of clubs, with scheduled artists for the convention weekend. Until then, save your cash for gambling and shrimp cocktails.

Corflu Vegas Members

1. Ted White
2. Frank Lunney
3. Robert Lichtman
4. Dick Smith *
5. Leah Smith *
6. Hope Leibowitz
7. Moshe Feder
8. Lise Eisenberg
9. Mike Glicksohn *
10. Alan Rosenthal
11. Janice Murray
12. George Flynn
13. Bernadette Bosky *
14. Arthur Hlavaty *
15. Leslie Smith
16. Ken Josenhans
17. Joyce Katz
18. Arnie Katz
19. Linda Bushyager
20. Ron Bushyager
21. David Bratman
22. Gary Hunnewell
23. Jeanne Bowman
24. Gary S. Mattingly
25. Patricia A. Peters
26. Tracy Shannon
27. Harry Andruschak
28. Ken Forman
29. Aileen Forman
30. David Rike
31. Bill Kunkel
32. Laurie Yates
33. Peggy Burke
34. Mark Manning *
35. Tom Springer
36. Tammy Funk
37. Matthias Hoffman *
38. Donald Franson *
39. Catherine Mintz *
40. Richard McAllister
41. Linda McAllister
42. Noreen Shaw *
43. Spike Parsons
44. Bruce Pelz
45. Eric Lindsay
46. Jean Weber

* Supporting members

Corflu Vegas Information

Where & When: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 7-9, 1995

The Hotel: Jackie Gaughan's Plaza Hotel
Number 1 Main Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Rooms: Reservations: 800-634-6575
702-386-2345

\$45 per night on Friday and Saturday
\$30 per night Sunday-Thursday

1 Bedroom Suite: \$100 per night on Friday and Saturday
\$80 per night on Thursday and Sunday

2 Bedroom Suite: \$150 per night on Friday and Saturday
\$120 per night on Thursday and Sunday

Note: You **must** make and bind your reservation before March 1, 1995. The hotel will not guarantee room rates after that date, and will not hold the Corflu room block after then. This is Vegas -- the hotel will be full.

Membership: \$45 before April 1
\$50 at the door
\$10 supporting

Make Checks Payable to Joyce Katz

The Weather: Very mild by day, but you may want a jacket at night.

Transportation: The bus depot and train station are in the hotel.

A taxi from the airport to the hotel costs about \$20-25.

The Shuttle bus is under \$5 per person. Go to Ground Transportation and ask a Sky Cap for the shuttle to Jackie Gaughan's Plaza.

Have Questions/Need Info? Joyce & Arnie Katz
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We Will Party!