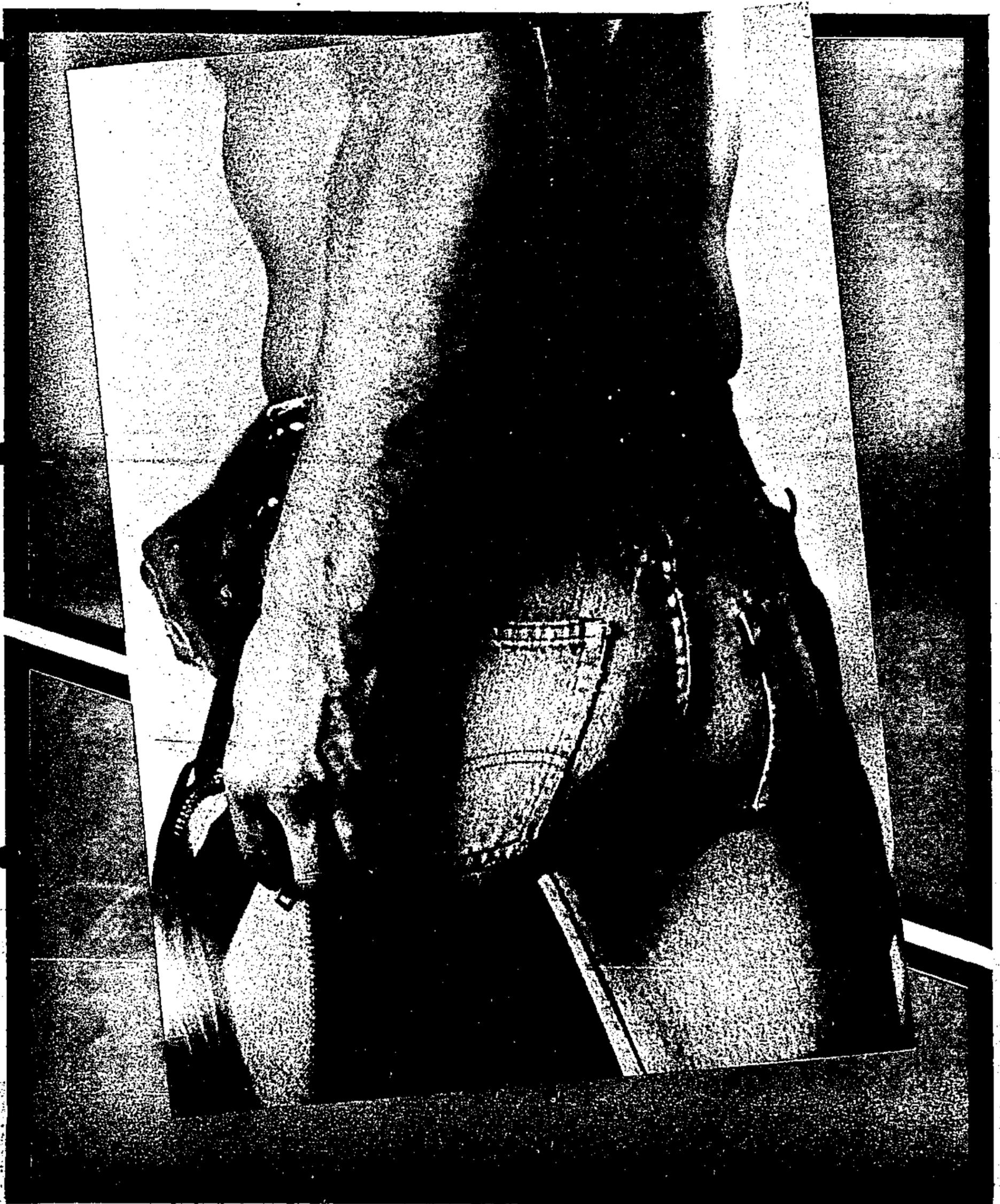


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Clint Stadig, hot and hunky bartender at Bronco's proves he's got what it takes, and we'll gladly take it. Stop by Bronco's and say hello, you won't be disappointed!



We at ATTITUDE wish to apologize to all of the winners and participants in this years rodeo. We fully intended to have an entire photo spread on all, but as luck would have it, did not receive the photos in time to make this issue. To all of you who graciously donated their time for this effort we are truly sorry and promise we will make it up to you next issue. Good luck all of you, we're extremely proud!

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B.A.B.E.S. BAR AND BUSINESS EMPLOYEES SOCIETY

In the early days of January a core group of Phoenix bar employees planted the seeds of what has grown into one of this city's most impressive organizations - B.A.B.E.S. (Bar And Business Employees Society).

Originally intended as a social outlet for bar employees and maintaining a non-union stance, B.A.B.E.S. has grown to include any employees of a gay-owned or gay-oriented business.

Currently preparing to elect its first slate of permanent officers at their August 23 meeting B.A.B.E.S. has been capably led by a panel of acting officers including John Goldschmidt, Garry Mangum and Max Sutherland.

The organization has already prepared its first fund raising event for September 18. At that time B.A.B.E.S. will present its first annual Great American Spaghetti Feast and Variety Extravaganza at Sammy's. The dinner and show will be produced & directed by the membership and will feature some of the Valley's best known entertainers as well as acts from the member bars and business.

Tickets for the evening will be on sale with most of your local mixologists or by calling 231-0168. Prices are \$5.00 for dinner and show or \$3.00 for the show only. No reserved seating - first come first served.

THEATRE PRODUCTION GROUP HOLDS TALENT HUNT

TUCSON - The Santa Cruz Valley Production Company is in need of actors, singers, dancers and anyone with talent who would like to become involved in an original musical that is being produced in mid-October.

Interested persons are asked to come to be at the Northwest Neighborhood Center, 2160 N. 6th Avenue (across from KGUN-TV) on Monday, August 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information call Bob 327-4809 or Mike 623-9493. in the Attitude".

LATE EVENINGS HOURS AT U of A

8 TUCSON - Close of day will come a little later this semester. New, beginning August 8 through September 8, Monday and Thursday, the Division of Continuing Education at the University of Arizona will be open until 7:00 p.m.

To meet the needs of an for the convenience of working adults, offices will be open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. during that time from counseling appointments, class schedules and registration for Special Interest, Youth University, Elderhostel and Correspondence Course programs. Telephone inquiries will be answered by calling 621-7724. Offices for the Division are at 1717 E. Speedway, Room 1201.

In our first issue, we asked the question in our TINSEL TRIVIA CONTEST - Who uttered the line "Beulah, peel me a grape."

