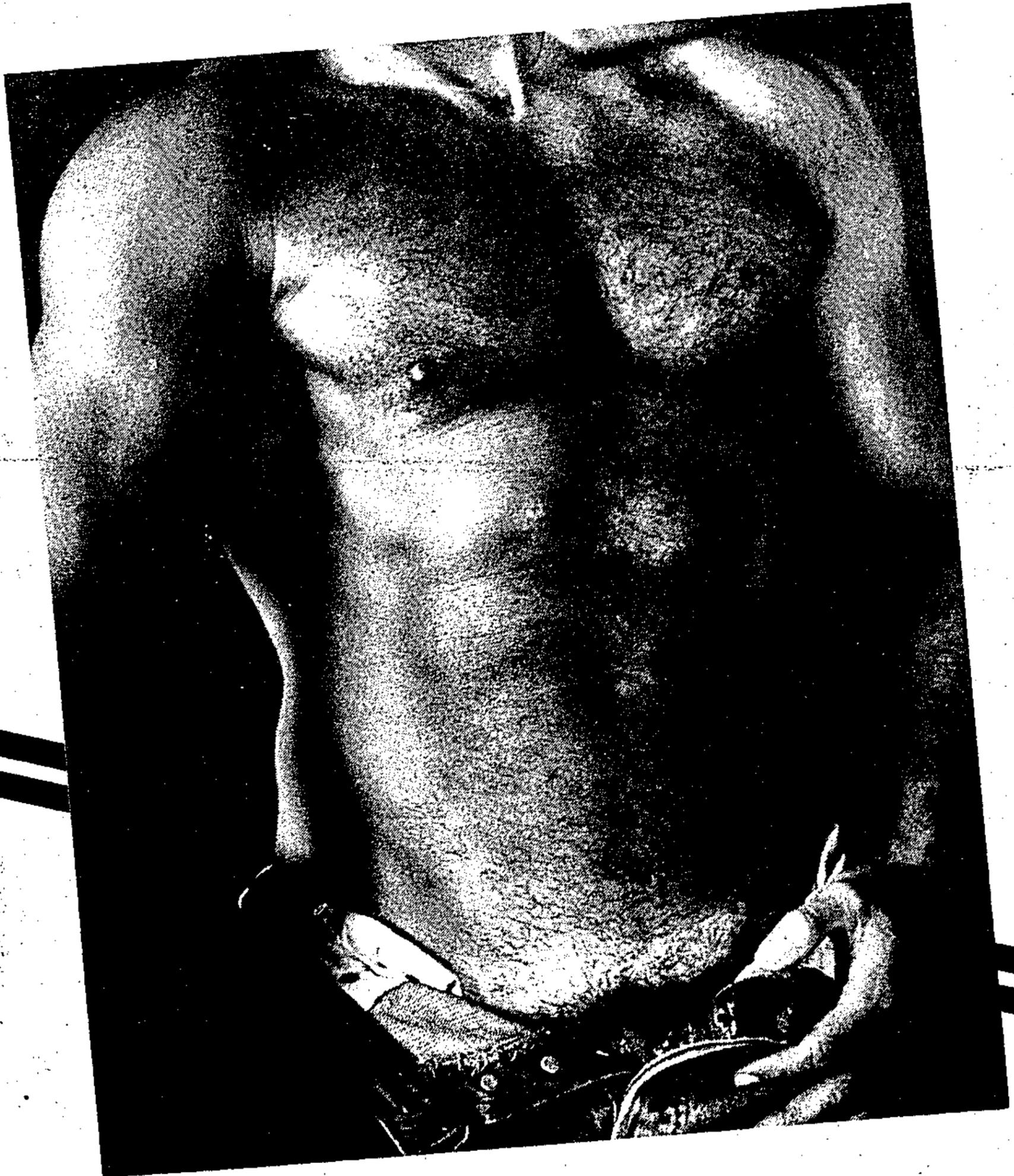


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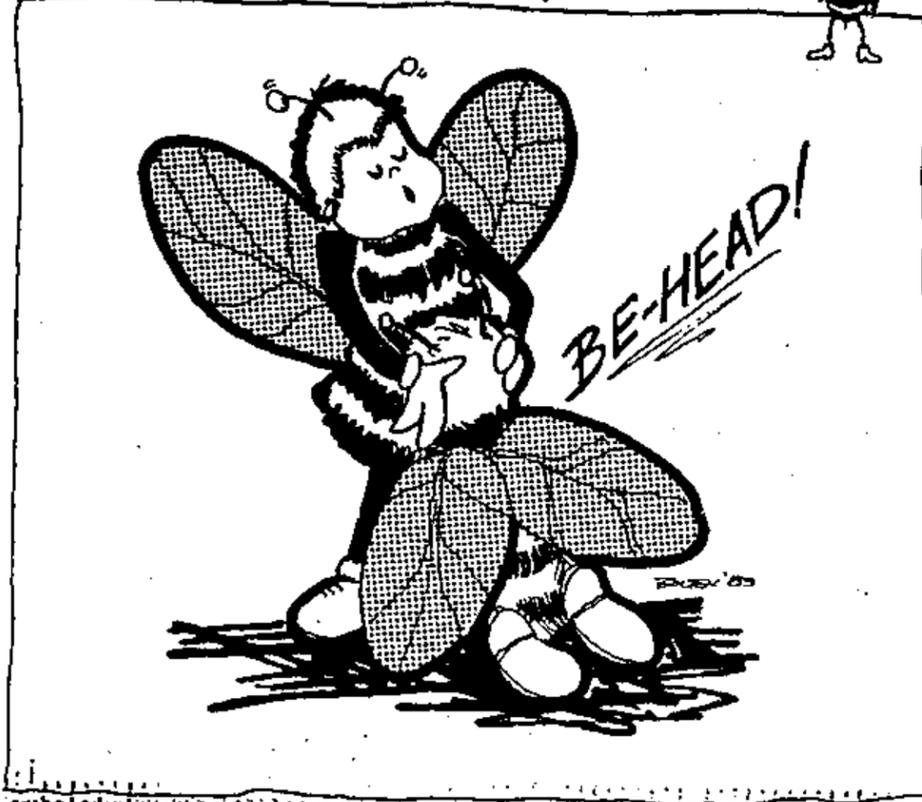
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