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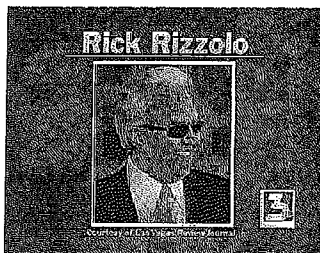
I fully believe that if Mayor Oscar Goodman had not abstained, the results of today's hearing would have been far different. The July 10 ethics complaint was the Magic Bullet that completely changed the outcome, otherwise Goodman would most likely have succeeded in bullying the majority of Council members into helping his law firm's former and current clients. - SM

Crazy Horse Too stripped of liquor license

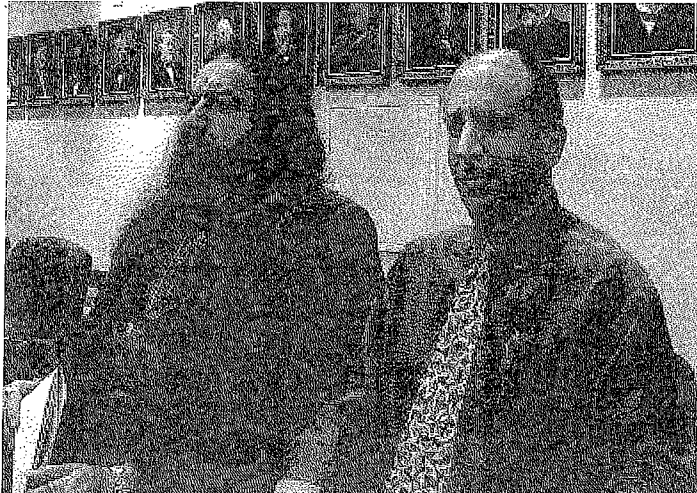
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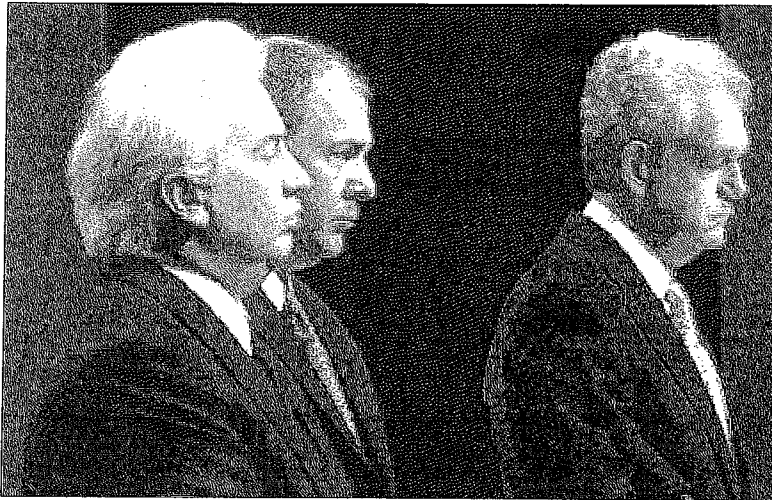
Buffalo Jim Barrier and Steve Miller observe license revocation proceedings from back of City Council Chambers.



FULL STORY: <http://www.kvbc.com/Global/story.asp?S=5373334>

(L. to R.) Rick Rizzolo and his attorney Tony Sgro listen as Deputy City Attorney Bill Henry compares Rizzolo's method of running the Crazy Horse to Tony Soprano's Bada Bing.