The winner is Art DeCarlo. He correctly answered Mae West, and from the movie "She Done Him Wrong". He will receive one of our ATTITUDE T-Shirts - just as soon as we get off our asses and get them back from the printer!

RENO TO HAVE "WHOREHOUSE"

What began as one man's dream ten months ago, has already become a tradition and even a "cult" movement for hundreds of Arizonans twelve performances later.

Pat Williams, never thought about the great popularity his adaptation of the hit Broadway production of "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" would gain. Nor did he anticipate that the production would become a special part of the 1983 National Reno Gay Rodeo, taking place this weekend August 4-8 at the Nevada State Fair Grounds in Reno.

In late September, 1982, Williams - with the added assistance of Bronco's owner Ken Cameron and the special talents of Joe Marshall started wheels in motion for the production which was first presented during the 1982 Christmas season at Bronco's to SRO audiences.

It's success in part is due largely to the fine cast Williams and Marshall gathered. All volunteers and mostly amateurs, having never worked in a production of this nature.

The use of "real" ladies for the female parts was another first in this Phoenix adaptation. Williams, himself, played Miss Mona, but the cast also boasts three of Arizonas more respected "ladies of illusion", who play male parts. Tish Tanner (Garry Mangum) Miss National Reno Gay Rodeo 1982 is Melvin P. Thorpe. Ricki Ray (Richard Harper) is the sidestepping Governor. And the Empress of Arizona JoAnne (John Goldschmidt) is the narrator. Joe Marshall, one of Arizona's premier male leads, is the Sheriff and Charlene is Jewel the maid. Other cast members include Todd Carvalho, Larry, Gary Shiffman, Fernando Romero, Mary Carter, Hal Stewart, Barb, Gay Fouch & Barbara T. The sound and stage crew is headed by Bill LaBossiere, with Clint Stadig, Lee Leber, and Mae Wilhelm.

During the extensive rehearsals, the cast developed as an ensemble and became very close knit, rather like a big family. This "family" kinship is another reason "whorehouse" has become so popular because the audience quickly become a part of the same family.

When the production was accepted for Reno, the cast and crew set to work rehearsing, re-blocking numbers and designing new scenery and costuming for the play. A two night run at the Finline in Tucson provided a dress rehearsal for the group and added even more "whorehouse" fans to the ever growing numbers.

The expense of this trip is being totally footed by the cast members. Money raised from door receipts and donations have premitted the 20 plus cast and crew to pay room charges for the four days of the rodeo. Individuals will pay their own air fare.

William said Whorehouse has been a love affair between he and the cast. He refuses to take all the credit for the success of the play saying it belongs entirely to the cast and crew. Without them, there would be no "whorehouse". Seeing "whorehouse" is an opportunity no one should miss. An enjoyable, entertaining and well done production.

If you are in Reno this weekend stop to speak with the cast. Performances will be at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday on the Midway Stage. Phoenix and Arizona are proud of these fine representatives of our communities.

THE G.C. REVUE

On the first wednesday of each month, over on the westside of town, a strange phenomenon occurs. At 9:00PM the employees and management of the Grand Camel Club go through a metamorphosis, and appear on stage as women, perverts, frogs, cats and a world of different characters.

The show is called the G.C. Revue and is part of the monthly V.I.P. Celebration which includes dancing, drink specials and guaranteed laughter to an always standing room only crowd, who would swear it was a full moon.

The regular monthly show is done in two parts, each with about 10 numbers or skits, each half of the show is highlighted by a group called "The Grande Camelle Sisters", a very stylized and choreographed trio made up of two bartenders (Mark and Jimmy) and a chef (Gregory) who always have the audience calling for more.

Another special part of this show is the appearance of Pat Olivo manager of the popular restaurant/bar. Pat has been a cat, a pig, a wooly bull, and various other hilarious personalities, that always bring an ovation for regular V.I.P. partygoers. The show is directed and organized by Miss Jodi Levitt.

Others in this highly imaginative, talented cast include Missy ZaZa, Ernestine, Pistol Pete, Little BJ, and the westside country legend Miss Lou Ann Lewis.

This show is definitely the best organized and diversely entertaining show in the valley!

In August the G.C. Revue will pull from over 700 acts, the best, to be performed in the Grand Camel Club's 3rd Anniversary Celebration. Get your calendars out and mark these show dates down and plan for a night out at the funniest show in town.

August 3, 5, and 6th, don't forget, all shows 9PM Sharp. There is never a cover charge for these shows. ENJOY!!

DEAR EDITOR:

Okay, I've read the story: "West Coast publisher attacks head of Gay Rights National Lobby." My response: Oh dear, David Goodstein isn't getting his way so he's trying to take his ball and go home.

I've known Steve Endean since he came to Washington to take over the helm of an organization that was too bankrupt to pay his salary; had no office of its own; had no political direction; and most importantly had no visibility on the Hill. During those pre-Endean times GRNL did have plenty of advice from David Goodstein.

While I haven't always agreed with Steve, I have never doubted that he is doing a splendid job. A brief glimpse at his record speaks for itself: GRNL now has offices on both coasts and in the Midwest; the Gay Civil Rights Bill has a record number of co-sponsors; GRNL (and Steve) spawned the first national Gay-oriented Political Action Committee (PAC); GRNL has built a major constituent network designed to bring hometown lobbying to most members of Congress; GRNL sponsored the Convention Project that resulted in such dramatic success at the Democratic presidential nominating convention and a lesser effect at the Republican nominating convention; and throughout it all, Steve has worked tirelessly with a clear political vision of where he and his organization were headed.

My initial involvement with GRNL was to help Steve bring sense to the financial records he inherited. Maybe I'm breaking confidence, but, even back then, Steve had to contend with Goodstein who offered money, support and advice only with strings and conditions. Sorry Mr. Goodstein, Steve Endean is doing an excellent job and you can't play; maybe because you don't play fair.

Sincerely,

Larry Kamms - Washington, D.C.

CAMPING AND DAY HIKES ON MOUNT LEMMON PLANNED IN AUGUST

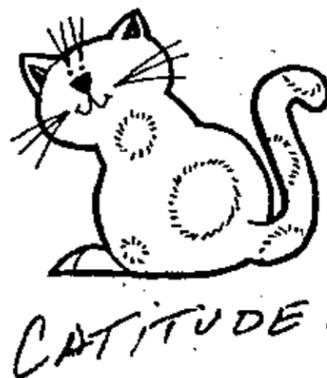
TUCSON - A weekend of camping and hiking is planned in the cool Catalina Mountains on August 5, 6, and 7. This will be a nice and easy camping trip. There will be a lot of pine trees for shade and the campsite looks out over the lights to Tucson at night. The weekend's activities are specially planned so that anyone can join in the fun and get away from the desert heat in the valley below. People interested in participating should call Don at 3263155.