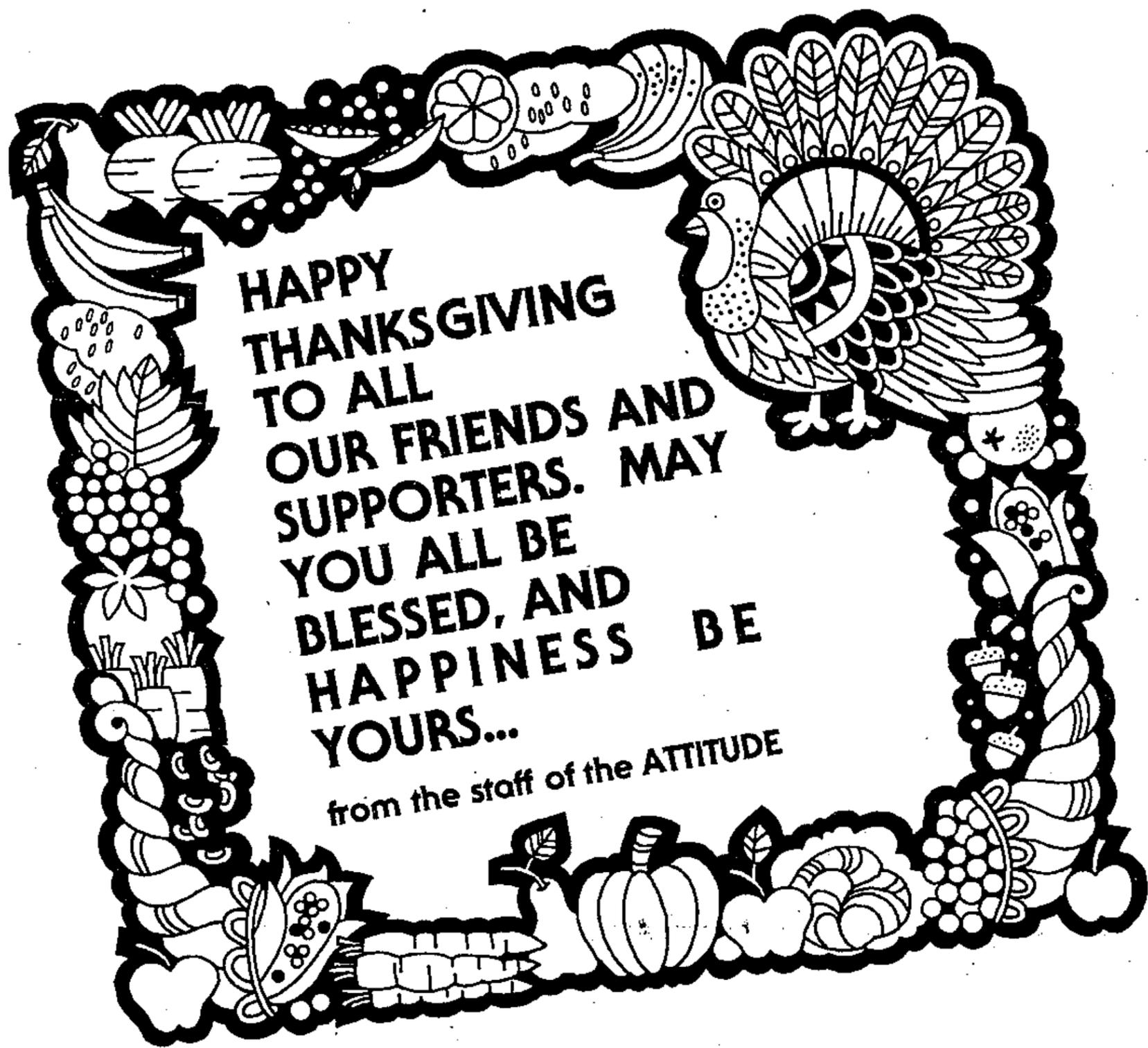
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GAY/LESBIAN RELATIONSHIPS DISCUSSED AT MCC