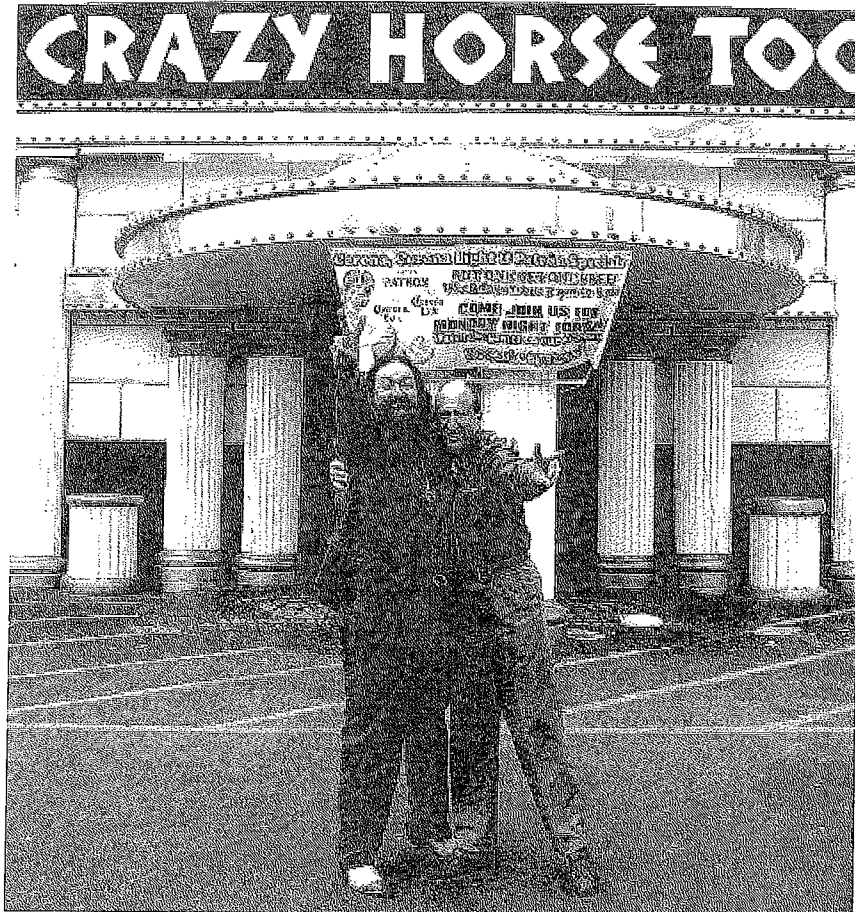
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Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese about to move to permanently revoke Rizzolo's liquor license.



Buffalo Jim and Steve celebrate in front of about to close Crazy Horse Too.



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Amy Henry got her wish!

Here are her words from a 2002 MSNBC broadcast:



"I can't understand what kind of city or state would allow a place like this to remain in business." - AMY HENRY

Today the Las Vegas City Council granted the wish of the wife of beating victim Kirk Henry by revoking the liquor license of the Crazy Horse Too.

But in a stunning turnaround based upon the questionable advice of her attorneys and Rick Rizzolo's lawyer, Mrs. Henry amazingly asked that the Crazy Horse be allowed to **stay open** until her family is paid the remainder of a \$10 million dollar judgement!

After the Council's decision that took almost four hours, Mrs. Henry claimed to be "victimized" by the Council, and her attorneys, Donald Campbell and Stan Hunterton, called the Council's decision "political."

These were the same attorneys who in 2002 told the *Review-Journal*: "For years, the management and 'security' staff of the Crazy Horse has been infested by a rogues' gallery of thugs, thieves, drug pushers, and corrupt ex-cops," Campbell wrote in court documents. "Most, if not all, have well documented ties to organized crime figures who frequent the premises. All of this has nurtured a culture of violence marked by robberies, beatings and even death."

So far, Rick Rizzolo's insurance paid the Henry's \$1 million dollars, but her attorneys told the Council they have not received a dime so far for their services.

Mrs. Henry has been led to believe the only way her family will receive the remainder is through the sale of the topless bar.

She evidently was not advised by her attorneys of Rizzolo's personal guarantee to pay her family in the event the bar is not sold; the ability of the Federal Court to reverse the divorce settlement Rizzolo made with his wife to hide his assets; or his ability through forfeiture and liquidation of his personal assets to pay the \$9 million balance her family so rightly deserves.

Then Campbell and Hunterton made an extemporaneous suggestion that a new driveway (through Buffalo Jim Barrier's garage) would enhance the value of Rizzolo's property and make it easier to sell, though this had nothing to do with today's deliberations.

Their suggestion made me think for a moment that they have somehow become partners in the law firm of Patti and Sgroi.

I sincerely sympathize with the Henry family, however, Mrs. Henry's comments today completely contradict her earlier statement and do not take into consideration the health and welfare of possible future victims.

Who made her change her mind?

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I believe her attorneys are so concerned about making their commission that they are overlooking the fact that other tragedies such as those suffered by Kirk Henry and Scott David Fau could result from allowing felons to continue operating the Crazy Horse Too.

For the sake of possible future victims, the Las Vegas City Council made the proper decision. - SM

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Family, friends, Fire Station 19 buddies will miss firefighter's singing

Bob Corse made his living as a firefighter, but he was a born showman.

Give him a microphone and he'd be in his element, belting out a variety of songs for his family and friends.

Corse, who died of an apparent heart attack on Monday at age 50, was a 15-year veteran of the Clark County Fire Department. His wife, Katrina Corse, is a captain with the department.

"He was quite a character," fire Capt. Mike Elliott recalled Thursday. "He had a thick New England accent. He had a lot of charisma. He loved to party and entertain. And he had a beautiful singing voice."