The campers will leave Tucson Friday evening and drive to Mount Lemmon, a 30 to 40 minute drive. The campsite will be Whitetail Campground which is accessible by car and has lots of space for tents, campers, and motorhomes. There are no tables or toilets however and cookstoves will be needed for cooking if campfires are banned due to extreme fire dangers. On Saturday, day hikes are planned and sunbathing will be popular. Saturday, night will feature a bonfire and a visit to Summerhaven to sample the night life. On Sunday, the group can explore areas of Mount Lemmon not seen on Saturday or simply rest and enjoy the cool mountain air.

The activities planned for the weekend are sponsored by Great Outdoors of Tucson. There will be no fee for those attending. The trip is open to men and women and Great Outdoors wants to extend a special invitation to non-members and first time campers. Plans have been made for people to travel to Mount Lemmon on Saturday and Sunday to join the campers who leave on Friday. For more information and the times and place of departure from Tucson, call Don at 326-2155.

JOB HUNTERS WORKSHOP

TUCSON - Assistance for job hunters is being provided by the Challenges of Maturity Department at the University of Arizona's Division of Continuing Education. A workshop entitled "New Ways to Find Work: You Can Do It!", which covers, among other topics: interview questions, resume writing and creative job hunting, is to be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. August 15, 17, 22, 24. Sessions will be held at 1717 E. Speedway, Room 1216. Fee for the workshop is \$25.00. For more information call 621-7719.



DEAR EDITOR:

Thanks for your support and coverage of our efforts in "GayRun '83". We are now looking forward to founding an "Arizona Frontrunners" in Tucson.

Your continued support of athletics in the Lesbian and Gay community is greatly appreciated.

Kim Hunter - Tucson



from the Mouth of The Dragon

It seems my journalistic endeavors are not for naught as when the Attitude goes to Reno, I may gather hundreds of far flung fans from all the frolicing faires at the Rodeo.

xxxxx

Bob P. - Marg - Told me he loved it when I wrote about Bunny and Staly Bell, making them an item, in my column, as symphy was for him, as the wronged person. Don't fret pet, Marg, as you can always go see Roger, on off nights.

xxxxx

John G. is surpassing Moosala for the title of "Cissy No Show". I can relate to the reality of not being able to drive, as I've been there. However, is a phone call outside of the realm of reality, too. Perhaps you can't find a quarter, so write one.

xxxxx

Another late piece - Punta La Hunta aka Pussy La Hoot. She is such an international star. Wonder how she'll like doing drag in Cotton Wood??

xxxxx

When Farrell Lee saw Phylis in drag he told her she looked like a tired Noglax hooker. Ain't that just hateful.

xxxxx

No matter what you've told me Tish, concerning Magnolia in drag, I was impressed. If anybody looks more like Ann Margret, in drag, than you sister, it's Magnolia.

xxxxx

Best I forget - Misty wanted me to tell Barry hello. While their relationship was rather "Stormy Weather", he was damn good sex, and she misses him.

xxxxx

Getting an answer from Jim S. is a bit like trying to walk on water. I tried so hard the other night at Shamoo's, and so long, I forgot the question.

xxxxx

Bobby, Shamoo's other half, told me if Tish's picture, or any portion of Tish, was on the cover of the Attitude, they would have to change the name of the paper to the "Fatitude".

xxxxx

On the other hand after showing Bobby's "Cher" drag picture to Tish, she told me he could not hold a candle to her Cher.

xxxxx

Ain't love among the sisters just grand.

xxxxx

Did Lucy's pen run out of ink??? Or, is she just not writing a column anymore??

xxxxx

Wonder where Ginger Peaches girdles that weight. She looks great, but I'll bet her knees are 32 in. around. I mean darling, it's got to go somewhere, as you are positively thin, in drag.

xxxxx

Oona told Tish and me, "It should have been her". Though luck buckwheat.

xxxxx

I borrowed that "buckwheat" term from Penelope. I know she won't mind, as she always borrows drag numbers from all the other drag queens. At least thats what Cass told me.

xxxxx

In closing I want to wish Michael and in closing I want to wish Michael, Ebony and Mary the best in Reno. Break a leg darlings.