TUCSON - This year, Metropolitan Community Church of Tucson will be celebrating the Advent season a little differently. Advent is the traditional time of anticipation and preparation for Christmas. "We will be preparing the incarnation - 'the becoming flesh' of God in Jesus Christ," said pastor Dave Gunton. "If we are to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ as a human child, it only follows that we should look at our relationships with other people," he said.

Over the next four weeks, Reverend Gunton will be preaching about relationships for Lesbians and Gay men. The topics he will be examining are: "Sex or Friendship - The Bedroom or the Living Room", "I've Found the Right Person, But Can I Make it Work?", "When It's Over, It's Over", and "You, Your Lover and God."

This sermon series on relationships will be part of the 10:45 am Sunday Services beginning Sunday November 27. Everyone is invited to attend. MCC is located at 560 South Stone Avenue. For more information, please call the church at 622-4536.

GREAT OUTDOORS MEETS IN TUCSON

TUCSON - The Tucson Chapter of Great Outdoors will meet on Dec. 1. On the first Thursday of each month, Great Outdoors holds its monthly meeting at 7:30pm at the Fineline, 101 W. Drachman in Tucson. This is a great place for members of the group to find out what is going on and to make suggestions for future trips. For those who do not belong to Great Outdoors, the meeting is an opportunity to find out something about the group. This month the agenda will include a report on the recent Great Outdoors Annual Conference held in San Diego. The meetings usually last about an hour and a half and are open to any interested persons. The Tucson Chapter invites both men and women to its meetings to find out more about what the group is all about.

The members of the Tucson Chapter enjoyed an 8 mile bicycle trip to San Xavier Mission on Nov. 6. About 10 persons ended up at the mission for a sack lunch and a tour of the area. On the weekend of Nov. 11-13, thirty members from Tucson and Phoenix participated in a car-camp at Rocky Point, Mexico. The unusually hot weather for November enabled the group to spend two full days swimming in the Gulf of California. An early morning departure on Sunday, Nov. 20 to Sycamore Canyon near Nogales kicked off the last outing of the month. Members met at 6:30am to carpool for the drive to Nogales. The day hike was a 3 mile trek along the beautiful clear stream that runs through the canyon. That evening a few cars went into Mexico for dinner before returning to Tucson.

For more information about the group or any of its events, call the Great Outdoors telephone number in Tucson, which is 795-7615.

STUDS CONTINUED

BOSTON, MA (GCN) - A man who was arrested on September 9 for wearing a leather wristband has had his case "continued without a finding" by a District Judge here. Keith Nordin was stopped by Massachusetts State Police and charged with possession of a studded leather wristband. A newly-enacted provision of the Massachusetts dangerous weapons law provides for penalties ranging from a \$50 fine to five years in state prison for the offense.

The judge's action, a common procedure in cases involving minor offenses, means that the charge will be dropped after three months if Nordin faces no other charges at that time. The judge ordered Nordin to pay \$50 in court costs. Nordin told GCN the total cost of the affair has come to more than \$500 in attorney's fees, court costs and towing costs.

MAN GUILTY OF RAPING HITCHHIKER

by Shannon Davis

TUCSON - A 34 year old man faces up to seven years in prison after being convicted this week of raping a male hitchhiker whom he had given a ride. Raymond J. Lavallee was found guilty at the close of a trial before Superior Court Judge Robert Roylston on one count each of sexual assault and kidnapping. Lavallee was arrested March 7 after the victim, a 25 year old man who moved to a different state after the attack, called police and told them his attacker was in a bowling alley from where he was calling.

The victim told police he was on his way to a restaurant for dinner when Lavallee picked him up and said he would drop the victim by the restaurant after stopping at a couple of bars to talk with some acquaintances. The two visited the bars and headed for the restaurant, but Lavallee passed it and drove instead into a desert area, the victim told Roylston.

Both sides had stipulated that Roylston, not a jury, would determine innocence or guilt. Lavallee struck the victim in the face and on the back of the head before stopping on the Northwest Side, where he pulled the victim's clothes off and raped him, according to the victim. Lavallee, the victim testified, threatened him with a broken glass. Lavallee, who weighs about 235 pounds - about 100 more than the victim - gave much the same account of events - except for the attack.

Lavallee said he picked up the man and stopped with him at a couple of bars. He said he was taking the man to a bowling alley, where the victim said he wanted to borrow some money. Lavallee denied that any attack took place.

