

New Pageant Crowns Winner In Hickory

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"Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the Miss N.C.-USA-at-Large pageant for 1990." A new pageant was given birth by N.C. Pageantry, Inc., Sunday night, April 23, "Ladies-at-large" traveled from throughout North and South Carolina to Club Cabaret in Hickory, N.C. Guests began arriving early in the afternoon for buffet, registration and interview.

A combination fun theme of a country shindig and the Miss Piggy atmosphere was effected by clever set decorations using various farm implements and a scattering of pigs everywhere.

At curtain time a total of seven large, lovely women assembled to present their charms and talents to the audience of a well-attended contest.

"These big girls are a lot of fun and their contests are just about always more fun, but let me assure you, they are dead serious about what they are doing as you will see as this night goes on," commented Cabaret's Mistress of Ceremonies, Nancy Newton.

Representing diverse areas of the two Carolinas were:

- Roslyn Rogers, Hickory, NC
- Lana Holiday, Winston-Salem, NC
- Tiffany Storm, Charlotte, NC
- Victoria Parker, Fayetteville, NC
- Angel Austin, Myrtle Beach, SC
- Marsha Mallow, Asheville, NC
- Pearl Gray, Hickory, NC.

A truly star-studded showcase of special entertainers were in attendance for the event.

The evening of special entertainment began with the reigning Miss USA-at-Large, Carmella Marcella Garcia. Watching a sensational talent improvising live singing, dramatic performances and great humor, one could easily see how she claimed the coveted USA title. Other special entertainers included Mahogany, third runner-up at Miss Gay USA this year; Nancy Newton, Empress V, de N.C.; the reigning Miss North Carolina USA, Lauren LaMasters; the reigning Miss World, Lauren Colby, and Queen-Mother of the Royal Court, Sabel Chancellor.

Interview, evening wear and a talent segment that would rival any national pageant challenged the wits and talents of judges from Tennessee, Ohio and Charlotte's own big beautiful girl, Boom Boom LaTour.

At the close of a fantastic evening of entertainment, a character study of Vestal Goodman, backed up by Jim and Tammy Bakker (aka Shana Nicole and David Reid) brought the audience to their feet and the crown to the head of the first Miss N.C. USA-at-Large, Roslyn Rogers. In extremely close competition, first runner-up was awarded to Angel Austin; second runner-up to Victoria Parker with third runner-up and congeniality going to Marsha Mallow.

"I am fully aware this will be a 'big' task for a 'big' girl as I travel and promote this franchise during the coming year," stated Roslyn Rogers after her victory. "I will try to do my best and I know it will be fun."

The winner and first runner-up will be sponsored by N.C. Pageantry, Inc., at this year's Miss USA-at-Large in the host city, Louisville, Kentucky.



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Admission is generally \$3.00 for members. Policy is that everyone pays the same price. In the future, admission will also mean charity . . . with donations going directly to local AIDS patients.

By the way, ultra-friendly serving-service is a part of the entertainment, too.

And that brings up a question Snuffy's has for you: "What do you want?"

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VERDICT: Snuffy's is hot! The place to soiree and be seen . . . and be with all of your friends!

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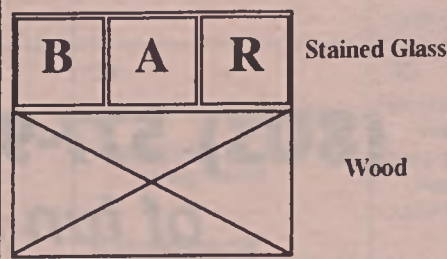
Toni's Benefits Net Almost \$2000

Toni Lenoir bows to the crowd that showed him with \$1,217 in an April benefit at Manfred's. A March benefit at Oleen's net-

ted \$603. Toni, an entertainer in Charlotte for years, has been diagnosed with AIDS. He performed two numbers during the Manfred's event. Entertainers who performed free of charge and donated their tips at Manfred's were emcee Boom Boom La Tour, Melissa Montgomery, Tracy Morgan, Blair Williams, Kerri Nichols, Anita Clit and dancers, Brooklyn Dior, Ben Bagby, Buffy DeMarreau and Brittany Michaels.



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