xxxxx

To my Loyal Legion of Fans, I remain,

Dragon Lady
aka
Tom Clark

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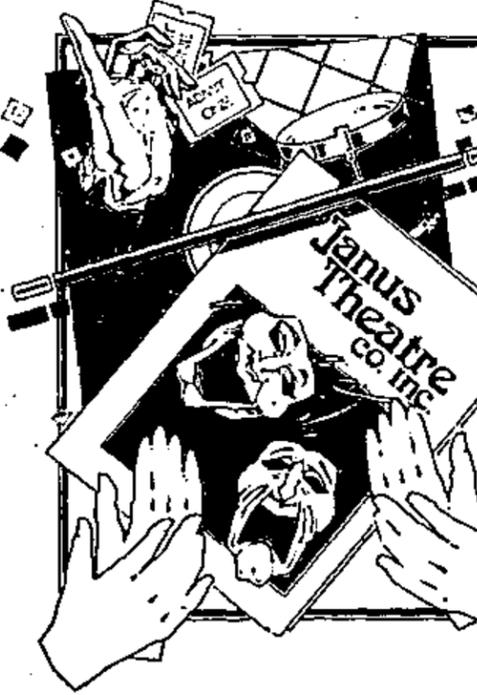
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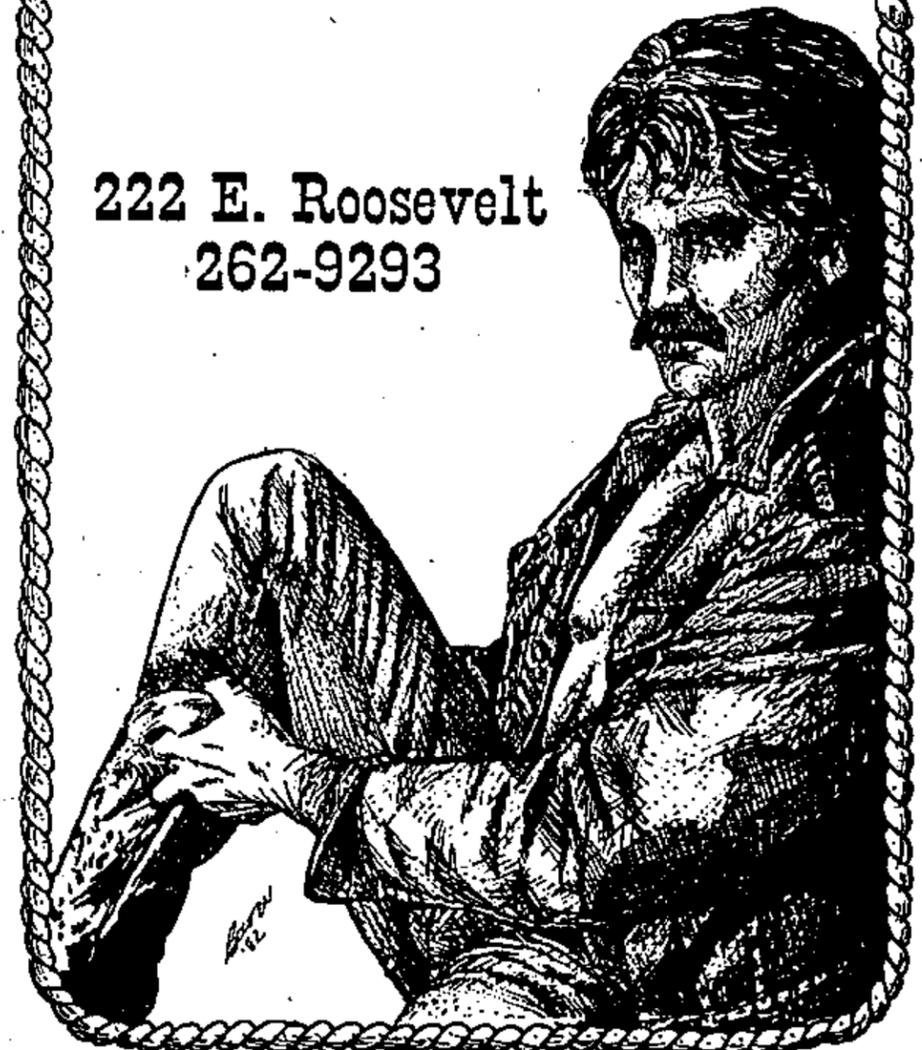
JANUS AUDITIONS
PS - YOUR CAT IS DEAD
Director Judy Rollings will cast James Kirkwood's unusual comedy, "P.S. - YOUR CAT IS DEAD!" for a mid-September opening. Needed are: one woman in her early thirties, two men in their thirties, and one man, Italian-type in his late twenties.

Auditions will be Sunday, August 7, 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and on Tuesday, August 9, 7 to 8 p.m. only, at the Rehearsal Hall, 1002 East Moreland, (10th Street and Moreland).

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HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT by HANNAH HYSTERICAL

One August 3, 1847 Brigham Young leading Mormon pioneers reached Salt Lake City and said "This is the Place!" Four days later August 7 Brigham came to Mesa, Arizona and said "This is a nice place also - But don't change anything till I get back!" The sweet folks are still waiting.



GAY POLITICS

by Roland Atkins,

Throughout the world, the great hands of the political Right and Left reach out, sweeping across the reactionary part of the population. The concerned few caught in these hands are emerging as the leaders of political ideologies, and as usual, all are in a jumble of confusion.

Both the political Right and Left are after only one thing: Power. Power over each other and the government of your life and mine. Politics is an inescapable part of our existence.

And what has the most recent combination of these two major ideologies produced? One hell of a dangerous gang war! In America we now have the New Republican Super-Right controlled by the religious fanatics, and the Democratic party which is falling into the trap of a generally more conservative mood, creeping its way across our nation.

As the hands of political ideology reach for their latest take, we see the Democrats slip through the fingers of the political Left to lose a more conservative-than-moderate position. Pro ERA, of course, but falling far short of what is needed in the true Democratic sense to assure social and economic justice. We need much more government tax money directed for job guarantees and much, much less for defense than is proposed by the Republicans.

At the Democratic convention we saw only a small mark of progress with Ted Kennedy falling away, leaving his most eloquent speech ringing in our ears. A special note should be given to Ron Dellums from California's Bay Area for his speech of the future. The voice of openly Gay people, as usual well in the background, but nevertheless very much alive.

Quite unlike the Democrats, the hand of the ideological Right has caught the Republican party in the tight fist of the Far Right, the most oppressive wing of their party. Add religious fanaticism and the fist grows tighter, squeezing out all the reason and moderation: **No ERA! No Abortions!! No Human Rights and most definitely, NO GAYS!!!** And the most frightening of all: **One Hundred Billion Dollars taken from the aged, sick and poor, and placed into the war effort.** Where will they get that one hundred billion dollars? Of course, from you, the taxpayer. To the Republicans, yesterday is the answer. They want to return to the Joe McCarthy "Happy Days" of the 50s: No thought for the hungry future, except to rule by religious force (i.e., Iran) and the oppression of all minorities, the rule of their church and the destruction of our Constitution. You don't believe it? Maybe you haven't heard the ravings of ardent Republican (Moral Majority) Jerry Falwell, "WE can re-write the Constitution...do anything WE want..." He is but a small part of our current political reality.

As Gay people struggling for minority status we must recognize the common bond between ourselves and all oppressed people. The Republican party (the Grand Old Party) that freed the slaves, is not the party that now so gleefully refuses the rights of women, which is a majority of the population. That party is not going to be in the least concerned with Gay people (except when it comes to how to get rid of us). Indeed, my friends, the great foot of Fascism is aimed straight at our faces and the faces of all minorities.

As Gay people, our very existence is a threat to their religious ideology, for we are historically impossible to "control". We are the Invisible Minority. Herstory and History has been re-written to exclude us from the mainstream of life — NO MORE!

We have been victimized by the political Right and Left throughout history. In America alone, homosexuals have been condemned to death by choking and drowning, we have been executed, jailed, pilloried, fired, court-martialed, prostituted, fined, framed, blackmailed, disinherited, declared insane, driven to suicide, murder and self-hate, witch-hunted, entrapped, stereotyped, mocked, insulted, pitied, castigated and despised. We have also been shock-treated, castrated, lobotomized, and psychoanalyzed (Gay American History, Jonathan Katz). All this by the judgement of such people as make up the current regime of the "Christians" who are in control of the New Republican party. These same "Christians" would starve the poor, sick and elderly to build their one hundred billion dollar death machine. These same "Christians" would deny the right of an individual woman the right to choose to have an abortion — leaving her only the option of bleeding to death at the hands of a coat-hanger-wielding butcher in the ghetto. These same "Christians" would incinerate you, along with the rest of the world, including all the yet unborn of the future in their nuclear radiation. This is our political reality. Support the Republican proponents, support these things, and you must surely hate humanity.