Deputy County Attorney Gus Aragon, who prosecuted the case, said the prosecutor's office had agreed to limit the sentence that might be imposed upon Lavallee to a maximum of seven years. Normally, a person convicted of sexual assault, faces from 5 1/4 to 14 years in prison. Lavallee faces from 5 1/4 to 7 years, with no possibility of early parole.

Tucson police said assaults involving a male raping another male have been reported in greater numbers lately.

Tucson Citizen

THREE WAY '83-AND A WHOLE LOT MORE

TUCSON - The Tucson Knight Owls is sponsoring a four-day event over this Thanksgiving weekend that was to include the Sons of Apollo and Arizona Rangers from Phoenix. The event has expanded rapidly to include men's clubs from Denver, San Diego, Albuquerque and other cities throughout the Southwest. Also joining in the weekend festivities will be Tucson's newest Men's Club, Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen. The itinerary includes breakfasts, lunches, dinners (even dessert at the after-hours club), keggers, eye openers, eye closers, scavenger hunts, birthday party, brunches, awards and maybe even a little free time for the weary participants. If you happen to be out and about in Tucson over the holiday weekend, you are bound to run into some of the merry makers. Soy hello and give them a big Tucson welcome.

LETTERS...

Editor:

In response to Mr. Russell Serfs letter in the last issue. Why damn all prisoners because you let a couple take advantage of your stupidity/generosity???

Like the rest of us (from the richest to the poorest) you will find the honest and dishonest among each social group and prison society is no different.

However, you do have one advantage when you open yourself to a prisoner - you know he/she is in prison because they did something wrong, according to the law, and got caught doing it. Could be drunk driving, drugs, sex etc, that we have been guilty of but lucky enough not to get caught, so seems logical to protect yourself against being conned the same as you would do with anyone on the street - even more so.

Trust and friendship, to me must be earned. Would you lend/give a casual "frick" you've been with and seen around town for a couple weeks or months a hundred dollars? Doubt it very much. Imagine you would buy him a drink or two out of friendship and not feel taken.

Apparently you've written to prisoners because you wanted friendship from them, so what's the big deal of sending them stamps, stationery, or makeup. The few bucks spent can give you hours of pleasure from the letters they write and personal satisfaction of trying to make life a little happier for someone less fortunate. Wonder how much you have spent trying to "make" a friend in a bar for the evening and ended up going home alone.

You must be an easy touch to be "conned" by the garbage you mentioned in your letter. What does a prisoner need clothes for? The prison provides the basics, not Dior of course, but who are they going to impress with civies?

Hopefully your put down of prisoners will not discourage others from writing to them because there are a lot of nice decent people in there who are lonely and broke, wanting only friendship and a way to relieve what to me would be unbearable, the solitary hours of boredom.

If you want a "patsy" for your folly, look in the mirror. name withheld by request

Friends:

I really want to give thanks at this Thanksgiving season for the wonderful people at the ATTITUDE.

Your listing of our group, "The G 45 plus Mens Social Group of Phoenix", has helped the group become a success. By being in your "notices section" every issue it has been the one thing that has helped us grow.

May your paper continue to be the wonderful force it is in our community today.

Sincerely,
R.E. "Dick" Fontaine
G 45 plus Social Group
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THE DAZE AFTER

Will a nuclear bomb blind you if you look at the fireball? Why are you piling a mound of dirt on the side of the cellar? Should you lock the door of your bomb shelter once you are inside? Strangers (survivors) will shoot you if you order them off your property after a nuclear war! Surprise surprise - you already knew that? Well, maybe some of us didn't, and most likely still don't. The questions were not answered.

In fact, the aftermath of ABC's all-out nuclear war was more like a very bad earthquake, or like the aftermath of Hiroshima with people walking around in the fallout as if it were snow - walking into ground-zero after the blast. Going to a "safe zone" in such a disaster would be impossible. Were they so dumb, or were we for drinking such weak tea?

The socially-compromised and politically questionable (for me) movie did not say anything that I did not already know. A great opportunity was lost - an opportunity to send out a vital political message condemning the arms race. The political Right consistently tells us that the build-up of nuclear weapons is the only way to prevent such a catastrophe, and now they're saying that "The Day After" supports the Reagan position. Phooie!

The gore portrayed did not come anywhere close to the honor of an all-out thermonuclear war. Two 20 megaton air blasts over a city would leave no noticeable amount of life. The two bombs that exploded in that area was not, to my perception, factual.

Kansas is peppered with ICBM sites and Russia would most likely drop one bomb for every bomb stored there. No "safe zone" could possibly exist. Don't be fooled by the old one-bomb-for-one-city line. No, indeed, Phoenix alone would likely receive 4 or 5, each of 1 to 5 megatons, not to mention several big ones for the nearby Air Force bases. NO SAFE ZONES in any area where so much destruction is stored. Kansas would literally be burned out of existence and so would the inhabitants.