No party was complete without Corse rendering a few songs. From "Wind Beneath My Wings" and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" to rocking numbers, Elliott said, Corse was a versatile entertainer who also sang at local baseball



John L. Smith
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and hockey games and annual Christmas parties.

That spirit no doubt will be missed at Fire Station 19, where Corse was assigned, and throughout the department.

Services for Corse are scheduled for 12:30 p.m. today at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church at 1111 S. Michael Way.

CRAZY HORSE: Embattled topless bar owner Rick Rizzolo may be on his way out of the Crazy Horse Too, but he still

has plenty of friends, including a number of businessmen who unsuccessfully lobbied council members this week, and at least a few pals who dance at his club.

Among the more entertaining e-mails I've received from the litesome ladies is this one:

She wrote, "Many of us would be hard pressed to find work elsewhere, especially those of us who dance 'clean.' No one cares about us, do they? Is some councilman going to pay for my textbooks, my tuition? Mention us, who keep the tourists entertained, and the locals, too. We're not bad, we're just drawn that way."

First, I can think of more than one former councilman who would have been glad to contribute \$1 at a time to your scholarship fund.

Second, I never knew the owner was such a charitable fellow. But I guess that's just Rizzolo, a generous supporter

of college co-eds since 1985.

ROTHMAN HONORED: UNLV history professor and author Hal Rothman will be honored as Chin's Humanitarian of the Year on Oct. 5 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Rothman, who for more than a decade has been an amazing history resource at the university, continues his battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Southern Nevada.

DATeline LAS VEGAS: Clark County's recent announcement that it will cut back on the hours of the marriage license bureau continues to reverberate nationally. The latest big splash was found on the front page of last Sunday's edition of The New York Times under the headline, "In Las Vegas, Now It's Get Me to the Marriage Bureau on Time."

The Chicago Tribune, meanwhile, this week focused on Mayor Oscar Goodman's proposed mob museum at the historic federal courthouse.

HARMON'S DEATH: The late Harley L. Harmon's name will long be associated with a mortgage company scandal, but his friends remind me that he accomplished plenty in his 58 years. Harmon died Saturday from complications of pneumonia.

The Bishop Gorman High graduate and son of longtime Las Vegas insurance icon Harley E. Harmon was in the Nevada Legislature from 1974 to 1980, including a stint as speaker pro tem. Former Assembly Speaker Joe Dini said, "Harley was a very effective legislator, and he worked hard."

ON THE BOULEVARD: Now that Paris Hilton has been busted for DUI, will Palms

officials dim the lights in mourning for the all-world party girl? ... Youngstown, Ohio-born Frank Regich, who died this week at age 69, was among the first casino men to give slot players a little respect. Although records aren't kept on such things, his proud family says he was the gaming industry's first slot host. ... Gov. Kenny Guinn has proclaimed Sept. 16 Nevada Nurses Day, and the Nevada Nurses Association is set to celebrate 75 years of service with an event at the Las Vegas Hilton Garden Inn. ... Don't forget the 2006 Grand Gourmet Safari, set for noon Friday and Saturday at the World Market Center downtown, with proceeds to benefit UNLV and Community College of Southern Nevada hospitality students.

Have an item for the Bard of the Boulevard? E-mail comments and contributions to Smith@reviewjournal.com or call 383-0295.

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Liquor license loss upheld



Crazy Horse Too owner Rick Rizzolo listens Tuesday in District Court as his attorneys argue for a preliminary injunction against the Las Vegas City Council's revocation of his liquor license. Judge Mark Denton ruled that the city can collect only up to \$1 million of a \$2.2 million fine.

Crazy Horse Too owner loses bid to halt revocation by City Council

BY GLENN PUIT

REVIEW-JOURNAL

A judge refused to stop Las Vegas' revocation of the Crazy Horse Too's liquor license but did rule that, for now at least, the city can collect only up to \$1 million of the \$2.2 million fine levied against the topless club.

District Judge Mark Denton's ruling on the fine was little consolation to club owner Rick Rizzolo, however, because Denton's rejection of the request for a preliminary injunction against the license revocation jeopardizes a negotiated \$45 million sale of the club, according to testimony.

Rizzolo's lawyer, Anthony Sgro, said Denton made the wrong decision. The Las Vegas City Council "can't just ramrod a decision of this magnitude onto any citizen, topless club owner or not," Sgro said.

The City Council on Sept. 6 unanimously revoked the liquor license and imposed the fine for what city officials said was a pattern of crimes at the club on Industrial Road near Sahara Avenue.

City Attorney Bill Henry said Rizzolo has no one to blame but himself for the loss of his license.