The great hand of the political Left, which by its very nature affirms the rights of all people with the eventual assurance of social and economic justice, with patience will not double up into the red fist of revolution. We must remember that revolution is only a faster version of evolution. Thus patience: evolution; impatience: revolution.

Gay people, with new and growing recognition of oppression, are both a willing and unwilling part of the politics of the Left. We have but to recognize the aforementioned attitudes towards us from the past Religious Fascists such as

the monstrous period of the "Inquisition", Joe McCarthy, or the current movement of Jerry Falwell and his "Moral Majority". The social, economic and sexual oppression from the "ideals" of the past haunt us still; and the new forms of political, social and sexual oppression are, indeed, in tune with our history.

Only within the current framework of the socially democratic Left of the Democratic party will Gay people be only people, no better, no worse than anyone else. The Ted Kennedy's, the Ron Dellum's (Oakland, Ca. Representative) listen — ask where you are in this political world. For you, they are political and social reality.

You doubt me? Pick up your phone, call your Republican Senator (Phoenix, Mesa, Scottsdale, Glendale, etc.) or Representatives. Identify yourself as a Gay person. Demand your freedom. Then feel the oppression for yourself. You will understand as you never did before. And when you go to vote: **Don't pay your executioner!!!**

The "politics of Gay" in this time is Democratic. We must work and expand our political energy; as yet we do not have representation within the conservative wing of the Democratic party, and absolutely no representation within the Republican party. We must therefore campaign for social democracy. We must face political reality. At election time, we have a choice between the cancer of the Political Religious Right of the Republican (Reagan-Bush), and the chest-cold of the conservative wing of the Democratic party.

We must vote a chest-cold over a cancer, for cancer will surely kill you!!!

Gay people must continue to work within the Democratic party for social and economic justice for all people, never for a moment forgetting that by our very nature we are not a majority, but one of the most oppressed, hated, and feared minorities of the world.

Gay Politics, Social Democracy, a "Majority of Minorities", working as a Union, a Great Union for social equality: That is the only hope of defusing the oppressive religious fanatics who call themselves Republicans.

Recall some lessons from history from the revolts against the extremes in human society—from the Religious Fascist take over in Iran, from the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia and the Bolshevik sex-neutral concept of society. Indeed, we in the dirtiest, darkest ghettos of the world could easily model our revolutionary concepts from the Bolsheviks—sexual, social, and economic equality was their goal. As the downfall of the world occurred in 1929-30, the Stalinist Fascists took Russia and still today in Russia (as well as in America), Gays live in peril with the future uncertain.

Do not overlook the Religious Fascist state of the anti-human Iranian Revolution and the possibilities of similar religious revolution occurring in America. **Do not underestimate the power of religious ignorance. If the Religious Fascists take America the deadly past and dangerous present state of Gay people could quickly match or grow worse than Iran! Or Russia!!**

Fascists arose "Born-Again" from the extreme Religious Right Wing or extreme Totalitarian Left ideology. Historically both the Religious Right and the Totalitarian Left have used Gay people to denounce the other. **Do not be deceived by the Far Left OR the Far Right.** We must take great care to remember the lessons of history (Ronald Ray-Gun obviously has learned nothing...or has he?). The New Republican party is more than obvious. Ronald Ray-Gun, George (Espionage and Assassination is his middle name) Bush and his boys are being led into full scale fanaticism. As far as they are concerned, the First Amendment to our Constitution does not exist!! (And if you haven't read it, please do!)

We Gay people are by our very nature dissenters (look at history) and because of our "difference" we must strive ever harder to be leaders, "invisible" no more in the Great Human Adventure called Social Democracy.

A poem by a Gay man, Edward Carpenter, written around the turn of the century, sums up our past and our future:

As a Woman of a Man

*Democracy!
O sombre swart face, now thou art very beautiful to me!
O haughty brow, with glittering withdrawn eyes, not a little contemptuous,
Thou art very beautiful to me!*

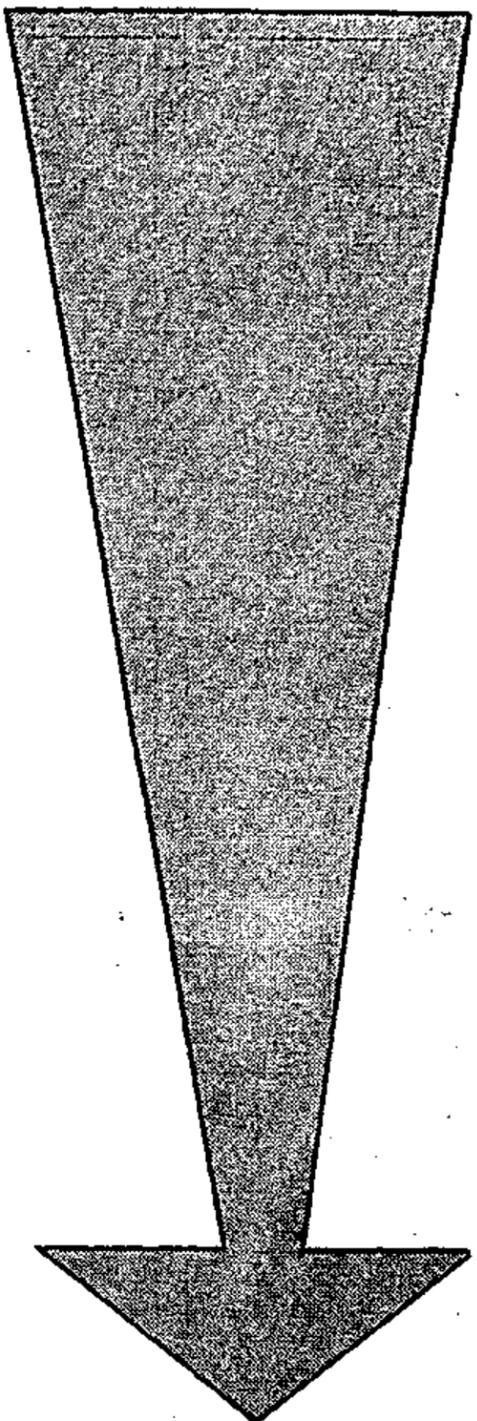
*I am as a child before thee;
All that I have learned, all my fanciful knowledge,
My familiarity with times and distances,
All my refinement is nothing—my delicate hands, manners,
My glibness is nothing;
I crave the touch of thy soul, thou strong one,
I crave thy love.*