I would hope that surely by now all of us would have figured out that "launch on warning" is the policy of the U.S. government. The movie made this fact rather clear. This is an incredibly dangerous policy, and likely is the Russian policy too. Perhaps now we will grow to understand the rip off of Reagan's "strengthen the silos to resist a first-strike" policy. Hogwash! The missiles will pass each other over the polar cap on their way to destroy the enemy's empty silos. There is little consideration of launching after a first-strike, as launching then would be impossible. The decision for the life or death of this planet then must be made in a 3 to 6 minute (or less) interval which will leave us about 20 minutes of life as the Russian missiles, also launched on warning, streak towards our empty silos.

Thank you ABC for "The Day After" and for at least showing us "launch on warning". And thanks also for trying to project even the hint of truth to the American people - something the Reagan Administration obviously detests.

We live in an age of the most severe overkill potential. The U.S. has the power to kill every person on earth a million times over, and the Russians have the same. We can only die once! Help stop the arms race, if it isn't already too late!

-Roland Atkins
CCR Lobby

SUCCESSFUL FORUM ON AIDS

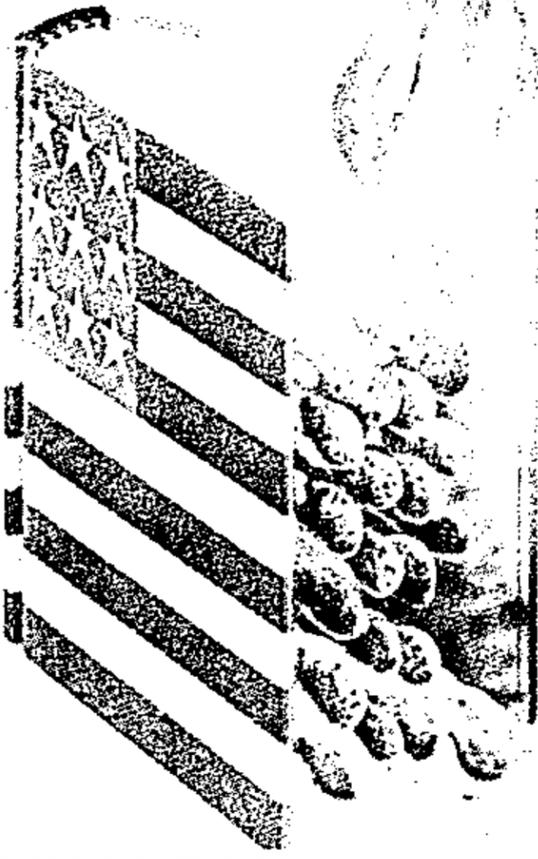
TUCSON - On Wednesday evening, Nov. 16 at the Metropolitan Community Church building, the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee along with the Tucson Alternative Lifestyle Health Association, presented a forum on AIDS. Over 50 persons attended the Forum which in essence brought into perspective the danger of getting AIDS and Hepatitis B.

Dr. Joe Browning, Director of the Pima County Communicable Disease Clinic, stated that of the 287 Gay men examined at the clinic, 79% had or were carriers of Hepatitis B. Dr. Steven Keric stated that over 50% of Gay males in the larger cities have Hepatitis B. Dr. John Clochesy, Associate Director of Nursing at the Arizona Health Sciences Center, said a vaccine for Hepatitis B is available and the cost is \$105.00.

On the subject of AIDS, it was disclosed that in Tucson, one man has died of AIDS, one is recuperating and one is suspected of having the disease. AIDS warning signs include fatigue, fever, enlarged lymph nodes, diarrhea, night sweats, coughing and purplish blotches on the skin, said Dr. Michael DeLores. Dr. Scott Gorman talked about decreasing the risk of getting AIDS by lessening your exposure to feces and decreasing the number of your partners.

Thanks to the TLGPC Co-Chairperson, Susan Unger and Jack Stockslager for their introduction, Dr. Bob Henry, Medical Director of the Tucson Alternative Lifestyle Health Assoc., Forum panel coordinator and introductions, to the TLGPC Health Sub-Committee Mark Dairon, Gary Clark and Leonard Cisneros for publicity and coordination and to all the health professionals for donating their time by speaking at this important Forum.

