



# R H O D E I S L A N D R O C K Y



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## SIDE ARTICLES

Barry Bostwick (Brad) is also keeping busy. He is co-starring in a new ABC television series airing Dec. 5. The commercials for the new series, called "Dads" say "3 kids, 2 fathers, 1 house." Sounds like a male "Kate & Allie." -SRae

WOMEN OF VALOR  
CBS (Sun., Nov. 23, 9 p.m. ET)  
Susan Sarandon, Kristy McNichol and Valerie (Fresno) Mahaffey find themselves in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp in the Philippines. The acting's OK, but the show ends up looking like a World War II propaganda film made 40 years late. Grade: B-

### THE BEST OF RHODE ISLAND ROCKY Part First: The History of RIR

Circa 1979 or 1980 - Johnnie DiTommaso creates the first Rhode Island Rocky, a newsletter distributed at the Cinerama on Hope Street. According to our sources, DiTommaso's RIR was published almost monthly for about months.

Circa 1980 or 1981 - Ruth Rochelle became the editor of Lips, a distributed at the Cinerama on Hope Street. Ruth's Lips was also a monthly publication and lasted about 2 or 3 issues.

April 24, 1982 - The beginning of the Rossi Dynasty. Roy James Rossi published the first Newport Rocky. This date is significant in Rhode Island Rocky Horror Picture Show history because from this day forward, as long as Rossi was in the theatre and as long as the theatre allowed it distribution, fans across Rhode Island would never again be without fresh, new Rocky to read each week. "It became time to quit talking about it and do it, and see what happens," says Rossi.

December 25, 1982 - Rocky goes interstate as the New England Rocky. Rossi still the editor, this edition of Rocky was distributed at the Union Artist's Theatre in Groton Connecticut, during a dark age when there was no regular cast in Rhode Island. As Rossi wrote in the first NE Rocky "Why the title? We have seen how wide-spread RHPS is around the world....It's a big deal and we're going big time right along with it, baby

April 1, 1983 - The mysterious, never to be seen Providence Rocky Volume 1. This volume was written and copies were printed, but it was not allowed in the theatre and thus never distributed. The ironic first sentences read: "The Rocky Horror Picture Show has come to the (deleted) Cinema. Of course, you all know that by now because you must be here to read this."

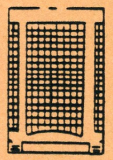
September 9, 1983 - Providence Rocky Volume 2 starts up at the Car Cinema and Cafe. "It was nice to be able to distribute a newspaper again - it was the return of Rocky to Rhode Island," says Rossi.

December 9, 1983 - The Fairlawn Cinema distributes Providence Rocky Volume 3. Although the Fairlawn was in Pawtucket, Rossi kept the title Providence Rocky because it was close enough.

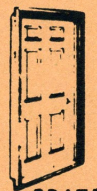
February 17, 1984 - Warwick Rocky begins publication at the Warwick Movie Cinemas. For the first time, Rocky was being subsidized by the theatre. Rossi no longer had to stay late at work to run off copies.

April 26, 1985 - As Rocky Horror moved to new home at the Cumberland Twin Cinemas, Rocky got better. The title changed to Rhode Island Rocky and it is now published on colored paper. Rhode Island Rocky also moved it's headquarters during it's stay at Cumberland. Said Rossi in May 1986 issue: "No longer are the headquarters limited to the corner of my kitchen table. Now operations have spread to a whole kitchen table, 2 boxes, and the end of a counter. All of this is at a new address. Pretty good huh?"  
-by Sheilarae Carpentier

## LAST WEEK AT CTC



ATTENDANCE



PRIZES

FRI 33  
SAT 90

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The Pennsylvania RHPS Cast will not be here Saturday night. But, the RI Cast is still ready and here. Nothing to worry about.