*Come! who art no longer a name:
Gigantic Thou, with head aureoled by the sun—wild among the mountains—
Thy huge limbs naked and stalwart erected member,
Thy lawless gait and rank untameable laughter,
Thy heaven-licking wildfire thoughts and passions—
I desire.*

*All conventions, luxuries, all refinements of civilization, and tyrannous wants,
Acquisitions, formulated rules, rights, prescriptions, and whatever constitutes a barrier—
I discard.*

*All the cobwebs of science, and precedents and conclusions of authority,
All possessions, and impediments of property, all rights of bundles and baggage—
I disown.*

*I stand prepared for toil, for hardship—this instant if need be to start on an unforeseen and distant journey—
I am wholly without reserve:
As a woman of a man so I will learn of thee,
I will draw thee closer and closer,
I will drain thy lips and the secret things of thy body,
I will conceive by thee, Democracy.*



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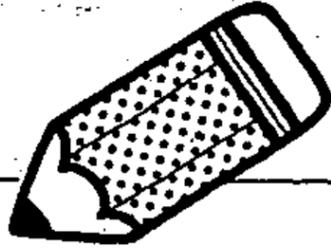
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Dear Allen,
My lover and I met at a famous ladies finishing school. We didn't want to finish what we started so we moved to Arizona several years ago. We have been happy until the last few months. Then my lover started going shitkicking crazy. Cow music, cowboy hats, boots etc. Now she wants to go the Gay Rodeo and has entered the bull riding contest. I'm scared to death - what should I do?

Dear Scared:
Not to worry. I'll bet you got the details wrong. Check out whose on bottom. She won't be riding the bull.

Dear Allen,
I have a great problem with my sex life. I'm 36, firm and well shall we say, built. I'm really very butch looking, acting, etc, but once in awhile I like to kick up my heels-if you get my drift. Every time I end up being top. What can I do?

Dear Top:
Lets you and I get it on for a few nights, then I'll look for someone butch for you. Of course you will have to let them rest a day or two first.

Dear Allen;
In the past few months, my lover and I have been saving every dime we can for a vacation. A week ago I discovered that he had bought a bunch of cowboy clothes - hat, boots, jeans, spurs, etc., and that several hundred dollars from our account was missing. Since we get into kinky things once in awhile I have been waiting with expectation - even put the ropes and cuffs under the bed. This morning he told me had to go see his sick mother for a couple of weeks. His bags were already packed, including the western drag. His mother and I don't get along, but I feel some flowers might be appropriate.

Dear Appropriate:
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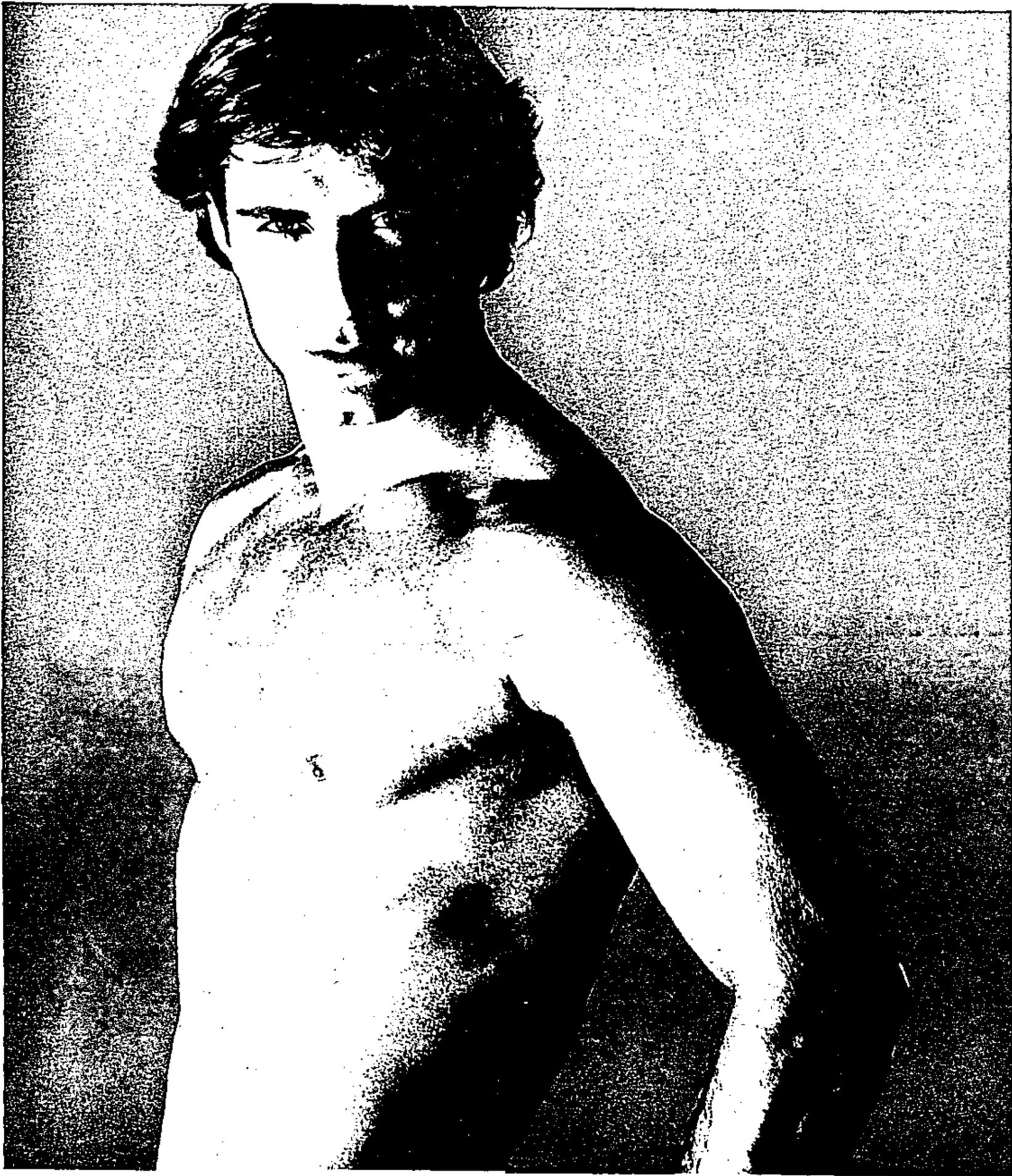
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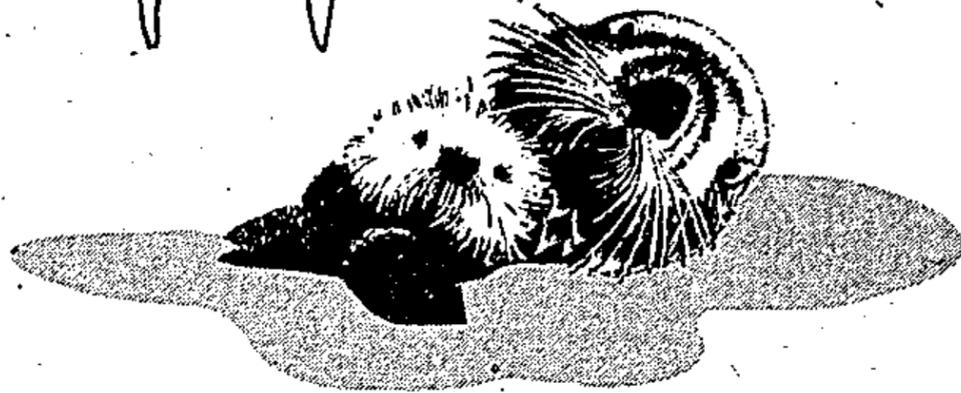
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How frail this little person
whose needs somehow make me
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VISITING VEGAS by kyle kink