"It was in Mr. Rizzolo's hands," Henry said. "Is it the fault of the City Council that he chose to operate (his) business the way he did?"

Rizzolo didn't comment on the judge's rulings.

For much of this decade, Rizzolo was the subject of a federal inquiry into crimes committed at or tied to his club. Federal authorities investigated violence at the club and also probed what

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authorities said was a conspiracy to defraud the federal government of tax revenues.

In June, with a federal indictment rumored to be on the horizon, Rizzolo pleaded guilty to a felony tax charge.

In addition, his corporation, The Power Co., pleaded guilty to conspiracy to participate in an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity.

As part of the plea deal, Rizzolo was ordered to pay \$10 million to Kirk Henry, a Kansas City tourist who was paralyzed from the chest down in September 2001 after he was attacked outside the club during an argument over an \$80 bill at the Crazy Horse.

Another condition of the plea agreement was that Rizzolo sell the Crazy Horse Too.

Subsequent to Rizzolo's plea deal, the city moved to suspend Rizzolo's liquor license, but Henry's wife and their attorney, Don Campbell, urged the City Council not to do so, saying it would affect Rizzolo's ability to pay the Henrys.

The council voted unanimously to revoke the liquor license, however, and imposed the \$2.2 million fine.

In court Tuesday, Rizzolo and his attorney sought a preliminary injunction against the city. During a nearly four-hour hearing in front of Denton, Sgro said the city violated several legal procedures in imposing what he called "an economic death penalty" on his client.

Specifically, Sgro said, since the City Council revoked Rizzolo's liquor license, the Crazy Horse Too has lost dancers, customer loyalty, and land value.

Rizzolo chose to close the club two days after the council revoked the liquor license.

"This is not a mom and pop shoe store," Sgro said. "This is not a mom and pop pizza shop. This is tens of millions of dollars."

Sgro called to the witness stand strip club owner and operator Stuart Cadwell, who testified he agreed last week to purchase the Crazy Horse Too from Rizzolo for \$45 million. The deal is in escrow, but Cadwell said a lack of a liquor license at the Crazy Horse Too would likely nullify the deal.

"I have the opportunity to get out of escrow should the club stop serving alcohol for more than 24 hours," Cadwell said.

Sgro said Rizzolo's ability to comply with his federal plea agreement is in jeopardy if the sale does not go through.

"The financial penalties (from the plea agreement) were all tied to the sale," Sgro said.

Defense attorney Dominic Gentile, whose law firm in March purchased the real estate under the Palomino Club, a nude dancing establishment in North Las Vegas testified



Mayor Oscar Goodman testifies Tuesday in District Court about the events leading up to the city's suspension of the liquor license belonging to Crazy Horse Too topless club.

► **RIZZOLO: Crazy Horse Too still has adult use permit**

that the Palomino land was more valuable because the club can serve alcoholic beverages.

Gentile said the Palomino land was appraised last year at \$15.2 million if the property came with an adult use permit. An adult use permit is required for businesses that have nude or topless dancers. Without the adult use permit, the value of the property dropped to \$8.2 million, Gentile said.

The Crazy Horse Too still has an adult use permit.

Also testifying in court Tuesday was Mayor Oscar Goodman, who was asked whether the city had ever considered disciplining the Crazy Horse Too prior to Rizzolo's plea deal in June. Goodman said no such request had been made during regular briefings by city officials.

Goodman said he repeatedly asked city officials, "Are there any requests from any authorities to take any action against the Crazy Horse Too?"

The answer was always no, he said.

Goodman said he had an attorney-client relationship with Rizzolo in the past, as well as a "social relationship."

Goodman said he recused himself from the City Council vote that revoked Rizzolo's license out of concern that if he did vote, it might be perceived as a conflict of interest given his shared business interests with lawyer David Chesnoff, who represented a co-defendant of Rizzolo's in the federal tax prosecution.

"I wasn't really worried about the (state) bar (of Nevada) as much as I was the Ethics Commission," Goodman said of his decision to recuse himself from the vote. "We have a long and storied history, and I didn't want to appear in front of them again."

Goodman said he learned after the vote that his association with Chesnoff would not have led Chesnoff's client to withdraw from the federal plea deal. Goodman said he also has since concluded that he never did have a conflict of interest on the matter.

Outside of court, Goodman said the ability of Rizzolo to comply with his federal plea agreement should not impact the City Council's actions against Rizzolo.

"We are two different, independent entities," Goodman said.

After Denton declined to issue the preliminary injunction, Sgro said he would be examining in the coming days what legal options Rizzolo had left to fight the license revocation. One of those options would be to ask the City Council to reconsider the liquor license revocation, and another would involve filing further motions in District Court.