Guide to the Terry Wilsey Papers on the Las Vegas, Nevada LGBT Community

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Summary Information

Creator: Wilsey, Terrell D. (Terry)
Title: Terry Wilsey Papers on the Las Vegas, Nevada LGBT Community
ID: MS-00472
Date [inclusive]: 1979-2002
Date [bulk]: 1983-1985
Physical Description: 0.23 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Physical Description: 0.21 Linear Feet
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The Terry Wilsey Papers on the Las Vegas, Nevada LGBT Community (1979-2002) are comprised of records from the Las Vegas Gay Switchboard, the Nevadans for Human Rights, and other LGBT community groups based in Las Vegas, Nevada. The collection contains newsletters, agendas and meeting minutes, informational pamphlets, as well as photographs, programs, and a VHS recording of local theatre productions.

Preferred Citation

Biographical Note
Organizer and activist Terry Wilsey has been active in the Las Vegas, Nevada community since the late 1970s. Wilsey served as the president of the organization Nevadans for Human Rights and helped reignite the group after its period of inactivity from 1980-1981. Nevadans for Human Rights served to connect the gay community of Las Vegas and also promoted political and social efforts for gay rights. In 1982 Wilsey restarted the Nevada Gay Times, a second iteration of the Vegas Gay Times newspaper. Wilsey organized the first Vegas Pride event in 1983, a seminar held at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) and a joint enterprise of Nevadans for Human Rights, the Gay Academic Union, and the Metropolitan Community Church. Wilsey was a speaker at the first pride event and served as the organization's media contact for Las Vegas Pride in 1984. Wilsey co-founded the group "Aid for AIDS in Nevada" in 1984. In addition to
his involvement in Las Vegas Pride, Nevadans for Human Rights, and the *Nevada Gay Times*, Wilsey also volunteered for the telephone support charity the Las Vegas Gay Switchboard, contributed to the Stonewall Democratic Club of Southern Nevada, and supported the Gay Academic Union at UNLV.

Sources:


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**Arrangement**

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Administrative Information

Access Note
Collection is open for research, with the exception of materials that are restricted to protect personally identifiable information. Restrictions are noted at the file level of this inventory and will be open for research use January 1, 2059.

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Acquisition Note
Materials were donated in 2002 and 2007 by Terry Wilsey via Dennis McBride; accession number 2003-017.

Processing Note
Material was processed by Special Collections staff. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Hannah Robinson wrote the collection description and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Sarah Jones rehoused the materials and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

Related Collections
The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:
Dennis McBride LGBTQ Poster and Sign Collection, 1984-2012. MS-00842. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Gays -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Gay pride celebrations -- Nevada
- Photographs
- Gay community -- Nevada -- 20th century
- Gay rights -- Nevada
- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Gay rights -- 21st century

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Gay Switchboard: volunteer schedules, 1983-1984

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