If you are a typical tourist, you want to go places where there are no tourists. However it is really hard to believe so many people living in Arizona have not made the short trip to Vegas. (Everyone is a tourist). Don't buy the crap about it being too expensive. You can spend a week cheaper there than in LA, if you play your cards right, (or better yet, don't play them at all.)

Food and lodging in the area are really reasonable. All of the casinos have some type of food and or room deals. If you don't gamble or if you are one of the lucky ones you can even come back with the shirt on your back and a few (dollars, get your mind out of the gutter for a minute or two.)

As soon as you see the huge casinos, by air or driving, you will be impressed by the glamour and the garish glitter and feel the excitement of Vegas. Some say it was created by corruption, crime etc, but who cares. Somehow I equate the feeling to the same as just before climax. Don't climax too soon or the whole trip can be a real bum trick.

Of course one of the main reasons to visit Vegas is to see the Eighth Wonder of the World. I'm not referring to Hoover Dam-Dammitt; but the Greyhound Bus Station. From the outside it appears to be very ordinary; but inside it must have 40 floors below ground with nothing but lockers. Since I have never been in the building you might ask how do I know this?

Common knowledge: On every corner, in every bookstore and bar there are 3 to 5 guys needing 50¢ to \$1.00 to get their clothes out of Greyhound. You add all the corners, bars and bookstores together and multiply by 4 - THAT'S A HELL OF A LOT OF LOCKERS. I don't really trust some of these guys because when I was cruising bus stations they had 25¢ lockers.

I personally recommend staying at one of the casinos downtown rather than on the strip. The Nugget, 4 Queens (you can make it 5), Mint, and Plaza may not be as large as the biggest on the strip but they are just as gaudy and lots more fun. If you stay on the strip you are likely to spend most of your time in that hotel: Downtown you can weave from one to another and, if you're into that sort of thing, cruising is much better. The hired help (some anyway) on the strip are an uppity bunch of bitches. They sneer at a \$5 bet or a \$1 tip. I don't know why because the small bettor is where the money is. For every \$hiek spending thousands there are thousands of stupid shits like me with a hundred dollars trying to become shieks.

Be sure to take in a show or two. You should go out to one or two of the gay bars the first nite. If not for a trick, to meet someone with FLU. Anyone with FLU can at least get you a line pass. Don't laugh it will save you an hour or more of standing in line. If you meet enough FLU you can get COMP tickets. If you don't pick up anything else (heaven forbid-social disease) you will learn the local language in 5 minutes on \$5.

These shows are highly recommended: Joan Rivers-she will tell you things about yourself and others that you have never thought of. Like his music or not Wayne Newton puts on one the best shows going. He has the diamonds, Arabian horses, and Arizona land to prove that he is not only good but smart. Finally, if Village People are in town, don't miss them. You will probably see most of them at the bars after the show.

The gay scene is not for the squeemish. I have seen fists hidden in warm places, where the sun doesn't shine - on pool tables in front of FATHER and everybody. In general the bars are undercooled but not hot and the locals (if there are any) are friendly. Remember the bars are open 24 hours and the crowd changes throughout the day. Sometimes they are quiet and sometimes kinky. Stick around.

The bookstores are wild (however refer to Greyhound story above). the Talk 'O the Town is one the largest bookstores I've seen and trust me I've seen a few. At certain times there are 2 hustlers for every booth or 20 for every trick. Don't go in with your billfold or you will come out with no money. Hustlers in Vegas come in all sizes and shapes. Most are unclean, undesirable, and unable to perform. Next week... GOIN TO KANSAS CITY!

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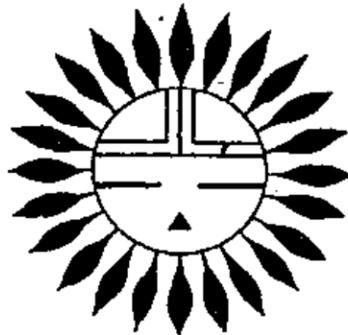


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Are you musically inclined? Have you heard about Desert Sky Singers, a gay men's choir that performs concerts throughout the valley and out of state. How about Desert Overture, our own gay concert band. It includes a string section, and why, they're even playing in the Hollywood Bowl next year. And if you don't sing or play, but are interested in working for the advancement of the performing arts, then C.P.A.L., the Community Performing Arts League, could use you.

How about acting on other facets of theatre work? We are very fortunate to have a group called Janus Theatre which produces both gay and non-gay plays.

Are you an outdoors person? Desert Adventures is an active club that plans camping, hiking, and other types of travel activities for both men and women.

Interested in motorcycles, or maybe like a fun but very male group? Why not check out these 3 clubs: The Sons of Apollo and the Arizona Rangers of Phoenix, or the Tucson Knight Owls. All three have their own special functions and one could be just right for you.

Perhaps you are young and not into the gay bar scene. Have you looked into Arizona Gay Youth? This organization meets weekly and has lots of fun with activities all year long. There is also an organization for the older crowd - Mature Gays.

Are you interested in politics? There is always a need for you with Citizens for Constitutional Rights or Feminist Lesbian Activist Coalition (F.L.A.C.).

Are you interested in the growth of Phoenix. As a gay community member well, contact Metro Phoenix Gay Community Services. The group does a lot of work all year around and could use your ideas and support.