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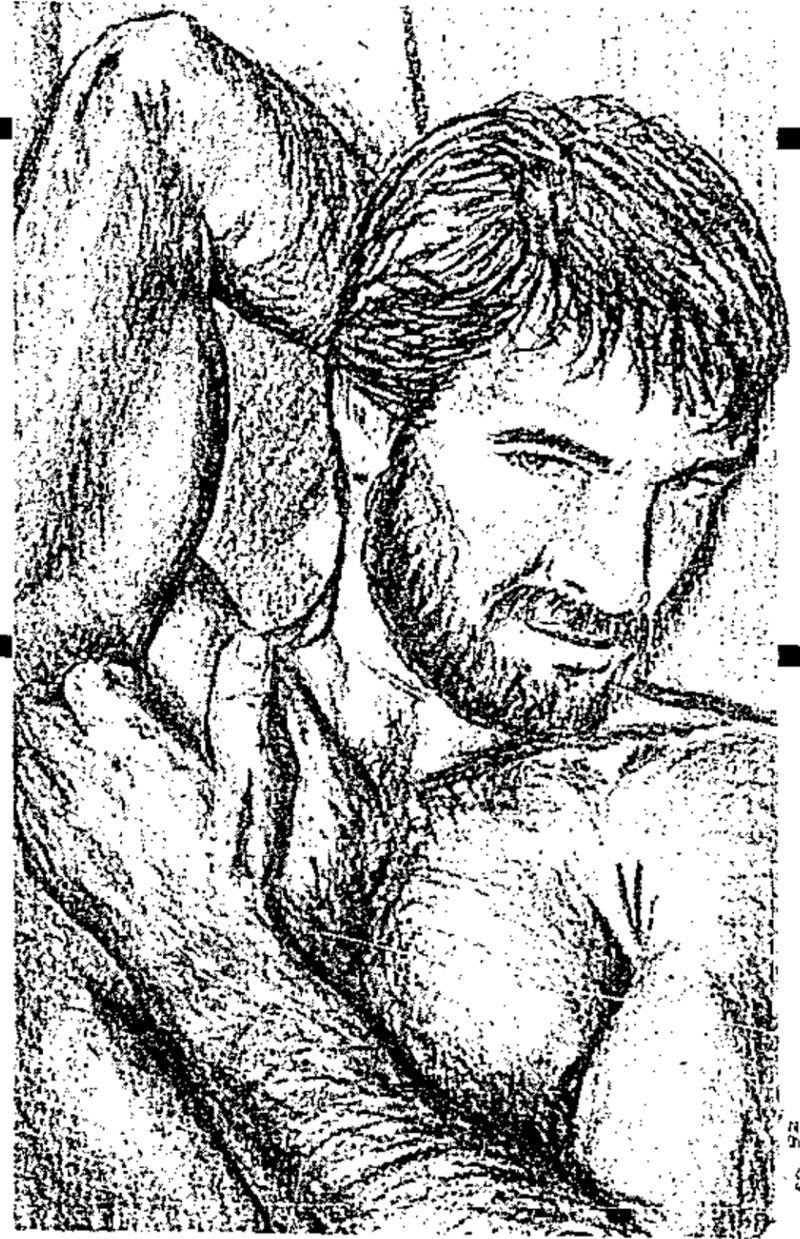
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TUCSON BAR SOAPS

by Gloria Spumonti and Agnes Vixon

GENERAL HYSTERIA — Laura has returned to Port Charles but no one knows who she is. Her disguise is so good that even Luke doesn't notice her. Laura sees him however and every girl he's flirting with.

Dan Rooney starts another project. The problem with Dan and his projects is - he never finishes one. The last one is still sitting in the hospital parking lot.

Celia goes over the edge. With all the problems she and Grant are having, she starts staying out late at the local tavern where she is seen dancing on top of the bar.

ARE THEY ALL MY CHILDREN? — Langley discusses his ex-wife a little too personally with Phoebe. It results in a very unpleasant scene with repercussions all over Pine Valley.

One would wonder just why Edna moved back to a sleepy little town like Pine Valley. After all, with all her money and jewels, it seems she would prefer someplace more cosmopolitan. Then again, she wouldn't seem so hot in New York or Chicago, where as it is easy to show off in Pine Valley.

ONE LIFE TO REVIVE — Asa finally gets around to cleaning up the back yard at the mansion. Clearing out everything for a big yard sale to raise money to keep "Asa's" open during the day. Speaking of "Asa's", all the remodeling is finished. However, the place needs a sandbox for the little "Der Tanko" trucks.

Larry and Wanda Wolack take a trip to Port Charles to roll in the grass and dance in the Gift Shop.

RONNIE'S HOPE — Maevie gives up her day shift at Ryan's Place and gives the hours to her cute youngest son Patrick. Patrick will do wonders for the daytime biz as long as he doesn't smock anyone.

No more Sunday night bingo at Ryan's Place. Everyone has to settle for business as usual.

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BOY SCOUTS CAN'T OUST GAYS

BERKELEY, CA (GON) - A Federal court here has ruled that the Boy Scouts of America may not expel a member simply because he is Gay. The Boy Scouts' membership policy excluded girls, homosexuals and atheists. The Second District Court of Appeals ruled that the expulsion of Eagle Scout Timothy Curran violated his constitutional rights to fair process and ordered the organization to reinstate him. The court also said the Boy Scout organization is a business establishment and is subject to state law forbidding discrimination.

Curran's battle with the Boy Scouts began in 1980 when he was denied a position as an adult leader which he sought to enable him to work on the organization's newspaper. Mr. Diablo Boy Scout Council officials denied him the position because they had seen a newspaper article in which Curran was described as an "outstanding Gay youth". Curran was subsequently expelled from the Boy Scouts.