Maybe you don't have a particular interest, but want to be involved with a lot of fun people have good times. L.A.D.S. is definitely for you. The largest organization of its kind in Arizona, Los Amigos Del Sol (Friends of the Sun) is a never ending machine of activities which interests include everyone, everything all the time.

Did you know that all the groups mentioned above can be reached easily by a phone call-it's that easy.

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Holly comes down with a severe case of the blues and starts drinking unfortunately her case doesn't hold water and Holly is forced to face the music rather than play it.

Monica is caught up in a bar room brawl while out for a simple cocktail. Their situation is ugly, to say the least, and poor Monica is forced to flee to escape reporters. Luckily, Allen has pull with the Fort Charles newspaper and the true story is never publicized.

ARE THEY ALL MAY CHILDREN

Ellen's pregnancy is beginning to show, in more ways than one, and she is having second thoughts about having another baby at her age. Mark is still having troubles with his jingles without a little help from his friends. It becomes obvious to everyone that Mark and Ellen are developing the "Habit".

Jesse and Angie finally split up. Jesse is so distraught he skips band rehearsal while Angie puts a move on Vera. One of Vera's old boyfriends shows up and nearly strangles Angie to death in front of everyone.

Palmer Courtland goes shopping for Gucci luggage for Daisy. Daisy is thrilled over the gift until she finds out he intends it for her permanent move to a duplex.

Jenny Gardner goes off the deep end over Gregs rejection and tries to "Do the Big Apple" again. Jenny has too many cocktails, to get in the mood, and ends up passing out in an after-hours club where nothing happens to at all.

ONE LIFE TO REVIVE

Dorian is in a rage at hearing that Vickie may be getting more out of the estate than she is. Vickie, in the meantime, is more concerned with Clint showing up on time to give her a ride home.

Brad Vernon reverts back to his old Habits and has a late night rendezvous that can't go unnoticed. Everyone in Landview agrees that Brad was better off back on the sheep ranch, singing "When Will I See Ewe Again".

Marco Dane, after leaving Edwina, wastes no time sparking up a new romance. Marco and his new flame make a nice enough looking couple but most people feel the matching outfits are a bit too much.

Asa throws a bash but thanks to the sour mash, doesn't remember most of it.

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Joe Novak (who contrary to popular belief, is not Polish) is in a daze at having more than four dates with the same person. Joe gets a little carried away celebrating in a local tavern, however, and his date is stuck making apologies not only to the bar-maid but to many of the patrons as well.

Johnny gets tickets for the big Rodeo and packs the new car for the trip. Problems arise as to if where he can put all of Mauve's dresses, hat boxes, two hair stylists, make-up case and still have room to drive.



WHERE THE MEN ARE!!

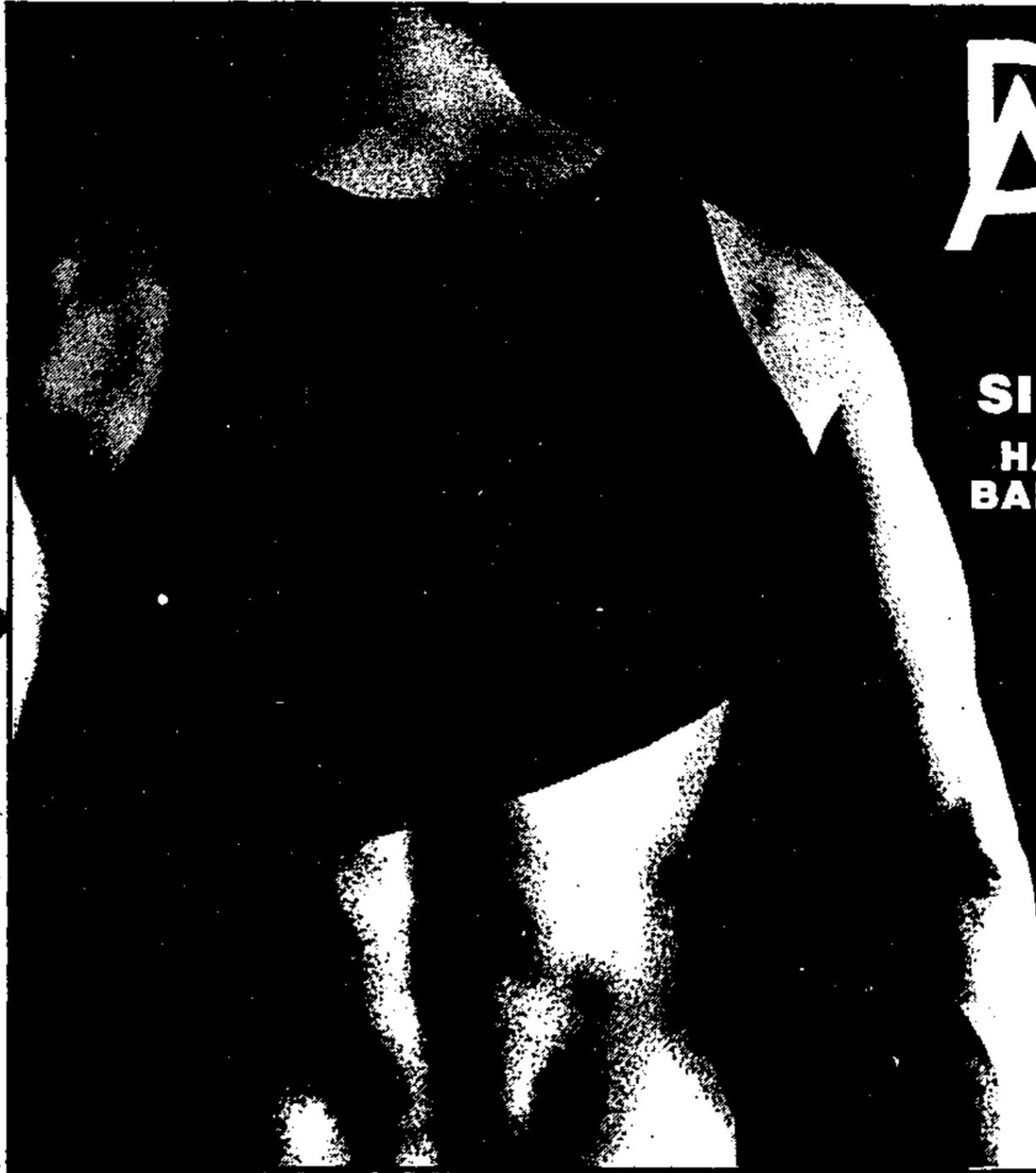
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