An attorney for the Boy Scouts told reporters that the organization will appeal the ruling. The attorney Malcolm Wheeler, said the ruling is a violation of the right of free association. "There is all sorts of selectivity in associations that we believe to be fundamental and protected by the First Amendment," Wheeler said.

ACLU attorneys representing Curran successfully argued that his expulsion was "arbitrary" and violated "the common law right of fair procedure." Curran says his troop always knew he was Gay and that "they didn't care." "I want to rejoin my troop," Curran exclaimed after the ruling.

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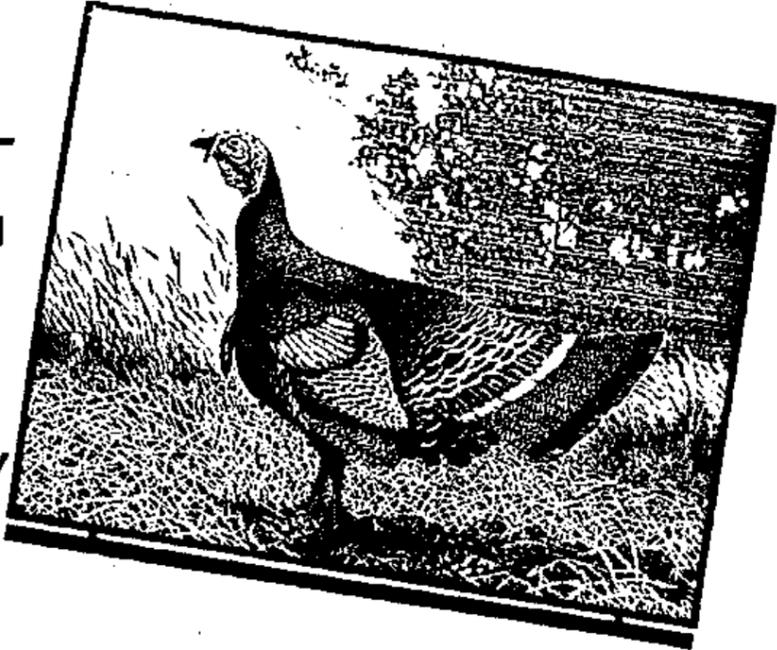
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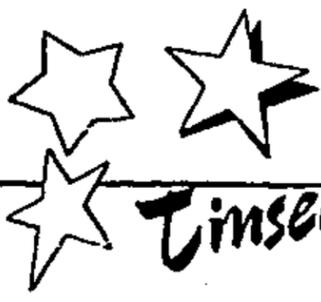
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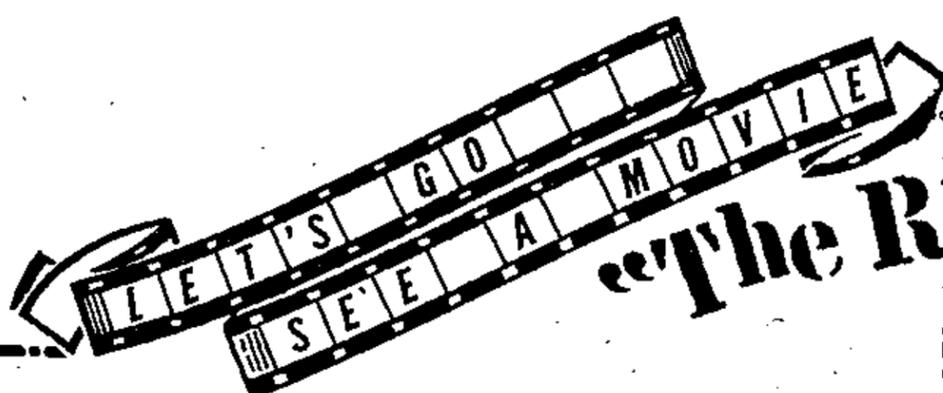


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TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

Name these two stars and the movie from which this shot is taken.



"The Right Stuff"

conveniently overlooked with hilarious results. An indoctrination scene where recruits are asked to give specimens of sperm is amusing. With two macho guys, side by side in bathroom stalls humming "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" to help induce orgasm, how could you not laugh?

It is a marvel of editing that all of this ever got put together and released. Some of the cinematography is quite impressive. The flying sequences can be breathtaking. A sequence combining astronaut John Glenn's earth orbit through what he describes as a swarm of fire flies with a group of aborigines in Australia dancing around a bonfire with sparks flying is strange. I'm not sure I understood the analogy but it was great to look at.

The dialogue is practically non-stop and often colorful. Kim Stanley, who gets lost in the shuffle of this busy movie, refers to the rookie pilots as "pudknockers". Astronaut John Glenn admonishes his suddenly famous and horny counterparts to "keep your pants zipped up and your wicks dry." Government auditors explain about funding with "no bucks, no Duck Rodgers."

Performances in this large cast are generally good and believable. The score is adequate and highly reminiscent of a John Williams piece. Film clips and documentary footage from that time, including some great shots of failed rocket launch attempts, are interspersed with good effect.

What about the MEN? If you go looking for beefcake, you'll be disappointed. There are only a few quick shots of them in undershirts. Nevertheless, actor Scott Glenn as astronaut Alan Shepard got my vote for best biceps. Ed Harris as John Glenn has a pair of the prettiest blue eyes you could ever hope to gaze at.

This really is a motion picture of epic proportions. It tells the story of the people involved in exploring what many have come to refer to as the last frontier. It is not a perfect movie. Sometimes it drifts and you wonder where it is going. Other times it throws images at you that seem out of place. The film opens with the narrative "There is a demon in the air." Air Force test pilot Chuck Yeager injures himself in a fall from a horse. Next morning he goes up to break the sound barrier. He almost dies. He is passed over by the government for the space program. The film closes with him some sixteen years later. While the better known veteran Mercury seven and their wives watch Sally Rand onstage performing a fan dance(?) at a Texa barbecue, Yeager goes up in a new plane to meet the demon again. He almost dies again. He survives. The plane isn't as lousy. Is this "the right stuff"? Is it courage? Or is it just crazy? Is this as good an account of what happened as we are likely to see? Will this movie help or hurt John Glenn politically? I wouldn't know. But I know I didn't feel ripped off when I left the theatre. And I hope I can find some of "the right stuff" when I go out looking for it.

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There was popcorn actually popping behind the snack bar. An honest to goodness curtain across the screen. A very good start.

What is meant by "The Right Stuff"? I know what it means for me and I did not see him our last night.

If I hadn't already known I would have sworn this film was made by Robert Altman of "Wash" and "Nashville" fame. It is the most kaleidoscopic piece of Americana I have ever seen. I expected a flag waving, chest pounding, red, white and blue propaganda promotion. There is some of that to be sure. But just when you think it is settling in to something you're familiar with, the gears shift and another angle is presented.

"The Right Stuff" deals primarily with America's first coordinated effort to put men in outer space. There were seven chosen and their ventures were part of the Mercury Space program.

It also covers the parts played by the wives of these newly created heroes, as well as our government's Russian-inspired paranoia about being behind in the space race. It touches on the monkey-like mania of the news media. It yearns for the cowboy heroes of yesterday. In other words, this film wants to touch base with everything. And it does - and it works. Maybe that is why it goes on for over 3 hours. I suspect the makers could not decide where to put the intermission, so there is none. Those with weak bladders and chain smokers be warned.

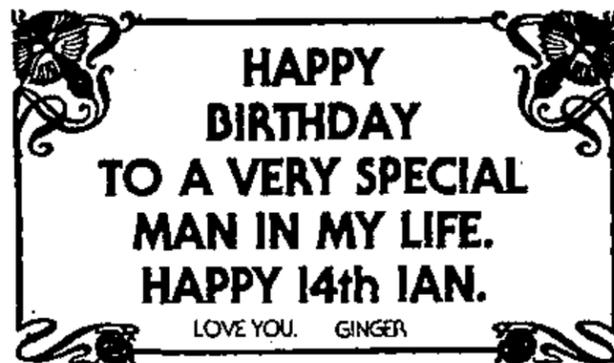
This movie can at times be disconcerting. When special emphasis on drama is desired, all the speakers in the theatre suddenly come to life and blast you out of your seat. The lady seated next to me lost some of her popcorn the first time it happened.

Characters come off a little too macho at times. But this takes place over twenty years ago when quiche was only a gleam in some french chef's eye. So I guess they can be forgiven for not being very enlightened.

More than anything, it made me laugh. The humor runs strong and true - throughout. The tone is one of irreverence. Government officials looking for men with "the right stuff" rationalize the need for people familiar with and unafraid of flames, heights, and splashdowns. So naturally they go for surfers, trapeze artists and guys who get shot out of cannons for a living.

In the first launch the need for humans to urinate is

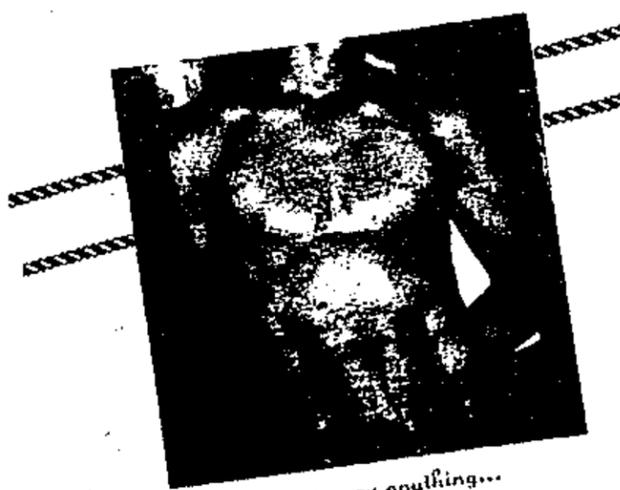




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